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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.

JACKSON, E. B.—Arrived in California in 1851; he is a native of Maine. Residence, Arcata.

KINSEY, CHARLES—A native of Pennsylvania; came to California across the plains in 1850. Residence, Eureka.

KIMBALL, JOHN H.—A native of Massachusetts; came across the Isthmus to California in 1850; was murdered at his residence in Eureka on the 28th day of May, 1866, by John Rogers, a burglar, who was executed after conviction of his crime. Mr. Kimball held the offices of Public Administrator and Coroner, and Justice of the Peace of Eureka Township.

KIMBALL, SOPHIA—Wife of John H. Kimball; came across the Isthmus to California in 1851.

KINMAN, SETH—A native of Pennsylvania; crossed the plains and arrived in California in 1850, and came to Humboldt county in 1852; was celebrated as a hunter, and for presenting buckhorn chairs to the Presidents of the United States.

KELLEN, JOSEPH—He came from Maine to California in 1850. Occupation, a painter.

KELLEN, MARY—Wife of Joseph Kellen; came from Massachusetts in 1850.

KNACKE, CAPT. GEORGE F.—Came from New York to California in 1853. Died March 14, 1877, on board his ship at Wellington Harbor.

KELLY, T. B.—A native of Ohio; came from Illinois to California in 1849 across the plains. Merchant and farmer of Rohnerville.

KNOWLES, C. M.—A native of Illinois; came to California across the plains in 1850.

KNOWLES, ALVIRA—A native of Missouri; crossed the plains to California in 1848.

KAUSSEN, CHARLES—Came from Missouri to California across the plains in 1853. Residence, Alton, Humboldt county.

KELEHER, JOHN—A native of New Brunswick; came to California in 1852, and to Humboldt in 1853; was Register of the U. S. Land Office under appointment by President Lincoln from 1864 to 1867; was elected County Treasurer in 1867, and held that office three terms. Was ap-

pointed Clerk of the Board of Town Trustees, and made a member of the bar in July, 1864; was elected Town Trustee in 1866, and again in 1870. Died in 1878.

LEACH, SYLVANUS—Crossed the plains from Ohio in 1853. Residence, Rohnerville. Occupation, farmer.

LINE, JOHN—Came from New York to California around Cape Horn in the ship "Hindoo" in 1850. Came to Humboldt in 1852.

LAUGHLIN, J. N.—A native of Kentucky; came from Missouri to California across the plains in 1850. Residence, Humboldt county.

LONG, C. W.—A pioneer business man of Eureka; is a native of New Brunswick, and emigrated to California, leaving his home in 1849, and arriving in California in 1850. He came to Humboldt Bay in the employ of Ryan & Duff, and was employed in building the first sawmill on the bay built by that firm. He remained in the lumber business for some time, and then went into the mercantile business with Daniel Pickard under the firm name of Pickard & Long. In 1863, during and after the outbreak of the Indian war, C. W. Long was appointed Captain of Company A, California Mountaineers, by Governor Stanford—a battalion raised for the purpose of subduing hostile Indians, then at war with the settlers of Northern California. He served three years in the field. For his good conduct as a soldier and officer, he was promoted to the rank of Major. After the war with the Indians was brought to a successful close, Major Long went into the livery business with A. H. Gilbert, on the corner of E and Second streets, Eureka. He was appointed one of the commissioners to lay out and accept the overland wagon-road. He remained in the livery business for several years. Residence, Eureka. Occupation, real estate dealer.

LUTHER, CHRISTOPHER—A native of Illinois; crossed the plains in 1851. Miner and butcher. Residence, Eureka.

LOWELL, CAPT. DAVID—A native of Maine; came to California in 1851, and to Humboldt in 1852; was wrecked on the bar in the steamer "Sea Gull" in 1852.

LANGDON, CHAUNCY—A native of Vermont; came to California by way of Cape Horn in 1849. Residence, Rohnerville.

LANGDON, MARY—A native of New York; came to California across the plains in 1852.

LEIHY, LUCY—Crossed the plains from Wisconsin to California in 1851. Residence, Chicago.

LEACH, ALBERT—Came from Ohio to California in 1853. Farmer. Residence, Rohnerville.

