

Biographies: Stockton Pioneers Interred at Stockton Rural Cemetery, Stockton, San Joaquin Co, CA  
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## **STOCKTON AREA PIONEERS - 1850-1900**

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### **Background Information**

#### Stockton, California

Stockton is located in the heart of the great Central Valley of California and is the seat of San Joaquin County government. The city is located on the Stockton Channel a short distance east of the great bend in the San Joaquin River where it turns to head upstream to its beginning in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This river gives Stockton an all year waterway access to San Francisco and the Pacific Ocean. When Captain Charles M. Weber arrived in California in the early 1840's, he decided to settle here as soon as possible. A short time later he obtained a land grant of over 47,000 acres and started settling the area. In 1847 he laid out the town and had it resurveyed in 1849.

When the Gold Rush began, Stockton was in an ideal location to become a transportation center. It soon became the hub of activities for the Southern Mines of the Mother Lode. People came by the thousands. Many hurried to the "diggings". Some settled here and went into business. Others realizing the value of the local soil started farming and ranching. They were the people that pioneered our area and to whom this publication is dedicated. Those who settled in Stockton from 1850 to 1900 molded a settlement into a city.

With few exceptions, they were born in 1865 or earlier. Many were young men, even teenagers, who had learned a trade in their home vicinity. Those who were born in Europe were mostly Germans. Most of those who came overland were from the Midwest states. Those who came by sea were generally from the New England and New York states.

The expectation of becoming rich by finding gold caused most to give up after a few months and they headed for the place they could find work. Stockton was the starting point for those headed to the Southern Mines. Since the hard work, living conditions and other factors did not turn out as they expected, they returned to Stockton and the immediate area where they settled. Those are the ones who molded the city. Stockton was the commercial and financial center at that time.

It is of interest of where they were born and when and how they came to California. What they did when they first arrived in California is another story. **When they settled in the Stockton area and what they did here is the intent of this writing.**

### **How They Came**

The coming to California to seek a new beginning started in the 1840's. It took the discovery of Sutter's gold in 1848 to bring the flow of people overland and by sea, weathering the hardships of many months of slow travel over the plains, through Nicaragua, crossing the Isthmus of Panama, or the long voyage around Cape Horn. That was the year 1849 and the several years that followed.

#### Overland

For those pioneers who decided to come on the overland trails, the usual starting point was Council Bluffs of the Missouri River. The movement started with the Conestoga wagon with a canvas top drawn by oxen. Then came the heavy farm wagon, also with a canvas top, drawn by horses or mules. They followed the Platte River, crossed the Rockies at South Pass where the first waters drained to the Pacific Ocean. Then to Salt Lake City, the uninviting Humboldt Sink in Nevada, and the dreaded ascent of the

Sierra Nevada mountains, and finally arriving in the Sacramento Valley. It usually took four or five months to make the trip. One account claims that they made the trip in a little over two months.

There were other less traveled routes. The Southern route started in Texas to Santa Fe and into California at Yuma. Another route was through Northern Mexico to Yuma. There is no mention that those traveling to the West came by Wells Fargo or Butterfield stage coaches.

With the completion of the railroad in 1869, this ended the long tedious travel. What was once a hard journey of many months was now a train ride of only five or six days.

#### Via Nicaragua

Although the route was followed by many, it was not a popular route. The travelers left New York by steamship to San Juan del Norte on the east side of Nicaragua. It was then along the San Juan River for about eight miles to Lago Nicaragua, by boat on the lake about seventy miles, then ten miles overland to San Juan del Sur, for a total of one hundred sixty miles. This was more of a village; few ships stopped there. An 1849 account stated a wait of five months until a sailing ship put into the harbor and took them to San Francisco. Another account stated they left New York in April 1866 and arrived in San Francisco in May 1866. That was many years after the 1849 rush.

#### Via Panama

This was a very popular route. The traveler would leave New York by steamship to Chagres on the Atlantic side of Panama. Then it was fifty-plus miles across the Isthmus to the Pacific side of Panama, where they then took a steamship to San Francisco. Most travelers walked the entire distance. The women usually rode mules and the men did likewise if there were sufficient mules. Pack mules brought up the rear with the luggage. Steamships were busy shuttling back and forth from New York to Panama, and from Panama to San Francisco. They carried hundreds of passengers each trip. One account state leaving New York July 5, 1852 and arriving in San Francisco August 13, 1852.

#### Via Cape Horn

This was another way to travel to the West. The length of time it took depended on the ship. Most ships went around Cape Horn, not through the 350 mile Straights of Magellan. According to different accounts the trip usually took from four to six months. A clipper sailing ship could make it in three months. Being sailing ships, it depended a great deal on weather conditions and the winds.

Usually the ships were so crowded with passengers it seemed that there was absolutely no room for any more. Nevertheless, more passengers were picked up at each port of call. The passengers were not afraid to undergo hardships-- suffering from thirst and hunger, the constant fear of being swamped by the fury of waves, the violence of recurring storms--this was the way they chose to reach the new land to be their new home.

The ships could carry only a limited quantity of water and supplies; therefore they were compelled to hug the coast as closely as possible to put into a harbor for more water and supplies with the least possible delay.

Tiers of bunks were put up in the hull. The cramped cabin could only afford accommodations for the captain and mate, and possibly someone sick or injured.

The progress was excruciatingly slow. When beset with headwinds, the ship stayed motionless, sometimes in the dead calm of the tropical sun. The heat was intense and fear was ever before them of facing danger or running out of water or provisions.

At last San Francisco was reached; the harbor presented a picture of nautical life and energy with great forests of masts and docks almost black with human beings. In the harbor were hundreds of ships from all parts of the world lying at anchor. The flags of all nations floated from their masts. There were all sorts of crafts from the Chinese junk to the American man of war. They were within view and many were passed before the incoming ships dropped anchor. Slowly the new emigrants went to shore and how glad they were to put their sea legs on solid ground after that long and arduous trip.

## Experiences

### Rebecca McCutchan Jones Shoemaker

"Our wagon train camped on the outskirts of Salt Lake City. A kindly Mormon woman came to our camp with a basket full of fresh vegetables, the first we had seen or tasted since we left Iowa some months before. How grateful we were to her for such a most welcomed gift."

### **Minerva Lindsay Kennedy Crothers**

"Our wagon train stopped for the day at South Pass where the waters first flowed to the west. It was a celebration day of my first born baby boy. When we traveled on the next day, it was something I shall never forget. Resting on the floor of that heavy wagon, bouncing over a rugged road or rather trail, that surely was no celebration for me, but I made it."

### **Ann Jones and son James Jones**

"A recent widow with two young sons, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. Some long-time friends of the family had gone to the United States some years before, and then west to California. They encouraged me to come and join them. After much thought, the three of us boarded a windjammer in the south of England and were on our way. The days turned into months and more months. Down the Atlantic, around Cape Horn, then up the Pacific, seemingly never to end. Six months later we arrived in San Francisco and were we glad. On a small boat we continued to Stockton to make our new home. The friends had arranged for a place to live and found work for the two sons in a local brick manufacturing yard. That was one trip the three of us will never forget, but it was worth it in the end."

### **Thomas K. Hook**

It was 1849 when a group of young men started out on the long journey with their pack mules. About half way, one became ill with cholera. The others decided there was no use to delay their journey, so they decided to move one and abandon their sick companion to die by the trail side. In desperation he gave the distress signal of the Odd Fellows lodge. The three recognized the sign and came to him. They remembered well the obligation to assist a fellow lodge member in need. They nursed him back to health and brought him to California. In later years he became the county sheriff, president of the Council of Stockton, and the mayor of the city.

### **William Smith Fowler**

It was the fall of 1853 when these young men left Salt Lake City for California via the Southern Route. They started out with a wagon and some horses. On the way they came upon a government survey party. The group was attacked by a tribe of Indians with twelve men being killed. With only two horses left and limited supplies, they abandoned the wagon and the two horses and set out on foot. They had three hundred miles ahead of them including the isolation of Death Valley and the Mohave Desert. They ran out of food and subsisted on some beans which had evidently spilled from a covered wagon which had passed that way. For some days each lived on ten beans a day. They finally reached a ranch house on the edge of the desert where they were taken in and given a good meal. After forty-nine days they finally reached Los Angeles, and then came north to Stockton.

### **Archibald Leitch**

It was 1853 when his wagon train was bringing cattle and horses west. Near Fort Laramie there was a terrible storm one night. During the storm a number of Indians stampeded the horses, leaving only one. On that one horse, he left the train to track down the Indians and find his horses. In the next thirteen days he found some of his horses which had been sold along the way. These he bought back for one or two dollars. In his continued search he ran into any number of problems, but after a search of some three hundred fifty miles, he had most of the horses. The others in the wagon train had given him up as lost. They sent out a search party for him. The searchers finally found him on his way back to the train with most of his horses.

### **Noyes Bailey**

It was 1851 when a group of pioneers contracted for a passage from New York to San Francisco via Nicaragua. A late type steamer took them to San Juan del Norte on the east coast of Nicaragua. They proceeded along the San Juan River to Lago Nicaragua as planned, and that is where the confusion set in. The boat to take them on the lake had gone. They had no provisions so a committee was formed to backtrack for supplies. In the meantime the lake boat came while they were away and sailed away, leaving the committee behind. There were told pack mules would take them on their way. There were no pack mules, so they had to walk fourteen miles in the rain. Finally they reached San Juan del Sur on the

west coast of Nicaragua and the group was reunited. There they found out that the steamer that was to meet them had an accident to its machinery. That meant a ten-day wait. The waiting group asked the agent of the ship line contracting company to pay their board, but he refused. "A Californian among them told the agent that he would blow the top of his head off if he did not do it, and the next morning the agent gave them \$150 to pay board with." Finally an old steamer came into the harbor and they were on their way to San Francisco.

### **William L. Dudley**

In 1849 and everything was going along smoothly with the group coming west via Nicaragua until they reached San Juan del Sur on the Pacific coast. There they had expected to board a steamer for San Francisco. Unfortunately for them the steamers were too busy shuttling between San Francisco and Panama with all the passengers they could carry without calling at this little unused bout of the way port. They were stranded. Five long months elapsed until one day a sailing ship came into the port, probably for water or supplies. It was on the way to San Francisco. After considerable dickering the captain of the ship agreed to take on these long awaiting pioneers.

### **Antone Decosta**

It took him six years from the time he left his home in Portugal as a boy of fourteen years old to arrive in San Francisco in 1850. He spent those years on a whaling ship in the Atlantic and then the Pacific. In his many experiences the most exciting started in New Zealand. For some reason the crew deserted the ship. The captain took on eighteen convicts on tickets of leave as a new crew. Four days out of port the convicts mutinied and after some skirmishes they were subdued and placed in irons. The ship returned to New Zealand where the authorities came on board. The eighteen convicts were lashed to the riggings and given two dozen lashes a piece by the main council. They were taken off the ship to prison. With a skeleton crew the ship crippled on to San Francisco. What little crew there was deserted, and apparently headed for the gold country. With those six years behind him, the now grown up boy arrived in Stockton to make his home there.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

**When they settled in the Stockton area and what they did here is the intent of this writing.**

**All listed are interred in Stockton Rural Cemetery, Stockton, California**

### **Aaron, Henry - 1824-1894**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California via Panama 1851. To Stockton in 1868 and became manager of a soda water business.

### **Adams, Henry - 1826-1893**

Born in New Hampshire. To California via Cape Horn in 1844. When he came to Stockton he became interested in the Stockton Gas Light and Heat Company, and was instrumental in its development. Later he became the superintendent of the new undertaking.

Note: As a matter of interest, Stockton was one of the first cities in California to use natural gas. The gas was called marsh or tule gas, a wet-type gas. As it came to the surface, it forced a warm mineral water upward as artesian wells. The gas company had its wells and storage tanks on the bank of Miner Channel (a slough that ran along the south side of Miner Avenue) between San Joaquin and Hunter Streets. The company served the central part of the city.

**Allard, Abner Richardson - 1834-1871**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Panama in 1857. To Stockton in 1863 and engaged in various retail businesses.

**Ashley, L. E. - 1840-1910**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California and Stockton overland 1852. He settled five miles out of Stockton and raised livestock and grain.

**Ashley, William A. - 1819-1890**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California overland in 1850. In 1852 he purchased a ranch east of Stockton.

**Atherton, George Allen - 1860-1944**

Born in California. He graduated from the University of California in 1880 as an engineer. He came to Stockton in 1884 where he was the Deputy City and County Surveyor. In 1886 he was appointed both the City and the County Surveyor. Note: He was the son of John William Atherton born in Main in 1833. He was a seafarer for five years, then came to California via Panama in 1858. He settled in Marin County where he was in the dairy business.

**Attwood, Elijah Whiting - 1815-1904**

Born in Connecticut. To California and French Camp via Panama in 1851. He had a hotel in French Camp and a business of freighting and carrying passengers from Stockton to French Camp in a sailboat.

**Austin, Henry S. - 1822-1890**

Born in Maryland. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. To Stockton in 1862 as manager of an iron and hardware business. In 1869 he and his brother acquired ownership of the business in the name of Austin Brothers until sold in 1875.

**Austin, Joshua Porter - 1822 - 1905**

Born in New York. When he first came to Stockton he was in the hotel business (Irving House). Later he had a hotel in French Camp with a ranch nearby.

**Backman, Christian A. 1827 - 1903**

Born in Germany. To the United States in 1853. To California via Cape Horn in 1859. In 1871 he came to Stockton and became a partner of C.H.W. Brandt in growing chicory on the Brandt Ferry Road. They had the largest chicory factory in the U.S. In 1889 they harvested 6,000 tons of chicory root. They marketed their product under the name "California Chicory Factory" and "Backman and Brandt." The old brick chicory factory is still standing. The chicory roots were roasted and ground up for mixing with coffee when coffee was not so abundant as today.

**Baggs, Walter Thomas - 1858 -1889**

Born in Stockton, California. As a young man he was secretary of a paper mill. During that time he studies law. He was elected Justice of the Peace for two terms after being admitted to the bar. He then went into private practice.

**Baggs, William Montgomery - 1824-1889**

Born in Maryland. To California and Stockton via Cape Horn in 1850. He engaged in contracting as a builder. In 1852 he had his own lumber business and a saddlery business. In 1878 he built the first brick warehouse in Stockton for grain and other storage. He retired in 1884.

**Bailey, Charles Kimball - 1830-1897**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Nicaragua in 1853. In 1863 he bought land east of Stockton where he raised grain, horses and sheep.

**Bailey, Noyes - 1819-1895**

Born in Vermont. To California and Stockton via Nicaragua in 1851. He left Stockton until 1855 when he purchased land east of Stockton on the Mariposa Road.

**Barnhart, Henry - 1830-1897**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California in 1848. In 1875 he came to Stockton. He was one of the largest land owners in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys. He spent \$100,000 to reclaim swamp land in Yolo and Solano counties.

**Barthman, Charles - 1842-1912**

Born in Germany. To the United States in 1866. To California overland in 1871. He came to Stockton in 1885 where he established the National Soda Works.

**Bates, Richard S. -1819- 1897**

Born in Connecticut. He came to Stockton in 1852 and engaged in buying and selling grain and livestock. Lack of experience did not lead to financial success. He left Stockton in 1861, returning in 1866 to fill a position in the Stockton State Asylum.

