

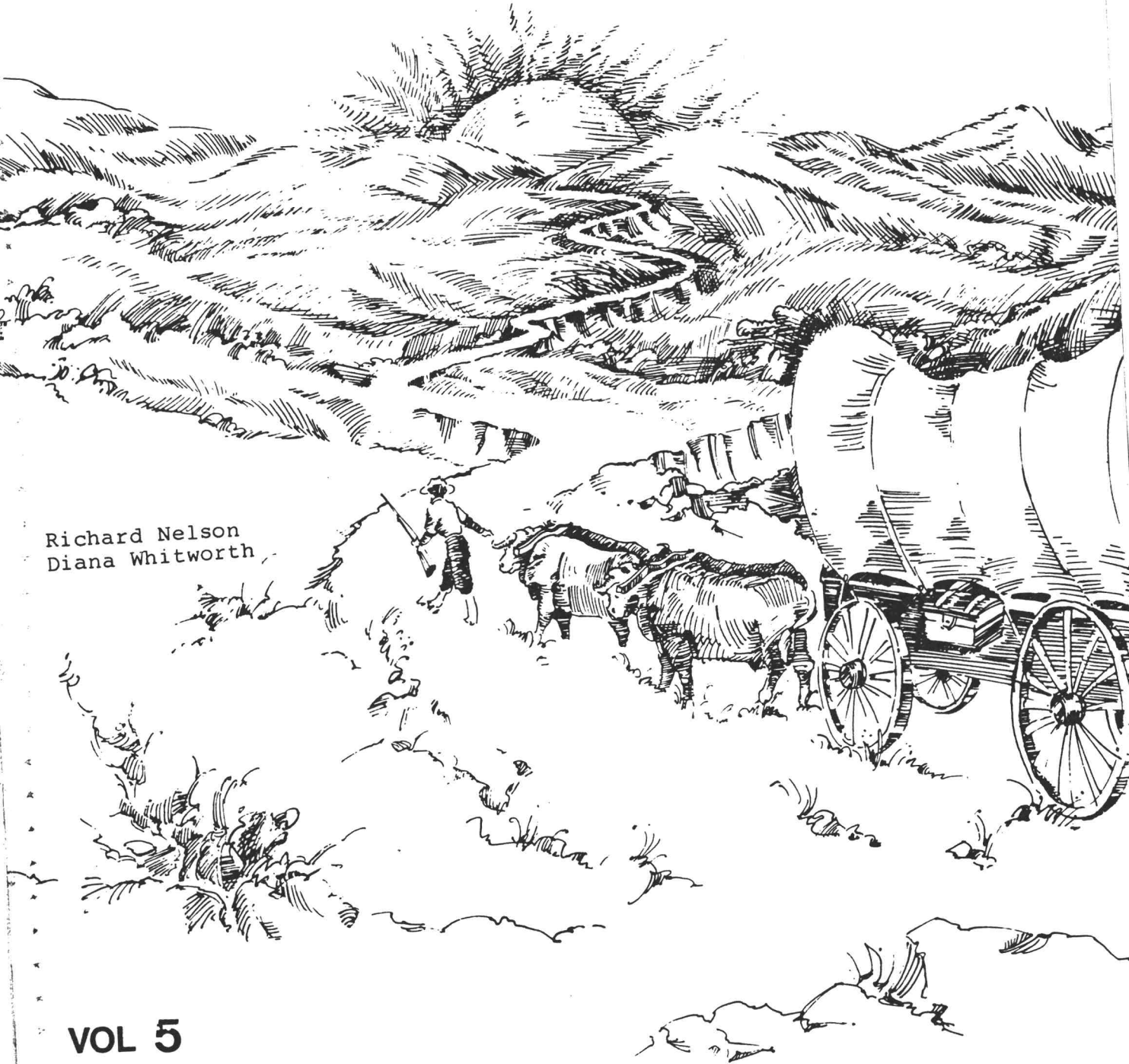
# GOIN' WEST

A record of some who went west

1830-1880

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Welcome to GOIN' WEST

Volume 5 continues in the same format as the earlier volumes. Remember, this is raw data taken from the sources. If the data is flawed, the listing will likewise be flawed.

My daughter, Diana Whitworth, has assisted in the preparation of this volume and will assist in future volumes. She replaces her mother, Alice May (Michael) Nelson, who passed away August 11, 1988.

We hope you find 'um here. Good luck!

