

Michael Gray

BIRTH 1 APR 1827 • Tipton County, Tennessee, USA

DEATH 08 SEP 1906 • San Francisco, CA

3rd great-uncle

Facts

Age 0 — Birth

1 Apr 1827 • Tipton County, Tennessee, USA
per Gray family bible At SHSU Thomason room

Age 1 — Birth of Sister Eveline Pervit or Pewett Gray (1829–)

10 Mar 1829 • Texas

Age 3 — Birth of Brother John A.W. "Jack" Gray (1830–1874)

11 June 1830 • Tipton County, Tennessee, USA

Age 4 — Moved to TX with family

1831 • Huntsville, Walker, Texas, USA

Per son John P Gray's handwritten bio for AZ Historical Society

Age 8 — Birth of Brother Oliver H. Gray (1835–1853)

25 Oct 1835 • Huntsville, Texas

Age 10 — Birth of Brother David Crockett Gray (1838–1897)

26 Feb 1838 • Huntsville, Montgomery county, Republic of Texas

Age 13 — Birth of Sister Amanda Texanna Gray (1841–1886)

Feb 9, 1841 • Huntsville, Montgomery county, Republic of Texas

Age 14 — Enlisted in Sam Houston's army

1841

per son John P Gray's handwritten bio for AZ Historical Society. Newspaper accounts say Gray was under command of Col. Jack Hays who fought the Comanches and later fought in MexicanAm War

Age 16 — Birth of Sister Mary Frances (Mollie) Gray (1843–1920)

17 Sept 1843 • Huntsville, Texas

Age 19 — Birth of Sister Hannah Elizabeth (Bettie) Gray (1846–1893)

9 July 1846 • Huntsville, Texas

Age 19 — At Surrender of Battle of Monterrey Mexican American War

23 Sept 1846 • Monterrey, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Gray is said to have been present at surrender of Monterrey in newspaper clipping AZ Indept Rep 13 Jan 1939

Age 19 — Participation in Battle of Buena Vista

23 Feb 1847 • Buena Vista, Coahuila, Mexico

As Texas Ranger he participated in battle of Buena Vista & carried the dispatches from Gen Taylor to Washington authorities 300 miles to US soil

Age 22 — Death of Father Pleasant Gray (1805–1849)

9 Jun 1849 • 400 miles from St. Joseph MO on Platte, Cherry County Nebraska

Age 22 — Arrival in California

September 1849 • Sacramento, CA

Per brother in law Jesse Robinson's bio, the overland company arrived in Sacramento in September 1849

Age 22 — Overland to CA

1849 • <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=SDU18731004.2.57&srpos=71&e=-----en--20-SDU-61--txt-txIN-%22mike+gray%22-----#>

Newspaper article says it was Col. Jack Hays who went with a group of Texas Rangers Inc. Mike Gray to CA. Doesn't square with info that Pleasant Gray led wagon train?

Age 22 — Immigration

1849 • Texas to California

Immigrated in party with father Texas to Missouri, then California. See attached story.

Age 23 — Residence

Oct 1850 • Yuba, California

Lodging in same place as some 20 other mean, including James Rackley from TX


Family

Parents

 **Pleasant Gray** 1805–1849

 **Hannah Elizabeth Holshouser** 1808–1867

Siblings

 **Eveline Pervit or Pewett Gray** 1829–


 **John A.W. "Jack" Gray** 1830–1874

 **Oliver H. Gray** 1835–1853

 **David Crockett Gray** 1838–1897

 **Amanda Texanna Gray** 1841–1886

 **Mary Frances (Mollie) Gray** 1843–1920

 **Hannah Elizabeth (Bettie) Gray** 1846–1893


Spouse & Children

 **Sarah Ann Robinson** 1830–1894

 **Mary Gray** 1853–1875

 **Amanda Margaret "Maggie" Gray** 1858–1893

 **John Pleasant Sr. Gray** 1860–1943

 **Richard Lee Dixie "Dick" Gray** 1862–1881

Sources

Ancestry Sources

 **1850 United States Federal Census**

 **1860 United States Federal Census**

 **1870 United States Federal Census**

 **1880 United States Federal Census**

 **1900 United States Federal Census**

 **California State Census, 1852**

 **California, Death Index, 1905-1939**

 **California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898**

Age 25 — Occupation

Apr1852-Sept 1855 • Yuba County
Yuba County Sheriff per Tombstone's Violent years

Age 25 — George Tanner, hanged

23 July 1852 • Marysville City, Yuba, California
Given death sentence for grand larceny; Sheriff Gray carried out execution, p.126 History of Yuba Co. Death sentence unusual for larceny. Legislature repealed death sentence for larceny the following year.