**Batte, Peter Vernon - 1844-1893**

Born in Virginia. He settled in Stockton after the Civil War in which he was a major in the Confederate Army. He was a bookkeeper by trade. For many years he worked for Frank Stewart of the Stewart and Smith grain business, and owner of the Eureka Warehouse.

**Beasley, Charles - 1828-1913**

Born in Missouri. He was a well-known architect and designed many of the buildings in and around Stockton. He left his trademark by an unusual design of the bricks at the top of the façade of the building.

**Belden, William S. - 1827-1901**

Born in Connecticut. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. In 1862 he came to Stockton and operated the Eagle Hotel.

**Belding, Charles - 1831-1905**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Nicaragua in 1852. He came to Stockton in late 1852 and worked for a soda works company. In 1857 he started a soda water business of his own. He also had a sizeable ranch and raised grain and livestock. He was the Mayor of Stockton in 1878-79. He was Public Administrator for nine years. At one time he was a City Councilman, the City Assessor, a School Trustee, and a City Library Trustee.

**Beecher, John Lyman - 1828-1899**

Born in Massachusetts. To California and Stockton via Cape Horn in 1852. He purchased land on the Copperopolis Road. He was an organizer of the Farmers Union and on its Board of Directors for the rest of his life.

**Besswick, Frank - 1823-1899**

Born in England. He operated the San Joaquin feed and Sale Stable at Center and Washington Streets in the 1860's.

**Belknap, William Wallace - 1853-1918**

Born in Michigan. To California in the 1880's and to Stockton about 1894. He was a carpenter and found work with the Holt Manufacturing Company in the assembly building. He worked himself up to foreman until his death. The assembly building was where the combined harvesters and Holt steam engines were put together.

**Belt, George Gordon - 1822-1869**

Born in Pennsylvania. He arrived in California with the Stevenson's Regiment at Monterey and came to Stockton in 1849. He opened a general merchandise store at Center Street and Weber Avenue. That same year he was appointed the Alcade of Stockton under the former Mexican rule, whereby he became the chief law officer and judge of the community. He attempted to establish a city government in 1849 before California became a state. The following year (1850), under his leadership, the city was regularly organized.

**Bird, Myron L. - 1825-1874**

Birthplace unknown. He came to Stockton in the early 1850's as a harness maker and opened his business on Hunter Square Plaza. Among other activities, he was an early fire chief. He invented the device for quickly snapping the collars into place on the fire horses. When an alarm came in, this speeded the getaway of the fire engines.

**Bishop, Henry Gostwick - 1824-1902**

Born in New York. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. In 1878 he settled near Stockton and established a farm to raise prunes and apricots.

**Biven, William - 1824-1875**

Born in New York. In 1854 he started the Stockton Evening Post which later merged with the Stockton Daily Argus. His newspaper was suppressed by the United States Government in 1862 for using treasonable language. After the Civil War, he started the Stockton Evening Herald in 1865 which eventually became the Stockton Record.

**Blake, Alfred N. - 1817-1893**

Born in England. He was one of the early undertakers in Stockton. His place of business was at Market and Hunter Streets. In those days most funerals were conducted at home, and the undertaker's establishment was often referred to as a coffin warehouse. He was one of the organizers of the Stockton Rural Cemetery in 1861.

**Bollinger, Samuel - 1820-1883**

Born in Switzerland. To the United States in 1845, and California in 1848. In 1854 he purchased land on the Copperopolis Road where he farmed for the rest of his life.

**Bond, Morris H. - 1823-1885**

Birthplace unknown. He came to Stockton some time after the Mexican War. He opened one of the earliest undertaking parlors in Stockton. It was a little different in those days as was evidenced the sign on the front of his building - "M. H. Bond, Coffin Warehouse."

**Booker, Samuel - 1826-1892**

Born in Virginia. In 1850 he was elected district attorney. In 1856 he helped to organize the Stockton Blue Militia as its captain.

**Bours, R. Walker - 1817-1895**

Born in New York. He opened one of the first banks in California in Stockton in 1849. After the beginning in a tent and then a wooden structure, the bank moved into one of the first brick buildings in Stockton. After changing hands a number of times, it later became the Hunter Square Branch of the Bank of America. He was one of the organizers of the Stockton Rural Cemetery.

**Bowdoin, Leon M. - 1828-1905**

Born in Maine. To California via Panama in 1850. In 1882 he moved to Stockton and was a writer for the Stockton Record and Sacramento Bee. He was greatly interested in writing about the Panama Canal.

**Brack, Henry - 1857-1941**

Born in Louisiana. He came to California in 1849 with ten cents in his pocket. With his headquarters in Stockton, in 1850 he bought land west of Lodi which later became the Brack Tract of 10,000 acres. He raised cattle and grain. He had his own ship for transporting his goods to San Francisco. He organized a railroad from Lodi east. He owned an interest in a winery. With good financial backing and his ten cents, he indeed prospered.

**Brandt, John A. - 1817-1894**

Born in Germany. To the United States in 1849. To California via Panama in 1851. He immediately came to Stockton and opened the first carriage manufacturing shop in the city.

**Breidenback, Joseph - 1832-1907**

Born in Germany. To the United States in 1854. To California in 1858. He settled in Stockton in 1860 and was associated with several business enterprises. He erected the Philadelphia House on bridge Place in 1871 and personally supervised it until his retirement in 1884.

**Brook, Alexander W. - 1829-1912**

Born in Wales. To California in 1852, but did not settle there until 1894 when he became a resident of Stockton. He was President of the Stockton Ice and Fuel Company and also the President of the San Joaquin Brick Company. He was a partner in building the first tugboat on the river and a barge to carry grain to San Francisco. They also built two stern wheeler boats. He was also one of the organizers of the San Joaquin Improvement Company, later named the California Navigation and Improvement Company.

**Brown, Albert Gallatin - 1801-1884**

Born in Maine. To California via Cape Horn about 1850. He came to Stockton and established a stage line between Stockton and the Southern mines. In later years he was interested in various business enterprises.

**Brown, Benjamin Howard - 1822-1904**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Cape Horn in 1850. Later in that same year he settled in Stockton and started a tailor shop and sold suits for \$100. He manufactured blue jean overalls. In 1852 he opened an oyster house restaurant or club as it was called. He catered to a more select clientele. Later he was in the grain business for four years. He had the first feed store in Stockton and later included produce. He was a City Councilman in 1873-74.

**Buckley, William Samuel - 1829-1891**

Born in West Virginia. To California and San Joaquin County in 1861. He was a Justice of the Peace in the northern party of the County. He moved to Stockton in 1867 and was appointed a County Judge. In 1879 he was elected a Superior Court Judge until 1883 when he opened his own law practice.

**Budd, James Herbert - 1851-1908**

Born in Wisconsin. To California overland in 1859. He settled in Stockton in 1860 and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1874. In 1873-74 he was Deputy District Attorney. He was elected to Congress in 1882 for one term. He was a Trustee of the City Library in 1883-89, and in 1889 a Police and Fire Commissioner. He was a Brigadier in the National Guard. He was elected Governor in 1894 and served from 1895 to 1899. Then he entered private practice. He was known as Smilin' Jim.

**Budd, John E. - 1853-1913**

Born in Wisconsin. To California overland in 1859. He settled in Stockton in 1860 and studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1876. In 1890 he was appointed Receiver of the U.S. Land Office with headquarters in Stockton. He then returned to private practice. He was a Regent of the University of California in Berkeley for ten years.

**Budd, Joseph Henry - 1822-1902**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton in 1859 when he opened a law office. He was City Attorney for two years. In 1887 he was elected Judge of the Superior Court and served for fifteen years.

**Buell, Park Arbington - 1860-1900**

Born in Ohio. To California in the 1860's and to Stockton in the early 1800's . He was employed by a planning mill company for a number of years. He then organized the P.A. Buell Planing Mill and Lumber Company. He was the organizer of the Commercial Association and its president. It was instrumental in having the San Francisco-San Joaquin Valley Railroad built from Stockton. He was one of the organizers of the San Joaquin Valley Association, embracing twelve counties in the Valley.

**Bugbee, William Delos - 1819-1896**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1854. He came to Stockton in 1856 and purchased farm land north of the city. He gave up farming in 1868 and moved to the city. In 1870 he was appointed City Weigher.

**Bulson, Herman R. - 1841-1897**

Born in New York. After the Civil War he studies medicine and came to California to practice his profession. In 1889 he came to Stockton and became a well known local doctor.

**Butler, William A. - 1848-1919**

Born in New York. To California in 1869. In 1889 he rent a farm east of Stockton. In later years he rented additional land and managed one of the largest ranches in the vicinity of Stockton.

**Butters, Ezra - 1821-1910**

Born in Maine. To California and Stockton in 1878. He found work in a furniture business. In 1886 he started the Family Bakery. On Sunday mornings he featured a specialty or novelty, a pot of baked beans and Boston brown bread. His motto - "Buy the best, make the best, and sell the best."

**Byers, John Cowen - 1825-1894**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California and Stockton overland in 1861. He became a well-known and successful attorney.

**Caine, John - 1828-1910**

Born on the Isle of Man. He purchased the Globe Iron Works, which began operations in 1858. It manufactured farming, mining, and steamboat machinery. If was noted for making the finest mining cars in the state.

**Campbell, C. A. - 1838-1900**

Born in Indiana. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1858. He farmed east of Stockton. In 1872 he gave up farming and became a bookkeeper for Sperry and Company until 1882. In 1885 he was a partner in a barley mill. In 1886 he was elected City Clerk, a position he held for many terms.

**Campbell, George Wentworth - 1834-1905**

Born in Maine. To California about 1850 via Cape Horn. A year later he came to Stockton and did teaming to the mines. He they established a draying business which he conducted for the rest of his life.

**Carlson, George C - 1834-1897**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California and Stockton overland in 1859. He took charge of a ranch for Sperry and Company near French Camp until 1865. He ranched for himself until 1870 at which time he went into the hay and grain business for six years. He then returned to farming on the Copperopolis Road raising wheat and barley. In 1889 he set out 1,000 vines of raisin grapes. In 1877 he opened a bonded warehouse. He also operated a livery stable.

**Carson, William McKee - 1829-1905**

Born in Maryland. Came to California via Cape Horn in 1849. He acquired 215 acres of land near the Five Mile House north of Stockton. He owned one of the first threshing machines in the San Joaquin Valley to harvest grain. In 1857 he superintended the grading of the Five Mile Road (now Pacific Avenue from Harding Way to Hammer Lane). He became a county supervisor in 1882 and served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors for sixteen years, during which time the second courthouse was erected.

**Carter, Stanton L. - 1853-1911**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton overland in 1862. His family settled east of Stockton on the Mariposa Road. Years later he studied accounting in San Francisco and then studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1876 and opened his own office. In 1879 he was appointed City Attorney and served for several terms. He was appointed Court Commissioner in 1883. He resigned in 1885 and was in private practice until he retired in 1887.

**Castle, Christopher C. - 1828-1904**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1852. In 1854 he settled near French Camp as a grain farmer. From 1863 to 1866 he was superintendent of some mines in Mexico. Upon returning to Stockton, he became president of the Royal Mining Coin Calaveras Company and the Stockton Gravel Mining Company with gravel pits in Siskiyou County.

**Castle, George H. - 1823-1891**

Born in New York. He came to California in 1852. He settled near French Camp where he raised wheat, mules and did some freighting out of Stockton. The Castle School was named for him. He built the first family mausoleum in the Rural Cemetery in 1883.

**Cavis, Joseph M. - 1825-1892**

Born in New Hampshire. To California via Cape Horn in 1852. He came to Stockton in 1870 to practice law. In 1876 he was appointed Postmaster until 1888. He then opened his own law office.

**Chandler, Walter Leroy - 1870-1916**

Born in Illinois. To California overland in 1875. He settled near Holt Station in 1905 where he secured a large ranch. He went into the dairy business. He had hundreds of acres sown to grain, alfalfa and rye grass to furnish feed for his large herd of cows.

**Clark, Asa - 1824-1912**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1849. In 1861 he was elected Assistant Physician at the Stockton State Asylum and later Superintendent. He resigned in 1871 and, with Dr. Langdon, opened a mental hospital in Woodbridge. They moved the hospital to Stockton in 1874 using the name Pacific Hospital. It is located where Edison Senior High School now stands. It was later known as Clark's Sanitorium.

**Clary, William Harrison - 1822-1904**

Born in Kentucky. To California overland in 1850. His family settled in Stockton in 1870. He was interested in big mining in Calaveras County. He was one of the organizers of the Stock Exchange in San Francisco. He was a stockholder in the Wagner Leather Company in Stockton.

**Clowes, Charlotte Babson Wheeler - 1863-1939**

Born in Stockton. A widow in 1902, she took over the management of the ranch and had a dairy of 150 cows. She was the provider of milk in Stockton for many years.

**Clowes, Edward Cooper - 1859-1902**

Born in San Joaquin County. His parents came to California via Panama in 1852. He entered the nursery business in 1882 known as the Stockton Nursery. The nursery was started in 1853 by William B. West.

**Cobb, Frank Dyckman - 1849-1919**

Born in Michigan. To California in 1878. He became a partner in A. Hales and Company dry goods stores. In 1885 he became manager of the Stockton store. He owned a ranch north of the city and raised fine horses. He was appointed a member of the State Agricultural Society.

**Colnon, Edward L. - 1846-1902**

Born in New York. To California in 1859. After two years at State University he was a journalist in Virginia City, Nevada for eight years. He came to Stockton in 1869 and established the Evening Mail newspaper with two partners. They also had a large job printing and bookbinding business.

**Colt, Edwin W. - 1825-1869**

Born in Georgia. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He was an express agent. The two Odd Fellow Lodges (I.O.O.F.) were in charge of the cornerstone laying ceremony of the first courthouse in 1853. Mr. Colt, as the Deputy Grand Master of the California Odd Fellow Lodges gave the main address. He was the chief of the fire companies in 1855.

**Condy, Richard - 1827-1903**

Born in England. To USA in 1848. To California in 1852. He came to Stockton in 1853 to instruct a recently organized band. It was the first band in California, the Stockton Concert Band. During the Civil War he joined the Third Calvary Regiment as the band leader.

**Confer, Solomon Lytle - 1838-1902**

Born in Ohio. To California overland in 1860. He came to Stockton that same year where he followed his trade as a mason and builder. In 1869 he became a brick manufacturer on Roberts Island on the San Joaquin River. His bricks were shipped by schooner to Stockton and the Bay Area.

**Confer, William - 1828-1890**

Born in Ohio. He came to Stockton in 1859 as a contracting brick mason and carried on his business the rest of his life. He was very much interested in good schools and gave educational measures his very best efforts.

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**Cory, John Randolph - 1816-1898**

Born in Rhode Island. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. In 1851 he came to Stockton and established a carriage shop. He built wagons for heavy freighting. In 1863 he moved to his ranch near Stockton where he raised stock.

**Creaner, Charles M. - 1820-1882**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California overland from Texas in 1849. That year he opened a law office in Stockton. He was elected to the first California legislature. He was appointed a District Judge by the same legislature and served for thirteen years, and then retired. He assisted in the organization of the first schools in the city.

