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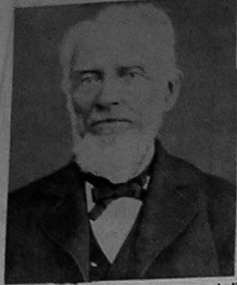


Photo from Rose Keaton col., courtesy pub. bk.
 Born in Philadelphia in April '15, he lived on the frontier from '35, leaving Dubuque, Iowa, April 28 '49 for the Calif. gold fields. He reached here the eve of Christmas that year, undoubtedly enjoying some considerable success in the mines. From '59 he was a resident of Santa Cruz, in earlier times a capitalist and money lender, candidate for town council '88, and at all times a leader in Masonic circles; but in his later life reduced to laboring. His wife, married in Santa Cruz late in life, was Rosella L. (Beese) Pinkham, widow of Jonathan C. P. and a sister of John Nelson Beese. She was still living in King City in 1902. He had died at his High street residence nine years earlier.

ANDERSON, William
 English sailor who left the *Kent* at Mont, '37, being for the succeeding 20 years one of the most prominent of his companions, called "Mountain Bill" and "Red Bill" possessed of a "wealth of recollections concerning his own exploits; one of Graham's *reflexos Americanos* '36-8, exiled to S. Blas '40 to stand trial as a supposed seceder, back again '41 with a claim against the Mex. gov't. in exchange for which he collected a small sum. Obtained a carta to remain '42, accepting naturalization and a bride in the person of a Miss Espinosa within a short time.

Anderson was a soap maker for a time with Larkin near San Juan Bautista, possessor of a flour mill on the Salinas plains sold Sept. '47 and from this time a resident of Sta Cruz to '54, being appointed *alcalde* to replace William Blackburn, then in the mines, '48-9 and pres. of the town council the latter year; owner of an interest in Ranchoes Soquel and San Andres and apparently a partner of Thomas Fallon in the Eagle hotel. The Anderson home was located above what is now the Pogonip polo club. Here in '47 he was nearly killed by William Callaghan (q. v.) apparently as the result of a property squabble, but recovered and was living as late as '84, last survivor of the San Blas exiles.

Red Bill was among those employed to construct the first roads, served with Lambert B. Clements as commissioner of common schools '54 becoming a member of the Sons of Temperance '55, tho' not wholly against either the manufacture or consumption of *aguardiente*. He took his family to Mont, '54, following the trade of mechanic. Living in SF '62. His middle initial is variously written B. C. J., N., and A., or there were several of the name. He and Mrs. Anderson were the parents of four sons and two daughters. The oldest, William A., was for several years Mont. county assessor, the father of four sons and many daughters.

DAVIS, George W.
 Said to have been both a native of Ireland and of NY City (perhaps considered to be one and the same by the sons of Erin of his day?), b. about 1816, overlaid to what is now Montana '41 by ox teams as an agent for Hudson Bay co. Two years later with the Hastings party reached Sacto from Ore. Included in the party was Owen Sumner, Jr., and his sister, Elizabeth, to whom Davis was married this year, the ceremony being the first involving white folks in this state; at Sacto to '47 when with his family he returned to Oregon City (Portland) to operate a bakery (this being his trade) until informed of the gold discovery.

Not to the mines, finding a combination farm, livery, boarding house and inn on "the old trace between Sacto and Stockton" more profitable.

In '54 moved to Soquel to operate a combination farm and tannery, sold '62 to enable him to locate 160 acres in the San Miguel district. Here Davis died in '91 leaving the widow, five sons and three daughters. Babe Beardley, reared in King City, tells us some of this family still live there.

ENNIS, John
 '47, member of Co. A, NY Vols., living in the *Zayante* region '51 near his close friend in the same organization, Peter B. Reid. Later owner of a portion of Rancho Refugio with F. C. Title (q. v.). Sold out '54.



