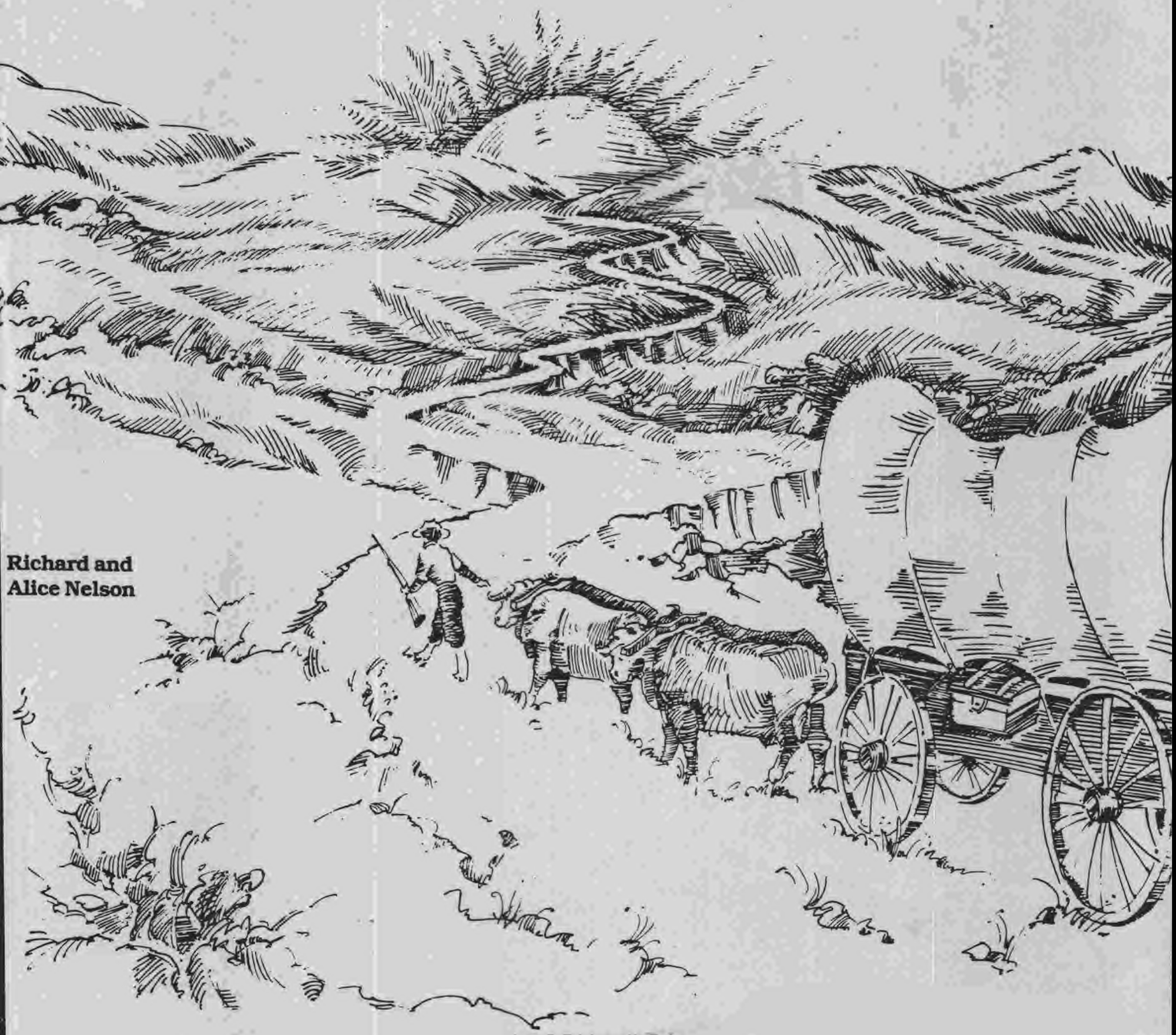


GOIN' WEST

A record of some who went west

1830-1880



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Welcome to Goin' West

In this and subsequent limited edition volumes the authors hope to present, in brief form, information about those pioneers, or "overlanders", as they were called, who, in their covered wagons, or on horseback or muleback, or pushing carts, or simply walking, went west during the 1830-1880 period.

Merrill J. Mattes, author of the authoritative emigrant trail work, The Great Platte River Road, estimates that about 500,000 emigrants went west between 1841-1866, over what he calls "... the central overland route." However, the Goin' West reader should not expect to find half a million names in this volume - maybe by volume 200, but not in this one.

Presently over 2000 emigrant diaries and journals have been published or are scattered in manuscript form around the country in public or private libraries. The historical or genealogical value of these documents vary greatly, but most contain some names and trail anecdotes concerning fellow emigrants. Thousands of other stories about emigrants have appeared over the years in various publications. Additionally, newspapers of the period and later provide valuable intelligence about the sometimes elusive overlander.

Knowing the source is one thing. Searching these sources is another. Most people just don't have the time or resources to jump into this effort. The purpose of Goin' West therefore is to accomplish this initial search of the sources and record emigrant names and some identifying information so that tentative family "matches" can be made. If uncertainty still exists, the reader can go to the source directly thus saving much time and effort. Remember however that this is "raw" data. If the source is incorrect or incomplete our listing will also be flawed.

We think the format for Goin' West is self-explanatory. The source for each entry is keyed to the list of sources consulted for this volume. We plan to produce two to three volumes each year "the fickle finger of fate" notwithstanding, and hopefully, some demand on your part. An order form and/or request to be placed on our future mailing list is at the end of this volume. We also welcome your comments/corrections and will correct the record within reason.

We hope you find 'um here. Good luck!

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ABBOTT, _____. A driver for ASABEL BENNETT. One of those who became lost in the Nevada/California desert in late 1849. The group collectively became known as the "Jayhawkers". (12)

ABBOTT, JOHN. b. New Albany, Indiana, age 78. Grave noted June 2, 1849, near the Little Blue River, Indian Territory (Kansas). Grave next to that of SLOAN MCMILLEN. (2)

ADAMS, B. F. from Ohio, age 21. Grave on the prairie approximately 15-20 miles west of the Big Blue River, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

ADAMS, CHARLES. Charles, his wife and six children went overland to Oregon in 1852. His wife died after reaching Portland and Charles married the widow CARTER. (see ROBERT CARTER) (5)

ADAMS, DAVID L. from Missouri. Went overland to California in 1846. (13)

ADAMS, W. D. Dr. Went to Oregon in 1848. Was a member of the Oregon legislature 1856-57 from Clatsop County. Had at least one child, INEZ EUGENIA, who later married a PARKER. (5)

AKIN, JAMES. Went overland to Oregon in 1852. His "aunt" LOUISE, or LOUISA RICHEY died on the trail. (7)

ALDEN, I. F. from Lewistown, Illinois. A passenger on the Pioneer Line. When the company reorganized July 11, 1849, between the Platte and Sweetwater rivers, Alden was appointed to the committee to draft new company rules. (2)

ALLEN, DANIEL. A Mormon. One of three killed by Indians June 27, 1848, near Tragedy Spring, one of the headwaters of the Bear River, California. The others were BROWITT and COX. (2) They were probably members of the Mormon Battalion returning to Salt Lake.

ALLEN, _____. One of the owners of the 1849 Pioneer Line.

ANDERSON, _____. He and his family went overland to California in 1845 in a company piloted by mountainman CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

ANDREWS, M. O. from Lewistown, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He got into a fight with fellow passenger UPDYKE August 17, 1849, near Hot Spring Valley, Nevada. (2)

ANGEL, M. B. Dr. from Niles, Michigan. He was seen July 3, 1849, near the Green River, Idaho crossing. He eventually made it to Sacramento via the Salt Lake City route. (3)

ANGELL, THOMAS. from New York state. Thomas, his wife Susan (SUSAN PINEY YEOMANS, b May 12, 1832), her brother BEN, and Ben's daughter went overland to Oregon in 1852. Thomas and Susan were married in 1847. (5)

ANTONIO, _____. b. ca 1823, New Mexico. The "Mexican" who tended stock for an unknown member of the 1846 DONNER party. Died Christmas Eve, 1846, while trying to snowshoe out of the Sierra's with other members of the Donner party. (6)

ANKRIM, WILLIAM J. Captain. from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A Mexican War veteran. Started overland to California after March 24, 1849 leading approximately 250 men. The group split on the trail and Ankrim was seen along the Carson River, Friday, September 14, 1849. (2)

APPERSON, BEVERLY (Mr.). from Virginia. Married JANE GILBERT TUBBS (b ca 1815, Tennessee) in Missouri 1830. Beverly died on the Oregon Trail in 1847 near Ham's Fork. He was buried in the middle of the trail. Jane was left with nine children, a tenth, WILLIAM POINDEXTER, died before the trip. The other kids were: SARAH, JOHN, HARRIETT, ELVINA, ALBERT, JULIA, SUSAN, JACOB and MILTON. Jane supported her family in Portland by running a boarding house and taking in washing. (5)

ARAM, JOSEPH. from Illinois. Joseph and his family went overland to California in 1846, arriving at Sutter's Fort in early October. Aram settled in San Jose and was one of the 1849 signers of the California Constitution. (13)

ARCANE, J. B. He and his young son were members of Captain HUNT's 100+ wagon company that headed overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles over the old Spanish trail in latter-1849. Arcane decided to leave Hunt's company and go with Captain MARTIN, who planned to follow a "shortcut". The shortcut wasn't! and the emigrants suffered greatly in and around Death Valley, California. The group was called "Jayhawkers." (11) (12)

ASHLEY, _____. Captain. from Chariton County, Missouri. His grave was noted May 26, 1849, near the Little Vermillion River, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

BACHELOR, FREDERICK. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably from Santa Fe. (15)

BACON, W. or J. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Died of scruvy after the company arrived at the Weber Creek goldfields, October 1, 1849. (2)

BAILEY, ZERUIAH. She went to Oregon with her family in 1845. Her father was a justice of the peace and cobbler. Zeruiah later married _____ LARGE. Zeruiah was from Springfield, Ohio and b 1836. (5)

BAKER, ENDYMION. Went overland to Oregon in 1852. He was the brother of PAMELIA, who married JAMES TUCTNESS. (5)

BAKER, JOHN. Went overland to Oregon in 1846 in the company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. (5)

BALDRIDGE, WILLIAM. A member of the 1843 WALKER party that attempted to take wagons to California. They failed with the wagons but made it to Spanish California via horse- and mule-(and leg)power. He wrote a journal of his experiences. (4)

BANKS, JOHN EDWARD. from Ohio. Went overland to California in 1849. Settled at Cold Spring, near Placerville. (13)

BARHAM, _____. Crossed in 1849. He was camped along the Yuba River in early October. (3)

BARTELSON, JOHN B. Led one of the two overland companies that reached California in 1841. This company is known as the "BARTELSON-BIDWELL" party and is the first emigrant group to follow portions of the Humboldt River in Nevada. Bartelson's group had to abandon their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley on November 4, 1841. The other 1841 company was that led by WILLIAM WORKMAN. (13)

BARNETT, ELIAS. Went to California in 1841 as a member of the BARTELSON-BIDWELL party. Lived near Sonoma for awhile. (13) Later lived in Polk Valley, Napa County. (15)

BARLOW, WILLIAM. Led a company overland to Oregon in 1845. Carried 15,000 fruit tree seedlings with him and sold the seedlings for 15¢ each the following spring. (8)

BAYLEY, DANIEL D. Went overland to Oregon in 1845 in a 66-wagon company led by SOLOMON TETHEROW. Some of this and other companies followed STEVE MEEK on an unproven cutoff that caused them great suffering. (5)

BEADLES, ROBERT. from Iowa or Orange County, Virginia. Said to be a newspaperman, or was a member of the May 1849 Pioneer Line crew. Might have been "California Bob", who died of cholera, May 15, at Independence, Missouri. (2)

BEAL, _____. Went overland from Independence, Mo. to California in 1845. CALEB GREENWOOD piloted Beal and the others from Fort Hall to California. (14)

BEAN, _____. Headed to Oregon in 1844. Seen near the Green River on/about July 24. At Fort Hall, Idaho eleven? wagons split from the company and turned south for California. This company was led by ELISHA STEVENS. (4)

BEARD, JOHN M. (related to MOLAND & WILSON BEARD?) Beard was one of several Cass County, Illinois people, who joined a California-bound company March 28, 1849. The company reached California August 26, 1849. (1)

BEARD, MOLAND. See John Beard, above.

BEARD, WILSON. See John Beard, above.

BEARCE, or BIERCE. May have been from Virginia. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. On August 30, near present Winnemucca, Nevada, Bearce and two others, REED and ELDER left the company to pack to California. (2)

BECKWITH, _____. Had started west with a company but traded for a horse and rode with I. SCHAEFFER. Seen near Hot Springs Valley, Nevada July 25, 1849. (3)

BELDEN, JOSIAH. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. In the early 1880s he was living in San Jose or San Francisco. (15)

BELTY, or BETTY, WILLIAM. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Belty later returned east using the Santa Fe Trail. (15)

BENNETT, ASABEL. from Wisconsin. He, his wife and three children left Salt Lake City in October 1849 for California with the HUNT company. They and others left the company and became lost. They wandered through the Nevada/California deserts and Death Valley - suffering greatly. Asabel's wife, SARAH C. died after they reached San Jose, California. Bennett died in Idaho at 84 years. A Wisconsin neighbor of the Bennett's was WILLIAM MANLEY, who later wrote about their Death Valley ordeal. (11)

BENTON, _____. A member of Captain Hunt's 100+ wagon company that went overland to Los Angeles on the Old Spanish Trail from Salt Lake City in 1849. See HUNT, JEFFERSON and MANLEY, WILLIAM. (11)

BETTICKEY, AMBROSE. One of several Cass County, Illinois people who joined a California-bound company March 28, 1849. The company reached California on August 28. (1)

BIDWELL, JOHN. Went overland to California in 1841 with the first overland company. The BARTELSON-BIDWELL party, as it was to be known, left their wagons near present Wells, Nevada and packed over the Sierra's to the San Joaquin Valley, arriving in early November. In the 1880s Bidwell was living in Chico, California. (15)

BLACKBURN, WILLIAM, Judge. Went overland in 1845. Near Fort Hall, Idaho Blackburn joined a number of others in heading south to California. He arrived at Sutter's Fort, Wednesday, October 22. He later lived in Santa Cruz. (13)

BLAKELY, _____, Captain. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. (5)

BLAKELY, or BLAKE, JOSEPH. Grave noted June 25, 1849 near Scotts Bluff. Nebraska. (2)

BLANDING, MARTIN. Went overland via the southern route to Oregon in 1853. When the train became stranded near the middle fork of the Willamette River, Blanding rode ahead seeking relief. (5)

BOAZ, E. D. From Appomattox County, Virginia. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He left the company and packed toward the Sierra with CANDEE or CANDIE. Both were seen September 17 in Carson Canyon on the eastern slopes of the Sierras. (2)

BOGGS, W. M. Along with his wife and father, he led a company to California in 1846. He later served in the California Mounted Riflemen Battalion under Captain MADDOX in the Mexican War. His father was L. W. BOGGS, former Governor of Missouri. CALEB GREENWOOD named one of his sons after Governor Boggs. The younger Boggs was living in Napa, Calif. in the late 1870s. (14)

BONNELL, A. C. From Indianapolis, Indiana. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Left the company on the 40-mile desert beyond Humboldt Sink September 10. In 1854 he was a partner in a lumber business in Portland, Oregon. (2)

BONNER, _____. He and his family went overland to California in a 1845 company piloted by CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

BONNER, _____. Dr. Led a company to Oregon in 1852 from St. Joseph, Missouri. (5)

BONNER, JOHN. Captain of a company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in May 1847 for Oregon. (8)

BONNEY, JARVIS. A brother of TRUMAN BONNEY. Both were members of Captain SAMUEL K. BARLOW's 1845 company. Arriving at Fort Hall, Idaho in early August, the Bonney's and some others listened to the stories about California recited by mountainman CALEB GREENWOOD. They decided to split from Barlow and head to California. A son of Jarvis, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BONNEY, b ca. 1838 is mentioned. (13)

BONNEY, TRUMAN. Jarvis' brother. Went overland in 1845 with the Oregon-bound company led by S.K. BARLOW. Bonney inscribed his name, "T Bonney, July 25, 1845", on Holden Hill, about four miles west of the Green River. The Bonney's and others left Barlow's company beyond Fort Hall, Idaho to go to California with C. GREENWOOD. Some or all of the Bonney's went from California to Oregon in March 1846. (13)

BOON, ALPHONSO. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Boon's daughter, CHLOE married Governor GEORGE L. CURRY. (5)

BOWERS, BENTON. Started overland to Oregon in 1849. Benton was the brother of THOMAS BOWERS. (5)

BOWERS, THOMAS. from Missouri. b January 22, 1826. Went overland to Oregon in 1844 thinking he didn't have long to live. He was wrong! In fact he worked with mountainman JIM BRIDGER trapping between 1845-1847. Bowers had at least one child, a daughter, MARTHA J. She married a FREDERICK and lived her later years in Ashland, Oregon. Thomas was Benton's brother. (5)

BRADSHAW, JOHN D. from Johnson County, Missouri. b ca. 1809. In early June, 1849, John's grave was observed about 13 miles west of Fort Kearney, near the Platte River. (2)

BRADY, CHARLES. One of several Cass County, Illinois people who formed a company (about 30+ of them) and left for California March 28, 1849. They arrived in California August 26, 1849. However, one of the party died May 3 near St. Joseph, Missouri. (1)

BRAY, EDMUND. from Tipperary County, Ireland. b early 1807. Father was Martin, mother - Eliza. Edmund reached New York in 1837. He was a member of the 1844 STEVENS party that first took wagons over the Sierra Nevada's. In 1872 Bray was in the Sacramento County hospital and described as very "poor and feeble." (4)

BREEDING, W. P. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Breeding was later a blacksmith in Salem, Oregon. (5)

BREEN, PATRICK. born in Ireland ca. 1806. Was in Iowa by the mid-1840s having brought his family to America in 1844. He was a relatively well-

to-do Irishman. He and his family added three wagons to the REED-DONNER company that was headed to California in 1846. The family made it through the ordeal and later settled near San Juan Bautista. Patrick's wife was MARGARET (PEGGY), b ca. 1806. They had seven children: JOHN, b 1832; EDWARD J., b 1831; PATRICK Jr., b ca. 1835; SIMON P., b ca. 1837; PETER, b ca. 1839; JAMES, b ca. 1842; ISABELLA, b ca. 1845. Isabella later married a MAC MAHON. She died March 25, 1935 in San Francisco. (6)

BREWER, W. T. from Eberton, Georgia. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He was still with the company July 22 when they took the Sublette Cutoff from the Big Sandy to the Green River. (2)

BREWSTER, JOHN A. Dr. from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. A fellow passenger lost Brewster's rifle chasing buffalo near Brule, Nebraska. Brewster and four others (see PIERSON) left the company September 11, 1849 at the Carson River to pack over the Sierras. In 1852 he was in Sonoma, California where he spent the rest of his bachelor life. (2)

BRIER, _____ Reverend. He and his family, including wife and four children were members of Captain JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon company that headed from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles over the Old Spanish Trail in fall 1849. Brier and many others left Hunt to take a "shortcut" and ended up fighting for their lives in the Death Valley area. Two of the four children were: KIRK, b ca. 1840; and J. W. b ca 1843. (11)

BRIMER, W _____. from the "Cherokee train". His grave was observed in late June 1849 near Warm Spring, northwest of Fort Laramie. (2)

BRISTOW, ELIJAH. from Kentucky. Went overland to Oregon in the 1845 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Bristow set down roots at Pleasant Hill, Lane County, Oregon. (5)

BROGDEN, H _____ W _____. from Canada. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Left the company Friday, August 31, 1849 near Winnemucca, Nevada, to pack to the mines with three others; PEARKS, CODY, and COLEMAN. (2)

BROLASKY, HENRY. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. (15)

BROWN, _____. from Chicago, Illinois. Went west in 1849 with PERIAM and BILLINGHURST. Brown had a cabin at Stringtown on the South Fork of the Feather River in January 1850. (3)

BROWN, HUGH L _____. from Tennessee. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Brown settled on Calapooya Creek, in Linn County, Oregon. (5)

BROWN, JOHN EVANS. On Wednesday, July 4, 1849, he and others forded the Platte River near Deer Creek, northwest of Laramie Peak. (2)

BROWN, JOHN HENRY. Claims to have ridden east from San Francisco in April 1844, met the ELISHA STEVENS party and told them how to get their wagons over the Sierras. None of the Stevens party remembered this encounter. (4)

BROWN, ROBERT. On the steamer Embassy, sailing from St. Louis to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he joined Captain JESSIE GREEN's company that started west in April 1849. At St. Joseph, Brown went to work for A. DELANO, when Delano's man, HARRIS was stricken with cholera. Brown made it to the diggin's. (2)

