### BOCLE, William

An English sailor who landed at Mont. '23; native of London, Eng., b after the turn of the 19th century perhaps, tho' when he died '58 his age is given as 60 years and on other records his birth variously indicated from 1795 to 1804. He could boast a variety of names, also (see Thompson, Buckley and Samuel Bocle). Almost wholly illiterate, his arrival in Calif. ended numerous adventures in all parts of the world: helping the Greek revolution as well as those during Bolivar's day in South America aboard a British privateer, one companion being Robert Livermore, who gave his name to a valley and a town.

Baptized at Mont. Jose Guillarmo B— with a wife, Maria Antonia Rodriguez m '28; naturalized '39, located at Villa Branciforte on Rancho La Carbonera granted to him '38. His child. '45 were eight in number, but I have a list of not less than eight others within the next ten years some of whom must have been born before '45. The poll list records of '68 indicate that a number of them were born '44 (!) but I assume this to be the natural error of a people who paid little attention to the calendar.

Of the chikl. Maria Teresa became first Mrs. Joseph Bacon and as a widow Mrs. Luis LaPierre; Refugia became the wife of Capt. Robert Scott, a Scotch sailor.

In '43 B— was granted a license to build a vessel of 35 tons burden, prob. not built before '49 when he was a partner of Joseph Majors and Perry McCoon in the brig *Marck Adell*.

### BONHAM, Dr. J. F.

B in Iowa, April 6 '49, just in time to permit his parents to continue their trek to the Calif. gold fields. Educated in Sacto, College of Pacific, S Jose, Stockton, Sonoma and Sta Rosa, practicing dentistry in the latter town, Kern co. and Oakland before settling in Watsonville '90. His wife was Nellie Barker of Bakersfield.

### SMITH, Napoleon Bonaparte

With his name he was a natural to be called *Bonie*; overland with his bro. H. C. S— (q. v.) with the Hastings party '45; worked for a while with Sutter but soon in the lumber bus. for himself in the 'Alameda redwoods' taking some part in the war and revolt '46-7; to the mines '48-9, serving as subprefect and keeping a store at Mission S Jose during the latter part of the last year; to Sta Cruz '50 with his bro., perhaps only investigating the lumber possibilities here. One of the founders of Martinez, county assessor and memb. of legis. '52; a ranchero prince near Walnut Creek most of the rest of his life.

### CAMPBELL, Peter

A member of Co. H, NY Vols, to Calif. '47. He was one of the men who with Col. J. D. Stevenson helped to lay out the original of the city of Santa Cruz in 1848-9.

### SPEEL, Henry

Called Harvey, Harris and Harry, his surname being spelled also Speale, Speal and Spiel; overland to Ore. '45 with Judge Blackburn, Jacob Snyder, etc., leaving his companions at Fort Hall and continuing on to Ore. with Alfred Baldwin before coming to Zayante '46; sergt. of Co. B, Calif. bat. during the Mex. war. Back at war's end to continue in the manufacture of shingles he was one of the first in the mines gathering 'plenty of gold' shortly invested in a sawmill in Blackburn gulch in company with Judge Blackburn and James Poole; bringing Reuben Sawin, whom he met in SF in fall '49 down to Sta Cruz to do the work. The Speel farm lay between the Cathcart property and the foot of Beach hill, the river and Laguna de la Playa and the line of Blackburn's farm.

Coroner and jp '50, serving with McLean, Fallon and Jas. Williams on a committee to select the first public building sites, with Sinclair running the road from the Arrastradera to the beach and to build a wagon road 'over the hill' to San Jose. Accidentally killed '58, leaving an estate to be divided between a dozen heirs by his old friends, Snyder and Blackburn.

His death paved the way for Duncan McPherson to establish his fortune. McP acquired the Speel int. in the Blackburn sawmill and ran this up to ownership of the *Sentinel*.

### ELDRIDGE, George Washington

'48, on first jury at S Jose, but in Soquel from '58 or earlier, a wheelwright, born in the US '31. See Aldridge.

### COX, David

Overland perhaps in '49 with the Henry Watson party. A daughter, Nancy J., became Mrs. David J. Watson of San Benito county '62.

### COLLINS, Peter

From '42 a resident of this region, being employed in the redwoods this year; keeper of a bar in Monterey '43. Killed at Pacheco Pass '54.

### CRABB, J. D.

Perhaps Jeremiah Crabb of Co. C, 1st US dragoons of '46. He was a saloon keeper in Santa Cruz in '50 and later years with a long ear for receiving and an agile brain for sifting gossip.

### SIRRINE, George W.

One of the Mormon colony of '46 who in formative years was a member of the lumber firm of Stout & Meder here; memb. town council '48. Still in the faith, living in Arizona '85.

### GORDON, James

'50, with Walker and Doane employed by Graham to make repairs to his sawmills.

