

WEEKS, Thomas Jefferson

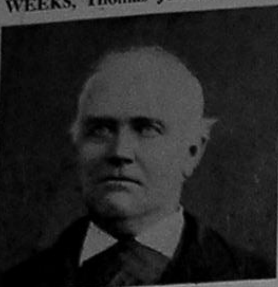


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A stone cutter by trade, b in Wayne, Kennebec co., Me., Nov. 22 '29. To Calif. from Boston by the Horn aboard the *New Jersey*, reaching SF Sept. 15, '49. To the mines as did most others of that day. By '50 settled in Sta Cruz, farming next to Judge Hexox with Abram DeLong. The couple ripped the cabin off a vessel stranded on the beach to protect themselves from the weather while growing potatoes that gave them a profit of \$10,000 each in the first two years. DeLong (q. v.) sunk his money in a trip home '52 while Weeks invested his in land, gradually adding to this until he owned 86 acres considered "west of" the town in '66.

His property extended from Walnut avenue to Laurel street and Mission street to Chestnut avenue. The home still stands on California street across from Otis, the high school grounds and athletic field being a portion of these grounds. In the real estate business for years, but noted as a breeder of standardbred horses.

In '54 Weeks married Margaret M. Morgan, daughter of James M. and niece of Judge Blackburn. By this union was born Clara, who became Mrs. Frank Stearns of Los Gatos, and a son, Allie.

ALDRICH, Luke C.

Pioneer of '49 perhaps from Mo. with J. W. Morgan, whose niece, Martha Jackson, became Mrs. Aldrich. Aldrich was prop. of a restaurant until '53 when with James Skene he acquired Frewitt Sinclair's Union House, altering its name to the Sta Cruz House by which it is known until it burned in the mid-'80s. Adjoining this they constructed the Franklin House, named for the son of this couple, the two hotels occupying the premises where the veterans building now stands. Franklin Aldrich died '56, his father following him to the grave a few weeks later. Mrs. Aldrich became the wife of Titus Hale.

BEAN, James M.

'50, one of the few men of family residing in Sta Cruz. Gave his name to Bean creek to which with his family he shortly repaired; memb. Sta Cruz Lodge Sons of Temperance '39 about which time he sold some part of his holdings to Isaac Carver. Still living on Bean creek '64. Samuel Bean is given as the name of a Pescadero election officer '59 ip there '60 et seq. William Henry Bean is aged 23 years in the Scotts valley poll list '68.

BADGER, William G. B.

Passenger from Boston on the *Sabine* '48 to the Mormon Isl. mines and perhaps a communicant of the Mor. faith. Living near Sta Cruz '63.

SMITH, Columbus H.

To Calif. '49 from Cape Girardeau co., Mo. He was, I believe, related by blood to the family of James and Isaac Williams (q. v.) His marriage in the Pajaro valley Feb. 24 '51 to Martha J. Williams prob. only increased this relationship. He was the father apparently of Cynthia Smith, who, also in Watsonville Jan. 1 '64, became the bride of Henry S. Williams.

Smith came, prob. with U. W. Thompson and Young E. Miller with other members of the Williams family; grantee of a beach to which prob. became part of the Liddell prop '50; one of the first settlers of the Pajaro valley, being an investor with Jesse D. Carr, Thos Walker, etc., a saloon keeper there '64; resident of the Mont. county side in '68.

MARTIN, Charles Christopher

B in Nova Scotia '33; naturalized in SF Dec. 21 '55 while farming in Sta Cruz. Parents were of American blood who moved back to Portland, Me., shortly after his birth. Of an adventurous turn, Martin ran away from home at the age of nine years to sail before the mast as a cabin boy. It's possible that he was on this coast prior to '49; but he was definitely settled here that year at age 16, possessed of a job as overseer of an excellent assortment of hogs headed for the butcher's block on the mother lode; by age 20 settled in Glenwood region as pre-emptor of lands, from that date frequently appearing on the record as lumberman, farmer in various spots, livery stable proprietor, hotel keeper, the man who developed the once thriving town of Glenwood and first to urge construction of a highway across the mountains through that community.

A small fortune was spent on surveys before the state took over the project and pushed it to fruition, Martin presenting the highway department with rights-of-way deeds. On his 33rd birthday he turned the first furrow for an artery of travel he had dreamed of almost a continuously during nearly three-quarters of a century. He lived to see the road completed only as far as Glenwood. Death overtook him Dec. 30, 1920.

His wife, married in Sta Cruz in '58 was Hannah Carver, who, with her father, Jason, and uncle, Isaac (q. v.) reached Sta Cruz in '57 from Maine. Just before the civil war Isaac deeded to his niece his 100 acre farm at the headwaters of Bean creek. It previously had been the property of James Bean.

Last summer the state in cooperation with Native Daughters dedicated a historic landmark plaque at Charley Martin's town. Present for the ceremony were more than a score of descendants of this old pioneer.

