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CHAPTER XLVII.

BIOGRAPHY.

This work would not be complete without a short biography of some of the pioneers. The limits of this book forbid a notice of all the pioneers who are worthy of such notice. Nevertheless, the list which follows will be found to be quite extensive in respect to Humboldt and Trinity counties, and cannot fail to be of great interest to the surviving pioneers of those counties, and to the friends and descendants of all the pioneers.

ALBEE, J. P.—A native of Ohio. Came from Illinois to California in 1850, across the plains. Occupation, stockraiser. Was killed by the Indians in 1862 at Redwood Ranch, Humboldt county.

ALBEE, CALTHA—Wife of J. P. Albee; came to California by way of Nicaragua in 1852. Residence, Eureka.

ARBOGAST, MINERVA and HENRY—Were niece and nephew of H. F. Janes. Minerva is now the widow of E. Prigmore, and a resident of Janes Creek. Henry is in business in San Jose.

AXTON, HENRY—A native of Kentucky; came to California in 1850, and engaged in farming. Residence, Eureka.

ANDERSON, COLIN—Is a native of Scotland; came to California in 1853; is a minister of the gospel—a Methodist.

BUHNE, HANS HENRY—Was born in Denmark, and came to California in 1847. He was a sea-faring man, and his vessel was from

the Behring Sea, where he had been whaling. He sailed with his vessel, the "Clementine," to San Francisco for provisions. The ship returned from McLena Bay in Mexico north to the whaling-ground, and from there to the Navigator Islands, where the ship's crew heard of the discovery of gold in California about November, 1848. From there the ship went to Chile and took in freight and passengers for San Francisco, where she arrived about the 1st of June, 1849. After discharging the vessel he went to Auburn and worked in the placer diggings for a couple of months. Here he fell sick, and lay in his tent waiting for death to come. An old townsman of his came into Auburn with an ox-team, and, finding Mr. Buhne, took him in his wagon to Sacramento, and thence saw him safe to San Francisco. Here Mr. Buhne went to board with a couple of shipmates, Mr. Johnsen and William Brodersen, and lay sick for five months. Mr. Brodersen afterwards was a partner with Mr. Buhne in business on Humboldt Bay. Mr. Buhne recovered from his sickness, and was persuaded to ship as second mate on the schooner "Laura Virginia," bound for the mouth of Trinity River. He accepted the offer, feeling that it would be sure death if he stayed in San Francisco, inasmuch as dropsy had set in, with swelling in his feet, hands and face, and that by going to sea he could not make his condition worse.

"The first night out from San Francisco a southeast storm of rain set in, and I got wet. For one week I did not have a dry rag on my back.

"On our way north we discovered the mouth of Eel River. We tried to enter this river. Captain Ottenger of the "Laura Virginia" took two of our boats and tried to get into the river. On the bar one of the boats upset, and one of the men was drowned. When Captain Ottenger was steering the other boat and saw the boat upset in the breakers, he pulled back to the vessel and got me to go with his boat to pick up the man, who had succeeded in reaching the bottom of the capsized boat. I succeeded in saving the man and the boat.

"Continuing on our way north we discovered the mouth of Humboldt Bay, Trinidad, Klamath River and Crescent City, an open harbor. Then the 'Laura Virginia' returned south to Humboldt Bar, or what has since been named Humboldt Bar, on the morning of the 13th day of April, 1850. I took the Captain's gig and crossed the bar and entered the bay about 11 o'clock A. M., the first American seaman to enter Humboldt Bay, and landed on the red bluff, which is now called Buhne's Point. I went on the bluff and had a fine view of the bar, entrance and the bay. The bay was literally covered with geese and ducks. While

waiting for high water on the bar, we started out and sounded the channel, crossed the bar and went to the vessel and reported to Captain Ottenger. We had found a fine channel, with a depth of three and a half fathoms of water on the bar. In the afternoon about 4 o'clock we left the vessel with two boats full of passengers with their outfit, and started to cross Humboldt bar about 6:30 o'clock, but on coming to the bar some of the passengers refused to cross it. We called the other boat up to us, appointed a chairman, and took a vote as to whether we should go in or not. The majority voted to go in. We started, and passed the south spit about 8 o'clock P. M., and landed about where the light-house now stands, and here camped the first night. We took soundings of the bay over to what is now Buhne's Point, and located Humboldt City. Four days afterwards we went out and brought in the vessel. This was the first vessel to cross the bar after the American occupation."

