

**BOULDER BAR CEMETERY  
(DIAMOND CITY CEMETERY)  
CONFEDERATE GULCH  
BROADWATER COUNTY  
MONTANA  
JULY 2011**

This *inactive* cemetery is located in Broadwater County, Township 10 North, Range 2 East, Section 25. The cemetery is on *private property*. It served Diamond City and Confederate Gulch and is located 3.1 miles up Confederate Gulch in the Big Belt Mountains. It is not visible from the road as it is about 500 yards to the right of the road and on top of a steep cliff. It is enclosed by a fence. According to records, there could be 65 people buried here. The owner of the land was contacted in August 2001 but access to the property was not granted.

The cemetery is known by several names, Diamond City Cemetery, Graveyard Bar Cemetery, Boulder Bar Cemetery, and Confederate Gulch Cemetery.

**Rocky Mountain Husbandman**, (published weekly in Diamond City, Montana Territory, R. M. Sutherlin, Editor) 11/25/1875, page 3:

“It is customary in commencing the publication of a new paper, or setting up in a new town, to write up a full history of the business of the place in which it is published. It is a duty that an editor feels he owes his advertising patrons, who have come forward with that kind and substantial assurance of their appreciation of his efforts that never fails to give pleasure, to his many subscribers scattered broad over the land, and to his friends in a distant country – to give an account of home be it little or great. With us the task is a short one, and we hasten to perform it. When our paper reaches our exchanges and patrons in the great cities and they read the date line, they may imagine that Diamond is a beautiful little rural city about one-half or one-fourth the size of their own. Perhaps, they may locate it in some fertile valley – a city of commercial importance, with gilded roofs and shady streets, and great church edifices, like their own, pointing their fingers to Heaven. But when they turn through this little sheet and see the amount of advertising done, they can form a more correct conclusion as to our business importance.

“Diamond is a mining town, and was founded in 1864. At one time it was the liveliest camp in all Montana. The mines were the richest ever found in North America. Of the hundreds who thronged our streets in those days, a few remain making it still profitable to mine, some are scattered around in other mines throughout the country, many have gone to farming or stock raising, many to other parts of the world, and not a few have crossed into eternity. We claim no metropolitan honors for Diamond. “The days of her glory are as if they had never been.” Pent up in a narrow canyon, frowned down upon by lofty mountains, we have but little room, even if we felt so inclined, on which to build a city, yet we are centrally located in the midst and within easy access of one of the most productive agricultural and one of the best pastoral districts known in the great West. We are not here to build a city or wage a sectional war for the interest of any small geographical boundary. But we are here to remain until we are ready to leave, and the whole country is our field.

“Mr. T. F. Collins, our efficient County Clerk, whose law card will be seen elsewhere, is an old citizen of Diamond and one thoroughly identified with the country. His business capacity is well established. We take pleasure in assuring the public that matters entrusted to his care will have prompt and careful attention.

“W. F. Haase, whose advertisement will be found in another column, a merchant of established integrity, and a polite and obliging Post Master, keeps always on hand a good supply of the best quality of goods in his line.

“Cloudy Kroft, of the People’s Market, is a butcher has not an equal in the country. He is neat and expert, supplying his customers at all times with the choicest cuts.

“Diamond has a Masonic and a Good Templars lodge, both of which have a good membership and are well established, being on a firm financial basis. These bodies have large and comfortable buildings and are among the most permanent of our institutions.

“We have, also, a public school, under the supervision of our County Superintendent, C. S. Kelly.

“Our mines, though not fabulous, as in former days, yield a good return for labor, and a more sober and industrious lot of miners is not to be found anywhere.

“Taken altogether, our community average intellectually with any other part of the world. Religiously, they are under par, but morally and socially they have no superior. They feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and administer unto those who suffer. So free and hospitable are they, that ours may be justly called a Samaritan village.”

**Helena Independent**, 6/19/1877, page 3:

“WAYSIDE NOTES. By Our Traveling Correspondent. Thos. Nield of Missouri Valley has erected during the year a neat new frame residence. Taking in Sullivan’s, Gurnett’s, Rosenbaum’s, Pickering’s, Puett’s and Winston’s ranches, I arrived at the Diamond City Hotel, recently leased from G. A. Hampton by T. Quinlan, who assisted by Mrs. Q. and her sister is keeping a good house. The tables are liberally supplied and the rooms elegantly furnished. The house is doing a fine business.

“Messrs. L. Marks, W. Haas and Jonas Higgins, old merchants, are still in business. Wm. Douglass’ billiard saloon is running. Ramspeck’s brewery is about closing. S. Allen’s barber shop survives. Ed Brassey is about closing an eight months term of school, having twenty-four pupils enrolled. Dr. Finch recently resigned the county superintendency of schools, and leaves in a few days for the Old Dominion. C. W. Sutton was appointed to succeed him, and he or his deputy, T. C. Collins, County Clerk, can always be found at the county seat ready to attend to business. J. Laney, the popular livery stable man, is the owner of the celebrated stallion John Morgan. He is a dark chestnut, 16 ½ hands high, weighs 1,335 pounds, is gentle as a lamb and a perfect beauty. His owner has walked him over the Diamond and Baker road, 18 miles, in three hours. Good judges pronounce him equal to the best thoroughbreds in appearance, build, and action and some of his colts now three years old are hard to beat. Capt. Logan drives a span to the Missoula post. The horse can be found at Diamond or Baker, rates \$10 and \$20. Laney intends to give John Morgan and one of his colts, Longfellow, an airing at the next Fair.

“MINING. James Grubb & Co. are pushing hard on their quartz mines at the head of Montana, having succeeded in proving them good. The placers are favorably reported of. Reilly, Quinlan & Co., cleaned up for winter’s work \$1,600 to the share. Comansky & Welsh, in Eldorado, are doing well, Nanno’s flume is running in the gulch. Sullivan, Gillian, Conner, Smith, Hampton, Forden, Penny, Vance, Watson, Powers,

Malony, Manly and other individual and companies report favorable results from gulch and bar diggings. Bull, Barnes & Co. are running the Giant in the hill north of town. Prospects promise a better yield of gold than last year. Murnell is farming on Eldorado Bar.

“Jimmy Mayne, Assessor, reports 25,000 head of sheep in Smith River Valley; common blood assessed at \$3, and one flock of thoroughbreds at \$20 per head.

“One small herd of Jersey cattle belonging to Lewis were assessed at \$100 per head. Value of stock above the canon, \$300,000.

“The *Husbandman* is one of the prominent institutions of Diamond.