LEACH, SHERMAN H.—Crossed the plains from Ohio to California in 1853. Residence, San Jose, Cal.

LEACH, FRED—Came to California from Ohio in 1853. A blacksmith. Residence, Fortuna.

LEWIS, N. T.—Came from Iowa to California in 1853. Farmer. Residence, Fortuna.

LONG, ANDREW—Crossed the plains in 1849 from Tennessee. Residence, Rohnerville.

LAPIER, BERTHA—Came from Missouri across the plains in 1848 with the Lassen party. Died in Santa Clara county in 1889.

MURRAY, JOHN SUTHERLAND, SR.—A native of Scotland; came to California from New Zealand in 1849. Died in Eureka in 1882. A surveyor.

MURRAY, JANE F.—Wife of John S. Murray; came from New Zealand with her husband in 1849. Died in Eureka in 1871.

MURRAY, JOHN S., JR.—Came with his parents from New Zealand in 1849. Occupation, bank clerk.

MURRAY, MAGGIE S.—Came with her parents from New Zealand in 1849. Occupation, teacher.

MARSHALL, J. C.—Came to California in 1849 by way of Cape Horn; was shipwrecked March 23, 1850, at Crescent City on the schooner "Paragon."

MARBLE, A. P.—A native of New York; arrived in California in 1852; was a member of the Fourth Regiment of U. S. Infantry. Came to Bucksport in February, 1853, and helped to build the fort at that place. Present residence, Cape Mendocino; lighthouse-keeper.

MUNSON, DANIEL—A native of Maine; came to California in 1852. Lumberman. Residence, Eureka.

MINOR, JACOB A.—A native of Ohio; came to California in 1850. Stockraiser. Died in April, 1884, in Humboldt county.

MORRISON, JAMES M.—A native of Richland county, Ohio; came to California from Iowa in 1853. Miner and builder. Residence, Eureka.

MURPHY, WILLIAM—A native of Ireland; came to California in 1852. A stockraiser. Residence, Arcata.

MIDDLETON, THOMAS—A native of Illinois; crossed the plains to California in 1845. Merchant. Residence, Rohnerville.

MORRISON, SILAS W.—A native of Virginia; crossed the plains from Ohio to California in 1850. Elected Supervisor of Humboldt county. Occupation, stockraising and dairying. Residence, Bear River.

MYER, M. B.—Came from Iowa to California across the plains in 1850. Residence, Garberville.

MONROE, ALONZO—A native of Connecticut; arrived in California in February, 1850; came to Humboldt in 1852. Occupation, stockraiser and merchant. Died at Eureka, March 20, 1882.

MONROE, MRS. ALONZO—Native of Michigan; came to California with her mother, Mrs. Caltha Albee, in 1852.

MCGOWAN, FRANK—Was born in Washington Territory in 1859 and brought to California in 1860; was educated in the Public Schools of San Francisco and of Humboldt county. He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of California in 1883; was elected Assemblyman in 1886 and State Senator in 1888.

MCCAFFERTY, FRANK—A native of Missouri; came to California in 1849 at the age of seventeen years, and drove an ox-team across the plains for H. F. Janes; was one of the Overland-road Commissioners in 1847, and a member of Captain Messicks' company of Indian fighters. Arrived in Humboldt county in 1850.

M McNALLY, LAWRENCE—A native of Ireland; came to California from Missouri in 1852, crossing the Isthmus. A resident of Eureka.

MCCONAGHY, JOHN—Came to California from Philadelphia, Pa., by the way of the Isthmus, arriving in San Francisco May 4, 1850. Occupation, a farmer. Residence, Arcata.

MCCLELLAN, R. S.—A native of Massachusetts, and came across the plains in 1852 to California. He died in 1887.

MCKINNA, MARY—A native of Wisconsin; crossed the plains to California in 1851. Residence, Bay View, Washington.

MCCHARLES, H. R.—A native of Indiana; came to California by way of Cape Horn in 1850. Residence, Nevada, Cal.

NEWTON, DAVID H.—A native of Ireland; came to California in 1849 across the plains. Died in this State in 1869. A printer.

NORCROSS, L. M.—A native of Maine; came to California in 1850 by way of the Isthmus. Residence, Eureka.

NEWMAN, J. H.—Came from Missouri across the plains to California in 1850.