He then piloted the vessel over the bar, and sailed in her to San Francisco, and returned to the bay as a passenger, arriving in the bay May 6, 1850. He made his business piloting on Humboldt bar and keeping a boarding-house on Buhne's Point. Growing tired of the business, he left for Trinity River mines. Not meeting with much success in these mines, he returned to Humboldt Bay on foot. He started to piloting again, and made some money. He then went to San Francisco, intending to go into the mercantile business at Humboldt Point. He got shipwrecked at Bodega and lost all his goods, and he again went to San Francisco "broke" and sick. He returned to Humboldt, disgusted with himself and the rest of mankind.

He then went to hunting elk and deer for a living. His first butcher-shop was a board laid on two boxes at the corner of the plaza at Uniontown, where the old Kirby stable now stands. This was in 1851. He kept at the hunting business until he shipped as Captain on the brig "Colorado." After he had made a couple of trips in this vessel, Ryan & Duff, Captain James Hasty and Martin White, hired him as a pilot at six hundred dollars per month, to take their sailing vessels in and out over Humboldt bar. November 8, 1852, the steam tug "Mary Ann" arrived off Humboldt bar. He then went on board and took charge of her, and has had charge of her for almost thirty-eight years.

In 1865 he entered into partnership in the mill business with D. R. Jones and others, forming the company known as D. R. Jones & Co. In 1884 he sold his mill business to the California Redwood Company.

He is still in business with H. H. Buhne, Jr., in the ship-chandler and

hardware business, and also in farming and dairying. Their hardware and ship-chandler business is one of the most extensive on the northern Pacific Coast. They have to-day part cargoes on ten different vessels between New York and San Francisco. The house and business stands "A 1."

BOHALL, WILLIAM—A native of New York ; came from Wisconsin across the plains to California in 1852. Occupation, a farmer. Died in 1883.

BOHALL, WALTER—A native of the State of New York ; came from Wisconsin to California in 1852. A printer. Was Inspector of Customs from 1862 to 1865 at Eureka.

BOHALL, WILLIAM M.—A native of New York ; came from Wisconsin across the plains to California in 1852. A farmer.

BOHALL, CAROLINE C. CATHEY—A native of Missouri ; came across the plains to California in 1849. Is the wife of Walter Bohall.

BROWN, ELISHA—Came from Missouri across the plains with the Lassen party in 1848. Deceased.

BROWN, HANNAH—Wife of Elisha Brown ; came from Missouri in 1848.

BROWN, JAMES E.—Came across the plains in 1848 with the Lassen party from Missouri.

BALL, JOTHAM T.—Came from Ohio across the plains to California in 1853. Occupation, stockraiser. Residence, Salmon Creek.

BUCK, S. M.—A native of Maine ; came to California in 1856. Was elected to the Legislature from San Joaquin county ; is one of the leading members of the bar of Humboldt county. Residence, Eureka.

BARBER, J. P.—Was a native of Rhode Island ; came to California in June, 1851 ; is a carpenter by trade ; came to Humboldt county in 1858 ; died in 1875.

BARBER, GARDNER C.—Came to California in 1852 and to Humboldt county in 1858 ; was a native of Rhode Island ; is a farmer ; has served three terms as County Supervisor.

BARBER, CHARLES J.—Came to California in 1851 and to Humboldt county in 1858 ; is a carpenter.

BRUMFIELD, W. H.—A lawyer ; native of Pennsylvania. Came to California in 1853, and died at Eureka in 1886.

BRUMFIELD, ALICE DUNBAR—Wife of W. H. Brumfield ; is a native of Michigan, and came to California in 1852.

