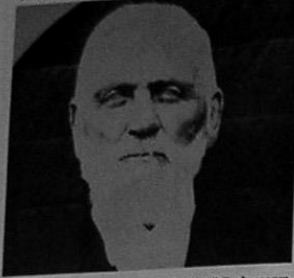


PETERSON, Peter



Copy of family portrait by Bill Boekenogren.

B in Arendal, Norway, July 3 '25, apprenticed to a ship's carpenter in boyhood, following in the vocation of his father and grandfather. With an uncle, a ship's master, he left Norway '40 on a three year cruise, but didn't return. In the Mediterranean he shipped with an American vessel, *Suanton*, for N Orleans. In Baltimore when the gold excitement struck, he and a company left for Calif. via the Horn. Lost their bearings on this coast and put in at Mont., believing this to be SF. Here with others of the crew he jumped a ship and proceeded to the mines, enjoying little success as a searcher for gold but earning \$12 per day building the first suspension bridge in the state and in construction of flumes to divert water to the mines.

In '31 he attempted again to find a fortune in gold, but high water washed away everything he possessed except the clothes on his back. Mostly on foot, he traveled to Sacto expecting to find work as a carpenter. No lumber was available. He walked on to S Jose in search of work, sleeping on the ground and wading or swimming swollen streams.

By '35 he had managed to acquire a small competence, invested in cattle which, under the law, enabled him to claim as much land as he could fence for their grazing. This he took up on Ben Leonard mountain shortly after his marriage June 3 '35 to Miss Annie Sullivan, a native of County Cork, Ire., who had come to Calif. with an aunt in '53. Most of the rest of his life was spent there. In '38 sold to Holmes lime co. and moved to Sta Cruz where he died during the first world war. Of four daughters and two sons born to this couple, Margaret (Mrs. R. S. Tait), died in Feb. 1950. By 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Peterson could boast 26 grandchildren.

HARDING, Isaac

In Sta Cruz '50; grave digger '56. Perhaps Isaac Hardin, who joined Sta Cruz Lodge Sons of Temperance '56. J. R. Kitchen gives J. Harding as the name of a pioneer among the first 16 heads of families in the Pajaro valley.

ALLEN, John

'47, memb. Co. E, Mormon bat, a 'hard-case' drummed out of the bat, and ex-com. from the church who by Dec. was granted 300 square varras in what is today the heart of the Sta Cruz business district, courthouse lot, Hotel Palomar, etc., being also owner of SF prop. this year. He went to the mines, apparently abandoning his claim before the first of the year, 1850. As a 'terror' in the Placer county region, he was killed in a quarrel at Grass Valley '51.

BALDWIN, Alfred

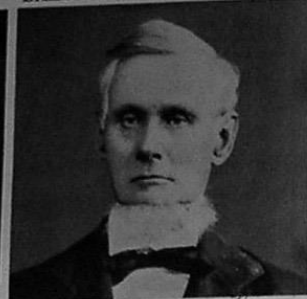


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B in Albany co., NY, Mar. 22 '16; died in Sta Cruz Jan. 8 1904. Interest in Pacific coast stemmed from his reading of Lewis & Clark *Journal*, but residing near the Lewis & Clark hearth until '44. This year at N Orleans fitted out with a party up the Miss. to St. Louis and overland May 2 '45 with 800 wagons. Helped erect first building at Portland, Ore., this year. Here met Richard C. Kirby with whom he came to Calif. in July '46. Enlisted in Calif. but under Purser James W. Watmough of the sloop-of-war *Portsmouth* engaged in Ind. fighting in the S Joaquin, thence to Mont. to fit out harness for the "army" and finally to LA overland under Fremont. To Sta Cruz Dec. '47, being virtually a continuous resident from that date, tho' in the mines with little success '48, caretaker of Lassen's rancho at \$100 per week for a brief spell and shoemaker in SF.

His was the first house erected on Walnut ave. His wife, m in Sta Cruz '66 was Miss Fannie Willard of Leominster, Mass., visiting a brother here. They were the parents of three, of whom one survived: Caroline Willard Baldwin, a distinguished student of UC, class of '32 and of Cornell who became an instructor at Lick school for girls before her marriage to Charles R. Morrison, an SF lumberman.

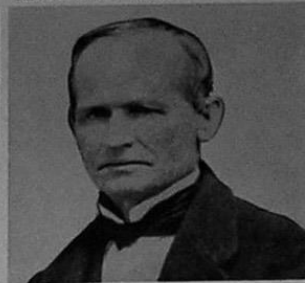
GREGORY, Durrell S.

'50, first attorney permitted to practice before the district court in this county when state government became an organized reality, law partner of B. C. Whiting to '54, judge of the first election, US agent for the first census of the county '52 about which year he with Judge J. H. Watson took up a lease on Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro of Sebastian Rodriguez and established the town shortly to be designated as Watsonville. He was state senator from Mont. and Sta Cruz counties for several years after '55 being a leader of the democratic party gravitating to the Breckenridge element in the stirring campaign which saw Abraham Lincoln elected president. Resigned as district attorney of Mont. co. '60 in order to participate in the celebrated Charleston convention which threw down the gauntlet that resulted in the civil war. Back to Calif. at war's end, he continued as an attorney in Monterey; but never regained the popularity he had previously enjoyed. I have no record of him after '75 when for a while he supplied the Sentinel with a few recollections brought to his mind by the fate of Tiburcio Vasquez, the native patriot hanged at S Jose that year.

