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A KATHLEEN MITCHELL ALBUM

This issue of "Las Calaveras" is dedicated to the memory of our generous benefactress, Miss Kathleen Mitchell, who passed away April 19, 1981. Miss Mitchell left a substantial bequest to the Calaveras County Historical Society. Included in this bequest was a collection of historic photographs of the Vallecito area and its residents, which is now being indexed and filed. We have selected some of these pictures, which, supplemented by additional family photographs, have been arranged in album form, as a tribute to Kathleen and the Mitchell family.

Miss Mitchell's parents, grandparents, and some of her great-grandparents lived in the Vallecito vicinity. They were ranchers, miners, storekeepers and hotel keepers. Kathleen had a very deep interest in history and had spent much time during her last few years

collecting and copying family pictures and compiling information on her forebears. Some of this material was incorporated into "Vallecito History," published in 1974 as a project of the Fourth Grade class of Vallecito school and its teacher, Wanda Richards. Those of our readers fortunate enough to own a copy of the "History" will recognize a few of the pictures in this "Album."

Kathleen Gertrude Mitchell was born in Vallecito on October 24th, 1905, the daughter of Addison "Mills" Mitchell and Millie Sletten Mitchell, both natives of Calaveras County. She attended elementary school at Vallecito and later went to Junior High and High school at Stockton. After graduation from the University of California at Berkeley, she began her career as a high school teacher in Stockton. Throughout her life she maintained close ties with Vallecito and Calaveras County. Although her principal residence was in Stockton, she spent much time in her native town at the home she inherited from her mother.

Kathleen's keen interest in local history and long associations with the Historical Society led her to the conviction that a very worthwhile use of some of the Mitchell property would be for an endowment of this organization. With this endowment, the Society can more effectively carry out its mission of preserving our Calaveras heritage and making this information available to succeeding generations through its collections and publications.

We wish to acknowledge the help of Kathleen's sister-in-law, Rose Mitchell, and Millie Mitchell, Kathleen's grand-niece, in the preparation of this issue.



One spring day in 1907 Kathleen goes for a walk with her mother and friends in the back yard.

Capt. Henry Grider,
(American Revolution Hero)
Betsey Smith Grider,
Warren County, Kentucky

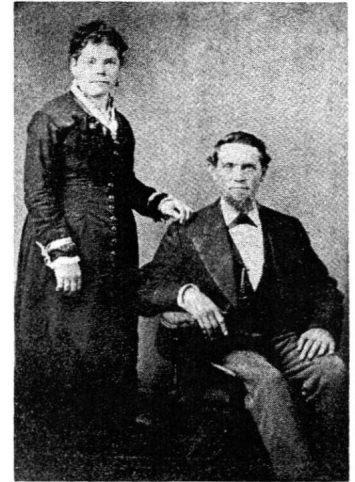
Charles Mitchell
Anna Grider Mitchell

Henry Grider Mitchell
1802-1861
Martha McPheeters Mitchell
1801-1842



Addison Mills Mitchell (1st)
1825-1882
From Warren County, Kentucky
to California in 1870

John William Batten
1820-1882
Catherine Rees Batten
1830-1899
From Wales to USA in 1839
and to California in 1852



Sarah Batten Mitchell
1857-1931



Addison Mills Mitchell (2nd)
1879-1936
KATHLEEN'S FATHER



Hans Sletten
1827-1917
Came from Denmark to USA about 1860
and to California in 1870

Michael Blakney
Ireland



David Holland
Mary Blakney Holland
Came to California about 1861
from Manchester, England



