



VIEW OF FUJI.

The Mount Shasta of Japan.
A.S.S.



OF HAKONE

The way to travel over the
mountains in Japan
A.S.

INFORMATION FOR
THE NATIONAL PRESS BUREAU, AND
THE NATIONAL CYCLOPAEDIA OF
AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

JAMES T. WHITE & CO., PUBLISHERS, NEW YORK

1. Name of earliest paternal American ancestor, his residence previous to coming to America, the date of his landing, and where he settled.

Don't know

2. Give your full name, spelling out the middle one.

3. Place and exact date of birth.

Winston County, Miss. Aug 30 1843.

4. Father's name in full, and his occupation.

Samuel Wyatt Sparks - Farmer
Dates of his birth and death.

July 7, 1803 - Aug. 19, 1871.

5. Mother's maiden name in full, and names of her parents.

Sarah Deal - John & Frances Deal

6. If your biography has been published, state where and when.

nil.

7. Give genealogy of your family in America in this table arranged by generations:

1st *Don't know* and his wife

2d and his wife

3d and his wife

4th and his wife

5th and his wife

6th *Grand parents* *Mullington Sparks* and his wife *Fanny Brooks*

7th *Parents* *Samuel W Sparks* and his wife *Sarah Deal*

8. State important facts regarding any of them, such as offices held, public or military services performed, work accomplished, inventions, etc.

nil.

9. What schools and colleges did you attend?

Country schools of Arkansas and Texas

10. If a college graduate, give name of college and date of graduation.

nil.

11. State any other university degrees you have received, with dates, and names of universities.

nil.

Aetna Insurance Company

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I have filled in all the facts that I know except what you already know and can fill in.

All well - Hope we will all soon have the pleasure of seeing you. In haste

Your Bro.

M. V. B. Sparks

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Mr. B. Sparks

12. Where, when, and with whom did you first engage in business?
13. Give positions since occupied in your regular calling, with dates, including that at present held.
14. With what other business enterprises have you been connected, and in what capacities?
15. If in a mercantile business, give history of origin, development, and present extent of same.
nil
16. If an author, give full title of books, dates of publication, and extracts from suitable critiques.
nil.
17. If an inventor, describe inventions and give dates of patents.
nil.
18. If a musician, artist, or sculptor, give catalogue of important works, dates of production, and some notices of the press.
nil.
19. If a scientist, give particular lines of researches and investigations, with results achieved.
nil.
20. Note any achievements or noteworthy incidents in professional career.
nil.
21. If a military or naval man, give particulars of company, regiment, etc.; engagements participated in; whether wounded, taken prisoner, etc.; rank when discharged, and other notable incidents.
Col. J. E. McCord's Frontier Regiment - Texas - served as private from March 1862 to May 1865. No engagements.
22. Names of clubs, social or learned societies of which you are, or have been, a member, with offices held in any of them.
23. What public positions of honor or responsibility have you held? (Give dates.)
24. Give any other facts that may assist in rendering the biography more adequate.
25. When and where married. Wife's maiden name. Name and residence of her father.
[If married more than once, give same facts in each case, with date of wife's death.]
26. Give number and names of children.

Name.....

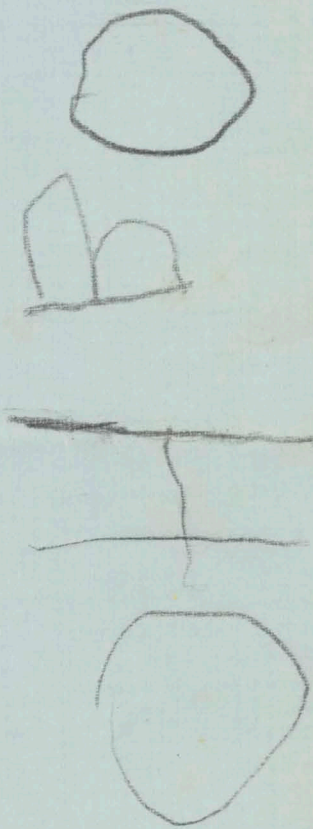
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The Pilgrims Thanksgiving.