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"A," ? Went overland to California in 1849 in the company that included ISAAC WISTAR. (11)

ABBAY, JAMES. Went overland to California in 1850. (1)

ABBOTT, CARLISLE S. His ca 1861 Marin County, California dairy farm maintained 150 milking cows. His brother, JOHN, lived nearby. See GW, Vol. 4. (7)

ABBOTT, JOHN. Brother of CARLISLE. Ca 1861 he held about 3,000 acres of dairy and grazing land in Marin County, California (7)

ADSIT, ? From New Orleans, Louisiana. Went overland to California in 1849 with JOHN COOLIDGE HILDRETH. They were seen June 17 near the Platte River. (2)

ALEXANDER, DAVID W. One time Los Angeles County Sheriff. See GW, Vol.3. (14)

ALLEN, ? Went overland to California in 1846. See ? BROWN. (3)

ALLEN, JANE ISABELLE. See ABNER LOOMIS.

ALLEN, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain ? COOPER. (16)

ANDERSON, ? Captain. Led a group of Tennessee overlanders to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. (16)

APPERSON, JOHN T. Born in Kentucky 1834. Died 1917 and buried in the Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon. He served in the Oregon legislature. Also served as Clackamas County sheriff in the 1870s. Could this be the son of BEVERLY? See GW, Vol. 1. (cemetery record)

APPLEGATE, JESSE. J. QUINN THORTON didn't trust Jesse's description of the new road Applegate and others had blazed from southern Oregon. See GW, Vol. 2. (3)

AUSTIN, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

AUSTIN, P. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

"B," TOM. Went overland to California in the 1849 company that included "G." (11)

BAGLEY, DANIEL. Reverend. Went overland to Oregon in the 1852 company led by THOMAS MERCER. (17)

BAIRD, I. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, et al, that went overland to California. On June 24, west of the Green River, Wyoming, Baird and some others shot a bear. (4)

BAILEY, MIRANDA. Daughter of DANIEL BAILEY. See SIDNEY SMITH.

BAILEY, DANIEL D. From Missouri. See SIDNEY SMITH. See GW, Vol. 3. (19)

BAKER, CHARLES K. Born DeSoto County, Mississippi, ca 1831. Died near San Juan Capistrano, California, 1-23-1857. He went overland to California from Sequin, Texas. He was murdered while leading a posse against outlaws in present Orange County, California. (14)

BAKER, E. D. From Prairie du Chien, Minnesota. Went overland to California in 1849. (20)

BAKER, J. Went overland to Oregon in 1846. He and DAVID BUTTERFIELD drove 140 steers with them. (3)

BALDRIDGE, JOHN. An 1841 overlander. Wheelwright by craft. See GW, Vol. 1. (20)

BALL, A. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BALL, JOHN. Went overland to Oregon in 1832 with CALVIN TIBBITS. John established the first school in Oregon Country. Ball returned to the "states" within a year or two. (3)

BARLOW, SAMUEL K. Went overland to Oregon in 1845. He built a toll road through the Cascades which eliminated the raft voyages down the Columbia River. (19)

BARLOW, WILLIAM. Died 1904 and buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon. He was the son of SAMUEL K. BARLOW. See GW, Vol. 1. (cemetery record)

BARNES, BARNETT. Died in California. He was HIRAM BARNES's brother. On May 25, 1850, Barnett was elected Captain of the "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company." (4)

BARNES, HIRAM. Born March 18, 1818. Died near Birmingham, Iowa, 6-23-1899. He led the "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" overland to California in 1850. He married HANNAH BOND LOOMIS, 8-26-1846 near Birmingham, Iowa. He served in the Third Iowa Cavalry in the Civil War. A daughter was VIRGINIA (BARNES) McCORMICK. A sister was HARRIETT ? As of 5-4, the company included 46 men, 4 women, 1 child, 20 wagons, and 80 horses. By 5-12, the company was down to 33 men, 4 women, 1 child, 15 wagons, and 57 horses. On 7-8, near the City of Rocks, Idaho, Hiram "and his crew," nearly out of food, pushed ahead of the company. The 1850 emigration that passed Fort Laramie, Wyoming by June 3 was reported to total 11,433 men, 119 women, 99 children, 3,188 wagons, 10,900 horses, 3,588 mules, 3,428 oxen, and 233 cows -- and more followed. (4)

BARNES, REASON. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" led by the Barnes brothers, et al. After mining for awhile, Reason lived in San Francisco and Sacramento, California. His sister was LIZZA (BARNES) PATTERSON. His brothers were HIRAM and BARNETT. By 1885, Reason and Lizza were living near Willow Ranch, California. They are both buried in the Willow Ranch Cemetery. (4)

BARNES, ROSETTA. Died near Birmingham, Iowa in 1897. She was the daughter of JOHN BARNES, cousin of HIRAM BARNES. She married SMITH CULBERTSON. Rosetta was one of the four women who were with the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" led by the Barnes brothers that went overland to California. (4)