**Cunningham, Thomas - 1838-1900**

Born in Ireland. To USA in 1848. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1855. As a harness maker by trade, he worked for several different places before opening his own store in 1860. He was elected to the City Council in 1865 and 1870. He was elected County Sheriff in 1871 and held that position until his death. The way he handled the army of unemployed in 1894 was an outstanding maneuver. He was the best known sheriff in the state. As sheriff he was known as "a person of great firmness of character, incapable of fear, and was neither friend nor foe in the discharge of his official duties, who opposed no one, but who never failed to execute all legal processes duly placed in his hands as sheriff."

**Cutting, Lewis Morrison - 1831-1924**

Born in Massachusetts. He arrived in California and Stockton in the 1850's. He served for a number of years as secretary of Captain Charles M. Weber. It is said that he was responsible for putting the

reversionary clauses in the park land gifts and other property given away by Captain Weber. In this way, any land given and dedicated for public use could not be used otherwise, and if so, the land reverted to the Weber family. These reversionary rights are still effective and very often we see them mentioned in lawsuits about property uses and transfers. Later Mr. Cutting was in the real estate business, insurance business, and secretary of Rural Cemetery.

#### **Dallas, Charles - 1814-1883**

Born in Scotland. Came to California and Stockton overland in 1849 with his wife and six children. He had a livery stable on Weber Avenue, south side, around the corner from San Joaquin. He sold the stable to George Fox. The year after he came to Stockton, he built a plain one-and-a-half story house on the southeast corner of Main and Sutter. He sold the little red house in 1861 when he moved to Merced County and became a prosperous farmer. In 1870 the old house was torn down and a two story brick building was built on the site. The second story was known as the Mozart Hall, the social center of the city for twenty years. The assembly hall was used for balls, parties, musicales, and all popular social functions. All the high-toned balls and parties were held in the hall.

#### **Dangers, August - 1835-1905**

Born in Germany. To USA in 1851. To California and Stockton from Panama in 1862. He purchased land on Roberts Island, helped to do reclamation there, and raised grain and horses. He was a correspondent of the Stockton Independent newspaper.

#### **Darra, Amelia - 1830-1899**

Born in Germany. To California via Cape Horn in 1861. She purchased a ranch southeast of Stockton. She married John Darra, a successful grain and stock raiser. She continued the business after his death in 1888.

#### **Daubney, George J. - 1822-1875**

Born in England. To USA as a child. He arrived in Stockton in 1849 and had no problem as a printer by trade. Shortly thereafter he became a bookkeeper, and after that a partner as a grain dealer.

#### **Davis, John - 1821-1894**

Born in Tennessee. In 1848 he owned the first saloon in Stockton.

#### **Davis, Dr. Israel - 1812-1891**

Dr. Davis, of African descent, was born, raised and educated in Illinois. He arrived in Stockton about 1860 and settled in the southern part of the city. He owned an entire city block which he purchased from Captain Weber. His original home in one corner of the block later was used as a schoolhouse supported by the then affluent neighborhood. He erected a two-story house on the opposite side of the block and used some of the rooms as a hospital, not unusual in those days. He perfected a hot water treatment for certain disabilities which proved very effective.

#### **Davis, Stephen (Steven) H. - 1829-1886**

Born in Rhode Island. He arrived in California and Stockton as a young man. He was an eminent builder of steamboats, some of which navigated the California rivers and others in Eastern Asia.

#### **DeCosta, Antone - 1830-1914**

Born in Portugal. A seaman of many years, he landed in San Francisco in 1850. He became a steward on a vessel between San Francisco and Stockton. He worked on the river boats. He spent 1861-1863 in Honolulu as a hotel keeper. Upon his return to Stockton he became interested in real estate.

#### **Denig, William M. - 1830-1905**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California via Nicaragua in 1854. He established what was called a "pony express" in Calaveras County as an operating agent for distributing San Francisco newspapers. He came to Stockton in 1869 and worked for the Independent newspaper. He became a Deputy City Collector, was on the Police Force, in the mail service, and then worked for the Commercial Record newspaper. He was

secretary of the San Joaquin Fire Engine Company. Later he held the office of Constable. He was a printer by trade.

**Dennett, Alfred W. - 1839-1908**

Born in New York. He first came to California in the Gold Rush days, then returned East. He was the inventor of the quick lunch idea, starting his first place in New York City in 1880. In 1897 he displayed logs from Abraham Lincoln's birthplace at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. He returned later to California and settled in Stockton where he retired.

**De Young, Charles J. - 1861-1906**

Born in New York. He came to California at an early age and was an engineer. He was the ancestor of the three generations of De Youngs of the De Young Memorial Chapel, the history of which dates well into the last century.

**Doak, Josiah K - 1827-1899**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California via Panama in 1851. He came to Stockton in 1869 and purchased a livery business. He was Mayor from 1872 to 1876. He was a trustee of the State Insane Asylum and President of the San Joaquin District Agricultural Society from 1867 to 1872.

**Dodge, Jonathan H. - 1819-1894**

Born in Vermont. To California via Panama in 1850. In 1851 he farmed northeast of Stockton. In 1857 he purchased a ranch on the Calaveras River north of Waterloo. He was a pioneer in the grape culture.

**Dohrman, Adolph W. S. - 1832-1886**

Born in Germany. Came to the United States, California and Stockton in the late 1850's. He was in the grocery business which he sold to his brother, Charles W. Dohrman, in 1868. After that he engaged in several other businesses.

**Dohrman, Charles W. - 1846-1893**

Born in Germany. To California via Panama in 1864. He came to Stockton that same year to join his brother Adolph in the grocery business, and was in that business until 1871. He entered the insurance business and was one of the organizers of the Alta Insurance Company of which he was the local agent.

**Dorrance, H. T. - 1819-1895**

Born in Vermont. He arrived in Stockton in 1850 and engaged in the saddlery and harness business. From 1866 to 1870 he was the County Clerk. After that he spent full time in his business.

**Douglas, General David F. - 1821-1872**

Born in Tennessee. He came to California in 1848 and settled near Stockton. He was a wagoner out of Stockton. He was a member of the first Constitutional Convention in Monterey in 1849-1850. He was the first United States Senator from this area. He introduced the bill in the Senate in December 1849 to admit California as a state. Douglas Township east of Stockton is named for him.

**Douglass, John B. - 1830-1913**

Born in New York City. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1853 and engaged in the public house business. In late 1853 he left Stockton but returned in 1869 when he opened a saloon.

**Drullard, Alymer - 1832-1905**

Born in Canada. To California overland in 1849. He worked on a farm near Stockton for a number of years. From his savings, he bought a farm on the Waterloo Road in 1859.

**Dryden, Daisy - 1854-1864**

Daisy's story borders on the possible occult, the unreal, and provokes thought. In her final hours she saw the heavenly apparitions. She explained the hereafter as she saw it through her spiritual eyes, as others could not see, as she said, with their earthly eyes. She was born in California. Her father, Dr. Davis S.

Dryden, came to California in 1851 as a Methodist missionary, and was pastor of the local Methodist Church. At the dedication of the Rural Cemetery in 1862 he gave the principal prayer. Later he became the principal of the female department of Santa Clara College, later known as College of the Pacific, and now the University of the Pacific.

#### **Ducker, John - 1821-1892**

Born in Germany. To USA in 1849. To California via Cape Horn in 1852. He farmed near Stockton in 1853. In 1862 he came to Stockton and in 1864 he entered the grocery business which he operated until 1878. In 1879 he became the president of the Stockton Warehouse Company.

#### **Dudley, William L. - 1824-1899**

Born in New Hampshire. To California via Nicaragua in 1849. He was a lawyer by profession. He returned East in 1851 and returned to California in 1852. He came to Stockton in 1867 and opened a law office.

#### **Eccleston, Ransom - 1825-1907**

Born in Ohio. To California overland in 1848. He came to Stockton in 1866 and entered in the hotel business. He was the proprietor of the Franklin, Eagle, Grand Central and Avenue Hotels.

#### **Edwards, Governor John C. - 1808-1888**

Born in Missouri. Came to California in 1849 and Stockton shortly thereafter. He was the Governor of Missouri from 1844 to 1848. He built a footbridge at Hunter and Main Streets in the winter of 1849-1850, and charged 25¢ for each person using it. In this way he accumulated \$14,000 in profit, but that business came to an end when the bridge was swept away in the flood of 1862. He made no charge for those who crossed the bridge to attend the Presbyterian Church at San Joaquin and Main Streets on Sunday mornings. He was the Mayor of Stockton in 1851.

#### **Eldridge, Edward Duane - 1830-1911**

Born in New York. To California via Panama in 1855.

He settled in Stockton that same year and was a partner in a produce business. Their place of business was a canvas tent with a wooden roof. During the Civil War he was in the brokerage business buying gold, silver and greenbacks. He retired in 1895 from active business to manage the buildings he had erected. They were the Alta and Courtland Hotels and the Eldridge and Buck Buildings. Through his efforts he convinced the city authorities to use basalt blocks to pave Main and other prominent streets.

#### **Evans, George S. - 1826-1884**

Born in Michigan. To California in 1849 and to Stockton in the 1860's. He served two terms as State Senator from this district. Of interest, he was the officer in charge of Calvary Troops that established Fort Independence and gave the town of Independence (California) its name of the 4th of July, 1862.

#### **Fairbanks, John - 1810-1889**

Born in England. He was a wagon maker coming to Stockton in 1851. He made the first wagon produced in Stockton.

#### **Fairchild, Annie Gray - 1835-1923**

Born in Scotland. To the United States in 1853. She heard about trains going to the West and decided that is what she wanted to do. She inquired about a job as a cook and the cook's helper. She did such a fine job that Mr. Fairchild, in charge of the wagon train, was so impressed he married her in 1853 on their arrival in Stockton. Some of the family was proud of their grandmother who made such a good pioneer. Unfortunately others of the family were ashamed of her for doing such a thing.

#### **Fairchild, William H. - 1819-1882**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California overland in 1846 at Monterey. He came to Stockton in the later part of 1847 and teamed to the mines, as well as in the livery stable business in Stockton from 1847 to 1852. He returned East in 1852 and, in 1853, he purchased livestock, sheep and cattle in the Midwest and drove them overland to California. (See Annie Gray Fairchild above) His good friend Captain Weber made him a gift of 160 acres east of Stockton and he became a very successful farmer.

**Fanning, Daniel W. - 1823-1898**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton in 1848. He established a wheelwright and blacksmith business on the old Mokelumne Road. He was a farrier (horse-shoer) by trade.

**Fanning, Harry T. - 1819-1875**

Born in New York. To California via Cape Horn in 1843. In 1848 he settled in Stockton. He was a partner with Captain Weber in buying lumber in San Francisco and erecting the first wooden house in Stockton. He had a dairy business for many years, then went into the produce business.

**Fanning, Howard Malcom - 1826-1906**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1850. He engaged in the butcher business and later was a carpenter. After that he farmed until he retired in 1875. He was a Supervisor for his district during those years.

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**Farrington, Harvey Loomis - 1825-1887**

Born in Maine. To California via ship arriving in San Francisco in 1850. He was hired as an engineer on a river steamer. It was not until many years that he came to Stockton and worked as a machinist for a local foundry until he became a partner in the Stockton Iron Works.

**Farrington, Herman S. - 1830-1899**

Born in Maine. His occupation was noted as manufacturer and had no trouble finding work in the various foundries and machinery manufacturing companies in the city.

**Fisher, Hiram - 1815-1891**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California and Stockton overland in 1853. One of his first projects was to lay out a section of lots in the northeast section of the city which was called Fisher's Addition. At one time he was elected a Justice of the Peace.

**Fitzgerald, Philip - 1841-1910**

Born in New Jersey. To California and Stockton overland in 1851. He freighted for a number of years and then turned to farming east of Stockton. He planted one of the first vineyards in the vicinity.

**Fowler, William Smith - 1832-1909**

Born in North Carolina. To California overland to Salt Lake City and then to Southern California. He arrived in Stockton in 1868 and started out in the hotel business. In 1874 he opened a saloon and billiard parlor. He was a member of the City Council in 1874-1876. He was chairman of the Fire and Water Committee. He was elected Chief of Police in 1882 and continued in that office for many years.

**Fox, George - 1840-1872**

Born in New York. He arrived in Stockton in the 1860's. He operated the Yosemite Livery Stable (formerly Eureka Stable) on Weber Avenue. He helped organize and was the first pastor of the German Reformed Church organized in 1870.

**Fraser, Philip Barry - 1841-1910**

Born in Canada. To USA when a teenager. To California and Stockton overland in 1864. He became the manager of the Western Union. He then became the cashier of the First National Bank. He was a partner in founding the Farmers National Bank. He was a partner in the founding of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, being the first president and manager.

**French, Sarah - 1829-1898**

Born in Massachusetts. To California in 1852. She and her husband had a farm on the Mariposa Road where they raised wheat and fruit. She successfully ran the farm after her husband died in 1882.

**Furry, Leonard - 1827-1896**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California in 1859. He came to Stockton in 1869. A carpenter by trade, he did contracting in the building line, mostly private residences.

**Gage, James C. - 1834-1909**

Born in New York. In the 1860's he managed the Main Street Livery Stable opposite the court house on Main Street. He also had an interest in the Gage Stables on San Joaquin Street south of Main Street.

**Galbraith, James - 1818-1902**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California via Panama in 1851. He came to Stockton in 1889 where he established his home. He purchased a large block of land on Rough and Ready Island and spent his time supervising this large ranching enterprise.

**Gall, John Donald - 1855-1915**

Born in Stockton, California. When old enough to engage in business for himself, he was a partner in a liquor store. After that he and a partner opened the Northern Addition of the city. In the late 1880's he was Chief of Police.

**Gallup, Byron - 1803-1884**

Born in New York. A printer by trade he worked for the first newspaper, The Stockton Times, first printed in March 1850. It was a weekly paper with 12 columns on a 16 inch by 20 inch sheet and sold for 25 cents. In June 1850 he was working for the Stockton Journal.

**Gambetta, John J. - 1847-1899**

Born in Italy. To USA in 1855, and to California and Stockton via Panama on that same trip. After school years he did clerking and gardening, then sold real estate for Captain Weber. He then established a general store and added four more as business increased. He sold his business and had many endeavors in various places in the state. Then he returned to Stockton and was in the real estate business from 1881. He owned and platted the first subdivision in Stockton on the eastern edge of the city, the Gambetta Tract. He also had the Northern and Fair Oaks subdivisions. He invented a motorboat engine and a self-locking nut for carriages and wagons. At one time he was County Coroner and was elected Public Administrator in 1887.

**Gelabert, William - 1822-1882**

Born on Majorca Island (Spain). He was at the raising of the American flag in Monterey in 1846 as a U.S. Navy member. He left the Navy after 18 years of service and spent his time doing various endeavors throughout California. He arrived in Stockton prior to 1868 and was interested in various businesses.

**Gerlach, Louis - 1836-1921**

Born in Prussia, Germany. Came to the U.S. in 1853 and to Stockton in 1855. He found work in a butcher shop for five years. He then opened a butcher shop of his own for six years. He sold the shop and entered the stock raising business. He became a partner in the Wagner Meat Company, who owned their own slaughter house, for twenty years. He retired from the retail business in 1898 and devoted his time to stock raising in Nevada where he owned thousands of acres of grazing land. When the Western Pacific Railroad crossed his land they opened a station named Gerlach where he opened a trading post or store. He incorporated his holdings in Nevada as the Gerlach Livestock Company. At one time he owned a large acreage of grain and grazing land on the San Joaquin River. He and his family owned property on Main Street. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank and a director until his death, and was president of the bank for half a century. He was also a director of the Stockton Savings Bank, which later became City Bank. He was a County Supervisor from 1880 to 1884 and County Treasurer from 1884 to 1888.