“Thinking to hasten my work, I accepted an invitation from Mr. David Marks to walk over the trail to White’s. The trip afforded us plenty of exercise for two hours each way. The mountain is so high and the road so steep that one mile an hour is considered good time. Finding White’s flourishing like a Green Bay horse, I returned with “Dave,” and the next day drove around the mountain and tarried for the night with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Welcher, who keep a good house and know how to make it pleasant for guests.

“Curt and Ike Harrington are running their hydraulic, having made one good clean-up. Ed Keene is working on the bar below. Frazier & Bristol, Stevens & Henrichs and Myers & Embury are drifting in the gulch. Dennis & Lawler are drifting in the gulch. Dennis & Lawler are drifting on the right fork in the side of the mountain about 100 feet above the creek. All these mines are reported as paying from \$6 to \$20 a day to the hand.

“MAILS. About 35 men are in the camp, and a good many others get their mail here when they have a mail, but White’s somehow got swindled out of service when the Carroll route was discontinued.

“The mail from Helena is carried by Clark’s stage line to Diamond, where Ford’s stages connect and carry it to Baker and the White Sulphur Springs, kept by H. B. Brainard. J. H. Welcher is the postmaster at White’s, but being off the main road the nearest office is Canyon Ferry, 15 miles distant. The people here desire mail service and should have it. I think a contract can be let for weekly service at not to exceed \$150 annually. Will not our Delegate look a “little out” and secure this service at once?

“White’s Gulch contains a natural ice house. Some years ago a short drift was run in the foot of the mountain back of James McCabe’s house, and a space excavated large enough for a cellar. Now the floor is a solid sheet of ice, and during the hottest days of August pendent masses of ice hang from the ceiling. It is said that at any time of summer a basin of water allowed to stand inside will quickly freeze over. S. [Sutherland]”

**Helena Independent, 3/19/1881:**

“The county commissioners at their session last week made an order for the removal of the county records at Diamond City to White Sulphur Springs, the new county seat. The removal is to take place on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 1881. The jury was drawn and the sheriff ordered to summons the jury to assemble at the Springs. – *Husbandman*.”

“Many of the tombstones that were at one time in the Graveyard Bar were made by Thomas Howell, at one time associated with T. N. Averill. Mr. Howell was an able craftsman in wood. The fence around Mrs. Spiegel’s grave was constructed by a man named Al Yerdun who once boarded with Mrs. Spiegel and tended her grave until his death in the 1920’s.” Cemetery book at the Broadwater Museum in Townsend, Montana, page 43. Mrs. Spiegel’s original wooden tombstone is housed in the Broadwater County Museum, Townsend, Montana.

“Confederate Gulch is fifteen miles from Townsend by a dirt road. Confederate soldiers captured in Civil War battles near Lexington, Missouri, were banished up the Missouri River by the Union commander. Two of the exiles, Washington Baker and Pomp Dennis, came from Fort Benton in the fall of 1864, prospecting as they went, toward Last Chance Gulch (Helena). In this Confederate Gulch, which is part of the Big Belt Mountains, they made a strike and prospectors began to pour in. Montana Bar and Diamond City were two of the richest areas in the Gulch -- an estimated \$15 million worth of gold was taken out before 1870. Nothing is left now except a few mounds of earth which indicate where the buildings were.” Roberta Carkeek Cheney, *Names on the Face of Montana, The Story of Montana's Place Names*, Mountain Press Publishing Company, Missoula, 1983.

“Diamond City began with the discovery of gold there December 3, 1864, by four ex-Confederate soldiers. It grew to a peak population of 5,000 in 1867. By 1880 most of the gold and the people were gone. A booming mining camp in Confederate Gulch, it was one of the state's richest gold strikes, located in the range of mountains that separates Broadwater and Meagher counties. Now a ghost town fifteen miles from Townsend, only mounds of earth show where the log cabins were. William Meek was postmaster when the office opened in 1867. It was active through December 1908 and then again for a few months in 1909. Mockel says that Diamond City was named for the pattern of the trails in the snow that joined the four claims in the narrow gulch. It was known as the wealthiest, gayest, and toughest place in Montana.” Roberta Carkeek Cheney, *Names on the Face of Montana, The Story of Montana's Place Names*, Mountain Press Publishing Company, Missoula, 1983.

#### **Missouri Valley Mission Became Parish in 1900** (The Register, August 3, 1941, Section 3, Page 11)

“Townsend. – (Holy Cross Parish) – On July 16, 1900, the Missouri valley mission became a parish, and the Rev. Francis O’Farrell was appointed its first pastor, with residence in Townsend. In his able pastorate of six years, he built Holy Cross church at Townsend and improved St. Joseph’s church at Canton by the addition of the tower. Father Arts succeeded Father O’Farrell in October, 1906. He resigned in August, 1916, after ten years of faithful service. Since September of that year the present incumbent, the Rev. S. J. Sullivan, has been in charge.

“But long before the appointment of a resident priest to Townsend, the district was attended by missionary priest. The first recorded visit of a priest to the White inhabitants of this valley was made by Father Kuppens in the fall of 1865. It was a hurried trip from St. Peter’s mission to Diamond City. In the spring of 1865, Father Kuppens spent some time in Helena, where he discussed the selection of a site for a church in that city. He then started on his missionary rounds and in the fall of the same year, 1865, he went back to Sun River, **but scarcely had he returned to St. Peter’s mission when he received an urgent summons from Diamond City. He made the journey on horseback in a day and a half, arriving in time to administer the Last Sacraments to a dying girl, the daughter of Michael Sullivan.** He remained in Diamond City until Sunday to give the miners an opportunity of hearing Mass. The same day he started on his homeward journey, stopping that night in the home of Henry Whaley at Cave Gulch. He said Mass there the next morning.”

See St. Joseph’s Cemetery (Canton) file for the story of *Missouri Valley Mission Became Parish in 1900*, The (Catholic) Register, August 3, 1941, Section 3, Page 11 and 12.