BARNETT, ELIAS. An 1841 overlander. Elias took along some letters for Dr. JOHN MARSH. See GW, Vol. 1. (9) (20)

BARRETT, JAMES. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BARRETT, R. I. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BARTLESON, JOHN. An 1841 overlander. See GW, Vol. 1. (20)

BARTON, JAMES R. From Howard County, Missouri. Died 1-23-1857 near San Juan Capistrano, California. He went overland to Mexico in 1841, continuing on to Los Angeles, California in 1843. He later became Los Angeles County sheriff. He was killed while leading a posse against the PANCHO DANIEL and JUAN FLORES outlaw band. (14)

BAXTER, JESSE. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BAYLISS, J. H. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BAYLISS, R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BEALL, ? Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. Beall was a member of a "Chicago" wagon company that joined Captain COOPER's pack company near Socorro, Texas. (16)

BECKWITH, JIM. Went overland from New Mexico to California in 1844. (14)

BELDEN, JOSIAH. An 1841 overlander. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

BENNETT, WINSTON. An 1843 overlander. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

BERNIER, MARCEL ISADORE. See MARCUS WHITMAN. (18)

BESTON, THOMAS. Went overland to California in 1847. After reaching Sutter's Fort, Thomas sold four oxen to Captain SUTTER. (6)

BIDWELL, JOHN. An 1841 overlander. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

BIGLER, HENRY WILLIAM. An 1846-47 "Mormon Battalion" overlander. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

BIGGS, PETER. A Black man. Formerly the slave of REUBEN MIDDLETON. Peter was seen in Los Angeles, California on 2-5-1850. (16)

BIRD, DAVID T. This may be the same guy who was in the 1843 "Great migration" to Oregon. A number of those people gravitated south over the years. Between December 1845 and October 1847 there is occasional mention of David in and around Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 2. (6)

BISBEE, WILLIAM H. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

BIXBY, LLEWELYN. Along with THOMAS and BENJAMIN FLINT they drove (more)

(Bixby, ... cont'd) 1,800 sheep overland to California in 1853. (7)

BLACK, JOSEPH or JAMES. This may be the guy who was in the 1843 "Great Migration" to Oregon. Between November 1845 and June 1847 he is mentioned in the Sutter's Fort diary. See GW, Vol. 2. Some of the Oregon people headed south; likewise some Californians went north. The grass was always greener ... (6)

BLACKBURN, WILLIAM. An 1845 overlander. See GW, Vol 1. (6)

BLAIR, A. M. A member of the 17-man, 1839 "Peoria Party" led by THOMAS FARNHAM (GW, Vol. 3), that started overland for Oregon. The group split with most turning back, but Blair arrived at HENRY SPALDING's Lapwai mission, Idaho, on October 4. Blair built a water wheel for the mission. On April 2, 1840 Blair went on to the Willamette Valley. (18)

BLANCHET, F. N. Father. A Catholic priest. He and Father MODESTE DEMERS reached Fort Walla Walla, Washington on 11-18-1838. (18)

BOON, J. I. "Secretary" of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by HIRAM BARNES, that went overland to California. He, WINNER, and MARTIN left the company July 28 near Lassen's Meadows, Nevada, to push ahead on their meager provisions. Later, J. I. returned to the Birmingham area and farmed the rest of his days. (4)

BOONE, ? Captain, From Kentucky. Led a "large ox train" overland to California in 1849. He was observed June 2 west of Grand Island, Nebraska. (11)

BOONE, ALPHONSO. From Kentucky. A grandson of DANIEL BOONE and a brother-in-law to Governor L. W. BOGGS of Missouri. Alphonso went overland in 1846. In August near the Humboldt River, Nevada, Boone shot an Indian prowling around the camp. See W. M. BOGGS, GW, Vol. 1. (3)

BONNEY, JARVIS. "J. Bonney's child was buried today." at Sutter's Fort, California, 3-7-1846. A son had died 3-28-1846. The family left the fort 4-10-1846. One of the Bonney girls (maybe TRUMAN's) married ALLEN SANDERS, 3-25-1846 at Sutter's Fort, or "New Helvetia." See GW, Vol. 1, 2. (6)

BONNEY, TRUMAN. His son died 1-3-1846 at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

BONNIFIELD, MAT. He and his wife went overland to California in 1851. LOUISA WHELSEL accompanied them. (4)

BORELLA, MINNIE. See JOHN MAPLE. (17)

BOREN, CARSON D. He, his wife ?, and daughter, GERTRUDE, went overland to Washington in 1851. In 1853, he and A. A. DENNY drew the first plat for a town they called "Seattle" for the local Indian chief. See JOHN DENNY. (17)