**Gillis, James - 1828-1904**

Born in New York. To California via Panama in 1851. About 1863 he came to Stockton and was in the grain warehouse business. In 1865 he went to farming on the Copperopolis Road. In 1888 he was elected president of the California Navigation Company.

**Glenn, Jugurtha W. - 1854-1918**

Born in California. His family came to Stockton in 1865 and he was employed in the grain business in 1876. In 1879 he changed employment to a steamboat company. When the San Joaquin Improvement Company was organized in 1884, he became the assistant manager. He was instrumental in the consolidation of the San Joaquin Improvement Company and the California Steam Navigation Company under the name of the California Navigation and Improvement Company. He was assistant manager from 1889 to 1902, when he became general manager until 1905. He then assumed the manager of the Union Transportation Company which was sold to the California Transportation Company in 1906. At that time he became the local representative of a purchasing company.

**Gnekow, Rudolph - 1835-1920**

Born in Germany. To USA in 1854 and to California overland the same year. He came to Stockton in 1856 and found work in the blacksmith and stage builder business. He then opened a blacksmith business of his own. In 1872 he entered the real estate business. He was a City Councilman and a County Supervisor during that time. He was a director of the Stockton Savings and Loan Association.

**Goucher, James - 1823-1903**

Born in Virginia. The Stockton House Hotel was a three-story building built in 1850 with lumber floated up the San Joaquin River at flood tide. It had accommodations for seventy people. The rooms were small and contained a slat bedstead, two chairs, a looking glass and a washstand. Everyone used a communal privy and washroom. Whale oil lamps and candles furnished the light. James Goucher took over the hotel in 1851. In 1854 he bought the hotel and renamed it the St. Charles Hotel. In 1859 it was one of the first buildings in the city to use gas lights. In 1861 running water was added to the first floor. It was the headquarters for the Union men during the Civil War. The building burned in 1871. Note: Of particular interest to the local population, the head of noted bandit Joaquin Murrieta and the hand of three-fingered Jack, another bandit, both preserved in brandy, were exhibited in the lobby in 1853.

**Grattan, Dr. Christopher - 1820-1913**

Born in Ireland. To USA in 1821. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He settled in Stockton in 1850. He purchased some zinc houses to establish the first hospital in Stockton. He was noted for doing a lot of charity practice. In addition to the use of medicine, he made use of psychic thought. In 1852 he was elected County Coroner for two terms. He was a director of the Stockton State Asylum in 1854, and a member of the City Council for five terms. At one time he was a member of the Board of Education. He was one of the organizers of the Stockton Savings and Loan Society, and a director from 1889-1894.

**Grattan, John - 1827-1917**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton via Cape Horn in 1849. He left Stockton for a couple of years and returned in 1851 to work for his brother, Dr. Christopher Grattan, who had a private hospital. In 1855 he turned to farming on Cherokee Lane. In 1864, a dry year, he ditched water to his farm from the Calaveras River. This was the commencement of the irrigation system in San Joaquin County. From 1872 to 1876 he was Inspector of Customs for the Federal Government. He was referred to as the father of gravel roads in San Joaquin County.

**Gray, George - 1826-1915**

Born in Maine. To California via Cape Horn in 1850. He settled in Stockton in 1853 and purchased an interest in the lumber firm which became Simpson and Gray Lumber Company.

**Green, John - 1821-1899**

Born in Ireland. To California and Stockton not known. When Stockton streets were lighted with gas, someone had to do the lighting at night. Mr. Green contracted for the job and was paid \$155 a month during the winter, and \$95 a month the remainder of the year. He rode horseback and had the lighter attached to the end of a broomstick.

**Gremaux, Eugene - 1830-1911**

Born in Canada. To California in 1855. About a year later he did farm work near Waterloo. In 1867 he purchased a farm of his own and grew wheat.

**Gridley, Reuel Colt - 1829-1870**

Born in Massachusetts. He came to California via Panama in 1852. He was noted for raising over \$275,000 for the Sanitary Commission during the Civil War. The Sanitary Commission was a volunteer organization started in New York to help relieve the unsatisfactory condition of the wounded and dead on the battlefield. It was the forerunner of the International Red Cross based on the efficient operations of the Commission. Mr. Gridley raised the above amount by auctioning off a sack of flour in the western style of auctioneering. He traveled East to do the same, but returned West a broken man, both financially and in health. From his home in Nevada he came to Stockton stretched out on a bed in the back of a buckboard. He and his family camped on a bed in the back of a buckboard on the edge of the city. Finally someone found out who he was and they moved him and his family into the old "pest house" on Main Street between American and Stanislaus Streets. He became quite prominent in city affairs, and worked in a grocery store on the west side of the Hunter Square Plaza. He later became Postmaster at a small town south of Tracy where he died.

**Groves, Philip - 1805-1876**

Born in Rhode Island. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton later in that same year and started an iron manufacturing plant. He invented a special pick, tempering his own steel, which was much used in the mines.

**Groves, William H. - 1833-1909**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Panama in 1852. In 1854 he came to Stockton and started a lumber business. Later he became a bookkeeper and still later was employed in the County Treasurer's office. For sixteen years he was collector for the First National Bank.

**Grunsky, Lottie F. - 1853-1920**

Born in California. She was one of the three graduates of the Stockton High School in 1870 at the age of seventeen. She spent fifty years teaching in the Stockton school system except for two years teaching in a Los Angeles business college. She preferred teaching lower grades. The Lottie Grunsky School was named in her honor.

**Grupe (Charles), John Carsten - 1828-1889**

Born in Germany. To USA in 1844. To California via Cape Horn in 1849, returned to Germany, and returned to California via Panama in 1852. That same year he located on a farm east of Stockton, which is still (1992) in the family name.

**Guernsey, Darius Albert - 1846-1915**

Born in New Hampshire. To California and Stockton in 1870. He worked in a dry goods store for eight years, and then in a book and stationery store for five years. In 1882 he went into the livestock business, chiefly horses and mules. In 1887 he formed the Stockton Stock Yards. He was also a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

**Haas, Charles - 1827-1911**

Born in Germany. To USA in 1849. To California overland in 1852. To Stockton in 1858. He started a jewelry business, Charles Haas and Sons. In 1872 he was elected City Treasurer for one term. He was one of the founders of the Stockton Savings and Loan Society, and a director until his death.

**Hahn, Adolph - 1856-1901**

Born in Maryland. The year he arrived in Stockton is not known. At one time he clerked at the Commercial Hotel. Later he and his brother bought the hotel. The family sold the hotel in 1897. At that time he engaged in the cigar and tobacco business.

**Hahn, Fred C. - 1840-1914**

Born in Maryland. In 1875 he became the manager of the Commercial Hotel in which he had an interest. The Commercial Hotel originally had two stories. A third floor was added in 1878 for a total of 160 rooms. It had running water and gas lights in each room. One of the first elevators in Stockton was installed in 1878 when the third floor was added. It had a dining room to accommodate eighty people. Meals were prepared by a Chinese cook named Minnie Wong. In 1884 the hotel was remodeled by Adolph Hahn. In 1884 Fred Hahn sold his interest and moved out of the state. Several years later he returned to California and went into the mercantile business in Jenny Lind. The Hahn Family sold their interest in the hotel in 1897.

**Hamilton, Icabod Davis - 1822-1894**

Born in Ohio. To California overland in 1849. In 1850 he came to Stockton and rented a ranch east of town. In 1851 he purchased the Twelve Mile House on the Mariposa Road. He later became owner of the Charter Oak House on the same road. In 1864 he took up steam boating on the San Joaquin River. In addition he built steamboats until 1868. He also engaged in the real estate business. In 1878 he bought a steamboat and with two barges to gather freight along San Joaquin River for delivery to Stockton; he continued in this freighting business until he retired.

**Hamilton, Moses - 1800-1879**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Panama in 1849. In 1850 he came to Stockton where he was in the general merchandise business.

**Hansel, Louis 1837-1907**

Born in New York. To California in 1855. He moved on to British Columbia until 1860 when he came to Stockton. He teamed to the mines until 1862 when he bought a grocery business. Every day he loaded teams for the mines. He also shipped his goods to other parts of the state.

**Hansen, Andrew W. - 1821-1908**

Born in Germany. This young ship carpenter was a seafarer until 1851 when he landed in San Francisco. He worked on a steamboat between San Francisco and Stockton for three months. He left Stockton but returned in 1860 and worked as a carpenter. In 1881 he purchased a farm north of Stockton and did general farming.

**Harelson, John Burgess - 1818-1901**

Born in Kentucky. To California overland in 1850, returned to the East via Panama in 1852, and back to California overland in 1864. He purchased a farm east of Stockton on the Waterloo Road where he raised hay and grain.

**Harkness, George Sumner - 1826-1879**

Born in New York. To California in 1852 via the southern route, to Salt Lake City and then Southern California. Upon arriving in Stockton in 1853 he worked at his trade of blacksmithing. In 1859 he went into the cattle business south of Stockton. The flood of 1862 wiped him out. In 1863 he went into the well drilling business.

**Harkness, George S. - 1856-1909**

Born in Stockton, California. He taught school from 1873 to 1877. He attended university until 1881 when he started the study of medicine. In 1886 he began his practice in Stockton. At one time he was the secretary of the San Joaquin Medical Society.

**Harrison, Joseph F. - 1822-1886**

Born in West Virginia. He arrived in California and Stockton in 1850. He had a saddle and harness shop until 1859. After that he farmed on the Calaveras River north of Stockton.

**Harrison, Norval - 1830-1898**

Brother of Joseph. Born in West Virginia. He arrived to California and Stockton in 1850. In 1851 Norval ran teams from Stockton to the mines. Later he became a cattle dealer and then purchased a farm near Stockton in 1856. Mrs. William Micke of Micke Grove was part of this family.

**Harry, Rees - 1822-1884**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California in 1867. Upon arriving in Stockton in 1868, he followed his trade as a millwright and carpenter for the Pioneer Sash and Door Mill. Later he undertook contracting and building on his own.

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**Hart, John Wesley - 1828-1901**

Born in Maryland. To California overland in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1852 and found work at his trade of carriage builder and blacksmith. Soon after he was foreman of the A.N. Fisher Stage Company which operated stages to the mines. In 1855 he returned to his trade on his own. Then he went into the grocery business after 1883.

**Hart, William - 1826-1900**

Born in Ohio. To California overland in 1852. In 1854 he came to San Joaquin County and began raising barley farming near Woodbridge. In 1882 he moved to Stockton giving personal oversight to his farming interests.

**Hawthorn, Joseph - 1824-1865**

Born in Pennsylvania. He operated a stage station near San Joaquin City (south of Tracy) on the Butterfield Stage Line. It was during the Civil War days when Henry and Mason, Southern sympathizers, and a guerilla band tried to steal his horses for the Confederate Army. The raiders killed Hawthorn and two of his men while trying to protect their livestock. His headstone reads "Assassinated in 1865 because he loved his country and hated treason." He did his trading and buying supplies in Stockton.

**Hayden, Willard William - 1821-1890**

Born in Connecticut. To California via Panama in 1849. To Stockton in 1856 and bought a farm east of the city. In 1866 he sold the farm and went into the real estate business.

**Hedges, Edward Richards - 1827-1918**

Born in New Jersey. To California in 1850. He came to Stockton in 1860 and opened a wholesale grocery business known as Hedges Buck Company. He retired in 1889.

**Heimann, George H. - 1844-1913**

Born in Germany. To USA in 1867. To California via Nicaragua in 1867. Some years later he came to Stockton and opened a blacksmith shop. At one time he was a City Councilman.

**Hemingway, Walter - 1862-1897**

Born in Connecticut. To California in the 1870's. He was part owner of the Stockton Broom Factory which moved to Stockton in 1883. It was one of the first broom factories on the Pacific Coast when it was started in San Francisco in 1876.

**Henderson, John - 1835-1897**

Born in Scotland. To the USA and California via Cape Horn in 1850. He came to Stockton in 1854 and engaged in the restaurant business. He left Stockton in 1864, returning in 1869 to build the Grand Central Hotel.

**Henderson, Milton Pierce - 1834-1907**

Born in Maine. He had learned the carriage-making trade in his home state. When he came to Stockton, he and his son operated a carriage manufacturing company. They made the 20-mule team borax wagons used in Death Valley.

**Henery, Samuel - 1842-1912**

Born in Ohio. To California via Nicaragua in 1866. In 1872 he came to Stockton as the Chief Engineer of the California Navigation Company with headquarters in Stockton.

**Hermann, John - 1846-1920**

Born in Germany. A sea-faring sailor since 1859, he left his vessel in San Francisco on his last voyage. He came to Stockton and engaged in ranching. He left Stockton from 1871 to 1878. He operated the Chicago Exchange (a saloon). He was the district agent for a large beer company. He also owned vineyard and orchard near Stockton.

**Hewitt, Samuel - 1811-1878**

Born in Ireland. To the USA in 1852. To California and Stockton overland in 1857. He settled on a farm east of Stockton. He started a freighting business but was essentially a farmer. He was a director of the Stockton Savings and Loan Society for two years.

**Hewlitt, Henry H. - 1833-1903**

Born in New York. The Hewlitt and Hough families (related by marriage) were pioneers in Stockton. The First National Bank was their main interest. The Hough family gave the Emergency Hospital to the City of Stockton in memory of their young son, Haney Hewlitt Hough (1898-1914).

**John Tunncliff Hickenbotham - 1819-1893**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1852. In Stockton he joined his brother as carriage and wagon makers. About 1858 they changed the line of business as carriage materials suppliers. He was a City Councilman in 1863.

**Hickman, Edward - 1830-1909**

Born in Delaware. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1850. He joined his brother in the dry goods and clothing business.

**Hickman, L. M. - 1862-1882**

Born in California. This young man with a promising future, the son of a very wealthy family well-known in Stockton, died at an early age of typhoid fever. His family erected a beautiful family mausoleum in his memory in Rural Cemetery.

**Hickman, Louis M.**

Born in Delaware. Came to California in the early 1850's and opened a hardware store on Main Street near El Dorado Street. He was very much interested in civil affairs. He was president of the City Council in 1865, School Superintendent in 1865-66, Mayor in 1867 and again in 1869. In the late 1860's he acquired considerable acreage in Merced County and in Stanislaus County where the town of Hickman was named in his honor. He made a fortune as a farmer.

**Hickox, Flavel Gaylord - 1844-1908**

Born in New York. To California in 1873 and settled in Stockton and worked at the painter's trade.

**Hildreth, Elias - 1825-1900**

Born in Maine. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1851 and followed his blacksmith trade. He left Stockton in 1853. He returned in 1860 and bought a farm east of Stockton on Cherokee Lane.

**Hinton, John Milo - 1834-1899**

Born in New York. He came to Stockton in the 1850's. At the age of nineteen he received his license as master and captain of the river steamers. He was considered as one of the most trustworthy and capable captains of the San Joaquin River. In 1884 he was connected with the Sacramento Transportation Company.