Great religious differences existed in England. King James demanded the people to attend the Established Church. Some of them refused to comply. When they saw their views would not be tolerated in England, they deemed it wise to leave the country. Some of their number were called Pilgrims, others Puritans. A band of them went to Holland; here however the children were growing up ignorant of their mother tongue and of the customs of their native land. Now it was determined to find a home in America, where they could worship God as they pleased. On September, 1620, they set sail in a vessel called the Mayflower. Their aim was the Hudson River, but a very perilous voyage drove them to anchor near Cape Cod. Weeks were spent in looking for a suitable landing place. Soon a log church was built and they felt happy. The first winter was

a very severe one. The Indians were troublesome; food was scarce, and it was extremely cold. How thankful they felt to be in a free country and worship God in their own way. It was the Pilgrims who instituted Thanksgiving Day. When they gathered in the harvest in the autumn following their arrival, they had some things to be thankful for. One of the Pilgrims in writing of the first Thanksgiving Day in America said, - Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men out a-fowling that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had the fruit of our labor. They four in one day killed as much fowl as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At that time among ~~the~~ other recreations we exercised our arms, Many of the Indians coming among us, and among the rest their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days were entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the

Pentow Sparke



Dear Mother, The
children wanted
to write to you so
I will drop a line
on their scrawls.
We are all well
as can be ~~with~~
lovely weather
and very cold
nights. Were
out to the ranch
one day and
all is fine.

out there, much
love from us all
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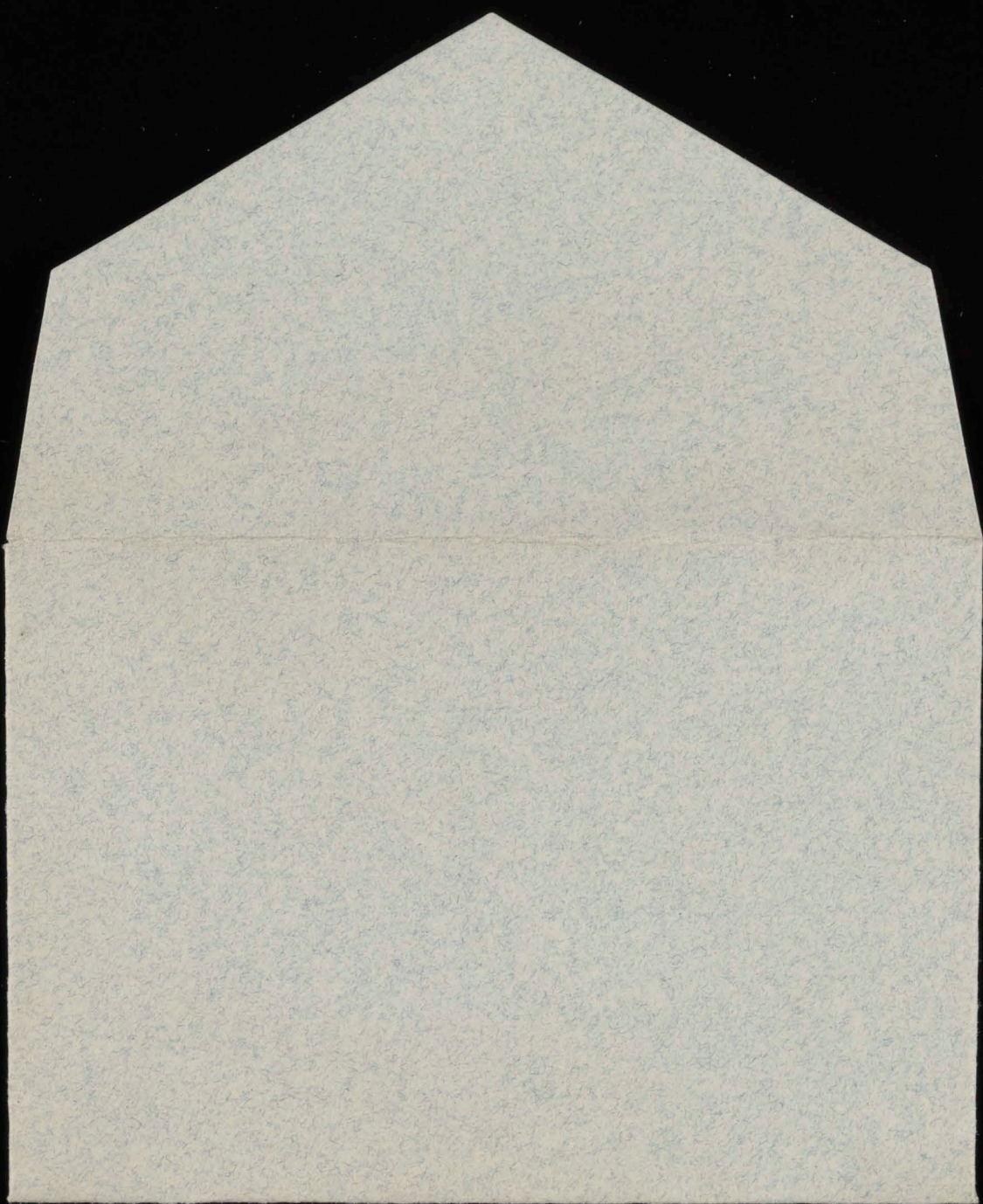
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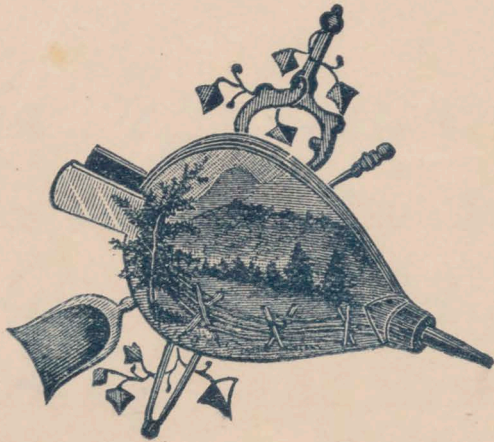
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The Boys grand Candy Party,
Suppose to young Benton
Said his friend in the corner,
A party we have now the
Weather is warmer.

