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BODY OF WM. BAWDEN FOUND IN DIGGINGS

**Grass Valley Resident Who
Left County Hospital One
Week Ago, Perished in
Heavy Brush Growth**

The dead body of William Bawden, resident of Grass Valley, who disappeared from the County Hospital early last Saturday morning, was found just before dusk yesterday by Walter Jewett who has been engaged in a search for the body all this week.

The odor of decomposition lead Jewett to the point where the old man fell exhausted in a brush covered gully, about 1000 yards from the Tahoe Ukiah Highway, the place where he was last seen on last Saturday morning by Mrs. M. B. Hoge, who resides in that section.

Found in Dense Brush

Jewett immediately notified Coroner A. M. Holmes and the latter officials with his deputies, Alvin Hooper and Stanley Mitchell, and Deputy Sheriff William Rickard, accompanied Jewett to the spot where the body lay. It was with extreme difficulty that the body was brought out to the road. It had to be carried in a wooden box over the rough and brush covered terrain, the men being compelled to use hatchets to cut a trail through the brush in order to bring out the body. It was taken to the Holmes Funeral Home and arrangements for its interment will be made today.

The body was found lying on its side, as though the man in his wanderings had pitched into the brush practically headforemost. He was found clad in his underclothing, a long night gown which had been torn down the back, and one sock was missing. It is believed that he died sometime last Saturday, the day he disappeared.

Little Known of Man

Bawden had been a resident of Grass Valley for many years. But little is known of his past life. It is believed he came to Grass Valley from Butte, Montana, where he is said to have a son living. He was aged about 70 years according to the hospital records.

Last Sunday a score of American Legionnaires searched the section through which he made his way and it is believed they came very close to the spot where the body was found, but did not happen to see it. During the past week Coroner A. M. Holmes and his deputies, Sheriff Carter and his deputies, Carl J. Tobiasson, superintendent of the county farm former sheriff Garfield Robson and Walter Jewett have searched the brush covered Manzapita diggings and the surrounding section in the hope of finding the body, but without avail until Jewett found it last evening.