Fillmore Herald Fillmore, California Fri., Feb. 16, 1923

LIFE STORY TOLD OF THE LATE MRS. SAMUEL DETWILER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT HER HOME IN BARDSDALE

The Herald is furnished the following obituary of and tribute to the late Mrs. Samuel Detwiler, who recently passed away at the home of her daughter. Mrs. James D. LeBard in Bardsdale.

Serepta Jane Lehman was born near Chambersburg, Penn. February 16, 1843. Her parents moved to Ohio in her infancy, where she grew to wo-manhood.

She was married to Samuel Hiskey, who died in the Union Army during the Civil War, leaving her two sons, Homer L. of Hiawatha, Kansas, Samuel Ellsworth of Santa Ana now deceased.

She was married to Samuel Detwiler in 1866, to this union were born one daughter, Anna E, Swartz of Trinity, Texas and a son, James G. Of Rock, Kansas.

She became a member of the United Bretheran Church in her youth. In 1875, she moved to Kansas with her husband and there joined the Methodist Episcopal church at Hiawatha. In 1916, she moved to Trinity, Texas and joined the Southern Methodist and later removed to Fillmore where she joined the Bardsdale Methodist T. Church. She was 79 years, 11 months, and 5 days. She leaves to mourn her loss, two sons, and two daughters, Mrs. J.D. LeBard and Mrs. Swartz, 12 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. We who have known our departed sister only during the declining years of her life, do not readily have the conception and realize what she must have been, in the vigor and prime of life. --- Judging from her positive and emphatic faith in God, being wholly recenciled to her Father's will: that her life would have been most miserable and empty without her Lord leads us to the conclusion that throughout her Christian life she was loyal and true. Here we have an example of a private in the ranks of His children, faithful and persisting without show or display, attending the means of grace when possible, always being in her place in the house of God if sickness did not intervene. Hopeful, confident, in the full assurance of faith she awaited the final call to be released from all pain and suffering and enter into the joy of the Lord.

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LIFE STORY OF THE LATE MRS. SAMUEL DETWILER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY

Why should our tears in sorrow flow
Where God calls his own.
And bids them leave a world of woe
For an immortal crown?
Is not e'en death gain to those
Whose life to God is given?
Gladly to earth their eyes they close,
To open them in heaven.
Their toils are past, their work is done.
And they are fully blest.
They fought the fight, the victory's won
And entered into rest.

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AGED LADY PASSES

Mrs. Serepta Detwiler Died Monday at Home of Daughter ..

Mrs. Serepta J. Detwiler, wife of Samuel Detwiler and mother of Mrs.

J. D. LeBard, died early Monday evening, at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Detwiler was almost eighty years old at the time of her passing.

She and her husband came from the east something over two years ago to make their home with their daughter. Theefuneral services were held

Thursday afternoon from the Bardsdale Methodist Church. Interment was made in the Bardsdale Cemetary.

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DISPOSED OF PROPERTY

Distributes Her Estate Among Her Children

The Ventura Daily Post of Thursday morning said: Because, she says, her husband has plenty of wealth to take care of him, Mrs, Sarepta Detwiler, who passed away recently at Fillmore, at the age of 79 years, cut him off without a cent and left her property among her children and 1/12 each to the 3 children of her dead son. Her estate consists of stock in a bank at Hiawatha, Kansas and a house in Trinity, Texas.

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NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE APPOINTED FOR PROVING WILL of Sarepta J. Detwiler, deceased, and Hearing Application of James D. LeBard for issuance to him of Letters Testamentary Theron

In the Superior Court of the County of Ventura, State of California..

In the matter of the estate of Sarepta J. Detwiler, deceased Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 5th day of March, 1923 at two o'clock p.mp. of said day and the Court Room of said Superior Court at SanBuenaventura, In the County of Ventura, State of California have been appointed as the time and place for proving the Will of said Sarepta J. Detwiler, deceased and for hearing the application of James D. LeBard for issuance to him of letters testamentary theron, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated 13th of February, 1923
L. ? Hallowell, Clerk
by D. Fender
Dep. Clerk
F.L. Fairbanks, esquire
Attorney for the Petitioner

Feb. 16, 23, March 2

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Copied by hand April 1979 by Dorothy Hiskey Briley and Dawn Crumley alwarez

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Bardsdale--Mrs. J.D. LeBard and father, Mr. Detwiler, expect to be away about 3 months and are at present visiting in Ohio. On their return, they will stop in Texas for some little time with a sister of Mrs. LeBard. As Mr. Detwiler is a man past 80 years of age, it is remarkable that he could endure, let alone greatly enjoy, visiting and traveling for three months. He is one of the unusual old gentlemen.

