

# ROBERT A. THOMPSON.

Robert A. Thompson, who was buried in Santa Rosa Thursday, was the last of the Thompson brothers who were for many years prominent in the politics of this State. Thomas L. Thompson, one of the brothers, was once Secretary of State and served two terms in Congress. He was Minister to Brazil during Cleveland's second administration, and made an admirable record. Shortly after his return he committed suicide while temporarily insane as the result of an abscess in the ear. Frank Thompson, the youngest of the brothers, was once State Printer. He died in Salvador a few years ago of yellow fever. He had gone down there to take charge of a government prison that had been constructed on American models. Robert A. Thompson was the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State in 1898, and was defeated by a narrow plurality. He was a man of fine literary tastes, and wrote numerous historical sketches of early days in California, notably a history of Sonoma county and a history of the Bear Flag raising. At one time he was Appraiser at the port of San Francisco. The Thompson brothers came here in early days from Virginia. They were grandsons of Mann Page, one of the distinguished statesmen of the Old Dominion of the Revolutionary period. They founded the Santa Rosa Democrat and for a quarter of a century dominated the politics of Sonoma county.

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