Age 25 — Marriage

27 Sept 1852 • Marysville, California
Book of Marriages v.1, p 11, marriage performed by I.H. Brayton online:
<http://www.yubaroots.com/marriages/groom-g-h.htm> However, Gray family bible at SHSU Thomason room says date is 29 Sept 1852

 **Sarah Ann Robinson** (1830–1894)

Age 25 — Occupation

1852 • Marysville City, Yuba, California
He was Yuba sheriff from Apr 1852-Sept 1855 per Tombstone's Violent Years by Neil Carmony, p. 3

Age 25 — Residence

1852 • Yuba, California, United States
Listed as sheriff, June 4, 1852. No detail about location other than Yuba county

Age 25 — Death of Brother Oliver H. Gray (1835–1853)

4 Mar 1853 • Huntsville, Texas

Age 26 — Gray house on D street threatened by flames

14 Sept 1853 • Marysville City, Yuba, California

Age 26 — Birth of Daughter Mary Gray (1853–1875)

20 December 1853 • Marysville, Yuba, California, USA

Age 26 — Residence

1853 • Marysville City, Yuba, California
resides D st between 5th & 6th per 1853 Hale & Emory Marysville city directory at Yuba Co. Library, Marysville. No listing for him in 1855, 1858 or 1859 directories

Age 26 — Residence

1853 • D Street, between 5th and 6th, Marysville, Yuba CA
per Hale & Emory's Marysville Directory published August 1853; Also listed as county Sheriff,
<http://www.yubaroots.com/directories/1853cd.htm>

Age 26 — Residence

1853 • Marysville, Yuba County, California
Listed as county sheriff. Also member of IOOF, Yuba Lodge #5. Living at w s D, bet 5th and 6th per 1853 Yuba Directory online at <http://www.yubaroots.com/directories/1853cd.htm>

Age 28 — Fatally shoots man

10 August 1855 • Marysville City, Yuba, California
Fatally shoots Wm Turner, brother of Know Nothing candidate for Legislature. Gray is accosted by Turner. Gray is acquitted for self defense. Political quarrel. See attached JPG

Age 28 — Residence

1855 • Marysville City, Yuba, California
Listed as member of Eureka Fire Engine #1 but no longer listed at previous address in 1853. Also, he's no longer sheriff. Info from Yuba Directory online
<http://www.yubaroots.com/directories/1855cd.htm>

Age 28 — Back in TX to resolve legal matters

Feb 1856 • Huntsville, Walker, Texas
In Texas for legal matters regarding father's will & division of assets among mother & siblings; confirmed there in 1856 per Galveston Daily News, 29 Aug 1890 - see clipping in Gallery

Age 28 — Name withdrawn as delegate Dem convention

6 Mar 1856 • Yuba county, California
CE De Long journal says "held a caucus yesterday amongst ourselves; decided on Mike Gray, no use, had to vote for Rust" Rust was an Assemblyman so was made the Yuba delegate to the 1856 Democratic convention

Age 29 — Identified as a "Broderick man"

26 Aug 1856
Identified in clipping as "a man of considerable popularity, with strong Broderick tenencies" per Marysville Daily Herald of that date

Age 29 — Defeated for Yuba Sheriff

Nov 1856
per Marysville Daily Herald, 14 Nov 1856

 **California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898**

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 **San Francisco Area, California, Funeral Home Records, 1850-1931**

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 **Web: California, Find A Grave Index, 1775-2012**

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 **Weekly Journal-Miner at Newspapers.com**

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Age 29 — Marriage at his residence in Plumas (Landing)

16 Dec 1856 • Plumas Landing, Yuba, CA

Wife's sister, Martha G Robinson, marries Harry A Charles at Gray residence at Plumas per Marysville Daily Herald #114, 16 Dec 1856. see media

Age 29 — 2nd Overland journey to CA

1856

It is most likely that his mother Hannah, came with younger children, guided by Mike Gray who had already traveled overland to CA in 1849, and who was likely in Huntsville to resolve a legal matter re: Pleasant's will in Feb 1856. see comment below

Age 29 — Marysville Eureka Fire Engine Co #1

1856 • Marysville City, Yuba, California

Listed as member of Eureka fire engine company, in Marysville directory:

<http://www.yubaroots.com/directories/1856cd.htm>

Age 29 — Residence

1856 • Marysville City, Yuba, California

Per 1856 Yuba Co Directory Mike Gray is listed as member of Eureka Fire Engine No 1 co., same as William Sharkey, later his brother in law. Mom reports "elsewhere I saw Michael Gray described as the late Sheriff and Ex Officio Tax Collector of Yuba co.

