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WILSON BROUGHER

## IN MEMORIAM

WILSON BROUGHER, 1854-1922

Life member of the Nevada Historical Society.

When Wilson Brougher died at his home in Oakland, California, on May 14, 1922, the news of his death brought great sorrow to his friends in Nevada.

A sturdy pioneer, of more than half a century, he had for long years given a helping hand to assist in whatever stood for the good and betterment of this State.

He was born in Pennsylvania, July 19, 1854, receiving his education in the public schools of Iowa; coming to Nevada when he was twenty-one and beginning his career in Nye County.

Having a strong personality he was soon elected Sheriff. He also served twelve years as County Recorder. Later, coming to live at Carson City, he was elected State Senator from that district.

From the first discovery of Tonopah he became associated with Jim Butler in the development of that famous camp and realized a fortune from his interests.

Although living in recent years in California, he has always kept a home in Carson City, and never lost his interest in the development and growth of this State. Large holdings of agricultural lands in Pahrump Valley have been developed because he installed the first pumping plant, thus demonstrating that arid and unprofitable country could be made to become rich and fertile gardens.

Mr. Brougher became a life member of the Historical Society in 1909. At the time of his death he was a committee member for Ormsby County. A widow, a son, and two daughters survive him.