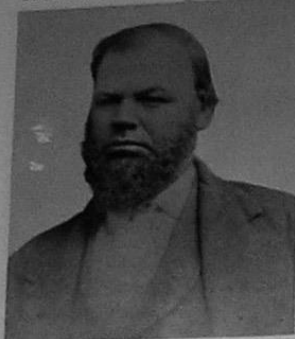


McCUSKER, Daniel



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Native of Belfast, County Down, Ire., son of a miller. Imbued with a spirit of adventure, he ran away from home, landing in Baltimore, Md., here he engaged as a hod carrier for some time; but as the result of a street brawl that ended in the damage of considerable property, perhaps as the result of the "Know Nothing" activities of the times, sought by police, he managed to get aboard a ship headed for Calif. and reached the gold mines in time to become a pioneer.

Hearing in the mines of the availability of the Bennett sawmill to the right lessee, he came to Santa Cruz with William Fitzpatrick as a member of the firm of Fitzpatrick & Co. The mill was located at the confluence of Love creek and the San Lorenzo river where the town of Ben Lomond is. Here he met and married Tillatha Catherine Bennett Graham, the divorced wife of Capt. Isaac.

In the land squabbles of the times, Fitzpatrick & Co., were ousted by Thomas Byrd and a strong force of men Jan. 13 '53. He moved to the Pajaro valley where he became a wealthy and affluent farmer.

When his eldest daughter, Josephine, married M. A. Dorn, a struggling young attorney, they were forced to clope up the coast and over the mountain to San Jose to escape from him. Enraptured that his daughter should marry beneath her financial station, the old man took her clothing from the milliners shop where she was accustomed to having them made, and burned them in Watsonville's public square. At home he did the same thing, burning all he could find; but the family saved as much as the several members could by hiding it in the upper floor of the windmill where, because of allergy to heights, he was unable to go.

The Dorn romance became one of the legends of the valley. Josephine went to live with her husband's folks in Green Valley. Dr. Charles Ford, one of the business leaders of the valley and a close friend of both families, finally effected a reconciliation at the Mansion House . . . an affair in which almost everyone

Daniel's wealth survived for many years, but by '81, he was reduced in circumstances, lost his farm, becoming a prospector in Alaska years before the rush there and in Idaho while the family went to Los Angeles to live. Meanwhile, the fortunes of the Dorns had increased.

Of the children, Josephine died in Santa Cruz a short while since, a kindly lady full of stories of early days, surrounded by a large family of children to the fourth generation.

Evelyn, called *Babe*, a beautiful girl, was standing at the window of her mother's Los Angeles home one day when Ira E. Fredendall of Wyoming, commissary officer for the US army entrusted with building up SF presidio during the Spanish American war, chanced to drive by in a carriage with an acquaintance of the lady. Fredendall commenced courtship by mail, and won. Evelyn became the bride of an ex-Wyoming sheriff, close personal friend of Senator Warren of Wyoming destined to have a large hand in the development of the Philippines and to introduce *Blackjack* Pershing to the young lady who was to become Mrs. Pershing. Mr. and Mrs. Fredendall, long since buried in Arlington cemetery, were the parents of Gen. Lloyd F. Fredendall who led the US troops at Oran during the second world war. A grandson, also a West Point man, is now stationed with occupation troops in Germany.

CLINKERPUSS, Frederick

Santa Cruz contractor having some interest in the construction of county buildings '63. The surname is also spelled K—

Daniel Martin, a pioneer of the Pajaro valley, is authority of the statement that this man, afterwards a large rancher in the Carmel valley, was a territorial pioneer to the mother lode in the Sonora region where he became friendly with Joaquin Murietta, an association which made him one of the very few "erri-

SMITH, Henry Charles

Ovahan overland '45 with Hastings (see S. S. Skinner and Gustav Bowman) but to Calif. in preference to Ore., serving perhaps in the Calif. bat. with a claim for \$25; in Sta Cruz '50, memb. legis. from Alameda co. '52; land cl. '53, supervisor '55; in Nev. during the Comstock excitement; back in Ala. '65; died '75, aged 51 years. His wife was Mary van Gordon m '46. There were several child.

CHANDLER, Reuben T.

'49, to Calif. from Tex., native of Ga., b '16, one of the early settlers of Tex., vet. of that war, of the rangers and Mex. war with Jess Graham. Left Graham at William's Landing (Davenport) '49. From here to the mines of Mariposa county, member of the Marip. rangers during the Ind. troubles of '51. Prominent Merced county farmer '88, called here to testify in defense of Graham (q. v.)

