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News Lucy Hatch is dead in Frasno, Cal

Was a Member of First Faculty of Ottawa University-Prongered in the Hedges Residence?

Miss Lucy H Hatch, 94, member of the first faculty of Ottawa University, serving in the early mission, died November 4 of 816 Divisadero Street, Fresno, Cal. Funeral services were held at the Fresno cemetery November 6. She had been identified with the social and club life of Fresno as well as the agricultural interests of the county since 1878.

Miss Hatch was born in Rockland, Maine and attended the Mt. Holyoke Seminary now the Holyoke college. After leaving school, she was a teacher in Rockland for three years and then moved to Kansas. She was teacher of the public school known as the Old Mission school, located at Second and Hickory streets, Ottawa, and later became a member of the first O.U. faculty. H. H. Paramore, 202 South Locust, was one of her pupils at the Mission school.

When Miss Hatch west to California she settled at San Francisco. Becoming interested in the new land development projects that were attracting attention at that time, Miss Hatch and three other school teachers, Miss M. F. Austin and Miss Cleveland, and Miss Hart, purchased 100 acres in a new tract known as the Central California Colony.

For the next 10 years their ranch prospered. They set vines and produced raisins, increasing the business until finally they were engaged in shipping raisins to various parts of the country as far as Boston. Their raisin pack probably was the first created in the San Joaquin valley. The house they built at Hedgerow Vineyard at the property was the first 2-story residence in Fresno county and was regarded as a show place. The property owned by Miss Hatch and her associates is located four miles south of Fresno. Miss Austin died in 1889 and for 16 years after her death, Miss Hatch remained at the ranch and then moved to Fresno.

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The raisin dryer built by Miss Hatch and now used for a barn at the ranch, was the first dryer in the county. The dryer, was used for dances and social affairs for a number of years. Miss Hatch was the last of the women that composed the small group that pioneered the raisin industry. Her only relatives are three cousing living in the east.