Age 30 — Shooting between Gray & Bloody Bill

17 Apr 1857 • Probably Marysville area

CE De Long journal entry, CA Hist Soc Quarterly p 139; can find no reference to a Bloody Bill in CA Digital Library Collection so don't know who he is....

Age 30 — Birth of Daughter Amanda Margaret "Maggie" Gray (1858-1893)

1858 • Marysville, Yuba, California, USA

Age 31 — Founding member, Nicolaus Lodge

13 May 1858 • Nicolaus, Sutter County, California

Presumably the Masons. Pg 81, History of yuba county, online at Archive.org

Age 31 — Big 4th of July Party at Gray Ranch

5 July 1858 • Gray Ranch near Wheatland

CE De Long journal entry; dancing & slept night in the hay mow with Judge Bliss, Barrett, More & others about 4am, CA Hist Soc Quarterly p 345-6

Age 31 — Sells downtown Marysville property to William Sharkey

1858 • Marysville, Yuba County, California

per mom's book

Age 31 — Selling Marysville Ranch known as Half Way House

21 Feb 1858 & 14 Aug 1858 • Marysville City, Yuba, California

See attached JPG "situated on main stage from Sacramento to Marysville, 640 acres, 40 in barley, 20 in wheat, also dwelling, barn, etc, 500 tree orchard, 500 vines, near 10,00 acres of swamp for never failing water for stock. Still for sale 17 Feb 1859.

Age 32 — Presents thoroughbred horse at 6th annual state fair

21 Sept 1859 • Sacramento, CA

sorrel stallion Sam Houston, 3 years old

Age 32 — Candidate for Sergeant at Arms CA Assembly

17 Dec 1859 • Sacramento CA

see attached JPG

Age 32 — Birth of Son John Pleasant Sr. Gray (1860-1943)

29 Feb 1860 • Sacramento, California

Age 33 — Residence

1860 • Sacramento Ward 3, Sacramento, California, United States

Miner, age 33, with young family plus Nancy Gray, servant, 14, and Ephraim Pewett, 23

Age 33 — Plumas post office

1860 • Plumas Landing, Yuba, CA

Per Frickstad, the Plumas post office was established 19 Apr 1860 and discontinued 4 Dec 1862 - info from Schellens Collection, San Mateo Co Hist. Society library

Age 33 — Elected Sergeant at Arms CA Assembly

8 Jan 1861 • Sacramento CA

Wins 29 to 12 votes per [http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?](http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=SDU18610108.2.20.4&srpos=16&e=-----en--20-SDU-1--txt-txIN-22mike+gray22-----#)

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Age 33 — Mining in Alamos, Guaymas, Mexico

13 Feb 1861 • Alamos, Guaymas

Sheriff Mike Gray's Company are driving a tunnel into his silver mine at Alamos.

<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=SDU18610213.2.10&srpos=56&e=-----en--20-SDU-41--txt-txIN-22mike+gray22-----#>

Age 34 — Gambling with CE De Long in Marysville

3 Sept 1861 • Marysville area

CE De Long journal entry "After the meeting I got on a Spree with Gray. We lost all of our money & c. p.359 CA Hist Soc Qrtly

Age 34 — Homestead land grant

9 Sept 1861 • Cirby Creek, Roseville, Placer Co, CA
 160 acres, Twp-Rng: 010N-006D, SE1/4, Section 11, Placer county. See Gallery. Obviously acq'd
 this land while Sergeant at Arms for CA legislature. For old platt:
<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>

Age 34 — Hotelkeeper in Guaymas

18 Dec 1861
 Marysville Daily Appeal

Age 34 — Occupation

1861 • Sacramento CA
 Sergeant at arms for the California Assembly

Age 34 — Emigration

1861 • Guaymas, Sonora Mexico
 Moved there this year per oldest son's bio

Age 34 — Birth of Son Richard Lee Dixie "Dick" Gray (1862-1881)

abt 1862 • Guaymas, Sonora Mexico

Age 35 — St. Charles Hotel, Mazatlan

21 Dec 1862 • Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico
 Owns hotel with CC Blohm

Age 35 — Daughter's birth

1862 • Sonora, Mexico

Age 35 — Hosts Judge Terry in Mazatlan after famous duel with Broderick?

