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References


Mrs. Mabel Bateman, resident of Yreka, served as Gifford’s informant in 1942. She was born at Panamenik, probably Sept. 10 (right after the Pikiawish). Her father was Orleans Bar Steve who was killed by the whites in 1879. Subsequently, her mother, Jennie Jackson of Ishipishi, married Francis Marion Donahue….Mrs. Emily Donahue, born 1882, was the daughter of Little Ike and Mary Ike.


Chuck Donahue, 56, of Hupa-Karuk heritage. His great-grandmother, Pik-erruma-pa-aim, was a Karuk Indian Doctor. Chuck is recognized as a traditionalist and formalist, warrior, Indian gambler and medicine maker. Lives at Terwer Valley. Tela (Lake's wife) is his daughter. Her mother is Alverett Spott. On her mother's side, Tela's great great great grandmother was Mrs. Tipsey and Fanny Flouder was her great great great aunt.

Vital Records


Siskiyou County Recorder's Office: Marriages 15:75 (29 Sept. 1923) Mabel Donahue and Haynes Bateman, Yreka.

Death Record (29 Sept. 1924) John Johnson (Indian) died in Arcata, buried Greenwood Cemetery, widowed. Born 1849 in California, occupation millhand at Northern Redwood Lumber Co., cause of death pneumonia. Father and mother not known; informant, Mrs. Charles McCoy, Arcata.

Siskiyou County Recorder's Office, Deaths 8:433 (17 March 1929) Jasper Albert Donahue, wife Emily, mother Jennie Jackson, father Thomas [Francis or Frank?] M. Donahue of Iowa, died near Somes Bar, killed by Jack Davis, occupation barber, born 4 June?

Siskiyou County Recorder's Office, Deaths 8:436 (11 April 1929) Phillip Donahue, father was Frank Donahue, mother unknown, birth date unknown, about 60 years old.


Siskiyou County Recorder's Office, Deaths 10:143 (1933) Jennie Donahue.


Death Record (29 Dec. 1940) Francis Marion Donahue, 33, Somes Bar

Death Record (26 June 1951) Bessie Donahue, Indian, married, born 8 July 1889, age 61. Father John Johnson; mother Annie Carrie; spouse Lafayette Donahue. Died at Hoopa Valley Hospital, resident of Korbel, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Arcata. chronic nephritis and cardiac disease.

Death Record (14 July 1957) Sadie Gardner, Indian, widowed, born 12 July 1873 in California, age 84. Father Jonathon Hostler, California; Mother Mandy, California. Informant Pearl Randall. Died at Hoopa Valley Hospital, buried Hoopa Cemetery.

Death Record (20 Aug. 1961) Anne Randall Shoemaker, Indian, born 8 April 1850, California. Father Sam Randall, California; Mother Dolly, California. Died Humboldt County Hospital in Eureka, resident of Hoopa. Informant Saul Shoemaker, buried in family plot.

Death Record (23 April 1965) Lafayette Ross Donahue, Indian, born 16 Aug. 1893, California, 71 years old. Father Frank Donahue, Ireland; Mother Jennie Jackson, California. Occupation plumber, 10 years with Simpson Lumber Co. Married, present spouse Ida Donahue. Died at Humboldt County Hospital in Eureka. Last Address Blue Lake, buried Greenwood Cemetery. Lung Cancer.

Death Record (2 May 1974) George Randall, Indian, born 18 Jan. 1898, Hoopa, age 74. Father Unknown Randall, California; Mother Annie Shoemaker, California. Surviving spouse Pearl Gardner, millwork for 15 years for Van Fleet Wood Products. Died
Humboldt Medical Center in Hoopa. Informant Charles Moon, Sr., buried Randall Family Plot. Heart.

Death Record (16 July 1982) Martha A. Donahue, Indian, born 13 April 1935, age 47. Father George Randall, California; Mother Pearl Gardner, California; spouse Paul Donahue, Sr. Died Hoopa Medical Center, buried Randall family plot. Lung cancer.

Death Record (25 Dec. 1996) Paul Franklin Donahue, Sr., born 14 Nov. 1931, widowed, worked for Hoopa Health Association, Native American. Father Lafayette Donahue, Sr., California; Mother Bessie Ann Johnson, California. Died at home on Cherry Flat Road, House #21, Hoopa. Buried Randall Family plot. Informant Bessie Bussell, daughter. Died of heart failure, also had hardening of arteries, diabetes and hypertension.

Francis (Frank) Donahue

Klamath County Deed Book C:263 (18 Sept. 1872) E. Ward to F.M. Donahue, Claim two miles northwest of Orleans Bar.

Klamath County Deed Book C:350 (16 June 1873) Francis F. Donahue. Mining claim two miles from Orleans on northwest side of Sims Gulch.

1875 Tax Assessment: Francis M. Donahue, Orleans. House and mining claim on hill back of Orleans Bar on northwest side of Sims Gulch. Real estate valued at $100; development at $50; cow $10; 10 hogs $25.

1875 voter registration. Redwood Researcher III(3): Francis Donahue, age 34, birth place in Indiana, occupation miner, Orleans, registered May, 1875.

1878-79 Tax Assessment: F.M. Donahue, Orleans, Mining claim on Red Cap Creek known as Butter Bar, water rights, watch $15; harness $10; two horses $60.

HARRINGTON FIELD NOTES

The Papers of John Peabody Harrington in the Smithsonian Institution, 1907-1957. Volume Two. A Guide to the Field Notes: Native American History, Language, and Culture of Northern and Central California. Edited b Elaine L. Mills. Harrington’s Field Notes on microfilm 2411, Humboldt State University Library. [Harrington was in the Somes Bar/Salmon River area in the spring of 1926. Informants interviewed by Harrington included, among others, Ben Donahue, Jennie Donahue, Sylvester Donahue, Fritz Hanson, and Phoebe Maddux. They were Karuk (Katimin) informants. Phoebe Maddux went to the Smithsonian in 1929 for several months to work with Harrington. Phoebe and Jennie Donahue were full sisters. The following refer to reel and frame numbers, i.e., reel 8, frame (page) 520.]
6:615 Fritz and Sylvester, April 8, 1926. The salmon eggs laid in the river drift back into the ocean and the young salmon hatch in the ocean and stay in the ocean seven years or so and then come up river again when full grown. All this the scientists say. Indians never see young salmon. Fritz agrees to this that Indians never see young. If a salmon gets old, its tail gets white and later he gets white all over and dies if he cannot get back into salt water. That is why there are so many dead salmon along the river. They stay till they get spawned out and are too far gone to get back into the ocean. [more, difficult to tell when it is an informant talking and when Harrington is providing research info]

8:78 Ned’s dead wife was Phoebe’s mother’s relation; means she belonged to the dead trees.

8:87 Information from Jenny Donahue regarding basket making; more on following pages.

8:172 ...it is braided around the top. This is one work that informant’s mother taught her that she...not catch on. Jennie Donahue knows how.

8:198 Harrington has list of Karuk baskets loaned to Smithsonian Museum, including Mrs. Haynes Bateman, oblong table plaque with porcupine quill work on it. Baskets from Mary Ike, Jenny Donahue, Phoebe Maddux, Ben Donahue, Hickox, Henry Pete, Jenny Martin, Snappy, Shan's wife, Ella Pierce, Bessie McNeil, and Yoss. [next portion of reel about baskets making]

Next portion of reel about baskets with design, materials, making, etc.

8:416 Philip tells me that there were about five sweathouses on the Katimin side of the river and at least three on the....side. Philip says there used to be a shinny ground on a flat that was below the present Katimin...sweat[house] and the river—the river has eaten the whole flat away there and also much of the flat that was riverward of [Ind.]. Philip says that an old family house site i.e. a house pit is called [ ]. There are many of these house pits ...Sugarloaf [illegible] of Donahue’s house and also up slope of Donahue’s house. Philip says he has at his house at the Forks a doctor’s belt made of [illegible] on Indian string, quite wide, also a long pestle.

8:444 Notes made from Fritz, Sylvester and Hackett at Sylvester’s house on the afternoon of Tuesday Mar. 16, 1926. Sylvester and Fritz took us on a tour of the sweathouse and sacred places at close of the afternoon.

   [ ] “under the bank” quarter mile upslope from highway opposite Donahue’s house. [ ] upriver from Donahue’s on south side of river 1.5 mile south of highway.
8:449 Afternoon Saturday Mar. 27 with Ben Donahue and George Bayley. we visited [number of places, Ind. words]

8:453 Ben’s account of “shooting match.”

8:455 Ben’s cousin Andrew Shanks was shot through window at a dance at Essex; it was [ ] girl affair.

8:462 Trip with Fritz and Sylvester afternoon Tues. Mar. 30, 1926 to visit [ ] and back to Katimin; mentions Langford’s field, Ernest Conrad’s clearing, and Jerome Conrad’s clearing.

8:466 Sylvester interpreting for Fritz


8:523 [ ] the bluff on the far side of the river straight across from Langford’s house. The big rock in the middle of the river is called [ ] that is where Belle got drowned and Jenny Donahue got out on that big rock. They had to throw ropes to her to get her off that rock. Informant went to see her in the evening at Katimin in informant’s mother’s house and she was just like dead. She was so yellow because she lost that little girl.

8:534 Phoebe talking about bad place that Indians were afraid of. This is straight across river from Jenny Donahue’s house.

8:536 Phoebe [ ] graveyard. Sylvester Donahue’s wife and children are buried at this place.

8:573 [Ind.] across the river from Nordheimer’s. Name of a bluff across from Nordheimer’s. Sylvester Donahue used to live there winters and his wife panned gold in the river there while Sylvester hunted deer for the children.

9:25 Mrs. Donahue, Ben interpreting. Mrs. Donahue says they dance the war dance after they have had a fight.

9:123 Donahue [white man] was living at Olfield’s place and was working making a barn (it has since fallen down) at Abel’s place by Katimin and fell and smashed his leg and had it amputated at Hupa. Jennie, his wife, showed little concern. Sylvester and Jasper were 8 or 10 years old. Ben was not born yet.

9:170 All Jenny Donahue’s children were brought up with Indian and talked it until they went to school. After that they never talked it.

CENSUSES AND OTHER REFERENCES
1900 U.S. Census, Indian Population; Siskiyou Co., Liberty Twp., June, pg. 324A
15. 3/3/ Donahue, Mabel, head, born Oct. 1873, age 26, single, born Calif.; father Iowa; mother Calif.; servant; reads, write and speaks English; Orleans tribe; father white; mother Orleans tribe, one-half Indian
16. _____, Sylvester, brother, born Aug. 1884, age 15; born Calif.; father Iowa; mother Calif.; fisherman; reads, writes, and speaks English; Orleans tribe; father white; mother Orleans tribe; one-half Indian.