BRYANT, EDWIN. from Kentucky. A newspaperman who traveled west in Captain WILLIAM RUSSELL's company that left Independence, Missouri in spring 1846. The Russell company was a pack train that used the HASTINGS cutoff. This is the same cutoff that got the REED-DONNER party in trouble a little later that year. Bryant wrote a popular emigrant guide-book upon his return east. He returned west in 1849. (2)

BUCKLEY, _____. A member of _____ MEEK's 1845 overland company that left Independence, Missouri in late May for California. Buckley drove a team for one of the company captains. (14)

BUFFIN, _____. He and his family went west to California in the 1845 company led by CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

BUNCH, L _____ M _____. One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a larger company March 28, 1849 to head for California. They arrived August 26, 1849. (1)

BURBANK, AUGUSTUS. On June 27, 1849, he forded the Platte River near Deer Creek, northwest of Laramie Peak. (2)

BURGER, KARL ("DUTCH CHARLEY"). from Germany. b ca. 1816. Teamster believed to be working for LEWIS KESEBERG in 1846 REED-DONNER company. Died December 29, 1846 in the snow-locked cabin near present Donner Lake. (6)

BURNETT, PETER H. Captain of the 1843 company that took wagons all the way to Oregon. WILLIAM MARTIN replaced Burnett during the trip. Burnett was later elected Governor of California. (5)

BURNS, _____. Known as "INDIAN BILL". A member of the May 1849 Pioneer Line crew. (2)

BURROWS, RUFUS G _____. from Indiana. b 1834. Went overland in Captain M. M. WAMBOUGH's company from Independence, Missouri in 1848. His mother and stepfather, RUFUS HITCHCOCK, and uncle STREET RICE were also along. (13)

BYRON, BRIAN. A member of a group of lost 1849'ers who became known as "Jayhawkers". They suffered greatly in the Nevada and California deserts. One famished fellow offered Byron five dollars for a bisquit but Byron refused. (13)

CABLE, _____. He and his family were members of Captain HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went west from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in 1849 over the Old Spanish Trail. (See HUNT, and MANLY) (11)

CAIN, MELINDA. from Platte County, Missouri. The wife of HENRY. Her grave was noted August 25, 1849 near the Gravelly Ford, near Beowawe, Nevada. (2)

CALVIN, VINCENT. A member of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierra Nevadas for the first time. (4)

CAMPBELL, _____. Sutler with the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He was run out of camp July 11 when the passengers found out that he was not an independent merchant, but worked for Captain TURNER, the Pioneer Line owner. (2)

CANDEE, S _____. from Monroe, Michigan. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He left the company in Nevada to pack over the Sierras. Was spotted September 17 with another x-passenger, BOAZ in Carson Canyon. (2)

CARRIGER, NICHOLAS. Went overland to California in 1846. Reached the Humboldt River on August 18. His father, CHRISTAIN CARRIGER, and his sister-in-law WORDLAW (wife of JOSEPH) died September 26 and were buried near the Yuba River. At about the same time Carriger's father died, Nicholas' wife gave birth to a daughter. If this wasn't enough, Carriger's oxen wandered off, ate poison weeds and died. He used his cows to pull his wagon to Sutter's Fort. (13)

CARTER, GEORGE. Went overland to California in 1845. His company was harrassed by Digger Indians who would shoot arrows at the horses and oxen, wounding the animals and forcing their owners to oftentimes leave them. Those left behind were slaughtered by the Indians. To get even, on September 8, along the Humboldt River, Carter poisoned some meat and left it behind. Carter was a doctor. (13)

CARTER, ROBERT. Started overland with his wife _____, two sons, AMOS (b 1842) and WILL (b 1844), and the twins, SAMANTHA ANN (b 8-8-50 Iowa) and MIRANDA JANE (b 8-8-50 Iowa) in 1852. Robert died from cholera on the Platte River. Mrs. Carter and the children pressed on and reached the Dalles, Oregon. (see CHARLES ADAMS) (5)

CASE, WILLIAM M _____. from Wayne County, Illinois. b 1820. Cass married a New Jersey girl in 1841 and she encouraged him to follow his dream. They were members of the 1844 Oregon/California company initially led by ELISHA STEVENS. When the company reached Fort Hall, Idaho the Stevens party remained behind. The Oregon-bound emigrants elected JOHN THORP to lead their 60 wagons. Case and some others split from the company and pressed on. Case went on to father thirteen children and was still living in 1900 on his donation claim on French Prairie, Marion County, Oregon. (13)

CHANDLER, D _____ W _____. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after they abandoned their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Chandler later went to the Sandwich Islands. (15)

CHILES, JOSEPH D (or B). A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after they abandoned their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Chiles tried again in 1843 as a member of the WALKER party. (15)

CHIPMAN, _____. from Ottawa, Illinois. Chipman was on the trail in 1849 and eventually made it to California. He had been a merchant in his howntown. In November 1849 he died at Long's Bar in the Sierra foothills. (3)

CLARK, HARRY. from Vermont. A missionary who went to Oregon in 1841. He settled at Forest Grove. (5)

CLARK, WILLIAM Dr. He was one of 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a California-bound company in late March 1849. The company reached California August 26. (1)

CLAWSON, JOHN. from Savannah, Missouri. b 1799. Died July 11, 1849 near Soda Springs, Idaho. (2)

CLINE, _____. The Cline's went overland to Oregon in 1844. Cline drove one wagon and a hired hand drove the other. They had five children. One of which was MARY JANE, b 1852, on Sauvie Island in the Columbia River. Mary Jane later married TURNSTALL. (5)

CLYMAN, JAMES. A member of Captain FORD's 1844 company that went overland to Oregon. (13)

CODY, _____. A teamster on the 1849 Pioneer Line. He left the company August 31 near Winnemucca, Nevada to pack to the mines with three others: PEARKS, BROGDEN, and COLEMAN. (2)

COKER, EDWARD. Went overland in 1849 with one of the groups that became lost in the Nevada/California deserts. Suffered greatly but survived and walked out near Owens Lake, Inyo County. (12)

COLEMAN, _____. A teamster on the 1849 Pioneer Line. (See CODY, above) (2)

COLLINS, DANIEL. from Missouri. His grave was observed June 4, 1849 near Big Sandy Creek, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

COLLINS, J _____ L _____. b 1831. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Collins was living at the Dalles, Oregon in the early 1920s. (5)

COLLINS, SMITH. from Virginia. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Collins made his home on the Luckiamute River, Polk County, Oregon. He married Wyatt. (5)

CONOVER, PETER. One of 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a March 1849 company headed to California. The company reached California August 26, 1849. (1)

COOK, GROVE. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Cook died before 1882. (15)

COOPER, JOSEPH. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He died Monday, September 3, 1849 at Lassen Meadows, Nevada of chronic diarrhea. (2)

COOPER, WILLIAM. Went overland from Independence, Missouri to California in 1845. CALEB GREENWOOD was the pilot from Fort Hall, Idaho. (14)

COPE, _____. from Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. More recently Wisconsin. Seen near Lassen Meadows, September 1849. (?)

CORNWALL, J. Reverend. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Lived with his wife and two children, GEORGE and NARCISSA in or near Forest Grove, Oregon in 1848-49. (5)

CORNWALL, PIERRE BARLOW. Went overland in Captain WAMBOUGH's 1848 California-bound company. (13)

CORUM, ALFRED or ANDY. from Cooper County, Missouri. b 1827. The son of HENRY CORUM. Died near Sublette Cutoff on Independence Day, 1849. He was buried near the grave of another emigrant, NANCY HILL. (7) (10)

COTTREL, _____. from Montreal, Canada. A member of the 1849 Pioneer Line. "Young Cottrel" was seen at Weaverville, California September 22, 1849. He was probably related to the other Cottrel, A. JOSEPH COTTREL, another passenger on the Pioneer Line and later seen in San Francisco in 1850. (2)

COX, _____. from Flemingsburgh, Kentucky. Belonged to the Oddfellows. Seen on the Lassen Trail near Feather Creek, Northern California, September 9, 1849. (3)

CRAIG, _____. A leader of the first 1846 overland company to California, probably arriving at Sutter's Fort in late September. (13)

CRANSON, CHARLES C. from Ann Arbor, Michigan. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He died Tuesday, June 19, 1849 near the Upper Ford of the Platte River near Brule, Nebraska. He suffered some kind of stroke. (2)

CULVERWELL, _____ Captain. One of the so-called "Jayhawkers" who left Captain HUNT's company headed from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles over the Old Spanish Trail in the fall/winter of 1849. Culverwell died in Death Valley. (11)

CUNNINGHAM, NOBLE C. Was a captain in the Missouri Infantry in the Mexican War. Was on the staff of the 1849 Pioneer Line. In 1850 he was elected Marshall of Sacramento. (2)

CURRY, GEORGE L. Went overland to California in 1846. (13)

DAGON, _____ Dr. b ca. 1810. A member of a 1844 company to Oregon that was to the rear of Captain SHAW's company. Dr. Dagon, a German, had shortened his difficult to pronounce name. He later took care of the SAGER orphans until Captain Shaw's company reached WHITMAN mission. (5)

DAVIDSON, JOHN M. from Maryland. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. On July 12. between the Platte and Sweetwater rivers, Wyoming, He offered to carry fellow passenger REID's "Blackstone Commentaries" when new weigh restrictions were placed upon the company. He and ten other defectors were spotted packing to the mines September 15. The others included RUMSEY and TREADWELL. The others were not identified. He was seen in San Francisco in 1859. (2)

DAVIS, _____. Davis and his family went overland to California in the 1845 company piloted by CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

DAWSON, NICHOLAS. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that

packed to California after abandoning their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November.

DEADY, MATTHEW P. from Talbot County, Maryland. b May 12, 1824. Son of DANIEL DEADY and MARY ANN MCSWEENEY. He went overland to Oregon in 1849. Admitted to the bar in 1847. Married LUCY ANN HENDERSON June 24, 1852. In 1853 he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Oregon Territory. (5)

DEAL, THOMAS P. One of 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon train. They reached California on August 26. His wife was ELIZABETH and they lived near Princetown, Cass County. (1)

DECKARD, ANDERSON. from Liberty, Missouri. Took his family overland to Oregon in 1853. Also took his wife's (LYDIA CORUM) slave AMANDA GARDENER who was given her freedom in Oregon. (5)

DEGNIER, JOHN. from St. Genevieve, Missouri. b 1810. His grave with a cross was observed June 1, 1849 near the Little Blue River, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

DELANEY, DANIEL. b ca. 1795. Went overland to Oregon in 1843. He settled near Salem. Shortly after New Year's Day, 1865 he was robbed and murdered by P. BEALE and BAKER. They were caught and hanged May 17, 1865. (5)

DELAND, FRANCIS. a French Canadian. A member of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierras for the first time. (4)

DELANO, ALONZO. Went west in April 1849. Became a merchant, wrote several books and articles about his adventures. His overland company was led by Captain JESSE GREENE. Delano took two hired men with him, MATTHEW HARRIS and EBEN SMITH. He spent his later years in Grass Valley, California. He died in 1874. (3)

DENTON, JOHN. from Sheffield, England. b ca. 1818. A member of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. He died February 24, 1847 on the way down the mountains to safety. (6)

DERBY, "OLD MAN". Headed for Oregon in 1844 in the company that included the California-bound STEVENS wagons. Derby was seen west of Fort Laramie in late June. He may have been PERRY DERBY's father. (4)

DERBY, PERRY. Went overland to Oregon in 1844. See above.

DILLARD, R S. from New Orleans, Louisiana. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. (2)

DILLON, A R Dr. from Virginia. The Dillon's and their two-year old daughter, JESSIE, worked their way overland to Oregon in 1862. They first rode with a man and his two children. The deal was that for \$200 and Mrs. Dillon cooking and looking after the kids they could ride along. At Fort Hall, Idaho, the man changed his mind and decided to head for California. No refund thank you! The Dillon's then hitched a ride with another man only to be stranded near Salmon Falls, Idaho, when the man

sold his outfit and headed for the mines. By this time ELIZABETH had only a frying pan and teakettle. For the next 500 miles the Dillon's walked west (they paid a man ten dollars to let Jessie ride). They finally reached the vicinity of Baker in northeastern Oregon. Unfortunately, Dr. Dillon had a drinking problem. Elizabeth divorced him in April 1865. The next year she married M.B. GAY. (5)

DODSON, _____. Went overland in 1845 with the Oregon-bound Barlow company. Dodson left the company at Fort Hall, Idaho, to head for California with others guided by CALEB GREENWOOD. (13)

DODSON, C ____ B ____ from Chicago, Illinois. A passenger on the 1849 Pioneer Line who was taken ill with cholera on May 30, near the Big Blue River, Indian Territory (Kansas). He was lucky and survived. He left the company July 11 beyond the Deer Creek crossing to join another train in which Dr. LORD was a member. (2)

DOLAN, PATRICK. from Dublin, Ireland. b ca. 1806. Unmarried. He had a wagon and drove with the PATRICK BREEN family in the 1846 REED-DONNER company. He died Christmas Day 1846, trying, with others, to escape the Sierra snows. (6)

DONNER, GEORGE. born in North Carolina ca. 1784, German parents. The family moved from North Carolina to Kentucky-Indiana and finally Springfield, Illinois where George was a successful farmer. His brother was JACOB. In 1846 George took his five daughters, his third wife TAMSEN, three wagons and joined a company headed to California. Near the Little Sandy River, a number of families elected to split from the company and follow a new shortcut ballyhoed by LANSFORD HASTINGS. It was guaranteed to cut hundreds of miles from the journey. George was elected captain of this group. He was supported by JAMES REED and their names were given to the group. The REED-DONNER party lost much time so that by the time they reached the Sierras winter had closed in and they were stranded in deep snows near the Sierra crest. George did not survive the winter in the snow huts near present Donner Lake. Tamsen was maybe the last to died on the mountain in March 1847. Their children survived the ordeal. (6)

DONNER, JACOB . from Springfield, Illinois. b ca. 1781. George's brother. Jacob. or JAKE and his family joined his brother George and the rest of their ill-fated party in the overland journey to California in 1846. "Uncle Jake" died sometime in early December, 1846. See George, above. (6)

DOTY, ED _____. One of Captain MARTIN's company of late 1849 overlanders who took the wrong trail from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles and suffered greatly in the Nevada-California deserts. Doty was captain of a unit called "Jayhawkers". Doty was toasted as "Kingbird" at ceremonies held when the company was back on the plains. (11) (12)

DOWSON, JAMES. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after abandoning their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Dowson later went north and was drowned in the Columbia River. (15)

DUHRING, ANDREW. from Maine. A St. Louis jeweler in 1848. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Died of scurvy in the goldfields late 1849. (2)

DUNBAR, RICE. The Dunbar's went overland to Oregon in 1846 in the MARTIN/SIMPSON company which included a later-famous group known as the REED-DONNER party. The groups split at Fort Hall, Idaho. The Dunbar's settled in Waldo Hills, east of Salem. Their son, RALPH OREGON DUNBAR (b 4-26-45) later served on the Washington Supreme Court. Ralph later married CLARISSA ASINETH WHITE October 18, 1873 at Yakama, Washington. Ralph was the editor of the Goldendale Sentinel. The Dunbar's were from Illinois. (5)

DUNLAP, H L. from Indianapolis. Grave noted June 1, 1849, near the Little Blue River, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

DUNN, F. Age 26. Died June 13, 1849 from cholera. Buried near Scotts Bluff. (2)

DUNNING, H C. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Still with the company June 11 when it struck out across the desert via the Sublette Cutoff from the Big Sandy to the Green River. This was a brutal march for man and beast. (2)

DUSENBERRY, RICHARD. A "son" is also mentioned without identification. Two of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon train in late March. The company reached California on August 28, 1849. (1)

DUTCH, JOHN R. He was one of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined the 1849 California-bound company in late March. They reached California on August 28, 1849. (1)

DYE, from Missouri. A member of Captain HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City on the Salt Lake City in fall 1849. (See HUNT, JEFFERSON and MANLEY, WILLIAM) (11)

EARHART,. The Earhart brothers and a son went overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in fall 1849 in the JEFFERSON HUNT company. (12)

EASTMAN, J J. from Pittsfield, New Hampshire. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Eastman died July 31, probably from tuberculosis. He had left the company at Fort Laramie. He died east of Soda Springs, Idaho. (2)

EATHY, JOHN. Grave noted June 1, 1849 near the Little Blue River, Indian territory (Kansas). (2)

EDDY,. Was an assistant to Captain (Dr.) BONNER on his 1852 company to Oregon. Eddy was Bonner's half-brother. Eddy's young daughter, ELMIRA died of cholera and was buried on the plains. (5)

EDDY, WILLIAM HENRY. from Illinois. b ca. 1818. A cabinet maker by trade. He and his family started overland to California with the REED-DONNER party 1846. He made it off the mountain January 17, 1847 with the snowshoe group (10 men and 5 women/girls). Eight of the men perished on the way down. FOSTER was the other survivor. Eddy went back with a rescue team for his wife, ELEANOR and children JAMES and MARGARET, but he was too late. He remarried, died in 1859, buried San Jose's Oakhill Cemetery. (6)

EDES, _____. The Edes family went overland to Oregon in a 1844 company. LOUISA EDES was one of the nursing mothers who helped save orphaned HENRIETTA SAGER's life. One of the Edes daughters was ALVIRA. (5)

EDGER, GEORGE. Edger was one of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon train. They reached California on August 26, 1849. (1)

ELDER, A E. Elder "and family" were seen at the small town of Pentry, Missouri, April 20, 1849 by Z. D. ROBINSON. Elder and family were headed for California. (1)

ELDER, R from Ottawa, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. On August 30, near Winnemucca, Nevada, he and two others, REED and BEARCE left the company to pack to California. (2)

ELLIOT, _____. One of four men (KING -2 and MOORE) who fought four Digger Indians, who had stolen stock from their company in late August 1849 near the Humboldt River, Nevada. (3)

ELLIOTT, MILT. from Springfield, Illinois. b ca. 1818. Drove JAMES REED's big custom wagon that carried the semi-invalid Mrs. Reed and her mother Mrs. KEYES west in the REED-DONNER party. Mrs. Keyes died on the trail and was buried near Alcove Spring, Kansas. Milt died February 9, 1847 at the snowbound huts near present Donner Lake. (6)

ELLIOTT, W. B (maybe J). A member of Captain JOHN BROWN's company that left Independence, Missouri May 6, 1845 bound for Oregon. At Fort Laramie, JOHN GRIGSBY replaced Brown as captain. Near Fort Hall, Idaho Elliott and some others decided to turn south to California. The family settled in Napa, California. (13)

ENGLISH, _____. from Lexington, Missouri. Led a company west in 1849. He was seen near the Humboldt River, Nevada August 14. (3)

ERHOLTZ, _____. Seen in "Sacramento City" in early October 1849. He was mining up near Bidwell's Bar on the Yuba River with Mr. BILLINGHURST. (3)

ERKSON, ALEXANDER C. b Delaware County, New York, March 7, 1811. He was a school teacher in New York and New Jersey. Married CAROLINE MILLER of Delhi, New York in 1833. She was the daughter of WILLIAM MILLER. The Erkson's moved to Van Buren County, Iowa in 1847. In 1849 Erkson elected chairman of the "Badger Company" formed at Kaneshville, Iowa. This company planned to go overland to California and the diggin's. They started west in early June (too late) and laid over at Salt Lake City until about August 1 when they joined the 100+ wagons led by JEFFERSON HUNT headed for Los Angeles via the Old Spanish Trail. About November 1 the company split with about seventy-five percent deciding to follow the "Smith Cutoff", supposedly a great trail with ample water and grass. (shades of the DONNER's and the HASTING cutoff). Erkson and family decided to follow the new cutoff but became disillusioned within a few days and rejoined the HUNT group. They arrived in Los Angeles in early January, 1850. In later years the Erkson's lived in San Jose on south Second Street. He died April 6, 1893, she November 8, 1896. (11)

EVANS, JOHN W. He was one of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined the 1849 California-bound wagon train in late March. They arrived in California August 26, 1849. (1)

FALKNER, CHARLES. Operated the commissary for the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Another of the lucky ones. Took cholera in May and recovered. Still with the company August 2 near Soda Springs, Idaho. (2)

FARROW, JOHN. His family included a wife, three sons, three daughters. The Farrow's were part of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon train in late March to head to the diggin's. They arrived in California August 26, 1849. (1)

FENN, JOHN. from Pike County, Illinois. Went to Oregon in 1847 with his daughter, NANCY JANE. No mention of a wife or other children. (5)

FENN, NANCY JANE. from Pike County, Illinois. b 1840. Went to Oregon with her father, John in 1847. Married WILLIAM ANGUS McPHERSON in 1855. Had at least one child, WILLIAM GREEN McPHERSON. Nancy lived in Portland in 1922. (5)

FERGUSON, G. from Montreal, Canada. A member of the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He made it and was seen at Weber Creek, near Weaverville, California, September 22, 1849. (2)

