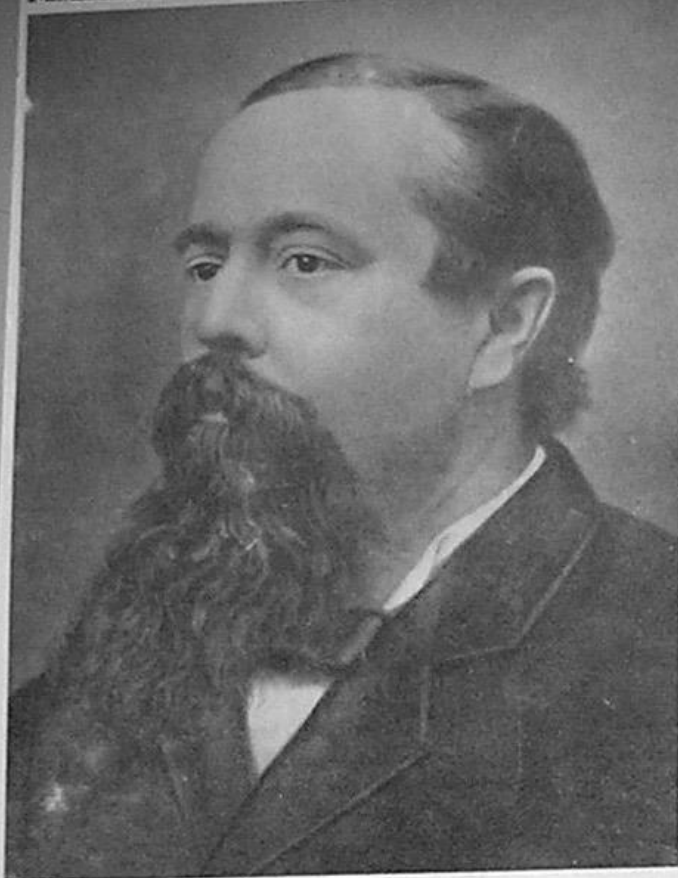


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**MAKINNEY ORGANIZED SCHOOLS**



**HAMPTON EMMI MAKINNEY**

While Santa Cruz was among the first communities to enjoy public schools, founded first in 1848 by 'Mother' (Mary A.) Case, for the most part in the formative years schools here were of a private nature, originally all conducted by ladies.

Mrs. Eliza Farnham and Miss Mary Perry were teachers of 'private schools,' with classes in their homes until '56 when the first real attempt to establish public schools was made here.

Both became teachers in that venture for short periods.

Mrs. Farnham, noted lecturer and thinker eventually went east to write a book on her experiences in California and take up a lecture tour favoring 'spiritualism' (forerunner of modern Christian Science theology), became a nurse in the union army during the civil war and died of consumption as a result of overwork on the field at Gettysburg.

Miss Perry in '59 became Mrs. A. P. Jordan, wife of one of the first lime manufacturers (the business today being represented in the Cowell investments here), a wealthy benefactor of the community and one of the state's leading ladies as a thinker and writer.

But it remained for Hampton Emmi Makinney to consolidate the work of these people.

Born in Preble co., Ohio, July 31, 1840, he was the son of a farmer who followed in his father's footsteps during his boyhood. Removal of the

family to Keokuk, Iowa, in '54 enabled him to enroll in Ballinger's academy at that place. Within three years he had qualified himself as a teacher, his first assignment being to the school adjoining his father's farm.

When on April 15 '62 he married Miss Astoria C. Anderson of New Boston, Iowa, the honeymoon consisted of a toilsome, lengthy and dangerous ox-team trip to Placerville. The two thousand miles were fraught with danger. The country was torn by civil strife. Indians were troublesome, if not dangerous. While many a companion was murdered, or died of sickness and privation, this couple reached their destination in September.

But the road to fortune's favor was by no means smoothed by the fact of arrival in 'God's country.'

To eke out a livelihood, Makinney borrowed a wagon and commenced to haul wood. When by this means he had acquired \$11 in gold, one of his string 'geeg' when it should have farmer from

'hewed,' broke the pole and the farmer from whom the outfit had been borrowed took the gold in the belief that it would 'about pay fer damages.'

The aspiring teacher and homemaker then took to digging a cellar, staying at this until examinations enabled him to obtain a job in a country school near Placerville. He was principal of Placerville high school in '65 when severe ague set in from a

combination of the hardships he had undergone and he was compelled to resign.

An acquaintance with the Rev. Charles Fletcher Loop, then rector of Calvary Episcopal church, paved the way for his appointment as principal of Santa Cruz schools. He arrived here in December '66 to take over the job.

Within 18 months he was county school superintendent, combining this office with that of school principal here until December of 1873 when he became county clerk, auditor and recorder. This combination post he held down for 12 years, in the interim taking up law, occasionally serving the county courts as an arbitrator in some important suit.

Admitted to the practice of law in '84, he voluntarily relinquished political office to engage in practice with the late William T. Jeter and to enter the abstract firm of Makinney & Dake which flourished here for many years.

His interest in education, however, never waned. He was a member of the county board of education from 1850 to 1857. In succeeding years he was three times deputy district attorney, three times city clerk and served one term as city school trustee.

The parent of three children, the youngest, Miss Pearl Makinney, still occupies the family home on Union street.

A grandson, Kenneth Wise, and a great grandson of the same name live in Los Angeles and San Francisco respectively.

Until his death at his home, Saturday, October 8, 1910, after an illness of several weeks, he was one of the leading men of business in the community; bearer of a name known in virtually every household in the county.