1900 U.S. Census, Indian Population; Siskiyou Co., Liberty Twp., June, pg. 324B
28. 7/7 Donahue, Jennie, head, age unknown, married, born Calif. as were both parents, does not read or write, but speaks English; Klamath tribe; parents Klamath tribe; full Indian
29. 8/8 Bowersox, Phoebe, head, born 1865, age 35, married, 2 children living out of 2 born; born Calif.; parents born Calif.; does not read or write, but speaks English; Klamath tribe; parents Klamath tribe; full Indian
30. _____, Frank, son, born Aug. 1896, age 3, born Calif.; father born U.S.; mother born Calif.; Klamath tribe; father white; mother Klamath tribe; one-half Indian
31. _____, Alice, daughter, age 1, born Calif.; father born U.S.; mother born Calif.; Klamath tribe; father white; mother Klamath tribe; one-half Indian

1900 U.S. Census, Indian Population; Siskiyou Co., Liberty Twp., pg. 326A
1. 22/22 Johnny, Tin Tin, head, age 35, married 4 years; born Calif.
2. _____, Snappy, wife, age 40, married 4 years; 1 child living out of 1 born; born Calif.
3. _____, Leary, George, stepson, age 18, born Calif.
   [tribal affiliations illegible]

1900 U.S. Census, Indian Population, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Arizona Territory, June, pg. 194B, Phoenix Indian School
21. Donahue, Jasper, Indian, male, born 1882, age 17, born Calif.; at school

1910 U.S. Census, Indian Population; Siskiyou County, Liberty Twp., Klamath National Forest, May, pg. 126A
15. x/x Johnson, Jim, head, 61, married 1st time for 23 years, born at Hoopa, as were both parents, woodchopper, odd jobs, does not read or write but speaks English; Hupa tribe; parents Hupa tribe; full Indian
16. _____, Annie, wife, 45, married 1st time for 23 years, 7 children living out of 9 born, born at Orleans as were both parents, speaks English; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.
17. _____, Bessie, daughter, age 22; speaks English; Hupa tribe; father Hupa; mother Orleans; full Indian
18. Donahue, Maud, boarder, age 35, single; one child living out of one born, Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; one-half Indian.[?]
19. _____, Jack, son [of Maud], age 9, Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; one-half Indian
21. McCarty, Lizzie, boarder, age 10, born Orleans; parents born Orleans; speaks English; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; one-half Indian [in 1920 census, Lizzie is listed as granddaughter of Logan Brazille]

1910 U.S. Census, Indian Population, Siskiyou Co., Somes Bar Twp., May, pg. 126B

29. 3/3 Donahue, Jasper A., head, Indian, age 27, married 1st time 5 years, born Somes bar; father Iowa; mother Somes Bar; gold miner; Orleans tribe; father white; mother Orleans tribe; one-half Indian

30. ____, Emily, wife, Indian, age 24, married 1st time 5 years, two children living out of 3 born; born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.

31. ____, Roy, son, Indian, age 4, born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; three-quarters Indian

32. ____, Geneva, daughter, Indian, age 6 months, born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; three-quarters Indian.

33. ____, Jenny, mother, Indian, age 55, married 2nd time; 6 living children out of 9 born; born Orleans; parents born Orleans; speaks Orleans; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe.

34. ____, Philip, step-brother [to Jasper] Indian, age 32, single, speaks English; born Orleans; parents born Orleans; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian

35. 4/4 Mack, Oak Bottom, head, Indian, age 70 married 2nd times 6 years; born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; gold miner; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian

36. Donahue, Lafayette, stepson, Indian, age 16, single, born Somes Bar; father Iowa; mother Somes Bar; English speaker; Orleans tribe; father white; mother Orleans tribe; one-half Indian.

37. ____, Ben, stepson, Indian, age 13, single, born Somes Bar; father Iowa; mother Some Bar, English speaker; no occupation; Orleans tribe; father white; mother Orleans tribe; one-half Indian.

38. ____, Mabel, stepdaughter, Indian, age 35, single; born at Somes Bar; father Iowa; mother Somes Bar; speaks English; servant private; Orleans tribe; father white; mother Orleans tribe; one-half Indian.

30 5/5 Jack, Oak Bottom, head, Indian, age 82, married 1st time 40 years; born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; speaks Orleans; gold miner; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.

40. ____, Sophie, wife, Indian, age 85, married 1st time 40 years; 5 living children out of 5 born; born Happy Camp; parents born Happy Camp; speaks Orleans; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.

1910 U.S. Census, Indian Population, Siskiyou Co., Somes Bar Twp., May, pg. 127A

1. 6/6 Donahue, Sylvester, head, Indian, age 26, married 1st time 6 years; born Somes Bar; father Iowa; mother Somes Bar; speaks English; gold miner; Orleans tribe; father white; mother Orleans tribe; one-half Indian.
2. ____, Lizzie, wife, Indian, age 22, married 1st time 6 years; 4 living children out of 4 born; born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; speaks English; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.

3. ____, Henry, son, Indian, age 6, single, born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; three-quarters Indian.

4. ____, Norman, son, Indian, age 4, single, born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; three-quarters Indian.

5. ____, Albert, son, Indian, age 2, single, born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; three-quarters Indian.

6. ____, Eugene, son, Indian, age 2 months, born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; three-quarters Indian.

7. Old Mary, grandmother, Indian, age 95, widow; 2 living children out of 6 born; born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; speaks Orleans; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.

12. 8/8 Hanson, Fritz, head, Indian, age 45, married 1st time 20 years; born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; speaks Orleans; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.

13. ____, Annie, wife, Indian, age 45, married 1st time 20 years; born Somes Bar; parents born Somes Bar; Orleans tribe; parents Orleans tribe; full Indian.

14. 9/9 Johnson, James, head, Indian, age 21, single, born Sawyer’s Bar; father born Hupa; mother born Orleans; speaks English, teamster mail carrier; Orleans tribe; father Hupa tribe; mother Orleans tripe; full Indian.

15. ____, Almon, brother, Indian, age 18, single, born Sawyer’s Bar; father born Hupa; mother born Orleans; speaks English; teamster mail carrier; Orleans tribe; father Hupa tribe; mother Orleans tribe; full Indian.

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**Nov. 1915 Indian Census Redding District, Roseburg Agency, Yreka, Calif.**

**Lower Klamath Tribe [frame 72 in Ancestry.com]**

680. Philip Donahue, head, 1870
681. Ree Donahue, son, 1905
682. Lena Donahue, daughter, 1903

**Lower Klamath Tribe, Somes Bar**

751l. Phoebe Maddox, head, 1858
752. Olive Maddux, daughter, 1897
753. Mary Rose Maddux, daughter, 1899
754. Imogene Maddux, daughter, 1901
755. Fred Tehely, son, 1903

756. Bessie Maddux, single, 1896

757. Sylvester Donahue, husband, 1885
758. Lizzie Donahue, wife, 1887
759. Henry Donahue, son, 1904
760. Ray Donahue, son, 1905
761. Albert Donahue, son, 1907
762. Francis Donahue, son, 1909
763. Vernie Donahue, daughter, 1912

764. Oak Bottom Jack, husband, 1833
765. Mrs. Jack, wife, 1883

766. Oak Bottom Mack, husband, 1863
767 Jennie Mack, wife, 1863 [Jennie Donahue]

770. Almond [Almon or Elmer] Johnson, single, 1893

771 Monhart Johnson, single 1888

793. George Leary, husband, 1883
794. Alice Leary, wife, 1878
795. Ulysses Leary, son, 1910
796. Elvis Leary, son, 1911

801. Fritz Hanson, husband, 1868
802. Mary Hanson, wife, 1868

814. Indian Johnson, husband, 1843
815. Annie Johnson, wife, 1848

816. Bessie Johnson, single, 1886
817. James Johnson, single, 1889
818. Johnnie Johnson, single, 1880

819. Almon Johnson, single, 1893

892. Jasper Donahue, husband, 1882
893. Emily Donahue, wife, 1886
894. Roy Donahue, son, 1907
895. Geneva Donahue, daughter, 1909
896. Helen Donahue, daughter, 1911

900. Ben Donahue, single, 1896

901. Frank Bowersox, single, 1896

*Sawyer’s Bar*
903. Mable Donahue, head, 1878
904. Warren Davis, son, 1901
2 June 1917, W.W. I Draft Registration
Lafayette Donahue, age 23, residence Somes Bar, born Aug. 16, 1893, born Somes Bar, rancher, dependents wife and two children, Indian/Caucasian; 1 year at Phoenix Arizona Indian school; medium height, medium build, brown eyes, black hair.

12 Sept. 1918, W.W. I Draft Registration
Sylvester Nathan Donahue, Somes Bar, born 30 Aug. 1885; white, short, medium build; brown eyes, black hair
Benjamin Franklin Donahue, Somes Bar, age 18, born June 20, 1900, Indian, occupation, ringing timber for Pacific Lumber Co., Balcom Camp, Scotia. Nearest relative Jennie Donahue, mother, Somes Bar. Medium height, medium build, black eyes, black hair, registered at Eureka.

53. 10/10 Leary, George, head, Indian, age 37, married, born Calif.; parents born Calif.; laborer public road
54. ____, Alice, wife, Indian, age 36, married; born Calif.; parents born Calif.
55. ____, Ulysses, son, Indian, age 10, single, born Calif.; parents born Calif.

1920 U.S. Census, Siskiyou County, Somes Bar Twp., Jan. pg. 111A.
Oak Bottom
9. 28/28 Donahue, Sylvester, head, rents, Indian, age 35, married, born Calif.; father born Iowa; mother born Calif.; laborer on public road
10. ____ , Lizzie, wife, Indian, age 33, married; born Calif.; parents born Calif.
11. ____ , Henry, son, Indian, age 15, single, born Calif.; parents born Calif.
12. ____ , Raymond, son, Indian, age 14, single, born Calif.; parents born Calif.
13. ____ , Albert, son, Indian, age 12, born Calif.; parents born Calif.
14. ____ , Francis, son, Indian, age 10, born Calif.; parents born Calif.
15. ____ , Ellen, daughter, Indian, age 4, born Calif.; parents born Calif.
16. ____ , Edna, daughter, Indian, age 11 months, born Calif.; parents born Calif.
17. Billy, Louis, boarder, Indian, age 35, born Calif.; laborer on public road
18. 29/29 Mack, Oak B., head, Indian, age 75, married, does not read or write.
19. ____ , Jennie, wife, Indian, age 66, married, does not read or write.
20. Donahue, Vernice, granddaughter, Indian, age 7, not in school
21. ____ , Benjamin, stepson, Indian, age 21, single, read and writes

1920 U.S. Census, Humboldt Co., Union Twp., Arcata, Jan., pg. 61B.
1640 17th St.
93. 52/56 Donahue, Lafayette, head, rents, white, age 26, married, born Calif.; parents born Calif.; laborer barrel factory
94. ____ , Bessie, wife, white, age 29, married born Calif.; parents born Calif.
95. ____ , Juanita, daughter, white, age 5.
96. ____, Wilson, son, white, age 1.

1920 U.S. Census, Humboldt County, Rohnerville, Jan., Pg. 27B
33. Donahue, Jasper, head, age 35, married, born Calif.; filer shingle mill
34. ____, Emily, wife, age 34, born Calif.
35. ____, Geneva, daughter, age 11
36. ____, Helen, daughter, age 9
37. ____, Violet, daughter, age 6
38. ____, Bruce, son, age 3
39. ____, Verdina, daughter, months old

1921 Redding District Indian Census, Greenville, June
Donahue, Sylvester, husband, 1885
   ____, Lizzie, wife, 1887
   ____, Henry, son, 1904
   ____, Ray, son, 1905
   ____, Albert, son, 1907
   ____, Francis, son, 1909
   ____, Vernie, daughter, 1912
   ____, Ellen, daughter, 1915

Donahue, Jasper, husband, 1882
   ____, Emily, wife, 1886
   ____, Roy, son, 1907
   ____, Geneva, daughter, 1909
   ____, Helen, daughter, 1911

Donahue, Ben, single, 1896

1922 Indian Census, Greenville, California, Redding District Agency, begin pg. 21
469/463 Mabel Donahue, head, 1876
470/464 Warren Davis, son, 1900
471/465 Lillian Snelling, daughter, 1911

472/466 Philip Donahue, head, 1870
473/467 Ree Donahue, son, 1905
474/468 Lena Donahue, daughter, 1903

475/469 Sylvester Donahue, head, 1885
476/470 Lizzie Donahue, wife, 1887

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477/471 Henry Donahue, son, 1904
478/472 Ray Donahue, son, 1905
479/473 Albert Donahue, son, 1907
480/474 Francis Donahue, son, 1909
Application No. 3438. Approved
Name: Leary, George, head, age 41, born 27 July 1887, one-half degree Indian blood _____.
Ulysses, son, 18, born 26 July 1910, one-half degree Indian blood
Note: See application of Alice Leary, wife, Somes Bar, Siskiyou County. Application No. 3439.
Residence on May 18, 1928: Somes Bar, Siskiyou County, California. Living on Trust lands.
Place of birth and minor children: Siskiyou County.
Married: Alice Leary, born 27 Nov. 1883; one-half degree Klamath River Tribe
Your degree Indian blood: One-half Klamath River, Siskiyou County
Ancestors: Imogene Tom, Klamath River, mother
Parents: Father Nathan Leary, white man; mother Imogene Tom, formerly Leary, full Indian. Do not know where father was born; mother born in Siskiyou County. They were married Indian custom in Siskiyou County.
Date of their deaths: Father, do not know; mother now living age 70.
Enrolled: Sacramento Agency
Property: 15 acres and house, 1 cow and calf. Value of property $1000.00
Occupation: Miner and general labor
Grandparents: Father’s parents were white people; mother’s father Foo-rah-han-kh, full Indian; mother’s mother Sah-wah-se-wah-ara-pee-nana-panitch, full Indian blood.
Signed: George Leary signature, 27 July 1929.
Witnesses: Luther Hickox who knew him for 35 years and Dan Charlie who knew him for 30 years.