### HOPPER, Charles

B 1799, overland to Calif. '41 in the Bartleson party, first to make the trek. Back to Jackson Co., Mo. via N Mex. '42 and in '47 to Calif. at the head of a party of 125 others besides his own family. The Moore family was a member of this party. Hopper purchased a portion of the Rancho Refugio, acquiring other properties from Thos. Fallon, but didn't remain. A daughter, Emeline, '49 became the second wife of Jasper Twitchell.

'Uncle Charlie' after the gold excitement removed to the Yountville district, purchased a large farm and acquired additional lands, dying '80 surrounded by five child. and their offspring. Segments of this and the Twitchell family were once numerous here.

### BRADY, John F.

'47, share cropper on Rancho San Andres (?). See McCall. Also called 'James,' perhaps two men, possibly brothers. Listed among the NY vols '47 were James (Co. K) and John R. (Co. B). For a few years after the Mex. war one or both these men were involved in land affairs, prob. as farmers. John F. (or J. M.) living in SF July '50 when he was called to Sta Cruz to testify in a squatter suit. One, not clearly identified, was at Soquel '51. Bancroft says John died in Stockton after '50.

### SNODGRASS, Thomas

In Soquel from late '50, saddler by vocation, b '20; resident of Wat. from about '53, one of the men subscribing to the Sentinel to bring it to this county '56; elected Pajaro jp '57, resigned to permit appt. of John Randolph Porter; purchased the Hi Jackson block at Watsonville '62 and replaced it with a brick bldg. '65; possessed of a taxable wealth '67; republican party leader '68; still in the county '87.

### SHARP, Samuel

B in England '27, to Calif. in time to become a member of the pioneers. I find no reference to him before June 25 '67 when he became the husband of Josephine, the 30-year-old widow of Charles Winterhalder (q. v.) He was for years a member of the choir of Calvary Episcopal church, mason by trade said to have erected the smoke stack at Kron's tannery which suffered not a whit in the 1906 earthquake that shook down almost everything else. His wife died Jan. 27 '72 leaving him with three step-child. ranging in age from 11 to 14 years and three of his own: Frederick E.,b April 5 '68; Josephine E., b Feb. 28 '70 and Aemil b Oct. 12 '71.

### BONSAL, Jacob

Name also spelled Bonsall and Bonsell; owner of a ferry on the San Joaquin with John Doak (q. v.), grantee of property adjoining Rancho Refugio this year, perhaps with Doak and Alex Moore. In '63 back again trying to develop gold possibilities near Felton.

### GALWAY, James

To Calif. '47 in the NY vols, according to one account, aged five years, but the info. may be erroneous. Some members of the vols. did bring their families with them. A page in the first constitutional convent. at Mont. '49, with Walker in Nicaragua as a filibuster of '54-6, thence east as a Lt. in the war '61-5, possibly with Chas. E. Bean (q. v.) with whom he was employed as editor of the *Sta Cruz Journal*, a democratic paper created to head-off U. S. Grant's bid for the presidency '68. Aged 29 on the poll list this year. The *Sta Clara News* of Sept. 4 '70 announces his death.

### BOWIE, Hamilton

'49, to Calif. from Balti., aboard the *St. Andrew*, leaving the east coast March 12. Passengers included R. Meacham, lady and dau.; Mrs. Eliza Shanks, Robert H. Hall (q. v.), H. R. Bowie, I. H. Bowie, Granville S. Oldfield, W. Richardson, D. McDonald, C. G. Ringrose, Samuel P. Wilson, ——— Phelps, Mrs. Ann Gruber, James H. Browne, H. A. Sumwalt, Jonathan F. Spence, W. C. Bench, Dr. C. P. Stevenson, M. Stittenger, R. C. Chanceauline, Dennis O'Connor and —— Sweener.

This group lost its bearings and put in at Sta Cruz harbor, believing this to be SF. If all went to the mines, a few at least returned to Sta Cruz almost immediately.

Hamilton Bowie was in the lumber business from '49, owner of a steam sawmill which appears to have been the first erected in this county until '51, or later. In '54, as treasurer of SF he was arrested on a charge of stealing $300,000 of public funds, probably not convicted.

### ALLEN, Charles

Resident of Sta Cruz from '50, being involved in the attempt to develop mineral resources in the Bonny Doon region '60.

### GLASSELL, Andrew

Pioneer of '50, capitalist associated with the Williams Bros. in lumbering and lime at Rancho Laguna and farming the Farwell Rancho near the present town of Chico, to Los Angeles as an attorney-at-law after civil war. Press reports indicate relatives are still living in this area.

### BREWLEY, Jackson

Name written Brusle on the NY vol muster. Attached to Co. E; owner of Sta Cruz city lands '49. Died in Contra Costa '54.

### HARDY, Johanna

Granted Aug. 14 '49 a 300 yard square lot between Hecox, J. C. Hardy, the San Lorenzo river and the Monterey road. Prob. wife of Wm. H.

### SAYRE, George

'50 in Sta Cruz.


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