

SHORT, Samuel S.

B at Castine, Me., '21, took to the sea from Bangor at age 14, following this life 13 years. When the gold excitement broke his father fitted out Samuel and his brother, William (a. v.), for Calif. aboard the bark Santeau. They left home in Jan., reached SF July 18 after an eventful voyage and immediately set out for Stockton in a canoe and later they had brought with them. Built the first log cabin at Don Pedro's Bar, had no Merced river where during the winter of '49 and spring of '50 they took out \$25 per day, and of the gold was almost pure and where they took out \$1500 the first 20 minutes.

Samuel returned east '53, started west again '54 but hesitated in Minnesota for six years; continued westward '60, but was frightened out of going beyond Denver because of hostile demonstrations on the part of the Mormons and driving stock between that time as a cattleman and on the Montana point and Mexico, got in on the Montana strike '62 during which he took out from \$50 to \$60 per day but was again driven out by fear of the Plummer gang. Returned to Maine. In '75 he started out again, this time by train. Lived in Gilroy and Pacific Grove until '83 when he came to Santa Cruz to be with his brother, William.

HAIGHT, Samuel W.

'47, sutler of the NY vols, frequently ment. in commercial records from this time; with Stephen A. Wright purchaser of the Callaghan sawmill site on Pogonip creek '48, interested also in the development of Benicia. Sold his Sta Cruz prop. to John D. Green and removed to SF where in '56 he was laid to rest.

DEVOLL, Philip H.

Native of Westport, Mass., b. Feb. 17 '10, receiving but scant schooling and on his own from age 10, for a while as a farmer to which he was bred but gravitating naturally to the exciting life of a sailor. In '27 he commenced his first 3-year tour in search of whales, his provisions including a small cask of rum and box of tobacco, which he never touched. At age 20 he was second mate of the ship *Hope*, touching at Monterey and Sta Cruz. Quit the sea '52 to marry and settle a Mass. farm. Crippled by paralysis '62, he came to Sta Cruz '68 and opened a small business which kept him in ready cash from a clientele who enjoyed his products. Of eight child, only one survived.

LATHROP, Levi B.

To Calif. overland from Waukegan, Ill., '49, to Trinity co. mines where he owned the first stamp mill for the reduction of one of the miners, then to Shasta co., perfecting an irrigation system for vegetables which enabled him to show a \$26,000 profit for one year of gardening; thence to S Jose to set out the first orchard in that region, utilizing 100 acres for this purpose and pointing the way toward the future growth of that region, also inventing a combined thrasher and harvester afterward extensively manufactured in Stockton and a hay press manufactured in S Jose; to Hollister to construct the first warehouse in that vicinity and to develop the Lathrop hay co. which by 1902 was the largest in the state. Retired, resident of Capitola by '95. Still living there 1902. Born in New York April 30 '15.

YOUNGER, Coleman

Farmer in the Soquel region in the mid-50s, prob. residing in San Jose where he was for many years one of the leading political and civic figures. Descended from a Maryland family and revolutionary war soldiers, one of the earliest settlers in Liberty, Clay co., Mo., member of the Missouri legislature of '44 to Calif. '50, among first breeders of Durham shorthorn cattle. Died at age 81 years. One son was Charles Bruce, an attorney of Sta Cruz from '71. Donald Younger, local democratic leader, is a great grandson.

GRAHAM, Major John W.

"We changed the laws of Texas," boasted this veteran of the war of 1812, the Texas revolution and Mex. war when, in defense of his brother, Isaac, he attempted to tell an American lawyer something of legal practice in pre-American Mexico. To Calif. '49 from Texas, in '50 in the lumber business on Rancho Calabasas with Isaac Wayne Graham, a nephew. (See Isaac Graham). He may have migrated to Washington territory. His sons, Napoleon Boneparte and Jesse H., the latter a member of the judiciary, were prominent in that terr.

SMITH, G. W.

Initials would indicate that his two given names were George Washington. Necessarily, it is impossible to identify all the Smiths. This man may have been a bro. of Columbus H., but prob. was one of two or more of the name in the earlier overland migration.

BOWEN, Thomas W.

From Phil. aboard the *Grey Eagle* Jan. 1850. Still living in Sta. Cruz '50.

BOFMAN, David

Familiarly called 'Nigger Dave,' this old slave came west with his master, Newton Bofman who gave him his freedom in exchange for his services as a cook overland. From Mo., probably not born there, father of five child, who was separated from his wife and child, by order of Newton. Never returned to Mo., but engaged for a while from '50 with Samuel McAdams in the lumber trade with a lease on one of Graham's mills. Settled in the Soquel region '54, evicted as a squatter '62; from about this time pre-emptor of lands in the Viso Hill region, favorite of neighborhood children at the original 'Uncle Remus.' A huge, powerful, kind-hearted, gray-haired man he could lift a plow and carry it on his shoulder several miles almost up to the time of his death '93 at age 90 years. He never wore shoes and never owned a wagon. When he came to town to have his plow set he carried it on his back because it was too heavy for my horse to pull.