NAME	T	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	REMARKS
Barnes, Olive M.		1838	1877/06/03	39y15d	<p>1860 Census, Township 4, Tuolumne, California H. H. Barnes, age 25 O. M. Barnes, age 22</p> <p>1870 Census, Diamond, Meagher County, Montana Territory H. H. Barnes, age 35, born Maine</p> <p>“It is with feelings of regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Olive M. Barnes, wife of H.H. Barnes, whose arrival here was only announced in our last issue. Mrs. Barnes was born in Rockville, Maine, was married in September, 1857, and accompanied her husband the same year to California, where they lived happily together for eight years, when she returned to visit the home friends in Maine, and he came north to try his luck in the gold fields of Montana. She has been desirous of returning to her husband for some years, but it was not until this spring that she accomplished her purpose. Owing to the feeble state of her health the long journey proved too much for her, and although every kindness was rendered her by the ladies of town, who did all they could to make her comfortable, human skill and care were unavailing. After assuring her husband that the few days spent in his society fully compensated her for all the pain she had endured in the long journey, she passed peacefully and quietly away, as if lying down to pleasant dreams.” (<i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 6/7/1877)</p> <p>“Died. In this city, Sunday morning, June 3, Olive M., wife of H. H. Barnes, aged 39 years and 15 days. California and Maine papers please copy.” (<i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 6/7/1877)</p> <p>1880 Census, Diamond City, Meagher County, Montana Hanson Barnes, age 43, born Maine, gold miner, widower David Rankin, age 35</p>

					<p>Hanson H. Barnes married Alice S. Nichols on December 21, 1884 in Meagher County, Montana.</p> <p>1900 Census, Township 4, Tuolumne, California Henry [Hanson] H. Barnes, age 68, born June 1837 in Maine, married for 15 years Alice Barnes, age 52</p> <p>Hanson H. Barnes is written up in <i>Progressive Men of Montana</i>, page 1144. “. . . he mined in Boise basin with varying success until 1865 and then came to Diamond City, in Montana, where he resided until 1881. There his wife died in 1877. There also he was clerk of the court of Meagher county for a long time; and when the county seat was moved to White Sulphur Springs, his official duties caused him to remove thither. . . .”</p> <p>Hanson H. Barnes died on January 10, 1901 in White Sulphur Springs, Montana and is buried in the Mayne Cemetery, Masonic Section, Plot 2, Row 5, Number 7.</p>
Buckingham, Emily (Nissis)		1851	1892	41	<p>Emily was born in England. She married Abraham John Buckingham* in 1880 in Corinne, Box Elder County, Utah. She was the first wife of Abraham. They had the following children, Mabel born June 1881, Rose born June 1883, Ethel M. born November 1884, John born February 1886, Bertha M. born September 1887, Joseph born November 1889, and Thomas born June 1891. All the children were born in Montana.</p>
Buckingham, Grace (Penna)		1851/08	1903/06/07	53	<p>Grace was born in England, the daughter of Sampson and Mary Ann (Jacha) Penna. She was the second wife of Abraham John Buckingham.* They were married in Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana on August 26, 1893.</p> <p>1900 Census, Diamond, Broadwater County, Montana: Abraham Buckingham, age 48, born July 1851 in England</p>

					Grace Buckingham, age 48 Mabel Buckingham, age 18 Rosa Buckingham, age 16 Ethel M. Buckingham, age 15 John Buckingham, age 14 Bertha Buckingham, age 12 Joseph Buckingham, age 10 Thomas Buckingham, age 8
Buckingham, John		1827	1899/06/25	72	1870 Census, Diamond, Meagher County, Montana Territory: John Buckingham, age 44, born England, miner  1880 Census, Confederate Gulch, Meagher County, Montana: John Buckingham, age 58 born England, single, gold and silver miner.
Christie, John	x	1897/03/30	1898/03/21	1	John was the son of George and Victorine (Ogier) Christie. They had the following children: George H., born July 1887 in Idaho Edith A., born September 1889 in Idaho John N., born 1897 in Montana Minnie, born 1894 in Montana They had six children in all, but by 1910, only two were living.  <b>John's stone was moved to the Fairview Cemetery but the body was not. George and Victorine are buried in Fairview Cemetery.</b>
Christie, Minnie	x	1894/12/12	1899/05/24	5	Minnie was the daughter of George and Victorine (Ogier) Christie. They had the following children: George H., born July 1887 in Idaho Edith A., born September 1889 in Idaho John N., born 1897 in Montana Minnie, born 1894 in Montana They had six children in all, but by 1910, only two were living.  On May 25, 1899, George Christie of Diamond City, purchased from Herrmann & Co. the following: one 4/0 #0 gloss white case and outside

					<p>box \$19.00, girl's wrapper \$2.50, night gown and stockings \$.75, preparing body and fluid \$3.00, total \$25.25.</p> <p><b>Minnie's stone was moved to the Fairview Cemetery but the body was not. George and Victorine are buried in Fairview Cemetery.</b></p>
Cooper, Thomas	x	1823	1886/02/06	63	<p>1880 Census, Confederate Gulch, Meagher County, Montana:  Thomas Cooper, age 55, born Maine, single, gold miner, father and mother born Maine  John Vogle, age 52  Lewis Benedich, age 43</p> <p>“Fatal Accident in Lower Confederate Gulch. Thomas Cooper, aged 61, a miner in Confederate gulch and tributary mines since 1865, was killed by a cave last Saturday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, while drifting in Bright, George &amp; Seibrecht's placer claim at Hangtown, in Confederate gulch. It appears that the deceased and Seibrecht were running a 14-foot breast adjacent to the drain, and Wm. George was running the car. The cave came unexpectedly, of course, and George was so near the shaft that he made his escape without further injury than a heavy bump on the head. He ascended the shaft by the ladder and informed Charlie Bright, who was attending the horse whim, that the boys were caved on, and to go below while he procured lights. Mr. Bright descended at once, but could do nothing until a light came, which was soon brought. Mr. George then went for help, while Mr. Bright examined the situation. He first found the body of Tom Cooper, with the last spark of life already gone, his head encased between a large boulder and the center post, and mashed past recognition. He could hear Seibrecht moaning in the front of the drift, but could not reach him from that way. He ascended the hoisting shaft and went down the next one into the drain, and was able to work a small hole into where Seibrecht was confined. He found him alive and apparently not seriously hurt, but in momentary danger of death from further caves. He got hold of his body and tried to pull him out, but the combined strength of both was insufficient to release a hand held fast by</p>