Anna Holland Sletten
1850-1945



Millie Sletten
1880-1955
Married Addison Mills Mitchell
KATHLEEN'S MOTHER



Addison "Mills" Mitchell
Kathleen's father



Katie Mitchell
Married Joseph Carley

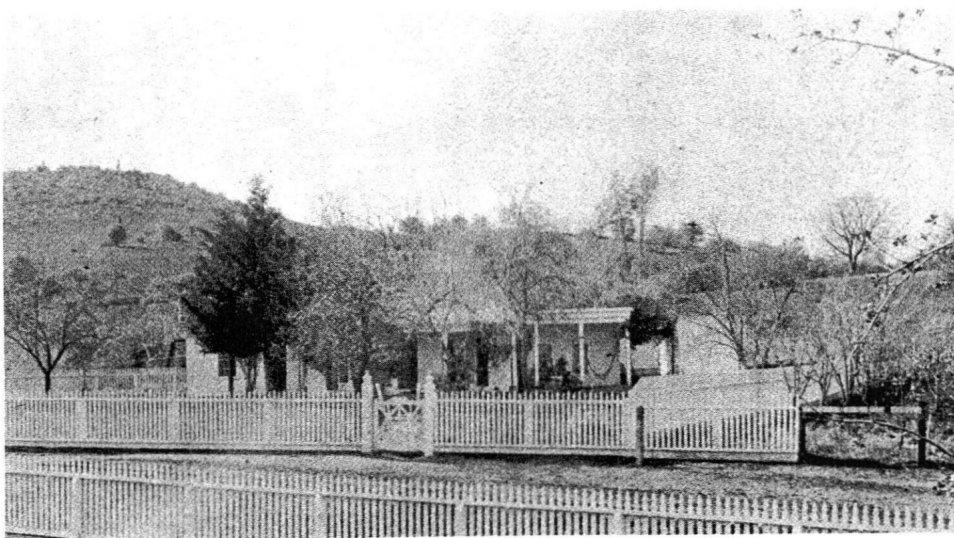


Martha Mitchell
Married Luke Sanguinetti



Anna Mitchell

Katie, Martha and Anna were
Mill's sisters and Kathleen's aunts



The Mitchell home in Valle-
cito. Mills and his sisters
went to some of their elemen-
tary grades at a Catholic
school in San Francisco.



Lily Holland (Hawthorne), sister of Anna. There were also two brothers, James and David, and sister Emily (Le Cyr) in the Dave Holland family.



Anna Holland Sletten



Hans and Anna Sletten with their son Alfred and daughter Emma



Maysie Sletten



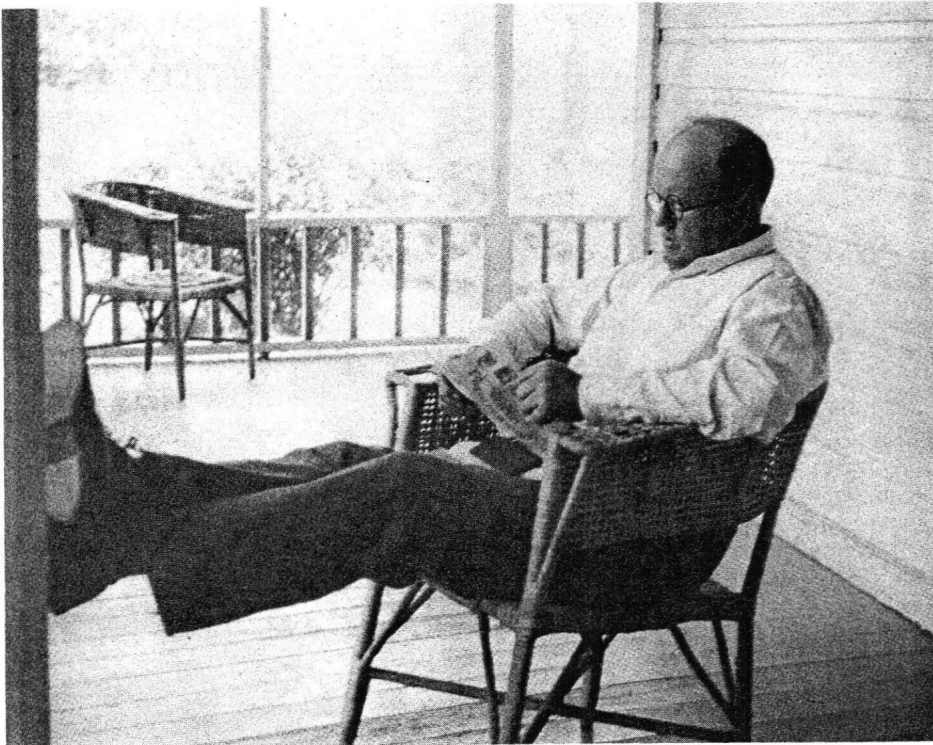
The Sletten Sisters
Emma,
Maysie
and Millie