NEWMAN, LAURA—Came from Iowa to California in 1849. Residence, Hydesville.

ORMAN, HENRY—A native of Ohio; came to California May 5, 1852. Residence, Arcata. Occupation, carpenter.

OLMSTEAD, C. H.—A native of Maine; came to California in 1851. A blacksmith. Residence, Eureka.

OLMSTEAD, WILLIAM T.—A native of New York; came from Michigan to California across the plains in 1850. Stockraiser. Made one trip across the plains in 1853 with a band of cattle. Was one of the first settlers of Humboldt county. Was shot twice by the Indians on the 12th of July, 1852, while driving cattle to Trinity county, and crippled for life, and carries Indian lead up to the present time. Was compelled to use crutches for three years. Hiram Lyons, one of his party, was killed on that occasion. Two others of the party made their escape without injury, and left Mr. Olmstead to fight his own battle. He got under cover and killed one of the Indians with a Colt's revolver, which intimidated the Indians so much that they left him, thus saving his life. He lay there wounded until the next day about 4 o'clock, when a party from Yager Creek came to his assistance, and shortly thereafter a detachment of soldiers came and carried him into the settlements. They reached Yager Creek on the third day after the shooting. He lay ten days, and was then carried to his home at Hydesville, on a litter, taking two days to make the trip. Dr. Felt met him at Yager Creek and dressed his wounds. Mr. Olmstead is now a resident of Eureka.

OLMSTEAD, LUCINDA—(*nec* Garrison)—Wife of William T. Olmstead; came to California across the plains in 1853.

OUSLEY, CAPTAIN GEORGE W.—Came to California from Illinois across the plains in 1849; served two years as Captain of Company B, California Mountaineers. Residence, San Jose. Came to Humboldt in 1850.

PORTER, ROBERT—A native of Virginia; came to California in 1852, and engaged for a time in mining; came to Humboldt county in 1859, and worked in the mills, and afterwards went into the office of John Vance; next engaged in stock-raising and merchandising. Residence, Hydesville.

PARDEE, A. L.—A native of New York; arrived in California in 1852.

PARDEE, A. F.—A native of New York; arrived in California in 1852.

PALMER, JAMES—A native of Missouri; crossed the plains to California in 1853. A farmer. Residence, Hydesville.

PÄLMER, SAMUEL—A native of Missouri; crossed the plains to California in 1853. A farmer. Residence, Hydesville.

PALMER, JOHN—Born on the plains in 1853. Residence, Hydesville.

PATRICK, N.—Came from Illinois across the plains in 1852. Residence, Ferndale.

PATRICK, JANE—Came from Illinois in 1852. Died, 1883.

PATRICK, GILES—Came from Illinois in 1852. A farmer. Residence, Ferndale.

PATRICK, Z. B.—Crossed the plains in 1852 from Illinois. A butcher. Residence, Ferndale.

PATRICK, MARSHALL—Crossed the plains in 1852 from Illinois. A farmer. Residence, Ferndale.

PRATT, WILLIAM H.—Was born at East Haddam, Conn., and was early left an orphan. He sailed from New York December 20, 1848, and arrived at San Francisco by way of the Isthmus Feb. 28, 1849. He was successfully engaged for a few months in mining. In the fall of 1849 he went to New York City and purchased a large stock of general merchandise, with which he returned to San Francisco and there opened a

store, but within two weeks lost thirty thousand dollars by fire. He then opened a trading-post at Big Bar, and was signally successful; was at various times engaged in merchandising, mining operations, hotel-keeping, brick-making and banking; he was the Republican nominee for the State Senate in 1856 and 1860. In 1861 he was appointed Receiver of Public Moneys at the Humboldt Land Office. During the Indian troubles he was First Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the First Battalion of Mountaineers, California Volunteers. In 1867 he was appointed Indian Agent at Hoopa Valley. In 1869 he engaged in the mercantile business in Eureka. From 1883 to 1888 he was Collector of Customs for the District of Humboldt; was a delegate in the National Convention at Chicago which nominated General Harrison for the Presidency, who appointed him U. S. Surveyor-General for California.