In his last year he was unable to care for himself. His old friend, Elisha Anthony, became administrator of his affairs. To make pleasant the twilight hours, Anthony was able to locate a daughter, the last but one of his family, living in Colusa co.

GREEN, John D.

At Sta Cruz from '47, his wife perhaps was Lydia M., daughter of Isaac Hitchcock. To the mines during the rush, back Jan. 1 '49 to purchase the Wright sawmill at Rincon, paying \$2,000 for it and a 600-yard square tract of timber. Still there '51. In Sta Cruz June 1 '03 John D. Green, nat. of Pa. and vet of the union army ('61-65) was drowned.

Bancroft (*Pioneer Index*) turns up with a Henry A. Green, lumberman and builder in Mont. and Sta Cruz '48, supplying Thomas O. Larkin with lumber and materials for Benicia, the town that was to be what SF is today. He confuses him with Francis Green, here in '39; but I suppose he is guessing, as I confessedly am. I have a list of not less than 21 contemporary Greens, ranging from capitalists to vagabonds whom I find almost impossible to segregate.

BOYLE, Henry G.

'47, Co. C Mormon bat. Memb. Sta Cruz Lodge of Sons of Temperance. Chaplain of Utah legis. '82.

HIGHMOOR, Joseph

Holder of a mortgage on 2/5th of Rancho Laguna Calabasas from Jan. 31 '51. Still in the county '57.

HALE, Titus

B in Mo. '34 of Eng. parentage, overland '49 to a party including the families of Davy Gharkey and John W. Morgan, working in the diggings for a time before returning to St. Louis to accept a job as a \$10 per month clerk. Three years savings enabled him to return, perhaps again with Morgan, Hale reached Sta Cruz '55 with \$180 in his pocket and the ambition to drain the sloughs of Rancho San Andres into the Pajaro river.

By this activity he submerged the legend surrounding the name of *Laguna de la Canoa del Clero*, where Ignacio, son of Joaquin Castro, had built his home. Here Hale built his own home still occupied in '74, from which he directed activities resulting in the acquisition of a considerable fortune as railroad builder, tanner, merchant, woodsman, banker, financing and directing a large part of the work connected with construction of the levee system in the San Joaquin delta.

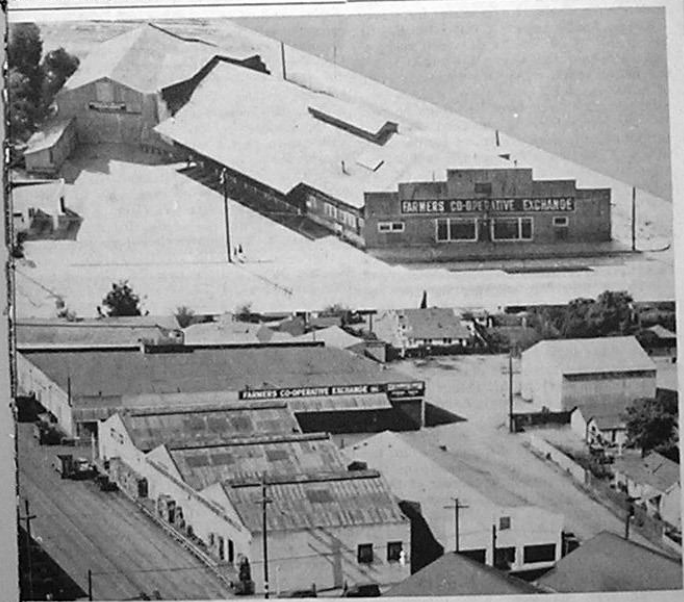
His wife was Martha (Jackson) Aldrich, widow of Luke C. Aldrich with both of whom prob. he had come overland, she as a 14-year old girl. Mrs. Aldrich, stepdaughter of Davy Gharkey and niece of John W. Morgan, was owner of the Santa Cruz House. The marriage took place July 10 '62. To the union were born Peter, Edward, Charles, Mamie and Rose; but I know nothing of the family other than that Hale, then living in a house still standing on Laurel street across Center from the present Laurel school, took his brood to the bay area in '80, in succeeding years he came active in the California pioneer society serving it as president for several terms. Mrs. Hale died in Oakland in '91. He survived to the age of 91 years, dying in Piedmont Dec 12, 1925.

GREENWOOD, John

Son of Caleb G., mountaineer and trapper, by a Crow squaw, with his father and full brother, Britain, engaged as a guide for overland traffic from '44 associated with Isaac Hitchcock, Joseph Walker, Isaac Graham, Joseph Majors, etc. Member Co. E, Calif. bat. '47, and of Sta Cruz militia '62-5, John conducted a trading post during the gold rush. From '57 or earlier resident of Sta Cruz. This year his wife, Sarah, divorced him. Both apparently continued to reside in Sta Cruz, she receiving a grant of land from the town council '66; he being 51 years of age in the poll list of that year. Mary Ann, apparently a daughter, aged 19, married Alexander McDonald here July 19 '63.

SPECT, Henry

'49, of Sta Cruz' investing in property.



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