BEACH, CHARLES E.—A native of New York ; came to California in 1851 by way of the Isthmus. He arrived in San Francisco June 21, 1851, and came to Humboldt in 1852. Occupation, miner and farmer.

BURNETT, THOMAS—A native of New York; came to California in 1849 ; is a gunsmith in Eureka.

BALLENTINE, SAM—A native of Ohio ; came to California in 1850, and to Humboldt county in 1856. A lumberman and book-keeper. Residence, Hydesville.

BRETT, R. W.—A native of England ; came from New Zealand to California in 1849. Died December 22, 1877. A butcher. Was a member of the City Council of Eureka.

BROWN, THOMAS M.—A native of Tennessee ; came across the plains with an ox-team to California in 1849. At first a miner ; Sheriff of Klamath county thirteen years and of Humboldt county fifteen years.

BULKELEY, ELIPHALET—Came to California in 1852 from Wisconsin. Was Sheriff of Humboldt four years. Died in August, 1890, aged 78.

BULKELEY, J. L.—A native of Pennsylvania; came from Wisconsin to California in 1854 ; is a policeman in the city of Eureka.

BURNS, ALBERT—A native of New York ; came to California in 1849. Was a soldier in the Mexican war. Residence, Eureka.

BROWNELL, G. W.—Came from Illinois across the plains to California in 1849.

BROWN, THEODORE H.—Came from Missouri in 1848 with the Lassen party.

BRYANT, ROLLA—Came from Vermont across the Isthmus in 1852. A farmer. Residence, Rohnerville.

BRYANT, LIZZIE—Came from Illinois across the plains in 1853.

BUGBEE, R. J.—Came from Michigan across the plains to California in 1853. A farmer. Residence, Ferndale.

BUGBEE, MARY A.—Crossed the plains in 1852. Died, 1889. Wife of R. J. Bugbe

BUGBEE, MARK—Crossed the plains in 1853. Blacksmith. Residence, Ferndale.

BERDING, A.—Came from Rio Janeiro to California around Cape Horn in 1847. Merchant. Residence, Ferndale.

CARSON, WILLIAM—Is a native of New Brunswick, and left his home in that Province in 1849 to seek his fortune in California. Arriving in San Francisco in the early part of 1850, he, like others, went to the mines. The author's first acquaintance with Mr. Carson was in the summer of 1851. He was then building what was known as the "Arkansas Dam" on Trinity River, with a number of others that have since become pioneers of Humboldt county—among them Oliver Gilmore, Daniel Morrison, Sandy Buchanan and Jerry Whitmore. William Carson and Jerry Whitmore were two men that were appointed to watch where the Indians crossed Trinity River after the murder of John Anderson in 1852, when the volunteers from Weaverville were on their track. Mr. Carson, like many others, not being satisfied with the mines, came to Humboldt in the fall of 1850, and went into the lumbering business. William Carson and Jerry Whitmore in November of that year cut the first tree for a sawlog that was ever cut on Humboldt Bay.

He with John Dolbeer formed the firm of Dolbeer & Carson in 1862, and this has since been one of the most successful business firms on the Pacific Coast, running mills and ships and owning large amounts of redwood timber lands, and conducting other industries which gave employment to hundreds of men each year, thereby building up and developing the county. Mr. Carson is a man of liberal ideas, always with a liberal hand helping our public institutions that are for the advancement of the people and the benefit of mankind. He is now President of the Bank of Eureka, and stands in the community as a man above reproach.

CLARK, DR. JONATHAN—Was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, on the 26th day of February, 1826. He was a lineal descendant of Abraham Clark, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

He received his education and graduated as a practitioner in medicine and surgery in Iowa.

He crossed the plains and arrived in California in 1849; spent four months in the mines on the American River; came to Humboldt county in the brig "Reindeer" in June, 1850, and at once commenced the practice of his profession, which he continued for twenty years.

In November, 1853, he was appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S.

A., and assigned to duty at Fort Humboldt, Colonel R. C. Buchanan being in command. He was afterward commissioned as Surgeon of the First Battalion of Mountaineers, Lieutenant-Colonel S. G. Whipple commanding, and served in that capacity three years. At the close of the Indian campaign he resumed the practice of medicine in Eureka, and so continued until 1870, when press of private business compelled him to retire from practice.

