

### PORTER, George K.

Bro. of John T. Porter and cousin of Ed. ward, b in Mass. Feb. 9 '33, apparently to Calif. with his cousin and L. W. Moore. Like his cousins he was prominent as a businessman and tanner, manufacturer of the first shoes in Calif. with 40 or 50 San Quentin convicts hired from the state for working up the products of the Soquel tannery into coarser kinds of boots. To the mines on arrival here in '49 but settled at Soquel by '51, large land owner, like his bro. interested in politics state senator and Union club leader '61. Success as a shoe manufacturer caused his removal from this county to SF. His declining years were spent on a San Fernando valley rancho.

### BAXTER, John A.

B in Quincy, Mass., July 12 '27 becoming one of the members of a joint stock company which purchased the ship *Edward Everett* for the trip around the Horn and reaching SF July 6 '49. To the mines after selling the vessel, afterward merchandising in the northern part of the state, to Gilroy '69 and Watsonville '84 as prop. of a hardware business. His wife, m June 12 '66 was Leonora J. Wendell of Me. Three child. were born to the union; but only the widow and the eldest son, John b '70, were still living after March 9, 1910, when Frank Baxter, the youngest son, died in Watsonville aged 29 years with an interest in an Hawaiian sugar corp.

### HARPOLE, Sampson

In the lumber trade for a while during formative years.

### GUM, Gabriel W.

In Sta Cruz '48, to Sutter co. by '52. It's impossible to tell by this man's signature whether it is Gum or Gunn. Bancroft identifies Gunn as "Gum" (q. v.). I have a hunch this man is among the forebears of our own fire ranger Les Gum of Felton, whose father was for many years among the leading lawmen of the state as sheriff of Placer co. A number of this family still live in that region.

### SHULTERS, John

'47, Co. H NY vols; '49 speculating in Sta Cruz city lots.

### HAMLIN, Orrin

Election officer '50. One or two of this surname resident here to civil war days.

### HARDY, John C.

Owner of a lot along the San Lorenzo river '49. Sons of this man, claimed to be identical with Thos. Hardy, were suing for a large Yolo co. rancho in later years.

### BAWDEN, Joseph L.

'48, an SF commission merchant; engaged in promoting Sta Cruz '49.

### HOPPER, Thomas

Native of Mo. overlaid '47 with his brother, Charles, etc., once owner of a large amount of land here, to the mines '48-9. In later years a wealthy Sonoma co. land owner with seven child. His wife was Minerva Young, married before the trek.

### CUSHING, Nicholas

To Calif. with Wm. H. Thomas, whose account of the adventures (*To Calif. by Sea* '43-44-45) can be found in the pub. lib. here: "the solitary passenger, Mr. Cushing, a young fellow who was going to Calif. as supercargo aboard the *Admittance*. Thomas afterwards calls him "Mr. Chips," in some trouble with the capt. and consigned and returned home. Nicholas Cushing alias Chips is a subscriber of the *Sentinel* and memb. Sta Cruz lodge, Sons of the Perance '50. Native of Rhode Island, b '18, laborer at New Years Island '66; at Pescadero '67, at Davenport '80. Possibly a bro. of Simon M. Cushing (q. v.)

### GRIVS, John

On first poll list '50. Doubtful name, perhaps Grins.

### HICKEY, Cornelius

B in Limerick, Ire., June 5 '27; resident of Penn. from age 4, to Calif. '50, residing in this area most of the time. To Hollister '75. Ellen Hickey m James Glass here Feb. 20 '69.

### ANGLIN, Aaron

'49, prop. of lands sold to William C. Parker Feb. 20.

### SMITH, Alexander

'48, dealing in Sta Cruz lands. On June 23 '88 Alexander Smith died in the county hospital. He was a native of Scotland, aged 88 years.

### BROWN, Charles

Pioneer of '48 who made a fortune in SF real estate before '62 when aged 45 years, he moved to Sta Cruz to engage in the lumber business and in financing construction of hotels and other edifices. Engaged in the lumber bus. with George Anthony, as a tanner on his own and partner for a brief time with R. C. Kirby. He financed construction of St. Charles Hotel here, the Mann hotel in Soquel, loaning money on mortgages for a variety of things all of which in the hard times of the '70s turned sour. The old man watched his fortune dwindle until he was reduced to keeping body and soul together by swamping in saloons. Died in co. hosp. 557. One son was Charles Augustus b about '43. A daughter, Elizabeth, became the wife of Walter H. Rice, son of Judge Henry Rice. Her husband died of consumption June 7 '85. They were the parents of one son.

### GRIFFITH, William

'50, said by William Finley (q. v.) to be in Sta Cruz. Perhaps from Ill.

### SAYRES, Robert

'50, in Sta Cruz. Perhaps Robert Sears (q. v.)

### SLIDELL, John

In Sta Cruz '60. This is the closest I can come to "Sleydell" said by Lansing Haight (q. v.) to have been the person for whom he built a vessel in '49 for which he was still holding a mortgage '88.

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