Application No. 3361. Approved
Name: Donahue, Jennie, widow, head, age 74, born 27 July 1854, full Indian; Donahue, Benjamin F., son, age 30, born 19 Dec. 1898, one-half Indian; Donahue, Phillip Steve, son, age 54, born 26 April 1871, full Indian (died 11 April 1929)
Residence on May 18, 1928: Some Bar, Siskiyou County, California. Lives on Trust Lands.
Place of birth of yourself and children: Siskiyou County, California.
Are you married: No, I am a widow (Lives in accordance with Indian Custom with Fritz Hanson.
Names before marriage: Jennie Jackson
Names and exact date of birth of your husband: 1st husband: Orleans Steve, died many years ago; 2nd husband: Frank Donahue, died many years ago
Degree of their Indian Blood: 1. Orleans Steve, full Klamath River tribe; 2. Frank Donahue, white man. (Applicant now lives with Fritz Hanson, a full blood Klamath River Indian, but she is not married to him.)
What is your degree of Indian blood? Full Karok tribe, California.
Give the names of your California Indian ancestors living on June 1, 1852: Father: Jackson, Klamath River, Siskiyou County, California tribe. Mother: Kate (Pee-rah-rah-pahl). Both full Indian. They lived in Siskiyou County, California. Married Indian Custom.
Parents Deaths: Father died long ago; mother died about 1908.
Allotment: Near Some Bar, Siskiyou County, California. Sacramento Indian Agency. House and 4 acres of land, value of acres $100.00
Grandparents: Unknown, but all were full Indian
Remarks: Phillip Steve Donahue was the son of Orleans Steve and the applicant and was of the full blood. He took his step-father’s name.
Signature Jennie Donahue, her thumb mark, 27 July 1929.
Affidavit: Luther Hickox has known Jennie Donahue for 40 years; Lizzie Hickox has known her for 50 years.
Signatures of Luther Hickox and Mrs. Lizzie Hickox, 27th July 1929.

Application No. 3351. Approved
Name: Maddux, Phoebe, head, age 55, born 29 July 1864, full blood; Maddux, Fred, son, age 22, born 14 Sept. 1906, one-half Indian; Bowersox, Frank, son, age 32, born 2 Aug. 1896 (17 March 1929). Applicant is a widow.
Residence: Orleans, Humboldt County, California.
Place of Birth: Siskiyou County, California.
Name before marriage: Phoebe Jackson.
Name of husband: Jim or James Maddux, died about 1906.
Was he of Indian blood: No. he was a white man.
Your degree of Indian blood: Full blood Klamath River Indian, Siskiyou County.
Parents: Father: Jackson, full Indian; Mother: Kate, full Indian. Both Klamath River tribe.
Where were parents married: Married in Siskiyou County, California by Indian custom
Dates of parents’ deaths: Father: long ago; Mother: about 1908
Allotment: Never allotted, no property.
Grandparents: All unknown, but all full Indian.
Affidavit: Luther Hickox who has known her for 40 years and Lizzie Hickox, who has known her for 40 years. Their signatures.

Listing the Indians of California Qualified under Section 1 of the Act of May 18, 1928; Roll approved in 1933
4372/4411 Donahue, Jasper, head, 46, 4 July 1882, one-half Karuk, residence Eureka; died 27 March 1929
4873/4410 ____, Donahue, Emily, wife, 43, 1 Aug. 1885, full Karuk
4874/4410 ____, Geneva, daughter, 19, 2 Nov. 1909, three-quarters Karuk
4875/4410 ____, Donahue, Bruce, son, 12, 1 Dec. 1916, three-quarters Karuk
4876/4410 ____, Verdin, daughter, 8, 2 July 1920, three-quarters Karuk
4878/4410 ____, Leland, son, 5, 20 Feb. 1923, three-quarters Karuk

4879/3361 Donahue, Jennie, widow, 74, 27 July 1854, full Karuk, allotted with Sacramento Agency, residence Somes Bar, house and land valued at $100
4880/3361 ____, Benjamin, son, 30, 19 Dec. 1898, one half Karuk
4881/3361 ____, Phillip Steve, son, 57, 26 April 1871, full Karuk; died 11 April 1929

4882/4171 Donahue, Lafayette, head, 35, 16 Aug. 1893, one-half Karuk, residence Blue Lake
4883/4272 ____, Donahue, Bessie, wife, 39, 8 July 1889, full Karuk
4884/4271 ____, Woodrow W., son, 10, 2 Oct. 1918, three-quarters Karuk
4885/4171 ____, Beverly, daughter, 6, 5 Aug. 1922, three-quarters Karuk
4886/4171 ____, Lafayette, Jr., son, 2, 31 Jan. 1926, three-quarters Karuk

4887/3342 Donahue, Sylvester, widower, 44, Aug. 1884, one-half Karuk, residence Fort Jones
4888/3342 ____, Francis, son, 18, 14 April 1910, three-quarters Karuk
4889/3342 ____, Ellen, daughter, 14, 2 May 1914, three-quarters Karuk

1930 Census, Mad River Township, April, pg. 248B
51. 9/9 Donahue, Lafayette Donahue, 36, married at age 19, born Calif.; father mixed blood; mother Klamath Indian, laborer sawmill, rents house
52. ____, Bessie, wife, 37, born Calif.; father mixed blood; mother Klamath Indian
53. ____, Woodrow W., son, 11
54. ____, Beverly J., daughter, 7
55. ____, Lafayette Jr., son, 4
56. ____, Charles, son, 8 months

1930 U.S. Census, Siskiyou County, Somes Bar, pg. 202A
32. Donahue, Benjamin, 32, married 1 year, born Calif.; father mixed blood; mother Karuk; miner
33. ____ , Caroline, wife, 26, married 1 year; born Calif.; father mixed blood; mother Karuk

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93. Donahue, Sylvester, head, 45, married 1st time at age 18, widowed, born Calif. father mixed blood, mother Karuk. miner.
94. ____ , Jennie, mother, 75, widowed, full Indian
95. ____ , Ella, daughter, 16
96. ____ , Winona, granddaughter, 5 months
97. Hanson, Fritz, boarder, 78, widowed, full Indian, odd jobs.

Testimony of Jennie Donahue in the heirship case of Oak Bottom Jack, deceased, taken by John H. Anderson, Examiner of Inheritance at Somes Bar, California, on August 3, 1932.

Q. What is your name, age and place of residence? A. Jennie Donahue, I do not know my age (Witness appears to be about 84 years old JHA) and I live at Somes Bar, Calif.
Q. To what Indian tribe do you belong? A. Karok.
Q. Do you know Oak Bottom Jack? A. Yes.
Q. Is Oak Bottom Jack dead? A. Yes, he died about 16 years ago.
Q. How old was he when he died? A. 73 years old.
Q. To what Indian tribe did he belong? A. Karok
Q. Was he ever allotted land? A. Yes.
Q. Did he ever make a will? A. He never made any papers. He said he wanted his brother Mack to have his property.
Q. Was he married when he died? A. Yes, he was married to Casa-hom-ic
Q. Was he living with her when he died? A. Yes.
Q. Was she the only wife he ever had? A. Yes.
Q. How many children did Oak Bottom Jack have? A. He had four children, but they all died before he did. I do not know their names.
Q. Did any one of them have children of their own. A. No.
Q. Who was the mother of these children? A. Casa-hom-ic
Q. Is Casa-hom-ic dead? A. Yes. She died about one year after Jack.
Q. Was she married when she died? A. No.
Q. Did she ever make a will? A. No.
Q. Did she have any children except the ones she had by Oa Bottom Jack? A. No.
Q. With whom was she making her home at the time she died? A. Lived alone.
Q. Do you know her father and mother? A. No. Both dead.
Q. Did she have any brothers and sisters? A. She had one sister, but she died before Casa-hom-ic.
Q. Do you know the parents of Oak Bottom Jack? A. No, they both died before he did.
Q. Did Oak Bottom Jack have any brothers or sisters? A. He had two brothers and one sister, Oak Bottom Mack, Oak Bottom Jim and Pedadup.
Q. Did he have any half-brothers or half-sisters? A. No.
Q. Is Oak Bottom Mack dead? A. Yes, he died about 8 years ago.
Q. Did he ever make a will? A. No. No written will? He told me I could have his property.
Q. Was he married when he died? A. He was married to me in the Indian way.
Q. Were you his first wife? A. He was married first to a woman named Annie. She died years ago.
Q. When were you married to Oak Bottom Mack? A. About 30 years before he died.
Q. Was Oak Bottom Mack your first husband? A. No, I was married first to a man named Steve. He died before I married Mack.
Q. Were you living with Oak Bottom Mack as his wife at the time he died? A. Yes.
Q. Were you and Oak Bottom Mack ever separated? A. No.
Q. How many children did Oak Bottom Mack have? A. He had two children, James Mack and Swaim Mack. They both died before their father.
Q. Who was the mother of these two children? A. Annie.
Q. Did you have any children by Mack? A. One, Lafayette Donahue.
Q. Is he living? A. Yes.
Q. How old is Lafayette Donahue? He is 37 years old.
Q. Were you living with Oak Bottom Mack when Lafayette Donahue was born? A. Yes.
Q. Did James Mack have any children? A. No.
Q. Did Swaim Mack have any children? A. He had three children, I do not know their names. I think one of them is Annie Mack. I think they all live at Yreka, California.
Q. Who was the mother of these children? A. Minnie Robinson.
Q. Was she the wife of Swaim Mack? A. Yes. Indian way.
Q. How many children did Oak Bottom Jim have? A. None.
Q. When did he die? A. He died before Oak Bottom Jack.
Q. When did Pe-da-dup died? A. She died before Oak Bottom Jack.
Q. How many children did she have? A. Three, Jim Harry, Billy Harry, and Susie Harry.
Q. Who was the father of these three children? A. Harry was his name.
Q. Was he the husband of Pa-da-dup? A. Yes, Indian way.
Q. How many of these children are living? A. They all died before Oak Bottom Jack.
Q. Did Jim Harry have any children? A. No.
Q. Did Billy Harry have any children? A. Three, Caroline Bosoaiai, Nettie Goodwin Benoniae Harry are living. There was another boy Willie Harry. He died about 7 years ago.
Q. Who was the mother of these children? A. Margaret Harry.
Q. Was she the wife of Billy Harry? A. Yes, Indian way.
Q. How old was Willie Harry when he died? A. He was 22 years old.
Q. Was he married when he died? A. Yes, he was married to Hazel Harry.
Q. Was he living with her when he died? A. Yes.
Q. How was he married to her? A. Legally married.
Q. How many children did Willie Harry have? A. Two, I do not know their names. They both live with their mother near Fort Jones, Calif.
Q. How many children did Susie Harry have? A. I only know of one, Louisa Natt. She lives at Blue Lake, California.
Q. How old is she? A. About 30 years old.
Q. Who was the father of Louisa Natt? A. Frank Robin
Q. Was he the husband of Susie Harry? A. Yes, Indian way.
Q. Where does Caroline Bosoaiai live? A. Near Fort Jones, Calif.
Jennie Donahue give her thumb mark witnessed by Louise Hickox and Mabel Bateman. Interpreter for testimony was Benonie Harry.