Dr. Clark was the first postmaster on Humboldt Bay and received his appointment in 1851; he was also the first Notary Public in Humboldt county; he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors in 1855, and served two terms. In 1857 he was appointed County Treasurer. In 1876 he was elected to the California Assembly, and was a very active member of that body; he served two terms as a member of the City Council of Eureka, and in 1878 was elected Mayor of the city. At the time of his death he was a member of the City Council; he was endeared to many by acts of kindness and charity, which his chosen profession gave him opportunity to bestow. He was identified with the Society of Humboldt County Pioneers, and no one took greater interest in its welfare and prosperity than Dr. Clark.

His death occurred in San Francisco March 29th, 1884.

CUNNINGHAM, J. P.—Came to California from Illinois in 1852. Hotel-keeper. Residence, Ferndale.

CATHEY, JOHN—Came across the plains from Missouri to California in 1852. A stockraiser. Died in 1871 at Mattole, Humboldt county. A member of California Battalion Mountaineers.

CHAMBERLIN, J. D. H.—Is an attorney-at-law by profession. He came to California in 1859 by way of Cape Horn. In 1850 he went to the mines in El Dorado county on Webber Creek, and afterwards to Murderers' Bar on the American River. He spent several years in the mines with varied success. He is a graduate of Hamilton College in the State of New York.

CLAPP, STEPHEN—A native of Maine; came to California in 1852. A blacksmith. Residence, Eureka.

CUTLER, THOMAS—A native of Connecticut; came to California in 1849 via Cape Horn. Is a merchant in Eureka, and Collector of the Port.

CARR, THOMAS—A native of Ireland; came to the United States

when a child with his parents. Came from Wisconsin to California across the Isthmus in 1852; settled in Weaverville, Trinity county, then moved to Humboldt county. Died at Eureka, February 6, 1884; occupation, carriage-maker.

CARR, ANN—Wife of Thomas Carr; native of Ireland; came to California across the Isthmus in 1852 from Wisconsin.

CARR, JOHN—A native of Ireland; came to the United States when a child with his parents; came to California in 1850 across the plains from Peoria, Ill. Occupation, a blacksmith. Was one of the first settlers of Trinity county. Came to Humboldt county in 1866. Served two terms as a member of the City Council, one term as President of the Board. In 1880 he went to Tombstone, Arizona, and was twice elected Mayor of that city; he is the author of the "Pioneer Days in California." Is now the Police Judge of the City of Eureka.

CARR, DELILAH—Wife of John Carr, daughter of George Turner, of Morris county, New Jersey; came to California across the Isthmus in 1852.

CAMPTON, MRS. M.—A native of Wisconsin; crossed the plains to California in 1851. Residence, Rohnerville.

CAMPTON, WILLIAM—A native of Wisconsin; crossed the plains to California in 1851. Residence, Rohnerville.

CAMPTON, MORGAN—A native of Wisconsin; crossed the plains to California in 1850; residence, Rohnerville.

DEHAVEN, JACOB—Born in Jackson county, Ohio, in 1812; moved to Missouri and from Missouri to California in 1849 across the plains, and arrived at Sacramento, August 9th, of that year. Came to Humboldt in May, 1853. Was elected Assessor of the county in 1855, and re-elected to that office in 1857, serving four years. Went to Idaho in 1862, and died there in 1863.

DEHAVEN, ELIZABETH—Wife of Jacob DeHaven; came to California from Missouri in 1849; died at Eureka in 1856.

DEHAVEN, SARAH—Daughter of Jacob DeHaven; now Mrs. John W. Connick, of Eureka; born in Missouri; crossed the plains when an infant with her parents.

DEHAVEN, JOHN J.—A native of Missouri; crossed the plains

from Missouri when a child in 1849; son of Jacob DeHaven. Came with his parents to Humboldt in 1853. Learned the trade of printer in the office of the Humboldt *Times*. Afterwards studied law and was admitted to the bar; elected District Attorney of Humboldt county. Served one term as Assemblyman and one term as State Senator. Elected Superior Judge of Humboldt county. Elected member of Congress in 1888; resigned his seat in Congress, and was elected to the Supreme Court of the State in 1890, and still holds that position.

