

## Allain Family

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It is sometimes a wonder to me how I can find out the histories of people who were buried in Union Cemetery after about 1930. The burial book that we use is the very well done Crowe Mortuary book. After 1930, Laying and Tinney and other mortuaries came into the process after James Crowe, who was the County Coroner and Public Administrator, became too old to continue the physical labor involved. The records that these succeeding mortuaries left leave a great deal to be desired when compared to what Crowe left.

Toussaint Allain was born on September 29, 1846 in Kerity, Corte de Nord, France. He migrated to California in 1876 and settled in Redwood City. He got a job working for the city we think in the water department. In 1881 Toussaint married Mary Victoria LaCroix who was born in 1853 of parents who had migrated from France, but living in Grass Valley, California.

In 1900 Toussaint was 53 years old and living in Redwood City at 319 Bradford Street. Living in the house were Toussaint, Mary, Louise, Julius, Emma, Frank, Emil, Marguerite, Blanche and George, the children.

In 1910 he was 63, living in the same place and still working for Redwood City. The children still in the home were, Frank, Emil, Blanche, Marguerite and George.

Ten years later he was living with Mary and Emil was the only child still in the house, Toussaint was 73 years old.

He was still living and 83 years old in 1930 and was living with his daughter Emma Lutje.

Toussaint had become a member of the Metamora Tribe of Redmen, an organization that still exists today, but not in Redwood City anymore. There is, however, a large plot in Union Cemetery dedicated to the members of that

organization. When Mary died July 22, 1922 she was buried in that plot. When Toussaint died on April 5, 1933 he joined his wife in the Redman Plot.