					<p>the cave. Mr. Bright then went to work and rolled in a boulder beneath the cap crowding upon Seibrecht, and made everything secure against further serious harm from that source; put a light inside that Seibrecht might assure himself that he was safe, and gave him water. He then got the necessary tools, etc., together and by this time help began to arrive from Diamond and all along the gulch. Only a limited number of men could work, however, and it was not until 9 o'clock that the imprisoned man was released. His injuries are slight to what was expected, consisting of heavy bruises and severe strains upon the muscular and nervous systems, but no bones broken. Other parties, in the meantime, had extricated the corpse, hoisted the same to the surface, and laid it out in the cabin he had so lately left in the still full vigor of manhood. Charlie Bright and Charlie Barker came to Townsend on Sunday and procured a coffin, and on Monday the remains were laid at rest in the Diamond cemetery. Mr. Cooper was one of those old-time miners whose manly qualities and honorable life brought respect to him while living and carries sincere regret at his loss." <i>Townsend Tranchant</i>, 2/10/1886, page 5</p> <p>His tombstone has an anchor symbol, and is inscribed "In memory of Thos. Cooper, native of Maine, died Feb. 6, 1886, aged 63 years."</p>
Cunningham, Andrew		1824	1877/02/11	53	<p>"Andrew Cunningham, an old resident of Confederate gulch, committed suicide last Sunday night. For some weeks past it had been noticed by his friends that he was losing his mind. Sunday he was in town most of the day, but seemed rather silent. In the evening Mr. Seibrich induced him to accompany him (Seibrich) to his home down the gulch, near Eldorado bar. After supper, Mr. Seibrich repaired to Mr. Maloney's cabin near by, and with Mr. Manley and others were engaged in a game of whist. On returning to his cabin, about an hour later, Mr. Seibrich found him suspended to one of the ridge-poles of the cabin. He had drawn a flour sack across the ridge-pole, to which was attached a belt which was fastened around his neck. Near by stood a trunk, from which he is supposed to have swung himself. A very slight pull of the body caused it</p>

					to fall, but life was extinct. The body was still warm, but the heart and pulse were still. Mr. C. was a hard working, industrious man. He lived alone in Boulder gulch. About two years since he had the misfortune to losing his hard earning, amounting to \$800, the money being stolen from his cabin. Of late he seemed to think that the perpetrators of the deed intended to hang him, and Sunday, he said, was the day they were to carry out their designs. The deceased was born and raised in Ireland. He listed a number of years in Fairview, Grant county, Wisconsin, where his family, consisting of a wife and one child, still reside. He came to Montana in 1863, and has been a resident of Confederate about nine years. Since being robbed, he does not seem to have prospered. He leaves no effects. The verdict of the Coroner's jury was in accordance with the facts as above stated." <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i> , 2/15/1877, page 3.
Davey, Baby					
Douglass, William		1840	1877/07/19	37	"A Sad Event. The Sudden and Unexpected Death of William Douglass. The death of Wm. Douglass, which occurred on Thursday last, was the most sad and distressing event which has ever transpired in our midst, and coming, as it did, so unexpectedly, is indeed appalling. The circumstances are briefly as follows: Mr. Douglass desired to have a couple of teeth pulled, but knowing that his teeth were unusually hard to extract, had not sufficient nerve to endure the operation. On Tuesday he drank considerable whisky, thinking it would fortify him sufficiently to have the work performed, but it seemed to have no effect. On Wednesday morning, notwithstanding the dentist, Dr. Lombard, desired him to bear it without attempting to take anything to deaden the senses, he procured a dose of opium from Dr. McDonald, which he took. This failing to affect him, he took another dose, making in all about five grains. This seemed rather to excite than allay his nervous temperament, and it was decided that he should be made drunk and the operation performed. Thirteen drinks were given him at intervals of two and a half minutes, when he sunk into a stupor, and the teeth, which were very large and firmly fixed, were drawn. No danger was anticipated during the afternoon, but in the night he seemed to be attacked by congestion, the

					<p>cold perspiration stood upon his face, and many expressed fear that he would not recover from the terrible dose of opium and whisky which he had taken. He continued in the stupor until about 5 a.m. Thursday, when he was aroused and put to bed. During the forenoon he dosed at intervals and conversed with the many friends who called, and at 2 p.m., when Dr. Lombard, who had finished his business in town, left, he was, thought not to be in any danger, and was apparently improving. Shortly after he was taken with cramps, and his agony became intense. He asked for something to put him to sleep, but his suffering was of short duration, death coming at about twenty minutes to three. The funeral, which took place on Friday afternoon, was largely attended. Mr. Douglass was a native of New York, his early days having been spent at Union Hill, near Rochester. He had not heard from his relatives for 17 years, and they may never learn his sad end. He was an old resident of Diamond, having lived in and about this camp since 1865; was a liberal and generous-hearted man and a valuable citizen, being always willing and ready to lend a helping hand and bear his share in any improvements suggested. He had many warm friends, who mourn his untimely end – cut down in the prime of life, and with apparently bright prospects of living out his allotted three score and ten years – and the manner of his death has cast a gloom over the entire community.” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 7/26/1877, page 3.</p>
Fortney, Newton		1839	1867/02/22	28	<p>1860 Census, Shinnston, Harrison County, Virginia:  John M. Fortney, farmer, born Virginia, age 53  Elizabeth A. Fortney, age 51  Jasper Fortney, age 22  Newton Fortney, age 21  Benjamin F. Fortney, age 20  Sarah E. Fortney, age 13</p> <p>1870 Census, Marmaton, Bourbon County, Kansas:  John Fortney, age 63, born West Virginia, farmer  Elizebeth N. Forney, age 61, born West Virginia, housekeeper</p>

					<p>Jasper Fortney, age 33, born Missouri, farmer          Bashel Fortney, age 29, female, born Missouri, at home, wife of Jasper          William F. Fortney, age 8, born Missouri, at home (born 1862)          Ellen M. Fortney, age 3, born Kansas, at home (born 1867)          Benjamin F. Fortney, age 30, born Missouri, farmer          Sarah E. Fortney, age 21, born Missouri, at home</p> <p>“Another Fatal Accident in a Shaft – Scarcely a week passes but we have the painful duty of recording loss of life by some accident in the shafts of the various surrounding mines, which accidents can scarcely be the result of any other cause than carelessness. On Thursday evening last, one of the Fortney brothers, (from Wisconsin,) engaged in drifting and sinking a shaft at the mouth of Montana Gulch, near Diamond City, was instantly killed by the falling of a bucket attached to the windlass and used in hauling up the gravel from the bottom of the shaft. We did not learn which of the brothers it was that had thus lost his life.” <i>Helena Herald Supplement</i>, 2/28/1867.</p> <p>“Killed. – Newton Fortney was killed in a shaft at the mouth of Montana Gulch, Meagher county, on the 22d inst., by a bucket falling on him while at work. The deceased was a young man, unmarried, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. – <i>Democrat. The Montana Post</i>, 3/2/1867, page 8.</p>
Gillen or Gillan, Patrick		1830	1892	62	<p>1870 Census, Diamond, Meagher County, Montana Territory:          Patrick Gillan, born about 1840, age 30, born Ireland</p> <p>1880 Census, Confederate Gulch, Meagher County, Montana:          Patrick Gillen, age 35, born Ireland, father and mother born Ireland, gold miner, single</p> <p>Helena, Montana Directories, 1889-1891:          Patrick Gillen, watchman</p>