RICKS, C. S.—Was one of the first pioneers of Eureka; came to California in 1849, and arrived at Eureka in 1850; was one of the townsite company, and helped to lay out the city; was largely interested in real estate, and was the largest real estate owner in the city at the time of his death, which occurred June 21, 1888; he represented Humboldt county in the State Legislature, and was one of the most efficient members of that body; he always took a great deal of interest in the prosperity of Eureka and her institutions, and helped schools and churches with a liberal hand, and everything else that was for the benefit or the pleasure of the city; he built more houses than any other man in the city; he inaugurated the City Water Works by sinking artesian wells and raising the water by steam to tanks, and thence conducting the water in pipes throughout the city; he died leaving a large estate to his wife and three sons. C. S. Ricks was a man of liberal mind, friendly in his intercourse with his fellow-men, and of a generous and kind disposition; was well liked by his neighbors and all who knew him. His presence was always welcome wherever he went.

RYAN, JAMES T., DUFF, JAMES R., TORRY, A. W., DUFF, FRANK S., composed the firm of Ryan, Duff & Co.—These gentlemen built the first merchantable sawmill, with a capacity of 100,000 feet each twenty-four hours. The company bought the steamer "Santa Clara," brought the vessel to Humboldt, planted her in the bank, and built the mill alongside her, and used her power to run the mill. She left San Francisco the 22d day of February, 1852, and arrived at Eureka

on the second day, with about forty men on board, brought to help build the mill. James T. Ryan was Captain, F. S. Duff was First Officer and John Vance was Quartermaster. The steamer struck on the bar while crossing, and came near being a total wreck. She lost her deck-load, and was in the breakers one and a half hours. The mill ran with variable success until 1859, when it burned down.

James T. Ryan, a native of Ireland; came from Boston to California in 1849 by way of the Isthmus; he shipped at Panama for San Francisco on an old vessel called "The Three Friends." On her way up she put into a Mexican port. The vessel was so slow that Ryan got disgusted and left her and started on foot for San Francisco, and arrived at that city without either coat or boots on, and nearly starved. He "struck" Frank Duff, and got his first square meal since leaving the vessel; he went to bed and slept forty-eight hours before waking.

Eureka was originally and actually surveyed by Mr. Ryan, with an instrument improvised of two vials and a bit of wood. In 1861 Senator McDougal thus introduced him to Abraham Lincoln:

"Mr. President, this is General Ryan, a loyal neighbor of mine, who can build a cathedral and preach in it, a ship and sail in it, and an engine and run it."

James T. Ryan was one of the most energetic of Humboldt's first settlers. He was elected to the State Senate in 1859, and died in Vallejo in 1875.

James R. Duff was a native of St. Johns, New Brunswick; he sailed from Boston the 20th day of January, 1849, in the ship "Pharsalia," and arrived in San Francisco the 23d of July, 1849; he worked in San Francisco at his trade of carpenter at sixteen dollars per day; after working a week the carpenters called a meeting and struck for twenty dollars a day. All those that were mechanics got it, and the "scabs" were left outside. In the spring of 1850 he went on a voyage of discovery up the coast, in the schooner "Francis Helen," with Captain Ottenger, and arrived in Humboldt the 1st of June, 1850; he found it to be a fine country for lumbering purposes, and concluded to locate at Eureka; he was one of the partners of Ryan, Duff & Co.; he is now a resident of San Francisco.

A. W. Torrey died in early days in San Francisco; he came in 1849 from Boston.

ROBERTS, WILLIAM AND SUSAN—William Roberts was a native of Vermont, and Susan, his wife, a native of Missouri; came across

the plains in 1849. In conversation with the old lady, Mrs. Roberts, a short time since about the early pioneers of California, she gave me a short account of their trip across the plains in the year 1849, which is well worth recording in the pages of the "Pioneer Days in California." I will relate it as she told it to me, as nearly as I can in her own words. She is now in her eighty-fifth year; her memory is remarkable for a person of her age. She said:

