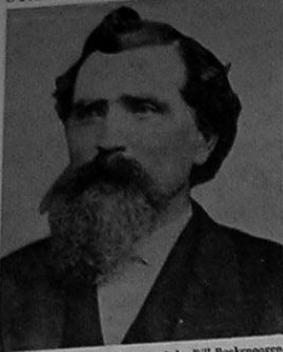


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STANLEY, John R.



Copy of family portrait by Bill Boekenoogen.

B in Mass. Dec. 5 '30, this youngster reached Calif. Sept. 5 '46 before the mast and became a millwright. In SF he became the friend of another Mass. youth, F. W. Lucas. Brought to Sta Cruz county by Thomas Eager and William Williamson to run their Corralitos sawmill, he became a permanent fixture, eventually persuading Lucas to make his home in Sta Cruz. The two old chums acquired homes adjoining each other on Plymouth street and when it became that time in life to look over the hill, lots adjoining each other in Old Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Stanley was Miss Mary O'Donnell, an Irish lass whom he met in SF. Of their five child, none survive. Several grandchild, et seq., live in this region.

LYNCH, Sedgwick J.

Prob. responsible for the early development of the lime trade in this state.

B in Sandy Lake, Pa. April 25 '22, of Scotch-Irish parentage. Apprenticed to a carpenter at age 15, traveling through the east from '45 being in Nashville, Tenn., as a general contractor when he heard of the gold strike. To N Orleans and Panama he was in the vanguard of 6,000 Americans at Cruces trying to get through to SF during the summer. Finally reached Calif. aboard the Senator Oct. 5 '49. With A. P. Jordan and I. E. Davis helped keep this boat afloat in the Sacto river trade. The former two, engineers by profession acquainted with the mode of burning lime, entered into that business after trying Santa Cruz mountain rock in the boilers of their ship, probably suggested to them by Lynch who '51 was burning lime here.

Lynch carried the first letters and packages from SF to Sacto, receiving from \$1 upward for each; left this business to erect a few buildings in Sacto at \$20 per day. This job completed, he headed for the Yuba river mines, traveling by boat to the present site of Marysville, thence by pack mule until the snow became too deep for these animals and finishing the trip to Downville by walking over the crust of six feet of snow. Caught in a storm of two weeks duration, he nearly starved before the snow was hard enough to carry his weight, but he finally succeeded in reaching a point on the Yuba where his first venture netted him two and a half pounds of gold per day.

Returned to SF in June '50, remaining here long enough to become a member of the vigilance committee of '51 and then to Sta Cruz to occupy a farm where the Sister's hospital now stands. Sold '53 to William Sparks in order to open a planing mill in Oakland, the first in that place; took time out to join a party surveying Calif. from the base of Mt. Diablo to the Colorado but by '54 back in Sta Cruz, in possession of his old farm and employed by Davis and Jordan (who by now were well established in the lime business) to erect a wharf, the first to be built on the open coast. From this time he became one of the most successful builders on the coast, being employed in the construction of all manner of things, including railroads, partner of George T. Gragg in a planing mill in Sta Cruz with branches in southern Calif., owner of large blocks of land in Los Angeles, Wilmington, Compton, residing in LA for six years from '71, owning a block of stock in the San Lorenzo railroad co. and aiding in financing the first; back to Sta Cruz from '77 residing here in semi-retirement. Died May 30 '81 survived by six of his eight child, and the widow, nee Jane Doneyhus "of New Orleans" to divide a quarter-million dollar estate.

LUNT, Amos

Native of Newburyport, Mass., to Calif. in May '47, remaining in SF six years before returning home; back to the mines of Tuolumne co. '52, thence to the lumber camps of Sta Clara county to '65 when he came to Sta Cruz. Died here Sept. 20 '86 in his 67th year leaving a widow and two sons; one, Amos Lunt, Jr., member of the 3rd Mass. inf. dur-

AUSTIN, Levi B.

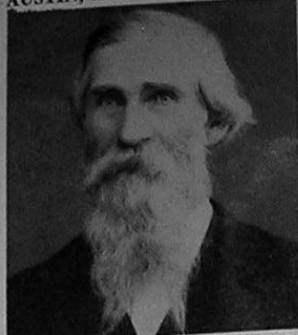


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Born Feb. 20 '19 in Addison county, Vt., of old New England stock, he moved about the Mississippi valley for a series of years before heading for California in '49. A carpenter by trade, he seems to have preferred to follow this occupation to that of mining. The trip overland was without incident, Austin entering California via Bear Valley and the Donner trail; repairing immediately to Jonas Spector's tent city, Fremont, on the Sacramento almost across from Sutter's Embarcadero. Here Spector, discoverer of the Yuba mines, set up a town to house miners for the winter.

In this thriving community Austin sought to follow his trade, but was made justice of the peace and became one of the political leaders of early-day Yolo county. In May '51 he removed to Nevada county, remaining here until '68 and then moving to Hollister. He resided in Mont. from '74 to '77 and then came to Sta Cruz to make his home on Ocean View avenue. Here he died Feb. 13 '97. Buried in Hollister.

Van ANDA, Jane

Sister of Sarah (Mrs. Elihu) Anthony, accompanying this family across the plains. She became Mrs. Pinkham; but so much confusion clouds this family name that it is virtually impossible to identify her. (See Jonathan F. Pinkham.)

HAMMOND, Gervis

Given name also 'Jarvis' and 'Jervis,' measuring plank for Graham '49; perhaps one of the mountaineers, certainly a man who had a lot to say about his acquaintance with Capt. Graham, none of it good but all disproved in court through which, until his death in '54, his tales to the public administrator dragged by the nose the swashbuckling old veteran of many a good scrap. Tho' Hammond's purpose is not clearly revealed, the testimony adduced in these old cases have added highlights to the history of the west between '28 and '46. His tongue undoubtedly was largely responsible for the bitterness between the Graham and Bennett families. He with Hugh Pablo McCall were lessees of Graham's 'upper mill' '50, buying M's interest in the property later in the year when living in the Sta Cruz potero; lessee with Hoy of part of Martina Castro's Soquel Rancho this year; partner of William R. Phipps in a hotel at 'Watsonville Landing' '52 when with a nephew, James Hobbs, he was living at Soquel, dealing extensively as share-cropper, blacksmith, teamster and woodsman. His estate, represented largely by huge, uncollectable notes, was left almost entirely to his friend, McCall.

PECK, Henry Martin

Apparently a member of the Sta Cruz county pioneer society; but his name does not appear among the signers of the roll. Born May 7 '29 at Rock Springs, Ill., a descendant of Paul Peck, one of the founders of Hartford, Conn.; his father being John M. Peck, D. D., one of the early missionaries to St. Louis, Mo. He started overland by oxteam express from Council Bluffs June 10 '49, coming along the North Platte, past Fort Laramie, across the South Pass, through Sublette's cutoff to Soda Springs, thence across to Fort Neuff "leaving Fort Hell (sic) to our right" to Goose Creek and down the Humboldt river to the Sink.

Fort Hell is undoubtedly an allusion to Fort Hall. Peck's simple statement leaves much to the imagination. He had started driving an ox team. But before reaching the desert, his party was reduced to shank's mare; they packing blankets, but seemingly little grub. At Carson river, he overtook a man named Brown, then in the act of burying one of his drivers. Brown, his wife and two children were possessed of sufficient wagons so that Peck was offered a job of driving one across the mountains in exchange for \$5 and all the food he could eat. This, Peck admitted, he "greedily accepted."

He was a resident of Santa Cruz at first from Sept. 22 '80, when his name first ap-



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