**Jennie Donahue (recalled) in the heirship case of Oak Bottom Jack, Aug. 12, 1932.**

Q. What is your name, age and place of residence? A. Jennie Donahue.

Q. You stated in your testimony given in the case of Oak Bottom Jack that his brother, Oak Bottom Mack, was survived by a son Lafayette Donahue and that you were the mother of the said Lafayette Donahue. Is it not a fact that you were the wife of Frank Donahue, a white man, and were living with him when Lafayette was born? A. I was with Oak Bottom Mack when he was born, but I was not married to him and I went back ad lived with Frank Donahue after that.

Q. Did you have any children by Frank Donahue after Lafayette was born? A. Yes, one child after Lafayette was born.

Q. Did Frank Donahue acknowledge Lafayette to be his child and treat him as such? A. He took care of him, but did not claim him.

Q. Why was it that you left Donahue and then went back to live with him? A. Mack kept hanging around and I went with him.

Q. Did Mack have a wife at the time? A. No.

Q. After you left Frank Donahue and went around with Mack, how long was it before Lafayette was born? A. About one year.

Q. Did you consider that you were the wife of Frank Donahue at the time Lafayette was born? A. No.

Q. Did you consider that you were the wife of Oak Bottom Mack? A. I was living on the Klamath River with him.

Q. Was Lafayette Donahue conceived before you left Frank Donahue? A. No.

Q. Why was it that you left Mack and went back to live with Donahue after the birth of Lafayette? A. I left him and went back to the rest of the children.

Q. And you say you had a child by Donahue after the birth of Lafayette? A. Yes, one child.

Jennie Donahue gave her thumb mark. Witnesses Dorothy Horton and Mabel Bateman.

**Testimony of Mabel Bateman in the heirship case of Oak Bottom Jack, deceased, taken by John H. Anderson, Examiner of Inheritance, at Somes Bar, California, on August 12, 1932.**

Q. What is your name, age and place of residence? A. Mabel Bateman. I am about 58 years old and I live near Somes Bar, Calif.

Q. To what Indian tribe do you belong? A. Karok.

[questions and answers]

Q. Where did Oak Bottom Mack died? A. He died at Somes Bar, California.

Q. How old was he when he died? A. I do not know. He was pretty old man.

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Q. Was he married when he died? A. He was married to Jennie Donahue in the Indian way.

Q. Was he living with Jennie Donahue when he died? A. Yes.

Q. Is Jennie Donahue still living? A. Yes.
Q. Was Jennie Donahue his first wife? A. No, his first wife was named Annie. She died before he married Jennie Donahue.

Q. Did Oak Bottom Mack have any children by Jennie Donahue? A. She said that Lafayette Donahue was his child, but I do not know.
Q. Is Jennie Donahue your mother? A. Yes.

Q. When did Oak Bottom Mack marry Jennie Donahue? A. About 33 years ago in the Indian way.
Q. Is Lafayette Donahue still living? A. Yes.
Q. How old is he? A. He is 37 years old.
Q. And you say that Jennie Donahue was married to Oak Bottom Mack 33 years ago. Was Oak Bottom Mack her first husband? A. Her first husband was named Steve. He was my father. Her second husband was Frank Donahue, a white man.
Q. Is Frank Donahue dead? A. He died 34 years ago.
Q. He died about one year before your mother married Oak Bottom Mack? A. Yes sir, that is correct.
Q. Was your mother his wife at the time he died? A. Yes.
Q. Was she the wife of Frank Donahue at the time Lafayette was born? A. Yes sir.
Q. Was Lafayette Donahue the last child your mother had by Frank Donahue? A. She had one child by him after Lafayette was born, Ben Donahue. He is living.
Q. Was Oak Bottom Mack a full blood Indian? A. Yes sir.
Q. Is your mother a full blood Indian? A. Yes sir.
Q. Is Lafayette Donahue a full blood Indian? A. Yes sir.
Q. If your mother was the wife of Frank Donahue at the time Lafayette Donahue was born, why do you think that Oak Bottom Mack was his father? A. He always used to say he was his boy. I could not prove it.
Q. And you say your mother married Oak Bottom Mack one year after the death of Frank Donahue? A. Yes.
Q. Was Lafayette Donahue born at the time she married Oak Bottom Mack? A. Yes sir.
Q. Then you base your opinion that Lafayette is a son of Oak Bottom Mack on the fact that he, Oak Bottom Mack, said he was his boy? A. Yes sir.

Testimony of Mable Bateman (recalled) in the heirship case of Oak Bottom Jack, taken by John H. Anderson, Examiner of Inheritance, at Somes Bar, California, on August 12, 1932.

Q. What is your name? A. Mable Bateman.

Q. Have you always considered that Lafayette Donahue was a son of Oak Bottom Mack? A. I do not know. I heard that Oak Bottom Mack was his father.
Q. You have heard the testimony of your mother, Jennie Donahue, have you anything to say concerning what she said? A. She is getting old. Mack always claimed Lafayette as his son. I do not know anything about it.
Testimony of Lafayette Donahue in the heirship case of Oak Bottom Jack, deceased, taken by John H. Anderson, Examiner of Inheritance at Somes Bar, Califronia, on August 12, 1932.

Q. What is your name, age and place of residence? A. Lafayette Donahue, I am 37 years old and I live at Somes Bar, Calif.

Q. Was Oak Bottom Mack married when he died? A. Yes sir, he was married to my mother, Jennie Donahue. She is here today.

Q. Was he living with her when he died? A. I was not here when he died. She says she was living with him.

Q. Was Jennie Donahue the only wife he ever had? A. He was married before, but I do not know the name of his first wife. She is dead.

Q. Did Oak Bottom Mack have any children by Jennie Donahue? A. She claims that I am his son, but I do not know.

Q. Where do you get the name of Donahue? A. She was married to Donahue before she lived with Oak Bottom Mack.

Q. You mean your mother lived with Donahue? A. Yes.

Q. Was she married to Donahue? A. I suppose so. She lived with him.

Q. Do you know Ben Donahue? A. Yes, he is my brother.

Q. Who is his father? A. Frank Donahue, I suppose. That is what they say.

Q. Is Ben Donahue younger than you? A. Yes, three years younger than I am.

Q. Did you know Frank Donahue? A. I do not remember him.

Q. Was Frank Donahue a white man? A. I think so.

Q. Is he dead? A. Yes sir.

Q. When did he die? A. I do not know.

Q. Did your mother, Jennie Donahue, have children by Frank Donahue before you were born? A. Yes sir, she had four by him before I was born and one after I was born.

Q. Was your mother living with Frank Donahue when you were born? A. I do not know. Lafayette Donahue, signature.

1940 U.S. Census, Siskiyou Co., Somes Bar Twp., April, pg. 268A

38. Donahue, Lafayette, head, Indian, 45, married, completed 8th grade, born Calif.; same house in 1935, placer miner.

39. ____, Bessie A., wife, Indian, age 52, married, completed 2nd yard high school, born Calif.; same house in 1935; housewife.

40 ____, Woodrow Wilson, son, Indian, age 21, single, completed 8th grade, born Calif.; same house in 1935, [illegible] worker

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41. ____, Beverly, daughter, Indian, age 17, single, completed first year high school, born Calif., same house in 1935.

42 ____, Lafayette, Jr., son, Indian, age 14, single, 2nd year high school, born Calif.; same house in 1935.
43. ____, Charlie, son, Indian, age 10, single, 4\textsuperscript{th} grade, born Calif.; same house in 1935.
44. ____, Paul, son, Indian, age 8, 2\textsuperscript{nd} grade, born Calif.; same house in 1935.

**WW II Draft Registration**
Lafayette R. Donahue, 1840 6th street, Eureka, Calif.; age 47, born Somes Bar, 5 Sept. 1895. Name of person who will know address: Mrs. McCoy, 1850 6\textsuperscript{th} Eureka, employer Arrow Mills, Eureka, working at Weitchpec; white, 5 feet 6 inches, 155 pounds, Indian, brown eyes, black hair, dark complexion.

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**Find a Grave**
Lafayette R. Donahue, 1895-1965, Greenwood Cemetery, Arcata, photo of headstone

**Newspaper References**
WHS (22 Aug. 1889) J.W. Graham has mining claim two and a half miles northwest of Somes Bar. A man named Donahue in his employ fell from roof of barn while putting on the roof and shattered his ankle; amputated at Hoopa.

BLA (27 Aug. 1898) Last Saturday eight Indian children came down to Blue Lake from the Indian Boarding School at Hoopa en route to Phoenix, Arizona where they will enter the school for Indian children...The girls who departed on the steamer were: Carrie Roberts, aged 17; Lindoe Griggs, aged 16; Susie Merrill and Ida Baker, aged 14 and Eunice Peterson, aged 12. The boys were Jerry Horn, aged 19; Jasper Donahue, aged 16; and Frank Roberts, aged 15...The children are among the brightest of the Hoopa pupils. They have completed the preliminary work of the schoolroom and have also had training in the industrial department. The foundation laid at Hoopa has well fitted them for the advanced work of the Phoenix school.

HT (21 Aug. 1898) Eight Indian children from Hoopa reservation took passage on the steamer en route to Phoenix, Arizona where they will enter school for Indian children. Five girls and three boys--one of the boys was Jasper Donahue, age 16. Among the brightest of the Hoopa pupils. Have completed preliminary work of schoolroom and had training in industrial department.

BLA (21 Jan. 1899) Hoopa—A Mr. Donahue is now lying dangerously ill at the Hoopa School. Just before Christmas he came there to see the doctor and had a stroke of paralysis shortly after he arrived. Mr. Donahue is an old and respected ’49 pioneer having crossed the plains with oxen in company with Sheriff Brown and family of Eureka. He is poor and helpless, but is being made as comfortable as possible by the school employees.
BLA (18 March 1899) Entirely Helpless--Mr. Berryman Lack, Jr. of Hoopa brought down this week Mr. Frank Donahue, an invalid, to be placed in the county hospital. Mr. Donahue, whose home is five miles beyond Somes Bar on the Salmon river, is an old pioneer, having come in early days with Sheriff Brown. Some three months ago he took sick and came to Hoopa for treatment. His health, however, did not seem to improve and to make matters worse he suffered an attack of paralysis, thus rendering him entirely helpless. Mr. Donahue has a large family and is an uncle of young Warren Leary of Korbel.

BLA (25 March 1899) Death of Frank Donahue--Mr. Frank Donahue died at the Humboldt County Hospital Wednesday morning. The gentleman was brought to that institution from Hoopa on the 12th instant by Berryman Lack, Jr. He had been in poor health for some time past and suffered a stroke of paralysis only a few weeks previous to his death, the effects of which hastened him to the grave. Deceased was an old and respected pioneer and leaves large family to mourn his loss. They reside on the Salmon river, five miles above Somes Bar, Siskiyou county. Deceased was a native of Indiana, aged about 60 years.

BLA (10 July 1915) Young Boy Fatally Shot—On Friday of last week, a fatal accident occurred at Somes Bar, when Roy Donahue, the 10-year-old son of Jasper Donahue, a rancher residing several miles above Somes Bar, was accidentally and fatally shot by Bessie Johnson, a half-breed woman.

It appears that young Donahue and several other children were playing on the river bar near the Donahue place when they discovered a rattlesnake. They ran to the nearest house and told Bessie Johnson, who ran to the spot with a rifle. She fired at the snake and the ball penetrated the reptile’s side, but did not kill it. The children in their excitement had gathered about the woman. Suddenly she is said to have exclaimed to them to stand back, at the same time swinging the rifle around to prepare for another shot at the snake and also to warn the children. As the rifle was pointed toward young Donahue, the gun was accidentally discharged and the ball penetrated his side.

A telephone message was sent to Dr. H.B. Kyselka at Sawyer’s Bar, informing him of the shooting and he at once decided that the wound was fatal. He is said to have informed the parents that it would be useless for him to make the 40 mile trip, as the boy would undoubtedly pass away before he could arrive. However, after receiving the wound, the lad lived several days.