"We started with quite a large train of emigrants to California on the 22d day of February, 1849. My husband was chosen Captain of the train; all went well with us the greater part of the way across the plains. We came the northern or Fort Hall route, and took what was called the Lassen cut-off; all went smoothly for a while. The company elected another Captain, who knew very little of the plains or the Indians. One night while camped on the Sierra Nevada Mountains, from our camp we could see fires and smoke starting up from different points of the mountains surrounding us. My husband advised the new Captain to guard the stock until the cattle were filled, and then to corral them for the night. 'For,' said he, 'those are signal fires, and we are in danger from the Indians.' The Captain laughed at his fears, and said, 'We are past all danger.' We were then on the California side of the Sierras. My husband got up his cattle and corralled them, saying he would take no chances. Next morning the most of the cattle were gone, having been stolen by the Indians; not a whole team left, except ours, in the train. Here we were in the mountains and late in the season, short of teams to take us through. There was but one thing to be done, and that was to lighten up the wagons, and proceed as best we might. All surplus goods and provisions were thrown from the wagons, in order to lighten them for the reduced teams. We then got on very slowly. As we all feared, the storms commenced, and caught us in the mountains in November, very poorly prepared for a hard winter. We kept traveling as well as we could, though it kept snowing all the time. On the 17th day of November the United States relief train met us. The train was under the command of Captain Peeples of the United States army, and had been sent out by the Government to help the late emigrants through. It was snowing hard at the time we met the train of about forty mules. The Captain told us the only thing for us to do was for us to leave our teams and everything we had, and he would take us through with his mules as he was short of provisions, and they must make the settlement as soon as possible. My husband refused to leave his team, and I refused to leave

my husband, preferring to take my chances with him. R. R. Roberts, our son, and his wife left with the Government train, as his wife was very near her confinement, and they hoped to reach the settlements before her sickness would take place. They started, leaving us in the mountains, the snow still falling. They traveled for two days with the relief train, and the third night after being with the train the party camped for the night. The next morning the snow was between two and three feet deep, and all the mules but three had perished of cold and hunger. Captain Peebles then found himself in desperate straits. Here he was with a company whom he was sent to assist, with a number of women and children, snowed in in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, without provisions or transportation for them. All he had left of his forty mules was but three, and they hardly able to travel. The nearest settlement was forty miles distant. They made sacks, into which they put the children, and slung them on each side of the mules. They had one old ox, which they killed before starting, but left part of the ox with the party staying behind. There were ten women in the party; they with the rest had to go on foot through the snow, over two feet deep, and with very little to eat. They reached the settlement in two days, without loss of life, which settlement was then known as Lassen's Ranch, and was about one hundred and twenty-five miles above Sacramento City. In the meantime William Roberts and wife had overtaken the Government train in camp where the mules had perished. Young Mrs. Roberts being unable to travel, the Roberts family had to remain there with two sick men who had the scurvy. One of the men died the second night in camp, and the other got well. The names of the party that remained in camp were William Roberts, Susan Roberts, his wife, R. R. Roberts and his wife, who was about to be confined, J. J. Roberts and Mr. Cliff, the teamster, with the two sick men. In a day or two Mrs. Roberts was confined in the wagon, and a boy was born—the first white child born in a snowstorm in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, of whom we have any account. The child grew to manhood in Humboldt county, and was known as John V. C. Roberts. In the meantime, after the baby was born, they moved down the mountains about four miles and built a cabin, intending to have shelter until the storm was over.

The first night they moved into their cabin they turned out their famished oxen, sixteen in number, to browse. The next morning it was discovered that they had all been stolen by the Indians, and nothing was left but one Indian pony. After completing the cabin, Mr. William

Roberts started for the settlement in search of provisions for the family. When he left the cabin they had one very poor deer which they had killed, and very poor venison it made. Mr. Roberts was gone four days when he returned, bringing a few provisions. During these four days the infant subsisted on kennaknick berries they found under the snow, and picked and then pressed; the juice was given to the infant, which thrived well on such nourishment. The pulp of these berries was made into bread and eaten by the adults. After Mr. Roberts returned to camp, R. R. Roberts, John J. Roberts and Mr. Cliff went to Sacramento Valley for provisions. The party remained in camp until the 20th of February, when they left for the Sacramento Valley, and arrived at Lassen's Ranch on foot, on the 22d day of February, 1850. The family came to Humboldt and arrived at Eureka on the 22d day of February, 1851. William Roberts died at Bucksport, Humboldt county, January 7, 1872, aged 72 years. Susan Roberts, the mother of pioneers, my informant, is a hale and hearty old lady, now in her eighty-fifth year, and loves to talk of her pioneer days.