NOTE

On April 10, 1979, Dorothy Hiskey Briley and Dawn Crumley Alvarez travelled to Fillmore and Bardsdale, California in Ventura County to visit the cemetary where their ancestor, Sarepta Jane Detwiler, born Sarepta Jane Lehman, is buried. She had married Samuel Hiskey who died during the Civil War, then married Samuel Detwiler who is buried beside Sarepta. Dorothy and Dawn visited the newspaper office where they requested the 1923 files of the Fillmore Herald, and found the foregoing articles which they handcopied.

MEMO CONCERNING THE DETWILER LANDS IN TRINITY COUNTY, TEXAS

On June 3, 1916, Samuel Detwiler purchased from Thompson Brothers Lumber Company 629.61 acres of land situated in the E. M. Jarvis Survey and the W. E. Probert Survey in Trinity County, Texas. This land was purchased, and still stands, in the name of Samuel Detwiler. Samuel Detwiler was married to Saranta Lehmen Hiskey - Detwiler in the 1870's and they were still married when Samuel Detwiler purchased the above described land. Sarapta Detwiler died testate on February 5, 1923, and Samuel Detwiler died intestate on November 2, 1923.

Prior to his marriage to Sarepta Detwiler, Samuel Detwiler had married Anna Hoffman, who died in the 1860's. One child was born to this marriage, Lizzie Detwiler Lebard, and she died in 1941 in Ventura County, California, testate, and leaving her interest in the Detwiler lands to Grace McCormick, John Swartz, Homer Detwiler, Otho Detwiler and Clyde Swartz. Grace McCormick is now Grace Royston.

Sarepta Detwiler had been married one time prior to her marriage to Samuel Detwiler. She married Samuel Hiskey who died during the War between the States. Two children were born to this marriage, Homer L. Hiskey and Samuel Ellsworth Hiskey.

In addition to the above, two children were born to the marriage of Samuel and Sarepta Detwiler, James G. Detwiler and Anna E. Detwiler, who is now Anna E. Swartz.

Under the laws of the State of Texas, which has a community property law, the above described lands were owned share and share alike by Samuel and Sarepta Detwiler, and the fact that the deeds were in Samuel Detwiler's name alone has no significance. Samuel Detwiler died intestate and the administration of his estate shows that his property went 1/3 to Liszie D. Lebard, 1/3 to James G.

Detwiler and 1/3 to Anna Swarts. Since his interest was an undivided 1/2 of the lands, the above mentioned parties owned an undivided 1/6 interest each. The 1/6 going to Lissie Lebard later passed by her will as above mentioned.

Sarepta Detwiler owned an undigided 1/2 interest in such lands and, although these lands were not specifically mentioned in her will, the same nevertheless passed by such will as follows:

Since Sarepta Detwiler owned an undivided 1/2 interest in these lands, only that 1/2 passed under her will. In addition, we are advised that Homer L. Hiskey died intestate on October 20, 1948, leaving 3 children and that Nancy Hiskey married Orton McClay and was later divorced, and that Naude E. Gould married N. J. Gould, and that he is now dead. The net result of the above and foregoing facts, together with such other facts that we have regarding the Hiskey family indicate that the above mentioned land is now owned in the fractional interests following and is sweed by the following people:

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George Hiskey	5/120
Harve Hiskey	5/120
Ethel Geiger	
Walter E. Hisley	
Nancy H. McClay	
Maude H. Gould	
James G. Detwiler3	
Anna E. Swartz3	5/120
Grace E. Royston	4/120
John Swertz	120
Clyde Swartz	1/220
Homer Detwiler	17.750
HOMOT. HOMETALVIOLEN	HV TEV
Otho Detwiler	4/120

Our information concerning the Hiskey heirs is as follows:

(a) Homer L. Hiskey was married but one time, and that to Kate Hiskey on April 15, 1883. Homer L. Hiskey died on Deteken 20, 1968, and Kate Hiskey on October 23, 1950, both intestate and no administration was had on either estate. Neither ever adopted any children, and the following are all of their childrens (1) George Hiskey, whose wife is Nancy Ann, (2) Harve Hiskey, who is now a single man, and (3) Ethel Hiskey, who married Paul Geiger. (b) Samuel E. Hiskey was married but once and that to Alice Thomas Hiskey, the date unknown. Samuel E. Hiskey died on Hovember 16, 1891, and Alice Hiskey on February 2, 1948, both intestate. The will of Sarepta Detwiler left her property 1/12 each to the three children of Samuel E. Hiskey, and these children now are: (1) Walter E. Hiskey, whose wife is Genevieve M. Hiskey, (2) Nancy H. McClay, a widow, and (3) Maude H. Gould, a widows.

