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1869-1928

Dependener was born in Rock Creek area. He was a Deputy Sheriff for Placer County for 37 years. He was said to have been wounded seven times by bullets. He was considered "one of the greatest Police Officers in California." He was killed in an auto accident returning from a raid on a bootlegger's place. He was said to be "the best known, best-liked, and most feared man in public service."

He had two marriages and two children.

His nick name of "Big Dip" came about because of his 6 ft. 7 ½ inch height.

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