

Lester Hall Was Doctor And Banker

Lester Hall was born in the little village of Bloomfield in Sonoma County, graduated from high school at Petaluma and also from the University of California at Berkeley. Later he decided to become a doctor and entered Cooper Medical College, which was affiliated with Stanford University. His first practice was when he took the place of Dr. Burgess in a mountain town while on vacation. Here he learned of a vacancy in Dixon and began a successful practice here in 1898.

Possessed of a pleasing, sympathetic personality, he was well fitted to ministering to those who were ill. He never slighted a case, even when the roads were well-nigh impassable from winter storms. He brought many present-day citizens into the world, slapping the first breath of life into them; afterwards relieving them when distressed by illness or accident, and comforting those over whom the shadows were relentlessly closing.

In 1921 he gave up his practice to be president of the Bank of Dixon. When the bank became the Bank of America he continued as manager until a severe heart attack made further work inadvisable. Dr. Hall lived for five more years in retirement.

Dr. Hall was a dedicated public spirited citizen. For 21 years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Dixon High School, most of the time serving as president. He was chairman of the Dixon Red Cross during the first world war and remained in that office until his death. He stood high in Masonry and was a member of the United Church.

Two years after coming to Dixon he married Miss Matilda Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petersen, pioneer settlers. Dr. Hall had two daughters, Mrs. Marie Schmeiser and Mrs. Kathleen Sisson. There remains four grandchildren: Vesta Cufau de, Alan Schmeiser, Hall and Wade Sisson.

The Hall Memorial Park was dedicated to Dr. Lester Hall on ground donated by the Hall family, in memory of unselfish devotion of this fine citizen to the people of Dixon.