FIELDS, RICHARD. Started west overland in 1839 with WILLIAM MANLEY, et al. Fields and M. S. McMAHAN left the others near the Green River and eventually made their way to Salt Lake City. (11)

FITCH, J R. One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon train in late March. They arrived in California on August 26. Fitch was in business with RICHARD THOMPSON in San Francisco in mid-1850. (1)

FISH,. One of the so-called "Jayhawkers" who left Captain HUNT's company headed from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles over the Old Spanish Trail in the fall/winter of 1849. Fish died in Death Valley of starvation. (11) (12)

FISHER, CHARLES. from Ottawa, Illinois. Started west about June 1849 with a company but sold his wagon and team at Fort Laramie for a horse. Seen August 1 at the Humboldt River in northeast Nevada. (3)

FLINN, or FLYNN,. from Zanesville, Ohio. There were two Flynn's, maybe brothers. Passengers on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. When re-organized on July 11, 1849, between the Platte and Sweetwater rivers, Flinn was appointed to the resolution drafting committee. (2)

FLOMBOY, JOHN. a French-Canadian. A member of the 1844 STEVEN's party that took wagons over the Sierra Nevada for the first time. (4)

FLUGGE, CHARLES. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after abandoning their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Flugge later returned east. (15)

FONCANNON, REUBEN. from Bluffton, Indiana. A driver with the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Came down with cholera June 1, 1849 and died the next day. He was buried near the Little Blue River, Indian Territory (Kansas) (2)

FORD, _____, Colonel. Captain of an 1844 company that left Independence, Missouri for Oregon. CLYMAN was a member of this company. This was one of the last companies on the trail in 1844. Ford's party was seen near Fort Bridger in the latter part of August. (13)

FOSTER, JOSEPH E. A member of the 1844 STEVEN's party that took wagons over the Sierra Nevada for the first time. He was later killed at Salinas during one of the battles for California's freedom from Mexico. (4) (13)

FOSDICK, JAY. b ca. 1823. Married SARAH GRAVES (b ca. 1824). She was the daughter of FRANKLIN and ELIZABETH GRAVES. Fosdick died +- January 5, 1847 trying to escape the mountains with the other REED-DONNER party snowshoers. See WILLIAM EDDY. (6)

FOSTER, WILLIAM M. b ca. 1818. Married SARAH MURPHY, daughter of the widow LAVINA MURPHY. Foster made it out with the REED-DONNER party group. 31 days on the trail and eight of fifteen died. Mrs. Foster came out too. Their son, GEORGE didn't however. He died in March 1847 (b ca. 1842) (6)

FOWLER, WILLIAM Jr. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL company. Fowler lived in Oregon for a time. He returned overland to the "states" in 1845 to bring his family west. (13)

FRANCES, _____. Went overland to Oregon in 1847. His daughter, JULIA, b 1842, Arkansas later married MILLER. In 1935, she was still living in Portland, Oregon. (5)

FREDENBURG, J _____ H _____. A member of Captain Jessie Greene's party that left St. Joseph, Missouri in April, 1849 for California. MATTHEW HARRIS was also a member of the company. On June 13, about 25 miles west of Fort Laramie, the company split to better use smaller forage areas. Fredenburg was elected captain of the smaller group (six wagons/twenty-one men). This company became known as the Ottawa Company. (3)

FRUM, _____. from Illinois. Went to Oregon in 1852. Married MARTHA ANN COOPER. (5)

FULKS, THOMAS. from Alabama. A member of Captain HUNT's 100+ wagon train that went overland on the Old Spanish Trail from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in fall 1849. See JEFFERSON HUNT. (11)

FULLER, JOHN. A teamster buried on the east bank of Alcove Spring near present Manhattan, Kansas. He accidentally shot himself. 1849 (2)

GAMBLE, _____ Dr. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably from Santa Fe. (15)

GARD, _____. from Illinois. He and his family had taken the Lassen Trail and had gotten about fifty miles from the turn off when lack of water forced them to return to the Humboldt River. They reached Black Rock Springs about August 18, 1849. (3)

GARDENER, AMANDA. from Liberty, Clay County, Missouri. b August 30, 1833. A slave owned by the CORUM family. Amanda was given as a wedding present to LYDIA CORUM when she married ANDERSON DECKARD. In 1853 the Deckard's decided to go overland to Oregon and took Amanda with them. Since slaves couldn't be kept in the territory, Amanda was given her freedom. The company arrived in Oregon City, September 13, 1853. In 1870 Amanda married another ex-slave, BEN JOHNSON, who had also come overland in 1853. Amanda was close to several generations of Corums/Deckards. (5)

GARRETT, AUGUSTUS O. from Peoria, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Made it to California and returned to Peoria in 1858 to die that same year. He was 75 years old. (2)

GAY, ELIZABETH. See A.R. DILLON.

GEER, F W. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. (5)

GEER, J C. Went overland to Oregon in 1847. Geer carried a bushel of apple seeds and half bushel of pear seeds. (8)

GEISEL, JOHN. b in Germany. from Covington, Kentucky -Ohio -Indiana. A grocer in Indiana. Brought his family to Oregon in 1852. His wife was CHRISTINA BUCKS, also German. They had five children: MARY, b 2-14-43, JOHN, HENRY, ANDREW. In 1853 the family was gold mining at Gold Beach. On February 22, 1856, Indians broke into the Geisel cabin killing John and the three boys. They took Mrs. Geisel and baby ANNIE prisoner. They were later released. Mary later married BLAKE and was still living in Portland in 1925. (5)

GESER, JOSEPH. from St. Louis. A native of Switzerland. Age 36. Died June 21, 1849 of consumption. He was buried near Chimney Rock, Nebraska. (2)

GIBSON, GEORGE. Went overland to Oregon in 1852. Later married LURA HOMSLEY, daughter of MARY E. HOMSLEY. (5)

GILLESPIE, _____ Dr. from Indiana. A member of Captain TUTT's company that had left St. Louis, Missouri for California about May 1, 1849. (3)

GILLIAM, _____. Led a company of overlanders west from St Joseph, Missouri to Oregon in 1844. A group under WOODCOCK separated from the company early in the journey. Woodcock was ahead several days. Gilliam's company brought up the rear with the FORD company. Rev. E. E. PARRISH was a member of the Gilliam company. (13)

GILMAN, _____. A teamster for the Pioneer Line. Died at Fort Larimie on June 28+-, 1849. (2)

GILMORE, CHARLES. from Saline County, Missouri. b ca 1835. Son of ROBERT and MARY GILMORE. Charles and his sister, NELLIE, were orphaned nw of South Pass, July 18, 1849. Another train picked them up July 20 and they completed their journey to California. Charles died in Michigan in 1878. (2)

GILMORE, MARY, from Saline County, Missouri. Wife of the Rev. ROBERT

GILMORE. Both died of cholera, July 18, 1849 and were buried near the Little Sandy River, beyond South Pass, Oregon Territory. See CHARLES and NELLIE GILMORE. (2)

GILMORE, NELLIE. from Saline County, Missouri. b 1832. Daughter of Robert and Mary Gilmore. When the parents died of cholera beyond South Pass July 18, 1849, Nellie and her sick brother CHARLES were abandoned. A Missouri/California company picked them up and took them to California. She married a member of the company, HENRY F. PARSONS. Nellie died in late December 1903 at Howard, Wisconsin. The BURGESS' of Washington, Kansas were shirttail relatives. (2)

GILDEA, W B Dr. Went overland to California in 1845. Arrived at Sutter's Fort, Saturday, September 27. (13)

GIVENS, ISSAC. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably via Santa Fe. CHARLES GIVENS was also a member of the company - relative? (15)

GOLDEN, JOHN. from Pennsylvania. Went overland to Oregon in 1853. The next year he went to California but came back to Oregon in 1857 and worked as a cattle buyer. On May 17, 1858 he (age 35) married JANE PARROTT (age 14). Later he was a rancher, then built a sawmill near present Goldendale, which is named for him. They had eleven children: _____, MARY (m-C.O. BARNES- 2nd wife), FLORENCE (m-C.O. BARNES- 1st wife), CLARA, ANNIE, FLORA (m-C.M.SHELTON), DORA (m-ANDY BUNNELL), ALMEDA (m-THOMAS HILL), LUETTA (m-GEORGE PONTING), JOHN, PAUL. (5)

GOODWIN, JOHN DAVID. b Camden, South Carolina, November 6, 1829. Went to California via the Isthmus of Panama in 1850 to locate his brother, WILLIAM. Searched the mines only to find William had died on the plains. John returned to Alabama in 1855 to marry MARTHA CRAVENS. The couple returned to Plumas County, California in 1856. John was elected justice of the peace and held many other elected offices. They lived at Quincy. (15)

GOODWIN, WILLIAM N. from Perkins County, Alabama. b ca. 1825. Died June 9, 1849 and was buried between the Forks of the Platte and the Upper Ford. His brother was JOHN D. GOODWIN. He had two other brothers, BENJAMIN T. and SAMUEL. His parents were: JOHN (b Camden S.C. ca. 1800, d 11-12-1833), and _____ NETTLES. They were married in 1823. (15)

GORDAN, WILLIAM. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841, probably via Santa Fe. He died October 3, 1876 in Yolo County, California. (15)

GOULD, _____. One of the 49er's who became lost in the Nevada/California deserts and suffered greatly. (12)

GRANT, B _____. Went overland from Independence, Missouri to California in 1845. CALEB GREENWOOD led the company beyond Fort Hall, Idaho. (14)

GRAVES, FRANKLIN WARD (Uncle Billie). b ca. 1789 in Vermont. With his family (13) and three wagons Graves caught up with and joined the REED-DONNER party about August 20, 1846. "Uncle Billie" died Christmas Eve, 1846, trying to escape the snow-shrouded mountains to Sacramento. His

daughter was married to JOSEPH FOSDICK. (6)

GRAVES, W J. Went west in 1849 to the goldfields and San Francisco. Became a San Luis Obispo County judge in 1852. (2)

GRAY, DANIEL. from Missouri. Daniel, his family and his brother were members of Captain HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles on the Old Spanish Trail in 1849. See HUNT. (11)

GRAY, PLEASANT, Captain. from Huntsville, Texas. b ca. 1806. Grave located near the Forks of the Platte. Died of cholera June 9, 1849 (2)

GRAY, WILLIAM H. Went overland to Oregon in 1836 with the missionaries MARCUS WHITMAN and SPAULDING families. He returned east and brought a herd of sheep overland in 1853. He made it to Oregon only to have the sheep drown when the scow he had them on near Astoria sank - and with it his savings. Gray was one of those involved in setting up the provisional government in 1843. He had at least one daughter, SARAH FIDELIA GRAY, b 1843, Mission Bottom, north of Salem. Sarah was living in Forest Grove, Oregon in 1922.(5)

GREGG, _____. The Gregg family went overland to Oregon in 1853. his wife, SUSANNA SMITH died from cholera near the Platte River. JOHN GREGG, his father, and MARY SMITH, her mother were also taken. Two Gregg aunts survived. The Gregg's had at least one child, U. J. , b 1845 in Jo Davies County, Illinois. She later married McCONNELL and she lived her late years in Sherwood, Oregon. (5)

GREEN, ROBERT . A wagon master on the May 1849 Pioneer Line to California. He lead the group that remained behind with the company's baggage wagons near Ragtown, Nevada. Four other stayed with him. They were the non-walkers at that point, HAWXHURST (2-father and son), Major VAN WIGHT and UPDYKE. (2)

GREENE, JESSE, Captain. from Ottawa, Illinois. Formed a California-bound company April 1849 at Dayton, Illinois. Their departure west was from St. Louis, Missouri. J. H. FREDENBURG was a member of the company. The company consisted of 17 wagons and about 50 men, all from around the Ottawa area. When the company split June 13, about 25 miles west of Fort Laramie, Greene kept 11 wagons and 29 men in the new company which was called the Dayton company. Fredenburg took the remainder in the Ottawa company. Green was seen in Sacramento City in September 1849. (3)

GREENE, "OLD MAN". JESSE's father. and a member of his 1849 company. Greene acted as scout and guide for the group, at least early on. (3)

GREENE, TALBOT H . A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Greene later returned east. (15)

GREENWOOD, BRITTON BAILEY. b ca. 1827-30. Half-breed 2nd son of CALEB. He accompanied his dad and brother JOHN on the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons to California for the first time. "Brit" was a member of one of the REED-DONNER rescue parties in early 1847. (4) (6)

GREENWOOD, CALEB. b ca. 1762, d 1849, east of Oroville, California. Caleb claimed to have been a member of the early 1800s Astoria party of fur traders that reached to the Pacific Ocean. He and two of his sons, JOHN and BRITTON helped guide the 1844 STEVENS party to California. Caleb would have been 82 years old at that time! He probably also led the GRIGSBY-IDE party from Fort Hall, Idaho to California in 1845. Caleb also had a small role in the rescue efforts in connection with the REED-DONNER party. He had a number of children and at least one Indian wife, BATCHICKA YOUNGCAU (half Crow/half French, d ca. 1843-44, buried at St. Louis, Missouri). Their children were: JOHN, b ca. 1826-27; BRITTON BAILEY, b ca. 1827-30, Missouri; GOVERNOR BOGGS (in honor of, you guessed it, Governor Boggs of Missouri) b ca. 1834-36; WILLIAM SUBLETTE, b. ca 1838; JAMES CASE, b ca. 1841; ANGELINE, b ?; SARAH MOJAVE, b ca. 1843, married "ABLE" L. BRADWAY. (13)

GREENWOOD, JOHN. b ca. 1826-27, d ca. 1859 San Bernardino, California. John accompanied his brother, BRITTON and dad, CALEB on the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierra Nevadas for the first time. (4)

GREYSON, JAMES. His wife was ELIZA MARSHALL. The Greyson's went overland in 1845. Their provisions gave out east of Fort Hall, Idaho and they had to cut their wagon down to a cart. They joined E. BRISTOW, Eliza washing and cooking and James driving Bristow's team. Later the Greyson's left Bristow to join a company of about 40 wagons headed south to California. (13)

GRIDLEY, S B. from Ottawa, Illinois. Probably went west with the other Ottawa men in JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in late April 1849. By mid-August, 1850 Gridley was prospecting on Nelson's Creek about fifteen miles above Independence. This was near the Middle Fork of the Feather River. (3)

GRIFFITH, CALVIN C. from Macon County, Missouri. b ca 1828. Went overland with his family in 1845 for Oregon. However, at Fort Hall, Idaho he decided to join Captain GRIGSBY's company headed to California. They arrived at SUTTER's Fort approximately October 20. Eventually the Griffith's settled in Burns Valley, Lake County. (13)

GRIFFITH, J. from Buffalo, New York. His grave was observed June 24, 1849 on the northwest side of Chimney Rock, Nebraska. (2)

GRUWEL, _____. A member of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City on the Old Spanish Trail in fall 1849. (11)

GRIGSBY, JOHN. Led a small company of overlanders west in 1845. Grigsby replaced JOHN BROWN as captain at Fort Laramie. At Fort Hall, Idaho the company elected to follow others heading south to California. Grigsby was later a leader in the 1846 "Bear Flag Revolt" which saw California gain its freedom from Mexico. (13)

GUTH, HORACE. from Northampton, Pennsylvania. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He left the company at the Carson River to pack over the Sierras with his friend WARE. (2)

HAGIN, _____. His grave noted May 26, 1849 near other graves near the Little Vermillion River, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

HAINES, ASA, Captain. A member of the ill-fated 1849 company that became lost in the California/Nevada deserts. Much suffering was endured. (12)

HALDERMAN, _____, Colonel. from Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was camped with his company near Greenhorn Cutoff, Nevada, August 3, 1849. (3)

HALE, _____. from Missouri. A member of Captain HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City on the Old Spanish Trail in fall 1849. (11)

HALL, _____. Dr. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of Captain JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California in late April, 1849. Hall is mentioned July 1 at the Dry Sandy west of South Pass and was still with the company on the Lassen Trail near the Pitt River, California on September 3, 1849. (3)

HALLORAN, LUKE. from Missouri, b ca. 1821. With the GEORGE DONNER group. Suffered from consumption. His condition worsened as the REED-DONNER party drove west. On August 29 Luke died at Black Rock, near present Salt Lake City. Luke was buried near JOHN HARGRAVE, a member of LANSFORD HASTINGS company that had passed a few days previous. (6)

HAM, _____, Captain. from Hennepin, Illinois. Leader of a company that was camped near the Sweetwater River and Independence Rock in the summer of 1849. (3)

HAMMER, _____. from Bloomington, Illinois. In a company seen August 14, 1849 along the Humboldt River, Nevada near the Lassen Trail turnoff (3) (2)

HAMMOND, A _____. from Winchester, Illinois. Grave observed June 29, 1849 near Warm Spring, NW of Fort Laramie. (2)

HAMPTON, WADE. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's company that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841, probably from Sante Fe. (15)

HARBIN, MATTHEW. Headed to Oregon in 1844. Noted near the Green River on/about July 24. Harbin was with the company that split at Fort Hall, Idaho with eleven(?) wagons turning south to California under the leadership of ELISHA STEVENS. (4)

HARDKOOP, _____. from Cincinnati, Ohio. b ca. 1786, Antwerp, Belgium. A member of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. He rode with the LEWIS KESEBERG's. Hardkoop was physically exhausted by the time the company reached present Winnemucca, Nevada. He turned up missing one morning and was found several miles back on the trail. He said Keseberg had put him out. Keseberg denied the charge. Next morning Hardkoop was afoot again saying Keseberg had put him out of the wagon. Hardkoop was last seen sitting by the side of the trail near present Gosgrove, Nevada. He was not seen again. (6)

HARGRAVE, JOHN. A member of the company that was led to California in 1846 by LANSFORD HASTINGS. Hargrave's luck ran out at Black Rock near present Salt Lake City and he was buried about August 20. (6)

HARRIS, MATTHEW. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that was to leave St. Joseph, Missouri about May 1, 1849 for California. Harris and EBEN SMITH were hired to help ALONZO DELANO with his wagons. Unfortunately, Harris never lived to see the wagons move westward for he died from cholera on/about April 20, 1849 at St. Joseph.