RANDALL, ALPHEUS W.—A native of Rhode Island; came to California in 1849 in the ship "Learnor." He was a soldier in the Mexican war; Sergeant of Company A, Ninth Infantry. First Lieutenant of Company F, Battalion of California Mountaineers. Residence, Eureka. Profession, banker.

RANDALL, T. M.—Came from Illinois across the plains to California in 1853. Residence, Arcata.

RICHARDSON, CHARLES—A native of Maine; came to California in 1853. Lumberman and millwright.

RAY, J. G.—A native of Missouri; crossed the plains to California with the Donner party in 1846. Died in Humboldt county in 1890.

ROHNER, HENRY—Came from Kentucky to California in 1849. Capitalist. Residence, Fortuna.

RUSS, MRS. JOSEPH—Daughter of N. Patrick; crossed the plains from Illinois in 1852.

ROBINSON, LAVINA E.—A native of Michigan; daughter of J. P. Albee; came to California in 1852. Residence, Bridgeville.

RUSS, JOSEPH—A native of Maine; came to California in 1850 via Cape Horn; came to Humboldt in 1852; was elected to the Legislature in 1873 and again in 1884; elected delegate to the Republican National

Convention at Chicago in 1884. Mr. Russ was one of Humboldt's most enterprising citizens, and was the largest land owner in the county at the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1886.

SEVIER, ABNER DILL—A native of Indiana; crossed the plains in 1850, and came to Humboldt county in 1851; was a member of the Court of Sessions, and for four years Sheriff of Humboldt county. Justice of the Peace and Police Judge of Eureka. Was an officer in Company A, Battalion of California Mountaineers. Died at Rohnerville in 1888.

SEVIER, SARAH A.—Wife of A. D. Sevier; was born in Tennessee, and came to California in 1850 and to Humboldt county in 1850, as Miss Stringfield.

STRINGFIELD, SEVIER—Was born in Tennessee in 1800; came across the plains in 1850, and to Humboldt county in 1851. A farmer and Methodist minister. Died in Santa Barbara in 1890.

STRINGFIELD, M. W.—A native of Illinois; came across the plains to California in 1850. Was a member of California Mountaineers, Company A. Also served in the Modock war in 1872. Occupation, librarian.

STRINGFIELD, ELIZABETH—Wife of Sevier Stringfield; came to California in 1850.

SHUFFLETON, HUGH HALL—Crossed the plains from Iowa in 1849. Residence, Shasta county.

SHUFFLETON, CHARLES W.—Crossed the plains from Iowa in 1853. Residence, Eureka.

SNEDDEN, JOSEPH—A native of Scotland; came from the State of New York to California in 1852. Belonged to Fourth U. S. Infantry, Company B, Corporal.

SPEARS, A. C.—A native of New York; came from Michigan to California across the Isthmus in 1851. Occupation, lumbering and farming.

SCOTT, HENRY P.—A native of Hamburg, Germany; arrived in California June, 1849, from Valparaiso, Chile. A seaman by occupation.

SHELDON, MARY L.—Came from Vermont; arrived in California by way of Cape Horn in 1852. Residence, San Francisco.

SUTTON, MRS. L.—Came from Iowa to California across the plains in 1853. Residence, Oroville, Butte county, California.

SHIVELY, WILLIAM B.—Came from Ohio to California across the plains in 1852. Residence, Rio Dell.

SHIVELY, CAROLINE—Came from Illinois across the plains in 1852.

SWEASEY, MRS. SARAH—Came across the plains from Ohio in 1852.

STANISLAUSKI, GUSTAVE, and Mary Madgeline Stanislauski, his wife, came to California in 1851, and to Humboldt in 1852. Residence, Humboldt county.

SWEASEY, RICHARD—A native of Indiana; came to California in 1850 and to Humboldt in 1855. Occupation, merchant, and ship-owner. Residence, Eureka.

TILLEY, G. H.—Is a native of Rhode Island; came to California September 1st, 1849, and to Humboldt in 1850; has been Supervisor of Humboldt county two terms.

TYDD, PETER—A native of Ireland; came from New York to California in 1852; was a member of Company F, Fourth U. S. Infantry, Captain U. S. Grant.

