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John R. Glougie – A most excellent man, with an enviable record for real accomplishment, whose memory is the blessed heritage of the man who knew him as one of the most progressive of Central Californians by adoption, was John R. Glougie who passed away somewhat over a decade ago. His grandfather was John R. Gladu, a native of France who migrated to America (at which time he changed the family name to Glougie) and settled in Vermont. He had a son, John R. Glougie, who was the father of our subject. Both grandfather and father made their mark, although in a modest way, as French-American citizens, contributing something to the early development of the neighborhood in which he lived.

John R. of this sketch, was born on February 18, 1839, at Jeffersonville, Lamoille County, Vt., where his father was a farmer. When the Civil War broke out and his country needed his service, he served under General Grant in Company H of Second Vermont Regiment, and after some of the hardest fighting during the Battle of the Wilderness, in 1864, he was wounded and for the time put out of commission. He received the coveted honorable discharge, however, and in time returned to Vermont.

At Jeffersonville, on January 1, 1865, Mr. Glougie was married to Miss Martha Hull, the daughter of John P. Hull, also a soldier in the Civil War and an Englishman., who had married Rozina Edwards. Mrs. Glougie's grandfather, William Edward, served in the English Army during the War of 1812 and afterwards located with his family in Vermont, and he lived to such a ripe old age that he was one of the centenarians at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. After some of their children had settled in Iowa, John P. Hull and his wife removed there also and resided in the Hawkeye State until their death. This association of the names of Edwards and Hull is the more interesting as a part of the life-story of Mr. Glougie because of the valiant performance of General Oliver Edwards at the Battle of the Wilderness when, on the second day, he broke through the Confederate lines, giving a splendid example of Yankee prowess.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Glougie removed to Austin, Mower County, Minn., where they homesteaded land and engaged in farming. Later, they sold out and moved to Adair County, Iowa, where they purchased a farm. Not finding there exactly what they wanted, they sold again, and this time moved to Prescott, Adams County, in the same state, where they became well-to-do farmers and resided until they moved to Corning, the county seat.

On account of impaired health, Mr. Glougie at length turned his face toward California, which he and his wife first visited in 1905. They liked the climate and country so well that they concluded to locate here, and in 1907 they came to Fresno,

and soon after purchased their residence. Sad to relate, Mr. Glougie closed his eyes to the scenes of this world in June 1908, a good man, widely esteemed and by many beloved, and nowhere more welcome than in the circles of the Masons, to which time-honored organization he belonged.

Since her husband's demise, Mrs. Glougie has resided at the family home, loved, revered and assisted by her children in the care of her property. She is a member of the Christian Church of Fresno, and as a cultured, refined woman loving the beautiful and the things of good report, she is interested in the genealogy of her family and in the annals of Fresno County and in all that pertains to its promising future.

Nine children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Glougie: Albert, a farmer near Kerman; Cora, who is Mrs. Shafer of El Centro; Eugene, a retired rancher in Fresno; Clyde and Cleon, successful real estate men in Nampa, Idaho; Irene, who is Mrs. Anthony of Fresno; Pearl, who married F. T. Bingham and assists her mother in presiding over her home in Fresno; Irma, who is Mrs. C.F. Gallman of the same city; and Inez, who is Mrs. F. M. King of Bakersfield.