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Subject: [CAMARIPO] REA, Andrew Jan. 14, 1882 Mariposa Gazette (submitted by W. Disbro)

Suicide of Andrew REA.

Andrew REA, who was well known here, took his departure for the Spirit Land on Wednesday or Thursday of last week. He had been employed at Princeton a short time, and was evidently intending to take up his residence again at the Oak Spring House, where he had formerly lived and kept a bar. On the way from Princeton he called at FORAN's, stating that he was going to Mariposa. He must have stopped for the night at the Oak Spring House which was unoccupied, and the same night have committed the fatal act. He had probably lain there from Wednesday night until the following Monday forenoon, when he was discovered by Mr. NEWMAN, the assessor, who first brought the news to town, when a inquest was called. When found, he was stretched out on the floor, with a pistol by his side from which it appeared he had shot himself, the ball entering the forehead so low that it passed under the brain, which must have caused a protracted and painful death. The deceased was a native of Scotland, 67 years of age, and being in very limited circumstances and quite feeble, and feeling sensitive to his impoverished and helpless condition, he no doubt deliberately took his own life. He formerly lived at Whitlock's where he mined, kept store, and at one time held the office of Justice of the Peace for this township. The following is the report of a coroner's jury, summoned to inquire into the cause of the suicide: Mariposa, Cal., Jan. 9, 1882.

To G.W. TEMPLE, J.P., and acting Coroner, in and for the County of Mariposa, State of California:

We, the jury duly selected and sworn to inquire into the death of Andrew REA, after carefully examining the body of the deceased and hearing the evidence of witnesses, find as fallows, to wit: That the deceased was named Andrew REA, a native of Scotland, of the age of 60 years or thereabouts; that he came to his death on or about the evening of Wednesday, January 3d, 1882, at what is known as the Oak Spring House, in the county of Mariposa, State of California; that his death was produced by a shot inflicted by a six shooter in the hands of said

deceased, and that he fired the shot with the intent to take his own

life.

Wm. F. COFFMAN, foreman

Fred. SCHLAGETER, A. W. JOSSELYN,

H. SCHLAGETER, J. P. CLIFT,

Robert WILLIAMS, J. W. CAVNOR,

C. E. FARNSWORTH, J. J. MULLERY,

D. P. ALLEN.