HARRIS, MOSES "BLACK". Also called "The Black Squire". from South Carolina. A well-known mountainman who guided the MARCUS WHITMAN/HENRY SPAULDING missionary party overland to Oregon in 1836. NARCISSA WHITMAN and ELISA SPAULDING were the first recorded American women over the Rockies. (they raised eyebrows too for they rode like men, not sidesaddle) Harris died in May 1849 of cholera at Independence, Missouri. (4) (5)

HARRITT, JESSE. Went overland to Oregon in 1845. Harritt reached Fort Hall, Idaho July 29. (13)

HATHAWAY, _____. The Hathaway family went west to Oregon ca 1852. Three-year-old NADAH died and was buried between the Dalles, Oregon and the east side of the Cascades. Mrs. Hathaway had a close call with cholera but survived. Other children were: HILE, b ca. 1851; ABIGAIL, b September 13, 1854 in Ridgefield, Washington. Abigail later married a KING. (5)

HAWXHURST, ROBERT. from New York. b 1834. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line and son of WALTER HAWXHURST. Robert was a merchant and later lived in Alameda, California. (2)

HAWXHURST, WALTER. b in New York 1794. Quaker background. Later moved to Fort Madison, Iowa. A well-do-do merchant. He and his son, ROBERT were passengers on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. At "Ragtown", near the Carson Sink, September 11, the two Hawxhursts, Major VAN WIGHT and UPDYKE stayed with the carriages, while the remaining passengers and all but a half-dozen teamsters walked to water about fifty miles westerly. "Ragtown" was about seven miles west of present Fallon, Nevada. Some say the name "Ragtown" was given because of all the discarded clothes blowing across the desert. The remainder of Walter's family (wife and six children) joined him and Bob in 1851. Walter operated a general store in San Francisco and retired to live in Martinez, California in 1859. He died in 1883. (2)

HAY, J _____ M _____. Age 14. Grave observed June 29, 1849 near Warm Springs, NW of Fort Laramie. (2)

HAZLERIG, CHARLES & JOSEPH. Probably brothers. Started west overland in 1849 with WILLIAM MANLEY. (11)

HEATER, _____. The Heater family went overland to Oregon in 1851. They took two children with them, MARGARET ELIZABETH and MARY JANE. Mary Jane was born in Mount Pleasant, Iowa in 1849. She later married JUDY and was still living in Oregon in 1922. (5)

HEATH, SOLOMAN & W _____ S _____. Father and son passengers on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. They were from Belfast, Maine. (2)

HECOX, ADNA A _____. from Illinois. He and his family went overland in 1846 in a company led by CHARLES IMUS. The company reached SUTTER's

Fort in early October. (13)

HELMER, _____. A driver for ASABEL BENNETT. One of those who became lost in the Nevada/California desert in late 1849. (12)

HEMBREE, JOEL JORDAN, from South Carolina - Tennessee. b December 12, 1804. Joel and his family (wife- SARAH PAINE) and eight children went overland in late May 1843 in the "great migration" of 111 wagons and nearly 1,000 people bound for Oregon. These were to be the first wagons taken all the way. The Hembree's experienced great joy and deep sorrow on the trip. Their six year-old son, JOEL JASPER, fell from their wagon and was crushed under its wheels. He was buried July 20, 1843, near La Prele Creek, about ten miles west of Douglas, Wyoming. Joel was the first recorded emigrant death on the wagon trail. The joy?--within a week Mrs. Hembree gave birth to her ninth child, NANCY JANE. (9)

HENDERSON, HAZEL (Mr.). a Norwegian from Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri about May 1, 1849 for California. (3)

HENDERSON, _____. Stopped on his way west to operate a ferry on the North Fork of the Platte River. Sent his wife and two children ahead to California. The family arrived at Dawlytown in November 1849. Henderson was apparently robbed and murdered by two ferry employees. Mrs Henderson later became housekeeper for a Dr. WILLOUGHBY at Yateston, near the Feather River. When she died the Dr. raised her children. (3)

HENDERSON, ROBERT. from Green County, Tennessee - Kentucky - Missouri. b February 14, 1809. Took his family to Oregon in 1846. Robert married RHODA HOLMAN, daughter of JOHN HOLMAN, and 1843 Oregon emigrant. They followed the southern Oregon, or APPLEGATE Trail. Somewhere in northern Nevada their daughter, SALITA JANE, died from an overdose of laudanum. Three days later, a daughter, OLIVE was born. The Henderson's settled in the Willamette Valley on donation land. Their daughter LUCY ANN (b 2-26-35 in Cointon County, Missouri) married MATTHEW P. DEADY, June 24, 1852 at Lafayette. Deady had come overland in 1849. (5)

HENSHAW, GEORGE. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Henshaw later returned east (15)

HERRON, WALTER. b ca. 1821. Worked for the REED family which later joined the DONNER group and made history in 1846. When the group became stalled in the Sierras, Reed and Herron rode to SUTTER's Fort for supplies and help. (6)

HESS, _____. Went overland to California in 1845. Had a wagon. Arrived at SUTTER's Fort October 19, (13)

HIBBARD, ALICE. On the west band of the Little Blue River was a grave marked: "Here lies the remains of Mrs. Alice Hibbard, wife of LEMUEL HIBBARD of St. Louis, Mo., aged 34 years and one month, died 31th of May 1849." (2)

HIBBARD, ELIZABETH. Wife of JOHN PHILLIPS. They went to Oregon in 1845. See JOHN PHILLIPS. (5)

HIDDEN, N H from St. Louis, Missouri. Hidden and his wife were members of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles on the Old Spanish Trail in late 1849. (11)

HIGGINS, WILLIAM. Headed to Oregon in 1844. Noted near the Green River on/about July 24. This was the company that later split at Fort Hall, Idaho with eleven? wagons heading to California under the leadership of ELISHA STEVENS. (4)

HILL, . The Hill family went to the Willamette Valley from Tennessee in 1852. They used the BARLOW Road. In 1853 they moved to the Ashland area. Mr. Hill was elected to the Oregon Territorial Legislature in 1854. He later held other governmental positions, including Jackson County Commissioner. Their children included: MARY (b 1836, m-PATRICK DUNN, 2-22-54); CICERO; ANNA, (m-RUSSELL); and MARTHA. An aunt was Mrs. EBEN (LOUISE) KELLY, who lived at Yreka in 1853. (5)

HILL, NANCY JANE. b 1832, Monroe County Missouri. Died July 5, 1852 near the Sublette cutoff, north of Kemmerer, Wyoming. Nancy's father was WESLEY HILL, from Bourbon County, Kentucky. He married ELIZABETH KIJPLINGER, on July 23, 1829. Mrs. MARILYN CRAIG, McMinnville, Oregon, a great-grand-niece of Nancy has done extensive research on the Hill's and says she is working on a book. (7)

HITCHCOCK, ISAAC. b ca. 1790. A member of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons to California for the first time. He had a wagon and his daughter, ISABELLA or ELIZABETH and her children: ISAAC, MARGARET, MARY and TEDRA? Hitchcock had some Rocky Mountain experience and claimed to have been with the earlier SUBLETTE trading expeditions. Hitchcock, Isabella PATTERSON and the kids were living in Santa Cruz in later 1845. Hitchcock died in 1855. (4) (13)

HITTLE, . from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California near the end of April 1849. He was later seen on the Feather River route of the LASSEN Trail September 13. (3)

HOEN, FRANCIS. One of the ten WILLIAM SWASEY said he persuaded at Fort Laramie in summer 1845 to change their destinations to California. (13)

HOES, PETER. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California in late April 1849. (3)

HOFFMAN, MARTIN. Hired by HENRY SHEPARD to drive one of Henry's wagons overland to Oregon in Dr. BONNER's 1852 company. Martin took cholera but was one of the lucky ones who recovered. (5)

HOLMAN, JOHN D . Went to Oregon in 1843 with the first wagons to reach the Willamette Valley. Settled at Forest Grove. His family included at least two daughters; RHODA (b ca 1815, m-ROBERT HENDERSON); and (b ca. 1835). (5)

HOMSLEY, MARY E . b 1823, from Missouri. Mary and her baby died of measles at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, June 10, 1852. Mr. Homsley and daughters, LURA and SARAH continued to Oregon. They settled in Clackamas County. (5)

HOOK, SOLOMON. b ca. 1832. A member of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. Son of ELIZABETH DONNER by her first husband. Solomon's brother, WILLIAM, was also a member of the company. (6)

HOOK, WILLIAM. A member of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. See S. HOOK above. William died about February 27, 1847 as his party reached safety in Bear Valley. (6)

HOOKE, JOSEPH. Passed by Fort Laramie June 29, 1849 leading a company of mounted riflemen from Fort LEVENWORTH. Twelve years later GENERAL Hooker would be fighting in the Civil War. His affection for camp (2) followers would forever bind his name with that of the oldest profession.

HOPKINS, R D. One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a California-bound wagon train in late March 1849. They arrived in California on August 26, 1849. (1)

HOPPER, CHARLES. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL company that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in California in early November. Hopper was living in Napa County in the early 1880s. (15)

HOY, ALEXANDER B. from Louisville, Kentucky. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. On July 22, Hoy and McKARAH, another passenger, left the company at the Big Sandy River, to pack to Salt Lake City. Hoy later doctored in Sacramento and was living in San Francisco in 1856. (2)

HUBBARD, _____. Went overland to Oregon in 1845. On the plains he met CORDELIA CAROLINE _____ and they eventually married and settled in Polk County. (5)

HUBER, HENRY. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Huber was living in San Francisco in the early 1880s. (15)

HUDSON, DAVID. He and his family, brother WILLIAM, brother-in-law JOHN YORK went west from Independence, Missouri in May 1845 in the GRIGSBY/BROWN company. At Fort Hall, Idaho the Hudson's and York's decided to join some others who were heading south to California. (13)

HUDSPETH, BENONI. Led a 1849 Missouri wagon train. He opened a new trail which would carry his name. (2)

HULSER, SAMUEL. from Iowa. He and his family went overland to Oregon in 1864 from Caldwell County, Missouri. Samuel married FINNETTA PHILLIPS and they had four children. One of the children was PHOEBE (b 9-29-48 in Missouri. m- JAMES G. NEWTON from Randolph County, Missouri, 11-13-66. James died 1922 at Myrtle Creek, Oregon). Finnetta died later and Samuel remarried and fathered seven more children. The family settled at Myrtle Creek, Oregon. (5)

HUMPSTEAD, _____. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California near the end of April, 1849. He was still with the company July 19 about 25 miles west of Fort Hall, Idaho. (3)

HUNT, E A Mrs. b 1844. Went to Oregon with her family in 1850. There were nine children in the family. Her father operated the first ferryboat between Portland and the east bank of the Willamette River. (5)

HUNT, JEFFERSON. Captain. Commanded a company in the famous Mormon Battalion that built COOKE's wagon road to San Diego, California in 1846-47. Hunt was close to BRIGHAM YOUNG and proposed the San Bernardino Valley as a Mormon colony. He returned to Salt Lake City after the Mexican War and led a Mormon company to the San Bernardino Valley in early 1849 over the Old Spanish Trail. Returning to Salt Lake City quickly he agreed to lead a Gentile company to Los Angeles. The 100+ wagon company split up when some of the emigrants learned of a "shorter" cutoff to Los Angeles. Hunt went on with less than 30 wagons. The others started the cutoff but it became very difficult and most turned back to catch up with the Hunt company. Those who tried the "shortcut" suffered much in the Nevada and California deserts and collectively they are remembered as the "Jayhawkers". See W. MANLEY. Hunt brought another company of Mormons into California in 1851. He was elected to the California Assembly in 1852. He returned to Salt Lake City in 1856 to help defend Zion. Hunt has been called "The Father of San Bernardino." (11)

HUNT, J C. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He died of scruvy shortly after the company arrived at the diggin's at Weber Creek, California October 1, 1849. (2)

HUNTER, JOSEPH. from Columbus, Ohio. Age 56. He had been the captain of his company. His grave was located about twelve miles west of Fort Kearney, near the Platte River. Grave noted June 9, 1849. (2)

HUNTSUCKER, _____. A member of the 1848 California company led by WAMBOUGH. Huntsucker was ill and delayed the company at one point. (13)

HUTTON, C C Dr. from Chicago, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Came down with scurvy near the Carson River, Nevada, September 23, 1849. Hutton died October 1, the day the Sierra crest was breeched. (2)

HYDE, _____. Went overland to Oregon in 1852. Didn't make it however. Took cholera when the company was near Chimney Rock and died a few hours later. (5)

INGALLS, HENRY. He and his son were two of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon train. They arrived in California August 26. (1)

IDE, WILLIAM BROWN. Born in Rutland, Worcester County, Massachussets March 28, 1796. He was a carpenter and woodworker. He and his family went overland from Independence, Missouri to California in 1845, arriving at SUTTER's Fort near the end of October. Ide was involved in the Bear Flag Revolt, and was elected President of the California Republic in June, 1846. Twenty-five days later California went to the "states". Ide died December 19, 1852 at Monroeville, California. His family included ten children (one adopted): JAMES MADISON, b 22; WILLIAM HASKELL, b 24; MARY ELIZA, b 25; SARA ELIZABETH, 27; ELLEN JULIA, b 30; SUSAN CATHARINE, b 32; DANIEL WEBSTER, b 35; LEMUEL HENRY CLAY, b 37; JOHN TRUMAN, b 40; and THOMAS CRAFTON, taken in by the Ide's. (13)

IMUS, CHARLES M . from Illinois. Led a company overland in 1846. Probably reached Fort Hall, Idaho approximately July 25. His company arrived at SUTTER's Fort in early October. Imus served in the California Battalion in the Mexican War. See ARAM and/or HECOX. (13)

INGRAHAM, _____ . from Tennessee. Grave observed Mary 29, 1849 east of the Big Vermillion, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

INGERSOLL, CHESTER . Went overland to California in 1847. (13)

IRWIN, ROBERT . from Missouri. Went overland to Oregon in 1850 to scout the country. Satisfied, he, his wife and daughter and her children started across the plains in 1852. His wife died from cholera along the Platte River. His daughter died of mountain fever near the Humboldt River in Nevada. Irwin brought the children through to the Willamette Valley. One of the girls was SUSAN MEANS, who later married GRAY. (5)

ISBEL, _____ . Dr. A member of Captain IMUS' 1846 California company that reached SUTTER's Fort in early October. (13)

ISCHAM, WILLIAM . One of the so-called "Jayhawkers" who left Captain HUNT's company headed from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in 1849 over the Old Spansih Trail. Ischam died in Death Valley. (11)

JACKSON, _____ . from Ottawa, Illinois. Probably a member of JESSE GREENE's company, mostly from the Ottawa area, that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California near the end of April 1849. Jackson was seen on the LASSEN Trail near the Feather River on September 13. (3)

JAMES, JOHN . from Belfast, Maine. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Suffering from scurvy September 4, beyond LASSEN Meadows, Nevada. James died September 15, near the Carson River, Nevada. (2)

JAMES, NOAH . b ca. 1826. Handled stock for the DONNER family and survived the misadventures of the REED-DONNER party. (6)

JASPER, GILEAD ANN . from Pulaski County, Kentucky. b June 16, 1839. Went to Oregon with her family in 1853 (crossed the Missouri River May 1). Had a brother, ANDREW. Gilead later married a IRWIN. She was living in Philomath, Oregon in 1925. (5)

JENKS, _____ . from Janesville, Wisconsin. He was seen June 2, 1849 near the South Fork of the Platte River looking for strayed oxen from his train. (3)

JETT, BENJAMIN B . He married MOLLIE . between Boise, Idaho and Huntington, Oregon in 1870. Mollie was living in Portland, Oregon in 1934. (5)

JEWKS BURY, RICHARD . One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon train in late March. They reached California on August 26. (1)

JOHN, (LITTLEJOHN?) JAMES . A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. John later went to Oregon. (15)

JOHNSON, BOONE. Drove a wagon overland to Oregon in 1852 for the Rev. JOAB POWELL. Boone and his girlfriend, _____ HINK couldn't bear to part and her father wouldn't give her permission to marry so she jumped aboard her married sister's wagon which was in the same company and went west. By May they had left the "states" and the Rev. Powell married Boone and Miss Hink on the prairie before 500 people. The Johnson's eventually settled at Damascus, Oregon. (5)

JOHNSON, JERRY. He and his dad were members of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon train that went from Salt Lake City, Utah to Los Angeles in 1849 over the Old Spanish Trail. (11)

JONES, EDWARD or I A S. There were two Jones' aboard the 1849 Pioneer Line. One was from Maine and the other, Eberton, Georgia. One of these guys sold 15 pounds of sugar to fellow passenger REID on June 28, at Fort Laramie. (2)

JONES, THOMAS. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. (15)

JUDSEN, SAMUEL P.. b ca 1800. Died June 15, 1849 from cholera. He is buried SE of Courthouse Rock. Two others, ELLIS and PHILLIPS from the same company are buried nearby. (2)

KEARNEY, JOHN. A member of captain IMUS' 1846 overland company that reached California in early October, 1846. (13)

KELLER, JACOB. from Bluffton, Indiana. A driver for the Pioneer Line. Taken with cholera at noon June 4, 1849 and dead later the same day. Buried near the Big Sandy Creek, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

KEENY, _____. He and his family went overland to California in 1845. (14)

KELSEY, BENJAMIN. He, his wife NANCY A., and their young daughter ANN, were members of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Benjamin was later reported in Santa Barbara County and at Clear Lake. He was probably related to ANDREW KELSEY. Nancy and Ann were probably the first white females to go overland to California directly. (15) (16)

KELSEY, ANDREW. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL PARTY that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Kelsey was later killed by Indians near Clear Lake. Probably related to BENJAMIN. (15)

KELSEY, CHARLES M. from New Orleans. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Still with the company July 22 when the long march from the Big Sandy to the Green River began. Probably related to GEORGE W. since they messed together and came from the same town. (2)

KELSEY, GEORGE W. from New Orleans. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Active in San Francisco real estate in the 1850s. Probably related to CHARLES. (2)

KESEBERG, LEWIS. b 1814 Westphalia, Germany. In the U.S. only two years he and his family (wife, PHILLIPINE, b ca. 1814, ADA b ca. 1843, d 2-24-47, LEWIS, Jr., b ca. 1845, d 1-24-47). Keseberg had two wagons and joined the REED-DONNER party in their 1846 trip overland. He was not well liked. Many dark rumors spread about him and his activities in the cold, dark huts near present Donner Lake. Keseberg was the sole survivor when the last rescue party reached the Donner camp. (6)

KEWEN, EDWARD J. Colonel. from Mississippi. b ca. 1825. Traveled with 2nd Division, Mounted Riflemen headed to Oregon in 1849. Kewen became California Attorney General in late 1849. By 1862 he was living in Los Angeles. (2)

KEYES, R C. Originally headed to Oregon in 1845. Keyes and some other young men decided to pack to California after reaching Fort Hall, Idaho. (14)

KEYES, SARAH. Mother-in-law of JAMES REED of DONNER party fame. Mrs. Keyes, 70 years old, died May 29, 1846 and was buried on the east bank near Alcove Spring (near present Manhattan, Kansas). (2)

KILBURN, H. from Fort Madison, Iowa. Near Ice Spring, July 16, 1849 Kilburn, MORRISON and four others moved via pack train. They had left St. Joseph, Missouri June 7. Kilburn died of scruvy at Weber Creek, California in early October 1849. (1) (2)

KIMBALL, HAZEN. Went overland to California in 1848. He was a Mormon and wintered over in Salt Lake City. The next spring he went on to Fort Hall, Idaho where he joined a California-bound company. (13)

KING, _____. Led a company west in 1849. He was one of four men, another KING, ELLIOT and MOORE, who fought four Digger Indians who had stolen stock from the company in late August 1849 near the Humboldt River, Nevada. (3)

KINKEAD, _____. Colonel. from Kentucky. Moved to Platte County, Missouri. Headed to California with his family (a son and daughter and one slave mentioned). Spotted along the Humboldt River, Nevada August 10, 1849. (3)

KINNEY, SAM. from Texas. He and his wife went overland to California in 1845. Originally a member of Captain Barlow's Oregon-bound company, Kinney left the company at Fort Hall, Idaho to turn south with others piloted by CALEB GREENWOOD. Kinney had a wagon and a spring (light) wagon. A man drove the wagon for him and Mrs. Kinney drove the light wagon. Kinney went on to work for Captain Sutter but he and his family returned overland to the "states" in 1846. (13)

KINNEY, SARAH ELIZABETH. from Iowa, b 1845. Went to Oregon with her family in 1847. Later married a LAIGHTON. In 1922, she was living in Seaside, Oregon. (5)

KNIGHT, THOMAS. At Fort Hall, Idaho in early August 1845, Knight joined other pioneers in turning south to California. Knight's valley was later named for this fellow. (13)

KNIGHT, WILLIAM. d 1849, Yolo County, California. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841, probably from Santa Fe. (15)

KNOWLTON, _____. A mormon family that sold meals and possibly lodgings to overlanders at or near Fort Kearny in June 1849. They hoped to move on to Salt Lake in 1850. (2)

KNIFONG, _____. The Knifong's went overland to Oregon in 1852. Unfortunately, Mrs. Knifong died from cholera on the plains. After arriving and settling near Salem, Knifong married the widow POLLY WHITE in 1853 or '54 and they raised a large family, including four sets of twins! One child was OLIVE ELIZABETH, b 1851 in Missouri. She later married a HUSSEY. In 1930 Mrs. Hussey was living in Willamina, Oregon. (5)

KNIGHTON, _____. Led a company overland to Oregon in 1845. (5)

La FORE, _____. The LaFore's went overland to Oregon in 1852. They settled on Howell's Prairie, east of Salem. (5)

LAMALFA, JOSEPH. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He may have left the company, but was noted August 27 along the Humboldt River trail. (2)

LANE, C _____ C _____. from Flemingsburgh, Kentucky. Belonged to the Odd-fellows. Seen on the LASSEN Trail near Feather Creek, Northern California September 9, 1849. (3)

LAWSON, _____. from Missouri. A member of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City on the Old Spanish Trail in fall 1849. (11) Could this be the fellow listed below?

LAWSON, _____. Seen at Pentry, Missouri, about 40+ miles east of St. Louis on April 20, 1849. He said he was headed to California. An "old friend" of Z. D. ROBINSON. (1) Could this be the above guy?

LEE, JASON. A Presbyterian missionary who went to Oregon in 1834 and established a mission in the Willamette Valley.