DYER, CAPTAIN JOHN M.—A native of Maine; came in the ship "Edward Everett" to California in 1849. Died in Humboldt county in November, 1867.

DYER, DAVID F.—A native of Maine; came to California in 1854. Residence, Bayside.

DODGE, JOHN C.—A native of New Hampshire; crossed the Isthmus in August, 1852. He is a resident of Eureka. Occupation, a gardener.

DANIELS, H. S.—Came to California in 1853 from New Hampshire; his wife, Ann Daniels, a native of England, came to California in 1853.

DEMING, BYRON—A native of Vermont; arrived in San Francisco in July, 1850.

DEMING, MRS. J.—Arrived in California in 1854. Residence, Arcata.

DOBBYN, WILLIAM B.—A native of Washington, D. C.; came to California around Cape Horn in 1849. Residence, Rohnerville. Served two terms as Supervisor of Humboldt county.

DAVIS, HARRISON—Came from Ohio across the plains in 1852. A farmer. Residence, Rohnerville.

DAVIS, JOHN B.—Crossed the plains in 1850. A farmer. Residence, Rohnerville.

DEER, MARY A.—Came from Ohio across the plains in 1852.

DEER, PETER—Came from Indiana across the plains in 1849. Died, 1889.

DUNGAN, G. A.—Came from Iowa across the plains in 1850. A farmer. Residence, Ferndale.

DUNGAN, THOMAS—Came from Iowa across the plains in 1850. A miner. Residence, on Trinity River.

DUNGAN, JOHN—Came from Iowa across the plains in 1850. A farmer. Residence, Ferndale.

DUNGAN, JESSE A.—Came from Iowa across the Isthmus in 1851. Filled the offices of Supervisor of Humboldt county and Justice of the Peace and Police Judge of Eureka; died at Eureka in 1889.

DUFF, F. S.—A native of St. Johns, N. B.; came to California around Cape Horn in 1849. Was a member of the firm of Ryan, Duff & Co. Occupation, Justice of the Peace. Residence, Eureka.

DOLBEER, JOHN—John Dolbeer, of the firm of Dolbeer & Carson, is an eminently successful business man. For twenty-eight years the firm has been doing business in Eureka and San Francisco, John Dolbeer attending to the business in San Francisco, and William Carson at Eureka. John Dolbeer is a native of New Hampshire, and came to California in 1850 and to Humboldt county in 1851, engaging here in the lumber business. He left Eureka in 1851 and went to the mines on Salmon River and remained there one year, and then returned to Eureka in 1852, and went into the lumber business with Charles McLane, who was drowned on the "Merrimac" on the bar in 1862. Mr. Dolbeer and Mr. Carson entered into partnership in 1862, soon after the death of Mr. McLane. Mr. Dolbeer amongst the business men of the Pacific Coast stands second to none for integrity.

EWING, JOSEPH—A native of Scotland; came from Montreal, Canada, to California in 1850. Died at Hay Fork Valley in 1877.

EWING, HENRIETTA—Wife of Joseph Ewing; a native of Canada; came to California in 1850.

ELLERY, FRANKLIN—A native of Massachusetts; left Boston in 1849 in the schooner "Mary M. Woods," and arrived in California in 1850. A merchant in Eureka.

EATON, GEORGE—A native of Ohio; crossed the plains to California in 1850. Miner and sheep-raiser. Residence, near Bridgeville.

FERNALD, R. M.—Native of Baltimore, Md.; came to California in 1850, and to Humboldt county in 1852. Was a miner and proprietor of Gold Bluff mines. Was Supervisor of Humboldt county for six years. Was the builder of Eureka's first street railway.

FREESE, JONATHAN—Native of Maine; came to California by

way of the Isthmus, in 1850. Died in Eureka in 1875. Served one term as County Treasurer; one term as County Supervisor; and one term as member of the City Council. Occupation, lumberman.

