

DUFFY, Billy



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'46 (?), an Irishman aboard the Brandywine, not in Bancroft's lists. The late Dr. Francis E. Morgan says his name was Waters, corrupted to Billy Duffy by common usage, and Oscar Foster adds the legend that he went east to fight with the confederate side during that anti-social affair; tho' he sought and was given naturalization here in '62. A small man, he found farming in the Paul Sweet district so distressing that he was in town at frequent intervals to relieve himself in the cup that cheers. In a rage on one occasion, he went after Daniel Monteith, a neighboring farmer, with a gun on Front street, very nearly "got" a few innocent by-standers instead. But he was as a rule so good natured and such a favorite among "the boys" that no one held this slight infraction against him. Billy died in Sta Cruz May 29 '84, aged 69 years. His wife, Aunty Liddy, a cripple also a favorite among her neighbors may have predeceased him.

DEAN, George C.

I suppose this man of have come to Calif. with Lt. Sherman's command: Co. F., 3rd art., at Mont. '49, and to have been the Dean hanged by vigilantes at Watsonville for what friends described as the justifiable destruction of Bombar about '54. There were two men of this name, one enlisted in Co. D of the NY Vols, said still to be living in Visalia '74, and there were many of this family name in the Pajaro valley with little info. from which to trace their relationship.

GALDERWOOD, Ambrose



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Sixth sheriff of Sta Cruz co., included here because of an obscure reference. The name is of Scotch origin, among other members of this family said to have been brought to California from Vermont; but I have no accurate information concerning the date of this man's birth, arrival in California, or death. Nor do I know anything about his family. He was a member of the local militia during the civil war, served as sheriff from Oct. 5 '63 to Oct. 2 '65; joined the Sons of Temperance June 11 '64, but was expelled as a backslider because of his activities on the following Saturday night; built the San Lorenzo canyon road between Santa Cruz and Felton by swinging branch to branch among the redwoods, oaks and madrones (nevertheless wielding an accurate ax in this posture), took a series of years at the task before completing the job during the winter of '68-9. He was in some sort of legal tangle growing out of politics, but seems to have lived it down. He died, perhaps, in the Ventura region to which he removed shortly after completing his road contract.

DOAK, John

An overland immigrant of '47 who owned considerable property along the San Lorenzo between what is today Cooper and Water streets before the gold strike. He went to the mines, operated a ferry for a time and after settling his affairs here moved to Stockton where in later years he was prominent in politics.

DOYLE, John

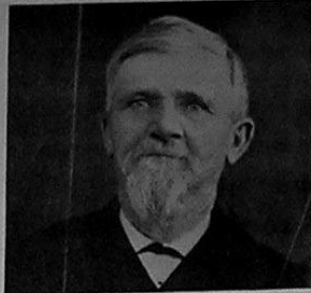


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Native of Ireland, b. '22. Reached Calif. Dec. 3 '49 and after a brief experience in the mines settled on a portion of Rancho Rodero, from which Doyle gulch takes its name. A bachelor.

COVELL, W. A.

A man living in Santa Cruz '50 long enough to be called for jury service. The name is spelled Coville, Coval and Covile; unless there was a number of this name, which doesn't seem likely. John Q. A. Covil, who reached California in '47 as a member of Co. C. Mormon bat., may have been one of this family; tho' there is little reason to suppose this other than that a number of this military unit were afterward resident here.

From civil war days a large family of this name, all lumbermen and all natives of Pennsylvania, pursued their avocation at various parts of the country. The elder member is listed as Morgan Covell, born in '27, in which W. A. may, in reality, have been M. A. Covell. Newspaper accounts of recent years indicate remnants of this family are living in the East Bay area.

McKARAHAR, John

Here in '50, but perhaps a pioneer of an earlier date. He was associated with Selim E. Woodworth in the first vigilance committee in SF in '51. Perhaps resided continuously in Frisco; but in '60 was a participant in the gold mining excitement in the Felton region.

DAVIS, Francis

Sta Cruz land speculator '49.

DAVENPORT, Capt. John Pope

Owner of his own vessel, around the Horn in '49 to establish a lucrative whaling business in Mont. Back to his native Tiverton, R. I., '51 he returned to Calif. with a bride and the schooner, Ann McKinn. Head of one of two competing stock companies engaged in whaling and accredited with establishment of Moss Landing until '65 by which year he sold and removed to Soquel, perhaps on invitation of F. A. Hill as a means of building up his Capitola wharfage. By '67 with John King commenced Davenport's Landing at Rancho El Jarro, soon another whaling center which reached its peak about '75. The last reference I have of the old Captain is '88, when he was a justice of the peace and real estate agent, aged 70 years.

The first home was where the Sta Cruz hotel now is. He died in a home on Calif. st., across from the high school. Child: Agnes (Mrs. Swanton), Annie, Ed, Walter and Harry, the latter still living in Sta Barbara.

DANCE, Joseph A.

In Sta Cruz '50. Acc. to Bancroft Lozuel Druce, written also 'Dince' and 'Dance,' a carpenter, in '41 jumped the Alert at San Pedro, ordered to reembark. David Stearns was fined for keeping D in his house. It's impossible to reconcile the names.

DOCKERY, John

'49er overland from Arkansas with James L. Prewitt, to the mines, but settled in Sta Cruz later that year, being somewhat acquainted with the lumbering families of the region and owner of 50 acres on the cliffs where in later years the lighthouse stood. Owner of property in Mont., SLOb., Sta Bar, as well as Sta Cruz counties, blacksmith by trade who became wealthy as a cattle and grain producer. Memb. Sta Cruz lodge Sons of Temperance '55 and resident of Lompoc, started by the prohibition movement, from '84; but not always an exemplary abstainer. He was married to a Pajaro Valley girl in San Luis Obispo in '63. However, they separated a few years later and she finally obtained a divorce in the '80s. There was no issue. Several of this name resident of the Soquel region of after years were, I suppose, of a different family.

BRADLEY, James A.

Working, perhaps in the redwoods, from '50 or earlier; taking slight part in civic matters before '61 when he became first sergt. of Co. L, 2nd Calif. cav., recruited in Sta Cruz to aid in protection of the overland route during the ensuing unpleasantness.

East Santa Cruz' rapidly growing business area looked like this from Hanover street just below Railroad (now Seabright) Avenue three-quarters of a century ago. Barely discernible over the barns at the left is the Joseph Flintoff home . . . today the location of EBERT'S DEPARTMENT STORE. Founded June 15, 1915, EBERT'S was the harbinger of the modern business activity centering about this location.



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