LEEPER, SAMUEL. One of 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon company in late march. They arrived in California August 26, (1)

LEWIS, CHARLEY. Probably a member of the "DOWDLE family", a group of young men from South Bend, Indiana. Lewis baked an apple pie near Fort Laramie, June 12, 1849. (3)

LEWIS, JOHN. One of the ten men WILLIAM SWASEY said he persauded at Fort Laramie in summer 1845 to change their destinations to California. (13)

LINDSAY, _____. from LaSalle, Illinois. Lindsay and family were seen in an Illinois company camped beyond the South Platte Crossing June 3, 1849. Subsequently, Lindsay lost most of his oxen and had to cut his wagon down to a two-wheeler cart. They made it to Sacramento. (3)

LINDSAY, THOMAS. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland

to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably from Santa Fe. He was killed by Indians near Stockton, California in 1845. (15)

LONG, _____. Captain. With a pack party in the vicinity of the Forks of the Platte on/about June 14, 1849. (2)

LORD, ISREAL. Dr. He was camped near the Pioneer Line wagons July 5, 1849 near the Deer Creek Crossing of the Platte River. (2)

LOVE, _____. Married into the McCULLY and associated families and went overland to Oregon with about "40 family" members in 1852. (5)

LOVE, DANIEL S _____. He and his brothers, JOHN and JAMES, went overland to Oregon in 1853. David has already been west in '49 at the diggin's in California. On the 1853 trip he met his future wife, HELEN MARNEY STEWART, who celebrated her 18th birthday on the trail. They were married February 2, 1855 and settled at Fall Creek, Lane County. They had at least two children: JEANETTE, b 12-29-55. m-_____ ESTERBROOK; WALTER, b 1-15-58. (5)

LUELLING, HENDERSON. from St. Joseph, Missouri. Went overland to Oregon in Captain LOT WHITCOMB's 1847 company. Luelling took 700 bareroot trees with the family in a specially built wagon, in addition to the two family wagons. They took seven children with them and ELIZABETH was pregnant. She gave birth to OREGON COLUMBIA LUELLING as they approached Oregon. (8)

McCALL, ANSEL. Spotted July 1, 1849 in a company SW of South Pass. (2)

MacDONALD, JOHN. His family went overland in the 1852 company led by DAVID McCULLY. While camped in the Grand Ronde Valley, Oregon, Mrs. MacDonald gave birth to a girl who, naturally was named La GRAND. She later married DAVID McCULLY's brother, SAM. (5)

Mc CHRISTIAN, PAT. A member of the BROWN/GRIGSBY company that went west from Independence, Missouri in May 1845. At Fort Hall, Idaho the company decided to join others headed south to California. The family settled in Napa, California. (13)

McCLASKY, _____. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in late April 1849 for California. By May 30, one of his oxen went lame and had to be replaced near the Forks of the Platte River. (3)

McCLURE, _____, Colonel. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably from Santa Fe. (15)

McCOLLOUGH, JAMES. A member of J. HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City on the Old Spanish Trail in fall 1849. (11)

McCOLLUM, DAVID T _____. from Ann Arbor, Michigan. b 1799, d 1880. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Friend of the deceased CHARLES SINCLAIR and CHARLES CRANSON. McCollum wrote from Fort Laramie; "The property of Sinclair and Cranson must be sold, and will bring but a trifle. I have all they left in my possession and shall do the best I can with it and pay it over to their friends if I live to return ..." On September

11, westerly of "Ragtown", near present Fallon, Nevada, McCollum said he couldn't go much farther without water. He did make it but returned east in 1851. (2)

McCULLY, ASA. A Scotsman and brother of DAVID McCULLY. Asa went overland to California and Oregon three times, 1849, 1852 and 1853. (5)

McCULLY, DAVID. b Sussexvale, New Brunswick, September 15, 1814. A Scotsman. Captain of an early, maybe the first, 1852 wagon company to Oregon. David and his brother, ASA, had previously gone overland to California in 1849, along with their other brothers, SAM and HAM and their families. Dave's wife was MARY N. SCOTT, sister of Mrs. J. L. STARKEY. McCully's 12-year-old son was drown near Fort Kearney. They had five boys and one girl. We know of two: A _____ N _____ (female), b July 4, 1849 in Iowa; and JOSEPH, b 1838. He broke his leg about a hundred miles west of Fort Kearney. Gangrene set in and Joseph, after much suffering, died and was buried on the plains. His uncle ASA, was supposed to have returned the next year to place an iron marker on the grave. (Could this be the same boy listed as drowned above?). The McCULLY's settled in Linn County, Oregon. (5)

McCUTCHEN, WILLIAM (Big Bill). from Missouri, b ca. 1816. He and his family joined the REED-DONNER party at Fort BRIDGER near the end of July 1846. After they were trapped in the Sierras, Mrs. (AMANDA, b ca. 1822) McCutchen made it out with the snowshoers, but baby HARRIET, b 1845, and left under the care of Mrs. GRAVES, died February 2, 1847. McCutchen lived to an old age in San Jose, California. He is buried in Oakhill Cemetery, San Jose. (6)

McDERMET, _____. Dr. from Fairfield, Iowa. His grave was observed June 29, 1849 near Warm Springs, NW of Fort Laramie. His headstone had a medical sign on it in goldleaf. (2)

McDONALD, GREEN. He and his wife JANE (MUNKERS) went overland in the 1846 company led by Captain MARTIN. There were four Munker wagons in the company. Green was a strong southern supporter in the Civil War. He was a close friend of WILLIAM McPHERSON. (5)

McDONALD, RICHARD H. Dr. from Kentucky, b 1820. Had practiced in Prairie du Rocher, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He left the company June 16 to pack west with SWIFT and SLOSS. McDonald made it to California, married in 1851, moved to San Francisco and became a wealthy banker. (2)

McDONEL, JOHN. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. McDonel later returned east. (15)

McDOUGAL, GEORGE. from Indiana. Near Fort Hall, Idaho in August 1845, he elected to join other pioneers heading south to California (13)

McGEE, _____. Supposedly guided an early company along the LASSEN Trail, 1849. (3)

McGCWAN, _____. One of the 49ers who became lost in the Nevada-California deserts. He died, probably west of Death Valley. (12)

McKARAHER, JOHN. from Philadepphia. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. On July 22, he and another passenger, HOY, left the company at the Big Sandy River, Oregon Territory, to pack on to Salt Lake City. He was seen in San Francisco in 1856. (2)

McKEAN, SAMUEL TERRY. from Illinois. He married POLLY HICKS, and they had at least one daughter, ELIZA, b 1834 in Illinois. The McKean's went overland to Oregon in 1847 and settled at Astoria, Oregon early in 1848. (5)

McLAUGHLIN, _____. A member of J. HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles over the Old Spanish Trail in fall 1849. (11)

McMAHON, GREEN. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL company that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. McMahon lived in Solano County in the early 1880's. Could he be related to NELSON McMAHON? (15)

McMAHON, NELSON. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL company that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November 1841. (15)

McMAHAN, M _____ S _____. Started overland in 1849 with WILLIAM MANLEY and others. McMahan and RICHARD FIELDS left the others near the Green River and eventually made their way to Salt Lake City. (11)

McMILLEN, SLOAN. from Louisville, Kentucky. His grave was noted next to that of JOHN ABBOTT, June 2, 1849 near the Big and Little Sandy Creeks, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

McNEIL, WILLIAM. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in late April, 1849 for California. He was still with the company on the LASSEN Trail near the Pitt River in Northern California. (3)

McPHERSON, JOHN. A member of Captain WAMBOUGH's 1848 California company. McPherson said there were 39 wagons in the unit. (13)

MAGNET, OLLIVIER. a French Canadian. A member of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons to California for the first time. (4)

MALLERSON, MOSE. from St. Charles County, Missouri. The wagonmaster on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Mose stayed with the company all the way to the goldfields. (2)

MANLEY, WILLIAM LEWIS. b Franklin County, Vermont, April 4, 1821. Headed west in 1849 with M.S. McMAHAN, C. & J. ITAZLERIG, A. WALTON, J. ROGERS and R. FIELDS. Manley joined Captain JEFFERSON HUNT's company from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in October 1849. In the company was his friend, ASABEL BENNETT and his family. Manley and the Bennett's left the Hunt company to follow a shortcut. It wasn't! They became lost and there was much suffering. Thirteen deaths were reported in the Death Valley area. Manley and his friend JOHN ROGERS went ahead and finally brought back food for the small group left. The Manley-Bennett group spent four weeks in Death Valley. Manley has been given credit for naming Death Valley.

As the ragged party viewed the barren waste for the last time. Manley is supposed to have said, "There lies Death Valley." (11)

MARKS, _____. from Hennepin, Illinois. "Young man". In a company led by Captain HAM, Marks was seen June 22, 1849 near the Sweetwater River and Independence Rock. (3)

MARSHALL, JAMES H _____. from St. Louis, Missouri. His grave was noted on the high ground to the west of the Big Vermillion River (Kansas). 1844 could still be read (mentioned in 1849).

MARSHALL, JAMES W. Went overland to Oregon in 1844. The next year Marshall went to California. In January 1848 Marshall was working at his employer's sawmill at Coloma, California, when he discovered gold. This find changed the history of the state. (13)

MARTIN, _____. A member of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon company that headed overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in late 1849 over the Old Spanish Trail. Martin led 26 wagons that voted to leave the main company to follow a shortcut. The short was long and the Martin party became the legend known as the "Jayhawkers" of Death Valley fame. (11)

MARTIN, DENNIS. Son of PATRICK MARTIN. He went with his dad and brother, PATRICK on the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierra Nevadas for the first time. (4)

MARTIN, F _____. Captain of about 100 wagons that left St. Joseph, Missouri in April 1846. One hundred proved too much to handle so the company was split with BEN SIMPSON taking half. (5)

MARTIN, PATRICK. A member of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierra Nevadas for the first time. Patrick had a wagon and his sons, DENNIS and PATRICK. His daughter, ANN was the wife of JAMES MURPHY, and they had a wagon in the company too. (4)

MARTIN, WILLIAM. Succeeded PETER BURNETT as Captain of the first wagon train to reach Oregon with their wagons. (1843). (5)

MASTEN, HIRAM. One of 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a 1849 California-bound wagon company in late March. They reached California on August 28. (1)

MATLOCK, JOSEPH DEWITT. The Matlock's went overland to Oregon in 1853. The Mrs. was ELIZABETH MILLICENT RUTLEDGE. A daughter, ELIZABETH, was born near Goshen, Oregon in 1863. Young Elizabeth later married _____ JOERGER. In 1928 Elizabeth lived near Eugene, Oregon. (5)

MAXWELL, W _____. from Alabama. A teamster on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He died August 24, in Hot Spring Valley, Nevada. (2)

MEADE, _____ Dr. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably from Santa Fe. (15)

MEEK, JOE. Took one of two wagons overland to Oregon in 1840. BOB NEWELL handled the other team. They were stopped by the Blue Mountains and didn't get to the Willamette Valley. (13)

MEERES, _____. He and his family went overland to California in 1845 in a company led by CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

MERRELL, J _____. from Lexington, Missouri. Age 23. Died July 6 or 9, 1849 and was buried a few miles SW of the Green River. (2)

MERRIE, R _____ from Louisville, Kentucky. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Appointed to resolution drafting committee when the company was reorganized July 11, between the Platte and Sweetwater Rivers. (2)

MERRIFIELD, G _____ S _____. from Indiana. Seen May 30, 1849 near the Forks of the Platte River in a "mule wagon" along with A. M. WING. (3)

MEYERS, GEORGE. Went overland to Oregon in 1853. Meyers eventually ran a cannery near the Columbia River. (5)

MILLER, ELLEN INDEPENDENCE. Born near Independence Rock, Wyoming between July 4-11, 1844. She was the daughter of the JAMES MILLER's. They were members of the STEVENS party which took wagons over the Sierras into California for the first time. The Miller's had a son, WILLIAM J., and three or four daughters, counting or not counting Ellen. Miller was the son-in-law of MARTIN MURPHY. William J. was born ca. 1832-34. (4)

MILLION, _____. The Million family went overland to Oregon in 1854. Million was a veteran of the Indian Wars and received a pension. There were twelve children in the family, seven girls and five boys. One of the girls was LAURA, who later married _____ HOWARD. In 1928 Mrs. Howard was living in Ashland, Oregon. (5)

MINTO, JOHN. Went overland to Oregon in the 60-wagon company led by JOHN THORP. (13)

MONTGOMERY, ALLEN. A gunsmith. He and his wife (SARAH ARMSTRONG) had a wagon and were members of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierras for the first time. After Allen's death Sarah married TALBOT H. GREEN. Her third husband was JOSEPH SAWYER WALLIS, who was a Santa Clara County lawyer and legislator. (4)

MOORE, _____. One of four men who fought with Digger Indians. Moore was wounded but recovered. See KING. (3)

MOORE, S _____ W _____. from Jackson County, Missouri. Died June 11, 1849. His grave is located between the Forks of the Platte and the Upper Ford. (2)

MORE, W _____. from Pike County, Illinois. Grave noted June 29, 1849, near Warm Springs, NW of Fort Laramie. (2)

MOORE, WILLIAM. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably from Santa Fe. (15)

MORRELL, JOHN. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California in April 1849. (3)

MORRISON, _____. from Fort Madison, Iowa. Spotted near Ice Spring, July 16, 1849. He was with KILBURN and four others packing west. The four had

left St. Joseph, Missouri June 7. (2)

MORRISON, R W. Went overland to Oregon in the 60-wagon company led by JOHN THORP. (13)

MORSE, E. from Poland, Ohio. Age 66. Grave observed June 23, 1849 several miles SE of Court House Rock. (2)

MULFORD, CHARLES. from New York. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Mulford accidentally shot fellow passenger NILES SEARLS horse near the Forks of the Platte on/about June 15. Mulford later settled in Nevada City and opened a stationary store which burned in 1851. He returned east later. (2)

MUNKERS, BENJAMIN. from Tennessee. Took his wife and nine kids (two others died young at Liberty, Missouri) overland to Oregon in April 1846 in a company led by F. MARTIN. The Munkers had five wagons. The three older sons were married and had wagons as did their sister, JANE, who had married GREEN MacDONALD. Mother Munkers was an invalid who crossed the plains on a bed build in their wagon. They choose the new BARLOW Trail. Munkers purchased 640 acres on Mill Creek, near Salem. (5)

Some of the children were: MARY ELIZABETH, b 4-8-36, Liberty, Mo, m- ALBERT DAVIDSON, 11-51, m2-JOHN ESTES, 12-4-58; JANE, m-GREEN MacDONALD; MARION (male) died in California; RILEY, b ca. 1830; BEN, b ca. 1833; TOM, b ca. 1835; ISABEL, m-HENRY BOON, Salem book-seller. (5)

MURPHY, BERNARD. A son of MARTIN MURPHY. Went west with the family in the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierras for the first time. (4)

MURPHY, BERNARD D.. b 1841. A son of MARTIN MURPHY Jr. Went west with the family in the 1844 STEVENS party. In later years, he was elected state senator and later became mayor of San Jose. (4)

MURPHY, DANIEL. A son of MARTIN MURPHY.

MURPHY, ELIZABETH YUBA. Born in the camp the STEVENS party made on The Yuba River, probably late November, 1844. She later married WILLIAM P. TAAFFE, a San Francisco merchant. (4)

MURPHY, ELLEN. Daughter of MARTIN MURPHY. She later married Captain WEBER, of Stockton, (4) (13)

MURPHY, JAMES. Son of MARTIN MURPHY. James had a wagon in the 1844 STEVENS party. He traveled with his wife ANN, daughter of PATRICK MARTIN, and their daughter, MARY. (4)

MURPHY, JAMES. Son of MARTIN MURPHY.

MURPHY, JOHN M.. Son of MARTIN MURPHY. He later married VIRGINIA ELIZABETH REED, a survivor of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. (4)

MURPHY, LAVINA. b ca. 1796 in Tennessee. Died March 1847. A widow.

A member of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. She was one of the last to die in the huts near Donner Lake. Her children were: JOHN LANDRUM, b ca. 1831, d 1-31-47; MARY M., b ca. 1833; LEMUEL B., b ca. 1834, d 12-27-46. WILLIAM G., b ca. 1835; SIMON P., b ca. 1836. Also two married daughters; SARAH FOSTER (WILLIAM M.), and HARRIET PIKE (WILLIAM M.). Harriet remarried in 1847. (6)

MURPHY, MARTIN. b 1785. A member of the 1844 STEVENS party. One of his daughters married JAMES MILLER, another member of the party. (4)

MURPHY, MARTIN, Jr. b 1807. A member of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons over the Sierras for the first time. He had a wagon and his wife and sons: JAMES; MARTIN III; PATRICK W.; and BERNARD. A daughter, ELIZABETH YUBA, was born at a camp on the Yuba River where the women and children remained while the men rode on to SUTTER's Fort for supplies. (13)

MYERS, JOHN J. Guide for BENONI HUDSPETH in opening a new road to Fort Hall, Idaho July 19, 1849. (2)

NAGLER, CHARLES, b Alsace, France 1829. Baker-miller-tinsmith by occupation. Went to America in 1853 reaching GREENWOOD, El Dorado County, on November 5. Married CATHERINE RIESER, 1851. They had three children: JACOB, FREDERIQUE and CORINNA. Charles' second marriage was to Mrs. CATHERINE OAKES in 1873. They had one child, CHARLES. (16)

NEWELL, BOB. Took one of the two wagons overland to Oregon in 1840. JOE MEEK handled the other one. They were stopped east of the Blue Mountains. (13)

NOBLE, ROBERT. b England, 2-1820. His parents were STEPHEN and ALICE. Went to America in 1850 reaching Clayton County, Iowa. Packed overland to California with a mule in 1854. He was penniless when he reached Placerville, El Dorado County. (16)

NORRIS, JOSEPH SPENCER. b Coshockton County, Ohio, 2-1-1827. Son of JOSEPH. Family moved to Lee County, Iowa in 1839. He went overland in 1852 wintering at Salt Lake City. He continued to California the following year. Eventually settled in El Dorado County. Married REBECCA A. RAY in 1848. She b in Tennessee. They had eight children, of which four were still living in 1882. (16)

NORTON, DAVID EDSON. b Ulysses, Tompkins County, New York 9-3-1827. Parents were JOSEPH, b N.Y., a revolutionary war vet, and BETSEY HALL. The family moved to Seneca County, Ohio in 1834. David went overland to California in 1852 with W. H. PARKS settling in El Dorado County the next year. He married ELIZABETH DORIAN, 11-3-1856. She died 11-69. His second marriage was to Mrs. A. B. GARDNER, in 1871 and they had at least two children. (16)

NYE, MITCHELL. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Nye later operated one of the early "ranches" north of "Sacramento City", near present Marysville. (3)
(15)

O'BRIEN, JAMES GARLEN. b Henry County, Kentucky, 11-27-1832. The son of DAVID, b 3-1-1808, Buckingham County, Virginia, and CATHERINE HOLLET ROUNER. James went to California in 1850. Settled in El Dorado County (16)

O'BRIEN, JOHN J. Captain. from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the Carson Meadows September 12, 1849. Decided to pack over the mountains with REID, BONNELL and BREWSTER of the failing Pioneer Line. O'Brien made it to the goldfields (2)

OREAR, J W. b Lexington, Kentucky, 1-6-1836. Went overland to California in 1854 reaching Sacramento in September. He soon moved to Downieville and worked for the Alta California Telegraph Company. Married Mrs. C. FOX in 1861 and they had one son. His second marriage was to IDA SECRETAN, of Downieville. They had a son and a daughter. (15)

ORMSBY, CALEB. Dr. from Ann Arbor, Michigan. Was at Fort Laramie on June 27, 1849 and sold his wagon to the Pioneer Line for \$35. His wife remained at Ann Arbor. (2)

OWENS, BERTHINE ANGELINE. from Kentucky. Came with her family in the first wagons to Oregon in 1843. The family lived on the Clatsop Plains near Astoria. Her father was TOM, and she had a sister DIANA. Berthine married at 14 and raised a son. She was a teacher and became the first female physican on the Pacific Coast. She married an ADAIR. She was best known as Dr. OWENS ADAIR. She strongly advocated sterilization of the criminally insane and mentally unfit. (5)

PALMER, JOEL. General. Led a company overland to Oregon in 1845. He returned east the next year. (5) (13)

PALMER, WILLIAM MADISON. b North Carolina 12-1-1822. Son of GEORGE and POLLY STARRIT. William was a Mexican War vet. Went to California in 1852. In 1872 he settled in El Dorado County. (16)

PARKE, CHARLES. On July 4, 1849, Charles made ice cream at South Pass. Nearby cows provided the cream; mother nature provided the ice in the form of hailstones and Charles had the salt and buckets. (2)

PARKER, ELIAS L. b Massachusetts, 1830. Went overland to California in 1850 reaching El Dorado County. (16)

PARKER, SAMUEL. Went overland to Oregon in 1845. He reached Fort Hall, Idaho July 31, (sorry, there are 16 chances)

PARRISH, E. E. Reverend. Went overland in 1844 to Oregon from St. Joseph, Missouri. He was a member of Captain GILLIAM's company. (13)

PATRICK, SCEPTER. Dr. from Terre Haute, Indiana. One of the few to recover from cholera on the plains. In late October 1849, Patrick was in the "Sacramento City" area mining. (3)

PATTERSON, HELEN. A young girl in 1844. If Helen existed, she was probably a daughter of ISABELLA PATTERSON. The family were members of the 1844 STEVENS party that took wagons across the Sierras for the first time. (4)

PATTERSON, ISAAC. b ca. 1831. Son of ISABELLA PATTERSON.

PATTERSON, ISABELLA (ELIZABETH). b ca. 1810. A widow. Daughter of ISAAC HITCHCOCK. Isabella and her children: HELEN, b ca. 1838; ISAAC, b ca.