FINCH, WILLIAM R.—Native of New York; came from Iowa across the plains to California in 1850. Occupation, gunsmith.

FIELDS, WATERMAN—Native of Michigan; came to California in 1853, by way of the Isthmus, and to Humboldt county in 1861. Residence, Fields' Landing.

FLAHERTY, JOHN—Arrived in California 1852 from Boston, Mass. in ship "Dauntless." Residence, Trinidad.

FAY, GEORGE M.—Native of Connecticut; came to California in 1852 by way of the Isthmus. Occupation, shingle manufacturer. Residence, Fair Haven, Humboldt county.

FAY, NAH M.—Native of Connecticut; Arrived in California via the Isthmus in 1852. Occupation, shingle manufacturer. Residence Fair Haven, Humboldt county.

FELT, DR. T. D.—Native of Massachusetts; crossed the plains in 1849 from Tennessee.

FELT, MRS. KATE—Wife of Dr. Felt; native of Pennsylvania; crossed the plains to California in 1847. Residence, Eureka.

GALLAGHER, MICHAEL F.—Came from New York City to California in 1851. Died at Eureka September 4, 1888.

GARDNER, C. J.—Native of Massachusetts; arrived in California in 1850; carpenter and builder.

GIBSON, JOHN W.—Native of Pennsylvania; arrived in California in 1851; is a general agent. Residence, Eureka.

GIBSON, DAVID—Native of Canada; came to California in 1850. Died at Hydesville in 1885.

GILL, JAMES—Native of County of Leeds, Ontario; came to California in 1852 across the plains, arriving at Weaverville in 1852. Mined at that place two years; came to Humboldt in 1854, engaged in logging until 1857, then went back to Ontario and moved to Rock county, Wisconsin; in 1860 crossed the plains with ox-teams, coming direct to Humboldt county with his family; engaged in farming. Died at Eureka, January 9, 1891.

GRAHAM, GEORGE—Native of Virginia; came across the plains to California in 1852; a miner and lumberman. Residence, Eureka.

GUTHRIE, CATHERINE—Native of Pennsylvania; came to California across the plains in 1849. Residence, Humboldt county.

GOOD, ABRAHAM—Native of Ohio; crossed the plains to California in 1853; liveryman. Residence, Hydesville.

GUSHAW, G. F.—Native of New York; came from Illinois across the plains in 1849.

GUSHAW, MRS. G. F.—Native of Massachusetts; came to California around Cape Horn in 1853.

GREENLOW, JESSE C.—Native of New Brunswick; came to California by way of the Isthmus of Nicaragua in 1852; came up the coast on a sailing vessel; fifty-eight days from San Juan to San Francisco. Lost twenty-two passengers out of one hundred and twenty with fever and diarrhœa; mined until 1858; afterwards lumberman and farmer. Residence, Eureka.

GOFF, MRS. JAMES—Daughter of N. Patrick; crossed the plains in 1852. Residence, Ferndale.

GRAHAM, THOMAS R.—Native of Mississippi; came to California in 1853, when a boy, with his parents. Occupation, carpenter and builder. Residence, Eureka.

HAYNES, HON. JOHN P.—Was born in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, on the 3d day of December, 1826. In his childhood his mother, then a widow, removed to Elizabethtown, Hardin county, Kentucky, where he was raised and educated. In his seventeenth year he entered a store as clerk and salesman, in which business he continued for about three years. About this time the Mexican war broke out, and the young men of the county at once proceeded to organize a company of volunteers for the service. The subject of this notice took an active part in organizing the company, and was elected Lieutenant. The quota of the State was filled so quickly after the issuance of the Governor's call for volunteers, that this company, with scores of others, was rejected. Young Haynes, with ten or twelve others of his company, then joined Company C, Captain Rowan Hardin, which was attached to the 4th Kentucky Volunteers, under command of Colonel John S. Williams, popularly known as "Cerro Gordo" Williams, from his gallantry in the

battle fought at that place. He remained in the service until the close of the war. On his return home he commenced the study of law, and in due time entered the Law Department of the University of Louisville, and graduated in 1851.