There is our Friend John Sparks
A bit of a Beauty,
Who with him will bring
Lena Bradshaw we know,
And kind Arthur Peckham
Will come, I dont fear
Together with Bessie,
His own little dear,
Then there will be James + Alfred
Clarence and Leone,
Edward and William,
Each with a girl of his own.

How happy we will be to have
them all here.

Wish Charlie + Leland
and nothing to fear.

E. P.

Miss Sparks

At Home

Received \$1.50 for tri-
tion of Beriton
Feb. 17-91. Amick's L. M.



COME
CHOLLY
BH JOVE

B.H. Sparks
at the age
of 27 is a
Harvard
Graduate

SPARKS

Lee and Charles, -

I got in an hour or so ago. Am
going out to unhitch. Will probably
be in tomorrow. Come out if you feel
like it.

Benton.

Amonia ----- 1-qt.
Sulphuric Acid ----- 1-pt.
Salamoniac ----- 1-lb.

Use 1 pt. of above solution to every 30 gallons of water in which
10 lbs. of salt has been dissolved.

Cement ----- 4.00
Grav. ----- 16.50

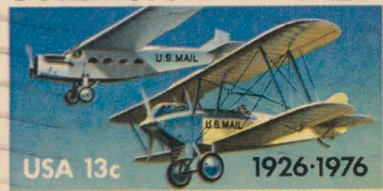
1 I/2 Quick Lime.
2 of Sand.
5 of Rock.

Work in a lead tank and mould in lead moulds.

B. H. SPARKS
1741 Russell St.
Berkeley, Ca. - 94703



Commercial Aviation



Mr. Benton K. Sparks
1816 Devonshire Rd
Sacramento

Alt. 95825-

Lee + Pattie, - Dear Folks.

The boys have asked me down for Thanksgiving
and this is to say I cannot go. I am in no shape for
a long ride. I am troubled with an ailment which
prevents my taking long rides. Also I ask you to not
send food up to me as you have done many times.
I will fare well enough, and we have to take the facts.
Maybe next year will be better - or worse.

A happy day and love to all.

Uncle Bernie.

B.H.S.

Old Papers

show to BHS

7/21/76

Dear Bro.

Returning \$5⁰⁰ and asking you to bring a suit of
under clothes, same kind as before, size 48 if you can
get them. Do not get anything smaller than 46.

Excuse brevity. My hands still cramped.

B.H.S.

