

Footsteps on the Sands of Time The County's Pioneer Legion By AUNT MATHILDA

GREEN, J. S.



B in Pa., Aug. 11 '21. A brother for whom he had had a strong affinity died '49. Feeling the loss, he accepted a job as driver in exchange for found and transportation; reached Calif. overland Sept. 4 '49. Almost immediately to the mines at Shasta Butte City (now Yreka); shortly one of the leading businessmen of the northeast end of the 'mother lode'.

Frequently required to repair to SF for supplies, he became acquainted with H. Allen Fox, a gunsmith in the metropolis who when he reached Calif. around the Horn about '55 had left a family in the east. One of the child, died in the east and Fox brought his family to SF about '57. Hearing that this family included a personable daughter, Green on his next trip to the city inquired of his friend if he (Fox) would object did he (Green) call upon the young lady. The answer was such that two years later in SF Miss Elizabeth Fox became Mrs. Josiah Samuel Green.

Green's bride recalled Yreka as an uncomfortable place in which to live; Inds. were bad, mostly thieves; roads were unknown; it was cold in the winter with considerable snow, hot in the summer with little water. But she didn't object too strenuously and here her husband as a member of the mercantile firm of (William) King & Green, engaged in a number of enterprises, not the least of which was the proprietorship of a mule caravan, made a handsome competence even when judged by modern standards and a host of friends among the pioneers in all walks of life; noting among others, Gen. George Stoneman, one of the founders of Sta Cruz and later governor of this state.

In '67 wearying of the life of the frontier and desirous of schooling his children in a more equitable climate, Green brought his family, which now included five child, to Sta Cruz where a number of his old companions were living. The family home was on the corner of Maple st. (he cut that portion of the street through to Blackburn and, suffering a tinge of homesickness, called it Yreka) and Chestnut ave.

Mary Elizabeth Green (Mrs. J. B. Herron, who for the past 44 years has been living at the corner of Union and Mission sts.) remembers but one incident of that trip. Driving over the mountains (she says at the time the stage road into Scotts Valley was opened) Green, complete with spring wagon on which was piled all their belongings, came upon a lumber truck whose 'Jehu' lay dead drunk in the road, his team patiently waiting for him to recover his equilibrium.

Sizing up the situation, the emigrant ordered his family from the wagon, kissed his wife goodbye. ('I don't know what I'll find down there') and took off over the side of the road to work his team through

the timber on an uncharted route. He managed to get through unscathed and struck the road again on the Sta Cruz side of the obstruction. Although his daughter says he was too much interested in his family for public affairs, Green was, nevertheless, politically prominent at the start; member of the citizens committee to draw up 're-incorporation papers' '68; mayor (meaning chairman of the board of town trustees in those days of political and magisterial innocence) '67-70 and again '73-5.

Indeed, the social side of public affairs seemed to have been part of him; he enjoyed a trip to Sacramento when the legislature was in session as he enjoyed the confidence of many of the leading men of his day. Gov. Stoneman, both before and after his elevation to that office, had many a fishing, hunting and gab session in these parts with Green's blessing and indulgence.

Green, as a 'capitalist' (money-lender) helped found all three banks here.

The child, were:
Josephine b '60, became Mrs. Joseph Clark and the mother of a son.
Josiah M. (who didn't like that name and called himself 'Joseph' in spite of the baptismal records) followed into his father's footsteps for many years in business here, active in YMCA work in SF during the first world war, died in Oakland. His wife was Nellie Harmon of this city. Their son (Josiah Samuel II) is 'Jay' Green, one of the leading commercial artists of SF.

Julia H. Green became Mrs. George Thompson. Descendants are living in Oakland.

Frank, who married Daisy Cook of this city, became a Monterey county stockman and the father of five, one of whom is Mrs. Frances Skelton of Branciforte Drive.

Albert became an SF attorney. Harry D., who married Ruth Hedrick of a pioneer Pajaro family, is survived by two daughters living in Hanford.

Mabel Stanley, who was 'the belle of the town,' died in young womanhood.

One daughter, Mrs. Herron, is the only survivor of this family. She refuses out of modesty to admit her age and it is pointless to reveal it, for if you were to meet her you wouldn't believe her to have passed through much more than half her actual years.

HUNTOON, Marcellus

Following mining, the first love of the pioneer, poss. in Cayo Gulch, Nov. 2 '89 when he signed the county pioneer roll. He forgot, however, to fill it out.

HODGDON, H. A.

B in Canton, Mass. July 17 '26. Reached Calif. Sept. 12 '49. He was 'mining' (?) around here in the late '80s.

STEVENS, Lewis

Said by the Sentinel '88 to be a pioneer.

BARHAM, James F.

Overland with Henry Watson. (q. v.). Settled in the Pajaro valley about '53 and said to have run the first hotel there. Appears to have moved to Bakersfield with the Watsons before civil war days. John All Barham b '42 and a Sta Cruz businessman in the '70s and '80s was a northern Calif. representative in congress in later years.

DOTTER, W. C.

To Calif. '47, Co. C, NY Vols; owner of SF property this year, dealing in Sta Cruz real estate '49. Resi-

dent of SF from '71-82 and perhaps later, Baheroff says he was in '83 an ex-member of the state legislature; but I can find no record of his service.

TAYLOR, William



A Methodist minister, sent to Calif. as a missionary, reaching SF with his wife and several others whose names appear in this work Sept. 21 '49; A church, prepared in Baltimore and shipped for SF went to Sacto instead. One of the organizers of the ME church here who appeared before the county bd of supervisors '52 to appeal for the use of the court rooms as a place for organizing the Congregational church. A book of his experiences is on file in the pub. lib.

WILLIAMSON, James



B in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in Nov. '20 and living there when on April 23 '49 he headed for Calif. aboard the schooner Pera. Reached Calif. in Dec. To the southern mines until June '50 when he transferred to the Yuba river with variable success until '66. This year he opened a mercantile business in Marysville, became prosperous and respected. He had lost contact with his religion. But the arrival in Calif. of a son, John, recalled this to his mind. The dissent that existed between the northern and southern elements of Methodism meant financial loss in those times. W— 'counted the cost and paid the price.' Until his death Oct. 23 '93 his interest did not diminish, most of his time being devoted to the Sunday school. In '76 he moved to SF and in '82 to Sta Cruz

to live out his declining years. Mrs. Williamson, who before her marriage in '40 was Miss Jane Hyslop, came to Calif. shortly after the first son, bringing with her the family of three daughters and another son. One of the young ladies became the mother of Henry Garrett, another the mother of Amos Roff. John, the youngest son, of times accredited erroneously to '49 was the founder of the other branches that survive here.

DOUGHERTY, John


Newspapers of '88 name him as a "pioneer," but I find no other reference. A man of this name is given as an Irishman at New Helvitia '47. John Dougherty shows up in the Sta Cruz arch. '60, farming here as late as '64.

POILO, Pierre Francois

B in France '16, to Calif. poss. before '44 about which year he seems to have settled in Sta Cruz. Like a number of the French who turn up in this work, it isn't clear who he was, how he came, his reason for being here, or what he did after he arrived. Part of the pretext for the Mex. war was the assertion that there were a number of French in Calif. desirous of establishing a 'protectorate' by that nation over this vulnerable coast; but certainly there is no evidence that this man or any of his countrymen, or those of French blood from Canada possessed the means if they had the intention of taking the country for their homeland.

Poilo (his name is written, also 'Poallo', which in the native dialect should be very nearly a tongue twister, 'Bailear and 'Bollian') was an untutored carpenter who married (Continued on Page Four)

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