A few months afterwards he started for California via the Isthmus, and arrived in this State early in 1852. He remained in San Francisco a short time, and then started for the northern part of the State, arriving in Klamath county in the spring of that year. During the summer and fall he was engaged in prospecting and mining on the Klamath.

At the election of November in that year he was elected District Attorney of the county. In 1853 he removed to Crescent City, which about that time became the County Seat. Here he commenced the practice of his profession, and was re-elected District Attorney. Upon the removal of the County Seat to Orleans Bar he resigned the office. Upon the organization of Del Norte county soon afterwards, was elected District Attorney of the new county. He continued in the practice of his profession in Del Norte and Klamath until 1858, when he became a candidate for District Judge, and was defeated by the Hon. William R. Turner, by a majority of two votes. The following year he was elected Senator, by a large majority, from the 12th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Del Norte, Klamath and Siskiyou. At the expiration of his term he resumed the practice of his profession in Del Norte and neighboring counties, meantime making some ventures in mining without much success.

On the 18th day of February, 1868, he was appointed by Governor Haight District Judge of the Eighth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Klamath, Humboldt and Del Norte, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Turner. He was elected by the people to the same office at the judicial election in 1869, and re-elected in 1875, and held the office until it was abolished by the new Constitution, and at the first election under the new instrument was elected Superior Judge of Humboldt county. In 1884 he was defeated for the same office by Hon. J. J. DeHaven, at present Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. In 1866, at the earnest solicitation of his Democratic friends, he accepted the nomination for the Senate, and was elected, notwithstanding the district was largely Republican. In 1888 he was again nominated and defeated by the Hon. Frank McGowan, present Senator. In politics the Judge is a very firm, unswerving Democrat, and has never faltered in his fidelity to the party, and is always ready and

willing to give the reason of his political faith. He is at present a resident of Eureka, in Humboldt county.

HENDERSON, JAMES W.—Native of St. Lawrence county, New York; came to California February 14, 1850, crossing the Isthmus. Mined two and one-half years on the American River. Made three trips across the plains driving stock in 1853, 1854 and 1856. Lived in Sonoma county nine years, engaged in ranching and staging. He came to Humboldt during the coal oil excitement, and operated two years; he was appointed Register of the U. S. Land Office, which position he held three years, and then engaged in the real estate business; was a promoter of the first railroad in Humboldt county; was one of the incorporators of the Eureka and Eel River Railroad. At present is engaged in the real estate and banking business. He has been President of the Humboldt County Bank for twelve years.

HULLING, SAMUEL, and wife, Phebe, came from Wisconsin to California in 1852, and to Humboldt county in 1854. Residence, near Springville.

HERRICK, R. F.—Native of Ohio; crossed the plains in 1850. First Lieutenant of Company D, California Battalion of Mountaineers. Elected for several terms County Surveyor of Humboldt county. Residence, Eel River Valley.

HILL, NEIL—Native of Ireland; arrived at San Francisco by way of the Isthmus in 1852, and Nancy Hill, his wife, a native of Ireland, arrived in 1854.

HILDRETH, CHARLES—Native of England; arrived in California in 1852 from Australia; is a cabinet-maker.

HUESTIS, REV. A. J.—Native of New Hampshire; crossed the plains to California in 1849; came overland to Humboldt county in the spring of 1860 from Sonoma; was the first preacher of the gospel in Eureka; was the first County Superintendent of Schools for Humboldt county; was the County Judge of Humboldt County for two terms; he represented Humboldt county in the Legislature in 1866-7; was also the first Inspector of Customs for the Harbor of Humboldt; was the first President of the Society of Humboldt County Pioneers. Died, March, 1883, at Eureka, aged 77 years.

HUESTIS, MINERVA ANNIS—Wife of A. J. Huestis; native of

Monson, Massachusetts; came to California with her husband in 1849; arrived in Eureka February, 22, 1851. Residence, Eureka.

HUESTIS, SARAH MINERVA—Wife of N. Bullock, and daughter of A. J. Huestis; crossed the plains with her parents in 1849. Residence, Eureka.