**Hodgkins, Pilsbury "Chips" - 1825-1892**

Born in Maine. He came to California via Cape Horn in 1849. For a number of years he was employed by the Reynolds-Todd Express Company to carry express to towns south of the Calaveras River. At no time did he carry any type of firearms, and many times outsmarted those who would attempt to rob him of the

gold he often carried. In 1857, with headquarters in Stockton, he became a messenger on the steamers running between Stockton and San Francisco; his job for thirteen years, he carried from Stockton to San Francisco a total of one and a quarter million dollars in coin and over three million in gold dust. He was a man of strictest integrity who detested firearms, spirituous liquor, and tobacco. He led a very rugged and adventurous life.

#### **Hogan, George - 1837-1894**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton overland in 1864. After a year of work for someone else on a farm, he rented and purchased land east of Stockton. Later he bought a ranch on Cherokee Lane and raised hay, grain and stock.

#### **Hoisholt, Andrew W. - 1858-1920**

Born in Denmark. To the USA as a teenager. To Stockton in 1875. He began his study of medicine in San Francisco in 1877 followed by a study in Germany. In 1886 he returned to Stockton and opened a private practice. In 1889 he became Assistant Physician of the Stockton Insane Asylum.

#### **Holden, Erastus Saurin - 1813-1885**

Born in Main. To California in 1849. About 1850 he organized a wholesale drug company in San Francisco with a branch store in Stockton. In 1852 he became owner of the Stockton store and established a wholesale business to facilitate trade with the southern mines. In addition to his drug business he was Vice President of the Western Pacific Railroad, one of the promoters of the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Society. He was also one of the organizers of the Stockton and Lone Railroad. He owned several ranches near Stockton and specialized in stock. He was President of the State Agricultural Society in 1856. He was also President of the Board of Directors of the State Insane Asylum and a Commissioner of the Yosemite Valley. He was Mayor of Stockton for six years.

#### **Holley, Franklin Samuel - 1843-1917**

Born in Vermont. To California and Stockton in 1883. He became interested in importing thoroughbred stock. About the same time he became identified with the Holt Manufacturing Company as a traveling salesman. He invented the Holley Junior Side-Hill Harvester, a self-leveling machine which he patented in 1904. He also invented the Pony Special harvester, both manufactured by the Holt Manufacturing Company.

#### **Holman, H. C. - 1843-1910**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1862. To California overland in 1864. In 1865 he farmed east of Stockton near Waterloo. In 1871 he entered the hotel business in Stockton. He bought the Columbia House and then became the proprietor of the United States Hotel.

#### **Holt, Benjamin - 1849-1920**

Born in New Hampshire. To California and Stockton in 1883. He joined his brother in the Stockton Wheel Company which manufactured wheels and wagon material. They also manufactured street cars. In 1892 the firm was renamed The Holt Manufacturing Company. The firm began the manufacture of combined harvesters (horse harvester), and later the side-hill combined harvester. They manufactured the large steam traction engines and steam combined harvesters. In 1904 he perfected the Caterpillar tractor. He became president of The Holt Manufacturing Company, held the same position in the Houser Haines Manufacturing Company, and was vice president of the Aurora Engine Company. In partnership with E. Walter Kennedy, they owned and operated the Stockton Ditching Company.

#### **Hood, Edward Elbridge - 1844-1902**

Born in New Hampshire. To California via Panama in 1852. In 1866 he passed the State Bar and in 1867 came to Stockton and practiced law until 1873. At that time he was appointed the official reporter and stenographer of the San Joaquin County Courts.

#### **Hook, Thomas Kent - 1816-1888**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California overland in 1849. Later that same year he came to Stockton and did house building. Later he farmed on the Calaveras River north of Stockton. In 1857 he was in the livery stable business. In 1860 he was elected Sheriff until 1865. In 1866 he was elected Mayor. In 1868 he erected and owned a business building on Main Street about which time he retired.

**Horn, Alexander - 1814-1905**

Born in New York City. To California overland in 1856. He was with the first emigrants to cross the Sierras on the Big Tree Road (Ebbett's Pass). He settled on a ranch near Stockton that same year.

**Howes, Robert Nickerson - 1834-1907**

Born in Massachusetts. To California and Stockton via Panama. On arriving in Stockton, he became a ranch worker. Shortly after he became a manufacturer of iron and steel parts. He agreed to furnish the H.C. Shaw and Company with all of the iron and steel work for manufacturing harvester headers and plows until 1886 when he had to retire due to health reasons.

**Howison, Edward M. - 1827-1870**

Born in Virginia. He was in Stockton in 1850 and registered in the census as an accountant. He was a good friend of Captain Weber and was hired at times in handling his financial affairs. In 1851 he was elected an Alderman and in 1856 was the City Assessor. He owned a large ranch some distance from the center of the city. The trustees of the newly-formed cemetery association bought the ranch which became the Rural Cemetery in 1861.

**Hubbard, Henry Fitch - 1820-1887**

Born in New Hampshire. To California and Stockton in 1850. He engaged in the furniture business until 1854. At that time he started a money loaning enterprise which he followed for the rest of his life.

**Hubner, Charles G. - 1932-1880**

Born in Germany. To USA and California in 1855. To Stockton that same year and followed his trade as a wheelwright and wagon-maker. He also did well in land investments. He was elected to the State Legislature for the 1860-1870 session.

**Hulse, William - 1840-1907**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California in 1878. He came to Stockton in 1891, teamed for a while, then became advertising agent for the Arcade clothing store in the surrounding counties. Later he returned to teaming. At one time he was the City Superintendent of Sewers.

**Hunter, Anthony - 1819-1891**

Born in Ireland. To USA in 1844. To California via Panama in 1851. In 1863 he purchased land east of Stockton where in later years he specialized in fruit raising. He was the father of Jennie Mateer Hunter who willed her old home rooms to the Haggin Museum.

**Hurley, George W. - 1822-1885**

Born in Pennsylvania. He was an early settler on Roberts Island on what was reclaimed worthless tule land. As a successful farmer, he won first prizes for fine fruits and vegetables at state and district fairs. This was a great stimulant in the future reclamation of the Delta.

**Hyatt, Galen Canfield - 1833-1908**

Born in Canada. To California via Panama in 1858. In 1862 he came to Stockton and worked at his trade of pattern making at a local foundry. In 1868 he and a partner started the Stockton Iron Works. He was elected Mayor in 1879 and 1880. He was one of the organizers who drilled for natural gas as the Stockton Natural Gas Company. He was vice president of the Stockton Insurance and Real Estate Association. He was connected with the Atlas Fire Insurance Company as an officer. He was a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

**Inglis, William - 1827-1912**

Born in Stockton. He came to Stockton in 1851. He had a restaurant until 1859 when he became proprietor of the State Bakery. In 1868 he was elected a director of the Stockton Savings and Loan Society. In 1888 he was elected the president of the Stockton Combined Harvester and Agricultural Works Company. At one time he was City Councilman and County Supervisor.

**Jack, Edward H. - 1823-1908**

Born in Kentucky. To California in 1883. He purchased a sizeable farm south of Stockton raising various crops.

**Jackson, James Alanson - 1919-1871**

Born in Georgia. To California in 1849. He came to Stockton in the 1850's where he was a commission merchant.

**Jackson, John - 1837-1905**

**Jackson, Surn - 1845-1928**

Born in Norway. It is not known when they came to California and Stockton. John owned the Jackson's Natural Gas Well Baths which was managed by Surn Jackson. The temperature of the artesian water was 85 degrees. It was full of minerals and recommended for rheumatics. The mineral baths were at the south end of the First Street Car Line (now McKinley Park) and Goodwater Grove (now Oak Park) at the north end of the line. Open excursion cars from one end of the line to the other did a rushing business on Sunday afternoons, with a band concert at one end or other. Surn Jackson started a boy's club in south Stockton in the early days, the first one in Stockton.

**Jefferson, Joseph H. - 1838-1895**

Born in Virginia. To California overland in 1852. Some years later he came to Stockton and worked as a teamster. He joined a survey party surveying in the northern part of the state. In 1862 he bought a farm north of Stockton. He hired out on another farm until 1866 when he farmed for himself.

**Jenks, Nelson B. - 1820-1885**

Born in Rhode Island. To California via Cape Horn in 1850. He came to Stockton in 1860 and worked at his carpenter trade. In addition to his regular work, he started building windmills.

**Johnson, Robert S. - 1835-1908**

Born in England. To USA in 1853 from Canada. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1859. He started out in the produce and commission business. He was in the U.S. Army from 1862 to 1867. He returned to Stockton in 1867 and bought a livery stable. He served six terms as a City Councilman. In 1888 he was elected to the State Assembly. In 1889 he was appointed a director of the State Insane Asylum and served until 1893.

**Jones, Hiram McFerrin - 1826-1905**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1850. He went east in 1855 and returned overland in 1858. He went to Arizona in 1861 and returned to California in 1865. He came to Stockton in 1871 and settled on a farm on the Waterloo Road.

**Jones, Hiram M. - 1829-1905**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1849. After that he made fourteen trips east to bring back stock. In 1873 he settled on a sizeable ranch northeast of Stockton.

**Jones, James - 1838-1921**

Born in Wales. To California and Stockton via Cape Horn in 1863. Upon arrival he was hired by a brick manufacturer. He had no education and could neither read nor write, but he had a marvelous memory. At the end of a day's work, he could tell the number of wheelbarrows of sand and clay used, the number of bricks molded, and the number placed in the kiln. He helped to make some of the bricks used for retaining walls of the family lots in Rural Cemetery, and also the bricks used as the foundation for large family monuments in those lots.

**Journeyay, James - 1825-1914**

Born in New York. To California via Mexico in 1850. To Stockton in 1851 and found employment shoeing horses. He then cut free hay on the Calaveras River until he had enough money to buy a team of oxen and teamed to the mines. After that he opened a blacksmith shop, established a livery stable and hay yard, and opened a hotel. He later did farming until he retired in 1901.

**Kaiser, Valentine - 1826-1914**

Born in Germany. To USA in 1847. To California overland in 1853. In 1855 he came to San Joaquin County and farmed near Stockton.

**Kallenbach, Oscar P. F. - 1823-1895**

Born in New Jersey. To California via Panama in 1849. He returned East in 1852 and back to California in 1853. In 1861 he came to Stockton and worked as a pressman for the Independent newspaper for eighteen years until he retired.

**Kasson, George M. - 1813-1895**

Born in Connecticut. To California overland in 1850. In 1868 he came to San Joaquin County and engaged in raising stock and farming near Stockton.

**Kelsey, Dr. J. M. - 1824-1877**

First president of the Stockton Savings and Loan Society Bank organized in 1867. He was a director of the First National Gold Bank organized in 1872.

**Keniston, Charles Morrill - 1851-1909**

Born in New Hampshire. To California in 1874 and taught school in Stockton for two years. He returned east in 1876 to finish his law studies. He returned to Stockton in 1877 and became a school principal. In 1880 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools. He was Deputy City Attorney and in 1883 formed a law partnership until 1887. He was a member of the Board of Education in 1886. In 1888 he became the Stockton agent for the California Steam Navigation Company. For four years he was manager of the Union Transportation Company. In 1889 he was re-elected to the Board of Education. He was a member of the Board of Managers of the Stockton State Hospital and superintendent of the Stockton Rural Cemetery for eleven years.

**Kennedy, Ernest Walter - 1864-1935**

Born in Sacramento County near Elk Grove. In 1889 he came to Stockton and worked for the Holt Company. He became a traveling salesman of horse harvesters. As a part of the sale it was his job to deliver the harvester, to see that it started, and was working well. He then became a "trouble shooter" when something went wrong with a harvester. In the late nineties he became a partner in farm contracting. With two Holt steam traction engines and combined harvesters, they operated in the Sacramento and San Joaquin delta harvesting grain and beans until 1916. He perfected the pickup header for bean harvesting. In the off season of harvesting he worked at Holt's. He superintended the erection of their new planing mill. He was a partner of Benjamin Holt of Caterpillar fame in the Stockton Ditching Company. He gave up farm contracting and rented a ranch in Jackson Valley near Lone raising barley, corn and sheep. He retired in 1930 to his home in Stockton.

**Ketcham, Thomas Edmund - 1821-1916**

Born in New York City. To California via Cape Horn by ship. He was mustered out of the U.S. Army at Monterey in 1848. In 1853 he purchased land east of Stockton and raised general produce and livestock. He retired in 1891 and moved to Stockton. An old Army man, he was appointed Brigadier General of the National Guard of California.

**Keys, Thomas J. - 1823-1895**

Born in Ohio. To California overland in 1859. Several years later he came to Stockton and worked at his trade of blacksmith. He soon had a shop of his own for eighteen years. He then went into the freighting business in the summer, and farmed during the winter. In 1855 he was a member of the State Assembly

and again in 1863. In 1872 and 1874 he was elected to the State Senate. In 1884 he became a steward at the Stockton State Insane Asylum.

**King, Reverend Jeremiah - 1803-1883**

Born in Georgia. He came to Stockton in 1854 and started the African Baptist Church which is now the Second Baptist Church. He was pastor for twenty five years and missed only one service in all that time. In 1862, during the Civil War years, when feelings were running high, he came to the trustees of Rural Cemetery asking for a place for his people. His request was granted and in all the years that have followed, Rural Cemetery has reserved a special place for his people. He was loved and respected by all the people of the community as a builder of men.

**Kroh, Reverend Henry - 1799 - 1869**

Born in Virginia. He was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Main and San Joaquin Streets in 1852. The Reverend and his friends gave his daughter May a piano on December 25, 1852. It was said that this was the first piano brought to Stockton, a Chickering, which cost \$1,200. In addition to pastoral duties, he and his wife had 35 boarders in addition to their own family of eleven. This was not unusual in those days. The minister and his wife were expected to take care of not only the spiritual needs of the community, but the physical needs also.

**Kuhl, William - 1817-1886**

Born in Germany. To California overland in 1851. He came to Stockton in 1852 and bought an improved farm near Stockton, but he maintained his residence in the city.

**Ladd, George E. - 1857-1918**

Born in California. In the 1880's he was in charge of a buhach plantation in Merced County, owned by the Buhach Producing and Manufacturing Company of Stockton. The buhach plant, a native of Austria, bears small flowers which when ripened are gathered, dried, then ground into a powder; at its time it was considered the most valuable insect powder known.

**Ladd, George Samuel - 1832-1912**

Born in Vermont. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1853. In 1854 he and his brother engaged in the freighting and commission business. After selling out that business, he became a partner in the sale of products of the West Vineyards. He also bought and sold farm land in different localities. He was a member of the City Council for three years. He was Superintendent of Stockton Schools in 1867-1880. He was also a state commissioner of the Yosemite Valley.

**Ladd, John Seneca - 1832-1912**

Born in Vermont. To California via Nicaragua in 1851. To Stockton in 1854 where he and his brother did freighting for fifteen years. In 1866 he bought land on the Mariposa Road and raised wheat and sheep. In 1870 he moved to a farm three miles south of Stockton.

**Lamb, Charles - 1859-1920**

Born in Iowa. To California overland in 1859. He and his family settled in the northern part of San Joaquin County. He spent most of his time out of the state and in Alaska. He established his own home in Stockton in the early 1900's. He made frequent trips to Alaska to keep in touch with his interests there.

