

PIONEERS

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working in the redwoods of Sta Cruz county '54. In '57 he moved to what is now S Benito co. as the first settler in the Malberry dist. Prominent stock farmer, still living there '93 with a second wife, nee Hannah Thompson, pioneer of '49, daughter of Alfred T.— and a native of Putnam co., Ohio. They were the parents of four sons and a daughter.

SUWERKROOP, E. A.

At Honolulu from SF aboard the *Julian* '48; back on the coast speculating in Sta Cruz lands '49.

STEVENS, Robert

'50, civil court witness. Still here '51.

STEVENSON, Dr. C. P.

'49, left Baltimore March 12 aboard the *St. Andrew* to Panama and from the isthmus to SF aboard the *Sphinx*, his companions Inc. Robert H. Hall and Hamilton Bowie (q. v.), and John Conness, afterward a member of congress from Calif. The physician was the first co. auditor and pub. admn. receiving pay for attending wounded Inds. '50. By May '52 he had relinquished the post of auditor. He was prominent in formative years; returned to the east and was living in the mid-west '56.

UREN, Nicholas Andrew



B in Cornwall, Eng., Jan. 26 '27, to the US at age seven. A wagon-maker by trade he reached Hangtown July 26 '50, had no success and repaired to Stockton to follow his trade. Here he was married to Elizabeth S. Dorris, whom he had known in Wis. Removed to the Pajaro valley '56 with a squatter's claim for 172 acres which he eventually made good. Farmer, stockman, dairyman, organizer and one of the directors of the Pajaro valley bank, school trustee, treasurer of the old fair association, trustee of the Watsonville grange. He was the father of seven children.

TITTLE, Frederick G.

To Calif. with Sherman's comd. Co. F 3rd US art., as fifer. He was an early settler at Sta. Cruz with John Ennis (q. v.) farming a portion of Rancho Refugio, his wife being a Miss Winterhalder (q. v.); later livery keeper, ward politician, supervisor, militia col., member of the legis. and cigar dealer at SF; engaged in the Alaska fur trade '70-1; died '77, leaving a daughter.

SWASEY, William F.

Native of Me., overland from St. Louis with Judge Blackburn, etc., originally for Ore., but persuaded to turn s to Calif. at Fort Hall. S— stopped at Sutter's fort to act as bookkeeper for the old Swiss soldier, from the first of the year '46 consular clerk for Larkin at Mont., being asst. commissary of the Calif. bat. to southern Calif. later that year and early '47. Engaged in several mercantile ventures '48-9, visiting the mines and taking some part in politics connected with the organization of the state, representative of the SF dist. in the 1st legis. A notary public at SF from '51, at Sta Cruz as receiver of the prop. of The Widow Bennett while trying to straighten out her affairs '52-4, also a witness in some of the famous land cases of the times; '61-6 capt. of vols. and asst. qmstr. at Benicia, US marshal for Wyoming for a time after '75. Still living in SF '85, past 60 years of age. He was a great uncle of the husband of Lela Swasey, our county recorder.

SWEET, Paul

B in Newport, RI, about '15, from an early age engaged in the whaling trade. This introduced him to Calif. in '40. He jumped ship in Monterey and reached Sta Cruz May 11 to find shelter and a job at Graham's mill on the Zayante. In '43 he took over the Lajunense tannery on Rancho San Agustin, later conducted by Wag-

ner, Anderson and Ziegler. When Fremont reached these parts Sweet joined the Calif. bat. went south; returning to Sta Cruz with a wife selected from among the females of the Sta. Bar. mission Ind. tribe. By this union he became the father of Mary, Rose, Arma, John and Anthony. If there are descendants still living. I've never met one who knows them. He continued tanning for a time, but in '49 settled in the valley still bearing his name where Chamimade school is now located. Miss Grace Temple is the present occupant of the Sweet ranch. Sweet was a strong man, fearless in the face of danger, but oftentimes harsh and peccayunish. He died on his farm, aged 72 years.

TAIT, John

'50, hauling lumber for Graham.

TYUS, John Burton

In Sta Cruz '50; perhaps a share cropper on Soquel rancho who July 4 '52 m. Elzatha Kitchens here, his wife the following year giving birth to the first girl and second child born in the Pajaro valley, named Alabama. Candidate for sheriff '61 on the Breckenridge ticket but never prominent in politics after the civil war. His age was given as 50 years '68. Still living in Indian valley, Mont. co., '93.

TUTTLE, Capt.

'50, m. of a ship wrecked on the Soquel coast with a cargo of flour from Chili.

TYRRIN, George

'48, employed as a millwright in construction of a sawmill for Dennis and Jackson Bennett. In Sta Cruz '50.

TUTTLE, Owen

B in Richland co., O., reared in Iowa, overland to Calif. '50, reaching the mines two days ahead of the admission of the state to the union, this man was a stonemason by trade who followed it with little success on the mother lode and turned to agriculture for a living. He spent four years in the mines before returning to a Van Buren co., Iowa, home. Back to Calif. '73, he acquired a 75 acre farm in the Pajaro valley. Tho' Mrs. Tuttle was one of the foremost among the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Owen became one of the valley's leading hop growers, his widow carrying this on for two years after his death when the price of hops decline. Tuttle died July 2 '99 leaving a large and prominent family.

GIFFORD, Asa

Overland from Kane co., Ill., '50 and to Sta Cruz almost immediately; acquiring a homestead on the hill overlooking town between the present home of Samuel Leask, Sr., and Union street. Died '52, leaving a widow but no child. The widow came to Sta Cruz that year, became the wife of the Rev. T. W. Hinds the next and eventually the mother of three children whose identities are nearly lost.

HOWLAND, Sabin

B in NH, April 16 '23 who reached Calif. Mar. 2 '50. Another of those who seem to have settled here during civil war years. The Howland farm was located in the hills north of the Live Oak area; moved to Mont. county '79, but was back in Soquel '86 as a woodsman. There was a family. Its members lived in Santa Cruz for a time in later years.

FORUM

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Editor, Riptide:

In the interesting account of Hampton Emmi Makinney published in your issue of November 2, I have noticed a reference to Christian Science which is not correct. Undoubtedly the writer of the article was misinformed, and I am sure that both he and your readers will be glad to have the authentic information.

The article refers to "a lecture tour favoring 'spiritualism' (forerunner of modern Christian Science theology)." But Christian Science and its theology are in no way related to spiritualism.

Without going deeply into the teachings of spiritualism and the theology of Christian Science, I think all can understand the following fundamental difference which makes them direct opposites: In spiritualism there are supposed to be spirits many, but Christian Science teaches that there is only one spirit, even God. As Paul said, "There is one body, and one Spirit" (Eph. 4:4).

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