AKER, J. W.

In Sta Cruz '50. See Eaker.

ANTHONY, Elihu



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B in Saratoga, NY, Nov. 30 '18 of Welch-English descent, his father being manufacturer of the first sythes in that section. Obtaining what schooling he had during the winter months between '23 and '31 he learned the blacksmithing trade from his father. The family started moving westward '31. By the time he was 20 Elihu was in Mich. He married on the frontier '41, soon afterward becoming a licensed exhorter of the M. E. faith. Here his wife died as well as three child. born to them. In Fort Wayne '45 he married a second time Miss Sarah A. Van Anda.

With wife and child, Louisa b '46, he left Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 1 '47 for his new post as missionary in Ore. They were enroute six months, the train consisting of 100 wagons and 400 persons to Fort Hall. Here Anthony was persuaded to turn south to Calif. with a small party, his wife being ill and heavy with child. A son, Bascom Florenzo, was born to the couple within 24 hours of the time they reached San Jose in Oct.

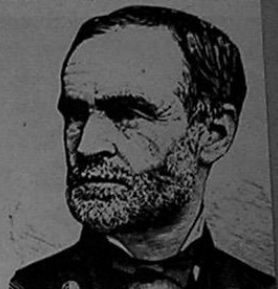
To Sta Cruz on the eve of Christmas '47 for the festive board shot geese on a lagoon about where city hall today stands. Feb. 7 '48 granted by Alcalde Blackburn a tract of land "for business purposes" extending from the brow of Mission Hill to what today is Cooper and Front streets following the contour of the river bank; being from this date the unquestioned first man of the town; organizer of the first protestant church, made the first picks for the mines at his forge which stood at what is today the east corner of North River and Mission streets, cast the first iron plow ever seen in Calif., erected a business block in Nov. '49 which became the first post office the following month, postmaster for 13 years (not consecutive), erected the first wharf, with Hihn and Imus proprietor of the first water works, owner of the first department store, responsible for bringing the early influx of permanent residents among the pioneers to this community.

So much has been written about this old pioneer that it is not necessary to go into great detail concerning him in this limited edition. Of his eight child, Louisa, who became Mrs. Wilbur Huntington in Sta Cruz Sept. 8 '67, was the only one to leave natural descendants, one branch of the Sinkinson family of this community and the Huntingtons of Boulder Creek being among them.

ALDRIDGE, George

In Sta Cruz '50; perhaps ident. with Aldrich (q. v.) Numerous of the Aldridge name were prominent residents of the Pajaro valley in later years, reaching here from the mid-west.

SHERMAN, William Tecumseh



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B in Ohio '20, son of a federal judge named him Tecumseh after his friend, an Indian chief; permitted to take the name William for baptismal purposes in the Catholic faith; orphaned in childhood and taken to the home of Thomas Ewing, noted Ohio statesman whose daughter he married '50, Grad West Point, to Calif. '47 as Lt. Col. F 3rd serving until '50 most of the time as adjut. of the mil. gov., memb. of the firm of Werner, Sherman & Bestor, doing business at Coloma '45-9. Pres. Polk in the message that the migration westward '49 based his statements on Sherman's reports. Went east with dispatches and to get married, resigning his commission in the meantime, back to Calif. '53 as a partner in the banking firm of Lucas Turner & Co. From this time until '57 he was one of the prominent financiers behind the agricultural development of the Pajaro valley, his wife and Miss Lucy White, a sister of William F. W— (q. v.) being the responsible parties behind the founding of the Pajaro Valley Catholic college and orphan asylum. The banking firm went broke in '57. Because many of his friends had returned to show their faith in him Sherman invested east to take a position with a law firm in an effort to pay his share of the losses. He was a complete fizzle as a lawyer, lost the only case he ever got up courage enough to try; but succeeded in reducing his obligations as pres. of a S. Louis street railway co. between '57 and '61 when he returned to the service of his country with results that should be known to most Riptide's readers. After the war he was a frequent visitor to Calif., taking a deep interest in pioneer affairs. Died '91.

ELDEN, Charles D.

Bro. of John, perhaps also of Andrew. In business in Sta Cruz from '50. Charles '52 purchased that block of property now included in the McHugh & Bianchi grocery, at Percy Campbell's laboratory. As a business corner it has changed little in the ensuing 6 years. Elden went east '54, leaving his brother John B., as his attorney in fact. When John followed four years later, the business was left in the hands of Cooper brothers. In '6 C. D. was living in Scotio co., Ohio, with a wife, Mary C.

EVANS, O. H.

'47, at SF from Ore, on the *Henry*. With Hiram Scott grantee of Lots 9 and 13 of Snyder's survey of Sta Cruz '49. Orlando Evans is the name of one of the owners of the bat of Monterey gold, silver and copper mining co., '63.

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