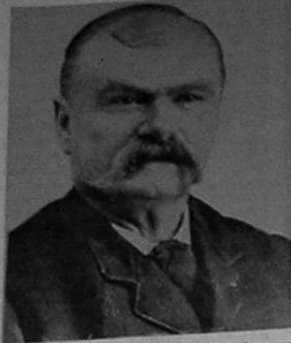


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CHACE, John Day



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Born in the rugged hills of Delaware Co., N.Y., Mar. 29 '30, Chace set out for Calif. on the steamer Ohio to the Isthmus and the steamer Republic, on the Pacific coast, reaching SF Aug. 25. Chace possessed \$100 and the intention to run this up to \$2,000 or \$3,000 before returning home to live in comfort. But his mining experience failed him. By '51 he was driving cattle at \$125 per month. Four years of this and similar experience yielded enough to enable him to take a lease on the James Williams sawmill on Rancho Laguna.

His rental for the first two years was \$400 per month, and he may have made money for during this time he cut 11 million feet.

Williams became ill and finally died, deeply involved. Chace was forced to leave. Entering the lumber business on the Butano, he went broke by '61; possessed, however, of a fortune of another kind. He married Miss Elizabeth Liddell in Santa Cruz Dec. 10 '59.

Leaving Santa Cruz to become a foreman of the Cole gold and silver mining company at Virginia City, Nev., Leland Stanford, pres., he remained here but a year, going to several other camps before returning to Sta Cruz in '64. One year as a teamster paved the way for his success. By the end of the civil war he was in the butcher business with Almus L. Rountree.

In the succeeding years he was engaged in a half dozen pursuits, helping to develop the gas business, telephones, promoting the real estate development of the community of which he was mayor from '80 through '84, and inaugurating an ice service.

Chace died at his home, still standing at the corner of Mission street and Walnut avenue, Sept. 14 '90, surrounded by the widow and eight children. Of the child, the only one left is Mabelle Helen. (Mrs. Frederick T. Hale) of Pasatiempo. There are several grandchildren residing in central Calif. and others living in the east, most with families.

BROWN, John Henry

Born in Exeter, Eng., Dec. 21 '10, as a sailor he came to the US '30 and for the next 20 years wandered extensively over the Fort Smith-Santa Fe-SF triangle, living for years with the Cherokee Ind. and as hunter and guide. Brown settled permanently in Calif. in '45, perhaps cook for Sutter in the fall of that year but going to SF Jan. 14 '46, becoming somewhat prominent as a barkeep and hotel proprietor, part of the time with Robert Ridley, owner of the Portsmouth and Parker Houses, Brown and City Hotels. His romance with Hetty C. Pell, to whom he was married in Dec., was ended by April Fool's day; but he was soon married again, and the father of at least one son.

Like Ridley from '49 in company with Stevenson he helped set out the original town of Sta Cruz. Unlike these gentlemen he settled here in the fall of '50. His first home was "on the watercourse of Major's mill creek" for three or four years before he took up a claim in Glen Canyon.

Brown was, according to legend of the times, "a little too addicted to alcohol for his own good," and as such frequently in trouble with his neighbors which fact gave to his environs the title of *Squabble Hollow*, by which Glen Canyon was known until recent years. Brown returned to SF '81, to open a grocer's stall. When in '91 John Daubenbiss was laid to rest, Brown, who had waved him out of Fort Smith in the spring of '43, was present to bid him adieu — the last of Daubenbiss' companions of those earlier times.

CUTLER, James M.

One of a firm of Cutler brothers, supplying blankets for county prisoners '50. No further ment. after '51. The "bro." may have been John Cutler, to Calif. '46, Co. C. 1st dragoons. Possibly serving El Dorado county in the state legislature '54.

McKEAN, Robert Allen



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Born on Big River, Jefferson county, Mo., Sept. 24 '29. He crossed into Kansas May 11 '50 with an ox team and reached Ringgold on Weber creek Aug. 16. In the El Dorado and Amador co. mines he acquired \$2,000 and a horse worth \$500 before quitting to become a San Joaquin county farmer. Poor times struck the country. By '54 he had no farm, no money and no horse. Possessed of a span of Yreka mustangs and \$500 in debts he engaged in teaming at Mariposa long enough to gain the wherewithal to re-enter the stock business in San Joaquin, combining this with the operation of Legget's Ferry for a time; but the drought of '63-4 did him in as it had most of his compatriots, he being required to sell for \$40 per head cattle that had cost him \$80. Two years of farming in Amador co. was followed by a year of teaming in Sta Cruz. In the spring of '68 he left for Adamsville, on the Tuolumne river, operating a ferry and acquiring 160 acres which he paid for but was forced to give up because of an imperfect title.