In January of 1952, Mr. J. J. Vanecek agreed to purchase, and all of the above owners except the Hiskey heirs agreed to sell, the above mentioned real estate consisting of 629.61 acres of land at a price of \$20.00 per acre, it being understood that Thompson Brothers Lumber Company had reserved 1 of the oil, gas and other minerals and that such sale would be subject to this reservation. The Detwilers, all being residents of other states, had assumed and so advised Mr. Vanecek that they were the sole puners because the deeds were in the name of Samuel Detwiler alone. Mr. Vanecek engaged the writer to examine the title. The writer prepared a deed for all of the Detwiler heirs and the same was circulated for their signatures. In the meantime, upon examining the records in this county and upon

obtaining certified copies from Ventura Gounty, California, of the proceedings in the estates of Samuel and Sarepta Detwiler, it was determined that the heirs of Homer Hiskey and Samuel Hiskey owned an undivided 2 in the aggregate of such land. At about the same time the deed executed by the Detwilers arrived at the bank attached to a draft for the full purchase price less the standard deductions inciedent to the transaction. This deed still remains in the bank.

After considerable correspondence with Mr. Lyle W. Loomis, Attorney at Law, whose address is Winfield, Kansas, and who represents the Detwilers, we have now been furnished with an instrument in writing whereby the Detwilers agree to go through with the trade on the basis of an undivided 3/4 interest, provided that certain out-of-pocket expense is refunded to them first. These expense items consist of a surveyor's fee in the amount of \$123.75, attorney's fee to Mr. Loomis is the amount of \$50.00 and the expense of Momer Detwiler in making 4 trips to Texas and one trip to Hiawatha. Kansas, in the amount of \$400.00. These items agregate \$573.75. The total purchase price is calculated at \$12,592.20. After refunding these expense items, the gross price would then be \$12,018.45.

HUTSON & CAUTHAN

Dated at Trinity, Texas this March 5, 1953.

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and correct copy of the document which is of record in this office.

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STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local Registered No. [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number, and fill out Nos. 10s and 10b.]

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At this Fillmore Museum, Dawn.

Alvarez + Dorothy Briley visiTed in

April 1979. The woman in charge

brought out a box of pictures that

she said was brought in just a

couple of months ago by a man who

had found them in the attic of his

house. The box contained Detwiler

family pictures. She gave us some

of the pictures. There were some

pictures of Sarepta Detwiler on the

walls in the museum. One, taken in

Hiawatha, Kansas, was of a group of

women. Dawn would have liked the picture.

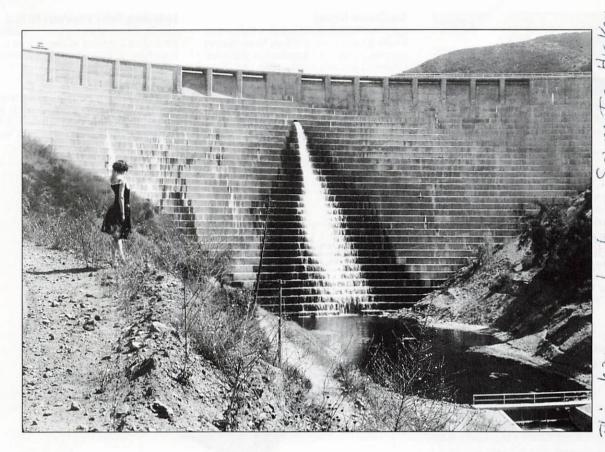


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Before the Flood

n this sunny day at the foot of St. Francis Dam, north of Saugus, there was no inkling of the devastation that would ravage the site less than a year later. But near midnight on March 12, 1928, the dam collapsed and unleashed a muddy torrent down the San Francisquito and Santa Clara River Valleys, killing more than 450 people before reaching the Pacific Ocean. In terms of lives lost, the collapse ranks behind only the 1906 San Francisco earthquake on the list of California's worst disasters. Reasons for the catastrophe are still debated today, though evidence points to alterations made to the dam's design during construction and geologic factors its builders did not recognize.

