

BENJAMIN HERRICK (JACK) HAYES

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“Benjamin H. Hayes, an old timer and one of the characters of the town, died last Monday evening and was buried in the Masonic plot in Union Cemetery with honors. He was a native of Maine and about 60 years of age. William Hughes remembers that in 1852 he was driving a logging team near Sausalito and that the following year he came to this county. Hayes was a tall, well-built gentleman and had many friends, but he did not possess the faculty of holding on to his money.”

Benjamin Hayes drove the double lumber trucks that came down King’s Mountain Road and he sat on top of the milled lumber while holding the ribbons.



People like Benjamin Hayes drove these wagons down King’s Mountain Road sitting on top of the milled lumber.

Each time he and his compatriots departed the Summit Springs area headed for the lumber docks in Redwood City they literally took their lives in their hands. These were brave men who worked very hard for the small amount of money they received. They were also the men who built the foundation of the Town of Redwood City by their efforts.