In '71 he homesteaded 160 acres of timberland at the headwaters of Zayante creek near the then thriving community of Glenwood, dividing his time between getting out split lumber and teaming. His wife, married in San Joaquin '59 was Miss Mary C. Dibble, a daughter of Philander Dibble, who with a son, Edwin J., was also a lumberman at the headwaters of the Zayante.

CHALMERS, George

Native of Scotland whose parents settled in Vermont, Chalmers came to Calif. from Boston via the Isthmus of Panama, reaching SF in August '50. The trip was broken by a six month stay in Panama during which time he fitted up the first theater in that town. To the mines in Calaveras county, he had little success in ferreting out a fortune and was shortly required to repair to SF to replenish his purse. Chalmers traveled widely as a builder and contractor, finally settling in the Pajaro region in the mid-'50s as a stockraiser. In '56 he became the husband of Mary S., a daughter of Capt. Edward L. B. Smith. The drought of '63-4 wiped him out of the cattle business when he lost 3,000 head. He saved enough, however, to invest in that new invention "the steam threshing machine" with which and a grist mill erected at Castroville he quickly revived his fortune.

He and Mrs. Chalmers were the parents of 11 child., scattered from the parental hearth at San Juan before the turn of the century. With the organization of San Benito county in '74 he became a prominent figure in politics there.

DEPEAUX, Louis

'47, a Frenchman in this community from this date to '65, according to his testimony.

On Sept. 15 '49, according to a suit, he was guilty of tearing down and using for his benefit a house in Soquel owned by Francisco Lajueneuse, this being the first reference I find of him. On Nov. 1 '49 he became the husband of Martina Castro Cota Lodge, widow of Michael Lodge and mother of the wife of Don Francisco. The latter continued his suit, was awarded judgment of \$191.25, but Depeaux was not possessed of property with which to satisfy it. The French adventurer was elected Soquel JP '53, but failed to serve out the year.

In '55 with Martina and a 15-year-old Michael Lodge, Jr., he sailed for Honolulu. Legend in Soquel is that he deserted them there. I find no further reference to him save that ment.

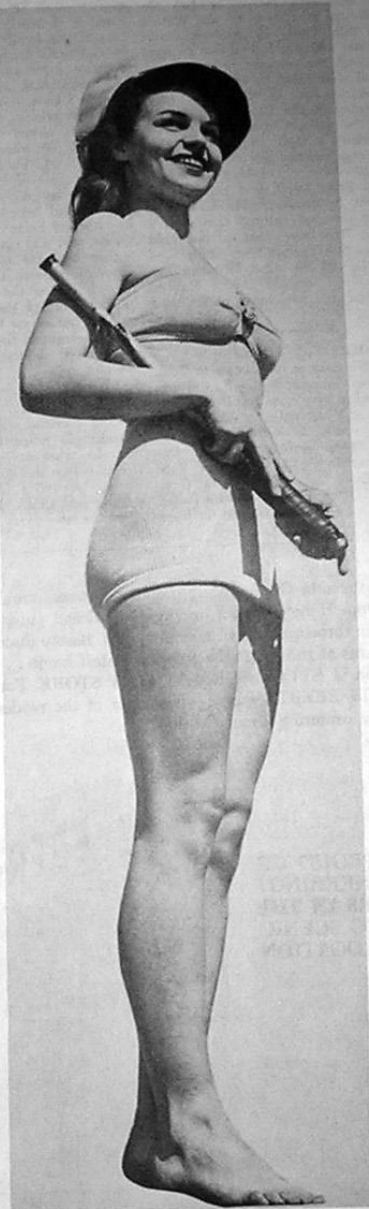
DeLONG, Abram

Clerk in alcalde's office from '49; elected first district attorney, but failed to qualify on his re-election '51. One of the first attorneys admitted to practice in this county; but there is no evidence that he was, in fact, an attorney-at-law or considered himself such. His meager practice was limited to his first year

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