BOREN, LOUISA. Born in White County, Illinois, June 1, 1827. Her parents were RICHARD FREEMAN & SARAH (LATIMER) BOREN. Her sister was MARY DENNY. Louisa went overland to Washington in 1851. See DAVID DENNY. (17)

BOREN, MARY ANN. Born in Tennessee November 25, 1822. Sister of LOUISA BOREN. She went overland to Washington in 1851. See ARTHUR DENNY. (17)

BOSTICK, I. A member of the 1850 "Tennessee Mining Company" that went overland to California led by ? ROSEBOROUGH. Bostick made it to the diggins. (1)

BOSWORTH, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the Applegate cutoff into southern Oregon. (3)

BOWMAN, "JOAQUIN." Died at San Gabriel, California. Went overland to Los Angeles, California with JEDEDIAH SMITH in the mid-1820s. "Joaquin" stayed on at San Gabriel Mission where he was the miller. (14)

BRADLEY, T. K. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BRAGG, W. C. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BRAIDY, JAMES. By 1846 he was seen at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 2. (6)

BRANCH, FRANCIS ZIBA "DON FRANCISCO." He married MANUELA CARLONA. See GW, Vol. 3. (15)

BRASFIELD, JOHN S. From Platte County, Missouri. Went overland to California in 1849 reaching Placerville on August 25. On the Humboldt River route, John, WILLIAM DAVENPORT, and PERRY WOOD left their wagons and elected to pack on to the diggins. In late 1849, John was spotted near Warner's Ranch in Riverside County, California. (16)

BRAY, EDMUND. Edmund worked for Captain SUTTER between December 1845 and January 1848. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

BREEN, PATRICK. A DONNER party survivor. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

BRIER, J. W. Reverend. In 1850, he preached the first Methodist sermon in Los Angeles, California. See GW, Vol. 1. (14)

BRIGGS, JAMES. From Illinois. Died June 25, 1852 near Independence Rock, Wyoming. He was one of the three young men who worked for the Reverend HANNA. "He was buried with the clothes on that he died in, then wrapped in his bed and quilts." (21)

BRIGHAM, NANCY. Died in Oregon Territory in 1852. See THOMAS MERCER.

BRISBANE, ? Died in 1846 in a canyon south of the Umpqua River, Oregon on the Applegate Trail into southern Oregon. (3)

BRISTOW, ELIJAH. March 26, 1846 at Sutter's Fort, California, Elijah "...was thrown from his mule and badly hurt." See GW, Vol. 1, 3. (6)

BRITT, B. F. A member of the 1850 "Tennessee Mining Company" that went overland to California led by ? ROSEBOROUGH. He made it to the diggins. (1)

BROWN, ? He and ? ALLEN led a company overland to California in 1846. Originally, they planned to go to Oregon via Applegate's cutoff but they became concerned about a lack of water on the trail. So they backtracked to the Humboldt River and went on to California. (3)

BROWN, B. B. From St. Louis, Missouri. Went overland to California in 1849. He was seen August 16 beyond the City of Rocks, Idaho. (2)

BROWN, JOHN E. Went overland to California in 1849. (1)

BROWN, JOHN HENRY. Hired as cook at Sutter's Fort, California in October 1845. In April, 1848 he was working on the famous sawmill that Captain Sutter had placed JOHN MARSHALL in charge. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

BUNDY, R. A. Born ca 1858. Accompanied his father overland to Washington in the 1865 company led by A. L. McCAULEY. R. A. wrote that he walked barefoot overland behind the wagons, "...over sagebrush, sand toads, hot sand and gravel, rattlesnakes, prickly pears, etc.,..." (17)

BURHAMS, ELIZA WOODSON FARNHAM. She lived in Santa Cruz, California and later married ? FITZPARTICK who she later divorced. Eliza died in service as a U. S. Army nurse. See THOMAS FARNHAM.

BURNETT, J. WHITE. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

BURNETT, THOMAS. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail, Thomas and his messmates, SMITH, LONG, and HINES joined Captain ? HOUCK's company October 19 at Galisteo. He left the Company at La Joya with some others to trade or sell their wagons and pack the rest of the way. Thomas was also reported being in Captain COOPER's company. (16)

BURNS, ? Started overland to Oregon in 1846 with his wife and three children. He helped J. QUINN THORTON drive his team over some rough spots in the Bear River Valley. Burns didn't make it however, as he died August 21, north of the Humboldt River, Nevada. (3)

BURNS, SUTTON. He may have been related to the above BURNS. See ? NEALEY. (3)

BUSH, ? A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by HIRAM BARNES, that went overland to California. On the plains, Bush's horse, "Polly," died from "...the collick." (4)