12 Mar 1863 • San Francisco, Mazatlan
 Gray is hotel keeper in Guaymas. Wonder if he hosted his brother in law, Wm Robinson, flees
 with ex Judge Terry after Terry duel with Broderick over CA allegiance in lead up to Civil War
 see JPG. Reports say they went to Mazatlan, not Guaymas

Age 37 — Ranch stock sale

28 May 1864 • Plumas, 8 mi S Marysville on Feather River
 Location of his ranch: Plumas Landing, California Latitude: 39.008333 Longitude: -121.579167
 Olivehurst, CA 95961. See newspaper clipping in gallery. Ranch called "Plumas" or
 "Butterfields"

Age 37 — Residence

1864-1866 • Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico
 per son John P Gray's bio

Age 40 — Death of Mother Hannah Elizabeth Holshouser (1808-1867)

21 Dec 1867 • San Mateo, California; buried Union cemetery Redwood City

Age 40 — Residence

Dec 1867 • Living in San Mateo; mother's obit says she died at Mike Gray's home there

Age 41 — Residing in Gilroy, CA

27 Sept 1868 • Gilroy, Santa Clara, California, United States
 Marysville Daily Appeal

Age 41 — Residence

1868 • San Mateo, California, United States

Age 43 — Elected Gilroy City Marshall

4 May 1870 • Gilroy CA
 per newspaper: <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=SDU18700504.2.16&srpos=21&e=-----en--20-SDU-21--txt-txIN-22mike+gray22-----#>

Age 43 — Residence

1870 • Gilroy, Santa Clara, California, United States
 Marshall per 1870 Census. Includes Nancy Gray, "domestic", white, 23. Also sister Betty, 23,
 and Emma & Ida Fish, 10 & 8 (daughters of Gilroy saloon partner PW Fish). \$500 in real estate &
 \$500 in personal property

Age 44 — Residence

22 June 1871 • Gilroy, Santa Clara, California, United States
 Per SF Chronicle of that date

**Age 45 — Partnership Williams Hotel Gilroy**

13 April 1872 • Gilroy, Santa Clara, California, United States
 Owned partnership in Williams Hotel with PW Fish, Gilroy

Age 45 — In search of diamonds & rubies in Arizona

3 Sept 1872 • SF-Arizona
 Pacific Diamond & Ruby Mining Co, capital \$10M incorporated today; the company of 20
 picked men under command of Capt Mike Gray started off Sat via
 Denver/LA...<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=SDU18720903.2.11.1&srpos=22&e=-----en--20-SDU-21--txt>

Age 45 — Expedition for mining

15 Sept 1872

See SF Chronicle source doc for more info on expedition to Mexico

Age 47 — Death of Brother John A.W. "Jack" Gray (1830–1874)

23 June 1874 • Terrell, Kaufman, Texas, USA

Age 47 — Death of Daughter Mary Gray (1853–1875)

4 March 1875 • Gilroy, Santa Clara, California, United States

Age 49 — Residence

29 Sept 1876 • Oakland, Alameda County, California, United States of America

Moved from Gilroy to downtown Temescal district of Oakland; he's in the CA Great Register of Voters, pg 63

**Age 50 — Mike Gray running for Sheriff of Oakland**

4 Aug 1877 • Oakland, California

**Age 50 — Mike Gray secures appointment (clerk?) for son (John P?)**

22 Dec 1877 • Oakland, California

Age 50 — Residence

1877 • Oakland CA

Listed as miner in Oakland City Directory. See Gallery

Age 50 — Residence

1877 • Oakland, Alameda County, California, USA

Several Oakland Tribune articles of interest. He is resident, perhaps thru his TX ranger friendship with Col Jack Hays. He runs for Oakland sheriff & procures a job for his son, presumably John who later graduates from UC Berkeley. Newspapers.com 20 July

Age 50 — Shoots at Barney Radicans not fatal

21 Mar 1878 • Sacramento CA

Oakland Tribune article of that date reports that the 2 Oakland residents had a dispute; later note indicates that Gray shot his hand

Age 51 — 106 acres homestead in Texas

5 Dec 1878

Obtained 106 acres under Homestead Act for 3 years residency as head of family, filed 18 July 1871 and approved 5 Dec 1878. Attested by 2 county citizens, although Gray was living in Gilroy & Alameda CA at the time. See Gallery document 309241

Age 51 — Tombstone silver boom

1878-1887 • Tombstone AZ

start 1878, peak 1883, end 1887

Age 52 — Established Tombstone AZ

1879 • Tombstone Townsite

In 1879, located and filed on the 320 acre townsite which became Tombstone. One of five original owners in 1879 of Tombstone Townsite Company (with James Clark, bought out other three). Prior to October 1879, named a justice of the peace.