The dam was designed and constructed under the supervision of William Mulholland, chief engineer of Los Angeles's Bureau of Water Works and Supply (later the Department of Water and Power). Its collapse signaled the end of Mulholland's career, which was built on his role in constructing the Owens Valley aqueduct. The St. Francis Dam was meant to increase the aqueduct's reservoir capacity, and its demise increased the importance of the Colorado River in satisfying the region's thirst.

—Morgan P. Yates

Off-Ramp showcases photographs from the Auto Club of Southern California Archives.

HIRAM L. DETWILER, general farmer, and

the parents returned with their children to Lancaster

county, settling near Columbia, in West Hemp-

field township, where the father followed farming

the remainder of his life, dying in 1851, when seven-

ty-three years old. The mother survived him until

1800, passing away at the remarkable age of ninety

years, a member of the United Brethren Church.

Her remains were interred in the Mountville ceme-

tery. To the marriage of Christian and Elizabeth

Detwiler were born seven children, namely: Elias.

Joseph, Levi, Henry, Jeremiah, Hiram L. and Zach-

ariah, all of whom are deceased with the exception of

L. Detwiler married Elizabeth Kauffman, and to

this union were born twelve children, namely:

David K., who died at the age of five years, two

months, three days; Abraham K., married, and em-

ployed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at

Columbia: Mary K., wife of Tobias Shupp, of East

In the city of Lancaster, Pa., in 1859, Hiram

Hiram L., whose name opens this sketch.

Hempfield township; Samuel L., married, who is with the railroad company in Lancaster; Elizabeth K., who died young; Daniel K., a machinist in Coumbia, married; Isaiah K., at home; Solomon K., narried and at home; Horace K., married and at nome; Emma K., who died at the age of fourteen lears; and Harry K. and Wilson K., at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Kauffman) Detwiler was born n West Hempfield township May 28, 1840, daugher of Jacob and Mary (Roop) Kauffman, of the ame township, where he was an extensive farmer nd tanner, and a very influential citizen, being a firector of the Farmers' National Bank of Lanaster, and a leader in the Mennonite Church. Jacob Cauffman died in 1865, at the age of eighty-one ears, and his widow died at the same age, in 1881; heir remains are buried in the Silver Spring cemeery. To Jacob Kauffman and his wife were born eventeen children, of whom seven reached, or nearly eached, mature age: Susannah, widow of Thomas Carter; David, now deceased; Leah, of Mountville,

immarried; Mary, wife of John Piffer, a farmer at

Millersville; Elizabeth, Mrs. Detwiler; Samuel, who lied in 1900; and Catherine, who died when a young

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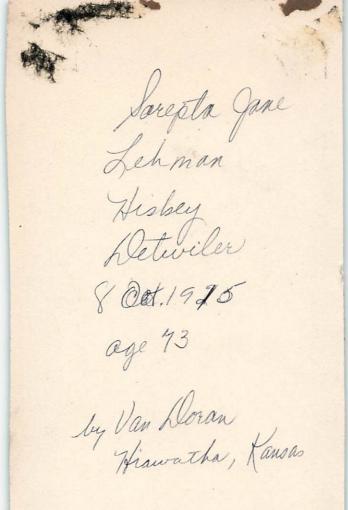
voman. The remaining ten died in infancy.

ear when his father died, and from that time has aken care of himself, first working four years on a farm for his brother Joseph, and then working for us brother Henry, until 1859, the year of his marriage. He then rented a farm for two years, after

which he purchased his present farm of sixty-eight acres, on which he has a valuable sand pit, as has been intimated. He has recently made some changes in the operation of his sand pit, a corporation having been formed, which continued operations under the name of the Detwiler Sand Company. Mr. Detwiler is also interested to a limited extent in sundry gold and silver mines at Breckenridge, Summit Co., colo., in partnership with his nephews, but it will require some little time as yet to develop them. In bolitics Mr. Detwiler is a Democrat.









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Bardsdale, Cal.

Church home of
Sarepta J. Hiskey
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Januel & barepta Hiskly

Detwiler's grave

Bardsdale Cemetary

Ventura County, Cal

(Samuel Hiskey's mother

* step-father.)

picture taken april 1979

Dawn Crumley alward
at grave of her fit.

great great grand mother,

Sarepta Jane Hiskey blet

wilers First husband,

Samuel Hiskey, 2nd hus
band, Samuel Eleturiler.

Bardadale Cemetary, Ventura,

Calif. april 1979