BUTTERFIELD, DAVID. Went overland to Oregon in 1846. He and J. BAKER drove 140 steers with them. (3)

C., F. Started overland to California in 1849 in the company that included ISAAC WISTAR. F died July 24, near Goose Creek, Idaho. (11)

CAIN, J. N. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CAIN, W. R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CALDWELL, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the Applegate cutoff into southern Oregon. (3)

CALHOON, ISAAC NEWTON. Born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1809. The family moved to Holmes County, Ohio ca 1817. Isaac moved on to Iowa territory in 1838. He was elected "1st Lieut" of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" led by HIRAM BARNES that went overland to California. He made \$3,000 during his eighteen months in the (more)



(Calhoun, ... cont'd) mines and returned home ca 1852. He may have served in the Third Iowa Volunteer Cavalry in the Civil War. His brother-in-law was JOHN SAUNDERS. (4)

CALVIN VINCENT. He appears a few times in the Sutter's Fort diary. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

CAMERON, JOHN. From Illinois. A Presbyterian minister. He was the co-founder of New Salem, Illinois. Went overland to Salt Lake City, Utah in an 1849 40-wagon company. John pushed on to California, arriving in the San Joaquin Valley on 10-31-49. He was an old friend of JOHN MARSH. (20)

CAMPBELL, ? Led an overland company to Oregon in 1846. His wife died 7-28, west of the Green River, Wyoming. (3)

CANNON, MARY HELEN. Died in 1863. From Shelbyville, Tennessee. She was the daughter of DUNCAN CANNON. See MADISON MOORMAN.

CARPENTER, LEMUEL. From Missouri. See GW, Vol. 3. (14)

CARSON, MOSES. KIT CARSON's brother. Moses stopped by Sutter's Fort, California 6-10-1846. One of these sources says that Moses eventually settled in the Russian River area of the North Coast of California. See GW, Vol. 3. (6) (14)

CARTER, E. C. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

CARTER, GEORGE. Dr. He arrived at Sutter's Fort, California 10-11-1845. He was up on Bear Creek until mid-March 1846. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

CASTER, ZENAS. "...an old, Mexican (War?) soldier, ..." A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" led by HIRAM BARNES that went overland to California. When the company traded military-type salutes with another company May 15, Zenas marched the Birmingham men around. In the May 25 election, Zenas was made "1st Lieutenant." (4)

CATHLAN, E. R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CAUFIELD, ROBERT. Born in Ireland in 1805. Died in 1891 and buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon. Robert went to America in 1832. He married JANE ? She died in 1899. See GW, Vol. 3. (cemetery record)

CHAFFIN, JOHN. From Platte County, Missouri. He started overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. John died November 22 west of present San Antonio, Texas after being "indisposed" for several days. "The grave was dug near the roadside; cedar logs were procured on the hills half a mile from the camp. There were no materials to make a coffin. He was wrapped in a blanket then laid in his overcoat, as if the more to protect him from the chill sod. ..." John left a wife and four children back in Missouri. (16)

CHANDLER, ? A Baptist minister who went overland to Oregon in 1851. He sold some of his meat (at 10 cents per pound just what he paid for it in Indiana) to an overlander who had run out of food. (10)

CHANDLER, ? Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CHANBERLAIN, JOHN. He married NANCY HESS, 1-26-1846, at Sutter's Fort, California. (6)

CHAMBERLAIN, WILLIAM E. Went overland to California in 1849. (1)

CHAMBERRY, ? Went overland to California in the 1849 company that included ISSAC WISTAR. On July 4, Chamberry striped, placed the mare bell around his neck, and led the mules across the high, swift river. (11)

CHAMBERS, ESTHER. Born ca 1838. She was the daughter of WILLIAM PACKWOOD. She married G.W.T. ALLEN, 4-30-1854. They had four children. They split and Esther married McLAIN CHAMBERS 7-7-1863. They had nine children. The family settled near Roy, Washington. (17)

CHAPIN, HARLOW. From Harmar, Ohio. He led the 21-man, 1849 "Harmar Company" overland to California. (2)

CHAPMAN, ? Dr. Went overland to California in 1849. He was seen along the Humboldt River, Nevada, on September 6. (2) The "Dr." appendage appears to have been used quite loosely on the American frontier. Dr. Chapman's qualifications are not known at this point, but "Dr." was oftentimes bestowed upon a person because they demonstrated some knowledge of medicine. By those standards, todays informed layperson could probably qualify to carry the "Dr." handle. Of course, many qualified medical men went west. (2)

CHARD, WILLIAM GEORGE. In late October 1847, he traveled from Monterey to Sutter's Fort, California. Later, he lived in the Sacramento Valley. See GW, Vol. 3. (6) (14)

CHAUNCEY, EMILY MARTHA. Born in Harford County, Maryland, ca 1821. Died in Los Angeles, California, September 12, 1857. Her parents were JOHN and CORDELIA F. CHAUNCEY. See BENJAMIN HAYES.