D2C

HAVE YOU MOVED SINCE PLACING YOUR LAST ORDER WITH SEARS?
 YES →
 NO →

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4						&				CR LF
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6						&				CR LF
7						&				CR LF
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9						&				CR LF
10						&				CR LF
11						&				CR LF

CUSTOMER RECEIPT

Sears

STORE NAME AND NO.

TOTAL FOR MERCHANDISE		599	1st REBILLING		2nd REBILLING		TOTAL LBS.
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT							
TAX							
SHIPPING CHARGES							
CASH PRICE							
CASH DOWN PAYMENT							
BALANCE							

AMOUNT RECEIVED WITH ORDER: \$ _____ BY _____

DATE OF PAYMENT _____

This purchase is payable in installments under my Sears Easy Payment Plan - Modernizing Credit Plan Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement which is incorporated herein by reference. I agree that Sears shall retain ownership of the items so purchased and that I have the risk of loss or damage to merchandise until such purchases are fully paid for. This order is subject to the approval of the Credit Sales Department of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Purchased By: *X* *Benton K. Sparks*

PLEASE RETAIN THIS SALES CHECK FOR COMPARISON TO STATEMENT OR IN CASE OF RETURN OR EXCHANGE

thank you for shopping at Sears

725953

EP 1 SHIPPER/CUSTOMER DELIVERY COPY



PHILLIPS ACADEMY



Andover, Mass., *Jan 8* 1901

I hereby subscribe \$ *5* Dollars toward the
maintenance of the

P. A. Track Athletic Association

To be paid on or before *Jan 10* 1901

Signed, *B. Sparks.*

Paid *Feb 25* 1901

F. S. Bailey

Manager.

RENO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Term=Standing Promotion.

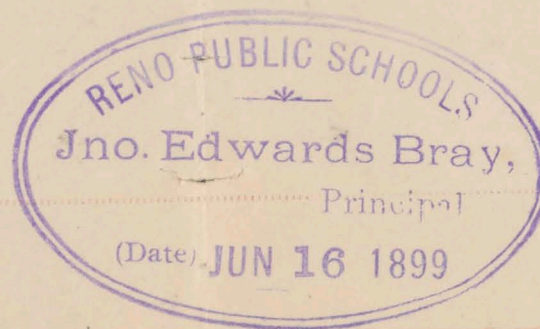
Conditions: Minimum Deportment, 95 per cent.; Minimum Scholarship, 87 1-2 per cent.

This is to certify that Benton Sparks.
has completed the studies of the Seventh B Grade, and obtained a term
standing in Scholarship of 88.5 per cent, and in Deportment, 94 per cent.

This duly promotes him to the Eighth A Grade.

