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Sarah Jane was born in Gallatin County, Illinois and came to California in 1870, she taught school for a short while before marrying her father's business partner, William Dunlap. The wealthy sheep man was twenty years older than Sarah. They lived most of their married lives in high end hotels in Sacramento and Auburn with Sarah becoming a prominent society lady.

Her marriage was annulled in 1894 and William died in 1909. Sarah continued to be active in all kinds of social activities and causes. She was the founder of the local Town and Country Club and president of the local Red Cross. She was said to be the first woman suffragist in Northern California.

She became a prominent land owner in Placer County and the gold discovery of 1848 was said to have occurred on property she owned.

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