THOMAS, W.—A native of Massachusetts; came to California in 1849 through Mexico; was a soldier of the Mexican war.

TOMLINSON, CAPTAIN EDWIN—Born in England in 1809; came to the United States in 1811; came to California by way of the Cape of Good Hope and Australia in 1852 in the ship "Envelop;" came to Humboldt in 1852; was shipwrecked on Humboldt Bar December 10, 1852. Retired shipmaster. Residence, Eureka.

TOMLINSON, REBECCA—Wife of Captain Tomlinson; a native of Nova Scotia; came to California with her husband in 1852.

TERRY, MARY—Daughter of J. P. Albee; a native of Michigan; came to California in 1852.

VANSANT, JOSHUA—A native of Maryland; came to California in 1850; has been Marshal of the city of Eureka for ten years.

VALLIER, A. C.—A native of New York; came to California in 1852. A miner. Residence, Eureka.

VANN, MATTHEW—A soldier of the Mexican war; arrived in California in 1852. A native of Kentucky.

VANN, ELIZABETH—Wife of Matthew Vann. A native of Tennessee. Residence, Napa.

VAN DYKE, WALTER—Native of New York; studied law in Cleveland, Ohio, and admitted to practice in the courts of that State; arrived in California, via Tehuantepec, in 1850, and was among the first explorers of the lower Klamath River; belonged to the Whig party, but was elected District Attorney of Klamath county upon its organization in 1851; removed to Arcata in 1852 and engaged in practice of his profession; married Miss Rowena Cooper in 1854; part owner and editor of the *Humboldt Times* several years, and served the county as District Attorney; became a resident of Eureka in 1858; elected to State Senate in 1861, and was prominent in the formation of the Union party; he now resides in Los Angeles, and is one of the Superior Judges of that county.

VAN SICKLE, THOMAS—A native of New York; came to California in 1850. Residence, Rohnerville. Merchant.

WOOD, GABRIEL—Is a native of Prussia; came from Pennsylvania across the Isthmus to California in 1851. Residence, Eureka. Occupation, a teamster.

WHITE, SAMUEL S.—A native of Massachusetts; came to California in 1852, and to Humboldt county in 1871. Occupation, a mason.

WILT, J. A.—A native of New Brunswick; came to California via Cape Horn in 1850. He is a general agent.

WHEELER, E. D.—A native of Connecticut; came to California across the plains from Wisconsin in 1849. Profession, lawyer. Was the first County Clerk of Yuba county, in 1850; was Mayor of Marysville; was elected to the State Senate in 1860; moved to San Francisco in 1862; in 1872 he was appointed District Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District by Governor Booth; in 1874 was elected Judge by the people of the District just mentioned; he served in this capacity until 1880, when the District Courts were abolished by the new Constitution. From that time to the present he has practiced his profession in San Francisco.

WEBER, MARTIN—Came to California from Illinois in 1852. Merchant. Residence, Rohnerville.

WEBER, NICHOLAS—Came to California from Illinois in 1852. Merchant. Residence, Rohnerville.

WENNER, B.—Crossed the Isthmus to California in 1849. Residence, Fortuna. A farmer.

WAITE, B. L.—Came to California from Wisconsin across the plains in 1850. Residence, Grizzly Bluff. Farmer.

WOOLDRIDGE, MRS. JOSEPHINE—Daughter of N. Patrick; crossed the plains from Illinois in 1852.

WALL, WILLIAM H.—A native of New York; came to California in 1846; arrived at Humboldt Bay in June, 1850. Was the first white man married in Humboldt county; married the daughter of James Light.

WILLIAMS, GEORGE—A native of Ohio; crossed the plains to California in 1850; served two terms as Supervisor of Trinity county; was Provost Marshal for Trinity county in 1863; served one term as Supervisor of Humboldt county; was elected to the Legislature from Humboldt county in 1887. Residence, Ferndale. Occupation, stockman and general business.

WINZLER, JOHN—Crossed the plains from Ohio to California in 1850. Residence, Oregon. Occupation, blacksmith.