Age 52 — Residence

1879 • Tombstone Townsite

1 of 5 original owners of Tombstone Townsite Company.

Age 53 — Residence

1880 • Tombstone Village, Pima, Arizona, United States

Justice of the Peace

Age 53 — Establishes "Gray Ranch" in Animas NM area

Jan 1881

Allying himself opportunistically with cattle rustlers, Gray establishes Gray Ranch in Animas, herd expanding from 334 to 700. 1st cattle purchased from John Chisom; plus Geronimo's at \$10/head when surrendered in 1883. See Archeology of Rucker in Sources

Age 54 — Death of Son Richard Lee Dixie "Dick" Gray (1862–1881)

11 Aug 1881 • Guadalupe Canyon, Las Animas Ranch, NM

Age 54 — Posse formed after death of his son Dixie

18 Aug 1881 • Tombstone AZ

Mike Gray joined posse to hunt down perpetrators of the guadalupe Canyon massacre; see attached JPG

Age 54 — Residence

1881 • Animas Valley, New Mexico

bought ranch but sold it shortly after son Dixie died nearby per attached biography

Age 55 — Residence

Dec 1882 • Rucker Canyon Ranch, Arizona

Homesteads Rucker Canyon Ranch, using Army commissary as his home

Age 55 — Bought Rucker Canyon ranch from Army

Abt Dec 1882

Purchased Camp Rucker and stocked it with herd he purchased from John Chisum in 1882.

See attached PDF for more info and photo of his commissary-ranch house.

Age 55 — Coroner's jury

1882 • Tombstone Village, Pima, Arizona, United States

Served on Coroner's Jury in case of Florentino Cruz, killed by Wyatt Earp's group

Age 59 — Death of Sister Amanda Texanna Gray (1841-1886)

30 Sept 1886 • Biggs, California; buried Old Oroville cemetery, California

Age 63 — Returns to Huntsville on a visit

29 Aug 1890 • Huntsville, Walker, Texas

Per Galveston Daily News of that date, p. 4, #122; also in 13 Jan 1892 issue, p3, #295. Claims he helped stake out city of Huntsville with his father. First visit since 1856.

Age 63 — Residence

1890 • San Francisco, California, United States

Age 65 — Lawsuit re: claim to Huntsville land

9 June 1892 • Huntsville, Walker, Texas

Lawsuit claiming land. Galveston Daily News of that date, p. 5 #77. Wm Sharkey pressed Gray claim, but nothing came of it. Clipping Avail at Stanford; I don't have copy

Age 66 — Death of Daughter Amanda Margaret "Maggie" Gray (1858-1893)

10 Nov 1893 • San Francisco, California

Age 66 — Death of Sister Hannah Elizabeth (Bettie) Gray (1846-1893)

3 Dec 1893 • Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, United States

Age 66 — Death of Wife Sarah Ann Robinson (1830-1894)

20 Feb 1894

Age 70 — Death of Brother David Crockett Gray (1838-1897)

6 Dec 1897 • Vina Village, Tehama, CA., USA

Age 73 — Residence

1900 • Pearce, Cochise, Arizona Territory

Widower and self described capitalist

Age 73 — Dedication of AZ territorial capitol building

25 Feb 1901 • Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, USA

See personal items (coin, cufflinks) in Gallery/photo section

**Age 74 — Prison Committee Member**

1901 • Yuma, Yuma, Arizona, USA (2 Media)

Per Arizona Sentinel dated Jan 30, 1901

**Age 78 — Right arm amputated**

May 1905

per Arizona REpublic 12 May 1905 and Bisbee Daily Review May 18, 1905

**Age 79 — Death**

08 Sep 1906 • San Francisco, CA

Death announcement in Bisbee Daily Review, 3 Oct 1906

Age 79 — Death (Alternate)

8 Sept 1906 • San Francisco, CA; buried Greenlawn Memorial Park, Colma CA

MICHAEL GRAY: Greenlawn Memorial Park, please call weekends 650-755-7622 and speak to Lucy Morris(counselor). No grave marker, grave #19, tier 1, section "C", near middle tree stump to left of upper top portion of the picture.

Burial

27 Dec 1906 • Colma, San Mateo County, California, USA

Greenlawn Cemetery, unmarked grave. In 1933, 26,000 bodies from the Oddfellows Cemetery in San Francisco were moved here, per description of Greenlawn cemetery. Perhaps gravemarker lost then