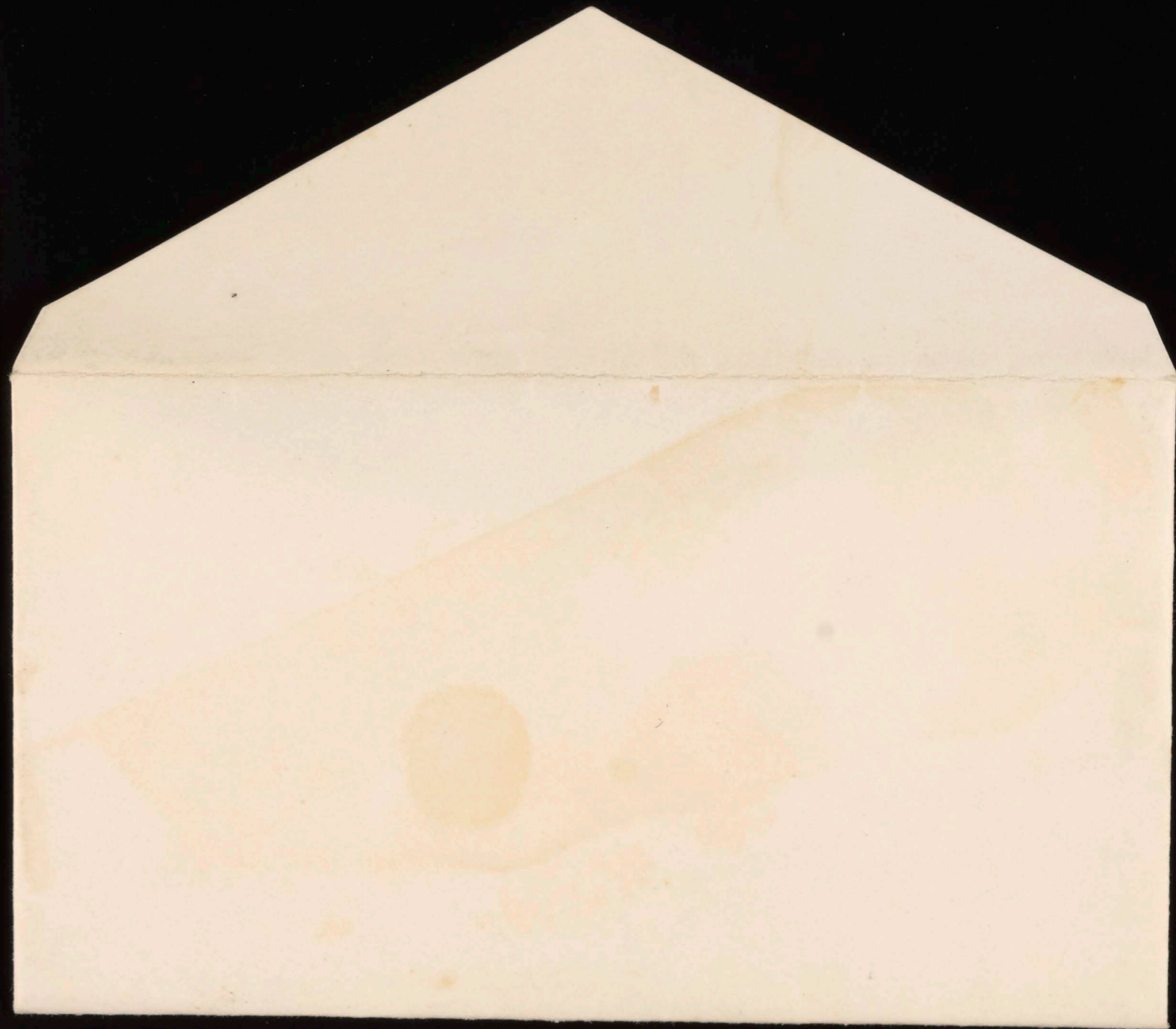
L. C. Booth Teacher.

Reno, Nevada, June 16, 1899.



Jno. Edwards Bray, Principal.

Mrs. Amanda Ede
announces the marriage of her daughter
Ada,
to
Mr. Benton H. Sparks,
on Saturday, June the sixteenth,
nineteen hundred and six,
Reno, Nevada.



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Benton Sparks

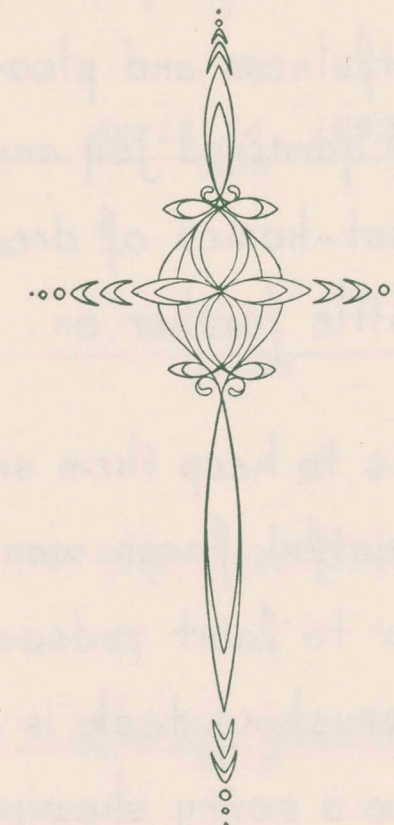
Cedar Lawn - main Chapel

BENTON SPARKS

Memorial Record

In Memory of
Just a little father or
Of the
When these days of stress are past
Days of restfulness and pleasure
Days of hope and joy and peace
All the harvest of a lifetime
Just a little
That a hope to live a true ending
That a year to live a true ending
All the harvest of a lifetime
Of, would be a year showing life work
note for God's presence
If the good that he has done
just a little father or

Dedicated to
Those We Serve



SAN JOSE
710 WILLOW ST.
295-5161

LIMA FAMILY MORTUARIES

SANTA CLARA
466 NORTH WINCHESTER
296-2977

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736-3491

MILPITAS - FREMONT MORTUARY

In Cedar Lawn Memorial Park
WARM SPRINGS BLVD. AT SCOTT CREEK RD.
263-2868 656-5565

Just a little farther on —
just a little farther on —
Oh, the happy days that lure us
when these days of stress are gone!
Days of restfulness and pleasure,
days of garnered joy and treasure,
All the harvest-homes of dreamland —
just a little farther on.

