

Footsteps on the Sands of Time
The County's Pioneer Legion
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TROUT, Emanuel Thomas

B in NY April 25 '24, a sailor aboard the USS Ohio when the Mex. war broke out, transferred to the Warren which enabled him to reach Calif. in Nov. '47. Concerning him I know little; he was a Scotch farmer from no later than '68. Died at his farm in the New Brighton dist. Oct. 27 '37 of old age. There were a number of this name in the San Lorenzo valley about this time, some prominent in politics, and in recent years at least one family of the name, I suppose transplanted by war to various parts of the planet.

TRUST, Henry Andrew



B in Herren Cartel, Germany, Feb. 18 '25, member of a large family soon settled in Maryland. He reached Calif. in Aug. '49, his family says by an overland route, but I have seen the passenger list of the ship *Andalusia* which left Baltimore May 16 '49. His name with those of J. H. Daley (q. v.), the Rev. William Taylor and wife (q. v.) and Lt. William Ganby, afterwards a noted army officer, is in the list. The ship was among the first touching at Panama where 6,000 other Americans were cooped up awaiting transportation to SF. Cholera broke out among these people. Hundreds died. It's perhaps this 'overland' trek to which his family refers.

Legend says he went directly to Myrtle Point, Ore., where many of his relatives afterward settled, in search of gold. By '50, however, according to his testimony in '88, he was in Sta Cruz as the prop. of the first bakery shop. From that time as baker and merchant he was one of the county's business leaders bringing to this community various of his relatives including the Otto, Schwann, Bender, Vahlberg, Herman, Pagles and Trust families as well, prob. as several others. His wife, Christie Deckebaugh, also a native of Germany to whom he was married before coming west, sailed around the Horn in '52. They were the parents of three daughters. A great granddaughter is Mrs. Amos Roff of this city. Others of this family live in Baltimore.

TUFFEY, Jonathan

Associated with Isaac Graham in the lumber bus, '50-1. Perhaps this surname should be Tuffley, a family prominent in the lumber bus, at Pescadero in later years.

TURNER, Henry S.

Capt. of the 1st US dragoons to Calif. '46 with Kearney from N Mex., active in the war; east with K— '47 for the Fremont courtmarshal; again at SF '52 with Sherman as a banker. One of the developers of Watsonville who went broke '57.

TREVETHAN, William

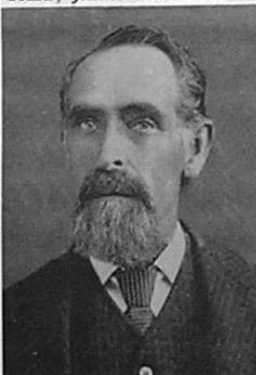
B in Eng. Aug. 18 '04, rescued from a South Sea island misadventure by countrymen, arriving in Mont. '24 with Capt. J. B. R. Cooper. This old

sailor from the moment of his arrival until his death in Sta Cruz Jan. 19 '75 was one of the best liked men of the land, affectionately called 'Billy Pacheco' serving as majordomo of Mission San Miguel and sub-alcalde at Mission San Antonio, sawyer, farmer and teamster. His name appeared on the first Sta Cruz poll list. He seems to have arrived in this county first about '27 to become foreman of a farming endeavor undertaken by Capt. Cooper on Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro where Watsonville now is; in later years working in the Corralitos redwoods. He appears to have come to Sta Cruz to reside permanently after a mining experience. He was the father of Miguel de los Santos (Mike) Trevethan, who died here a year ago at the age of 96 years, the last of William's ten child. No less than four grandsons and an equal number of great grands on the old sailor reside here. There are several others in Watsonville.

TRESCONY, Don Alberto

B in Italy '12; settler in young manhood at Memphis, Tenn., before undertaking a tour of Mex. to Calif. '41, establishing himself at Mont. as a tinmith often appearing in Larkin's books. At the outbreak of the gold excitement engaged in making plans for the trade, to the mines with a load of these by ox teams and thereafter the prop. of a considerable fortune. His first 'farm' consisted of 160 acres where Salinas is now located sold the year before the railroad arrived to become owner of the 8800 ac. San Lucas grant, the 4444 ac. San Bernardo grant, the 6000 ac. San Benito grant, 23,000 ac. on Carmel river and 300 ac. near Salinas; becoming an important stockman of the state, one of the leading sheepmen in early times, having as many as 25,000 head at one time persuaded by experience with drought to diversify with cattle and horses. From '70 he was a resident of Santa Cruz, Trescony st. taking its name from his residence. Died '92. There are several descendants resident of this area, but I have been unable to communicate with them.

TAIT, James Alexander



B in Ire. Jan. 25 '28 reared in NY; to Calif. '46 as col's orderly. Upon discharge to mines of Calaveras co. with Stevenson (q. v.) helping write mining laws. His discovery, covered by an avalanche, later proved rich under hydraulic methods. Postmaster at San Andreas for two years; a saddle and harness maker by trade who made his living as a plumber, at least from the time he came to Sta Cruz '68 to look over the village preparatory to making his home here. He reached Sta Cruz in time to watch an earth shock level a portion of the old mission. Undaunted, he returned to Calaveras and brought his wife

and family here most of the way by boat '69. Here James was associated with F. A. Hiba's water co. During his declining years he conducted a hardware and plumbing business. Died here '89. His wife was Mary Sullivan, an Irish lady also reared in NY. There were seven child, two of whom still live: B. S. Tait, b in Calaveras county '63, residing on California street; James David, born in Sta Cruz '69, living on Highland ave. Joe, b '66, living in Vallejo.

THOMAS, John W.

'47 with Co. A NY vols; in Sta Cruz '60; at SJose '82.

TRACY, Peter

County clerk from '50 to his death Oct. 5 '57, native of County Cork, Ire., leaving a bro. in that community. I've no information on his means of reaching this point, but apparently he was naturalized before coming here. Excellent penman for which reason, mixed with a proclivity for politics, he held office so long. A boarder at the Sta Cruz House, addict of onions, cigars, "liquorish," cards and billiards; leaving a \$10,514 estate and large blocks of property.

WAKEMAN, F. O.

One of the prosecutors of the Hounds at SF '49 and a member of the first vigilance committee there '51. Resident of Sta Cruz in his declining years. His wife was a daughter of Gen. John Willson, sent to SF

to take a federal post '49. She with Gen. M. G. Vallejo led the grand march for the first admission day ball in SF '50. A daughter, Catherine, became, first Mrs. Dennis, and, as a widow, the wife of County Recorder Harry Cooper.

THOMPSON, Richard



B in NY City Sept. 19 '40 and brought to Calif. at age 7 years by an uncle, Capt. Joseph Galloway of the ship *Othello*, damaged at Rio de Janeiro, but finally reaching SF one year after starting Jan. 31 '48. Em-

played as a clerk, trying his hand at mining, from this early age he was shortly in the freight office at Sacto of the first railroad built in this state. By successive promotions he became general freight agent for this line. In Solano in '63 he induced the citizens to build a railroad, becoming its treasurer and a director and conducting, as well, a mercantile business in Vacaville. By '68 he was in the employ of Wells, Fargo & Co., in '70 accepting the Sta Cruz post of this company, thereafter living here doing a considerable real estate bus. on the side. His wife was a daughter of Hugh Patton of Sta Rosa, a pioneer of '33. There were two sons.

TAYLOR, Alexander

'48, to Calif. from China in Sept. native of S Carolina, clerk of US dist. (Continued on Page 6)

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