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Gurnett, John T. (Johnny)		1859	1866/08/29 about	8	<p>1860 Census, Forest, Sarpy County, Nebraska Territory: Patrick Garnett, age 28, born Ireland, farmer \$400 real estate, \$250 personal estate Ellen D. Garnett, age 28, born Ireland John T. Garnett, age 1, born Nebraska</p> <p>1870 Census, Missouri Valley and South Deep Creek, Meagher County, Montana Territory: Patrick Gurnett, age 45, born Ireland Ellen L. Gurnett, age 41 Michael Gurnett, age 9 Bridget F. Gurnett, age 5 Luke Powers, born Ireland, age 21, farm laborer</p> <p>1880 Census, Missouri Valley, Meagher County, Montana: Patrick Gurnett, age 45, farmer, born Ireland Ellen Gurnett, age 40, born Ireland Michael Gurnett, age 20, born Nebraska Bridget F. Gurnett, age 16, born Nebraska Mary E. Gurnett, age 11, born Nebraska Patrick Gurnett Jr., age 9, born Montana Simon Cassels, hired hand Augustus Pool, hired hand</p> <p>Johnny was the son of Patrick and Ellen Gurnett.</p> <p>“Sad Casualty. – We are pained to learn that a little son (8 years old) of Mr. Gurnet was killed one day last week, 12 miles from Diamond City, in the Missouri Valley. The poor little fellow was holding a horse by the lariat, when the animal becoming frightened, the lariat fastened to an arm of the child, he was dragged about a mile, where he was found a mangled</p>

					corpse.” <i>Rocky Mountain Gazette</i> , 9/1/1866, page 3, column 1  Also, see page 40 Broadwater Bygones and the old cemetery book at the Broadwater County Museum in Townsend, Montana.
Higgins, Bethsheba	x	1814	1875/07/07	61	1850 Census, Benton, Lafayette County, Wisconsin: Jonas Higgins, age 34, born England Bethsheba Higgins, age 34, born England Mary J. Higgins, age 1 year Lovina A. Higgins, age 1 month  1860 Census, Hazel Green, Grant County, Wisconsin: Jonas Higgins, age 46, born in England Bethsheba Higgins, age 46, born England Mary J. Higgins, age 12, born Illinois Lavina Higgins, age 6, born Wisconsin William Higgins, age 3, born Wisconsin Samuel J. Higgins, age 9/12, born Wisconsin  1870 Census, Hazel Green, Grant County, Wisconsin: Bethsheba Higgins, age 56, born in England, \$9,000 real estate Sophie Higgins, age 16, born in Wisconsin William Higgins, age 14, born in Wisconsin Samuel Higgins, age 11, born in Wisconsin  She has a tombstone inscribed, “Sacred to the memory of Bethsheba Higgins, Born in England A.D. 1814, died on Diamond City July 7, 1875”
Hitchins, Samuel		1835	1879/05/06	44	“A serious accident occurred April 30 <sup>th</sup> on the claim of Buckingham & Hitchins in Confederate gulch about one and one-half miles above town, by which Samuel Hitchins received injuries from which he died May 6 <sup>th</sup> . The company was engaged in running a drain and were on the eve of tapping an old shaft, but thought the head of the drain about eight feet away, when in fact it was right at it. Mr. Hitchins was working in the

				<p>face of the drift when it suddenly burst in overwhelming and overpowering him instantly, and swept him with it down the drain. J. Y. Phillips, who was running the buggy, had gone down to the shaft 220 feet below, and had started on his return, when feeling the rush of air and hearing the water he at once ran to the shaft and up the ladder, and announced what had happened, then descended just in time to catch Mr. Hitchins as he came down the drain which had run nearly full of water. Mr. Hitchins was hoisted to the surface in an insensible condition, but soon recovered consciousness. His face and hands were bruised, but he seemed otherwise unhurt. A severe congestion immediately followed after which inflammation of the lungs set in, from which he died at 2 o'clock a.m. Tuesday morning last. He was about 44 years old; was born in Devonshire, England; removed to the state of Wisconsin with his father and mother in 1847; went to California in 1852 and in 1868 came to Montana, where he has since resided. He followed the vocation of mining, and was largely interested in operations in Confederate at the time of his death. He was an honesty, upright and honorable man, highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was buried yesterday with Masonic honors." <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 5/8/1879, page 3.</p> <p>"In Memoriam. At a regular communication of Diamond City lodge, No. 7., A.F. and A.M., held at their hall in Diamond City, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1879, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted: . . . Samuel Hitchens, who was a member of Diamond Loge No. 7, it becomes us to submit with reverence to Him . . . - More – Signed by Gilbert Ecker, David Marks, Thos. J. Fleming." <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 5/15/1879, page 3.</p>
Howard, Jack			1865/09	<p>"One morning last week, a man known by the name of Jack Howard, was found dangling from the limb of a tree, in town. His face was turned toward the east, and a paper was pinned upon one leg, bearing the significant inscription, 'Robber.' He was left hanging nearly all day." <i>The Montana Post</i>, 9/30/1865, page 3.</p>

					<p>“We learn that a man labeled, “Robber,” was found hanging, in Confederate, at the mouth of Montana Gulch, last week.” <i>The Montana Post</i>, 10/7/1865, page 3.</p> <p>“Helena Items. Sequel to the Vigilantes. – Some time ago, a candidate for hemp passed from this life, in a lively jig in middle air, at Confederate Gulch, and was duly interred to await the sound of the last trump. Ye “honest miner,” in search of the glittering metal, drifted under the spot where the sacred ashes reposed, when a cave in the ground brought him <i>viv a vis</i> [face to face] with the coffin of the peaceful sleeper. Whether from the heavy <i>downward</i> tendency of the corpse, or some other cause, the cave in the drift was occasioned, deponent saith not; but certain it is, that the miner was more scared than hurt.” <i>The Montana Post</i>, 11/4/1865, page 3.</p>
Kevishan, Thomas			1866/02/24		<p>“Fatal Accident. – Two men, Michael McDonnel and Thos. Kevishan, engaged in drifting in Confederate Gulch, at a depth of forty feet, and at a distance of seventy feet from the entrance, lost their lives by the caving in of their work. Only after twenty-four hours of ceaseless and energetic labor, were their lifeless bodies recovered.” <i>The Montana Post</i> (Virginia City, Montana Territory), 2/24/1866, page 3.</p>
Kinney, James		1839	1905/05/22	66	<p>1893, James Kinney, place of naturalization or date and place of declaration of intention to become a citizen, records of Clerk of Courts office, Fergus County, Lewistown, Montana.</p> <p>1900 Census, Belt, Meagher County, Montana: James Kinney, age 60, born November 1840 in Ireland</p> <p>“James Kinney, an old-timer of Diamond City, died a few days ago. He was found in the streets of that place a short distance from his cabin. There is no known cause of his death, though it is thought he died from some heart trouble of which he had been complaining lately. Mr. Kinney was well known in Meagher county, he having lived at Diamond City for over forty years. Thus one by one the old Diamondites are passing away.</p>



