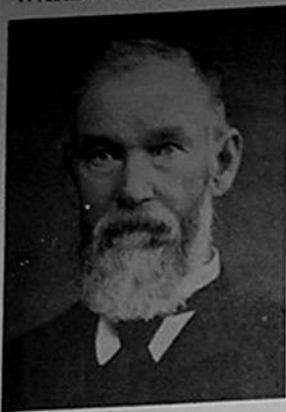


Footsteps on the Sands of Time

The County's Pioneer Legion

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WARDWELL, Gideon C.



B in Sauco, Me., May 22 '18, reaching Calif. in Sept. '49, possibly to the mines but shortly in SF as a member of the police force. In '62 he moved with his family of a wife and three daughters to an Aptos farm, but the following year was in Capitola as a farmer and wharfinger for F. A. Hihn's Capitola landing. The farm was situated between Capitola and 41st avenue. Mrs. Wardwell, nee Caroline Perkins, died in Sta Cruz May 13 '88, aged 70 years. For years she had contributed to the welfare of her neighbors as a midwife and nurse. The couple, Odd Fellows lodge and Congregational church supporters, were the parents of three daughters. One, Mrs. Clara Staffler, Sr., lives in her 93rd year with a daughter in SJose still retaining the coloring that characterized her as a youngster in Capitola when she was called 'the little wharfinger' and her later years when she was the village belle. Six granddaughters live between SJose and SF.

WARE, William

Name also spelled Were, Weir and Weare, he preferring perhaps the first of these alternatives. An Eng. subject, said to be Irish, but poss. a Canadian *coyageur*, certainly trapping in the great basin by '28 for I have the statement of J. L. Majors, H. P. McCall and others who knew him in the Rockies this year. He prob. came to Calif. with Graham about '34 from N Mex., from this date a distiller, tanner and lumberman at Rancho San Agustin and Zayante. An inoffensive man, taking no part in the intrigues of his companions, he was arrested, but not exiled '40. Never married, but continued to reside on Zayante rancho, not certain about his age, until his death Feb. 10 '69. His will, made out nearly a generation before, left his estate to Joaquin Majors. Immediately thereafter Francisco La-Juene (q. v.) filed suit to recover Zayante rancho on the assertion that he (L—) was the rightful owner who has left Ware in possession as long as the latter lived.

WASHUM, Sol

B in Tenn. '28 (? in '67 he says he is 36) a teamster in Sta Cruz and Felton for many years before and after the civil war, seeming to divide his time between these points and another in Stanislaus co. George and John S. Washam are ment. in early records. A son, Augustus, b in Calif. '61, was associated with his father in Felton.

WALDROP,

nominee of the first republican party for the state assembly from this dist. '56; memb. county bd of supers '58 and again '67-8; owner of a considerable prop. in all parts of the valley, an organizer and director of the Bank of Watsonville, memb. of the 1st bd of trustees of the town. Apparently he arrived in the valley with a family, inc. a son, Jack. Married a second time Dec. 12 '60 to Miss Maria Jane Cronk, b in Ohio '42, orphaned with two bro. within a few months of the arrival of the family in the valley '53. She was the ward of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Sandborn. Two sons were born to this union, both dead by 1925 when the mother was still living. The descendants have disappeared from Wat.

WASHBURN, Harvey

Called for jury duty '50. Still here, given name also Hervey and Henry. '51.

WASHBURN, John Helms

B at S Kingston, RI, July 20 '21, a carriage maker who reached Calif. in Aug. '49. He came to Sta Cruz in the mid-'70s, first to follow his profession, but by '80 was settled on a farm in Live Oak.

WATKINS, B. F.

From NY '47; in '56 indulging in prospecting along the coast; fruit grower at Sta Clara 20 years later.

WATSON, Henry

Oftimes erroneously said to have been the personality for whom Watsonville was named; b in Clinch co., Va., '12; capt. of a train of 500 wagons and 1500 people across the plains '49; located on Dry Creek where Marysville now is, not mining but teamster, grocer and hotel keeper; to Gilroy '52 and Watsonville '53 where he built a flourmill on the banks of the Pajaro river; evicted as a squatter '61. Died in Anaheim '98. A grandson who had crossed the plains with him '49 was still living '33 as was also a son b in Marysville.

WATSON, Jacob

Overland '49 with his bro. Henry and family of 12 child., the flock being increased to 15 after arrival. B in Va. about '01. Mined for a time on the American river; but followed his bro. to the Pajaro valley. By '54 he and his family were located on the present site of Hollister. At San Juan 55. In Sta Cruz '59. Settled permanently at S Juan to engage in the stock business. Died there '74. His widow was still living '93 on Tres Pinos creek. Several of his sons were wealthy and influential stockmen.

