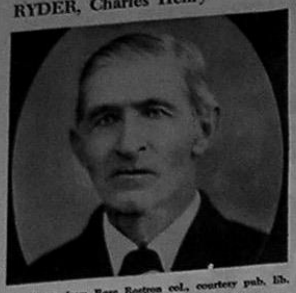
RYDER, Charles Henry



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B March 26 '26 at Dartmouth, Mass., engaged as farmer and clerk to August 19 '49 when he left New Bedford on the bark *Mary Martha*, via Cape Horn, arriving in SF Feb. 6 '50 after a pleasant voyage. Two months in the city provided him with sufficient funds to enable him to try his luck at mining in the Hangtown region. His health failed after two months. Returning to SF, he sailed to Monterey. Dissatisfied here, Ryder removed to Sta Cruz noting Aug. 15 '50 as the date of his residence and being in the lumber and farming business with Gersham H. Kirby. With the exception of seven months '52-3 when he returned to Mass. for a brief visit, lived out his life here.

If keeping one's name out of the public record is the mark of a good citizen, this gentleman was a remarkably good one. During his long residence here I find but five notations, one of which tells us that he was married at Soquel Nov. 23 '54 to Miss Harriet Lucy Kirby. Soquel constable '58 to '60, sworn to the great register July 24 '66, his surname being written "Rider." Child. were Ellen b '55, Mary b '57, David b '59, Henry b '61, Seth b '64, Silas b '66 and Lucy b '68. Seth, whose wife was Mary Dutton, daughter of another pioneer, resides on Cayuga street. Henry removed recently to Los Angeles. The offspring of Charles and Lucy of the third generation number nearly a score scattered throughout the country.

DUSTIN, Charles Haynes

To Calif. '48 from Vermont, where he was born. Sta Cruz livery stable proprietor '64 and owner of a vacant town lot '66; perhaps head of Dustin & Co., a business house on Front street '68; but residing most of the time in Sta Clara where he was still living '76.

SEARS, Robert

According to John Woods left Coloma Sept. 1 '49 with Elihu Anthony, Silas Bennett and John F. Pinkham for Santa Cruz. Anthony apparently had talked him into settling in his town. Since the others had families, it may safely be assumed he also did. However, I find no record that he remained here.

MANNING, David

Native of Tenn., b April 22 '25, who reached Calif. Nov. 28 '50, possibly by the overland route. Resident of Santa Cruz from at least '67, carpenter by trade.

ANGES, H.

Doubtful name of one apparently of Sherman's command. With Joseph Bacon (q. v.) proprietor of farmlands from '49.

ANTHONY, Sarah Van Anda

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Wife of Elihu Anthony overland '47. She was a native of Md., b April 5 '19. The family early settled in Ohio, moving from there to Ind. where she and Elihu were married in '45. Died in Sta Cruz Oct. 5 '98.

BASSETT, Vincente

I don't know how to identify this family, or several of the same surname. Some came by sea, others by land. Probably Vincente was the son of Nathaniel S., who reached Calif. in '31 as the mr. of the *Marcus*. "Dr." Bassett started as capt. of the wagon train that brought John W. Morgan, David Gharkey and Titus Hale to Calif. '49. The party wasn't in all things satisfied with his leadership; some drew away. John T. Bassett joined the Sta Cruz lodge, Sons of Temperance, '57. Vincenta Bassett "of Corralitos" b '30 became the bride of Lafayette Pine, 25, of S Jose '62. Abner and Alfred B. reached Calif. from Maine via Cape Horn '49.

BAKER, Isaac Munroe

Native of Md., b '20, a marine aboard the USS *Dale* '46-9, participating with Marston in the Sanchez campaign in front of Sta Clara; discharged in NY and back to SF '61-5 owner of a business in the Pescadero region from '64, visiting in the east for a time at the close of the civil war and an SF grocer from '75 to '85. Wife, m in SF '75 was Mary A. Smith by whom he became the father of at least three child.

ANDREWS, George Washington

A Calif. pioneer from NY state returning to the mid-west where at least one daughter was born in '57, but back in Sta Cruz county by '62 when he was elected Pescadero constable, resident of the Pajaro valley from '66, carpenter by trade, b '19. One daughter became Mrs. Owen S. Tuttle of Watsonville. There should be several descendants.

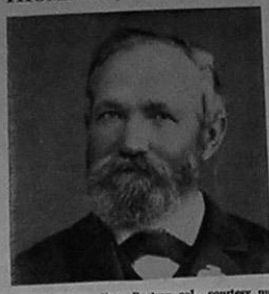
ANDERSON, Milton

In Sta Cruz county from '50, being a resident of the Pajaro valley from about '54 evicted as a squatter from Sal si Puedes rancho '59. He was public adm. '54-9, being a third-party representative in the political arena for the office of sheriff '57, not elected.

EDWARDS, Daniel

'88, said to have been a pioneer. I find no contemporary record. Died of pneumonia in east Sta Cruz Dec. 24 '98. Native of Sweden, machinist by trade, who served with the union army from May 29 to Sept. 2 '62.