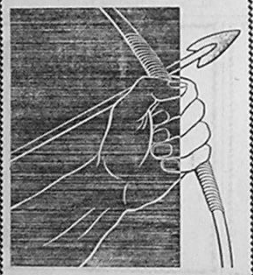
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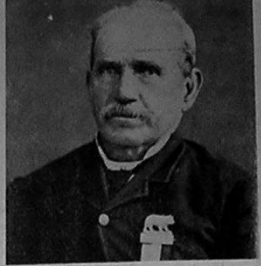


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 Native of New Haven, Conn., b. Mar. 29 '26, coming to this coast in '43 on the American ship-of-war *Savannah*, reaching Calif. July 8 '44.

According to his statement, the ship put in at Callao, Peru, in June '44. Here Com. Alex. J. Dallas, commander of the Pacific squadron died June 3 and was succeeded by John Drake Sloat.

"Continuing up the coast we reached Mont. in '46 of which place possession was taken and the American flag raised; then went with a force under command of Capt. Fauntleroy to San Juan, from thence with a force under Capt. Mallock to Sta Cruz and there raised the national flag; next, went up the coast and crossed the mountains to Sta Clara where we met Michellorena, who with his forces were taken prisoner. From Sta Clara Mervine we went to Los Angeles, near which city Andres Pico and forces were encountered and defeated."

Without desiring to remove from this old warrior or any of his companions-in-arms the honors justly theirs it should be recalled the above is a statement of a man who didn't fully understand all that was going on around him. Michellorena, for instance, had been gone from California nearly two years when Munson assumes he was captured. The allusion is, undoubtedly to Capt. Sanchez and a handful of guerrillas who theretofore had kept a much larger force of settlers pinned down at Sta Clara.

Armed with nothing more than lances and ropes and depending upon superior horsemanship to carry the day, Pico fell upon Gen. S. W. Kearney's army at San Pascual and would have reaped the general's command from under him had there been more of them. Kit Carson, lionized by later writers as a scout, led Kearney into the trap.

Fully informed on the movements of all troops in the sector, the wily Pico defeated Kearney and ran around to the north of Los Angeles to surrender to John Charles Fremont, then only a captain and at that time slowly approaching Los Angeles from that direction. With him the Spanish signed a treaty of peace knowing full well that such a treaty should have been signed with Kearney.

This act set into motion the forces of egotism within Fremont and almost disrupted the peace in California. Eventually Fremont was taken to Washington, D. C., to face a courtmartial for insubordination. (See Fremont.)

Munson after the action with Pico went to San Pedro and then rejoined the *Savannah*. The ship went on to New York City where the crew was paid off. By late '48 Munson was aboard the *St. Mary* on his way to the mines, reaching California the second time early in '49. I have no reference to his later life, save that he was residing in Sta Cruz '86, a laborer aged 60 years.

EWING, Simon Beymer
 Born in Ohio, April 19 '26, to Calif. '49, arriving in Sept. A Soquel blacksmith added to the great register Oct. 2 '68, moving to Monterey county before '73, but back in Soquel by '75. Signed pioneer society rolls Sept. 9 '86, still living in Soquel, occupied as a miner. One daughter, Clara, became Mrs. William Hickok of Soquel Dec. 25 '73; but divorced within a short time, mother of Nellie Hickok and within another few months Mrs. Clara Mills.

BAPTISTE, Jean
 Several of this name not to be identified in their entirety. At least two were, I assume, Baptiste Dabadie and Baptiste Molier (q. v.) but I don't know how to segregate them. One of this name or designation is variously said to have been a Frenchman from N. Mex. and a Mex. from St. Louis, Mo., with the Donner party '46; at N. Helv. '47-8, one of the earliest miners still living in '80.

DUNNE, John D.
 '47, printer from Me., with the NY vols.; at Sonoma to '50; badly wounded in a fight with desperados at Sta Barbara '53; in Watsonville '55; drowned later this year in the Kern river.



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