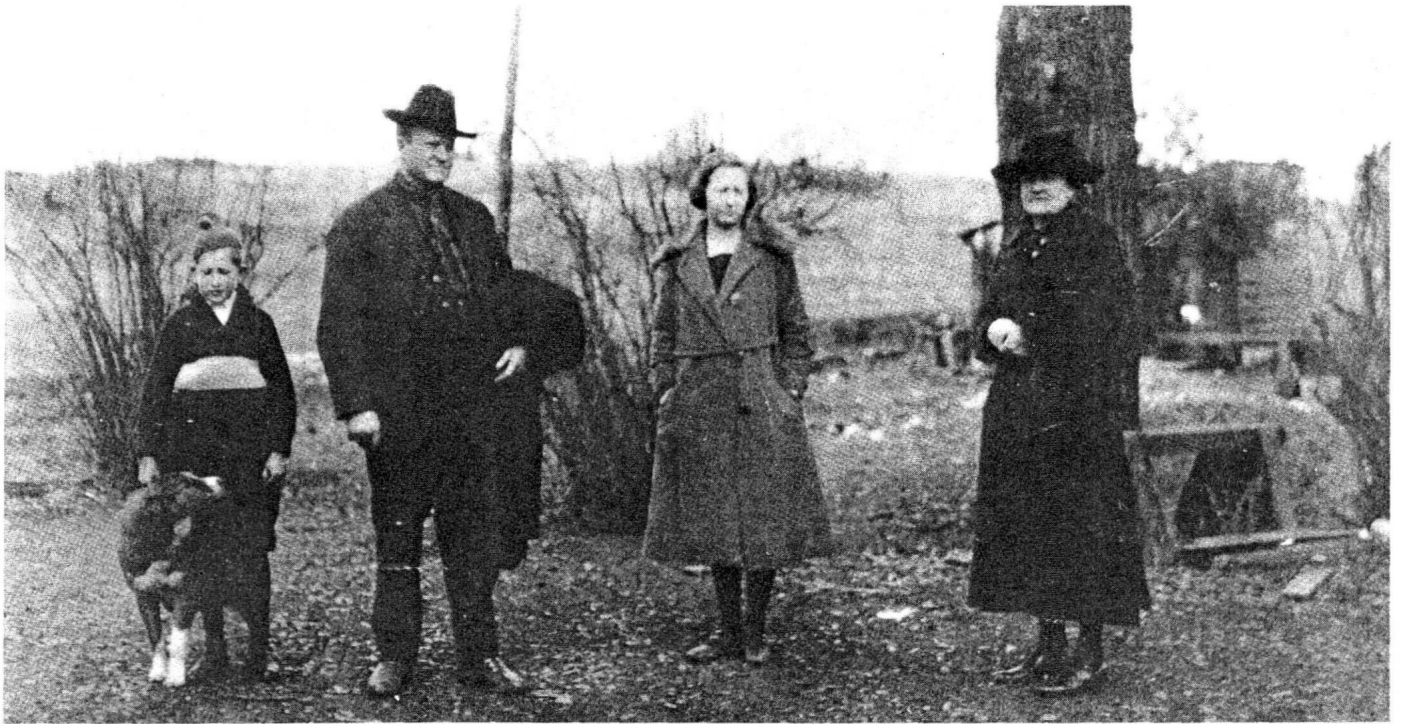
*Mills and his daughter Kathleen
in 1907*



*Three generations of
Mitchells—Mills, Kathleen,
and Clifton's son Kenneth.*



*A snapshot of "Mills," nor-
mally a busy person in a
relaxed moment, taken by his
friend, W. L. Wylie, at Valle-
cito in 1930. Mills was consi-
dered one of the county's
most successful ranchers.*



*The Mills Mitchells at Vallecito.
Clifton and Kathleen with their parents*

*The Mitchells on a ride up on
the summer range at Kennedy
Lake. The extensive Mitchell
spread included holdings near
Farmington, Milton, Copper-
opolis, Vallecito, Blood's, and
Kennedy Meadows.*





