

HALL, Richard F.

B near Richmond, Va., '20, the son of a large land and slave owner, he was possessed of a bride, Maria Louisa (Stimson), when in '49 he crossed the plains to the mother lode in the search for gold, with some success, in the search for gold; returned for his bride and brought her to Sacto '51. There for four years he engaged in the competency which enabled him securing the competency which enabled him in '55 to buy Santa Rita Rancho, near the present town of Salinas. This in '65 he sold for \$13,000, moving to the Watsonville region. Here his child were educated and brought up in the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Hall, b '23 of a background similar to himself, died '73. Most of his 600 acres in later years was rented to tenant farmers. He died in Wat. Feb. 4, 1901, leaving two daughters: Amelia, who became Mrs. William G. Taffinder; Alice, who was Mrs. Greter by her first marriage; and a son: James A. Hall. The latter, b near Salinas Nov. 9 '57 was in many respects, the foremost son of Watsonville, educator, school trustee, agricultural and industrial promoter, legislator, law officer, attorney and adventurer who during the Alaska gold excitement while prospecting with friends became lost in a heavy fog and survived for 14 weeks on snails and grass. He was a large man, the loss of 100 pounds or so still left him with sufficient vitality to recover with remarkable agility under the careful nursing of two surgeons who found him half dead. Perhaps there are none to carry on the family name, but there should be several descendants living in the Pajaro valley.

BOLCOFF, Jose Antonio

'15, the earliest Russian settler, native of Kamchatka, b about '95, shoemaker by trade and smuggler '22 by avocation who lived down this slight infraction, obtained a good conduct citation '29, lands '31 and naturalization '33; alcalde at Villa Branciforte almost continuously from the latter year to American occupation, his records a queer admixture of Siberian gibberish, Spanish form and American frontier slang, the latter acquired undoubtedly from trappers who made this their home after '30. B—took no part in political troubles of '45-7. In '48 he was said to have acquired a huge fortune in gold with the help of 11 child, on the lode, but he couldn't stand prosperity, '66, stripped of once grazed land holdings, the herds that once grazed the hills as well as the gold, the old man died. His wife in '22 was Candida Castro, daughter of Joaquin. The family went from Sta Cruz to the Millbrae dist. about '60.

PATTERSON, Elizabeth

Called 'Betsy' by her father, 'Isobel' by the Spanish, 'Isabella' by Bancroft and 'mother' by Mary b '30, Isaac, b '31, Tedra (?) '32, Margaret '33 and Helen '38; overlaid with her father, Isaac Hitchcock, and brother, Silas, in the Stevens party of '44. The boy, Isaac, was called 'Hitchcock, Jr.' Mary, before US Consul Thos. O. Larkin in Aug. '45 at Mont. became the wife of James Williams (q. v.) Several of the child. took up land claims in Sta Cruz in the formative years, while the first home was located "in front of the mission" (upper plaza) where Isaac lived until his death. When she concluded to move to San Joaquin '53 Elizabeth sold her farm between Cathcart and Elm from Willow to Chestnut ave. to U. W. Thompson, also of Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. Thompson in turn sold to James Williams. B '10, she was still living in Stockton '68.

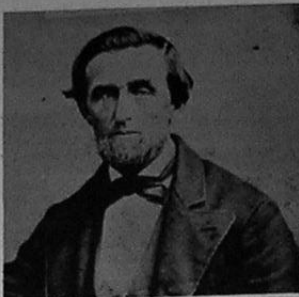
GOODALL, Capt. Charles

B in Draycott, Somersetshire, Eng., Dec. 20 '24. To America aged 17 years with 15 cents in his pocket, walking 20 miles from Syracuse to obtain a farm job. From '43 engaged in the whaling trade, master of his own ship from '46; to SF '50 for one year in the mines, but back in the Pacific ocean trade returning to SF June '53 from a two year tour of Australia, FeeGee Islands and China ports. Here in Feb. '56 he married Miss Serena M. Thayer, built a residence on McAllister street. With Capt. Andrew Nelson, another pioneer, owner of a large tract of land at the mouth of the Pajaro river as well as residence prop. in Wat., Goodall's Landing being named for him. Partner of Nelson, Senator Perkins and vice president Oceanic SS co.; SF harbor-master during the civil war, member of the state senate for several years who died in Draycott while visiting there July 13 '99. His wife who had for several years been president of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast died '93. Both he and Mrs. Goodall were for years prominent in the Methodist Episcopal church. Some members of the Thayer family lived in Sta Cruz in later years.