1829; MARGARET, b ca. 1833; TEDRA? or LYDIA?, b ca. 1832 and MARY, b ca. 1828. The family accompanied HITCHCOCK and the 1844 STEVENS party to California. (4)

PATTERSON, J _____ R _____. from Newcastle, Maine. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. (2)

PATTERSON, NATHANIEL GREENE. b ca. 1820, Tennessee or Missouri. Went overland to California in 1846. Previous trips to Santa Fe were made in 1842 and 1843. He served in Company C, California Battalion from 10-10-46 to 4-12-1847. Finally settled near Livermore, California in 1854. (13)

PATTERSON, TEDRA? or LYDIA? She later married a WILLIAMS. She was the daughter of ISABELLA PATTERSON. (4)

PATTERSON, MARGARET. b ca. 1833. A daughter of ISABELLA PATTERSON.

PATTISON, RACHEL E _____. b ca. 1831. Bride of three months. Died of cholera June 19, 1849. She is buried near Ash Hollow, Nebraska. (2)

PATTON, GWIN. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Later Patton returned east. He died in Missouri. (15)

PEABODY, _____. A member of the "Kentucky" wagon train that was in the vicinity of the Forks of the Platte on/about June 13, 1849. (2)

PEARKS, FRED. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He left the company August 31, near present Winnemucca, Nevada to pack to the mines with three others: BROGDEN, CODY and COLEMAN. They went by way of the LASSEN Trail. (2)

PELTON, SAMUEL B _____. b Massachusetts, 11-3-1801. He went to California in 1854 to join two of his sons, SYLVESTER W. and AYLMER in prospecting. He eventually settled in El Dorado County. He married Vermont native, MARGARET _____ and they had thirteen children. A daughter, LOUISA M., b 8-8-1842 married JOHN WING. (16)

PEARCE, H _____ E _____. from Belfast, Maine. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. (2)

PERIAM, _____. from Chicago, Illinois. Probably a member of JESSE GREENE's company that left Jt. Joseph, Missouri for California near the end of April 1849. Periam made it to California. (3)

PERKINS, _____. This family went to Oregon in 1844. Mrs. PERKINS was one of the nursing mothers that saved orphan HENRIETTA SAGER. (5)

PETERS, J _____ L _____. from Columbus, Ohio. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. (2)

PHILLIPS, JOHN. John, his wife ELIZABETH (HIBBARD) and their two oldest children went to Oregon in 1845. They settled in Spring Valley, Polk County. John and Elizabeth eventually had sixteen children. One was A W _____, b 6-8-1850. She later married _____ MARTIN. One of her

daughters married RALPH TOLLINSON. In 1927, Mrs. Martin was living in the Portland home of the Tollinson's. (5)

PHILLIPS, N T. b ca. 1817. Died June 17, 1849 from cholera. Buried SE of Court House Rock, Nebraska. Two Others, ELLIS and JUDSON, from the same company are buried nearby. (2)

PICKMAN, _____. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. Probably from Santa Fe. (15)

PIERCE, _____. One of the members of Captain GRIGSBY's 1845 company that turned south beyond Fort Hall, Idaho to head to California. Pierce didn't make it however. He was killed by Digger Indians as the company followed the Truckee River toward the Sierras. (13)

PIERSON, O H Dr. from Peoria, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He and four others; REID, O'BRIEN, BREWSTER and BONNELL, left the company September 13, 1849 near the Carson River to pack over the Sierras. (13)

PIKE, WILLIAM M. b ca. 1821. He and his family were members of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. His wife was HARRIET MURPHY (see LAVINA MURPHY) On October 20, at Truckee Meadows, Pike was accidentally shot when his brother-in-law WILLIAM FOSTER dropped a loaded pistol Pike had handed to him. It went off sending a bullet into Pike's back and Mrs. Pike was a widow a few hours later. They had two children; NAOMI L., b ca 1843, m- JOHN L. SCHENCH, who died 1934; and CATHERINE, b ca. 1845, d 2-18-1847. (6)

PINNEY, _____. A member of JEFFERSON HUNT's company that left Salt Lake City for Los Angeles in October 1849 over the Old Spanish Trail. See SAVAGE, _____. (12)

PITTOCK, ROBERT. Went overland to Oregon in 1853 with his brother, HENRY. (5)

PITTS. G F. from New Orleans, Louisiana. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Suffered from scurvy when seen near present Winnemucca, Nevada, August 30, 1849. Recovered and made it to San Francisco October 21, (2)

POMEROY, F C. Arrived at "Sacramento City" September 1849. (2)

POMEROY, THEODORE S. from Lexington, Missouri. Merchant. He led a "goods" train that sold supplies to overlanders. Pomeroy was seen near the Sweetwater River July 15, 1849. His destination was Salt Lake City, (2)

POPE, _____ Probably a member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California at the end of April 1849. He was later seen following the LASSEN Trail near the Pitt River in Northern California. (3)

PORTER, ANDREW. b 1820. A Lieutenant Colonel, he led a column of Mounted Riflemen to Oregon in 1849. Porter later became the commander of Cantonment Loring, near Fort Hall, Idaho. (2)

POTTER, _____. He and his family went overland to California in 1845 in a company led by CALEB GREENWOOD. This may have been the same Potter who ranched on Butler Creek north of Sacramento in 1849. (3) (14)

POWELL, JOAB. Reverend. Went overland to Oregon in 1852. See BOONE JOHNSON. (5)

PRATT, C _____ B _____. from Canton, Ohio. b ca. 1797. Grave noted July 3, 1849 NW of Laramie Peak. (2)

PRINGLE, VIRGIL K _____. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Pringle settled south of Salem. (5)

PRINGLE, CLARK. Lived near Salem, Oregon. Married CATHERINE SAGER ca. 1853. (5)

QUICK, JAMES. from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. Dutch ancestry. The Quick family went overland to Oregon in 1852. Mrs. Quick was MARTHA ANN PITZER, b Ohio. They reached Oregon September 14 and later settled in Tillamook County. The children were: LIBBIE, m-HENRY HAYNES; WILL, b 9-14-?; THAD, never married; ELLEN, b 1849, Illinois, m- JAMES SANDERS; RHODA ANN, b 3-23-44, m-WILLIAM JOHNSON 1-3-61, seven children; MANDY, b 11-25-52, m-JOE DAVIDSON; WARREN, died in California; CHARLEY, m-ALICE GRAHAM, who after Charley died m-JOE DAVIDSON (so what happened to Mandy?); NELLIE, m-MINNE STILLWELL, 2m-HOWARD DRORBAUGH. (5)

RAINEY, J _____ T _____. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. (5)

RANKIN, THOMAS M _____. from Lewis County, Missouri. b ca. 1821. Died June 25, 1849 and buried within sight of Laramie Peak. (2)

RASMUSSEN, ANDREW. b Sweden, April 16, 1822. Died November 28, 1880. Went to America reaching Wisconsin. Later went to California and settled in El Dorado County. Married ELIZA A. BAUER, March 2, 1862. Eliza was from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They had six children: CHARLES A., b 3-1-63; WILLARD L., b 8-1-65; MARY ALTA, b 12-8-67; GEORGE A. b 10-7-69; FREDERICK, A., b 9-5-72; LOUISA E., b 9-11-74. (16)

REDDING, _____. Married into the McCULLY and associated families and went overland to Oregon with about 40 "kin" in 1852. (5)

REED, JAMES FRAZIER. b ca. 1800 in Ireland. Served in Black Hawk War in same unit as ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Reed was a merchant, railroad contractor and furniture manufacturer and a wealthy man by the standards of the day. He and his family and mother-in-law SARAH KEYES started overland to California in 1846 and joined the company led by GEORGE DONNER. Actually, they were both from the Springfield, Illinois area and probably knew each other before the trek began. On October 5, along the Humboldt River track, Reed got into an argument with JOHN SNYDER and killed him. Reed was banished from the company the next day. His wife/children/hired help stayed. Later Reed led a rescue party back to bring his family and the others out of the snowbound huts near present Donner Lake. He and his family later lived in San Jose. He died in 1874 and is buried in Oakhill Cemetery. Mrs. Reed (MARGARET W. KEYES, b ca. 1814, d 1861) was a semi-invalid. They had three children. She had a daughter by a previous marriage. The

children were: MARTHA J (PATTY), b ca 1838; JAMES FRAZIER Jr., b ca. 1841; THOMAS K, b ca. 1843; VIRGINIA ELIZABETH, Margaret's daughter by first husband BACKENSTOE. (6)

REES, W R. Went overland to Oregon in the 60-wagon 1844 company led by JOHN THORP. (13)

REID, J. from Youngstown, Pennsylvania. b April 24, 1823, died November 15, 1904. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Reid kept an extensive diary of his great adventure. He panned for gold unsuccessfully for a short time, then went back to surveying. By 1851 he was in Santa Clara and joined the faculty of Santa Clara College. He later returned east and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (2)

REINHARDT, JOSEPH. b ca. 1816 in Germany. A partner of SPITZER and both were members of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. Reinhardt and Spitzer were viewed with suspicion in connection with the disappearance of WOLFINGER at the Humboldt Sink. Reinhardt died sometime in early December in the huts near present Donner Lake. (6)

RHENSAW, HIRAM. One of the ten men WILLIAM SWASEY said he persuaded at Fort Laramie in summer 1845 to change their destinations to California. (13)

RICHARDS, LUTHER. A member of the lost overlanders of 1849 who wandered through the Nevada-California deserts. See JEFFERSON HUNT and WILLIAM MANLEY. (12)

RICHEY, LOUISE (maybe LOUISA). Died June 16, 1852 about 15 miles east of Chimney Rock, Nebraska. Louise was the aunt of JAMES AKIN, another 1852 overlander to Oregon. (7)

ROBERTS, LAWSON. Drowned in a unidentified stream on the Oregon Trail in 1852. (5)

ROBINSON, _____. One of the so-called "Jayhawkers" who left Captain HUNT's company headed from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles over the Old Spanish Trail in the fall/winter of 1849. Robinson died in Death Valley. (11)

ROBINSON, BENJAMIN. from New York state and Illinois, b ca 1814. Hired by JOEL CHRISMAN to drive one of his wagons to Oregon in 1844. Robinson married Chrisman's daughter, ELIZABETH J. (b ca. 1819) April 14, 1845 near Dayton, Oregon. They had five children: MARY, b 3-7-46, m-W.S. GILKEY; JOHN, died at 20 years of age; ELIZA, m-J. B. STILLWELL; ARAMINTA, d young probably diphtheria; RUTH, d young same as Araminta. (5)

ROBINSON, HENRY H. from Union County, Ohio, b ca. 1823. Died August 13, 1849 of dysentery, west of the gravelly ford on the Humboldt River near present Beowawe, Nevada. (2)

ROBINSON, JOSEPH. Brother of ZIRKLE ROBINSON. One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a March 1849 wagon train bound for California. They reached the Golden State August 26. (1)

ROBINSON, WILLIAM. Same as ROBINSON, _____ above.

ROBINSON, ZIRKLE D. b March 10, 1810 near New Market, Virginia. Died July 12, 1867 and was buried at St. Mathew's Luthern Cemetery, New Market. A bother of JOSEPH ROBINSON. A brother-in-law of WESLEY ALLEN ROSENBERGER. The three men went west to California in 1849. Zirkle returned to the Shenandoah Valley with his sick brother-in-law May 27, 1850. Robinson married MALINDA ANN ROSENBERGER, July 1, 1834 at Rockingham, Virginia. (1)

ROBY, JAMES. b 1829. Died June 19, 1849 from cholera and buried near Scotts Bluff. He was a member of Company I, Mounted Riflemen. (2)

ROCKWELL, from Jackson, Michigan. A merchant serving miners on the South Fork of the Feather River in 1852. His partners were LATHROP and FISH, from the same hometown. (3)

ROGERS, JOHN H. A member of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon company that left Salt Lake City in October 1849 for Los Angeles. The company traveled along the Old Spanish Trail. They split in Nevada with most taking a "shortcut" that wasn't! A number of the party got lost in Death Valley and the Nevada-California deserts. Rogers and WILLIAM MANLEY stayed with a group of families. When food became critical the two went ahead to Newhall, California and brought back supplies. Their group spent four weeks in Death Valley and are given credit for naming it. Rogers lived in Merced in his later years and was reported there in 1895. (12)

ROGERS, WILLIAM (UNCLE BILLY). from Danville, Illinois. A gambler. He was a member of the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He made it to California and was seen in the late 1860s in Nevada. (2)

ROLAND, JOHN. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841, probably from Santa Fe. (15)

ROOD, _____. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in late April 1849 for California. Near the Forks of the Platte River, one of Rood's oxen went lame and had to be replaced. (3)

ROOT, RILEY. Went overland to Oregon in 1848. (13)

ROSENBERGER, WESLEY ALLEN. b December 6, 1821. A brother-in-law of ZIRKLE ROBINSON. Wesley, Zirkle and JOSEPH ROBINSON were members of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people that joined a March 1849 wagon train bound for California. By May, 1850 Rosenberger had taken ill and Zirkle took him back home via the Panama route. Rosenberger died August 16, 1850 within 15 miles of his Virginia, Illinois home. (1)

ROSS, _____. Went overland to Oregon in 1851. Mrs Ross (ELIZA) gave birth on the plains. Eliza was the sister of MILDRED SPINNING and MARGARET WHITE, who were with the company. (5)

ROSE, JOHN. Went to California in 1841. He prospected on the Yuba River at a place that would be called Rose Bar. In the early 1880's Rose was still living nearby his bar. (15)

ROSS, JOHN E. Went overland to Oregon in 1847. (13)

ROULETTE, _____. He and his wife went overland to California in 1845.

They reached SUTTER's Fort October 19, 1845. His wife was very ill at the beginning of the trip but in good health later. (13) (14)

ROUSH, HENRY. from Illinois. Grave noted May 28, 1849, located in Union Township, Pottawattomie County, Kansas. (2)

ROWE, CYRUS. from Maine, b ca. 1809. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Brother of HARRISON ROWE. Cyrus started exhibiting cholera symptoms June 17 near the Upper Ford of the Platte River, near present Brule, Nebraska. He was lucky and was later seen with his wife, HARRIET, in Sacramento (1850). (2)

ROWE, HARRISON. from Wisconsin. Killed by Indians about June 12, 1849 on the Mormon Trail (North) side of the Platte River about where the river forks. A brother of CYRUS ROWE. (2)

ROWLAND, JOHN. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. (15)

ROYAL, _____. The Royals went overland to Oregon in 1853, settling near the mining town of Jacksonville in southwestern Oregon. Royal was a Methodist minister. They had at least one child, AEOLIA F _____, b 1863 in Wilbur, Oregon. She married a GERG and was living in Portland in 1935. (5)

ROYER, J _____ D _____. from Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Died of scruby in Hangtown in November. (2)

RUDE, BILL. One of the fall 1849 overlanders who became lost in the Nevada-California deserts and suffered greatly. Rude offered a share of his meager food supply to ASA HAINES. (12)

RUMSEY, WILLIAM H., Colonel. from Madison County, Kentucky. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Elected president when the company re-organized July 11. He and ten others (DAVIDSON, TREADWELL, 8 unidentified) left the company September 15 near present Genora, Nevada, to pack over the Sierras. Rumsey was still in the state in 1854. (2)

RUNYON, LEWIS M _____. One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a March 1849 wagon train headed for California. They arrived in California on August 28, (1)

RUSSEL, ELLIS. b ca. 1797. from Bristol, Indiana. Died June 14, 1849 and buried a few miles SE of Court House Rock. Cholera was the cause. Two others, JUDSEN and PHILLIPS, from the same company are buried nearby. (2)

RUSSELL, WILLIAM H _____. A member of a pack train to California in 1846, via the HASTINGS cutoff. (13)

RYCKMAN, ROBERT. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Ryckman later returned east (15)

SACKETT, _____. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Made it to the Big Sandy River July 22. (2)

SAGER, CATHERINE. b ca. 1834. Orphaned with her six brothers and sisters when their parents (HENRY/NAOMI) died on the 1844 trail to Oregon. Catherine and her four-year old sister HENRIETTA were taken in by a Salem family. Catherine later married CLARK PRINGLE. See the Sager's and Dr. DAGON. (5) (15)

SAGER, ELIZABETH. b July 6, 1837. Orphaned with six brothers and sisters on the 1844 Oregon Trail. The children were taken in by the WHITMAN's at their Walla Walla mission. After the Whitman massacre, in which JOHN, b ca. 1830, and FRANCISCO SAGER were murdered, Elizabeth and her sisters were separated and lived with various foster families. Elizabeth later married WILLIAM HELM, son of Rev. WILLIAM HELM August 9, 1855. They had nine children. Elizabeth was living in Portland in 1923. (5)

SAGER, HENRY. b ca. 1804. Virginia, then Ohio and the Platte Purchase, Missouri. Took his family west in 1844 with Captain WILLIAM SHAW's company. Henry and his wife NAOMI CARNEY died enroute of mountain fever leaving the children orphans. Henry was buried near the Green River; Naomi was buried between the Green River and the WHITMAN Mission. Naomi was a teacher. Her father, JOHN CARNEY, was a Baptist minister. Her mother was CATHERINE HASTINGS. The Carney's were from Vermont. Henry and Naomi's children were: JOHN, b ca 1830, d 11-29-47; FRANCISCO, b ca. 1832, d 11-29-47; CATHERINE, m-CLARK PRINGLE of Salem, Oregon; ELIZABETH, b 7-6-37; MATILDA JANE, m-3 times; LOUISA, b 1841, died of exposure a week after WHITMAN massacre - had measles; HENRIETTA, b 1844, died in California from bullet wound. Someone took a shot at her husband. She was only five months old when mother died. Other company women nursed her along with their babies. (5)

SAGER, MATILDA JANE. from St. Joseph, Missouri. b October 16, 1839. See the Sager's listed above. Matilda had a hard life in several foster homes. Later she married I. M. HAZLETT, MATTHEW FULTZ and finally DANIEL DeLANEY. Matilda was living in Oregon in 1921. (5)

SALLEE, _____. A member of the 1846 HASTINGS company who died as a result of an arrow wound and was buried about October 1 beyond LASSEN Meadows. (6)

SANDERS, T B. b November 29, 1848 Marion County, Illinois. Undertaker-cabinet maker. His family moved to California in 1860 reaching Plumas County where they farmed. In 1867 the family moved to Susanville, Lassen County. (15)

SANDFOSS, C F. b 1833 in Germany. Family went to America in 1833. Went overland to California in 1852 reaching El Dorado County. (16)

SANFORD, _____. from Boston. A member of the Rough & Ready Company, Missouri. Became temporarily separated from his company September 16, 1849 near present Genoa, Nevada. (2)

SAVAGE, _____. A member of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon train that left Salt Lake City in October 1849 for Los Angeles following the Old Spanish Trail. Savage and ten other "young men" left the company to pack on to Los Angeles. At the Amargosa River the group separated with Savage, _____ and

PINNEY heading towards the White Mountains. The others were never heard of again. Savage and Pinney were "captured" by Indians but released in the spring of 1850. (12)

SCHAFFER, I from Indiana. Had started with a company but traded for a horse and rode with BECKWITH. Seen near Hot Springs Valley, Idaho/Nevada, July 25, 1849. (3)

SCHALLENGER, MOSES. b November 9, 1826, Canton, Stark County, Ohio. In 1844, Moses, his sister and her husband Dr. JOHN TOWNSEND went west in the company led by ELISHA STEVENS. The Stevens party was the first to take wagons over the Sierrra Nevadas. Later Scallenberger lived around the Bay Area. He married and fathered five children. He died in 1909 and is buried in Oakhill Cemetery, San Jose. (4)

SCHOOLY, FRED, Dr. One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a March 1849 California-bound wagon train. They reached California on August 26. (1)

SCOTT, Went overland from Independence, Missouri to California in 1845. CALEB GREENWOOD led the group from Fort Hall, Idaho. (14)

SCOTT, ABIGAIL JANE (JENNY). from Illinois. Went with her family overland to Oregon in 1852. She lost her mother and brother and almost her father on the trail. Later she married BENJAMIN C DUNIWAY. (8)

SCOTT, WILLIAM. Went overland to California in 1849 with his three brothers-in-law, DAVID McCULLY, ASA McCULLY and JOHN STARKEY. Returning home to Iowa via the Isthmus route Scott was robbed and murdered. (5)

SCOTT, WILLIAM. One of ten men WILLIAM SWASEY said he got to change their destinations to California in the summer of 1845 at Fort Laramie. Scott had his family with him. (13) (14)

SEARLS, NILES. from New York state, b ca. 1825. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He had moved to Missouri to practice law and joined the goldrush with his friend MULFORD. Settled in Nevada City in 1850 and married MARY C in 1853. They had two sons, one, FRED, was practicing law at Nevada City in the early 1880s. In 1887 Niles was appointed Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. (2?)