CHAVES, JULIAN. Went overland to Los Angeles, California ca 1831-34 from New Mexico. Later, he served as a Los Angeles County Supervisor. (14)

CHESEBRO, ZEBULON J. Died at Redding's diggins, about 100 miles north of Sacramento, California, December 14, 1849. Went overland to California in 1849 with the "Marietta (Ohio) Gold Hunters" led by ELISHA PERKINS. The group split into twos at Fort Laramie, Wyoming and proceeded to pack with carts to the coast. Zebulon and SAMUEL CROSS packed on and made the diggins in just 85 days. See J.Q.A. CUNNINGHAM. (2)

CHILES, JOSEPH. An 1841 overlander. See GW, Vol. 1. (20)

CHUBSCALES, J. C. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CLARK, HARVEY. Reverend. He, his wife, the ALVIN SMITH's, and the P. B. LITTLEJOHN's went overland to Oregon in 1840 hoping to establish missions among the Indians. (18)

CLARK, HENRY. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. He didn't make it as he died (more)



(Clark, ... cont'd) sometime during the journey. (2)

CLARK, THOMAS. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CLOUDS, H. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CLOUD, JEREMIAH H. Major. Died August 4, 1847 "...about 1/2 mile from ..." Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

COATES, JAMES. In June 1847, he was operating the tannery at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

COCHRAN, THOMAS. Appears to be the fellow who was working for Captain Sutter in December 1845. He is mentioned again in May 1848 in the Sutter diary. See GW, Vol. 2. (6)

COLDWELL, I. I. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" led by the BARNES brothers that went overland to California. On June 6, I. I. was elected "2nd Lieutenant" of the company. (4)

COLEMAN, (?) A lawyer from Norfolk, Virginia. Packed overland to California in 1849. He and his partner, ? GILBERT were seen August 24 on the upper reaches of the Humboldt River, Nevada. Along the Truckee River, Nevada, his horse fell into the river and Coleman lost about one-half of his gear. (2)

CONNOR, M. T. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

COOMBS, NATHAN. He appeared to be working for Captain SUTTER between 9-18-1845 and June 1846, maybe longer. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

COON, ? "...a Dutchman ..." He joined T. A. THOMAS' 1850 overland to California company May 24. He had been in the same group that included ? PETIT. (1)

COOK, ? From Michigan. Born ca 1825. Went overland to California in 1849. About September 1, he, ? LOVETT, and ISAAC WISTAR were mining on the Bear River. (11)

COOK, GROVE C. An 1841 overlander. On December 28, 1845, he married REBECCA KELSEY at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vols 1, 4. (6)

COOK, R. W. He led the "California Club of Cincinnati" overland to California in 1849. (2)

COOKE, PHILLIP ST. GEORGE. Lt. Colonel. He visited Sutter's Fort, California 6-14-1847, along with General KEARNY and other officers before heading back to the "states." See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

COOPER, ? Captain. He led a pack company overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. The company included 77 men and 168 horses and mules. (16)

COOPER, H. M. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

COOPER, S. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

CORNWALL, J. A. Reverend. He officiated at the prairie funeral of Mrs. SARAH KEYES, May 29, 1846, near Alcove Spring, Kansas. Keyes was the mother-in-law of JAMES REED of REED-DONNER fame. See GW, Vol. 1. (3)

COSE, J. M. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

COWLEY, W. Went overland to California in 1850. He was seen July 11, near the Big Sandy River, Wyoming. (1)

CRABTREE, ? Led an overland company to Oregon in 1846. (3)

CRAIG, JOHN. An 1845 overlander. He returned to the "states," leaving Sutter's Fort May 22, 1847. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

CRAIG, WILLIAM. A mountainman who settled near HENRY SPALDING's Lapwai Mission (near present Lewiston, Idaho) in 1840. William married the daughter of the Nez Perce chief, JAMES. (18)

CRAWFORD, CHARLES HOWARD. A Presbyterian Minister. Took his family (wife and two children) overland western Illinois to Washington in 1851 in the company led by ? HADLEY. The company included "...one hundred and twenty men, well armed, besides women and children." The Crawford's didn't stay in Washington however, for he later served as Linn County, Oregon assessor. Then in 1858 the family was in Stockton, California. By 1860, they called Sonoma County, California home. But that didn't last for in 1879, William was preaching in Point Arena, California. By 1898, they were living in Petaluma, California. (10) (21)

