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Pioneer Dentist of Tonopah Area Passes Away

"Tonopah - Mrs. Ann Lee Hudgens, 85, Tonopah pioneer and early day dentist here, died May 25 in San Rafael, CA following a short illness.

Private funeral services were held in San Francisco May 29, followed by cremation. Interment of remains beside the grave of her husband in the Tonopah Cemetery is being handled by W. F. Logan, local mortician.

Mrs. Hudgens, a native of Carson City, NV, was the widow of Dr. Alonzo Lee Hudgens, a dentist also who will be remembered as a successful mining engineer in the early days of Tonopah. With Dr. Hudgens, the original locator, Mrs. Hudgens, Key Pittman and Tasker Oddie were partners in the historic Belmont Mine here.

California Graduate

A dental graduate of the University of California, Mrs. Hudgens came to Tonopah in 1901. She gave up her practice after her husband passed away in 1909, and later entered the service of the U.S. Government from which she retired in the 1930's. In recent years Mrs. Hudgens made her home in San Rafael, CA with a son, Vern L. Hudgens.