THOMPSON, Uriah William



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Born in Cape Girardeau co., Mo., home of Williams Brothers (q. v.) and Jesse James of later reknown, Feb. 27 '31, leaving for Calif. May 10 '49, arriving without incident Aug. 12. Mined for a while in the Georgetown region, removing to Sta Cruz county in Nov. and claiming this as his place of residence from that date. Cast his first ballot in favor of the adoption of a state constitution at age 18 and never failed to vote the democratic ticket from that day until he died a half century later.

Brought here perhaps by Thomas Fallon and Judge Blackburn, Ri spent the first two years making money in the lumber trade. In '53 purchaser of Elizabeth Patterson farm embracing the region between Cathcart and Maple streets, Pacific and Chestnut avenues, paying what was a fabulous price for those days, obtaining a more fabulous one from James Williams when he sold two years later. Included in the latter was a Cape Girardeau farm. Thompson went east to settle up his business affairs and returned to Sta Cruz the following year, remaining here from that time until his death on a 180 acre farm on Soquel road.

In '58 he married Miss Charlotte Rice, a native of Jo Daviess co., Ill., and daughter of County Judge Henry Rice. He was the father of four sons, all of whom died without issue.

ARRENDIELL, Benjamin Wilson

B in Tenn. April 15 '16, a wheelwright by trade who reached Calif. '36. From his name I assume he was a nephew of Don Benito D. Wilson of Los Angeles, forced by the Mexicans to leave N Mex. because of a fear that he and his companions would assist the Texas revolt. Arrendeill was a resident of Sta Cruz from '69.

BAYLEY, Benjamin Franklin

Family of this name said to be at Coloma '48. B. F. turns up in Sta Cruz as a 1st lt. of Co. K 5th Calif. inf. recruited here '61. Back in the Pajaro valley '68, aged 35 years.

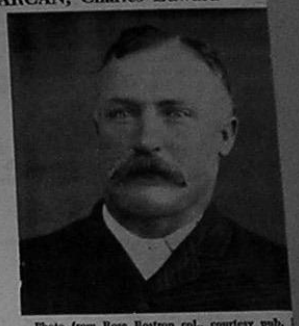
CROOKS,

Added here for no other reason than that J. R. Kitchen recalls Crokes (phonetic of Crooks?) as one of the first 16 heads of families to settle in the Pajaro valley. Josiah Crooks, native of New York, aged 31 years, a Pajaro carpenter, was on the great register in '67; but not included in the voting lists of the next year having "removed."

BAKER, Elijah

On first poll list '50.

ARCAN, Charles Edward



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Born in Chicago, Ill., May 1 '48, ove
land in the Manley-Arcan "Jay-Hawker" par
of '49; being one of the child. transport
across the wastes of Death Valley on the ba
of an old ox *Crump*. He was a machinist
trade, somewhat prominent in social circles
the community; twice married, the first wi
being Josephine ———. By this union Josep
ine Eliz. was b Nov. 4 '73 and Mary Agnes
zet, May 31 '78. He was married again to Et
T. Emery at the res. of Mrs. Hi Scott M
25 '89. Descendants live in Stockton.

ARCAN, John Baptiste

Native of Versailles, France, b '13, tak
by his parents first to Canada and then to N
being brushmaker, gunsmith and carpenter
trades. He was living in Chicago when h
first-born, Charles H., made his appearanc
'48. With wife and child overland via Deat
Valley in the unfortunate "Jay-Hawker" part
of '49, Abigail H., his wife, being accredite
with inspiring faith in those who cam
through.

Possibly because of his trades, Joh
showed a remarkable capacity for makin
money, being the owner of property at th
corner of what is today Soquel and Pacifi
avenues (where the Bank of America no
stands) with a story-and-a-half home whos
upper floor became the town's first meetin
hall and where the Masonic lodge, in whic
Arcan was prominent, was organized.

Frequently serving in some thankless pub
lic capacity, he was one of the few "capital
ists" of the county during civil war days. Die
Sept. 15 '69, leaving the widow, two daughter
born in Sta Cruz and the son to share a larg
estate. One girl was unable to care for her
self. The other became Mrs. Flores, dead,
believe, before the turn of the century. The
widow died in Sta Cruz '91, aged 74 years.
The name is oftimes spelled Arcane.

HAUN,

Family from Mo. living in the Sta Clara
and Pajaro valleys as well as Sta Cruz. One
was Mrs. James Lynn who d in Hangtown '48;
another married Lavinia Whisman before com-
ing to Calif. '46; one was a constable in Wat-
sonville; one married into the family of G. C.
Shelby; info. insufficient to identify.

BAXTER, Henry Vanderbeck

B in NY City Oct. 23 '42, claiming to
have arrived in Calif. March 6 '47; perhaps
with NY vols, several of that organization
bringing their families. Sta Cruz saloon keeper
signing the pioneer roll Mar. 27 '86.

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