CREIGHBAUM, A. M. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

CROIYERS, HENRY. Went overland to Oregon in 1846. On June 18, on the plains near the Platte River, and with the company assembled, he married MARY HALL. The Reverend J. A. CORNWALL officiated. (3)

CROIZEN, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the Applegate cutoff into southern Oregon. (3)

CROSBY, A. H. Was a carpenter and wood cutter at Sutter's Fort, California in 1845-46. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

CROSS, SAMUEL E. From New York, Born ca 1826. Died January 7, 1850 in the California goldfields. Went overland to California in 1849 with the "Marietta (Ohio) Gold Hunters" led by ELISHA PERKINS. Samuel teamed with ZEBULON CHESEBRO when the group split near Fort Laramie, Wyoming. In an October 1849 letter home recounting his experiences overland and in California, Samuel wrote, "...Now, if you have an enemy you wish to punish, advise him to go to California across the plains. ..." He was survived by a widowed mother in New York. See JOSEPH STEPHENS. (2)

CRUMP, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846 with two wagons. ? CLARK and "... a German, who had an unspellable name." (sounded like GREASER) left the company June 12 to proceed on their own. (3)

CULBERTON, SMITH. Died in Birmingham, Iowa in 1896. He and his (more)

(Culbertson, ... cont'd) wife, ROSETTA (BARNES) were members of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" led by the BARNES brothers that went overland to California. Later, Smith returned to Birmingham. (4)

CL LINGHAM, J. QUENCY A. Went overland to California in 1849 with the "Marietta (Ohio) Gold Hunters" led by ELISHA PERKINS. On the trail, J. Q. A. left the company to join the "Pontotoc (Mississippi) and California Mining Company." J. Q. A. remained in California. (2)

CUTLER, CHARLES. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. Charles didn't make it as he died somewhere during the journey. (2)

CYRUS, ENOCH  
PLEASANT  
JOHN

JESSE. Enoch and his son's traveled with the REED-DONNER party near Salt Lake, Utah in 1846. Fortunately for Enoch, he and his party pushed on ahead and missed the storms. They settled in the Napa Valley, California. The NASH's and OWSLEY's were sons-in-law. Enoch and two sons later died of smallpox. RACHEL CYRUS married ? ELLIOTT. (9)

DALEY, JAMES. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

DAVENPORT, WILLIAM. Went overland to California in 1849 reaching Placerville, August 25. See JOHN BRASFIELD. (16)

DAWSON, ? Miss. The family went overland in 1852 in "Perry's Train." Dawson was seen on/about May 24 near the Blue River, Kansas. She said her mother had taken cholera and died. (21)

DECOUTEAUX, MARGUERITE. Her parents were a French-Canadian and a Sioux. See JOHN MARSH.

DENNY, ARTHUR ARMSTRONG. Born in Washington County, Indiana. Died 1-9-1889. He was the son of JOHN DENNY. He, his wife, MARY A (Boren), and their daughters, CATHERINE and LENORA (another child is mentioned), went overland to Washington in 1851. Arthur and Mary were married 11-23-1843. They had six children. In 1853, Arthur and C. D. BOREN prepared the first plat for a town they called "Seattle." Arthur served in the territorial legislature and was Seattle's first postmaster. (17)

DENNY, DAVID THOMAS. Born in Putnam County, Indiana, March 17, 1832. Died November 25, 1903. He was the son of JOHN DENNY. David was a founder of Seattle, Washington. David and J. N. LOW blazed the trail for the others headed to the Puget Sound area in 1851. He married LOUISA BOREN 1-23-1853 in what was the first pioneer marriage in the area. They had eight children. David, "Honest Dave," as he was known, served in the 1855-56 Indian War. He served in many civic posts in and around Seattle. (17)

DENNY, JOHN. Born near Lexington, Kentucky May 4, 1793. Died at Seattle, Washington, 7-28-1875. His parents were ROBERT and RACHEL (Thomas) DENNY. John was a War of 1812 veteran. He married SARAH WILSON, 8-25-1814. His second marriage was to Mrs. SARAH (Latimer) BOREN. John lived in Indiana and Illinois and served in the Illinois Legislature in 1840-41. The family went overland to Oregon from Knox County, Illinois in 1851. Others in the group of four, horse-powered wagons included (more)

(Denny, ... cont'd) John's four sons, DAVID, JAMES, SAMUEL, and WILEY. A young daughter, LORRETTA is also mentioned. The BOREN's and CRAWFORD's were also in the group. Indians shot at the party west of present American Falls, Idaho. Later, John attached his group to the small group led by J. N. LOW. In 1859, John and Sarah moved north to near present Olympia, Washington, to be near their son, David. (17)