BLA (23 Oct. 1915) Cream of County News--A large panther fell by the hunter's gun within a mile of the Weitchpec store one day last week. Phillip Donahue, while cutting wood upon the Klamath, heard a pig squealing. Getting his gun from the ranch, he went down on the bar, but found nothing till after dinner, when he crossed the river and found the dead hog. With Ed Week's dog the panther was trailed and treed within five minutes.

BLA (27 April 1918) Death of Mrs. Annie Johnson--Mrs. Annie Johnson, an Indian woman, died in Arcata Thursday morning after a brief illness, due to paralysis. She was a
native of Orleans, this county, and leaves a husband, John Johnson, and six children as follows: Mrs. Jennie McCoy, Mrs. Louis McCarthy, John Monhart, Mrs. Nellie Brown, Mrs. Bessie Donahue, and Alman Johnson, all of this county. The funeral will be held in Arcata today with J.A. Todd as funeral director.

AU (2 May 1918) Mrs. Annie Johnson, a native of Orleans, died at the Hadley Sanitarium in Arcata April 25th, aged about 60 years. Deceased, who has spent most of her lifetime in this section, is survived by six sons and daughters as follows: Mrs. Charles McCoy of Arcata; Mrs. Nellie Brown of Fresno; Mrs. Bessie Donahue, Lewis McCarty, John Monhart and Alman Johnson. The funeral took place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Charles McCoy on April 27th, Rev. C.P. Hessel officiating.

BLA (4 May 1918) Redwood—Elmer Johnson and wife of Somes Bar passed through here this week for Arcata to attend the funeral of Mr. Johnson’s mother.

AU (10 Oct. 1918) Born Oct. 2, 1918, son to Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue of Arcata.

AU (12 June 1919) John A., the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue of Korbel, died at a local hospital on Tuesday forenoon of stomach trouble.

BLA (14 June 1919) Obit Jack, 3-year-old son of Lafayette Donahue of Korbel.

BLA (24 July 1920) The Indian Brush Dance at Orleans has been going on all last week, Saturday being the biggest night. There were visitors from up and down the Klamath River and that they had a good time is generally admitted by most of them. On Thursday night a Brush Dance was held at the old sweathouse by Georgia Henry’s home, the dance being given for the benefit of Edna Donahue, and Mrs. Domingo Jack, an Indian woman from Weitchpec, was the Medicine woman.

BLA (8 Jan. 1921) Hydesville, Jan. 4—[Jasper Donahue purchased F.A. Holm building, formerly F.W. Beckwith’s general mercantile store in Hydesville, and has moved the furnishings from his parlor and candy store from the hotel building to that place.]

BLA (12 March 1921) Orleans—Raymond Donahue, the fifteen-year-old son of Sylvester Donahue, died of tuberculosis at his home on Wednesday afternoon. His mother is very low with the same disease. His father and mother, two sisters and three brothers survive.

BLA (30 April 1921) Orleans, April 23—Mrs. Lizzie Donahue, wife of Sylvester Donahue, died Wednesday night at her home in Oak Bottom. She had been ill a long time with tuberculosis and only a few weeks ago a son died of the same disease. Beside her husband, she leaves three sons and two daughters.
BLA (12 Nov. 1921) Mrs. L. Donahue of Somes Bar has been appointed to act on the Indian Welfare Committee. Some extensive changes in the Indian school system are being made and Mrs. Donahue expects to occupy her position until next July.

BLA (4 Feb. 1922) Orleans, Jan. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and two children, with his brother Sylvester, all of Somes Bar, passed through here last Saturday on their way to Hoopa and Korbel, where the men will work in the woods for a time.

BLA (11 Nov. 1922) Mrs. L. Donahue, an Indian woman residing in one of the Loupiac houses back of the Union Hotel in Blue Lake, registered a complaint stating that all of her clothes that were on the lines in her front yard were stolen some time Tuesday night, including three sheets, two pairs of pillow cases, two dozen pairs of white stockings, six towels and some baby clothes. She wishes to have the articles returned immediately if the guilty parties do not wish to be prosecuted.

BLA (9 June 1923) The nine-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Donahue, who has had the whooping cough, taken to hospital in Arcata with pneumonia.

BLA (8 Sept. 1923) Somes Bar—Elmer Johnson got a fine four-point buck on the last day of season.

BLA (13 Oct. 1923) One of the largest deer ever seen in this part of the county was killed on Yola Bolly Mountain not far from Peanut by Jasper “Jap” Donahue, well-known barber of McKee’s Mill near Dyerville. The deer had seven points on each set of horns and was said to weigh in the neighborhood of 200 pounds. Donahue brought the head of the big buck to a Eureka taxidermist for mounting.

BLA (15 Dec. 1923) Four Indian boys ran away from Hoopa Indian School to Blue Lake, including Francis Donahue, age 16.

AU (9 Oct. 1924) Pioneer Packer Laid To Rest--The funeral of the late John Johnson was held on Thursday, October 2nd, from the funeral parlors of J.A. Todd in Arcata. Rev. C.P. Hessel officiated.

Deceased was aged about 75 years and was born in Hoopa Valley. He was employed in the early days as an expert packer and worked with the pack trains operated by the late Thomas Bair, A. Brizard and William Lord in conveying goods by mule train from Arcata to the mining regions on the Trinity and Salmon rivers. Of late years, he worked for mining companies in the mountain sections and for the last six years was employed by the N.R.L. Co. in the yard at the Korbel mill. He passed away in Arcata on Monday, September 29th, from pneumonia after a week’s illness.
He leaves one son Almon Johnson of Somes Bar and a daughter Mrs. Bessie Donahue of Blue Lake, also a step-daughter Mrs. Charles McCoy and a step-son John Monhart, both of Arcata.

BLA (24 Jan. 1925) Fred Maddux went over the grade near Korbel Monday afternoon, resulting in having his second-hand Ford car, which he had just purchased, badly damaged. With him were Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and baby, none of whom was hurt.

BLA (20 June 1925) Somes Bar--Elmer Johnson left Somes Bar to join his family at Eureka. He has been carrying the mail over the Etna Mountain all winter for George Smith.

BLA (20 June 1925) Somes Bar Man Passes, Somes Bar--His heart broken by the loss of his home 10 days ago by fire, Oak Bottom Mack, aged 65, is dead at Somes Bar on the Klamath river. Mack was born and reared at Somes Bar and when his house caught fire from unknown causes, he not only lost the structure but all of his personal belongings. He brooded over the loss and several days ago he was confined to his bed. Two friends, Sylvester Donahue and Fritz Hansen, were with the aged man when he died. He is also survived by a widow. The funeral was held from Somes Bar and burial was at the family plot at Oak Bottom.

BLA (27 June 1925) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. George Leary and son Ulysses were picking cherries at Grant Hillman’s last week.

BLA (11 July 1925) Somes Bar—Lafayette and Bessie Donahue of Blue Lake returned home to visit his mother, Mrs. Jennie Donahue.

BLA (26 Sept. 1925) Somes Bar--Mrs. John Donahue, Benjamin and Philip Donahue, Mrs. Abner Vanzant and Mr. and Mrs. Dayton motored to Happy Camp Thursday.

BLA (3 Oct. 1925) Somes Bar--Luther Hickox and family, Hattie Vanzant, Peter Henry, George Stanshaw, Frank Bowersox, Mrs. Jennie Donahue, Sylvester Donahue and daughter Mabel, and Fritz Hansen of Somes Bar motored to Hoopa valley Sunday morning to take in the last day of the White Deer Skin Dance that was held in the Bald Hills.

BLA (8 May 1926) Somes Bar--[Miss M. Todd, nurse of Orleans, came to Somes Bar to see Mabel Donahue, who was sick.]

BLA (5 Nov. 1927) Somes Bar--Lafayette Donahue of Blue Lake spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Donahue this week. He was accompanied on his return trip by his brother, Ben Donahue, and Caroline Johnny, who will visit with Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and the children.
BLA (26 May 1928) Orleans Indian Is Held To Answer Before Higher Court—Phil Donahue, aged 61, Indian, was brought to the county jail Saturday night, having been held by Justice French of Orleans to answer to the Superior Court to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. His preliminary examination at which Assistant District Attorney A.G. Bradford appeared was held Saturday and developed that at a dance at Orleans on May 6, the Indians became affected by moonshine and engaged in a free-for-all fight in which one of their number, Frank Ruben was [cut] on the head with a knife, but not seriously hurt. Donahue was in the midst of the affray and as he has the reputation of being handy with a knife, he was accused of having inflicted the wound. However, there was no direct evidence that he wielded the knife.

HT (22 March 1929) Former Weott Barber Slain in Siskiyou—Two men are dead and another is in the Siskiyou county jail charged with murder as the result of a shooting scrape at Somes Bar Sunday. The dead are Jasper Donahue, former Eurekan, and Frank Bowersox. Both are half-breed Indians. Jack Davis, also a half-breed Indian, is being held for the double slayings. Davis told authorities that he shot Donahue and Bowersox in self defense. He said that he had to either shoot them or they would “get him.” Donahue was killed instantly and Bowersox died while being taken to Orleans for medical attention. Donahue formerly lived in Eureka and at one time conducted a barber shop at Weott. Records at the County jail show that Donahue was arrested at Weott in 1927 on a charge of bootlegging.

BLA (23 March 1929) Two Killed in Drunken Fight at Somes Bar; Jasper Donahue and Frank Bowersox Are Dead and Jack Davis in County Jail on Murder Charges at Yreka—News reached here from Orleans that last Sunday, March 17, Jasper Donahue and Frank Bowersox, well-known residents of that section, were killed by Jack Davis, half-breed Indian, as a result of a drunken brawl at Somes Bar.

According to reports, the two men, both quarter breed Indians, were shot at Somes Bar, Siskiyou County, one dying instantly and the other a few hours later. Jack Davis, a half-breed Indian, is being held in the Siskiyou County jail, after surrendering to the authorities Monday.

The kill, it was learned, was the outgrowth of a drunken brawl at the Davis home Sunday afternoon. The death shots were fired from a 25-35 sporting rifle, Donahue being shot through the heart and dying instantly and Bowersox being wounded mortally in the spine and having his right arm shot away.

Indicating a hand-to-hand conflict before the shooting, Davis and his wife both were badly bruised about the face, bearing the marks of a claw hammer used as a weapon. Davis surrendered to Yreka officers late Monday evening. In the investigating party were coroner King, district attorney Charles Johnson and two officers, all from Yreka.

Donahue’s body was left lying where he was shot, but in the open. Bowersox was brought to Orleans where an attempt was made to treat his injuries. The victim died, however, in about two hours. A double burial was held Monday afternoon for the two victims.
Donahue, it was learned, was formerly a barber in Eureka and at Weott and is widely known in this section. He is survived by a wife and two children. Bowersox leaves a mother, one brother and two sisters.

Facing a charge of murder, Davis Wednesday was arraigned at Yreka before Judge Clifford E. Butler. It is indicated by Davis that he slew the pair, fearing they would get him. That it was a case of either me getting them first or they would get me, was Davis’ contention, Yreka officials admitted.

He was arrested at Somes Bar by Constable Charles Ross. He is 65 years of age.

Donahue, it was learned in Eureka, was the man who discovered that Marion Rube was in the Klamath country last fall, which information led to widespread efforts to capture the fugitive. It was also stated at the office of the sheriff in Eureka that Donahue served time in the county jail in October 1927 on a charge of bootlegging brought at Weott.

AU (28 March 1929) Jasper Donahue, half breed, killed at Somes Bar, shot by Jack Davis in self defense, Donahue formerly lived in Eureka; at one time he had barber shop in Weott; arrested there in 1927 for bootlegging.

BLA (4 May 1929) Somes Bar—Philip Donahue, age about 60, passed away at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Donahue, Thursday morning after a lingering illness. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Jennie Donahue, three brothers, Ben, Sylvester and Lafayette of Blue Lake, and a sister Mrs. Mable Haynes [Bateman] of Fort Jones...The remains were laid to rest in the Indian cemetery beside the father and other relatives.