SEERES, He and his family went overland to California in 1845 in the company led by CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

SEXTON, WARREN T from Warren County, New Jersey, b ca 1823, d April 11, 1878, Oroville, California. Went overland to California in 1849 in the Wolverine Rangers Company. Became district attorney at Long's Bar, Butte County. Later moved to Oroville. Married Z Stevens at Rough & Ready, November 14, 1855. They had two children, WARREN, Jr. and a daughter. (15)

SHANNON, THOMAS. Went overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in fall 1849. Got lost with the others, including the famous "Jayhawkers". (12)

SHAW, WILLIAM. Led a 1844 Oregon-bound wagon train. His wife was SALLY

_____. The Shaw's later lived near Salem on Howell Prairie. (5)

SHEPARD, HENRY. from Dewaynesburg, Schenectady County, New York. A widower, Henry took his two daughters overland to Oregon in a 1852 company led by Dr. BONNER. Three days east of the Boise River, Henry married LUCINDA NELSON after a three-day courtship. Henry's brother, JOSEPH was also in the company. Henry got a job running the "hospital" at the Dalles, Oregon. Henry's first wife was ELIZABETH MATTERN, b November 11, 1811, Hesse, Darmstadt, Germany. She died in December 1849 in Iowa. Their two daughters were: NANCY, m-FRANCIS M VANDERPOOL 1-24-53; and ELIZABETH, b 1840, m-HENRY HOLTGRIEVE, 1854. (5)

SHEPARD, JOSEPH. Brother of HENRY, above. Joseph's wife was LOUISA. (5)

SHIELDS, HENRY. Went overland to California in Captain WAMBOUGH's 1848 company from Independence, Missouri. Shields fatally shot himself accidentally when the company was following the Humboldt River in Nevada. (13)

SHOEMAKER, SAMUEL. b ca 1821. Teamster for DONNER on the 1846 REED-DONNER party that got stranded in the Sierras. Shoemaker died sometime early in December at the huts near present Donner Lake. (6)

SHORTWELL, GEORGE. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party. Shortwell was accidentally shot and killed on the trail. (15)

SIMONTON, _____. Major, USA. Leader of a detachment of soldiers enroute to Oregon. He was recorded at the Green River July 3, 1849. (3)

SIMPSON, BEN. A member of a 100 wagon company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in April 1846 for Oregon. When the company later split Simpson was elected captain of about 50 wagons. F. MARTIN led the others. Ben's son, SAM L _____, later a well known poet, was just a baby on this trip. (5)

SINCLAIR, CHARLES. from Ann Arbor, Michigan, b 1826. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He died at 4 o'clock, May 30, and wrapped in his own blanket was given to the "cold earth" near the Big Blue River, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

SKINNER, _____. Went overland to California in 1845. Reached SUTTER's Fort October 25. He had two wagons. (13)

SKINNER, E _____. He and his family went west in 1845. At Fort Hall, Idaho, Skinner and some others decided to go to California instead. CALEB GREENWOOD piloted them. (14)

SKINNER, HENRY C _____. He, his wife and four children went overland to California in 1849 from Salt Lake City in the company led by JEFFERSON HUNT. Skinner later became a San Jose judge. (11)

SLOSS, LOUIS. A German-Jew. b 1823 in Bavaria. Died 1902 at Mackville, Kentucky. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line until June 16 when he joined Captain LONG's pack party between the Forks of the Platte River and the Upper Ford. Went into business in Sacramento, then a San Francisco

stockbroker and finally a principal in the Alaska Fur Company in 1873.
(2)

SMITH, _____. Led a section of wagons in the larger, 100 wagon company that left Independence, Missouri in late May 1849 for California. WILLIAM IDE and JAMES TAYLOR were members of the larger company. (14)

SMITH, EBEN. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in April 1849 for California. Smith and MATTHEW HARRIS were ALONZO DELANO's hired men. (2)

SMITH, ELIZABETH DIXON. Went overland to Oregon in 1847. Reached Fort Hall, Idaho August 28. (13)

SMITH, G ____ U _____. One of the ten men WILLIAM SWASEY said he persuaded at Fort Laramie in summer 1845 to change their destinations to California. They arrived at SUTTER's Fort October 15. (13)

SMITH, FABRITUS R _____. from New York state. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. Smith settled near Salem. (5)

SMITH, JAMES. b ca. 1821. A teamster for JAMES REED and member of the 1846 REED-DONNER party. Smith died sometime in December in the huts near present Donner Lake. (6)

SMITH, RICHARD. from Kentucky. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He was taken ill with cholera June 1 and died June 7 and buried in a masonic ceremony near the Platte River, near Fort Kearny. (2)

SMITH, THOMAS. b County of Meath, Ireland, December 26, 1827. Went to America in 1847. In 1861 he was at Dubuque County, Iowa. Went west to California that same year reaching El Dorado County. Served as justice of the peace for twelve years. (16)

SNELLING, _____. from Ottawa, Illinois. Wagonmaster for JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California in late April 1849. (3)

SNYDER, HENRY. b Wayne County, Ohio, January 20, 1834. A miller by profession. His family moved to Elkhart County, Indiana in 1843. Henry moved on to Iowa for ten years. He went overland to California in 1859. He returned to Iowa ca. 1861, only to return west in 1865 reaching Butte County. In 1871 he settled in Lassen County. Married ELIZABETH HECKART April 29, 1858. She died 5-25-65, on the plains. His second marriage was to Mrs. MARTHA McCOLM, September 17, 1879. His m-1 children were: WILLIAM H., b 11-6-61; FANNIE M., b 8-9-63; LIBBIE A., b 5-10-65. Martha had a son, JAMES D. McCOLM, b 10-17-66 by her first husband. (15)

SNYDER, JACOB R _____. Went overland to California in 1845. Arrived at Fort Bridger July 25 and traded his wagon for a pack outfit. He joined the company heading for California under the leadership of CALEB GREENWOOD. He arrived at SUTTER's Fort September 29. In the mid-1870s Snyder was mayor of Sonoma, California. (13)

SNYDER, JOHN. b ca. 1830. A teamster for FRANKLIN GRAVES when they joined the REED-DONNER party. Snyder was killed by knife by JAMES REED near

Stone House on the Humboldt River October 5, 1846. Reed was banished from the company but later helped rescue the party from the huts near present Donner Lake. (6)

SOUTHWORTH, LOU. A slave, Southworth went overland to Oregon in 1853 and became free. (5)

SPEEL, HARRY. One of the ten men WILLIAM SWASEY said he persuaded at Fort Laramie in summer 1845 to change their destination to California. (13)

SPEER, H T M. from Chesterfield, Virginia. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Speer was a dentist in San Francisco in 1854. (2)

SPENCER, ASOBEL C. from Vermont. Asobel went overland to Oregon in 1852. His wife LUCINDA (DYE), b New York state, and the children went west later. Asobel was an early Springfield, Oregon school teacher. Spencer and Lucinda had nine children. One was MARTHA JANE, b 11-27-35, Little Falls, New York. Martha m -EMORY G. HOWARD, 1-1-56. m2-GEORGE B. JANNEY, 10-16-82. One of Martha's and Emory's children was SYLVESTER, who was living at Durkee, eastern Oregon in 1925. (5)

SPINNING, CHARLES. Dr. Led a company to Oregon in 1851. His wife was MILDRED (STEWART), sister of Mrs. WILLIAM (MARGARET) WHITE. (5)

SPITZER, AUGUSTUS. Partner of JOSEPH REINHARDT and a member of the 1846 REED-DONNER company. He and Reinhardt were suspected of foulplay in connection with the disappearance of another company member, WOLFINGER. (6)

SPONG, SAMUEL W. b Washington County, Maryland, November 23, 1825. His parents were: DAVID and ELIZABETH. Samuel went west to California in 1849. Eventually settled in El Dorado County. Married ETTA HALL, July 5, 1875. As of 1882 they had two children: STELLA, who died young and LOTTA E. (16)

SPRINGER, JAMES P. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. (15)

STANLEY, _____. A leader of the first 1846 overland company to California, probably arriving at SUTTER's Fort in late September. (13)

STANTON, CHARLES TYLER. b ca. 1811 New York state. Later moved to Chicago, Illinois. A member of the REED-DONNER company. A bachelor he was self-educated in geology and botany. He became close to the Reed's and Donner's. When the company reached the Truckee Meadows he had gone on over the Sierras and brought back supplies. Later after they were trapped in the snow Stanton led the snowshoe group out in December but he didn't make it and was last seen alive sitting by the campfire smoking his pipe. Many would later call him a hero. (6)

STARKEY, JOHN L. Went overland with a 1852 company led by DAVID McCULLY. This company was one of the first west that year and escaped the dreaded cholera. Starkey's wife was the sister of Mrs. McCully. The Starkey's settled near Salem. Starkey and his three brothers-in law, David and ASA McCULLY, and WILLIAM SCOTT. They returned east and in 1852 about 40 family members went west. The other families included the LOVE's and REDDING's. (5)

STEELE, A H. Dr. from Oswego, New York. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. (2)

STEINBERGER, JAMES M. from Champaign County, Ohio, b September 15, 1829. He was a farmer/miller. He moved to Jones County, Iowa in 1852. Went overland to California in 1863 reaching Honey Lake Valley, LASSEN County in August. In 1879 he settled near Milford, Lassen County. Married MARTHA M. DECIOUS march 25, 1852. Martha was from Westville, Ohio. They had seven children: ALICE I, b 2-26-55; L E, b 1-13-56; CHARLES A, b 7-7-60, d 2-25-61; MARY E, b 6-4-62; EFFIE M, b 12-14-67, d 10-14-70; JAMES M, b 8-27-71; MARTHA A, b 5-8-76.

STEVENS, CHARLES E. from St Louis, Missouri. A member of JEFFERSON HUNT's 100+ wagon company that went overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in fall 1849. Stevens later lived in San Jose, California. (11)

STEVENS, ELISHA. b ca 1804 in South Carolina in a French Huguenot family. raised in Georgia. He went west, probably in 1816 and trapped in the northwest fur trade during the '20s and '30s. He returned east in the late '30s to New Orleans and resumed blacksmithin'. Between 1839-41 he worked as a blacksmith at the Council Bluffs Sub (Indian) Agency. He led the first company to take wagons over the Sierra Nevadas (1844). After arriving in California Stevens worked briefly as a blacksmith at Monterey. In 1861 he purchased a ranch at the present site of Bakersfield (Kern County) and for the final 23 years of his life kept chickens and bees. (4) (13)

STEVENS, L DOW. One of the 1849 overlanders who became lost in the Nevada-California deserts. This group suffered greatly in Death Valley. See WILLIAM MANLEY. (11)

STEVENS, WILLIAM L. from Boone County, Missouri. Grave noted June 22, 1849 several miles south of Court House Rock. (2)

STEWART, ISAAC M. from Washington County, Pennsylvania, b May 17, 1838. The family moved to Fulton County, Illinois in 1847 and in 1855 moved to Madison County, Iowa. Isaac went overland to California in 1861. By 1866 he had settled in Lassen County, near Susanville. Married SOPHIA MORE April 26, 1866. She was b in Wisconsin, 11-26-46. They had five children as of 1882: WALTER C, b 3-18-67; JENNIE E, b 4-12-70; ADA E, b 1-3-73; CHARLES MARKUS, b 10-28-76; LAURA S, b 8-27-80. (15)

STEWART, JOHN. Went overland to Oregon in 1853 with his wife and four daughters. Two of the daughters were: HELEN MARNEY, b 6-22-25, m-DAVID LOVE; AGNES. (5)

STODDARD,. Scotch or Yorkshire parents. A veteran of the British Army. Went overland to California in 1849 via the LASSEN cutoff. While hunting near Big Meadows, Stoddard got lost. He and his companion wandered about for a few days finally reaching a small mountain lake (later called Gold Lake). On its shore they found gold. About this time Indians attacked and Stoddard ran. Although he searched for it later he was unable to find the lake again. (15)

STOWE, J B. from Chicago, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He was still with the company July 29 at the Bear River. (2)

STOYELL, R S . from Movaria, New York. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He was still with the company August 8 near the Raft River Valley. (2)

SUBLETTE, SOLOMON. Went overland to California in 1845. Arrived at SUTTER's Fort October 7. (13)

SULLIVAN, JOHN. b 1824. Went west in 1844 with the STEVENS party. They took the first wagons over the Sierra Nevada mountains. John's group included his sister MARY, b ca 1827; and brothers MICHAEL, b ca 1831, and ROBERT, a boy in 1844. (4)

SWAIN, WILLIAM. He was somewhere on the trail July 4, 1849 for his company produced a special meal. (2)

SWARTZ, JOHN. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL company that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Swartz later died in the Golden State. (15)

SWASEY, WILLIAM F . from Maine. Had been a trapper in Colorado in 1843. By 1845 he had heard such wonderful stories about California that he packed to Fort Laramie, encouraged ten other men to join him in heading to California. They were guided by CALEB GREENWOOD. (13)

SWEENEY, JAMES. b near Pets, Sligo County, Ireland, January 1833. His parents were JOHN and BRIDGET. The family went to America in 1844 reaching Wisconsin. Again in 1852 they went west reaching California in September. James moved to El Dorado County in 1858 where he farmed. He married HONOVA DONOVAN in March 1856. They had three children: MARTHA D , JOHN H , and BRIDGET . (16)

SWIFT, C H . Dr. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. By mid-June he had had enough of the wagons and joined Captain LONG's pack party to California. Swift became wealthy and was elected mayor of Sacramento later. (2)

TAYLOR, HIRAM. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. They probably started from Santa Fe. (15)

TAYLOR, JAMES. The Taylor's went overland from Independence, Missouri to Oregon in 1845. They almost lost their month-old daughter, MARY ANN, when a squaw tried to carry her off. James led a section of the 100 wagon company. (14)

TAYLOR, WILLIAM E . Was a member of the lead company of 1846 overlanders. His company probably reached Fort Hall on July 23. (13)

TEABO, . A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841. They probably started from Santa Fe. (15)

TEMPLETON, WILLIAM. from Virginia, b 1809. Went overland to Oregon in 1847 with his wife ELIZABETH (b Pennsylvania - 1812) and ten children. They arrived at Portland on November 1 and wintered with Missouri neighbors at Brownsville. Elizabeth must have passed away later but they had two children; JAMES R , b 1832, and who married MARTHA RITCHEY and m2 MARY YANTIS; and DAVID. There were two children from William's second

marriage: HATTIE and ANNA. (5)

TETERS, _____ (widow). A member of the 1845 Oregon-bound BARLOW party who, when they reached Fort Hall, Idaho, decided to split off with some others for California. The people who remained for Oregon shouted "Goodby, we will never see you again. Your bones will whiten in the desert or be gnawed by wild animals in the mountains." (13)

THING, JOSEPH. Led a 1849 company to California. (13)

THORNTON, J QUINN. Went west to Oregon in 1846. The DONNER party was in the company before it split near the Little Sandy River. (6)

THOMAS, _____. He and his family went overland to California in 1845 in a company led by CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

THOMAS, ROBERT H _____. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Robert died in Temama County, March 26, 1878. (15)

THOMPSON, JOHN B _____. One of 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a March 1849 California-bound company. They made it on August 26. (1)

THOMPSON, RICHARD. One of 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a March 1849 California-bound company. They made it on August 26. Thompson and FITCH later operated some sort of store in San Francisco in June 1850. (1)

THOMPSON, _____. Lieutenant. A naval officer who was taking his family west so he could join his ship at San Francisco. He was seen along the Humboldt River, Nevada on August 10, 1849. (3)

THORNE, BENJAMIN K _____. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California in April 1849. Probably related to KENT THORNE. (3)

THORNE, KENT. from Ottawa, Illinois. See BENJAMIN THORNE. (3)

THREADWELL, C _____ WALDO. from Maine. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Spotted near Genova, Nevada September 15 with 10 other Pioneer Line defectors, RUMSEY, DAVIDSON, others unidentified. (2)

THRUSTON, P _____ W _____. from Kentucky. He left a note sometime before September 13, 1849, along the Carson desert directing overlanders to a new road along the river rather than across the desert. (13?)

TIBBETTS, _____. from Indiana. Went overland to Oregon in 1852. A daughter, SOPHIA ELLEN, b 1842, was with the family. (5)

TIFFANY, P _____ C _____. from Iowa. For the July 4, 1849 trail feast, Mrs. Tiffany baked a cake. Tiffany kept a diary of his adventures on the trail. (2)

TIFFANY, PARDON DEXTER. from Maine. Returned to St. Louis in 1861. Not clear if he made it to California. (2)

TINDAL, GEORGE W . from Tecumseh, Michigan. His "fresh" grave noticed June 6, 1849 near Ash Hollow, Nebraska. "...died of consumption." (3)

TINNEY, HENRY. b Somersetshire, near Cathedral of Wells, England, April 19, 1831. He went to America in 1848 reaching Chicago, then Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He went to California in 1853 reaching Placerville, El Dorado County. Married _____ in 1864 and they had six children: GEORGE W; ELIZABETH; HANNAH M.; JOHN H.; CLARINDA; and NELLIE. Henry's parents were THOMAS and ELIZABETH. (16)

TINSLEY, _____. Went to Oregon in 1850. All but one of his oxen died on the plains forcing Tinsley to go into partenship with another fellow with the same problem. (5)

TITUS, _____. from Iowa. Took his family to Oregon in 1862 settling in Baker where he worked as a carpenter. We know of three children: CATHERINE, later m-NORVILLE, she b 1851, Iowa; DAVE, b ca 1861; and toddler SARAH ELLEN. Dave and Sarah both died near the Sarah River. (5)

TODD, S . An employee of the May 1849 Pioneer Line. He was thrown from his horse chasing buffalo June 17 near the Upper Ford of the Platte River. He was badly bruised. (2)

TODD, WILLIAM L . One of the ten men WILLIAM SWASEY said he persuaded to go to California with him in summer 1845 at Fort Laramie. Todd and his wagon arrived at SUTTER's Fort October 19. Later, Todd and PETER STORM would make the "Bear Flag", which was the flag of the 25-day California Republic. Todd was a cousin of MARY TODD, ABRAHAM LINCOLN's wife. (13) (14)

TOOMES, ALBERT G . A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841, probably starting from Santa Fe. Toomes was living in Tehama County in the early 1880s. (15)

TOWNSEND, JOHN. from Wheeling, Virginia or Fayette County, Pennsylvania, b ca. 1803. A doctor and sometimes farmer who went to California in the 1844 STEVENS company that took wagons over the Sierra Nevadas for the first time. Townsend's wife, _____ and brother-in-law, MOSES SCHALLEN-BERGER were with him. Townsend and his wife died in 1850 in San Jose. He is buried in the Oakhill Cemetery in San Jose. (4)

TOWNSHEND, _____, Captain. from Georgia. Led a group of Georgians overland from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in 1849. The group became lost and wandered in the Nevada-California deserts. Townshend left camp one day and was killed by Indians somewhat later. (12)

TRAVERSE, JOHN. from Ottawa, Illinois. Orderly Sergeant for JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California in late April 1849. When the company split June 13 about 25 miles west of Fort Laramie, Traverse became wagonmaster for the smaller group led by FREDENBURG. (3)

TRENGOVE, WILLIAM. b Redruth, County of Cornwall, England, August 25, 1825. The oldest of three children born to EZEKIEL and JANE JENKINS. Went overland to California in 1852 reaching Nevada City in mid-August. Eventually settled in El Dorado County. (16)

TROWBRIDGE, OLIVER. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line who died of cholera near Independence, Missouri on May 17, (2)

TRUBODE, JEAN BAPTISTE. b New Mexico ca. 1823. Handled stock for GEORGE DONNER and was a surviving member of the 1846 REED-DONNER company. (6)

TUBBS, JANE GILBERT. See BEVERLY APPERSON.

