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First as the White Star laundry, in East Santa Cruz adjoining old Branciforte grammar school; then as the French Laundry on Pacific avenue where the Del Mar theater stands today (pictured above) and then on Front street (two sites.) We will celebrate our 50th anniversary January 1. In 1900 we employed six people. Today we employ 60.

## DRENNAN, Samuel

To Calaveras from his native Sagamon county, Ill., in search of gold '50, according to a scrapbook acct. in public lib. All accounts do not agree on this, however. Grandson of a man who surveyed Springfield, Ill., '22. Samuel (affectionately called "General") was born Oct. 30 '29. Resident of Sta Cruz county from '33 as lumberman, peace officer, livery proprietor, capitalist, insurance and real estate broker; tho' the son of a mother from the Old Dominion and a father from South Carolina, when the civil war broke out he took a prominent part in organization of the Union club here '61 and a staunch supporter of it later. His wife was Olive Louisa Fernald, a school teacher married here May 28 '68, who predeceased him by a few weeks. They were the parents of a son and four daughters. Recent news accounts relate the death of the last of this family. However one daughter-in-law as well as several grand and great grand child, lived in this area.

One of the supporters of the Sons of Temperance who didn't always wear the white ribbon, the General never attempted to hide his small vices from his bride who knew all about him before the wedding.

## STEVENSON, Matthew R.

Son of Col. Jonathan D., born in New York. He came to Calif. as Capt. of Co. C, NYVols. Helped his father in establishment of the town of Sta Cruz, etc. Died at Sacket Harbor, NY, '63.

## PECK, Henry Winegar

Friend of Thomas Fallon from '46, according to the statement of the latter; but I have no information relative to his activities prior to '50 when he was engaged in farming in the Soquel region in August, highly regarded by the Spanish population and called Enrique.

On May 2 '51 he became the husband of Maria Antonia Lodge, thus a brother-in-law of Fallon's wife; giving his nativity as New York, son of Noe (Spanish equivalent of Noah) Peck. Became the father of at least five daughters: Frances J. b '52; Mary Elizabeth, b '55; Sarah A. b '57, became Mrs. Turner; Alice M., b '65, became Mrs. Rosser and the mother of Mrs. Harry Lucas, Sr. I have the name of Cordelia Peck who signs receipt of notices connected with his estate; but the relationship is not clearly stated.

Don Enrique was quite prominent in early times, being justice of the peace, member of the county board of supervisors, lessee of the ancient Mission farm properties for a time, one of the organizers of the Masonic order in the state, a road builder and president of the company that ran the old San Jose turnpike over the hill from Soquel.

At the outbreak of the civil war he was one of the organizers and officials of the Santa Cruz union club.

For a while, at least, in later years he was active in the development of quicksilver possibilities in the lower end of the Salinas valley from which was derived his principal estate.

The family had moved from Soquel to "Maple House," in '70. Built in the early '50s, this structure stood where the central one-stop garage now is. Mrs. Peck operated it for years as a boarding house.

Peck died Sept. 14 '73 and was buried in the Masonic section of Evergreen cemetery. The large spire indicating his resting place tells us he was born in Wayne county, NY, April 16 '18.

Judge Harry C. Lucas, grandson by marriage, says one of the Pecks, surrounded by three wives, is buried in San Luis Obispo. Perhaps one of the following.

## PECK, Chester Winnans

Native of New York, born Aug. 18 '20. To Calif. by a route not indicated '49, reaching his destination Oct. 27. He was for some years engaged in business activities, perhaps farming, in the Aptos region from '52, being an arbitrator for the court of sessions and a road supervisor during these years.

He next turns up as a member of the Sta Cruz county pioneer society Feb. 27 '86. On the great register this year, he is a mason, living on the Branciforte side of the San Lorenzo, aged 65 years.

