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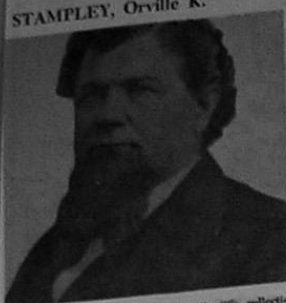


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B in Jefferson co., Miss., Jan. 5 '24; overlaid to Calif. '49, employed by Elhu Anthony to bring lumber out of the Bennett mill, the proprietor of lands, granted by Alcalde Hecox a farm site near the beach Feb. 4 '50, but soon the constable and bailiff with a wife, but soon the constable and bailiff with a wife, but soon the constable and bailiff with a wife, but soon the constable and bailiff with a wife...

HARDY, William H.

'45, ashore at Sta Cruz from a whaleship working as a carpenter and lumberman for Thomas O. Larkin and others but shortly employed by Carlos Roussillon and Pedro Sansevain to build a ship on the Sta Cruz beach, first of several constructed here and first in the state, only half completed when the US flag went up at Mont. '46. Grantee and purchaser of several pieces of property on Beach Hill where he lived the remainder of his life. Member of the firm of Griffith L. Jenkins & Co. '48, the affairs of this business being settled in '60 when J— quitclaimed '60, him for \$1. Native of Eng., naturalized '60, aged 47 years '66. His daughter, Isabel, aged 15 years, married Charles Labish here Feb. 28 '64. There were, I believe, several descendants from this union, some living in Seaside, Mont. co., at the present time.

GILT, Enrique

Spanish equivalent of Henry Hill, applied to Joseph Henry Hill, a German who reached Calif. in a Mexican colonization party before '33. From about this time he became associated with Michael Lodge in the operation of a lumber business at Soquel, called also Adam and Hy, his name in reality probably being Adam Henry Joseph H—. A sawyer by trade, employed at various points after American times, he sued the Lodge estate for \$18,000 claimed as back wages for 16 years work '49 and asserting that he had never received pay in the Lodge employ. Left Sta Cruz by Oct. '53.

CULBER, A. L.

In Sta Cruz '50.

GAULT, Calvin

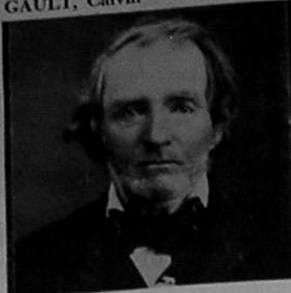


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B in Rutland co., Vt., '14, residing here until '36 when he married and migrated to Wis., being the first white man to settle in the region where he erected his cabin. Here five children were born. In '49 came alone to Calif., arriving with but \$3.50 in capital, but with a tremendous amount of grit. Finding a job at high wages, he was soon able to save enough to go into business in a tent erected in Sutter's embarcadero. Within a short time he was in business in Sonora with a fortune, averaging \$50,000 per annum for five years, but resigned at Salt Lake of a party of 75 men, but resigned at Salt Lake of a party of 75 men, but resigned at Salt Lake of a party of 75 men...

HECOX, Adna Andress



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B near Detroit Jan. 26 '00, son of Adna and Polly (Andress) Hecox of early American stock. His adventures were thoroughly covered in the Riptide centennial issue of Oct. 6, 1948. His wife, Margaret (Hamer) m in '36 was the father of three who came overland with him from Galen, Ill., '46, and of four born here. Three grandchildren are living in the Live Oak region.

DAVIS, Isaac Elphinstone

Native of West Boylston, Mass., of a prominent family of that state. Possessed of a good common school education and the title of engineer, he was pursuing his vocation in Cuba when he heard of the gold strike in a d heard for Calif. in '49. Davis had some experience in the mines, but it was certainly not profitable. He was reduced to accepting a position as an engineer aboard a Sacramento river steamer, where he met Albion P. Jordan, boasting similar education and experience. California had never witnessed the use of lime in construction and it was supposed to be lacking in this state. But these two, learning of the existence of a pocket at Redwood City, became the pioneer burners in the state and were shortly among the wealthiest citizens of it.

