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Gordon was a 49er, coming by sea to San Francisco then to the Auburn area where he mined for a short time. He became a merchant and settled in Auburn. He ran a general merchandise store for twenty years. He was known for his generosity and for grub staking out -of - luck miners. It was thought that his very generosity was his downfall and put him in financial straits. He died either by his own hand or by accident while cleaning his gun.

Gordon Journal at Archives, Placer Herald January 13, 1877.
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