What a hope to keep them smiling —
faces wistful, faces wan!
What a spur to faint endeavor
till the crushing task is done!
Oh, 'twould be a sorry showing life would
make for God's bestowing
If the good time did not beckon —
just a little farther on."



In Memory of

Benton Hackett Sparks

BORN

April 24, 1882

DATE

Texas

PLACE

ENTERED INTO REST

December 22, 1980

DATE

California

PLACE

AGE

98

YEARS

MONTHS

DAYS



Crossing the Bar
 Sunset and evening star,
 And one clear call for me!
 And may there be no moaning of the bar
 When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
 Too full for sound or foam,
 When that which drew from out the boundless deep
 Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
 And after that the dark!
 And may there be no sadness of farewell
 When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place
 The flood may bear me far,
 I hope to see my pilot face to face
 When I have crossed the bar...

ALFRED TENNYSON



FAMILY RECORD

FATHER *John Sparks*

BORN _____ DIED _____

MOTHER *Nancy Knight*

BORN _____ DIED _____

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY



FAMILY RECORD

GOD hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain, ...
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain. ...

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, ...
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above, ...
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love. ...



SERVICES

Lima Family Milpitas-Fremont Mortuary
HELD AT _____
Fremont, California

DATE *December 26, 1980* HOUR *1:00 p.m.*

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Rev. Theodore Alam

PLACE of INTERMENT

PLACE _____

SECTION _____
BLOCK _____
LOT _____
CITY _____
COUNTY _____
STATE _____

LAI D TO REST

HOUR - DAY - MONTH _____



SERVICES

Transition

So live that when thy summons comes
to join

The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm where each
shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained
and soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the draperies of
his couch

About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT



MUSIC

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SPECIAL SONG SELECTIONS

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*The
Eternal Goodness*

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise;
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.

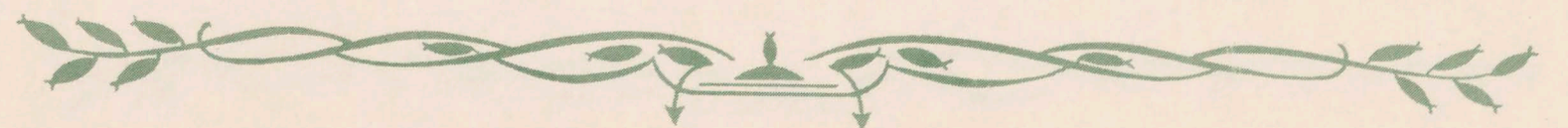
And so, beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

— John G. Whittier.



SERMON NOTES



For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved; we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. . . 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. . . REVELATION 21:4

In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself. . . JOHN 14:2,3

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us ROMANS 8:18

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart. . . PSALM 27:14



BEARERS





SOCIETY ATTENDING

Lined area for writing names of society attendees.



RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Patsy & her Sparks
 Nancy & Fred Hemiston
 Diane Sparks
 Mr. & Mrs. Sparks & Jonathan & Matthew
 Richard and Nancy J. Edwards
 Rev. & Mrs. J. Theodore Alam
 Allie M. Sparks
 Helen H. Sparks.
 J. & Kitty Buone & Family
 George Sparks
 Tony, Harold & Jason Sparks





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. Comfort .

The Power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

The light of smiles shall fill again
The lids that overflow with tears;
And weary hours of woe and pain
Are promises of happier years.

There is a day of sunny rest
For every dark and troubled night;
And grief may bide an evening quest,
But joy shall come with early light.

For God hath marked each sorrowing day,
And numbered every secret tear,
And Heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
For all His children suffer here.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT