

Barker Valley on Palomar Mountain

Peter Brueggeman, 2025

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Barker Valley on the 1903 U.S.G.S. Ramona map

In a San Diego County Gazetteer column in the San Diego Tribune-Sun of May 17, 1940, John Davidson of San Diego's Junipero Serra Museum/San Diego Historical Society wrote about Barker Valley that "we have found no explanation of its naming" [12]. Marion Beckler provided an explanation, writing [1]:

During the 1870's many other families had come and homesteaded on the east end of the mountain. ... Over north of Malava were the **Joseph R. Barkers**, in Barker Valley. ... One by one these homesteaders, who had believed they could make a living on 160 acres of mountain scenery, sold out to Enos T. and Sylvester J. Mendenhall. ... The Malava School, built in the 1870s, was east of Mendenhall Valley and northeast of Dyche Valley. The original log building was moved to make an addition to the George Cook home and a new schoolhouse was built. ... At that time the attendance averaged nine or ten children. There were the older Mendenhall children, the (James) Frazier boys, Charles and Manning, Ida and Susie Cook, **Emma Barker**, and Emanuel Dyche.

From Beckler's writing, it is assumed Emma Barker is a child of Joseph R. Barker. Malava was located in Mendenhall Valley on Palomar Mountain. An election for issuing bonds to build a new Malava schoolhouse was held on November 7, 1885 [3]. The new Malava schoolhouse was built in Pedley Valley in 1886, assuming it was built after the school bond election in November 1885. Therefore the Barkers were living there in Barker Valley in the 1880s and thereafter.

There's no homestead record for a Barker on Palomar Mountain [2]. Perhaps Joseph R. Barker started a homestead on Palomar and left before the five years passed when he would have proved up, or he could have purchased or rented land. There's no Barker noted on Palomar in the 1912 Plat book of San Diego County, California, so he was gone by then [6]. San Diego County land records were not searched.

Joseph R. Barker himself is difficult to trace. The 1890 U.S. Census records were lost so a key resource is unavailable. No one named Joseph Barker can be found for the 1880s to 1890s in San Diego County in ancestry.com, genealogybank.com, newspapers.com, or cdnc.ucr.edu. In the 1900 U.S. Census, Emma Barker Salmons stated her parents were born in Maine and Texas, respectively.

A Joseph R. Barker did homestead in Rainbow (proving up in 1932) which is considerably west of Palomar Mountain [2]. This Joseph R. Barker was born in 1875 in Illinois, and he was still living in Illinois in the 1910 U.S. Census – too late to be living on Palomar in the time period involved.

Other Barkers were nearby... Alex Barker won the Republican primary votes for Smith Mountain (aka Palomar Mountain) in August 1892 [10]. Alex Barker is probably Alejandro Barker (died 1896) who lived nearby Palomar at Cupa/Warner's Ranch; he was the only registered voter at Cupa and was a defendant in John Gately Downey's court case evicting Indians from Warner's Ranch [13]. J. Barker purchased two lots in Temecula (lots 23 and 24, block 5) from the Pauba Land and Water Company in 1887 [19].

EMMA BARKER

More readily found in sources is **Emma Barker** (February 7, 1877 – January 30, 1910) who was the first wife of Louis Shannon Salmons. Louis Salmons said [4]:

I was married in Arizona. My wife's name was Emma Barker. Well, I got married in the spring in Arizona and come here (Pala) in the fall.

Robert Asher wrote [5]:

... Louis has been operating near Palomar longer than I, but his first coming to the top of the mountain as a resident occurred about the time of the Huntington boom in 1905. ... Louis thereupon moved up onto the mountain with his wife and ... young daughters and for awhile lived in the house on the Adams place. ... Louis Salmons' first wife, and the mother of the ... Salmons girls, was a young girl going to school at the Jessee schoolhouse in the middle eighties. The Salmons occupied the Adams' house for awhile around 1905 or 1906, and I saw quite a bit of them. Mrs. Salmons vividly remembered the fall of an immense meteor while she was living in Barker Valley. It had seemingly fallen to the earth in a southerly direction from the Barker home and at no great distance. Next day at school, there was great excitement over the "falling star". Also diverse opinions as to which way it had fallen, or possibly several fallen stars, north, south, east, west -- it would seem that it was a very versatile falling star if it were a single solitary one. Finally the teacher and youngsters figured it out that it was one and the same meteor and had fallen on top of the ridge west of the schoolhouse and south of Mendenhall Valley. So at the noon recess, a number of the children hiked up hill until they came to a great, freshly-excavated hole, maybe thirty feet across -- dirt and rocks scattered all about. I once endeavored to locate the big hole, but got into such a tangle of high brush that I had to forego further search. I had seen the same falling meteor from the Asher home in El Cajon Valley. It had settled to earth in the direction of the east middle Palomar Mountain (which was in plain sight daytime from our front porch) but seemed to have come down not farther than just over the hills north of the Cowles' Santee Ranch. ...

Asher said Emma Barker was a young girl going to school at the Jessee schoolhouse on Palomar Mountain in the middle 1880s [5]. She was born in 1877 corroborating that. By June 1891, she was no longer going to school there. Emma Barker’s parent is not listed in the School Census Marshal’s Report for the Malava School District for the year ending June 30, 1891, which is the earliest report year available at the San Diego History Center, and Barker is not listed in following years [7]. Born in 1877, Emma Barker would have been 14 years old when that 1891 school year ended.

On January 3, 1896, the Escondido Advocate published in a “Valley Center Items” column [8]:

Miss Emma Barker is quite sick.

Since Emma Barker was entitled ‘Miss’ in that Escondido newspaper of January 3, 1896, she married Louis Salmons several months after that newspaper item.

Louis Salmons said [4]:

We have five children. ... The oldest child was Mahulda Neal Salmons... Rebecca's next; Harriet's next; and Marge after Rebecca; and then Harriet. Marge's name is Marie; then Louise. That's all of them. Five girls, that's enough, isn't it, five? Mahulda, Rebecca, Marie, Harriet, and Louise. Harriet ought to come before Louise; she's older than Louise.

Louis and Emma Salmons had five daughters: Mahulda Neal Salmons (1897-1946), Mary Rebecca Salmons (1900-1995), Charlotte Marjorie Salmons (1901-1995), Harriet Ora Salmons (1902-1974), and Emma Louise Salmons (1908-1999). Their first child Mahulda Neal Salmons was born June 19, 1897, so Louis and Emma were married in 1896 or 1897.

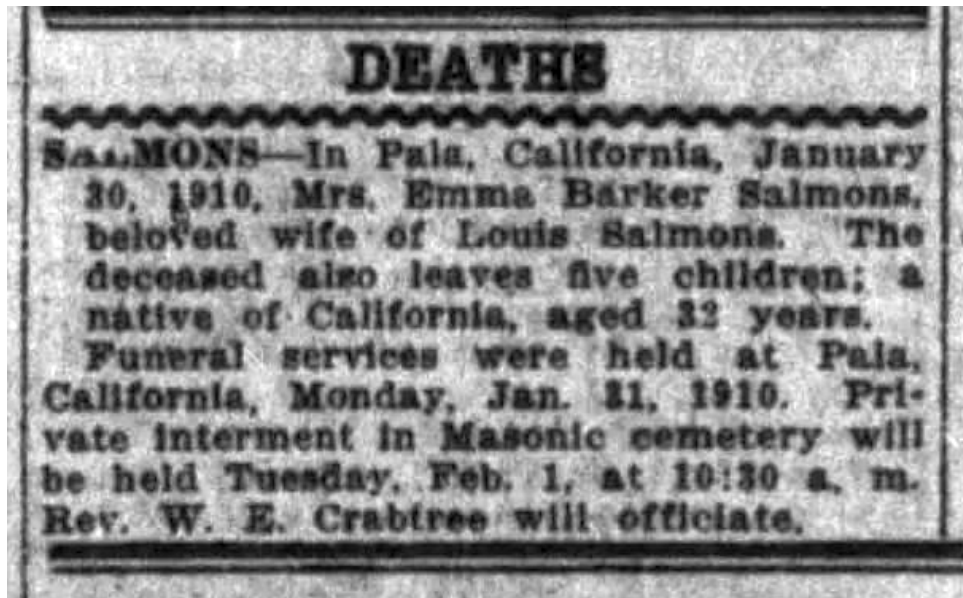
In the 1900 U.S. Census, Louis Salmons is recorded in the Pala Township as a farmer on rented land, living with his wife Emma and daughters Mahulda (age 2) and Rebecca (age 1). The census records that Emma was born in California in February 1877, and her father was born in Maine and her mother was born in Texas.

1900 United States Federal Census for Emma Salmons																			
California > San Diego > Pala > District 0175																			
Line Num	Street	Hous. Num	Household	Name	Relation to Head	Race	Sex	Birth Month	Birth Year	Age	Marital St.	Years Mar.	Children	Children	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Imm. Year	Naturaliz.
76				Emma Salmons	Head	W	F	Feb	1877	23	M	1	2	2	Calif.	Maine	Texas		
77				Mahulda	Daughter	W	F	Jun	1897	2	S				Calif.	Maine	Texas		
78				Rebecca	Daughter	W	F	Jul	1898	1	S				Calif.	Maine	Texas		
79																			
80																			
81																			

There is a Louis Salmons family tree on www.familysearch.org which gives the middle name of Lucinda for Emma Barker, with no supporting information for that middle name [20].

DEATH OF EMMA BARKER SALMONS

Louis Salmons' wife Emma died of pneumonia in Pala on January 30, 1910 [9,22]. Some newspaper death notices give her middle name as Barker.



[9]



[21]

SALMONS—At Pala, Cal., Mrs. Emma Barker Salmons, beloved wife of Louis Salmons of Pala, California; a native of California; aged 82 years.

[11]

EMMA BARKER OR EMMA LITTLEFIELD?

The Register of Births, San Diego County for Emma Louise Salmons (a daughter of Louis and Emma Salmons) with a birthdate of August 17, 1908, lists her father as Lewis L. Salmons and her mother's maiden name as Emma Littlefield, not Emma Barker.

REGISTER OF BIRTHS,										SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.									
NAME OF FATHER.		MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.		SEX.		PARENTAGE.				COLOR OF RACE.		CONDITION AT BIRTH.		REMARKS.					
				Male.	Female.	Unknown.	Actual.	Potential.	Adoptive.	White.	Black.	Yellow.	Albin.	Dead.					
155																			
Smith W. J.	Payet	Lille		✓			✓								K-399	July 18	1907	✓	Geo. O. Smith
" P. J.	Rhodes	Joe			✓										L-143	Jan 9	1908	✓	Thera
" Anton H.	Free	Mamelle					Men								K-398	Mar 14	1907	✓	E. Mathewson incarnacin
Smith W. A.	Lloyd	Welen			✓		Mable								L-142	Jan 30	1908	✓	Lloyd Smith
Seaton A. J.	Wenleaf	Anna E.			✓		Ann								L-140	" "	"	✓	Margaret
Bender Ray R.	Johnson	Hattie			✓										L-145	Mar 22	"	✓	Adelle J.
Stell William	Hund	Mabel Ada			✓										L-146	Apr 28	"	✓	Lilli Mable
Brace O.	Gomier	Mabel B.			✓										L-152	May 25	"	✓	Eward Warren
Stollen W.	Fliet	Amie C.			✓										L-151	June 27	"	✓	Thomas Edwin
Jensen G. G.	Perez	Julia			✓		SAVEN								L-134	July 21	"	✓	London Oliver
Smith E.	Romero	Josephine			✓										L-141	June 22	"	✓	William
Scott W. E.	McCallings	N. H.			✓										L-135	Aug 1	"	✓	John McCullough
Snow P.	Patterson	Myrna			✓										L-144	" 12	"	✓	Alta
Salmons Lewis L.	Littlefield	Emma			✓		SALMONS								L-133	" 17	"	✓	Emma Louise
Salmons Lewis L.	Bald	Martha A.			✓										L-138	" 1	"	✓	Arlette

The 1922 marriage license for Charlotte Marjorie Salmons (a daughter of Louis and Emma Salmons) gives her mother's maiden name as Emma Littlefield, not Emma Barker.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE		CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO	
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE		TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL	
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE		PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS	
2 FULL NAME <u>Leroy Scott Carter</u>		14 FULL NAME <u>Charlotte Marjorie Salmons</u>	
3 RESIDENCE <u>163 Ellis St</u>		15 RESIDENCE <u>Adrian Hotel</u>	
4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>		16 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	
5 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>27</u> (Years)		17 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>27</u> (Years)	
6 SINGLE, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>Single</u>		18 SINGLE, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>Married</u>	
7 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>1</u>		19 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>2</u>	
8 BIRTHPLACE <u>Nebraska</u> (State or Country)		20 BIRTHPLACE <u>Calif.</u> (State or Country)	
9 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Seaman</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>U.S. B.</u>		21 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>waitress</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)	
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Leroy M. Carter</u>		22 NAME OF FATHER <u>Louis S. Salmons</u>	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Nebraska</u> (State or Country)		23 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Georgia</u> (State or Country)	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Anna E. Bradley</u>		24 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Emma Littlefield</u>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>Nebraska</u> (State or Country)		25 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>Texas</u> (State or Country)	
26 MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED			
WE, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
27 Groom <u>Leroy S. Carter</u>		28 Bride <u>Charlotte M. Salmons</u>	
29 Filled out in the presence of <u>HARRY J. GOUGH</u> Deputy County Clerk.			
30 CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
I HEREBY CERTIFY that <u>Leroy Scott Carter</u> and <u>Charlotte M. Salmons</u>			
were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at <u>San Francisco</u>			
City and County of San Francisco, State of California, this <u>4th</u> day of <u>March</u> , 192 <u>2</u> .			
31 Signature of Witness to the Marriage <u>Mr. Hazel Gooch</u> Residence <u>163 Ellis</u>		Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony <u>A. F. Barnett</u> Official Position <u>Justice of the Peace of the City and County of San Francisco</u> Residence <u>State of California</u>	
32 FILED <u>3/7/22</u> <u>E. Godchaux</u> Registrar (County Recorder)		Compared—Hall	

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State of California,
City and County of San Francisco } ss.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

No. 1109

These Presents are to authorize and license any Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the District Court of Appeals, Judge of the Superior Court, Judge of the Police Court, Justice of the Peace, Priest or Minister of the Gospel of any denomination, to solemnize, within said county, the Marriage of

Arund C. Tomer - white and Harriet O. Salmons - white
aged 27 years and past, resident of City, aged 21 years and past, resident of City,
County of San Francisco, State of California, County of San Francisco, State of California,
said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage as appears by affidavit of record in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of California,
in and for the City and County of San Francisco, this 11th day of Oct, 1923.

E. I. MULCREFF

County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of said Superior Court

By G. L. MUNSON

Deputy.

State of California,
City and County of San Francisco } ss.

This Certifies that

Arund C. Tomer and Harriett O. Salmons
the parties in the above license, were joined in marriage by me on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1923
in said City and County and State;
that O. M. Pickford, a resident of Honolulu, County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii
and , a resident of , County of , State of ,
were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

Witnesses: { Name O. M. Pickford No. Honolulu, T. H. Street
 { Name No. Street

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this 11th day of October, A. D. 1923

Hugh W. Gilchrist
minister

Filed for Record at the request of A. C. Tomer on 10/13 1923

PLACE OF MARRIAGE
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State Index No.

LOCAL REGISTERED NO.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

GROOM				BRIDE			
2 FULL NAME <u>Arund C. Tomer</u>				14 FULL NAME <u>Harriet O. Salmons</u>			
3 RESIDENCE <u>U.S. Mojave</u>				15 RESIDENCE <u>341 O'Farrell</u>			
4 COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>		5 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>27</u> (Years)		16 COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>		17 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>21</u> (Years)	
6 SINGLE, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED		7 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>1</u>		18 SINGLE, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED		19 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>1</u>	
8 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Pa.</u>				20 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Cal.</u>			
9 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>clerical</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)				21 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>school teacher</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)			
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Louis G. Tomer</u>				22 NAME OF FATHER <u>Lewis L. Salmons</u>			
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Pa.</u>				23 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Pa.</u>			
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Georgia Arund</u>				24 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Emma Littlefield</u>			
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Ohio</u>				25 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Arizona</u>			
26 MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED <u> </u>							

WE, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A. C. Tomer

Groom

Harriet O. Salmons

Bride

Filed out in the presence of G. L. MUNSON

Deputy County Clerk.

20 CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

HEREBY CERTIFY that Arund C. Tomer and Harriet O. Salmons

were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at 11th

City and County of San Francisco, State of California, this 11 day of Oct, 1923

31 Signature of Witness to the Marriage O. M. Pickford
Residence Honolulu - T. H.

Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony H. W. Gilchrist
Official Position minister

22 FILED 10/13/23

Residence 11th

FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
BY D. CAPURRO, DEPUTY
COMPARED - CAPURRO

Compared - Hall

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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State Index No.

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STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

GROOM

BRIDE

2 FULL NAME <i>Trend C. Tomer</i>	14 FULL NAME <i>Harriet O. Valmons</i>
3 RESIDENCE <i>W.H. Mogave</i>	15 RESIDENCE <i>341 O'Farrell</i>
4 COLOR OR RACE <i>white</i>	16 COLOR OR RACE <i>white</i>
5 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>27</i> (Years)	17 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>37</i> (Years)
6 SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <i>—</i>	18 SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <i>—</i>
7 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <i>1</i>	19 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <i>1</i>
8 BIRTHPLACE <i>Pa.</i> (State or Country)	20 BIRTHPLACE <i>Cal.</i> (State or Country)
9 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <i>clerk</i> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)	21 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <i>school teacher</i> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)
10 NAME OF FATHER <i>Louis G. Tomer</i>	22 NAME OF FATHER <i>Louis L. Valmons</i>
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <i>Pa.</i> (State or Country)	23 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <i>Pa.</i> (State or Country)
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <i>Georgia Trend</i>	24 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <i>Emma Littlefield</i>
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <i>Ohio.</i> (State or Country)	25 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <i>Arizona</i> (State or Country)

26 MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED

WE, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A. C. Tomer

Groom

Harriet O. Valmons

Bride

Filed out in the presence of

G. L. MUNSON Deputy County Clerk.

30 CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

HEREBY CERTIFY that *Trend C. Tomer* and *Harriet O. Valmons*

were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at *1.7*

City and County of San Francisco, State of California, this *11* day of *Oct.*

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Signature of
Witness to the
Marriage
O. W. Pickford
M. R. Honolulu - T. H.

Residence

Signature of
Person Performing
the Ceremony

Official Position

N. Dr. Gilchrist
minister

32 FILED *10/18/23*

Residence *1.7.*

FILED IN THE
BY D. CAPURRO, DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER

Copied - Hall

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Tallied in the Agua Caliente Township in 1880 alongside Emma Littlefield's family are Palomar Mountain residents like George Doane, Sylvester and George Mendenhall, George Dyche, the Cooks, etc. There is no Joseph Barker listed in the Agua Caliente Township in that 1880 U.S. Census.

EMMA BARKER AND EMMA LITTLEFIELD?

Did Joseph R. Barker take in Emma from her Littlefield parents sometime after that 1880 census?

Was Emma Littlefield first married to Joseph Barker, and then married Louis Salmons?

A Littlefield parent is not listed in the School Census Marshal's Report for the Malava School District for the year ending June 30, 1891, which is the earliest report year available at the San Diego History Center [7]. A Littlefield parent is not listed in following years and Barker is not listed in any of the years either [7].

James Littlefield appears to be James A. Littlefield, according to a 1921 court summons from the plaintiff Mendenhall Cattle Corporation. Starting March 18, 1921, the Escondido Times-Advocate published court summons from the plaintiff Mendenhall Cattle Corporation versus Frank Knox (administrator of the estates of several of the Sobrenes family and Ygnacio Dowell), Sylvester Charles Mendenhall (executor of the will of Sylvester Jacob Mendenhall), A.C. and Permelia Kitching, **James A. Littlefield**, John Doe, Richard Roe, Susan Keep, Frank Grab, Doe & Company, and all other persons unknown claiming a right, title, estate, lien or interest in described property adverse to plaintiff's ownership [16]. The summons described several parcels located in Rancho Cuca or El Potrero and on Palomar Mountain in the areas of Morgan Hill, Doane Valley, French Valley, and Mendenhall Valley [16]. Though the parcels detailed in the summons are not linked to specific individuals, some of the land in question is in Mendenhall Valley, which is adjacent to Jessee, where Robert Asher said Emma Barker went to school as a young girl in the middle 1880s [5].

James A. Littlefield married Charlotte Cook in the Los Nietos Township in Los Angeles County on May 3, 1874. He stated he was 25 years old and thus born in 1849. His recorded age of 26 in the 1880 U.S. Census differs in making his birth year about 1854. Charlotte Cook's age doesn't differ between her 1874 marriage and the 1880 U.S. Census.

State of California,

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, }

These Presents are to authorize and license any Justice of the Supreme Court, District or County Judge, Justice of the Peace, Mayor, Priest or Minister of the Gospel of any denomination to solemnize, within said County, the marriage of James A. Littlefield, native of Massachusetts, aged 25 years, resident of Los Nietos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and Charlotte Cook, native of California, aged 18 years, resident of Los Nietos, County of Los Angeles, State of California. Said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County Court of said County, this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1874.

J. M. Little
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the County Court in and for said Los Angeles County.

By W. M. Randle Deputy Clerk.

State of California,

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, } ss.

I hereby certify that I believe the facts stated in the above license to be true, and that upon due inquiry there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said James A. Littlefield and Charlotte Cook, that said parties were joined in marriage by me, on the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1874, in Los Nietos, said County and State; that Wm. A. Smith, a resident of Los Nietos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and William Cook, a resident of Los Nietos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of May, A. D. 1874.

W. A. Smith
Minister of M. E. C. S.

A full, true and correct copy of the original, recorded this 13th day of May, A. D. 1874, at request of James A. Littlefield at 10 minutes past 10 A.M.

B. M. Little Recorder.
By W. M. Randle Deputy.

Affidavit for Marriage License.

Joe H. Bell
and

Mary D. Adams

Filed and License issued this
day of April
A. D. 1874

Geo. J. Bell clerk.
W. C. H. H. H. Deputy Clerk.

Affidavit for Marriage License.

In the matter of the application of
J. A. Littlefield
For a License to Marry
Charlotte Cook

State of California,
County of Los Angeles.

and Joe A. Littlefield being first duly sworn each for himself
doth depose and say that he knows the above named Charlotte Cook
that she is a native of California that she is of the age of
25 years, and a resident of Los Angeles

County of Los Angeles, State of California, and the said Joe A. Littlefield
being further sworn, deposes and says that his name is
Joe A. Littlefield that he is a native of Maine
that he is of the age of 25 years, and a resident of
Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
5 day of

May A. D. 1874
J. W. Bell clerk.
By W. C. H. H. H. Deputy Clerk.

James A. Littlefield

Charlotte Cook (born in Texas in 1856; died in New Mexico on May 4, 1921) was the first-born child of Jefferson Madison Cook and his second wife Lucinda Moore Fox Reynard Cook [18]. Jefferson Cook and family had moved from Texas to Milguatay (Guatay) in San Diego County in 1867. The Cooks then moved to the Los Nietos Township (Downey) in Los Angeles County, and then moved onto Palomar Mountain at what is now called Jeff Valley in 1877 [18].

The Cooks were living in the Los Nietos Township at the time of Charlotte Cook's 1874 marriage to James A. Littlefield. Along with Jefferson and Lucinda Cook's move from Los Nietos Township to Palomar Mountain, some of their children moved to Palomar as well, including George Washington Cook, Hiram Madson Cook, Thomas Jefferson Cook, Susan Cook, Ida Bell Cook and Beulah Mae Cook [18].

The San Diego Union published on July 28, 1883 [14]:

Capture of a Noted Horse Thief

The Los Angeles Express says: Deputy Sheriff George Gard brought in on Sunday from Tehachepi a man named **James A. Littlefield**, who is wanted in several portions of this southern country for stealing horses. It seems that the fellow is an adept in the art. He is accused of stealing two horses, on different occasions, in San Diego county. He is wanted in San Bernardino county for a similar offense. At Bakersfield his presence is desired on like charges and in this county, he distinguished himself as a clever appropriator of other people's property. Two fine horses were lost in May last and Littlefield is supposed to be the one responsible for their disappearance. Then a horse was stolen near Spadra in the same month and the theft was laid at the same individual's door. Finally on the night of July 4th, Mr. Dodge, of Artesia, had a fine race horse stolen from him. The animal was taken to Newhall and there sold for \$25 to a Mr. Tracy. With the money thus obtained Littlefield engaged in the seductive game of "draw" and lost his all. That night he stole the horse again and proceeded on his way. Since then Deputy Sheriff Gard, who was detailed too find him, has been arranging for his capture. He sent word in every direction to arrest Littlefield, giving full descriptions of the man. Finally he got a clue that the horse thief was traveling in the direction of Tehachepi, and sending word ahead, was rewarded on Saturday evening by the receipt of a telegram from Deputy Sheriff Taylor, of Kern county, stating that a man answering Littlefield's description had been arrested there. Mr. Gard went up at once and brought down his prisoner yesterday morning, when he lodged him in jail. **The accused, after the manner of men of his class, bears a number of aliases**, Hughes and Allen being his most popular ones. He seems to be a very clever fellow, and boasts of having talked with a country deputy sheriff, made him tell him who he was looking for and gave the limb of the law the slip without the latter's suspecting with whom he had been conversing.

Register and Descriptive List of Convicts under

Sentence of Imprisonment in the State Prison of California.

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NAME OF CONVICT.	NATIVITY.	CRIME.	WHEN RECEIVED.			TERM OF SENTENCE.	
			Month.	Day.	Year.	Years.	Mo.
Serafin Borjag 11/14/84	Cherco	Atk to murder	July.	30	1883	5	-
Henry Stuard 10/11/84	Massachusetts	Burglary	"	30	"	10	
Arthur Brown 10/11/84	Ireland	Rob. Larceny 2 nd deg.	"	30	"	5	
Nicola Rossini 10/11/84	Italy	Murder 1 st deg.	"	30	"	Lifer	
William Green 10/11/84	Switzerland	Grand Larceny	August	2	"	2	6
Thos. Harris 10/11/84	Maine	Grand Larceny	"	2	"	2	
Joe A. Littlefield 10/11/84	Maine	Grand Larceny 2 nd deg.	"	4	"	6	

COUNT SENT FROM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	HEIGHT.	COMPLEXION.	COLOR OF EYES.	COLOR OF HAIR.	REMARKS.
			Feet.	Inches.			
San Francisco 29	Convict	5 5 1/2	Florida	Gray	dark	Conditionally Paroled	by Governor Horeau and released 1886.
San Francisco 30	Walter	5 5 1/2	Florida	Blue	Brown	Remained 14	Prison May 1886
San Francisco 65	Labret	5 6 1/2	Florida	Blue	Gray	Discharged February	28th, 1887
San Francisco 33	Farmer	5 6 1/2	Sallow	Brown	Black	Released Dec 31, 1881	Committed & Discharged Nov 1881
San Francisco 27	Walter	5 3 1/2	Light	Gray	Light	Discharged Aug 1, 1885	
San Francisco 35	Labret	5 9	Light	Gray	Brown	Discharged April 2, 1885	
San Francisco 34	Bricklayer	5 7 1/2	Florida	Gray	Sandy	Discharged Oct. 11, 1887	

James A. Littlefield, born in Maine, age 37 (making his birth year 1849 which agrees with his marriage document), occupation bricklayer, started serving a prison term at San Quentin on August 4, 1883. Littlefield left San Quentin prison on October 4, 1887, after serving several years for grand larceny [15].

WAS JOSEPH R. BARKER AN ALIAS USED BY JAMES A. LITTLEFIELD?

The July 1883 San Diego Union news story above states that James A. Littlefield used multiple aliases, so perhaps Joseph R. Barker was an alias for James A. Littlefield [14].

After prison, James A. Littlefield, 56 years old, born in Maine, was registered to vote in Vacaville, on August 27, 1894 (with an 1849 birth year, he would have been 43 years old). Vacaville is about fifty miles from the San Quentin prison. An article on a gold strike in the Death Valley area published in the San Bernardino Daily Times-Index on August 1, 1904, mentions a gold prospector James Littlefield getting lost, running out of water and food, and nearly dying [17].

Further information on James A. Littlefield seems unavailable.

After Charlotte Cook's marriage to James A. Littlefield, she married W.R. Evans at some point.

Charlotte Cook was living in Yuma, Arizona when she contracted uterine carcinoma or endometrial cancer in 1918. Charlotte Cook died in Garfield, New Mexico on May 4, 1921, and is buried in Rincon, New Mexico.

