Watsonville Pajaronian for 1890

Transcribed and Indexed by Stanley D. Stevens

Introduction

This project was initiated shortly before March 28, 2002, when I volunteered to participate as one of the transcribers to index the Pajaronian. My contribution to this project was completed on October 23, 2008. I am not aware of any other project undertaken by others at that time. I was given the opportunity to select any year that I preferred. I chose 1890, primarily because the 1890 U. S. Census for California is not available due to a fire that destroyed the manuscript data (some other States were saved and are available). Ancestry.com, for example, has the following to say about the 1890 Census:

About 1890 United States Federal Census Fragment: Some records have been extracted from the remaining population schedules for the 1890 Federal Census of the United States, which was destroyed by a fire at the Commerce Department in Washington, DC, on January 10th, 1921.

States available: Alabama; District of Columbia; Georgia; Illinois; New Jersey; New York; North Carolina; South Dakota; Texas.

It is my hope that my database and index will serve as a partial substitute for the 1890 Census. There are other tools that are helpful, but not comprehensive for all residents of Watsonville or other adjacent areas; e.g., the Santa Cruz County Great Register of voters for 1890 is available; however, it only provides the names of those males of voting age (21 or older) who chose to register.

I am aware that there may be questions raised as to the unusual database-format used to record the data found in the columns of the Pajaronian. The Watsonville Public Library, for whom the project was initiated, initially requested a format that would allow the data to be printed on a standard 3-inch x 5-inch Index Card, so that a browsing card-file could be accessed by their patrons, without the use of a computer.

That printing capability remains as a possibility, if the library staff wishes to implement it. This database and index, however, are designed for the computer.

For the instructions on using the database, please see page 2 of this Introduction:

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This database contains the full text of all Local News items and the text of the first occurrence of Local Advertisements published by the Watsonville Pajaronian during the twelve months of 1890 (only).

Alternative choices available for determining Search Terms: Use "Index" located in separate file (pdf); or, enter a known term in "Name or Subject" Field or, in "Date" - "Page : Col" or, in the "Topic" Field.

This newspaper was published in 7-columns each Thursday by William Richard Radcliff, Editor and Publisher. It has been in continuous publication since March 5, 1868. Microfilm copies are available at the Watsonville Public Library, Cabrillo College Library, Santa Cruz Public Library (Central Branch), & McHenry Library, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Search any field outlined in red by clicking on "Search" tab, then enter terms in one or more fields. Press Enter. The number of Records in the "found set" will display under the book-icon in the left margin. After identifying a name or term, re-entry of choice will isolate records of choice. Use the "Navigate" buttons to move back or forward other records.

	Search	Enter
	Navigate to Previous Record	Navigate to Next Record
Note: There may be duplicate records in this database.		
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