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# PIONEER NEVADA STOCKMAN DIES IN S. F.

One of Nevada's pioneer cattlemen, John B. Garat, sr., who sold his extensive holdings only a few months ago, died yesterday in San Francisco. He was eighty years old last February and had resided in Nevada since the early seventies. Funeral services are to be held at 9 a. m. tomorrow at the N. Gray Funeral Parlors in San Francisco.

For more than sixty years Mr. Garat, a native Californian who came to Nevada with his father in 1871, played a prominent part in the livestock industry of this state and was considered one of the largest and most successful stock growers in the west.

He spent his early life in the San Joaquin Valley in California and first came to Nevada when he accompanied his father with a herd of cattle, which were driven from California by way of Bridgeport, Fallon and thence up the Humboldt river to Bull Run Creek in Elko county. It took more than a year to make the trip and Mr. Garat often recalled the journey in discussing his advent into the cattle business in this state.

The elder Garat acquired the ranch holdings of the Stiles estate near the point where Bull Run Creek empties into the Owyhee River and it became the center of operations at the time of what eventually was one of the state's largest livestock concerns.

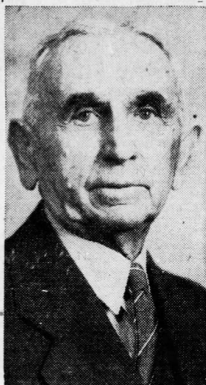
The elder Garat established his permanent home at Whiterock in Elko county in 1877 and upon his death John B. Garat became head of the vast enterprise. Among other ranch properties acquired by him were the Goatman, Peterson, Mitchell, Gossett, Sales & Bailey, Sweet, S-L, 7-J, Homer, Andre, Winters and Juniper Basin properties which gave him virtual control of the waters of the Bull Run and Silver Creek and several smaller streams and a sizeable interest in the waters of the Owyhee river.

The Y-P brand of the Garat interests, is one of the three oldest brands in the country and was first used by his family in California. It is the only brand which has been copyrighted under the federal laws, Mr. Garat said recently. The Y-P iron has been a treasured family possession since 1852.

Associated with him in the property were his three sons, George W. Garat, Henry S. Garat and J. B. Garat, jr., who survive.

The Garat & Company holdings were sold in March to the Petan Land & Cattle Company for approximately \$850,000 and included 75,000 acres of land, mostly fenced, about 8000 head of livestock and 500 head of horses.

## Career Ends



JOHN B. GARAT, SR.

## WIDOW SUES FATHER-IN-LAW

SARASOTA, Fla., Aug. 18. (AP)—Libel suits by Pluma Louise Palmer against her wealthy father-in-law, Honore Palmer, as the result of litigation over the estate of her late husband reached the \$1,000,000 mark today.

In the latest suit, filed yesterday, Palmer and his attorney, John F. Burket, were charged with libeling her in an article which they "did write and publish" in a local newspaper on August 11.

The suit asked \$500,000 damages, alleging the article contained "certain false scandalous, malicious and defamatory libel against the plaintiff."

Another \$500,000 suit was filed two weeks ago by the young widow against Palmer charging he libeled her in a petition to have her removed as administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Potter D'Orsay Palmer.

The litigation was over the estimated \$7100 personal estate of the four-times-married playboy and did not concern any inheritance he might have received from the Chicago fortune of his grandpartnts.

Meanwhile Pluma, who was a waitress before her marriage, was in New York state seeking employment. On a recent trip into New York City she told reporters she would insist on employment on her merit and would not capitalize on the Palmer name.

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