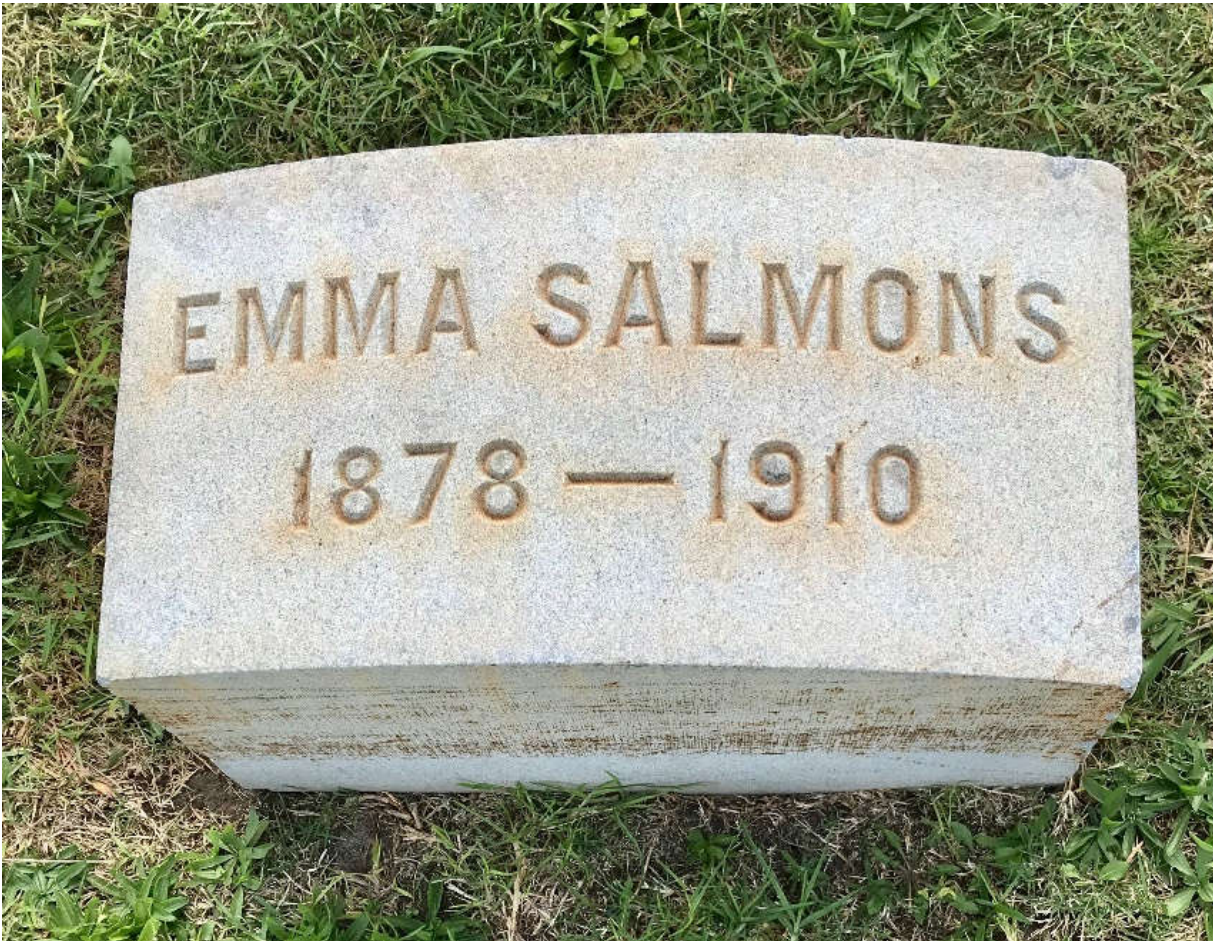
There is scant information on W.R. Evans. The 1885 New Mexico territorial census lists W.R. Evans, age 22, single, bartender, born in Scotland about 1863, and living in Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

W.R. Evans survived Charlotte Cook's death in 1921.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PAINTLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be fully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS and state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH			
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
1 PLACE OF DEATH County <u>DONA ANA</u> State <u>New Mex</u> Registered No. <u>85</u>		01578	
Township _____ or Village <u>Garfield</u> or			
City _____ no. _____ St. _____ Ward _____			
2 FULL NAME <u>Charlotte Owens</u> (If death occurred in hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)			
(a) Residence. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____		(If nonresident give city or town and state)	
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. <u>7</u> mos. <u>3</u> ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Married</u>	
5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of _____ (or) WIFE of <u>W. R. Evans</u>			
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)			
7 AGE <u>64</u> years	<u>2</u> Months	<u>5</u> Days	If LESS than 1 day—hrs. _____ min.
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Housewife</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____ (c) Name of employer _____			
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Burleson County Tex</u>			
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Jefferson Cook</u>			
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) <u>Tennessee</u>			
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Lucinda Anderson</u>			
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) <u>Illinois</u>			
14 Informant (Address) <u>W. R. Evans</u> <u>Garfield, N. Mex.</u>			
15 Filed <u>May 4, 1921</u> <u>L. J. Elliott</u> REGISTRAR			
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>May 4, 1921</u>			
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Mar. 20</u> , 19 <u>21</u> , to <u>May 4</u> , 19 <u>21</u> , that I last saw him alive on <u>Mar. 6</u> , 19 <u>21</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>2</u> P. M.			
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Carcinoma of Uterus</u> <u>46</u> <u>about</u> (duration) <u>2</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.			
CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.			
18 Where was disease contracted <u>Yuma, Ariz.</u> if not at place of death? <u>No</u> Date of _____			
Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u>			
Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>			
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ (Signed) <u>S. C. Williamson</u> M. D. , 19 _____ (Address) <u>Rincon, N. M.</u>			
*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)			
19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>Cemetery Rincon N. Mex.</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>May 4, 1921</u>	
20 UNDERTAKER <u>T. E. Bonarbone</u>		ADDRESS <u>Rincon</u>	



Emma Salmons is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in San Diego.

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