HUESTIS, JOHN EMORY—Born in Iowa; crossed the plains in 1849 with his parents. Came to Eureka in 1851. Residence, Eureka.

HUESTIS, MAJOR W. F.—Native of Virginia; crossed the plains at the age of thirteen years with his parents, and in the spring of 1850 arrived in Humboldt county. In 1858 was a teacher in the Public Schools, and for several years thereafter was a clerk in the State Senate. In 1865-6 was Deputy Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of California, and U. S. Commissioner at San Francisco. In 1868 he received from Governor Haight the appointment of Assistant Adjutant-General of the National Guard of California, with the rank of Major, which position he held for two years. In 1878 he was elected delegate at large to the Constitutional Convention, which framed the present Constitution of the State. He has been President of the Society of Humboldt County Pioneers, and is the present Secretary of that Society; he is also a Notary Public and agent of the Ricks estate in Eureka.

HOWARD, E. H.—Native of New York; arrived in California in September, 1849; he came overland by the Santa Fe and Gila route, and was eight months on the way; he navigated the Gila River for two hundred and fifty miles in his wagon-box, which had been constructed in the form of a boat. On arriving at San Francisco he entered upon the practice of his profession, that of the law. In March, 1850, he formed a co-partnership with Lieutenant Ottenger, of the U. S. Revenue Service, under the auspices of the "Laura Virginia Association." The schooner "Laura Virginia" was dispatched on a voyage of discovery with Captain Ottenger as master, and it was due to this enterprise that Humboldt Bay was discovered by water. At a meeting held at the town of Humboldt on the 17th day of April, 1850, of which meeting Mr. Howard was Secretary, the present name of Humboldt Bay was proposed and adopted. At the same meeting the subject of this meeting was elected Alcalde of the town of Humboldt. In 1851 he was elected Public Administrator for the county of Trinity, which then embraced the present territory of Humboldt. In 1856 he was elected District Attorney for Humboldt county. In 1858 was elected County Superintendent of Schools; was ap-

pointed District Attorney in 1864; for several years was Chairman of the Republican County Committee, and President of the Farmers' Union; served as Police Judge of the City of Eureka from 1876 to 1880 and from 1882 to 1884; was President of the Humboldt County Pioneers. Residence, Eureka. By profession, a lawyer, and has been a frequent contributor to the periodical press.

HOWARD, ALVIRA ANN—Wife of E. H. Howard; crossed the plains with her husband in 1849. Residence, Eureka.

INGERSOLL, C. S.—Native of New York; came to California across the plains in 1850. A physician.

JANES, H. F.—Was the founder of Janesville, Wis.; he was a native of Virginia, and came across the plains from Missouri to California in 1849; was a farmer and the first Justice of the Peace elected in the county of Humboldt. Died in 1883, aged 80 years.

JANES, KEZIAH—Wife of H. F. Janes; native of New Jersey; crossed the plains in 1849. Died in 1883, aged 75 years.

JANES, ELIZABETH—Daughter of H. F. Janes, and now Mrs. Ward, of Sonoma county.

JANES, JOHN W.—Son of H. F. Janes; native of Wisconsin; crossed the plains with his parents; served in First Battalion Mountaineers.

JANES, JASPER N.—Son of H. F. Janes; native of Wisconsin; crossed the plains with his parents; served on the non-commissioned staff in Quartermaster's Department First Battalion Mountaineers.

JANES, JOSEPH T.—Son of H. F. Janes; now a resident of Oregon; native of Missouri; crossed the plains with his parents.

JANES, THOMAS J.—Son of H. F. Janes; came to California in 1850 and to Humboldt Bay in 1851; he is now residing, with his family, near Arcata on Janes' Creek; returned to Missouri in 1853, and there remained until 1870, when he came back to California; he enlisted in the Union Army from Missouri during the rebellion.

JOHNSON, CHARLES—Native of Ohio; came to California in 1852 from Wisconsin; was a soldier of the Black Hawk War. Died in Humboldt county in 1855.