## PECK, Nicholas Thomas

Born at Bristol, R. I., March 23 '21, he first wandered away from the family hearth to participate in the Mexican war. One account says he came from that experience to California, but his own statement gives July 15 '50 as the date of his arrival. In Sta Cruz '63 he was engaged in the search for gold growing out of the Gold Gulch excitement, but about this time he took up a government claim on Bear Creek near what is now Boulder Creek. In those days his ranch was a wilderness outpost of which he soon tired, preferring the menial tasks assigned a common laborer in

## CAPPLEMANN, Cornelius

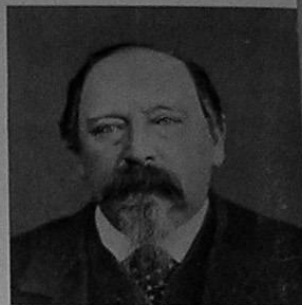


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Born in Spandau, Prussia, Dec. 22 '30. Orphaned in childhood, subsequently reared by relatives in Bremerhaven where an attempt was made to entice him into the practices of agriculture. But he had witnessed the construction of ocean-going vessels in that town and this awakened in him the romance of far places. Two brothers, resident of New York, wrote glowingly of the US in letters not calculated to allay the desire to travel. In '46 he shook the dust of Bremer from his boots and came to this country aboard the *Republic*. Settled for a short time in New York, he succeeded in talking Capt. Cook of the *Bellington* in signing him on for a cruise to California, leaving New York City Christmas Day, 1849. The trip was a rough one. Three times the *Bellington* was given up, but it finally got around the Horn and reached California June 28, 1850, six months and three days after starting.

They didn't reach the Pacific metropolis any too soon. The ill-fated ship burned in that harbor, carrying with it to the bottom Cappelmann's entire outfit, including a diary of his adventures after leaving Germany. He was among the first in the far northern mines, testing for two years his luck in the camps between Shasta and Yreka. His luck afforded him no reason to hope that he would get rich this way. To keep body and soul together, he drove stage between Shasta and Cloverdale long enough to save sufficient money to enter the butcher business in Yreka with William Irwin, afterward state assemblyman and senator from Siskiyou and governor of Calif. from '75 to '79. Misfortune continued to dog his steps. While trying to get them through the snowbanks to Yreka he lost a mule train of 42 head, loaded with provisions, in '52.

As a result of this experience, he undertook to take provisions up the Sacramento river by vessel; owning, or being part owner of a line for this purpose, in the succeeding years being partner of Claus Spreckles in C. Cappelmann & Co. of SF, part owner of a Marysville newspaper, democratic party leader (resisting at least once this party's nomination for state treasurer) and boon companion with the title of "captain" growing out of his river experiences.

Coming to Santa Cruz in '68 he engaged in the beverage business until his death 20 years later; in these years a leading member of several organizations, frequently sought as chairman of public meetings because of his marked ability at conducting such sessions.

Grandfather of Neil W. Reid and Marjorie Pierce Pringle of this city. Another granddaughter was living in Sebastopol at last reports.

## DUNLAP, William

In the redwoods at least from '50 to '52, and to '59 farming on Rancho Refugio. To Watsonville from '64; aged 40 years at Wat. Oct. 30 m. Rebecca L. Wilkins. He seems to have been a brother of Charles D., who enlisted as a private in Co. L of the 2nd Calif. cav., recruited in Sta Cruz '61, but back in the Pajaro valley '68. Several of this name are unidentifiable.

## COLE, Thomas

English sailor who deserted, perhaps in the SLOb. region '33 and from that time often appears in Larkin's accounts until '49. One of Capt. Graham's *riferos Americanos* '36-8; arrested, but not exiled '40, being grantee of lands in the Salinas valley '42-4 flogged by the Californians the latter year for revealing to the Micheltorena forces (Sutter and Graham) the place where certain powder and lead had been buried, signing the call to forgers at S Jose '45, this year and the next employed to carry dispatches for the Americans and accompanying Lt. Revere on a hunting trip. Colton names him as a man who stole a horse! His name appears on the Mont. assessment rolls '50. He is said to have died there '58.

Leon Rowland (*Annals of Sta Cruz*)