BLA (4 May 1929) [Davis on trial for murder of Donahue and Bowersox]

BLA (11 May 1929) Somes Bar--[Emily Donahue widow of Jasper Donahue]

BLA (25 May 1929) Jack Davis Is Sentenced; To Serve from a Year to Life in Prison on Murder Charge

BLA (17 Aug. 1929) Indian Woman Tells of Trip; Mrs. Phoebe Maddux of Orleans Back From Trip to Washington, Fieldbrook, Aug. 10--Mrs. Phoebe Maddux of Orleans is visiting here with her daughter, Mrs. Laurence Knudsen, having just returned from eleven months’ stay in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Maddux is of the Karuk tribe of Indians, their ranches being located on the Klamath river. It was given them by right of treaty between the Karuk tribe and the government.

She is a woman of very pleasing personality. She told the writer of her work and trip to Washington. To really appreciate the story, one needs to meet Mrs. Maddux and have her tell it in her own pleasant way. Some of the little incidents that happened on her trip she very amusingly related.

While in Washington, she worked in the Smithsonian Institution, under John Harrington of Santa Barbara. Mr. Harrington is connected with the Bureau of Ethnology. He is collecting the old Indian legends, songs, and relics which they are preserving in the Smithsonian Institution. It was the duty of Mrs. Maddux to assist Mr. Harrington in
connecting these songs and legends as she is able to speak the old original Indian language. She said that it was very difficult to correct many of them, as a number of the original words of the Indian language had been forgotten by a great number of the Indians, because of their speaking the English language and their intermarrying with the English speaking people. She stated that around Orleans some of the white men would barricade their homes so that the children could not learn the language and it has become nearly extinct.

Then another hardship they met in correcting the legends and songs were that they did not have any written language. The words had to be spelled out by the sounds as they were spoken and sometimes they had to be repeated many times before they could be spelled.

In correcting the stories she would sometimes have to tell entire stories over because of their being so badly mixed with Indian and English language that it was impossible to correct them.

During her stay in Washington Mrs. Maddux went on a number of sightseeing trips, as she worked four hours in the afternoon and four in the evening, leaving her the forenoon to visit places of interest. One very interesting place she visited was the Mt. Vernon home of George Washington. In the living room was a large fireplace with wooden settees on either side....

Mrs. Maddux visited the White House and the house to which they carried President Lincoln after he had been shot. As a side trip, Mrs. Maddux went to New York. While there she made a number of phonograph records. One was the “Blue Jay Song,” another was the “Deer Song.”

She stated that to really enjoy or appreciate the Indian music, one needs to understand the language, stories and legends. As with each song is connected a legend or story or something that has happened to inspire them to sing. To anyone listening to the songs the words all sound alike, but Mrs. Maddux said a good many of the words are alike, but spoken with different expressions, giving them an entirely different meaning.

In New York, she visited the Statue of Liberty and also took a sightseeing trip on a bus. On her return trip, she spent three weeks among the Navajo Indians in New Mexico. During her stay there they had their corn dance, which she witnessed. Mrs. Maddux brought home several pieces of pottery and a number of rugs that were made by these Indians. The rugs are entirely made by the Indians from the spinning and dyeing of the wool....

She also spent a short time in Santa Barbara with Mr. Harrington’s people. Mr. Harrington was called to Carmel-By-The-Sea to interview an Indian woman who is on her death bed. Upon his return they will work among Mrs. Maddux’s own people on the Klamath.

Mrs. Maddux stated that although she was royally treated on her trip, she was glad to be back in Humboldt County.

BLA (24 Aug. 1929) Somes Bar--[Enroller of Indians went to home of Mr. and Mrs. Little Ike to enroll them because Little Ike is an invalid and bedfast and his wife cannot leave him.]
BLA (23 Nov. 1929) Somes Bar--[Dance at Happy Camp attended by lots of folks including Mr. and Mrs. Ben Donahue and Lafayette Donahue.]

BLA (3 Oct. 1931) Young Somes Bar Woman Called to Rest, Somes Bar--Miss Geneva Donahue, 21-year-old daughter of Mrs. Emily Donahue, passed away at her home near Somes Bar Saturday morning, Sept. 19, after a long illness. The many friends were grieved to learn of her passing and will long remember her sweet, sunny disposition. She is survived by her mother and her aged grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ike, two brothers Bruce and Leland, and two sisters Verbena [Verdina] and Violet, the latter of whom is attending school at Sherman Institute.

Miss Harris, a field matron of Hoopa, brought Verbena and Leland home for the funeral services...The deceased was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

BLA (20 Oct. 1934) Somes Bar Indian Youth Dies of Wounds—Victim of an accidental gunshot wound in the abdomen, Ulysses Leary, 25-year-old Indian of Somes Bar, died at the County hospital in Eureka last Saturday night before an emergency operation could be performed in an effort to save his life. [shooting chicken hawks at Somes] Leary was the son of George Leary, born July 26, 1907. Burial Somes Bar.

HT (15 Sept. 1936)….Jasper Donahue, Indian, Siskiyou county, is in the county hospital with a basal skull fracture. Donahue and five other Indians crashed off the road near the McGain’s mine at Orleans when they failed to make a curve.

HT (16 Sept. 1936)….Donahue, who sustained a skull fracture has improved mentally while his physical condition is yet in a critical state; Lafayette Dick also injured in crash.

BLA (19 Dec. 1942) Orleans Man Dies in Waters of the Klamath River—Elmer Johnson, whose body was found in the Klamath river near Orleans Sunday, died of drowning, Dr. Carl T. Wallace declared Tuesday night, following an autopsy at the county hospital.

Johnson had been a forest service packer and guide. He was last seen December 9 with two friends, William Hunter and John Ericksen. The three men went in different directions according to Coroner L.W. Wallace.

Reports from Yreka that Johnson had been struck over the head and was dead when the body was thrown into the river were disproved by the autopsy, Coroner Wallace said. The lungs were full of water and there were no signs of violence.

Johnson lived in a cabin near the river and it was believed he fell into the water in some way. Funeral services were held Tuesday and burial was held the next day at Orleans.

AU (7 Jan. 1943) Former Arcata Youth Wounded in Buna Battle—Pvt. Woodrow W. Donahue of Eureka, wounded by five Jap bullets while attempting to rescue a wounded lieutenant during the battle of Buna on New Guinea, has been cited for bravery and
awarded the Purple Heart medal. He is now visiting in Eureka with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue.

Pvt. Donahue, who was with a medical detachment, suffered wounds in the legs and arms and is the only survivor of six who volunteered to attempt the rescue. He spent 22 months overseas and was returned to the McGraw hospital at Walla Walla, Washington before being sent home to recuperate.

Pvt. Donahue was born in Arcata and was employed at Somes Bar before entering the Army.

BLA (30 Jan. 1943) Private Woodrow Wilson Donahue of Eureka has been seriously wounded in action in the southwest Pacific, according to notice received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue of Eureka. He was in a medical detachment of the U.S. Army. He entered the service Oct. 1940 and was among the first to leave Humboldt county for military duty. Before entering the service, he was a woodsman for the Arrow Mill Co. The wounded man has a brother Lafayette Donahue, Jr., who is now undergoing examination for service with the U.S. Marine Corps.

BLA (1 Jan. 1944) Humboldt County Soldier Discharged with Fine Record—Pvt. Woodrow W. Donahue has returned to his home in Eureka on a medical discharge almost a full year after he was hit by five Japanese bullets during a heroic rescue of an American officer during the Burma campaign on New Guinea.

Pvt. Donahue, serving with a medical detachment, volunteered with five others to attempt to bring in a wounded lieutenant who was in an exposed position ahead of advance U.S. positions. The volunteers faced the murderous Japanese machine gun fire and of the six who started out only Pvt. Donahue returned alive. The mission was successful since the officer was saved.

The Eureka soldier received wounds in both legs and in one arm and remembers little about how he got back to the American lines. He was cited for bravery and received the Purple Heart decoration.

Pvt. Donahue, son of Mrs. And Mrs. Lafayette Donahue of Eureka, arrived in the United States after 22 months overseas and was sent to the McGraw hospital at Walla Walla, Washington before coming home.

He was born in Arcata and was working at Somes Bar when he entered the Army. He has four brothers and a sister, all residing in Eureka. One of his brothers, Lafayette, Jr., is slated for early induction into the Army.


BLA (26 May 1945) Mrs. Verdina [Donahue] McGarrity of San Francisco arrived here last Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. Emily Donahue.

BLA (9 June 1945) Orleans—Mrs. Bessie Donahue of San Francisco was a visitor of Mrs. George Orcutt.
BLA (9 June 1945) D. McGarrity arrived at Somes Bar May 30th to visit his wife Verdina and their four children. McGarrity has just returned from an 11-month cruise with the Merchant Marines in the South Pacific.

BLA (9 June 1945) Somes—Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tripp and three children of Crannell visiting her mother, Mrs. Emily Donahue.

BLA (30 June 1945) Somes Bar—Bruce Donahue, S/2c, stationed at Vallejo; home on leave to visit his mother, Mrs. Emily Donahue.

BLA (15 Sept. 1945) Orleans—James McNeill was recently discharged from the Merchant Marines in the South Pacific.

BLA (8 Sept. 1945) Somes Bar Notes—Mrs. Emily Donahue received a fractured ankle when she accidentally fell at her home near Somes Bar last Saturday. She was rushed to the Hoopa hospital by her daughter, Mrs. Violet Tripp. Mrs. Donahue has been caring for her aged mother Mary Ike, who had a stroke on Aug. 27th. Mrs. Ike was removed to the hospital at Hoopa last Monday.


BLA (27 Oct. 1945) Mrs. Mabel Bateman of Yreka is spending several weeks here with Mrs. Georgia Orcutt.

BLA (10 Nov. 1945) Somes Bar Notes—Mrs. Emily Donahue of Crannell and her two sons, Bruce and his wife Margaret, and Leland Donahue, left Tuesday after spending a week at their home here...[Bruce on leave from Navy, wife and small daughter living in Reno]

BLA (15 Dec. 1945) Somes Bar—George Leary moved back to his home last Friday from Eureka where he was employed the past two years.

BLA (18 May 1946) Orleans—Fred Maddux has purchased the house and property at Cottemein from Lafayette Donahue. The house was occupied by Mrs. Mary Johnny until 1941, who now resides in Yreka. Freddie will take possession in the near future.

BLA (21 Sept. 1946) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Bateman of Yreka are staying in the Fred Maddux house at Cottemein.

BLA (7 June 1947) Mrs. Amos Tripp, sister of Bruce and Leland Donahue, children of Mrs. Emily Donahue.

BLA (17 July 1948) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and their sons Lafayette, Charles and Paul of Klamath, visited here Friday while en route through here after a trip to Crater Lake and Klamath Falls, Oregon, where they visited their son and
family, Wilson Donahue. The Donahues are formerly of this community. They recently sold their home in Eureka and moved to Klamath where Donahue works as a plumber.

AU (22 April 1949) Photo of boxer Chuck Donahue

BLA (3 Sept. 1949) Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Donahue and her sister-in-law, Sally Ann Jack, all of Blue Lake, spent last Saturday here visiting relatives. Donahue is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue, formerly of this community.

AU (14 Oct. 1949) Obit John Shoemaker, died 4 Oct at Hoopa, 93 years old; daughter Maggie Hostler, son Otto Shoemaker, nephew Saul Shoemaker, niece Letha Bristol, all of Hoopa.

BLA (4 Feb. 1950) Somes Bar—Mrs. Bessie Donahue of Eureka, formerly of this community, was hospitalized at Hoopa Monday. Mrs. Donahue has been in ill health for the past year.

BLA (25 Nov. 1950) Somes Bar—Mrs. Lafayette Donahue, 61, of Klamath is a patient at the Hoopa hospital where she is reported to be seriously ill.

BLA (2 Dec. 1950) Hoopa—An 8 pound 5 ounce son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moon, Charles, Jr. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Randall. Greatgrand mothers are Mrs. Sadie Gardner and Mrs. Anna Shoemaker.

BLA (22 Feb. 1951) Hoopa—Beverly Donahue of Klamath spent Wednesday here visiting her mother, Mrs. Bessie Donahue, who has been a patient at the hospital here for several months.

BLA (8 March 1951) Hoopa—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donahue of McKinleyville visited here Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Donahue, who is very ill at the hospital.

BLA (19 April 1951) Somes Bar—Lafayette Donahue, Jr., formerly of this community, is now at the Oak Knoll Hospital in the Bay area. Donahue’s neck was broken two weeks ago when a wheel dropped off his car at Arcata. Donahue’s brother Paul arrived home at Arcata on Easter from the Stanford Hospital where he spent three years. His legs were broken at Klamath when a log rolled on him, while working in the woods. One leg had to be amputated and he is now able to walk with an artificial leg.

BLA (3 May 1951) Hoopa—Mrs. Bessie Donahue, a patient at the hospital, was visited by her son and daughter Woodrow and Beverly Donahue and Mrs. Donahue’s sister Mrs. Nellie Johnson of Arcata.
BLA (3 May 1951) Orleans--Obit Mrs. Mabel Bateman, age 77, born Orleans, 18 July 1873, husband Haynes Bateman, daughter Mrs. Lillian Rose, brother Lafayette Donahue, Sr. of Korbel, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

HT (8 June 1951) Navy Vet Dies—Funeral services for Lafayette R. Donahue, 25, of Arcata, who died in a Tacoma hospital Wednesday as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident two months ago, will be held Sunday afternoon at 10 o’clock from the Chapel of the Redwoods, Arcata.

Full military rites will be held under the auspices of the Eureka VFW post. Fred Doney will officiate.

Donahue was a veteran of World War II, having served as a gunner’s mate in the Navy. He served in the Pacific and Aleutian theatres and was a member of the Eureka post VFW. He has been employed at the Dolly Varden Lumber Company and was widely known in Arcata. He was a native of California.

Survivors include his wife Gladys Donahue, a daughter Alice Jane Donahue, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue, Sr., his brothers Woodrow, Charles and Paul Donahue, and a sister Beverly Donahue, several nieces and nephews, all of Arcata.

BLA (14 June 1951) Somes Bar--Obit Lafayette R. Donahue, 25, formerly of this community, died June 6 at Tacoma, Washington after being hospitalized for a broken shoulder and neck. Born in Blue Lake on Jan. 31, 1926. He and his parents moved from here in 1940 after spending ten years at their home here. He was a veteran of WW II, in the Navy. Survived by wife Gladys, daughter Alice Jane Donahue, his parents Lafayette and Bessie Donahue, brothers Paul, Woodrow, and Charles, sister Beverly, all of Arcata. Services in Arcata. Military rites.

BLA (28 June 1951) Death Takes Arcata Woman--Bessie Ann Donahue, 62, of Arcata died at the Hoopa hospital Tuesday night after a long illness. She was born at Sawyer's bar and was widely known in this area. Services are pending with the Chapel of the Redwoods in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband Lafayette Donahue, her children Paul, Charles, Beverly and Woodrow Donahue, all of Arcata and several grandchildren; a sister Miss Nellie Johnson, Arcata; a brother Louis McCarty of Seattle, Wash.

BLA (5 July 1951) Somes Bar--Funeral services and burial were held at Arcata Saturday June 30 for Mrs. Bessie Donahue, 62, a former resident of this area, who died at the Hoopa hospital after a prolonged illness. She was born at Sawyer’s Bar on July 8, 1889. Mrs. Donahue and her family left here in 1942 after staying twelve years at their place at Cottemein. Her son Lafayette, Jr. preceded her in death two weeks ago. She leaves her husband, Lafayette, and children Beverly, Woodrow, Paul and Charles Donahue, five grandchildren, all of Arcata. A sister and brother Mrs. Nellie Johnson of Arcata and Louis McCarty of Seattle, Washington. Interment was at the Greenwood Cemetery.
BLA (5 July 1951) Somes Bar—Mrs. Lizzie Orcutt of Forks attended funeral in Arcata for Mrs. Bessie Donahue, her aunt.


BLA (6 March 1952) Somes Bar—Leland and Bruce Donahue who live at Ike’s Falls have caught a few eels.

BLA (27 March 1952) Somes Bar—Emily Donahue went to Eureka to meet her daughter, Pvt. Verdina McGarity, stationed with WACs in Washington.

BLA (23 Oct. 1952) Hoopa--A five-pound son was born Oct. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donahue at the Hoopa Hospital. Named Paul Franklin, Jr. Paternal grandfather is Lafayette Donahue of Korbel, formerly of Somes Bar. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Randall and great grandmothers Mrs. Sadie Gardner and Mrs. Anna Shoemaker, all of Hoopa.

BLA (18 Dec. 1952) Somes Bar—Obit Mrs. Marjorie Johnson Tom, 31, Dec. 8, in Eureka Hospital; born Somes Bar March 20, 1921, daughter of late Elmer Johnson; survived by husband Jetty Tom of Somes Bar, three children Lee, Simon and Barbara Tom of Fortuna. Mother Mrs. Lizzie Johnson of Eureka, Sister Mrs. Audrey Pollock of Rockport, half brothers Merlin Tripp and Martin Conrad, half sisters Mrs. Leona Lang, Betty and Gifford Tripp of Eureka, uncle Ernest Conrad, buried Ocean View.

BLA (12 Feb. 1953) Somes Bar—Obit George Leary, 70, born Somes Bar on 10 May 1882; son of Henry Leary, early-day settler from Ireland, survived by adopted daughter Mrs. Wanona McKennon, Weitchpec; half sister Mrs. Nettie Ruben, Orleans; and cousin of Lafayette Donahue, Arcata.

AU (20 Feb. 1953) Charles (Chuck) Donahue, Klamath, who gave his occupation as prizefighter, sentenced to three months in federal prison for beating up his wife Alveretta.

AU (3 April 1953) Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue of Korbel, March 31.

BLA (30 Sept. 1954) Orleans--Wm. L. Marshall was stabbed in front of a tavern in Orleans. A bystander, Chuck Donahue, a professional boxer, stopped further stabbing as he wrestled the knife from the attacker’s hand. Donahue then held him until Deputy Sheriff arrived.

BLA (24 Feb. 1955) [article about Donahue and McClellan searching for body, McClellan drowns]

BLA (31 March 1955) Somes Bar--John Donahue of Forks of Salmon fell at his home at Knownothing Creek near Forks and fractured his ribs and collarbone.
AU (24 Aug. 1956) Photos of Yurok Brush dance; Brush dance surrounded the health and longevity of an infant. Baby honored was son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Donahue and great grandson of venerable and esteemed Alice Spott.

BLA (18 Oct. 1956) Somes Bar--Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tripp of Klamath and her mother, Mrs. Emily Donahue of Eureka, visited here Wednesday.

BLA (6 Sept. 1958) Somes Bar—Lafayette Donahue and wife and their son recently moved from Korbel to his home at Cottemein at Ishi Pishi Falls, where he will spend his remaining years. Donahue retired on his 65th birthday, Sept. 16. He was employed as a plumber by the Simpson Redwood Co. at Korbel the last ten years. Prior to working there, he worked for a plumbing shop in San Francisco. Before moving here, he was hospitalized in Eureka for a back injury, he suffered in a car accident.

BLA (21 May 1959) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and sons Bobby and Paul returned Thursday from a one week camping trip spent in Klamath Falls, Oregon and Beatty, Oregon, where he visited his daughter, Beverly.

BLA (22 Oct. 1959) Somes Bar--Returning home from a successful hunting trip Thursday was Lafayette Donahue of this community. He killed a large four point buck...Donahue's son, Paul of Blue Lake, bagged a three pointer.

BLA (18 Feb. 1960) Somes Bar--A $100 reward is offered by Mrs. Mildred Donahue for the recovery of the body of her brother, Hobart Hickox, who went into the Klamath river Jan. 3, when his car ran off the Ishi Pishi road between Sandy Bar ranch and Bondau Mine, seven miles south of here. Mrs. Donahue's husband, Leland, spent four days prodding in a deep eddy of the river recently...Mr. and Mrs. Donahue, formerly of this community, now live in Eureka.

BLA (17 March 1960) Somes Bar—Obit William A. Tripp, age 84....Lafayette Donahue was a pallbearer....

BLA (28 April 1960) Somes Bar—Lafayette Donahue goes to Arizona to visit relatives.

BLA (17 Nov. 1960) Somes Bar—Pauline and Paul Donahue of Hoopa visited here three days with their grandfather Lafayette Donahue.

BLA (22 Dec. 1960) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and son left Wednesday for Phoenix where they plan to spend several months.

BLA (23 March 1961) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and son Bobby arrived here from Arizona where he was under treatment for the last four months.

BLA (25 May 1961) Somes Bar—Lafayette Donahue and son Bobby left here last week for Arizona where Donahue will be under treatment for a throat ailment.

BLA (6 July 1961) Somes Bar—Bobby Donahue, age 9, suffered burns.

BLA (24 Aug. 1961) Hoopa—Funeral services were held today, Thursday, Aug. 24, for Mrs. Annie Shoemaker, 106 years old, who died Sunday at the Community Hospital. She was born here June 6, 1855 and had spent her entire life in the valley.

Her survivors include three children, Saul Shoemaker, George Randall, and Mrs. Eletha Bristol, all of Hoopa; brother, Abraham Jack; grandchildren Mrs. Dorothy Brown, Mrs. Esther Davis, Mrs. Katherine Jones, Mrs. Martha Donahue, Clarence, Wayne and Sharon Randall, and Mrs. Verdena Marshall, all of Hoopa and 24 great-grandchildren.

BLA (21 Sept. 1961) Somes Bar—Lafayette Donahue left for Blue Lake to visit his wife, Ida, and son Bobby. [Lafayette was living at Somes while Ida and Bobby were in Blue Lake where Bobby was in school.]

BLA (8 Feb. 1962) Hoopa—Mr. and Mrs. George Randall and Delbert Hostler recently visited in Beatty, Oregon with Mr. and Mrs. Randall's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donahue.

BLA (14 June 1962) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donahue and children of Hoopa visited here Sunday with Mrs. Bessie Tripp.

BLA (1 Nov. 1962) Lafayette takes Bessie Tripp to hospital in Hoopa.

BLA (10 Jan. 1963) Somes Bar—Lafayette Donahue of Blue Lake returned from a two-week stay in Phoenix, Arizona where he visited his nephew, Frank Donahue, who is ill. Donahue and his son, Paul, four children of Hoopa visited with friends.

BLA (11 April 1963) Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Donahue and son Bobby of Blue Lake, his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hecocta of Beatty, Oregon are spending the Easter holidays at the Donahue home at Ishi Pishi Falls.

BLA (23 May 1963) Lafayette Donahue rents his house at Somes.

BLA (10 Dec. 1964) Lafayette Donahue, age 71, in Eureka hospital

HS (26 April 1965) Obit Lafayette Donahue, died April 23, P.O. Box 7, Blue Lake; husband of Ida Donahue of Blue Lake; father of Beverly Donahue, Blue Lake; Woodrow Donahue, Arcata; Charles Donahue, Hoopa; Paul Donahue, Hoopa; and Robert Donahue of Blue Lake. Stepfather of James, Elmer, and Darrell Thornton and Louise Moon, Josephine Gensaw; several nieces and nephews; 21 grandchildren. Member of Eagles Club, Eureka; native of Blue Lake, age 70. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Arcata.
BLA (29 April 1965) Funeral Services Held Wednesday for Lafayette Donahue—Funeral services were held Wednesday for Lafayette Donahue who was claimed by death on April 23. An employee of the City of Blue Lake, the flags at City Hall were flown at half mast Wednesday in his memory.

A native of Blue Lake, aged 70, he was a member of the Eagles Club, Eureka.