WATSON, JOHN A.—A native of New Hampshire; came from Maine to California in 1851; was elected County Clerk of Trinity county in 1856; ran on the Republican ticket in that county for Sheriff against John P. Jones, now U. S. Senator from Nevada. The Republican party being largely in the minority, he failed to be elected. In 1863 he enlisted in the California Battalion Mountaineers, and was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company C, under Captain Miller; served until the close of the war, and was mustered out in 1865. He then took up his residence at Eureka. In 1868 he was elected County Clerk of Humboldt county, and held that office for six years; in 1874 he was appointed Deputy Collector of Customs, and President Arthur appointed him Collector of the Port when Eureka was made a Customs district. He held the position of agent for Wells, Fargo & Co. from April, 1879, until his death; he served six years as a member of the City Council, and was one of the most efficient members of that body. Died at Eureka November 8, 1883.

WALSH, THOMAS—A native of Ireland; came to California in 1851, and to Humboldt in 1853; was elected the first Mayor of Eureka in 1874, and served two terms; was again elected Mayor of Eureka in 1880, and

served three terms, or until 1886. Occupation, merchant. Died at Chicago in 1886.

WHIPPLE, S. G.—Born in Vermont; arrived in California across the plains from Ohio July, 1849, and in what is now Humboldt county in February, 1851; established the *Northern Californian* at Arcata in 1858, and conducted same two years, when it was united with the *Humboldt Times*, to the proprietorship of which he succeeded, disposing of the establishment in 1862. Served three terms in the State Legislature. Entered U. S. volunteer military service spring of 1863, and the regular army in 1866, retiring in 1884. Resides at Eureka; manager of the *Humboldt Times*.

WYMAN, J. E.—A native of Massachusetts; arrived in California in 1850, and in Humboldt in 1851; served as County Judge of Humboldt county for fourteen years; was the owner and publisher of the *Humboldt Times*; he started the first daily paper in Humboldt county. Died in 1880, at Eureka.

WOOD, L. K.—A native of Kentucky; came to California in 1849; he was one of the first discoverers of Humboldt Bay; he with seven others, known as Dr. Gregg's party, left Trinity River on the 5th day of November, 1849, to explore the then unknown country between Upper Trinity River and the Pacific Ocean. After incredible hardships and almost starvation they reached the coast at the mouth of what is known as Little River. For over six weeks this little band of pioneers tramped over snowy mountains, and swam swollen streams, on their expedition of discovery. On December 20, 1849, David A. Buck, one of the party, discovered the bay, and named it Trinity Bay. Four months later the bay was discovered by the Laura Virginia Company, and given the name of Humboldt Bay, which name it still retains.

The Gregg party then undertook to return to the settlements by the way of Eel River, in the midst of one of the hardest winters known to California. Their provisions gave out in the midst of a heavy snowstorm, and for days they were without food. They were now reduced almost to starvation. Three of the band went hunting, and found a band of eight grizzly bears, and necessity compelled them to attack the bears. After they wounded some of the bears, the brutes turned on them, and getting hold of L. K. Wood, they mangled his body in a fearful manner. They broke one of his legs and tore one of his arms, and thus rendered him a cripple for life. Finally the bears left him, and his comrades got him into camp.

The question now arose, what was to be done with the wounded man? If they stayed in camp they would all perish of starvation, and his wounds were so swollen and sore that he could not be removed. On consultation with Mr. Wood himself, he requested his companions to shoot him, and not leave him to die of the pangs of hunger in that wilderness. They discussed the matter, and finally came to the conclusion that they would make a litter and pack him as far as possible. This they did. After untold miseries, the party arrived at the ranch of Mrs. Mark West on the 17th day of February, 1850, and remained there until sufficiently recovered to proceed to San Francisco. Mr. Wood received the utmost kindness from every member of the family.

Mr. Wood returned to Humboldt, and, in 1852, ran as an independent candidate for the office of Clerk of Trinity county, of which county the present county of Humboldt then formed a part. The Democratic candidate was successful. Shortly afterwards Humboldt county was created by act of the Legislature, and L. K. Wood became County Clerk of the new county. He afterwards became a farmer on Arcata bottom, and married the daughter of James Hanna, Esq., and raised a large family. Most of the children still reside in Humboldt county. He died at Arcata on the 12th day of July, 1874.

Through the courtesy of his sons, the author was permitted to take this sketch from a narrative written by L. K. Wood several years ago, and published at the time in the *Humboldt Times*.