WATSON, Frank

His name was Francisco, he preferred Francis, his friends called him Pancho. B in Monterey '30, son of James Watson, an English sailor who landed here in '22, and Mariana Escamilla whom he married in '29, young Watson was educated in Honolulu as were his younger bro. To the mines '48, poss. with some success, he was once wealthy, but went under with his father in the drouth of the early '60s. They were at that time ranching in the King City area. To Watsonville shortly after to work at common labor, by industry and frugality he became a 'capitalist' within the next 15 years. His wife, one of the Estrada family of Salinas, bore him eight child. Two of his grandchildren live in Sta Cruz as do several descendants of his brothers and sisters.

WATSON, William

Native of Penn. in Sta Cruz from '50. Married May 6 '54 Josefa Loren-

second, Rachel M., died in 1943 in her 93rd year. The mother had died when they were quite young. Vestal was afterwards twice married, father of a family by each, widower within a short time in each case. There are several descendants living in the Bay area and southern Calif., while one grandson died here within the past 18 months.

Possibly a southerner, he was among the most prominent among his neighbors during the formative years; holder of a dozen or more public trusts, the most important being an associate judge of the ct of sessions, oftines serving as a school trustee, and frequently a candidate for more important posts; but his popularity seems to have waned after the civil war, by which time, I suppose, he had retired from business.

Van ALLEN, John

Described by Bancroft as a pioneer at Sta Cruz.

VANAKER, Paul

'46 with Co. C, US dragoons. At Sta Cruz '50.

Van BUSSUM, Joseph V.

To Calif. '47 with Co. B NY vols; speculating in Sta Cruz lands '49; died before '82.

VERMULE, Thomas L.

'47, Lt. Co. E NY vols; native of NJ, memb. consti. conv. '49, lawyer, politician and newspaper contributor who in '50 had business in Sta Cruz. Sta Clara ip '53; died in SJose before '67.

VINCENT, Capt.

Perhaps Geo. W., to Calif. '26, nat. of Mass., mate of the *Courier*; back as mr. of the *Monsoon* '39-40

In Memoriam

BUCKMAN — In Fresno, Nov. 23, 1950, Sarah N. Buckman, loving mother of Karl Buckman, dear sister-in-law of Isabel V. Webb, devoted aunt of Victor and Francis Buckman. Native of Iowa, aged 90 years. Resident of Santa Cruz from 1908.

GOISBOTH — In Santa Cruz, Nov. 21, 1950, Anna Goisboth, loving mother of Mrs. L. D. Kennedy, Mrs. L. A. Butcher, Mrs. Elsie Fellner, Mrs. David Neill and Erwin Schnauser. Aged 97 years. Resident of Santa Cruz 28 years.

RICE — In King City, Nov. 16, 1950, Samuel G., beloved husband of Emma Rice, loving father of Sam Rice, devoted brother of Gus Rice, Native of Yreka, aged 63 years. Formerly of Santa Cruz.

AZZARO — In San Francisco, Nov. 21, 1950, Adolfo, loving husband of Irene Az-zaro. Native of Italy, aged 49 years. Resident of Santa Cruz more than a decade.

SCHONEK — In King City, Nov. 20, 1950, Adolf L., beloved husband of Willy Schonek, devoted brother of Hermine Hillkowitz and Gertrude Paige, Native of Nebraska, aged 62 years. Resident of Fel-ton 20 years.

HARVEY — In San Francisco, Nov. 21, 1950, Dora, beloved wife of David W. Harvey, loving mother of Ervin Scott and Beatie Heyman. Native of Germany, aged 79 years. Resident of Santa Cruz 21 years.

BERTORELLI — In Oakland, Nov. 23, 1950, Gino, beloved husband of Norma (Sentin) Bertorelli, also survived by an aunt, several uncles and cousins. Native of Santa Cruz, aged 45 years. Resident of El Cerrito nine years.

BRIDEGROOM — In Santa Cruz, Nov.

and in '44-6 comdr of the *Sterling*. Owner of a Calif. claim '46-7 indicating that he had participated in the Mex. war; mr. of the *Sabine* '48. About this time he became the mr. of the *vach Taylor*, built here for Judge Blackburn. Killed in the SF fire of '51. Survived by a family.

WARD, Michael

The given name of this man is not clear. He was here in '50. Michael Ward, having some land difficulty with Anna W—, was a resident of Villa Branciforte '66, aged 65 years.

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