Kathleen — 1907



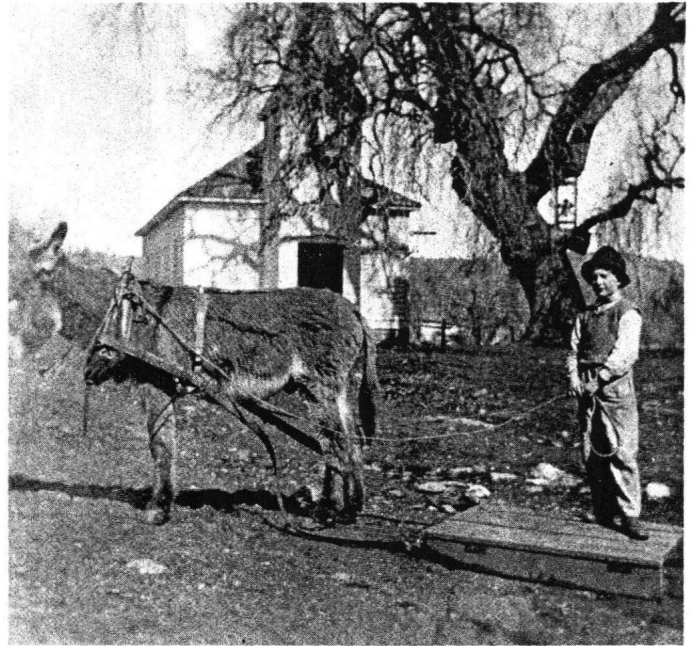
Eighth Grade



Kathleen in elementary school at Vallecito. She is second from left in front row.



Kathleen and Clifton



Clifton and his burro, "Tebo."



Clifton and Rose Mitchell, with their children Mills, Wilma and Kenneth



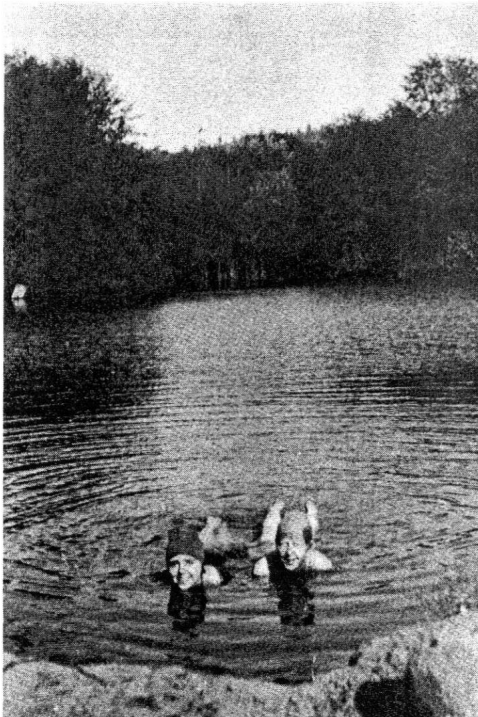
Clifton was a fine horseman and spent a lot of time in the saddle on the Mitchell ranches.



*Kathleen Mitchell
High School Senior*



*Kathleen and her cousin Edythe Batten strolling down
Main Street in Vallecito.*



*Kathleen and Edythe Batten
at Mitchell Pond, a favorite
spot in the summer at
Vallecito.*



*Kathleen in her new fur coat,
a present from Dad.*

A PICNIC AT DORRINGTON
 Millie Sletten (2nd from
 right) and her friend, Irene
 Copeland, join the Gardners
 and friends on a picnic in the
 Nineties.



Clifton (left) and Kathleen (right) pause on a
 hike with cousin Edythe Batten and her boy
 friend, Albert Peterson. Kathleen often went
 on jaunts with her Sletten, Batten, and Car-
 ley cousins, many of whom lived in or near
 Vallecito.



Mitchells and Carleys off for an outing one
 day in the early 1900's.

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Some of the Slettens and Mitchells go for a hike. A locked gate poses a momentary problem.

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