

# E. E. Ericsson of Littlerock Dies At Ocean Park

**Had Lived in Valley  
Past Ten Years**

Emil E. Ericsson, Littlerock resident since 1928, died last Wednesday, June 22, at Ocean Park, and was buried in Palmdale Saturday following funeral services held at 1:00 at Mumaw's Funeral Home Chapel in Lancaster. Reverend Harvey A. Hood officiated. Mr. Ericsson had been in poor health for a long time.

Mr. Ericsson was born March 2nd, 1866, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. He was one of eight children of a pioneer family who had traveled west in a covered wagon to live at Cottonwood Springs within the boundary of Fort McPherson, a large military fort near the Platte River on the old California Trail. His father was the first man to prove up on a homestead in Lincoln County, which then included the entire western half of Nebraska. Among incidents of those early pioneering days often told by Mr. Ericsson was the story of the loaning of \$1400 by his father to Buffalo Bill Cody, which sum incidentally was never repayed. Another concerns Wild Bill Hickock, who stayed with the family for six months in 1867. He used to shoot the heads off the chickens which were to be cooked for the family diners. When he left,

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