DeLAMATER, Guysbert Bogart Vroom

Called *Initials* by his friends, who were sore put to wrap their vocal apparatus about that remarkable NY Dutch name. Born in the metropolis of that state Oct. 23 '26 he was out on the Indiana frontier by the age of ten years. Educated in the common schools of Mishawaka, a village near South Bend, he was on the main line of travel westward from the northeast portion of the country. DeLamater had almost no difficulty persuading himself to seek his fortune in this new country. In company with John Keyes he left home March 15 '50. At South Bend they fell in with Charles Crocker (in after years one of the Big Four of the Southern Pacific), head of a company of six, including two brothers, enroute for Sacramento. The party was swelled to four wagons of four-horses at Fort Kearney where Eben Bennett (q. v.) and two others from Mishawaka joined them. A leisurely, almost eventless trip ended at Sacramento October 10.

Here in company with Crocker *Initials* went into the mercantile business, eventually transferring his allegiance to Michigan Bar, an almost inaccessible, wealthy gold town on the middle fork of the American river, serving that community as postmaster, Wells, Fargo & Co. agent and general merchant. Having accumulated a fortune (not the least of which was a wife and son, Schuyler, '68 he sold his mining camp holdings to a brother, Peter, and moved to Santa Cruz where his old companion-in-arms, Eben Bennett, was already located and prosperous.

From the first he was active in community development. If, indeed, he did not finance the Ross family brick kilns, he at least made it possible for this group to remain in business. He dealt extensively in lands, built the first brick building on Pacific avenue (up to that time it was called Willow street and was a thoroughfare of homesteads) with a large meeting hall upstairs, now occupied by the Harry E. Murray and Santa Cruz hardware firms.

DeLamater was mayor of Santa Cruz 71-2. Ten years later he was in San Francisco as general buyer for the Pacific Improvement co., a subsidiary of Charles Crocker's SPRR. He died in Frisco in '96, leaving surviving the widow and four children.

Of the children, May, who became Mrs. J. B. T. Tuthill, still resides near Saratoga, surrounded by three generations; as is Grace, who became the wife of William Williamson and the mother of Mrs. Deloss Wilder and Mrs. Clifford Kilfoyl. Mrs. Williamson lives in Lockhart Gulch.

Mrs. DeLamater, nee Eliza A. Cope, born in Missouri, was prevented, I believe, from becoming a pioneer for the reason that her people were held in Missouri fattening an infant son, Jesse, for the trip. He was assemblyman for the 27th session and became 13th sheriff of this county.

AMES, Josiah P.

Native of Sherg, to Calif. '47, with Co. B NYvols; settler at Sacto. to '55 when he moved to the Half Moon Bay region, then a part of Sta Cruz county, as a farmer. When S Mateo was formed out of this and SF counties, Ames went first to the board of supervisors then to the legis. '72-8, becoming warden of San Quentin '82.

MATTISON, Robert William

Overland with brother, John, '49. Left in charge of his brother's property while John was east '54-9, he had lost most of it before the brother returned, tho' not with malicious intent. He seems to have been something of a dreamer, preferring in earlier times, at least, to think in terms of artistry rather than reality. Native of England, b '26, he was a farmer in Soquel until '73 when he removed to the Hollister region.

CLEMENTS, Robert E.



"On the 23rd" (Feb., '46) "we camped on the road to Santa Cruz. The varied character of the woods and shrubbery which lay between my camp and the Santa Cruz shore was very interesting to me and I wished to spend some days there, as now the spring season was renewing vegetation and the accounts of the great trees in the forest had aroused my curiosity. Always, too, I had before my mind the home I wished to make in this country, and first one place and then another charmed me. But none seemed perfect where the sea was wanting and so far I had not stood by the open waves of the Pacific.

"The soft climate of the San Jose valley was very enticing, and in the interior I had seen lovely spots in the midst of the great pines where the mountains looked down but the sea was lacking. The piny fragrance was grateful, but it was not the invigorating salt breeze which brings with it renewed strength. This I wanted for my mother.

"For me the shore of the sounding sea was a pleasure of which I never wearied, and I knew that along this coast the sea broke deep against bold rocks or shining sands. All this I had reason to believe we would find on the Santa Cruz shore. The place of our encampment was covered with a luxuriant growth of grass a foot high in many places. A few scattered flowers were now showing throughout the forests and on the open ridges shrubs were flowering; but the bloom was not yet general.

"On the 25th we descended to the coast near the northwestern point of Monterey bay, losing our fine weather, which in the evening changed to a cold southeasterly storm that continued with heavy and constant rains for several days. The rainstorm closed with February, and the weather becoming fine, on the first of March we resumed our progress along the coast. Over the face of the country between Santa Cruz and Monterey and around the plains of San Juan, the grass, which had been eaten down by the large herds of cattle, was now everywhere springing up and the flowers began to show their bloom."

— FREMONT (Memoirs of My Life; Belford, Clark & Co. '87)

* During this time Fremont is supposed to have found shelter within the roots of the 'Fremont Tree' at what is today the county Big Tree park near Felton.

(Note: 40 years afterward, visiting the park with pioneers, Fremont was asked about this camp site. Said he: "The story is too good to deny." He probably camped on Thompson flats).

Politics, wars and other considerations prevented Fremont from making his home in Santa Cruz. But his words and deeds sent many a pioneer here, while he retained his interest by membership in the pioneer society.

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