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Nye Pioneer Is Stricken

"John C. Jock Humphrey, widely known mining man of Nye County and discoverer of the Manhattan Mining District, died Monday at his home in Manhattan on Monday after a brief illness, according to word received by relatives here.

On April 4, 1905, by right of Discovery, he made the first location, which was the beginning of the Manhattan Mining District and city of Manhattan. At the time he was in the teaming business and it is related that in passing through the canyon he stopped to pick up a piece of rock, which proved to be high grade gold ore.

In his younger days, Mr. Humphrey grew up in the saddle and rode the range for a number of years, having few peers as daring a rider. From that he was attracted to mining and prospecting, which he followed until his death. More recently he had been interested in Tungsten and quicksilver operations.

He was born at Austin, Christmas day 1874 and as a child went to Grantville with his parents and attended school at Belmont. Later he became associated with his father and brother in a meat market at Belmont, where he resided until the Tonopah boom. He was one of the first miners to arrive following the Tonopah strike.

In company with F. G. Humphrey, E. E. Seyler, George Maute and C. A. Cooper he located the April Fool and other claims which were incorporated under the name Seyley, Humphrey and Mustang.