				<p>Soon there will be none to tell of the palmy days of old Diamond, where millions of gold dust were taken out by those sturdy pioneers.” <i>Meagher Republican</i>, White Sulphur Springs, 6/16/1905, page 3, column 1</p> <p>Matt Fordon, Andy Nieldson (Miners) and Prof. Allen dug Kinney’s grave.</p>
McDonnel, Michael			1866/02/24	<p>“Fatal Accident. – Two men, Michael McDonnel and Thos. Kevishan, engaged in drifting in Confederate Gulch, at a depth of forty feet, and at a distance of seventy feet from the entrance, lost their lives by the caving in of their work. Only after twenty-four hours of ceaseless and energetic labor, were their lifeless bodies recovered.” <i>The Montana Post</i> (Virginia City, Montana Territory), 2/24/1866, page 3.</p>
McDuff, Edward or Patrick Duffy			1866/12/21	<p>“Bar-Room Affray – Another Man Killed. – At 3 o’clock P.M., on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> inst., an affray took place in Johnson’s saloon, Diamond City, between John Gaffney and Patrick Duffy, in which the latter came to a violent and bloody death. An Angry dispute arising between the two men, (both of whom had been imbibing madman whisky.) Duffy assaulted Gaffney, stroking him a blow in the face. Gaffney instantly drew a revolver, and discharged the contents of four barrels into the head and breast of Duffy, killing him on the spot. The murderer was promptly arrested, brought to this city, and now lies in jail awaiting an examination.” <i>Helena Herald</i>, 12/27/1866, page 3.</p> <p>“Homicide. – We are again called upon to chronicle another of those fatal affrays which appear to be inseparable from a free indulgence of whisky combined with the pernicious practice of carrying deadly weapons. The affray occurred in Diamond City, at Johnson’s saloon, on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> inst., between two Irishmen named John Gaffney and Edward McDuff, and resulted in the almost instantaneous death of the latter. From what we can gather of the facts of the case, it appears that the present affray arose from a former difficulty between the parties, the particulars of which are as follows: Gaffney keeps the Idaho saloon, in Diamond City, in which gambling is also carried on, and some month or</p>

					<p>so ago McDuff entered the saloon, put his purse in the bar and drew out some checks to bet with. After the sitting, during which he lost some \$150, Gaffney went to weigh out the amount from the purse, when McDuff snatched it from him and ran off. The former had to pay the amount, and he issued a warrant for McDuff's arrest. Not wishing to press matters, it was settled without having recourse to law. Ever since that time McDuff has been overbearing in his manner toward Gaffney, who is represented as a quiet, inoffensive man. On Friday they had both been indulging in liquor, and happening to meet in Johnson's some words ensued between the parties, when McDuff slapped Gaffney in the face, upon which the latter drew his revolver and shot McDuff four times – once in the forehead, once in the chin, and other two shots taking effect in the body. The man fell and expired before any one could reach him. Gaffney was immediately arrested and brought before Justice Weston. He admitted the complaint, and the Justice committed him for trial at the next term of the District Court. The affray caused some excitement in Diamond City, but no attempt was made to rescue the criminal from the civil authority. Gaffney has a wife and family residing in Diamond. We were unable to learn whether the deceased had a family or not." <i>The Montana Post</i>, (Virginia City, Montana Territory), 12/29/1866, page 8.</p>
Megel, Jacob		1830	1878/01/25	48	<p>"Saturday evening last, as Jacob Zehntner and his brother were returning from their timber camp at the head of Blacktail gulch, they found the dead body of Jacob Megel, lying with his head resting on one arm, face downward in the snow. His hat was found upon a stump, from which it appeared that he had set down to rest, and, being seized by the death stroke, had pitched forward, and rolled over a few times, as if struggling. Mr. Megel left the head of Blacktail gulch with a load of spiling late on Friday afternoon, but had only proceeded about a mile and a half. His team had gone on but a short distance when they upset the wagon and could go no further. Deceased had been affected with something like heart disease for some time past, and was noticed panting for breath, and could not speak for some minutes, on the morning previous to his departure for the timber. He received a severe injury about a year ago</p>

					from an infuriated ox, which, in connection with his excessive use of strong drink, it is thought hastened his death. He was born in the Province of Loraine, joined the French army in early manhood, and served a campaign of thirteen years in Algiers. He came to the United States in 1864, lived first in Colorado – where he had a brother residing – in 1871 or 1872 came to Montana and farmed a short time on the East Gallatin, came to Diamond in 1873, where he has since lived. He was 48 years of age.” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i> , 1/31/1878, page 3.
Moore, Eleanor McDonald (Holliday) “Nannie”		1808/10/24	1868/11/16	60	<p>Eleanor was born October 24, 1808 at Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Richard Thompson Holliday and Nancy Anna (McDonald) Holliday. She married John Wesley Moore on November 30, 1837 in Shelby County, Missouri. They had the following children: Nancy H. Moore, born April 8, 1839 in Missouri, John T. Moore, born April 17, 1841 in Missouri, Perry James Moore, born May 8, 1844 in Missouri, Sanford Thornton Moore, born December 20, 1845 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Missouri, and Mary Cornelia Moore, born May 9, 1849. Eleanor died at Diamond City, Meagher County (now Broadwater County), Montana on November 16, 1868.</p> <p>Art Hall [now deceased] of Helena said that his grandmother, Nannie Moore, was buried in this cemetery. He said that some of his Moore relatives lived on the Musselshell.</p>
Morrill, N. F.			1867/03/24		“A miner named N. F. Morrill, died at Diamond City, on Sunday morning, 24 <sup>th</sup> ult., of disease of the lungs. Mr. M. had been engaged in mining for 15 years past; was formerly from Brownville, Maine, and emigrated to California in 1852, where he remained until 1858, when he went to British Columbia, leaving there in 1864 and going to Walla Walla and the Boise country. He commenced mining on Prickly Pear last spring, and was interested in the Idaho ditch near that stream. For the past five months he has resided in Diamond City. Mr. Morrill has been an extensive miner, and while in British Columbia was a member of a well known Company.” <i>Helena Herald Supplement</i> , 4/4/1867.
Piper, Infant Boy		1903/03/01	1903/03/12	11d	