The Rev. T.E. Bobo officiated at the services held at Paul's Funeral Chapel at 1:30 p.m., followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his children Beverly Donahue of Blue Lake, Woodrow Donahue of Arcata, Charlie Donahue of Hoopa, Paul Donahue of Hoopa and Robert Donahue of Blue Lake, as well as several nieces and nephews and 21 grandchildren.

BLA (1 Sept. 1966) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donahue and children of Hoopa spent one week camping on the Salmon River.

BLA (2 Feb. 1967) Hoopa—Funeral services were held on January 24th from the Hoopa Full Gospel Church for Abraham Jack, 86, who died Saturday. Born in Hoopa December 15, 1880. He was well known for being active in the Indian ceremonial dances and owner of an assortment of Indian regalia. His wife, Lucinda, preceded him in death. Uncle of Saul Shoemaker, Eletha Shoemaker, George Randall and David Pelt.

BLA (6 April 1967) Somes Bar—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donahue and children of Hoopa visited March 26th with Mrs. Bessie Tripp.


Klamity Kourier (12 Nov. 1969) Photos and articles about Wooley Creek Camp. Photo: “The natives who sold the Wooley Creek Lodge to the Palo Alto Group were Bill and Anna Johnson and their son, Elmer, pictured here.” Photo below “This beautiful lady is the late Mrs. Bessie Donahue, daughter of Bill and Anna Johnson, in an old photograph.” Photo: “Elmer ‘Hooligan’ Johnson was known up and down the river. His nickname was really ‘Happy Hooligan’ because he was always cheerful and joing. Once his home, te Wooley Creek Camp was later also his place of employment. He drove a pack train of 25 animals, packing in the celebrities from Palo Alto to Wooley Creek. A lake in the Marble Mountains, still a Mecca for many locals and tourists in our area, is ‘Hooligan Lake,’ named after our Happy Hooligan.” Photo: “And this was Alice Johnson, wife of Elmer ‘Hooligan’ Johnson. Both man and wife worked at the Wooley Creek Lodge and lived in a house a short distance from the Lodge. Alice was employed there for over thirty years,
manging the place, and was known to be able to put loads onto the pack animals’ backs better than any man. Her husband died in 1939 [actually 1942].

TS (3 May 1974) Obit George Randall who died May 2, 1974. Resident of P.O. Box 2, Hoopa. Husband of Pearl Randall of Hoopa. Father of Esther Davis of Sacramento, Catherine Jones of Arcata, Dorothy Brown of Hoopa, Ione Moon of Hoopa, Martha Donahue of Sacramento, Sharon Bibancos and Wayne Randall, both of Hoopa. Brother of Letha Shoemaker of Oregon. He is survived by 33 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Mr. Randall was a native of Hoopa, age 74.


T-S (19 July 1982) Obit Martha A. Donahue who died July 16, 1982 at age 47. A member of the Hupa Tribe, she was a native and life-long resident of Hoopa. She enjoyed watching her children play baseball and was a number one fan of the Night Hawk and the Red Machine softball teams.

Mrs. Donahue is survived by her husband, Paul Donahue, Sr. of Hoopa; her mother, Pearl Randall of Hoopa; her children, Dexter Donahue, Pauline Bean, Bessie Ann Bussell, Laverne Montgomery, Marilyn Donahue and Rodney Donahue, all of Hoopa; her brothers and sisters, Esther Davis, Catherine Jones, Dorothy Brown, Ione Moon, Wayne Randall and Sharon Bibancos, all of Hoopa. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, George Randall, and her brother, Clarence Randall.

*T-S (7 July 1987) Obit Charles B. Donahue, Jr., died July 15, age 35 as the result of an accident. Resident of Crescent City; survived by his mother Alveretta Green of Orick.

*DNT (8 July 1987) Charles Benjamin “Pergish” Donahue, Jr., born in Crescent City, August 18, 1951, died July 5, 1987 as a result of a motor vehicle accident in Martins Ferry, Humboldt county, at age 35.

He is survived by his children Joe Reed and Ben, Jessica, Sadie and Robert Donahue, all of Weitchpec, California; father Chuck Donahue of Klamath, mother and stepfather Alveretta and Kenny Green of Orick; sisters and brothers Phyllis Donahue, Margie Buckskin, Gladys Donahue, Lafayette Donahue, James Donahue and Amanda Donahue, all of Crescent City, and Tela Lake of Spokane, Wash.; great-aunt Minnie MacCumber of Crescent City and numerous nieces and nephews. Brother John “Whiskey” Donahue predeceased him.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Donahue, 42, was traveling north on U.S. Highway 100 at 2:30 p.m. when he drifted off the east edge of the road. He overcorrected and his vehicle, a 1987 Hyundai, slammed head-on into a large tree. Donahue was alone in the vehicle. Despite wearing a safety belt, he was killed instantly.

Obit: Mr. Donahue was born in Crescent City on August 30, 1952. He attended local schools and Del Norte High School. Mr. Donahue made his home in Crescent City and was a member of the Smith River Indian Shaker Church in Crescent City. Survivors include wife, Doris Donahue of Hoopa, daughter Mah’Lon Donahue of Hoopa, mother Alveretta Green of Crescent City, father Charles Donahue of Klamath, brother James Donahue of Klamath, sisters Phyllis Donahue of Crescent City, Margie Buckskin of Crescent City, Gladys Donahue of Ukiah and Tela Lake of Yreka. He was preceded in death by brothers Charles and John Donahue. Interment in family plot in Requa.


He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Donahue. He is survived by his brother, Chuck Donahue; his sister Beverly Sieman; his children, Paul “Dexter” Donahue Jr., Laverne “P-Nut” Montgomery, Rodney “Hot-Rod” Donahue, Marilyn “Buffy” and George Martin, Bessie “Bat” and Tim Bussell Sr., and Pauline and Arthur Ruiz Jr.; his grandchildren, Yolanda and Jeff Moon, Connie and Cesar Flores, Jennifer and Clyde Trimble, Paul III and Celena Donahue, Mann and Lana Donahue, Athena Colegrove, Phillip Donahue, Timmy Jr., Clarence Bussell and Linda Bussell, Carmalita Ruiz and Arthur Ruiz III, Toby Justin, Rodney Jr., and Martha Donahue, Ben Marshall and Kristen Marshall, Franklin Donahue; and his great grandchildren, Taushona and Timishia Moon, Paul Donahue IV and Natasha Donahue, Elisha Flores, Clyde Jr., Josh Trimble and Earnestine Trimble, Julian Ruiz, Ruby McCoye, Wes Marshall and Michael Donahue.

He was loved by everyone who knew him. He loved to travel, hunt, fish, attend street meetings, and most of all, play bingo. He grew up in Somes Bar, then moved, attending many different schools.

He attended Santa Rosa Junior College, where he earned his accounting degree. He then moved to Sacramento working for Inter Tribal Council of California and Crib for 10 years. He then moved to Hoopa, where he lived for 20 years working for the Hupa Health Association, retiring at age 62. He spent the rest of his life enjoying his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Paul will be missed by all who knew him. We all love you, dad.

Services will be at the Neighborhood Facility, Hwy. 96 in Hoopa at 1 p.m. today, Dec. 28, 1996 with the Rev. Laverne Martin officiating. Casketbearers will be Woodrow Donahue, Raldon Brown Sr., Leslie Risling, Elwood Miller Sr., Elwood Miller Jr., and Jayson Ray. Honorary bearers are William Carpenter, Lawrence Tracy Sr., Gene Avery, Ernest Wong, William McClendon, Art Robinson, Pete Lewis, Peter H. Masten, Dale Risling, Skip McIntosh, Nolan Colegrove, Bryan Colegrove Sr., Ray Matilton, Floyd Montgomery, Walter Gray, Walt Lara, Arvie Cole, George Nixon Jr., Irvin “Bink” Kirk, Ron Donahue, Lefty Wilder, Vernon Bussell Jr., and Jim Collins.

Interment will be at the Randall family plot in Hoopa, off of Moon Lane.
Memorial contributions may be made to Hoopa Community Hospital in memory of Paul Donahue Sr., by contacting Karen Starkey. Arrangements are under the direction of Pierce Mortuary Chapels/Paul’s Chapel, Arcata.

T-S (23 Feb. 1998) Pearl (Gardner) Randall, a longtime resident of Hoopa, passed away Feb. 19, 1998 at the age of 91

Pearl will be remembered for her beautiful handmade quilts, crochet work and passion for gardening. She enjoyed attending sports events and followed the local high school sports throughout her lifetime. Always rooting the Warriors to victory, but never said anything about the competition’s efforts. She loved the energy and enthusiasm displayed by the young.

Pearl was the oldest living full-blood Hupa Indian residing in the Hoopa Valley at the time of her death. She regularly attended ceremonial tribal gatherings, celebrating a rich heritage.

Pearl is survived by her children, Esther Davis, Catherine Jones, Dorothy Brown, Ione Moon, Oliver Wayne Randall and Sharon Bibancos; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren; and by numerous adopted people and children who considered her as their grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Randall; two sons, Clarence Elmer Randall and Clem Allen Randall; and daughter, Athena Pricilla Donahue.

Pearl will be missed by all who knew her.

Friends are invited to attend funeral services at the Church of the Mountains, Hoopa on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998 at 1 p.m. with Rev. John Armand officiating.

Concluding services and interment will be at the Randall Family Plot

Visitation will be at the family home on Shoemaker Road on Monday evening.

Casket bearers will be Floyd Montgomery, Dean Powell, Rodney Robbins, Filmore Harvey, Jr., Mervin Sr., Phillip Vegil, Bonnie Robbins and John Robbins, Jr.

Honorary bearers will be Roland Davis, Raldon Brown, Douglas Brown, Oscar Brown, Freddie Brown, Dexter Donahue, Rodney Donahue, Darrell Jones, Stanley Jones, Francis Jones, David Jones, Leonard “Super” Bibancos, Dion Bibancos, Darren Randall, Roger Bibancos, Jimmy Jackson Bill Carpenter, Mike Roberts and Edgar Norton, Jr.

Arrangements are under the direction of Pierce Mortuary Chapel/Paul’s Chapel, Arcata.

T-S (9 March 2005) “Dexter” Paul Franklin Donahue, Jr. was born October 12, 1952 and passed away on March 4, 2005 at the age of 52 in Hoopa, CA.

He is survived by his loving family: his children, Connie and Cesar Flores, Paul and Celena Donahue III, Phillip Donahue and girlfriend Melva Miller; his grandchildren, Paul IV and Na-taushe Donahue, Elisha and Lindsey Flores; his sisters, Pauline Ruiz, Bessie Bussell, Marilyn Martin; brother, Rodney Donahue, Sr.; aunts, Esther Davis, Sharon Bibancos, Ione Moon, Catherine Jones, Dorothy Brown; uncle, Chuck Donahue; special nieces, “Ron,” “Spoiled,” “Fighten,” “Holyfield;” and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends from near and far.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Paul and Martha Donahue, Sr.; his sister, Laverne Montgomery; and nephew, Mann Donahue.
Dexter was a native of the Hupa Tribe, he was born and raised in Hoopa, CA. He loved to fish and hunt and always had many stories. He danced and sang in ceremonial dances, which was his passion, and loved to teach and share with others.

In his younger years he played pop Warner football, Babe Ruth baseball, high school football, and of course he played for the Red Machine. Again he had many stories to tell and he will always be MVP in his own ways.

He was a loving, caring brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend and leaves us with many memories and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

A wake will be held Wednesday March 9, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. on Cherry Flat Road at the Donahue’s. Services will be at the neighborhood facilities on Thursday March 10, 2005, at 12:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Paul’s Chapel in Arcata. The family would like to thank the Hoopa Ambulance and the volunteers.

Pallbearers are Kenny Doolittle, Chris Peter, Floyd Montgomery, Timothy Bussell, Jr., Ben Marshall, Rick Davis, Doug Brown, Omar Dean, Jr., and Clarence Bussell.