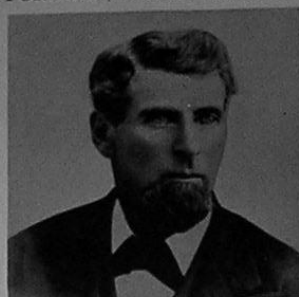
BEAN, Charles Whitman

'66, native of US b '08, burning brick and having some sort of interest with his son, Charles E., in the Sta Cruz *Journal*, a Democratic paper financed to defeat republican candidates. Died in Sta Cruz Oct. 24 '75. The son was a peace officer in Los Angeles with Harry Love and filibuster in Nicaragua with David Jackson Bennett. His book (*Memoirs of a Ranger*), available at the public library, deals mainly with pioneer times in Los Angeles. The younger man killed another in a duel in the LA region after leaving Sta Cruz; exonerated.

ALLEN, George Trail

'49, engaged in the development of Sta Cruz. To Calif. from Honolulu '48, as consul for the Sandwich Islands.

FOREMAN, Soloman Walliston



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Overland, I believe with the Imus family, the reasons being the appearance of too many parallels between the adventures of these families to be simple coincidence. Both families were of Pennsylvania Dutch origin, both left Galena, Ill., and wound up in Los Angeles at the same time. Those who settled permanently in Sta Cruz simply couldn't survive the civilization they found here. Those who settled in San Luis Obispo county lived long and useful lives. Both families were active in the development of Arizona. Both were large families. Both owned farms in the potrero.

In one small section of Evergreen cemetery are a group of a dozen or so wooded headstones, all apparently freshly painted none inscribed with decipherable information, but all of which, I think, mark graves of the Foreman families; within a few steps of the Imus family plot.

Among these were Margaret A., who in Wat, Jan. 20 '67 became the bride of George W. Prince. One or two descendants of this union resided here until recent times.

George Washington Foreman, b '47, who apparently took over the duties of the farm when his father died before '66.

Stephen Whittaker Foreman, b '35, a lumberman with some knowledge of surveying who gave up his mill to become county surveyor '67. Served one term.

Sarah C., b Aug. 5 '40; married A. J. Cloud in Los Angeles Dec. 24 '54. Visiting in Sta Cruz '85 she was taken ill and died two weeks later in Oakdale. The body was returned to Sta Cruz to be laid to rest next to those of two brothers, her mother and father, of whose identity I know nothing. I believe Sarah was the grandmother of Dr. Archie Cloud, recently retired president of the U of SF and the great grandmother of Virginia Cloud Ryan, formerly a member of the staff of *Riptide*.

Soloman Walliston Foreman, brother of the head of family above to the mines in Nevada co., leaving a wife and two children in the east. These were brought overland '59. Five years later he received a government contract to survey Sta Cruz county, pursuing this three years before taking up government land in SLOb co., tho' being occupied as a government surveyor in this state, Nevada and Arizona. To him went credit for originating the plan and supervising construction of Arizona's Florence canal. B in Ohio '22, he became the father of nine child., eight of whom were girls. The boy died at the age of three years, hence the family name has died out.

ELKINS, G.

In Sta Cruz '50.

ELY, William

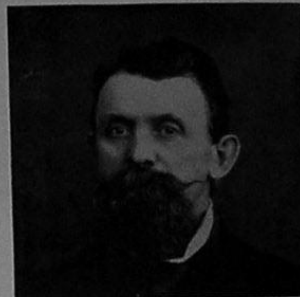


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Grandson of John Ely, a veteran of Bunker Hill, William was born in Rome, NY, Sept. 21 '28. By age 14 he was an orphan. An uncle in Buffalo provided him with the trade of machinist. He was employed in a woolen factory in Joliet, Ill., when he heard of the gold strike. With another his age he left March 27 '50, from which time for a series of years his life was made up of odd adventures.

Ely reached Hangtown July 27. By late '51 when he quit the mines, he was possessed of a small fortune which he invested in the potato speculation in Sonoma Co. When the potato market broke he went down with it, being able to salvage only several thousand sacks which he sold for ten cents each, just what they cost.

On his way back to the mines Ely chanced to meet Capt. J. B. R. Cooper, one of the old settlers under Mexican times and a large land owner in need of help. The Capt. invited him to go into the cattle business on shares. Ely accepted. From this time forward his luck was good. He participated in the Indian war of the Tulare region in '52, roamed widely and by '56 had acquired enough to enable him to go east and marry the girl he left behind, Miss Mary Catherine Usher.

Brought his family to Sta Cruz '69; from this time until his death being one of the leading businessmen of the community, conducting a furniture business, hay, grain and feed mill and constructing the east Sta Cruz horsecar lines. Father of eight child., none now living. A grandson, Howard A. Wright, last of the family here, died a year ago.

ALDRICH, G.

In Sta Cruz '50. A large number of this name, natives of the New England states, lived in the county from civil war days. The maiden name of Mr. Ira Thurber was Helen E. Aldrich. It is possible the Aldrich, Thurber and Knight families were related.


BARTON, William

An American sailor b '08 aboard the *California* '39, settled in Sta Cruz region where in '40 he was arrested and exiled to S Blas to stand trial for treason. Back '42 signing a petition to Pres. John Tyler asking for indemnity; signer of disclaimer against Graham in the internal strife of '44; owner of municipal lands '47, still here '50 and in various other parts of the state later.

EASTHAM, Henry F.

Land speculator in Sta Cruz '49. A man of this name was nr. of the *Luisa Perry* '48.

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