Sheppard, Charles		1834	1877/05/12	43	<p>“Died. At this place, Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, of congestive chills, Charles Shepard. Mr. Shepard was a man who kept his own councils, and had but few intimate friends, consequently but little is known of his biography. He was about 43 years of age, was born in Sutton, Canada, and has lived in Kansas, and Colorado. He came to Montana in 1863, and has lived in this camp since 1869. He was buried with Masonic rites, a large concourse of citizens attending the funeral.” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 6/7/1877, page 3.</p>
Smith, Margaret (Shortley)	x	1840	1880/08/31	39y10m	<p>Native of Canada, wife of Robert. They were married on December 31, 1856 in Montreal, Canada. Her husband, Robert, Sr., and her son, Robert, Jr. are buried in the York Cemetery.</p> <p>“Mrs. Robert Smith, whose death we chronicle with regret this week, was an old resident of this county. She lived in Confederate during the early mining days. In latter years she removed to Eldorado bar after the excitement of Confederate had subsided, where she has since lived. She leaves a husband and large family of children and a large circle of warm-hearted friends to mourn her loss.” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 9/9/1880, page 3.</p> <p>“Died. August 31, 1880, at Diamond City, Margaret Smith, aged 39 years, wife of Robert Smith, of Eldorado Bar, in this county.  ‘Death is the port where all may refuge find,  The end of labor, entry unto rest;  Death hath the bounds of misery confined,  Whose sanctuary shrouds affliction best.’” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 9/9/1880, page 3.</p>
Snelling, Benjamin F.	x	1832	1870 after, 1880 before		<p>Benjamin was born in Lafayette, Missouri, the son of Vincent and Adelia (Tandy) Snelling. The family was living in Platt, Buchanan County, Missouri in 1840. Sometime after 1843 and before 1846, the family moved to Yamhill, Oregon Territory where they were living in 1850.</p> <p>By 1860, part of the family was living in Klickitat, Washington.</p>

					<p>In 1870, Benjamin was living in the Missouri Valley, Meagher County, Montana Territory along with his family, Emily Jane (Burnett), his wife, his children, George V. born 1856, Addie Lee born 1862, Albena born 1863, Sydnia A. born 1867, and Charles F. born 1870.</p> <p>By 1880, Emily and her children, George, Addie, Albena, and Charles had moved to McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon.</p>
Spiegel, Mary Ann (Fillman)	x	1837/08/03	1868/05/09	30y9m6d	<p>Mary Ann (Fillman) Busack (or Busick) Spiegel was born August 3, 1837 in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Christopher Busack was born at Mecklenburg, Lubeck, Deutschland, Volkszahlung in 1824. He filed his declaration of intent in 1855 at Polk County, Des Moines, Iowa. Mary Ann married Christopher Busack around 1856.</p> <p>In 1860, Christopher and Mary Ann Busack were living at Douglas, Polk County, Iowa along with their two daughters Emma Jane [born 6/17/1857 at Des Moines, Iowa, age 3] and Elizabeth Ellen [born 2/27/1859 at Omaha, Nebraska, age 1].</p> <p>Christopher and Mary Ann were divorced on July 7, 1866 in Polk County, Iowa.</p> <p>Mary Ann and her two daughters moved to Diamond City, Montana Territory. Mary Ann married Christian Spiegel sometime before she died on May 9, 1868. Mary Ann is buried in the Boulder Bar Cemetery near Diamond City, Montana.</p> <p>Christian Spiegel and his two step-daughters were living in Diamond City in 1870.</p> <p>See <i>The Bloody Bozeman</i> by Dorothy M. Johnson, page 80, and page 7</p>

					<p><i>Broadwater Bygones.</i></p> <p>In the Montana Post, 5/2/1868 page 2 there is some information about Christian Spiegel.</p> <p>Her original wooden carved tombstone has been moved to the Broadwater County Museum in Townsend and the grave is marked with a stone. Wife of Christian.</p>
Stone, Carrie E.		1837	1879/04/22	42	<p>“Died. At Diamond City, April 22, Carrie E., wife of Irvine Stone, of Smith river valley, aged 42 years. Illinois, Wisconsin and Oregon papers please copy.” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 4/24/1879, page 3.</p>
Sullivan, Florence “Flurry”		1845	1865/12	20	<p>Son of Michael and Honora, had a wood carved marker, dates provided by Pat Sharp of Great Falls, Montana, 406-452-4546, page 54 <i>Broadwater Bygones.</i></p>
Sullivan, Mary		1847	1865/12	18	<p>Daughter of Michael and Honora, had a wood carved marker, dates provided by Pat Sharp of Great Falls, Montana, 406-452-4546, page 54 <i>Broadwater Bygones.</i></p>
Tracy, James			1870/05/05		<p>“Two Men Shot in Diamond City – One Fatally. – A gentleman from Diamond City informs us that two men – James Tracy and Louis Johnson, both residents of that town – were shot Thursday morning while in a house of ill-fame, kept by Maggie Smith, for several years a notorious <i>nymph du pave</i> of Helena. Johnson and Tracy, it seems, as near as we can learn, were in this house together and got into a dispute about something which eventuated in a rough and tumble fight. During the melee some man unknown opened the front door and fired two shots from a revolver, one of them taking effect in Johnson’s leg and the other in Tracy’s abdomen, inflicting a serious, and it is believed, fatal wound. Johnson’s is a mere flesh wound and was not considered dangerous. He is a miner, and we are informed had a good claim in Confederate gulch, while Tracy was a butcher, employed by Ed. Lovelock. It is not fully known yet who did the shooting, though a man living in Diamond has been arrested on suspicion, and is now in custody to await his examination. We forbear giving his name until we have further</p>

					particulars. Tracy, who was shot in the abdomen, it is believed, is dead, as his wound was of such a nature that death would ensue within twenty-four hours. This was the opinion of the attending surgeon." <i>Helena Daily Herald</i> , 5/7/1870, page 3.
Unknown			1871/11		"Frozen to Death. – Mr. J.M. Buckingham, of Diamond City, informs us that a man (whose name is unknown) was found dead, on Monday morning last, about a half mile below Confederate gulch, at Puitt's ranch. When found, he was within twenty feet of a straw stack which, it is supposed, he was endeavoring to reach; but being completely overcome by the severe cold, sank down and died. An inquest was held on the body of deceased, and the verdict of the Coroner's Jury was in accordance with the above facts. The deceased had not been identified when Mr. Buckingham left Diamond, but is supposed to have been Mr. Tierney, of Cave gulch. He was a man small in stature, dark complexion, dark hair and eyes, and about forty years of age." <i>Helena Daily Herald</i> , 12/1/1871, page 3.
Unknown			1866/02		"Frozen to Death. – On the trail from Uncle Johnny's Gulch to Diamond City, an unfortunate man, whose name is unknown, was found frozen to death, a few days since." <i>The Montana Post</i> , Virginia City, Montana Territory, 2/24/1866
Unknown, Fanny's Baby	x	1866	1866/09/18	1m18d	Small white marble stone which is now in the Broadwater County Museum in Townsend.
Vogle, John	x	1823	1895/12/29	72	1880 Census, Confederate Gulch, Meagher County, Montana: John Vogle, age 52, born France, gold miner, father and mother born New York Thomas Cooper, age 55 Lewis Benedich, age 43
Watson, Stephen	x	1826/03/20	1879/06/20	53	1870 Census, Diamond, Meagher County, Montana Territory: Stephen Watson, age 45, born Pennsylvania  1880 Federal Census Mortality Schedule 1850-1885: Stephen Watson, male, white, single, born New York about 1828, age 52, month of death October, killed by caving of tunnel, Confederate Gulch,