Although a prominent member of the vigilance committee in SF in '56, he was of retiring disposition. Solicited to run for the office of mayor of SF and governor of the state, he refused.

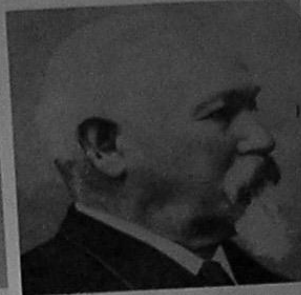
In '53 or '54 he was married to the widow of another New England engineer who had died in Honolulu.

From '53 he was a resident of Santa Cruz, purchasing an interest in Rancho Rincon, then valuable only for its lime and timber. Davis & Jordan had a hard time proving their claim, but were finally successful. From about '59 he seems to have lived in SF, where the principal place of business of the firm was located. Died Sept. 25 '88, aged 65 years, survived by the widow, a son who boasted prominence in business life of the metropolis and two daughters whose husbands were equally prominent. Surviving, too, was an uncle, Horace Davis, president of UC at Berkeley.

BODFISH, George H.

Native of Barnstable, Mass., to Calif. via Panama from New Bedford '49, having for a time shipped lumber from N. Eng. to this coast. Engaged in farming in 'Bodfish canyon' between Wat. and Gilroy for several years, later prop. of a sawmill there. From '63 engaged in quartz mining in Kern co., where he died '69, father of two sons and a daughter.

BOLADO, Joaquin



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B in Santander, Spain, March 3 '22, son of an officer of the Spanish army who served in resistance to Napoleon. Eldest child of his wealthy father, from age 17 sent to Mex. to serve in the mercantile trade with an uncle, transferring to an Eng. bullion firm transporting millions in gold across the country with the aid of American troops during the war. While thus engaged, heard of the gold discovery in Calif., hired 50 Mex. nationals to help him dig and left San Blas aboard the schooner Maria June 26 '49. Less than ten weeks later he was at the Rodriguez rancho where Watsonville now is located the purchaser of six carretas del pais (wooden wheel-ed carts whose squeelings could be heard miles away) on his way to the Tuolumne (that is now Sonoma, named in part from his crew. Here the Mex. rats, took French leave. B— returned to S Jose and engaged in the mercantile trade, then into the cattle business on San Luis rancho on the east side of Pacheco pass. He and his companions cleared nearly \$200,000 in six years. In '60 part owner of Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro, resident of Watsonville for a time, owner of an interest in Soquel Aug. rancho. His wife was Julia, a daughter of Don Jose Abrego of Mont. Bolado Park of San Benito county is named for this man who spent his later years in that region.

SHELBY, John Lafayette

B '28 memb. of a prominent Ky. family, having, I suppose, an ancestry in common with that of G. C. Shelby (q. v.); but considerably removed. He romped the state as a lumberman, farmer and stage line prop.

Descendants living in San Diego promised to submit biog. material, not received in time for this. John left Santa Cruz about '53 to take up a farm in the lower San Joaquin valley. By '57 he was again 'of Soquel', in Dec. 13 to Mrs. Ann Jennette Bledsoe of Soquel, the widowed daughter of Roger Hinckley (q. v.) His first born were introduced to the world on the S Joaq. farm; yet '59 he was back in business in Wat. as a distributor of the product of a water-driven sawmill and his father-in-law operated in Hinckley basin above Soquel. In later years he ran a stage between Sta Cruz and Soquel. A son, Evan K., was a blacksmith here. A grandson of this latter followed the same business in Watsonville. The widow and a son of this E. K. Shelby are living in San Diego.

KUTTNER, J.

Remembered '88 by Elihu Anthony as a member of the posse searching for Jesse Graham '50. Possibly Cutler.

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