**Lane, Rufus B. - 1831-1907**

Born in Main. Mr. Lane opened a flour and feed mill in 1855 on Weber Avenue between San Joaquin and Sutter Streets. Later he converted it into a paper mill and in 1868 it produced most of the newspaper stock and wrapping paper for the entire city.

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**Lang, Lewis Hawkins - 1836-1913**

Born in Cornwall, England. Settled in Stockton in the early 1870's. A miller by trade. His family was best known by a son, A. B. Lang (1874-1950) as a partner in Smith and Lang exclusive dry goods department store for many years at Main and San Joaquin Streets.

**Langdon, Dr. Samuel - 1822-1880**

Born in North Carolina. Dr. Langdon was connected with the State Asylum as it was called in those days. In 1857 he got into an argument with another doctor over an investigation of the hospital. It ended in a fist fight on Weber Avenue in the center of the city. From there it developed in a duel on Rough and Ready Island. The sheriff was tipped off and tried to get to the dueling place before it was too late. In the meantime, the first shots were fired and both missed. On the second round of shots, Dr. Langdon was hit in the leg. It shattered his knee which crippled him for the rest of his life. It appeared that neither intended to kill the other.

**Langmaid, Orrin Green - 1829-1902**

Born in Vermont. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1866 and worked as a teamster for six years. In 1872 he was elected Constable until 1878 when he was elected Chief of Police until 1889. After that he became the "Watchman of Chinatown" being a quasi-official guardian of the Chinese.

**Laogier, Basilio (Barsellio) - 1820-1897**

Born in France. To California via Cape Horn in 1850. He located in Stockton in 1851 and had a blacksmith shop. In 1858 he started a pack-train business to the mines. In 1864 he moved his business to Northern California and Oregon. In 1865 he returned to Stockton and entered the brokerage business and dealt in real estate. In 1870 he bought a grocery store which he operated until he retired.

**Lawrence, Ezekiel - 1826-1899**

Born in Canada. To California overland in 1850. He came to San Joaquin County in 1858 to farm and the business of buying, selling and storing grain. He constructed a ditch from the nearby river to his farm and pumped water to irrigate his orchard, introducing irrigation in that part of the country.

**Leadbetter, Wallace R. - 1838-1903**

Born in Maine. To California via Panama in 1863. He taught school in San Joaquin County for four years. He then went East but returned to Stockton about 1870, and again taught school. In 1871 he was elected Superintendent of Schools in San Joaquin County. In 1875 he gave up teaching and purchased a farm east of Stockton. He was elected to the State Legislature for the 1880 session. He was elected City Superintendent of Schools in 1885.

**Learned, Daniel - 1820-1910**

Born in Massachusetts. To California overland in 1850. In 1866 he came to Stockton and purchased a farm near the city to raise grain and fruit.

**Lee, Theodore - 1820-1910**

Born in New York. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. In 1854 he purchased a ranch five miles north of Stockton where he raised wheat and stock.

**Lee, W. W. - 1819-1877**

Born in Maryland. He arrived in Stockton in 1852. Being a barber by trade, this brought him in close contact with the leading businessmen and dignitaries of the city. He was held in high esteem and respected by all who knew him, due to his excellent character and impulsive good heart. He became very much interested in the local fire department, especially Eureka Engine Company Number 2. Although not a member of the fire department, he was an ardent fireman. He was there at most fires doing all he could to assist the firemen, saving lives and property. At the time of his death, the engine houses flew their flags at half-mast in his memory. An overflow crowd attended services at the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The pallbearers were chosen from the leading citizens of the city. The hearse was drawn by Eureka engine horses which led a long line of carriages to Rural Cemetery. Being an honorary member of

Eureka Engine Company, they took care of the funeral expenses and had his remains interred in their cemetery plot.

**Lehe, Eugene - 1841-1898**

Born in New York, taken to France as an infant, returned to New York in 1849. Discharged from the U.S. Army on the Pacific Coast in 1865. He came to Stockton and was in the photograph business for three years. He was appointed agent for the Pacific Union Express in 1869 for about a year. He was a bookkeeper after that. From 1872 to 1876 he operated a restaurant. He was appointed Deputy County Treasurer from 1876 until 1882. He was appointed traveling agent on the coast for the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association for a year. He again became a bookkeeper until 1888 and after that a traveling salesman. He was elected to the City Council in 1887 and again in 1889.

**Leitch, Archibald - 1822-1896**

Born in North Carolina. To California via the southern route, entering the state at Yuma in 1849. To Stockton in 1850 to follow his blacksmith trade. He went East in 1852 via Panama. In 1853 he returned to California overland with cattle and horses. After trouble with the Indians, he finally arrived in Stockton in 1854 where he sold his stock. In a trade he ended up with a half-interest in a ferry on the San Joaquin River which he sold in 1856. In 1857 he bought a ranch south of Stockton. In 1860 he and a partner owned 10,000 sheep. He had his headquarters in Stockton from 1869. He was elected a Board of Supervisors member in 1882. He was president of the Stockton Street Railway Company and a director of the Stockton Loan and Building Association.

**Lewis, Jesse Stewart - 1822-1899**

Born in Missouri. To California and Stockton overland in 1853. He engaged in freighting to the mines in addition to farming in the Stockton area.

**Littlehale, James - 1831-1879**

Born in New Brunswick. He arrived in Stockton in 1852. He operated a produce brokerage. He was the secretary/treasurer of the Union Copper Mining Company. He was the City Treasurer from 1866-1874. He was one of the organizers of the Stockton Savings and Loan Association Bank in 1867 and its first cashier.

**Lloyd, Robert - 1836-1878**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Panama in 1854. In 1857 he bought a farm north of Stockton where he spent the rest of his life.

**Long, Charles C. - 1835-1899**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1855. He went to work at his trade of wagon-maker. He left Stockton that same year, but returned in 1859 and started a wagon shop. In 1860 he decided to farm and purchased land on the Waterloo Road. He raised hay, grain and stock.

**Long, Joseph Marion - 1834-1911**

Born in Ohio. To Oregon overland in 1853. To Stockton in 1854 and went to work chopping wood for a brickyard. He left Stockton later that year but returned in 1858. He was in the restaurant business for three years. In 1861 he was elected County Assessor for two years. In 1865 he was appointed a Deputy Sheriff. In 1870 he was elected Police Judge for one term. After that he became Under Sheriff.

**Louttit, James Alexander - 1848-1906**

Born in Louisiana. To California as an infant in 1849. He was admitted to practice law in 1869. He opened an office in Stockton. He was City Attorney from 1871 to 1879. In 1884 he was elected to Congress for one term. In 1885 he formed a private practice law firm.

**Lund, Andrew John - 1798-1885**

Born in Sweden. This family came to the U.S. and were pioneers to California probably in the late 1860's. They settled on Union Island, at what was called Undine, a sizeable community at that time. They acquired considerable acreage as successful farmers.

**Lyons, William H. - 1823-1885**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California via Panama in 1849. To Stockton in 1854 and opened a law office specializing in land laws. He was the land attorney for the Southern Pacific Railroad in the San Joaquin Valley.

**Maisel, John George - 1856-1917**

Born in Maryland. He came to California and Stockton via railroad in 1880 and worked as a butcher until 1882 when he returned East. In 1884 he returned to Stockton and opened a butcher shop. It later became the Maisel Meat Company with a chain of four shops and their own slaughter house.

**Mann, Stephen H. - 1825-1917**

Born in Vermont. To California in 1852. He came to Stockton in 1858 where he worked at various occupations including the several flour mills. In addition he did some farming.

**Marshall, Oscar - 1847-1911**

Born in Iowa. To California and Stockton overland as an infant in 1849. In later years he helped to survey the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. He was in the city police force for many years before he retired.

**Marshall, Thomas - 1810-1882**

Born in Massachusetts. To California and Stockton overland in 1849. He bought land on the Calaveras River where he grew grain and raised cattle. At one time he was a deputy in the Secretary of State's Office in Sacramento.

**Martin, David Patton - 1836-1910**

Born in West Virginia. To California in 1862. He farmed on rented land near Stockton until 1867 when he bought his own land east of Stockton.

**Martin, Samuel L. - 1833-1914**

Born in Tennessee. To California in 1857. He settled on a ranch northeast of Stockton where he raised grain and stock.

**Matteson, Don Carlos - 1827-1904**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1850. He returned East shortly after and then came back to California overland in 1852. He came to Stockton and opened a blacksmith shop. In 1860 he constructed a reaping machine. IN 1867 he patented a reversible gang plow, then a fork and derrick, and a horse hoe for weeding. In 1868 he made some improvements on a combined harvester. In 1870 the Matteson and Williamson Company erected a foundry and manufactured plows and harvesters.

**McCall, James Culbertson - 1855-1897**

Born in Ohio. He graduated from medical college in 1879. He came to California and Stockton in 1885 to practice medicine.

**McCloud, Alonzo - 1822-1893**

Born in Massachusetts. He was in the stage line business and had his depot at the corner of Center Street and Weber Avenue. He started a stage line to Sonora in 1852, charging \$16 for a one-way trip. In addition he ran a stage line to Oakland and another to Sacramento. He sold his business to another company in 1854.

**McDade, Edward J. - 1819-1878**

Born in Tennessee. To California overland in 1853. He came to Stockton in 1860 and bought land near the city where he farmed and raised stock.

**McDougald, John Duncan - 1849-1898**

Born in Canada. To California and Stockton as a late teenager. In addition to being a rancher he was a contractor. The Modesto Irrigation District was one of his large contracts. McDougald Canal was named after him.

**McIntire, Ezra - 1833-1910**

Born in Maine. To California in 1879. He purchased a ranch near Stockton in 1896 where he raised grain and hay. In addition he operated a dairy for twelve years.

**McKee, William F. - 1824-1875**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California via Panama in 1851. He was a clerk in the Stockton post office and later as Assistant Postmaster. He then became a partner in a mercantile business until his death. He was the father of Robert McKee who married into the Haggin family who helped to construct The Haggin Museum and donated a large number of paintings.

**McKinnon, Angus - 1841-1900**

Born in Scotland. Came to Canada, to USA in 1856. He came to Stockton in 1874 and worked as a carpenter. In 1880 he began bridge building and general contracting.

**McMullin, John - 1824-1868**

Born in Maryland. To California via the Mexican overland route in 1848. He settled on a ranch on the Calaveras River and raised horses. After 1858 he spent most of his time on his ranch in the southern part of San Joaquin County. He was an organizer and president of the first County Fair Association. He owned the first theatre building in Stockton.

**Mersfelder, Lewis (Louis) - 1820-1901**

Born in Germany. To USA as a teenager. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1853. He found work in his brother's bakery. Later he opened a coffee saloon and then a restaurant. In 1857 he opened his own Eureka Bakery.

**Miller, William C. - 1824-1911**

Born in Indiana. To California overland in 1849. To Stockton in 1853 and raised cattle and sheep on his ranch near the city. He also owned a storage warehouse. For four years he was a City Councilman.

**Minges, John - 1815-1893**

Born in Germany. In 1857 he bought the Golden Lion Hotel, the lumber for which was brought around Cape Horn in 1850. It had thirty nine rooms. He sold it in 1860 when it was renamed the Columbia House. It burned in 1909. It was noted for the long hitching rack in front of the hotel extending the entire length of the building.

**Minor, Richard C. - 1854-1937**

Born in Virginia. He arrived in Stockton in the 1880's and established his law practice. His clients included many of the city leaders and businessmen. So it was said "...an exemplar of its ethics and contributing to lifting the level of the bar to a higher place than in which he found it."

**Minta, Wesley - 1852-1896**

Born in Illinois. To California and Stockton in 1871. He taught school until 1876. During that time he studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1877. He was Deputy District Attorney in 1879, Justice of the Peace from 1880 to 1883, and again Deputy District Attorney from 1885 to 1889 when he returned to private practice.

**Mollenhauer, Louis F. - 1852-1919**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1868. To California and Stockton in 1878 and bought a grocery store which he operated until he retired.

**Moreing, Cyrus - 1842-1911**

Born in Iowa. To California and Stockton in 1862. He teamed and freighted to the Mother Lode. He purchased farm land east of Stockton and raised wheat and barley. He also had two large dairies. In 1907 he contracted for leveling and grading Stockton streets, rolling and oiling and macadamizing them. He was a director of the Enamel and Fire Brick Company. He was elected to the City Council and served for two years. He and his brother owned extensive acreage in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys.

**Moss, William S. - 1798-1883**

Born in Virginia. To California and Stockton overland in the late 1850's. He purchased land south of Stockton which in later years became Moss Tract. He also had interests in San Francisco. He founded the San Francisco Examiner newspaper and was proprietor for many years before selling it to the Hearst family.

**Naher, Adolphe Frederick - 1854-1907**

Born in New York. To California and Stockton from Seattle, Washington in 1892. He operated a wholesale liquor business for the rest of his life.

**Narcom, Caspar W. - 1817-1872**

Born in North Carolina. To California and Stockton via Cape Horn in 1849. He opened a medical office until 1859 when he went to Europe for advanced studies. He returned to Stockton in 1872 shortly before his death.

**Nelson, James A. - 1855-1915**

Born in Sweden. To USA in 1874. He came to California and Stockton that same year and farmed on Roberts Island, where he raised grain. He was instrumental in developing the Roberts Island District.

**Neumiller, Christian - 1835-1919**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1855. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1858. In 1859 he was employed as a baker at the Stockton State Hospital until 1908 (except from 1867 to 1872 when he farmed) when he retired.

**Northrop, Lord W. - 1803-1889**

Born in Connecticut. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1857. He purchased land north of Stockton and became a very prosperous farmer.

**Northrop, William D. - 1830-1906**

Born in Connecticut. To California via Panama in 1851. He moved to the Stockton area in 1853 and engaged in teaming for a short time. He then farmed north of Stockton. He worked in San Francisco at his trade of plasterer from 1869 to 1887 when he returned to Stockton to superintend his family farm north of Stockton.

**Odell, Daniel - 1816-1897**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1852 and later in that year came to Stockton. He worked at his trade of carpenter and six years later bought a ranch north of Stockton and farmed and raised stock.

**Odell, James Millard - 1861-1903**

Born in Stockton, California. In his later years he started out as a clerk and later became a general grocer business owner.

**Orr, Nelson Mills - 1832-1911**

Born in Vermont. To California via Panama in 1856. In 1869 he became half-owner of the Stockton Independent newspaper and later became sole owner in 1879. In 1882 he was chosen secretary of the Stockton Board of Trade. In 1883 he was appointed treasurer of the Stockton Insane Asylum. In 1886 he became affiliated with the Buhach Producing and Manufacturing Company and was its secretary in 1889.

**Ott, Martin - 1837-1897**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1853. To California via Panama in 1858. In 1868 he bought a farm south of Stockton and raised grain and chicory. He was a partner in a chicory factory. Ott Road was named after him.

**Overhiser, William LaFayette - 1824-1905**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. About 1850 he went into freighting out of Stockton. He bought a land claim near Stockton to raise hay and barley. In 1855 he located permanently on his own ranch east of Stockton. He raised grain and stock and had a small orchard and vineyard. In 1869 he furnished gravel from a pit on his ranch for graveling the streets of Stockton. He was a national leader in the state and national Grange Association.

**Owens, B. Walker - 1822-1884**

Born in South Carolina. He was a merchant by trade. In 1850 he was one of a committee of two appointed by the Common Council to plan for erecting a courthouse and jail. He purchased the Stockton Journal newspaper in 1854, which was later taken over by the Daily Argus.