					<p>Meagher County, Montana.</p> <p>“Stephen Watson, a ’49-er, and a miner in Diamond city since ’65, was caved in on last week and killed. He was working alone in his mine and as not missed for several days. Finally his friends became alarmed at his absence, search was instituted, and his body was found buried beneath the earth and timbers. He was a good citizen, honored and respected by all who knew him.” <i>Helena Weekly Herald</i>, 7/3/1879, page 8, column 2</p>
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The following is a list from the journal of Governor W. Vance (they called him Governor although he was not a Governor). Mr. Vance did not name the persons buried in Boulder Bar: William H. Vance died on November 15, 1899, age 62, buried in Forestvale Cemetery. (See Herrmann & Co. records.)

- 14 women died of sickness
- 17 men died of sickness
- 14 men killed by accident
- 3 suicides
- 6 men shot to death
- 1 man froze to death
- 1 man killed by pick
- 1 man delirium tremens
- 1 man killed by Indians
- 7 children
- 1 woman buried elsewhere
- 3 white man buried elsewhere
- 1 Chinaman buried elsewhere

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\***Abraham John Buckingham** was born on May 4, 1851 at East Newlyn, Cornwall, England, the son of Abraham and Martha Buckingham.

According to Marvin Knock ([marvin@knock.com](mailto:marvin@knock.com)), Abraham married Emily Nissis in 1880 in Corinne, Box Elder County, Utah. They had the following children, Mabel born June 1881, Rose born June 1883, Ethel M. born November 1884, John born February 1886, Bertha M. born September 1887, Joseph born November 1889, and Thomas born June 1891. All the children were born in Montana.

Emily died at Diamond City, Meagher (now Broadwater) County, Montana in 1892 and was buried in the Boulder Bar Cemetery.

On August 26, 1893, Abraham married Grace Penna, the daughter of Sampson and Mary Ann (Jacha) Penna. In 1900, the family, consisting of Mabel, Rosa, Ethel, John, Bertha, Joseph, and Thomas, was living at Diamond City, Broadwater County, Montana. On July 6, 1903, Grace died and was buried in the Boulder Bar Cemetery (Diamond City).

Abraham married again to Olympia J. Cox (age 55) of Butte, Montana, the daughter of Cyrus and Eliza (Matthews) Manuel. They married in the Episcopal Church on June 25, 1904 at Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. Sometime before September 1907, Abraham and Olympia divorced.

In the 1900 Census, Canton, Broadwater County, Montana, Mary L. Campbell is listed with her husband John and her children, Edgar, Francis, and Ida.

Abraham married again on September 25, 1907 at Helena, to Mary L. Campbell, the daughter of Phineas Hull and Elizabeth Campbell. Mary's husband, John, died in 1900. In 1910, the family, consisting of Abraham, Mary, Joseph and Thomas Buckingham, was living in School District 3, Broadwater County, Montana.

By 1920, Abraham and Mary had moved to Long Beach City, Los Angeles County, California.

On April 26, 1927, Abraham died and is buried in the Deep Creek Cemetery, Townsend, Montana.

In 1930, Mary was living in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, enumerated with her daughter Ida (Campbell) Green and Ida's children, Alfred, Warren, Charles, and Lila. Mary died on March 19, 1937 and is buried next to her husband, Abraham in the Deep Creek Cemetery, Townsend, Montana.

Neidenhoffer, William			1879/08/05		<p><b><u>MR. NEIDENHOFFER IS NOT BURIED HERE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS INCLUDED BECAUSE HE WAS A RESIDENT OF DIAMOND CITY AT ONE TIME.</u></b></p> <p>“We have the following particulars of the suicide of Wm. Neidenhoffer from the Columbia (W.T.), <i>Chronicle</i>, which occurred at Pomeroy, August 5: Mr. N. had been to Seattle and was returning, it would seem, to Montana. “While in Pomeroy,” says the <i>Chronicle</i>, “he complained of his head, and from his actions it was supposed he was insane. Escaping notice for a few minutes last Tuesday morning, on the steps of the flouring mill, with a small pocket knife, he succeeded in severing an artery, esophagus and wind-pipe, causing instant death. There was no apparent cause for the deed, and there is no doubt he was suffering from an attack of temporary insanity. He was furnished with a good horse, good clothes and about \$100 in money. The Masons and Odd Fellows of Pomeroy cared for his remains in a becoming manner.” Deceased was for many years a citizen of Diamond, and was highly respected. A few years since he removed to Butte, where his family now reside.” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 8/28/1879, page 3.</p>
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McLean, Donald		1842	1881/05/09	39	<p>Listed in the 1880 Census, Montana, Meagher County, Diamond City: Donald McLain, age 37, born Scotland, saloon keeper, single. This may or may not be Donald McLean.</p> <p>“Donald McLean died very suddenly at his home at Rader’s ranch, Monday evening, May 9. He ate his supper as usual and was apparently in good health. After supper he walked over the Rader’s residence and was having a social chat, when all of a sudden he made a gasp for breath and asked to lie down. Being assisted to a bed he made another gasp and</p>
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				<p>sank upon it lifeless. Since his coach accident some years since he has complained more or less, and even before had suffered from heart disease. Recently he has been complaining of divers ailments but his friends were inclined to attribute his complaints to mental derangement rather than physical debility, and will be startled to hear of his sudden death. It is probable that he has suffered more than any one was aware of. The immediate cause of his death is supposed to have been apoplexy. He was an old resident of Meagher county having been here since early days and followed the vocation of mining most of the time. He was a good citizen, and, though very eccentric, had some good traits of character.” <i>Rocky Mountain Husbandman</i>, 5/12/1881, page 3.</p>
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Buried in the Kinyon Cemetery, Meagher County, Montana.