TUCTNESS, JAMES. from Tennessee. The Tuctness' went overland in 1853. Mrs. Tuctness was PAMELIA BAKER and she was married in Missouri. Upon reaching the Willamette Valley the family settled on a 640-acre donation land claim in Yamhill County. Pamela was a sister of ENDYMION BAKER. The Tuctness' had seven children. The boys died young. There was an "older sister" and HARRIET ELIZABETH b Dallas County, Missouri 6-8-49. Harriet later m-GEORGE S BAILEY 6-12-67. (5)

TURNER, _____. An "older" man who was stranded at Fort Laramie. BILLING-HURST, BROWN and PERIAM took pity on him and took him to California. Taken with scruvy, Turner died in late-January 1850 at their Stringtown cabin. (3)

TURNER, THOMAS. from St. Louis, Missouri. One of the owners of the Pioneer Line along with Mr. Allen. Both were Mexican War veterans. Turner was seen about October 15, 1849 in Sacramento. The Pioneer Line formed in Missouri in early 1849 to take passengers overland to the California goldfields in light wagons. The passengers could sleep in the wagons or in company tents. Baggage wagons would follow the passenger wagons. About 40 staff members were with the company. The fare from Independence to San Francisco was only \$200 and best of all, the trip was estimated to take 55-60 days (wagons hadn't done it this fast before) Approximately 150 men booked passage on the first run which left May 15. Rather than 55-60 days to Sacramento, the company took 151 days and suffered about 20 deaths enroute due mostly to scruvy. The company came apart at the Carson River and those who could walked or "packed" over the Sierras. The second and last Pioneer Line train left Independence in late June 1849 and limped into California with the help of a relief column in late October. The line failed due to inexperience and an underestimation as to what awaited on the Oregon/California trails. (2)

TUSTIN, _____. He and his wife and children went overland to California in a 1845 company led by CALEB GREENWOOD. (14)

TUTT, J _____ N _____. Died 1857 and buried near Emigrant Springs on the Sublette cutoff of the Oregon-California trails. (10)

TUTT, C _____ M _____. from South Bend, Indiana. He led a company that had left St. Joseph, Missouri for California about May 1, 1849. By May 22, his company was about a day's drive from Fort Kearny. (3)

TUTTLE, _____. Probably a member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for California near the end of April 1849. He was seen near the Feather River, on the LASSEN Trail September 13. (3)

UPDYKE, R. _____ J _____. from Fremont, Illinois. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Got into a fight with fellow passenger ANDREWS. By September 11 the company was at "Ragtown", near the Carson Sink. Updyke was one of the four passengers (HAWXHURST-2 and Major VAN WIGHT), unable

to walk, who stayed with the wagons while the able-bodied drove the mules to water. (2)

UPTON, SYLVANDA J . from Belfast, Maine, b May 1817. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. The 1850 census placed him in El Dorado County. (2)

VAN VLIET, STEWART. Captain. Stewart was quartermaster at Fort Kearny in 1849 and wrote a column under the byline "Pawnee" for the Missouri Republican newspaper. (2)

VAN WIGHT, P S . Major. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. By September 11, the company was at "Ragtown", near Carson Sink, Nevada. The company's mules (and men) were about done in. Their only hope was to drive the best mules the 20 or so miles to water and bring the wagons and baggage out in a day or so. Van Wight and three others, UPDYKE and HAWXHURST-2) were unable to walk and remained with a half-dozen teamsters to await the mules return. (2)

VAUGHN, JEROME A . b Chardon, Geauga County, Ohio, December 20, 1837. Son of JESSE and BETSEY. A printer by trade. Went overland to California in 1861 reaching Marysville, August 10. Worked at various printing jobs and was even a San Quentin prison guard. By 1863 he owned Messenger paper in La Porte. Jerome married EVA PASSAGE December 24, 1865, She was from Delevan, Wisconsin. They had four children: ALTIE, JESSIE, EVA and GEORGE. (15)

VAUGHAN, MARTIN. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. (5)

VEERKAMP, FRANCIS JOSEPH ARNOLD. b Meppen on the river Ems, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany. October 2, 1822. The son of BARTHOLOMEW and LOUISA (OELCKER). Family emigrated to America in 1834, reaching Montgomery County, Ohio, then St. Louis in 1836, and then Lincoln County, Missouri. Francis went overland to California in 1852 reaching Placerville, El Dorado County September 11. He married LOUISA M. TOBENEN, September 22, 1849 at St. Louis, Missouri. (Louisa b 6-10-25 in Germany) They had ten children: HENRY B., b 1-27-51, St Louis, Missouri, m-ALICE WAGNER); FRANCES J A, b 1-11-53; JOSEPH W E, b 3-1-56, d 7-23-62; _____, stillborn, 1858; SOPHIA LOUISE, b 8-4-59, d 1-19-66; WILLIAM B, b 11-23-61; JOSEPH W EGBERT, b 6-8-64; LOUIS BARTHOLD, (twin) b 8-4-66; CHARLES F, (twin), b 8-4-66, d 9-26-66; LOUIS P, b 4-15-71. (16)

VERDEN, I P H . A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Died of scruvy after the company arrived at the Weber Creek goldfield October 1, 1849. (2)

WADE, HENRY G . d at Alviso, near Santa Clara in 1863. His wife d in 1888, maybe same place. Henry lived west of the Dupage River, a few miles from Plainfield, Illinois. They left home April 1, 1849 for Salt Lake City where they joined JEFFERSON HUNT's company headed to Los Angeles over the Old Spanish Trail. In a short time they met an emigrant who told them about a short cut to California - "Smith's Cutoff". Most of the company, anxious to get to the goldfields, left Hunt's company, but after a few days of rough trail most returned. Not so the Wade family who continued on with about 26 wagons. Soon the four wagons carrying families were left

far behind. Food, and most importantly, water was scarce in the desert and they suffered greatly in Death Valley. Finally, on February 10, 1850, they reached Roland Mills (present Puente). They had five children: HARRY Jr.; CHARLES; ALMIRA, later m-ORTLEY; RICHARD; and MARY, who was b in California. The other families were: A. BENNETT, w-3 children; J B ARCANÉ, w-1 child; and BRIER, a preacher with 4 children (11) (12)

WAGNER, WILLIAM W . b near Alton, Madison County, Illinois, April 29, 1826. Family later moved to Pike County, Illinois. He went overland to California in 1850. He returned east in 1855 to marry DRUCILLA THOMAS May 11, 1855. They returned to El Dorado County, California in 1862. They had five children: EVELINE, d before 1883; ALICE A , m-FRANK VEERKAMP; infant that died; JESSIE F ; and JOHN B . (16)

WALDEN, BENJAMIN. d November 16, 1887. Went overland to Oregon with his bride, LEMMON, b 1828, in the 1845 company led by Captain KEARNEY. Also in the company were his in-laws the JOHN LEMMON's. The Walden's and Lemmon's held back after crossing the Snake River for the last time while Mrs. Lemmon gave birth to a son, JOHN. They reached the Dalles September 14 and eventually settled in Oregon City. Benjamin later became the first judge of Marion County. (5)

WALDO, JOSEPH. Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by MARTIN/SIMPSON. (5)

WALDO, WILLIAM. from Osceola, Missouri. Captain of a company that was at Humboldt Sink, Nevada. September 9, 1849. He was a Whig candidate for California governor in 1853. (2)

WALDRON, . Family went overland to Oregon in 1852. The mother died from cholera near the Platte River. Mr. Waldron cared for their four young daughters. Two of the children were: SAMANTHA JANE, b 1844; and ISSAPHENA, b 1849. (5)

WALKER, JOSEPH REDDEFORD. Walker attempted to take three wagons to California in 1843. He followed the Oregon Trail to the Raft River west of For Hall, Idaho, then tracked south to the Humboldt River Sink. Not finding a pass the party continued south where they finally abandoned their wagons near Owens Lake (Kern County) and rode into Spanish Los Angeles. (13)

WALTON, AMBROSE. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They reached the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Walton eventually returned east. (15)

WALTON, MAJOR. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL party that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. Walton was seen mining along the Sacramento River later. (15)

WAMBOUGH, M M . Led an overland company from Fort Laramie to California in 1848. There were 39 wagons in the company and they reached SUTTER's Fort September 10. Wambough later became a California Senator. (13) (14)

WALTON, ALFRED. Started west overland in 1849 w/WILLIAM MANLEY, et al.
(11)

WARD, WILLIAM T . b Cummington, Massachusetts, February 28, 1802.
d April 21, 1878 in Quincy, California. Took his family overland in 1853
and settled in Plumas County. Later elected county judge. Married HARRIET
SHERILL in 1825 at Vergennes, Vermont. She died in August 1865. They had
several children, one of whom was JOHN, b ca. 1870 at Susanville, California.
(15)

WARDLOW, JOSEPH. Took his family overland to California in 1846. His wife
took the fever and died September 26 near the Yuba River. She was the
sister of NICHOLAS CARRIGER's wife. Nicholas' father died the same day
and Nicholas became a father the same day and in the same company. (13)

WARE, JOSEPH E . from Galena ? A writer who was supposed to have
written a guidebook to California. He was sick near Fort Laramie in 1849
and was abandoned on the side of the trail. Others befriended him but
he died. (3)

WARE, WILLIAM. from Salem, New Jersey. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer
Line. Left the company at the Carson River to pack over the Sierras with
his friend GUTH. (2)

WARFIELD, SAM. from Illinois. The Warfield's went overland to Oregon in
1853. The Mrs. was MELINDA MORGAN. Warfield was a widower with four children
when he married Melinda and headed west. They had seven more. He later
served in the Oregon Mounted Volunteers in the 1855-56 "Indian War". Some
of the children were: TOM; PHOEBE; MELINDA; and JESS, all by the first
wife. Others were: ALFRED, b Dalles, Oregon, 1853; and EMMA b near
Junction City, Oregon, June 21, 1857. She later married HOWARD. Emma
was living in Portland in 1935. (5)

WASHBURN, ALFRED. from New York state, b 1811. Married MARY JANE FARRINGTON
b 1811. They had fourteen children. He contracted to take four families
to Oregon in 1852. His mistake was in not asking for the money in advance!
He was elected captain of a larger company (170 men/women/children) and
they made it. A son, MELVIN was born on the plains. They settled in
Portland. A few of the kids were: MARILLA R , b 12-22-39, m- at 15 to
JOHN BLACK, m2-ORRIN E BAILEY from Rossman, B.C. ca. 1900; HENRY, b 1838,
drown crossing the Snake River, 1852. (5)

WASHINGTON, B , F , Esq. from Virginia. A lawyer, seen near the
Green River July 4, 1849. Made it to San Francisco and worked for the
Examiner there. He went to California with JOSEPH E. N. LEWIS. (15)

WATERS W , T . from New York. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer
Line. He was still with them July 11 between the Platte and Sweetwater
rivers. (2)

WATKINS, DAVID. b in Columbia County, Ohio February 11, 1818. Moved to
Putnam County, Illinois. Went overland to California in 1850. Returned
east in 1852 to return overland again in 1853 with his family. By 1855
the family had settled in El Dorado County. Married December 19,
1839 and they had four children: JOHN W; HENRY T; LUCINDA; m-M. KEITH;
and SARAH, m-GEORGE O. GRIST. (16)

WATKINS, JOSEPH S _____. Colonel. from Virginia. He said he had served in the Virginia legislature for 22 years. Originally a member of a Tennessee company before it broke up, the colonel was observed June 17, 1849 near the Black Hills of Wyoming. Later, he was seen on the Lassen Trail about 50 miles west of the Humboldt cutoff. (3)

WATSON, _____. from Independence, Missouri. He and his family, wife, daughter-in-law are mentioned. They had two of their horses wounded by Digger Indians August 19, 1849 on the Lassen Trail near the California/Nevada border. (3)

WATTLES, W W _____. maybe Massachusetts. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Died ca. October 3 of scruvy after the company arrived at Weber Creek, California. (2)

WEBER, CHARLES M _____. d at Stockton in 1881. A member of the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL company that packed to California after leaving their wagons near present Wells, Nevada. They arrived in the San Joaquin Valley in early November. (15)

WESSON, C H _____. A member of the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Died of scruvy after the company arrived at Weber Creek October 1. (2)

WEST, JOHN L _____. b ca. 1818. Went to California in 1849 with the group that was known as "Jayhawkers". They were lost in the California/Nevada desert and suffered greatly. In 1895 West was living in Phillipsburg, Montana. (11)

WELLS, JOSEPH LEWIS. from Lincoln County, Missouri. Died June 4, 1849 and buried near the Big Sandy Creek, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

WHITE, _____. The White's started overland to Oregon, probably in 1852. White was working their way by driving a wagon for another family. He died on the plains and his wife, POLLY OWEN and their child were told to walk the rest of the way or try to hitch a ride with someone. The someone turned out to be WOODIN who took pity on Polly and transported her and the child to her husband's brother in Salem. (5)

WHITE, ELIJAH, Reverend. A member of Captain BONNER's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri for Oregon in May 1847. (8)

WHITE, THOMAS J _____. Dr. from St Louis, Missouri. A civilian traveling with the Mounted Rifemen to Oregon in 1849. Mrs. White and their daughter FANNY were with the doctor. The White's changed companies a couple of times finally leaving the Pioneer Line September 9 at the Humboldt Sink to travel with the WALDO company. They made it and White became a member of the first California Assembly in 1850. (2)

WHITE, WILLIAM. from Indiana. Went overland to Oregon in 1850. He liked what he saw and so in 1851 his wife, MARGARET STEWART sold everything, bought animals and a wagon, loaded the five kids aboard and headed for Oregon. Margaret's sisters, ELIZA ROSS and MILDRED SPINNING and their families were also in the company. White was killed during the 1855-56 "Indian War". They had seven children: ELIZABETH; WILLIAM; GEORGE; ELLEN; ANSON, who was living in Yakima in the late 1920s; CLARISSA ASINETH, b June 28, 1852, Portland, m-RALPH OREGON DUNBAR, October 18, 1873 at Goldendale, Washington; LEE, b near Olympia, Washington.

Mrs. White remarried after William's death to STEPHEN DOUGLAS RUDELL who was from Missouri. They had at least one child, RIGDON, who was living in Baker, Oregon in the 1920s. (5)

WHITE, WILLIAM WESLEY. Led a company to Oregon in 1865. He settled in Wallowa County. (5)

WHITCOMB, LOT. Captain of a company that left St. Joseph, Missouri May 17, 1847 for Oregon. The company broke up shortly after its start. (8)

WHITMAN, MARCUS Dr. Early Presbyterian missionary to Oregon. Settled near present Walla Walla with his wife, NARCISSA. They helped the early wagon trains to Oregon. The Whitman's and others were murdered November 9, 1847 by Indians who blamed them for bringing the white man's diseases to the tribes. Read about them! (5)

WHITMAN, NARCISSA PRENTISS. Wife of MARCUS. She and ELIZA SPAULDING, the wife of another missionary were the first eastern women to ride a horse over the Rockies. They raised a few eyebrows too for they rode like men, not side saddle. (5)

WILCOX, _____. from New York. A civilian guide with the Mounted Riflemen bound for Oregon in 1849. Wilcox had previously lived in Oregon. An Indian bringing a dispatch from Fort Hall, Idaho shot Wilcox. Since they knew each other the murder was thought to be revenge for something Wilcox had done earlier. The killing took place in late July near the Bear River. (2)

WILDER, O C. from Wisconsin. Secretary of the "Badger Company", formed at Kaneshville, Iowa in 1849 to go overland to California. (11)

WILKINS, JAMES. No special meal for him on July 4, 1849, just, "hard sea bread and a tincup of indifferent water." (2)

WILLIAMS, _____. from Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana. On June 23, 1849, near Devil's Gate, shot and killed a man who had been threatening him. His peers found the act to be self-defense. (3)

WILLIAMS, BAYLIS. b ca. 1822. Worked for JAMES REED and was the brother of ELIZA WILLIAMS. Died December 15 at Truckee Lake. The first, but not the last, of the REED-DONNER party to die in the mountains. (6)

WILLIAMS, ELIZA. b ca. 1821. Sister of BAYLIS WILLIAMS. Hired girl to the JAMES REED family. She survived the ordeal and married after reaching the coast. (6)

WILLIS, IRA. A Mormon, Willis wrote an overlander guide in 1849 that was used by many companies. (2)

WILLOUGHBY, _____. Dr. In November 1849 the doctore was practicing near Yateston by the Feather River. He raised the HENDERSON orphans. (3)

WILMOT, _____. Went overland from Independence, Missouri to California in 1845. CALEB GREENWOOD led the party from Fort Hall, Idaho. (?)

WILSON, BENITO. A member of WILLIAM WORKMAN's party that went overland to Spanish Los Angeles in 1841, probably from Santa Fe. (15)

WILSON, FRANKLIN. from Washington County, Arkansas, b ca. 1832. Died noted June 6, 1849 near the Platte River. (1)

WILSON, _____. from Ottawa, Illinois. A member of JESSE GREENE's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri near the end of April 1849. (3)

WING, A _____ M _____. from Indiana. Seen May 30, 1849 near the Forks of the Platte in a "mule wagon", along with fellow Hoosier, G. C. MERRIFIELD. (3)

WINKELMAN, JACOB. from Switerland, went to America in 1844 reaching Missouri. Went overland to California in 1850 and operated a brewery in Sacramento. Eventually settled in El Dorado County and ran a hotel in Greenwood until 1861. He died in 1879. (16)

WORTHEN, H _____ W _____ A _____. born in Petersburg, Virginia, March 28, 1814. Went overland to California in 1850 reaching Placerville, El Dorado County on August 10. (16)

WINTER, WILLIAM H _____. Went overland to Oregon in 1843. Moved to California in 1844 and returned east overland in 1845. Winter wrote about his western travels and eventually returned to California. (13)

WOLF, PETER. from Washington, Pennsylvania. A passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. (2)

WOLFINGER, _____. Traveled with his wife in the REED-DONNER 1846 party. On October 12, Digger Indians shot 21 of the company's oxen-cattle during the night. This left Wolfinger with just one oxen. He and the two Germans, SPITZER and REINHARDT remained behind to cache Wolfinger's valuables. The Mrs. went ahead with the rest of the company. On October 15, Spitzer and Reinhardt caught up with the company and reported that the three of them were attacked by Indians and Wolfinger had been killed and his valuables and wagons burned. Remembering the Wolfinger's wealth, this story was not totally believed, but no investigation was launched. (6)

WOODCOCK, _____. Originally a member of Captain GILLIAM's company that left St. Joseph, Missouri in spring 1844 for Oregon. Early in the trip, Woodcock and some others split and went on ahead. They were seen near Fort Bridger on August 17. (13)

WOOD, _____. Was observed in an 1852 Oregon company near Chimney Rock. (5)

WOODSON, _____. from Kentucky. Grave noted May 28, 1849 between the Little and Big Vermillion Rivers, Indian Territory (Kansas). (2)

WOODWARD, GEORGE. b Wilmington Delaware, July 14, 1821. His parents were GEORGE AND ALICE WOODWARD (they died in Champaign County, Ohio). Young George was a carpenter in Columbus, Ohio before heading overland to California in 1849 where he eventually settled in Plumas County. He married MARTHA PORTMAN October 25, 1857 (she a native of England) and they had at least seven children: FLORENCE E.; ALICE I.; GEORGE F.; FANNIE; JOHN J.; EDGAR W.; and ARTHUR. (15)

WOOLLEY, LELL H _____. from Martinsburg New York. Live in Vermont. A

passenger on the May 1849 Pioneer Line. Returned east in 1852. Returned to California in 1854. Worked for Southern Pacific Railroad from 1868 to 1884. He was born in 1825. (2)

WORKMAN, WILLIAM. Led an overland group, probably from Sante Fe, to Spanish Los Angeles, arriving about November 1841. (15)

WULFF, HENRY. b Kingdon of Hanover, January 11, 1829. A cabinet maker by trade. Went to America in 1848 reaching St. Louis, Missouri. Went overland to California in 1850 reaching California September 29. Mined many years up and down the coast. Returned east in 1852 and married CAROLINE LEHRKE October 2, 1852. He and his new family went overland to California in 1854. He paid \$100 for his wife and child and \$50 for himself and he had to drive an ox-team. By 1859 they had settled in El Dorado County. They had sixteen children: HENRY F. G., b 1-31-54; JOHN S., b 8-16-56; GEORGE W., b 5-17-58; ALBERT L., b 4-16-60; HERMAN G., 2-6-62; ELIZABETH A., b 1-21-64; CHARLOTTE C., b 3-12-66; FREDERICK LINCOLN, b 2-12-68; AUGUSTUS W., b 6-12-70; FRANK M. H., b 3-11-72; MARY P., b 3-22-74; CAROLINE E. A., b 11-3-75; WILLIAM L., b 2-21-78; stillborn, 1-18-77. His parents were FREDERICK and CHARLOTTE (FLENTE). Her parents were DIETRICH and ELIZABETH LEHRKE. (16)

YAPLES, JOHN. One of the 30+ Cass County, Illinois people who joined a California-bound wagon train in May 1849. They arrived in California on August 26. (1)

YATES, _____. An englishman. An X-sea captain who went to California in 1841 by ship. Lived about 20 miles above Marysville in 1850. (3)

YEOMANS, BEN. Went overland to Oregon in 1852 with his sister and her husband. See THOMAS ANGELL. (5)

YORK, JOHN. See DAVID HUDSON.

YOUNG, COMMODORE PERRY. b Hawkins County, Tennessee, March 15, 1816. His father died in 1828. In 1830 his mother moved the family to Pettis County, Missouri. He went overland to Oregon in 1849 and came to California the next year. Returned east in late 1850. Returned to California to stay in 1852, settling in El Dorado County. Served several years as justice of the peace of Coloma Township. (16)

ZIMMERMAN, SEBASTIAN. b Canton Aargau, Switzerland. Went to America when he was 24 years old reaching Hancock, Ohio. Went overland to California in 1852. By 1858 he had settled in El Dorado County. Married CATHERINE SULLIVAN in 1857. They had at least eight children: MARY, deceased before 1883; KITTIE; ADDIE; THERESA; MATTIE; JOSEPH; ROBERT E.; ARTHUR. (16)

ZUMWALT, _____. Went overland to Oregon in 1854. A daughter (there were probably others) TINA later married a HOWARD. In 1927 Mrs. Howard was living in Ashland, Oregon. (5)

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