GREEN, Lydia M. M.

This was the married name of a daughter of Isaac Hitchcock (q. v.) overlaid '46. Wife prob. of John D. G.— Lydia was living in San Joaquin co. '54; but she turns up Oct. 21 '66 at Corralitos to marry Jackson Casady, unless there were more than one of her name. There are several descendants of the Casady family in central Calif., of ident. so obscure as to make tracing difficult.

ASHLEY, Otis



Copy of family portrait by Bill Eckenroge.

B in Martinsburg, N.Y., Oct. 20 '30; a painter who-m '14 Sarah A. Ashley, a native of Ohio, living in Plainfield, Ill., when the spirit of overlaid adventure struck. With an infant dau., Sarah E., b Oct. 4 '45 the couple proceeded to Peru on the ill river, thence by water to Weston, Mo., crossing to Calif. by ox team. The going was rather heavy, including a 100 mile trek across the desert without water. They reached Calif. Oct. 30, two days before the Donner party was forced by snow to take shelter at Donner Lake.

Served under James Frazier Reed (q. v.) with a garrison of 30 in the defense of Sta Clara '46, crossing the mountains to Rancho Zayante the following spring to help erect three sawmills in the region of what today is Felton. The Ashley home, erected about this time, still stands just north of the confluence of Little and Fall creeks a stone's throw of the highway . . . a house in which Sheriff J. R. Devitt was born nearly 70 years ago.

Removed to S Jose '48, living there for eight years before returning to Felton to take up government land, carve out a farm, engage to some extent in burning lime, taking on all comers in his successful efforts to save government lands from Spanish-grant-floating atorneys, but losing his entire fortune in the process. He was a county burial case when he died at Felton March 13, 1906.

Until this time, however, he was among the leading men of his day: leaving the hills '56 in order to organize a strong republican party in Santa Clara county for the support of Col. Fremont's campaign for the presidency, builder of the first roads in the valley '59, taking part in the several attempts to develop the mineral possibilities of the region from '56, leader in the lodge of Sons of Temperance, receiving subscriptions for the Sta Cruz and Felton railroad '82.

He was a kindly gentleman, whose 20 years of law suits in saving the government about 2,000 acres of land, didn't erase the smile on his face. His final years were spent in serving 'Aunt Sally,' crippled by arthritis, surrounded by a vast number of trophies of early times, retaining to the end his interest in the temperance movement. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley were the parents of three daughters and five sons. A grandson lives on the summit of Los Gatos road, a granddaughter lives in Piedmont. Others of this generation are scattered.

HOBBS, James H.

Nephew of Garvas Hammond in Sta Cruz '50. With uncle at Soquel from '52, engaged as a share-cropper and teamster. Memb. Sta Cruz lodge of temperance '55.

GILSTON, James M.

Owner of land near Case's lagoon '50. Perhaps Gilson. I think this gentleman was mr. of the bark Whitton which brought the earliest protestant preachers to California for the M. E. church '47.

WINKLE, Henry

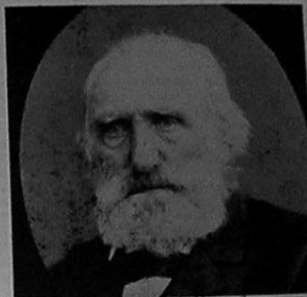
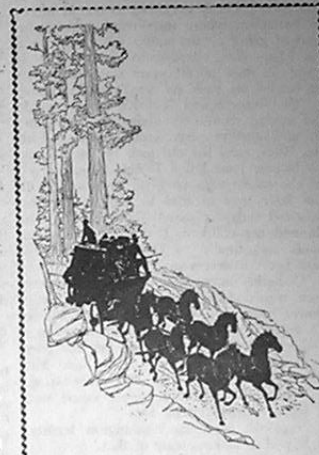


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Native of Germany, b Feb. 15 '22, to Calif. overlaid from St. Louis, Mo., '49 and for 17 years a miner near Placerville. To Sta Cruz '66 to farm a 200 acre tract. Twice married, his first wife being Frederika Hagemann, native of Hanover, Germany, died '71. His second wife was L. Jansen, also a Hanoverian. There were four child, and at least two grandchildren by 1902.

CRAWFORD, Thomas

In Sta Cruz '50.



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