**Parker, Royal Bellows - 1818-1910**

Born in New Hampshire. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1850 and took over a stock of liquors and wines and opened a store.

**Patterson, John Archibald - 1861-1921**

Born in North Carolina. He was the owner and druggist of the Paterson Drug Store on Main Street for many years. In those days a drug store was just that, not a variety store or part of a supermarket. It was a store where medical prescriptions were filled and drug and medical supplies were sold, and nothing more. A mortar and pestle were a part of the trade in which softer substances were ground or pounded to a powder as part of a prescription. An ornamental glass cylinder filled with a colored liquid was one of the symbols of the store where drugs were sold.

**Perrin, Otis - 1826-1896**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1869 and was appointed receiver for the United States Land Office. He also became president of the Stockton Combined Harvester and Agricultural Works.

**Peyton, Enoch - 1831-1894**

Born in Virginia. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1850. He freighted to the mines for twelve years. He left California from 1863 to 1868 then he returned to Stockton. He then began farming east of Stockton. From 1870 to 1875 he specialized in raising sheep. In 1875 he opened a public house.

**Peyton, Valentine Mason - 1820-1905**

Born in Virginia. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. In 1851 he opened a general store in Stockton. In 1851 he was elected to the City Council and formulated the first ordinance establishing public schools in Stockton. He was a school trustee for several years, and was secretary and treasurer of the Board of Education. He served on the City Council for five years. In 1859 he was elected City Collector and Street Commissioner and held both jobs for eight years. He was a trustee and first secretary/treasurer of the Stockton Rural Cemetery which he helped to establish in 1861. In 1869 he was elected City Clerk for two years. He then entered the real estate business. In 1873 he took charge of a business chiefly buying and shipping wheat to San Francisco. Later he was in the real estate business in that city. He returned to Stockton in 1874 and retired from active pursuits.

**Post, William Henry -1821-1906**

Born in New York. To California via Panama in 1852. In 1853 he settled on a ranch northeast of Stockton where he grew grain and raised horses.

**Potter, Charles - 1829-1880**

Born in Connecticut. To California via Panama in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1851 and opened a bakery. He also engaged in farming. He established the first last-making factory on the Pacific Coast in San Francisco in 1870.

**Pratt, Joseph - 1824-1903**

Born in Maine. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. Some years later he came to Stockton and bought a farm east of Stockton and raised wheat.

**Raab, Henry - 1835-1915**

Born in Germany. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1858. He found work as a shoemaker. He was away from Stockton from 1863 to 1871. Upon his return he resumed his trade until 1875 when he went into the hotel business, the Russ House.

**Ralph, Calvin R. - 1818-1882**

Born in Vermont. To California and Stockton overland in 1848. He farmed and raised stock near the city until he retired some years later. He was elected County Assessor in 1875 and held that position the rest of his life.

**Rea, Samuel - 1828-1908**

Born in Ireland. He came to Stockton some years after the Civil War of which he was a veteran. He was very active in the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) He was the father of Richard A. Rea (1879-1947) well-known for many years as a journalist and editor of the Stockton Record newspaper.

**Reibenstein, Richard R. - 1850-1916**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1852. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1852. He was a carpenter by trade and later went into the contracting business. In 1877 he was elected Public Administrator for eight years. In 1883 he was a member of the Board of Education and a City Councilman for two terms. In 1889 he was elected Mayor for one term, and then a City Councilman for another two years. In 1897 he was appointed Superintendent of Streets. In 1909 he was again elected Mayor, and again in 1912. He was also a trustee of the State Glen Ellen Home for the Feeble Minded. He was president of the Home Builders Investment and Security Company and director of the Union Safe Deposit Bank.

**Reynolds, Gilbert C. - 1816-1890**

Born in Rhode Island. To California via Mexico in 1849. Later he came to Stockton and was a teamster. In 1851 he became a partner in a stage line to Sonora. A few years later he went into farming.

**Reynolds, John - 1817-1907**

Born in Kentucky. To California overland in 1853. He then came to Stockton and followed his trade as a bricklayer. He helped to build the first court house. He left Stockton for two years and upon his return he bought a ranch south of Stockton and raised grain and stock.

**Rhodes, Alonzo - 1825-1904**

Born in North Carolina. He left Texas and took the southern route via Mexico to California in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1853 and was elected constable. In 1854 he was appointed a notary public. He left Stockton in 1857 and returned in 1872 to engage in real estate. In 1885 he purchased a half-interest in the Stockton Street Railroad. It had a branch line to Stockton Rural Cemetery. In 1887 he opened a real estate business.

**Robbins, Henry E. - 1852-1908**

Born in Utah. He came to California and Stockton when a young man. He was a brick mason by trade and became a brick and cement contractor. He built a number of business buildings including the Santa Fe Railroad Depot.

**Robinson, W. H. - 1810-1863**

Born in England. Came overland to California in 1850. A merchant at the time he was elected an alderman of the city in the August 1850 election.

**Robinson, William H. - 1813-1898**

Born in England. To the USA in 1827. To California overland in 1850 and to Stockton in 1872. He bought an interest in the Advertiser newspaper. He was also the editor of the Morning Courier newspaper. In 1881 he was the resident local inspector of Horticulture and Viticulture, and secretary of the County Board of Horticultural Commissioners. In 1882 he served as Coroner for a year. He was the business manager for the Independent newspaper in 1883. He then opened a real estate and employment office. In 1885 he was appointed the United States Stamp Agent and Deputy Collector of the Internal Revenue Service. In 1887 he was appointed Quarantine Guardian of the San Joaquin Fruit District. In 1888 he resigned the office of Deputy Revenue Collector. In 1889 he was again commissioned Quarantine Guardian. He was also the statistical correspondent of the United States Agriculture Department.

**Rohrbacker, Henry - 1845-1902**

Born in Alsace (France). To the USA in 1868. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1868. He began work in a local tannery, worked at steamboating, on harvesters, and in the butchering business. In 1870 he had his own bottling business and was sales agent and bottler for several large national breweries.

**Rothenbush, Daniel - 1834-1906**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1852. To California via Panama in 1852. He came to Stockton in 1867 and went into business of collecting and sending fruit to San Francisco. He later became a capitalist and money lender and went into the real estate business. He also had two ranches in the county.

**Ruffner, William Edward - 1857-1904**

Born in California. He came to Stockton in 1874 and clerked in a grocery store. He then became a partner in a grocery business for the rest of his life.

**Ruhl, Frederick Augustus - 1839-1911**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1860. To California via Panama in 1867. He came to Stockton in 1869 and started a plumbing shop. He was a tinsmith by trade. He then entered the hardware business handling stoves, ranges and everything pertaining to heating and culinary requirements. About 1903 he organized the Ruhl-Goodell Hardware Store. He was president of the Security Land Company of Stockton. He served four years as a city councilman.

**A. C. Russell - 1823-1894**

Born in Tennessee. As an anti-war Democrat, he ran into difficulties as editor of the Daily Argus in 1859. Among other things, he had a duel with Captain Folsom near the Presidio in San Francisco due to some political misunderstanding. Dueling in those days seemed to be one way to settle arguments, even if it was prohibited by law.

**Russell, Richard William - 1829-1917**

Born in New York City. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton that same year and freighted to the mines. He left Stockton from 1851 to 1881. Upon his return he had a livery stable until 1901 when he retired. For two years he was a member of the Police and Fire Commission.

**Sargent, Charles Sumner - 1860-1904**

Born in Stockton. He began his medical studies in 1879. In 1885 as a full-fledged doctor he opened his office in Stockton. He specialized in abdominal surgery.

**Sargent, Roswell C. - 1821-1903**

Born in New Hampshire. To California overland in 1849. He came to Stockton and embarked in farming and raising stock on a gigantic scale. He reclaimed an immense area of tule land for cultivation. He had his headquarters in Stockton. He was a member of the State Assembly for four sessions.

**Saunders, William - 1822-1884**

Born in Massachusetts. This man liked bricks so much for building purposes that he had the first bricks used in Stockton shipped from Massachusetts, via sailing vessel, around Cape Horn before 1850. After some sizeable fires in the city, brick manufacturing, with the needed materials close at hand, became a booming industry.

**Sayles, Albert DeLosse - 1840-1915**

Born in Rhode Island. To California via Panama in 1859. He came to Stockton and worked for wages on farms. In 1862 he farmed his own land on the Calaveras River.

**Scarles, Benjamin - 1843-1918**

Born in England. To the USA in 1882. In 1890 he went to Australia and returned to the USA in 1891. He came to California in 1894 and to Stockton in 1897. He established a factory to manufacture the Ideal Wire Fence until it was taken over by the Pacific Steel Company. He developed several electrical appliances and a process of smelting ore by electricity. He later turned to the cure of diseases by electricity and was licensed as an electric doctor. He was considered an inventive genius.

**Schimmelpfennig, Adam - 1824-1910**

Born in Germany. Came to the U.S. in the late 1850's and to Stockton in 1859 via Panama. He bought a tract of land (a city block) from Captain Weber in the east side of the city west of East Street (Wilson Way). There he established his home and planted grapevines and all kinds of fruit trees. He was a carpenter by trade, which he followed all of his life. His home had park-like surroundings.

**Schraick (Schrick), John - 1826-1870**

Born in Germany. To the USA when quite young and to California via Mexico in 1849. He settled in Stockton and was a teamster, forwarding and commission merchant, saloon keeper, and an employee on the river steamboats.

**Scott, Edward - 1831-1891**

Born in England. To the USA in 1841. To California via Cape Horn in 1850 and to Stockton in 1857. He went to work with the Globe Iron Works and in time became manager. Later he was a partner in the hardware and implement business.

**Sedgwick, Thomas - 1794-1886**

Born in England. To the USA when quite young. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He came to Stockton and had a ranch on the Linden Road where he farmed and raised stock.

**Sellman, Lafayette - 1826-1889**

Born in New York. To California via Panama in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1871 and went into the laundry business. In 1880 he began the use of steam in his Stockton City Laundry. At that time he installed all the available modern laundry equipment. He was a City Councilman for two terms.

**Severy, Daniel - 1818-1886**

Born in Maine. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. He settled in Stockton in 1866. He followed the carpentry trade and raised shade and ornamental trees.

**Sharp, P. G. - 1815-1897**

Born in New York. To California overland in 1849. After many years mining he purchased a farm south of Stockton.

**Shippee, Amos G. - 1861-1914**

Born in Rhode Island. To California in 1876. He came to Stockton and engaged in the stock business, with a large inventory of horses and cattle. He specialized in buying and selling cattle and supplying feeders for ranchers in all parts of the state.

**Shurtleff, George Augustus - 1819-1902**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. To Stockton the same year. He was elected to the first City Council in 1850. He was a member of the Mount Vernon Company in merchandising and various other types of business. He was elected County Recorder in 1855 for two years, and after that he spent at his full-time profession as a physician. In 1856 he was appointed a director of the State Insane Asylum for about a year.

#### **Simpson, Andrew W. - 1851-1921**

Born in Maine. Came to California in the early 180's via Nicaragua. His brother had arrived in 1849 and operated a lumber business. Andrew's first job was working for his brother. In 1853 Andrew established a lumber business with George Gray which they called Simpson-Gray Lumber Company. The Site of the Simpson home at El Dorado and Oak Streets is the present site of the City Library.

#### **Slifer, Henry T. - Unknown-1863**

Birthplace unknown. He arrived in California in the 1850's. Long before the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, prohibition was given a good serious thought. The headstone of Henry Slifer reads in part-- "Erected to the memory of our beloved brother by the IOGT and the S of T of S.F. and Stockton." The two temperance organizations referred to were the Independent Order of Good Templars and Sons of Temperance.

#### **Smith, Frank Hartford - 1850-1916**

Born in Maine. To California in 1877. He came to Stockton in 1879 and was admitted to the Bar the same year. He was appointed Deputy County Clerk in 1879. He entered private practice in 1883. He was elected City Attorney in 1883 and held that office until 1887. In 1902 he was elected a Superior Court Judge. At one time he was a member of the board of trustees of the public library.

#### **Smith, George Falkenborough - 1822-1890**

Born in Indiana. To California and Stockton overland in 1849. He became a partner in a livery stable until 1851. He then went to his ranch in the southern end of the county until 1860 when he came back to Stockton. He was a director of the Bank of Stockton. In 1872 and 1873 he reclaimed swampland northwest of Stockton using Chinese laborers to build levees. He constructed an endless chain dredger for delta work. For a number of years he was a member of the Board of Education.

#### **Smith, Captain James W. - 1829-1907**

Born in Tennessee. The 1850 census shows him as a wheelwright. He was part owner of the first horse cars (horse-drawn streetcars) which started to serve Stockton in 1875.

#### **Snider Family - 1866-1877**

Born in California. There were four little girls (Mary H, Henrietta S, Ada A. and Lizzie, ages 3 to 11 years) in the family. One complained of being six with chills and fever. Her throat began to hurt and her breathing was labored. She had somehow contracted diphtheria, a child-killer in those days. Within nine days the four little girls died, all victims of that dreaded disease. In those days everyone in the house was quarantined inside with a big yellow sign with "Diphtheria" printed on it nailed to the front door. This meant no one could go in or out of the house.

#### **Sperry, Austin - 1819-1881**

Born in Vermont. To California and Stockton via Cape Horn in 1849. He became a partner in the grocery business. In 1852 he established the first mill in Stockton. The grinding of feed was the original idea. That same year he began the manufacture of flour which he followed the rest of his life. From this beginning it developed into the Sperry and Company, and its flour mills.

#### **Spooner, John Pitcher - 1845-1917**

Born in Massachusetts. He was one of the early photographers in the city. There were few old-time families that did not have a family photo of some kind in the collection made by him.

#### **Stading, Henry - 1830-1886**

Born in Germany. He arrived in Stockton in 1851 and ran the Golden Lion Hotel. He moved to Campo Seco in 1853 and returned to Stockton in 1864 and engaged in various businesses.

**Stephens, Christopher Sturm - 1823-1916**

Born in Kentucky. To California overland in 1861. In 1862 he was elected to the State Assembly for two years. He was a Justice of Peace for sixteen years and a school trustee for fifteen years.

**Stewart, Frank - 1824-1884**

Born in Tennessee. To California overland through Mexico in 1849. He came to Stockton in 1850. He served as a Deputy Sheriff for a short time then opened a harness shop. He built the Eureka Warehouse. In addition he was interested in banking, farming and buying and selling wheat. He was president of First National Bank from its beginning until his death. Funds from his estate provided for the erection of Stockton's first library.

**Stockwell, Emmons Rodolphus - 1814-1902**

Born in Vermont. To California via Cape Horn in 1849. To Stockton in 1851. He opened a dry goods and millinery store. In 1854 he went East but returned to Stockton in 1855 when he became a partner in the business he had previously owned. In 1887 he retired.

**Stoetzer, Ferdinand - 1842-1907**

Born in Germany. To the USA and California via Cape Horn in 1862. He came at once to Stockton and entered the hotel business until 1895 when he retired.

**Stowe, Edwin P. - 1829-1878**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Panama in 1859. He settled on a farm five miles east of Stockton in 1862.

**Strong, Nathan Moreton - 1844-1925**

Born in Michigan. To California via railroad in 1876. For a number of years he farmed near Stockton, and later worked for a lumber dealer in Stockton. In 1901 he became the general office man for the Stockton Rural Cemetery for many years. In 1903 his son, Nathan Clifford Strong, became the assistant superintendent of the cemetery and the superintendent in 1909. When Nathan C. Strong retired in 1949, his nephew by marriage, Maurice W. Kennedy, became superintendent. In 1960 Maurice Kennedy was appointed general manager and held this position until his death in 1974. His brother, Glenn A. Kennedy was a trustee and secretary since 1950; he took over as general manager until he retired in 1991. In 1987 his niece, Yvonne Kennedy Brown, was elected a trustee, and in 1991 was elected secretary of the Cemetery Association. It is what might be called a family legacy.

**Sutherland, James - 1828-1901**

Born in England. To the USA in 1849. To California overland in 1850. He came to Stockton in 1870 and established a mercantile business which he operated until he retired a few years before his death.

**Swain, Cornelius - 1826-1904**

Born in Tennessee. To California and Stockton overland in 1853. He located on a ranch on Cherokee Lane where he planted an orchard and raised horses and mules (primarily mules). He also cut and baled wild oats and hay. He was a promoter of the Farmers Union and a director of the San Joaquin Valley Bank.

**Swinnerton, James Guilford - 1844-1901**

Born in Wisconsin. To California overland in 1853. To Stockton in 1879 where he practiced law. He was elected a Superior Court Judge in 1884 for the term ending in 1890. After that he continued in his law business.

**Terry, David S. - 1822-1889**

Born in Kentucky. To California and Stockton in 1852 where he practiced law. In 1855 he was elected to the Supreme Court of California. He resigned in 1859 to participate in a duel. In 1862 he went to Texas to

join the Confederate Army. After the war he returned to Stockton in 1868 and to Fresno a few years later, still maintaining his home in Stockton. As the result of a lawsuit in which he was involved, he was shot at Lathrop in 1889.

#### **Terry, Sarah Althea Hill - 1857-1937**

Born in Missouri. She came to California in 1870 and settled in San Francisco. In 1880 she met William Sharon, a multi-millionaire who had control of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. For political reasons the marriage was kept a secret, but had a marriage contract. From then on she was referred to as the "Rose of Sharon". In 1881 they separated and then began a long legal battle as to the division of their property. Among her legal staff was David S. Terry. In 1885 the trial went to the State Supreme Court and then the U.S. Circuit Court. In 1886, Sarah and Terry were married. Upon Terry's death, Sarah failed in view of the mental strain of many years and Terry's death, and she slowly became incompetent. In 1892 she was committed to the Stockton State Asylum where she died in 1937. She was interred in the Terry Lot in Rural Cemetery.

#### **Thompson, Edward Rees - 1864-1909**

Born in California. He was admitted to the bar in 1888 and practiced law in Stockton after that date. He was City Attorney for three terms.

#### **Thompson, John Chatten - 1835-1911**

Born in Virginia. The family moved to Missouri, and then to California overland in 1852. They settled in northern San Joaquin County near New Hope. He farmed and had a vineyard. In 1856 he specialized in buying and selling horses and cattle. In 1861 he formed a partnership of the Thompson and Folger Company in ranching and farming. In addition, he had an interest in the Wagner Leather Company, the Stockton Iron Works, the H. C. Shaw Company, and the Woodbridge Vineyard Association, owners of the Bradford Winery in Woodbridge. He was a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, vice president of the Bank of Lodi (Lodi National Bank) and president of the Stockton Investment Company which campaigned to build the Hotel Stockton. He was a member of the board of managers of the Stockton State Hospital, and a trustee of the Woodbridge College.

#### **Thrift, Eli E. - 1831-1918**

Born in North Carolina. To California via the southern overland route in 1854. He came to Stockton in 1866 and started a grocery business. In 1886 he went into the laundry business. He sold the business in 1909 and retired. At one time he was a member of the City Council, served as Postmaster for three years, and a director of the Stockton State Asylum.

#### **Thrush, George - 1829-1907**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California overland in the 1850's. In 1874 he purchased a farm on the Waterloo Road east of Stockton where he farmed the rest of his life.

#### **Tinkham, George H. - 1849-1945**

Born in Massachusetts. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1853. As a teenager he worked for his father in the City Market. In the years following he did ranch work, sheep herding, grocery clerk, drug store clerk, a butcher's helper, drove a street car and drove a water sprinkling wagon. He was the editor of the Weekly Record newspaper, and wrote news items for the Independent newspaper. He wrote the first history of Stockton, and to pay for the printing, etc., he was janitor of the Weber School. For years he wrote historical sketches for the Mail and Stockton Record daily newspapers. From 1880 to 1923 he wrote six histories and seven books for publication.

#### **Tinkham, Henry - 1820-1894**

Born in Vermont. To California and Stockton via Cape Horn in 1848. He secured a job as a butcher. In 1850 he opened a meat market of his own and operated it for the rest of his life.

#### **Toal, Levi M. - 1872-1945**

Born in Kansas. To California and Stockton via railroad in 1874. He started out doing ranch work. In 1902 he was elected Justice of Peace in south Stockton which he served for many years. He was in the

contracting business for nine years doing street paving. The farm land the family owned on the southern edge of the city was later sold as residential lots in what was called "The Homestead".

**Tons, John Frederick - 1847-1916**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1861. To California and Stockton via Panama in 1868. He was an attendant at the Stockton State Asylum. From 1874 to 1916 he was the local agent for several brewery companies.

**Trahern, George Washington - 1820-1909**

Born in Mississippi. To California via Chihuahua, Mexico in 1849. He came to Stockton that same year. He owned land throughout San Joaquin County and engaged in the cattle and wheat business with headquarters in Stockton.

**Tretheway, John - 1851-1913**

Born in England. To the USA in 1867. To California via Panama in 1867. That same year he came to Stockton and worked on a farm. About a year later he purchased a farm on the Lower Sacramento Road. He established his headquarters in Stockton. He and his brother rented land and later bought the land, the beginning of large holdings in California. In thirty years he was the largest taxpayer in northern San Joaquin County. His reclamation work in Yolo County led to financial disaster.

**Tripp, William O. - 1807-1888**

Born in New York. To California via Cape Horn in 1850. He came to Stockton in 1885 after retiring from business in Sonora due to ill health.

**Tunis, Benjamin - 1795-1859**

Born in Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the War of 1812. He was wounded in battle and became a prisoner of the British. He came to Stockton in the 1850's and became a merchant. Note: The United States Government had no record of this man. The Rural Cemetery communicated with the Royal British Admiralty in London, and from their records were able to furnish complete details of the sea battle, the happenings which followed, and the date Tunis was returned by a British ship to the United States.

**Turner, James - 1842-1862**

Born in Ohio. To California overland in 1850. He located in Stockton and bought a ranch south of the city and raised stock, grain and some fruit.

**Uriell, Sylvanus - 1848-1918**

He came to Stockton in 1887. He was in the contracting business until 1900. He then farmed on the land he owned on the outskirts of Stockton.

**Vasquez, Jose - 1831-1913**

Born in Spain. To the USA in 1854. To California via Cape Horn in 1862. He came to Stockton in 1867 and opened a small grocery store, which developed into a full size business. Later he gave up that business and bought and rented farm land and city property.

**Vierbrock, Claus (Charles) Ludwig - 1832-1885**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1852. To California via Panama in 1853. To Stockton in 1868. He established a wholesale liquor business which he operated until he retired in 1875.

**Visher, Putman - 1836-1917**

Born in New York. To California via Panama in 1852. After many years in various ventures he finally settled in Stockton in 1884. He engaged in farming and raising stock in the vicinity. In 1885 he became owner of the Hunter Street Barley Mills which he operated until 1903. At one time he was president of the Young Men's Christian Association.

**Vizelich, Nicolas - 1832-1906**

Born in Dalmatia (Yugoslavia). To the USA and California via Cape Horn in 1849. To Stockton in 1862. He engaged in the restaurant business until he retired in 1881. At one time he owned large property interests in Iron Tract Park or Vizelich Park subdivision.

**Wagner, Charles L. - 1837-1913**

Born in Germany. To USA and California and Stockton via Panama in 1856. He worked at different tanneries in the state and then came back to Stockton in 1858. He and his brother had started a tannery in Stockton in 1856 called The Pacific Tannery. It became an important industry in the city. In 1895 it became the Wagner Leather Company.

**Wagner, Jacob - 1830-1909**

Born in Germany. To the USA in 1846. To California via Panama in 1852. To Stockton in 1853 and began work as a butcher. He left Stockton in 1855 until 1862. When he returned he opened a butcher shop of his own which he operated until he retired in 1881. He had a ranch on the Lower Sacramento Road and engaged in buying and selling sheep, cattle and hogs.

**Wakefield, Lorenzo D. - 1833-1912**

Born in Maine. To California in 1852. In 1853 he became a teamster out of Stockton. He raised cattle from 1859 to 1861 when he again went into teaming. From that he farmed in Stanislaus County. In 1873 he purchased land north of Stockton and became one of the leading farmers in that section.

**Wasley, James - 1819-1900**

Birthplace Ohio. To California overland in 1849. In 1850 he and a partner built the Wisconsin House, a wayside hotel, near Farmington which they operated for two years. Some time later he settled in a small community east of Stockton where he did some ranching. He was also manager of a small mill at that place.

**Waterman, George Elton - 1856-1918**

Born in Massachusetts. To California in 1875. In Stockton he went to work in a lumber yard for a year then purchased land and engaged in the poultry business which failed. In 1877 he rented land and raised wheat. In 1884 he bought a ranch and raised wheat and cattle. In 1889 he discontinued cattle and turned to raising horses for the market. He also contracted harvesting with his combined harvester.

**Watrous, Benjamin - 1831-1914**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Panama in 1850. In 1870 he came to Stockton and traded in hogs and sheep for a few years. He also bought and sold land. He owned land in the upper San Joaquin Valley which was farmed by renters.

**Weaver, Henry Witmer - 1836-1911**

Born in Pennsylvania. He came to Stockton in 1870 and was a clerk in the United States Land Office until 1876. He was elected county clerk in 1877 until 1883. He then became an attorney for land claimants.

**Webster, Joshua Bertram - 1838-1914**

Born in Massachusetts. To California via Cape Horn in 1856. To Stockton in 1861 and engaged in the hardware business for a number of years, then took up the study of law. He was admitted to the Bar in 1882. He specialized in patent law. He served as United States Commissioner for Northern California.

**Welsh, James M. - 1845-1904**

Born in Scotland. To the USA in 1863. To California in 1868. He came to Stockton in 1882 and became one of the proprietors of the Stockton Milling Company. In 1884 he was elected Mayor until 1887. He was president of the Alta Fire Insurance Company and president of the Stockton Land, Loan and Building Association from its beginning. He was president of the San Joaquin County Valley Bank and a director of the Samson Iron Works.

**Wheaton, William George - 1840-1901**

Born in England. He arrived in the USA in 1875 and took a train to Stockton. In 1878, 1882, and 1884 he purchased three farms which he rented to working farmers.

**White, John Cox - 1822-1891**

Born in Ohio. To California and Stockton overland in 1849. He engaged in freighting for a short while, and then went into the stock business. He was one of the largest stock raisers in the county. He was one of the organizers and a director of the San Joaquin Valley Bank.

**White, William Charles - 1840-1905**

Born in Canada. To the USA and California overland in 1862. To Stockton in 1865. He was a partner in a planning mill and a building contractor. He retired in 1885 and devoted his time to managing his property interests. He was a City Councilman for twelve years and a member of the Board of Supervisors at one time.

**Wilhoit, Roley Earley - 1831-1889**

Born in Kentucky. To California overland in 1850. To Stockton in 1852 and started out doing farm work. He then went into the freighting business to the Mother Lode. He was elected County Recorder in 1861 to 1868. He then went into the searcher of records, conveyances and real estate business. He was a member of the City Council from 1870 to 1878. He was elected a member of the Board of Education in 1889.

**Williams, S. - 1813-1893**

Born in Ohio. He was elected County Supervisor in 1855.

**Williamson, Herbert E. - 1851-1917**

Born in Michigan. To California and Stockton in the late 1860's. He worked as a machinist for the Matteson and Williamson Harvester Works. He was manager from 1894 until the company was sold to the Holt Manufacturing Company. He then entered the real estate and brokerage business. He was a trustee of the College of the Pacific.

**Wilson, John - 1830-1899**

Born in Vermont. To California via Nicaragua in 1852. He came to Stockton that same year. He engaged in teaming, particularly hauling copper from Copperopolis. With the building of a railroad, that ended his business. He then started a dairy business. After selling that business he was busy taking care of his rental property.

**Winters, John D. - 1821-1915**

Born in Massachusetts. He came from Mexico to Los Angeles in 1848. In 1849 he started a public house in Stockton and operated it until 1853. He then settled on a farm near Stockton and raised hay and grain.

**Withington, Sumner A. - 1828-1908**

Born in Massachusetts. To California in 1864. After traveling many years on the seas around the world, he retired and came to Stockton in 1892. He was in the US Navy during the Civil War.

**Wolf, Andrew - 1821-1911**

Born in Ohio. To California overland in 1849. Later that year he settled in Stockton. He went into the livery stable business which he leased in 1865. He ranched on the Mariposa Road from 1865 until 1875 when he moved back to the city. He built the first race track and sheds for the Fair Association. He managed the Granger's Warehouse. He was a board member of the Stockton Savings and Loan Society Bank and a director from 1901 to 1911.

**Wolf, William - 1859-1895**

Born in California. For twelve years he was a clerk and bookkeeper in the mercantile trade. He then went into the grocery business. In 1883 he was elected City Assessor for one term. In 1888 he was Deputy Street Commissioner and then Street Superintendent.

**Woods, Ezekiel Williamson Smith - 1849-1922**

Born in Missouri. To California via Panama in 1863. He came to Stockton in 1876 and he and his brother bought and sold land in the San Joaquin Valley. About 1887 they purchased land on Roberts Island which flooded. They bought a dredger and rebuilt levees. In 1896 they were able to raise their first crops. He was a member of the Board of Education for twelve years, being the president of the board for six years.

**Woods, John Newton - 1837-1906**

Born in Indiana. To California via Panama in 1857. He located in Stockton in 1877 and he owned land in San Joaquin County. From 1877 to 1882 he was secretary of the Granger's Union. In 1883 and 1884 he was Deputy County Treasurer. For five years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Stockton State Asylum.

**Yost, Fred - 1828-1913**

Born in Pennsylvania. To California from Honolulu in 1849. In 1850 he came to Stockton and worked in a brickyard for a year. He then freighted until 1870 when railroads killed the freighting business. He farmed until 1881 when he bought into the San Joaquin Brewing Company until 1889. He was a City Councilman in the years 1859, 1868, and 1873.

**Ziegler, John Jacob - 1827-1904**

Born in Germany. Came to California via Cape Horn in 1855. He settled in Stockton in 1868 as a tanner by trade. He went to work for the Wagner Company Tannery where he worked until his death.

**Ziegler, William Jacob - 1853-1920**

Born in Germany. Came to California with his parents in 1855 via Cape Horn. The family settled in Stockton in 1868 and he went to work to learn the tanner trade at the Wagner Company Tannery. He continued with the company until he was severely injured when the tannery burned in 1918 that led to his retirement in 1920 and his death.