DAVIS, ? "Murdered by Mexicans" in Calaveras County, California in 1854. He was the wagonmaster for the 1849 overland to California company that included ISAAC WISTAR. (11)

DAVIS, W. R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

DAWSON, NICHOLAS "CHEYENNE." He was said to have only seventy-five cents in his pocket when he started overland to California in the 1841 BARTLESON-BIDWELL party. See GW, Vol. 3. (8)

DEADY, MATHEW P. Named President of the Oregon Constitutional Convention on 8-17-1857. See GW, Vol. 1. (19)

DeCAMP, WILLIAM. From New Jersey. Went overland to California in 1849. See R. B. RIGGS. (2)

DEMERS, MODESTE. A Catholic priest. He and Father BLANCHET reached Fort Walla Walla on 11-18-1838. (18)

DEWELL, BENJAMIN. See GW, Vol. 4. (9)

DICKINSON, ? Led a company overland in 1846. He was seen July 12 along the Sweetwater River, Wyoming. By August 13, his company was west of Fort Hall, Idaho. (3)

DIX, MARY AUGUSTA. Born March 2, 1810. Died 12-8-1891. Her father was JOHN DIX. See WILLIAM GRAY. (18)

DODD. ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the Applegate Cutoff into southern Oregon. (3)

DOUGLASS, JAMES. Went overland to Los Angeles, California via Chihuahua, Mexico with JOHN WARD and PAUL RUSHMORE. (14)

DRAKE, A. T. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

DROWN, GAGE. A member of the 1849 Harmar, Ohio Company that went overland to California. Gage didn't make it as he was taken by cholera early in the journey. (2)

DUNBAR, RICE. See GW, Vol. 1. (3)

DUNLAP, SMITH. From Chicago. Started overland to Oregon with his wife and six children in the 1847 company that included ELIZABETH SMITH. On June 30, while looking for stray stock, Smith accidentally shot and killed himself. This was about 70 miles east of chimney rock, Nebraska. (19)

DUNLEAVY, ? Led a wagon company overland in 1846. (3)

DWITTY, LAFAYETTE. Went overland to California in 1849. On June 20, near Horse Creek, Wyoming, he accidentally shot himself when the gun discharged as the muzzle pointed at his knee. A few days later his leg had to be amputated to above the knee. (1)

EARL, ? Dr. From San Antonio, Texas. Went overland to California via Chihuahua, Mexico. He was seen in Los Angeles in February 1850. (16)

EARL, WILLIAM. See GW, Vol. 3. (10)

EDDY, WILLIAM HENRY. DONNER party survivor. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

EDMONDSON, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

EDWARDS, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

EDWARDS, JOHN C. A former governor of Missouri. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. (16)

EDWARDS, P. L. See JASON LEE. (18)

EELLS, CUSHING. Reverend. From Massachusetts. The newly married Eells accompanied the GRAY's, WALKER's, and SMITH's overland to Oregon in the 1838 missionary party. Later, Eells would establish a mission near present Spokane, Washington with the Walker's. (18)

ELLIOTT, WILLIAM B. The family lived in a tent after they moved to the Napa Valley. To keep the family safe from bears in the evening, they slept in the forks of a large oak tree. Mrs. Elliott also shot bears from the same vantage point. William had been associated with J. C. FREMONT. William developed "The Geysers" health resort. A son married RACHEL CYRUS. See GW, Vol. 1. (9)

ELY, CHARLES A. From Lorain County, Ohio. An importer and breeder of Devon cattle. He drove some of the smaller Devon steers overland to California in the late 1850s. (7)

ELY, SMITH. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

ENGLISH, LEVEN N. Captain. Uncle of NANCY ENGLISH. See GW, Vol. 3. (19)

ENGLISH, NANCY. Niece of LEVEN ENGLISH. See GEORGE EOFF.

EOFF, GEORGE. Took his family overland to Oregon in 1847. His wife was NANCY ENGLISH. The Eoff's settled on Howell's Prairie, near Salem. (19)

ERHORN, H. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

EVANS, DAVID. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

EVANS, ISRAEL. By September 1847, he and a number of other members of the "Mormon Battalion" were working for Captain SUTTER. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

EVANS, JEREMIAH. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

EWING, ANN. From Nashville, Tennessee. See MADISON MOORMAN.

FAIRCHILD, ? A wagonmaster by trade. Went overland to California in 1847 reaching Sutter's Fort on October 5. He went to work for Captain SUTTER. Most of the early emigrants who wanted to work were hired by Sutter. (6)

FARLEY, JAMES T. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

FARNHAM, THOMAS JEFFERSON. Died in San Francisco, California, September 13, 1848. He married ELIZA WOODSON BURHANS. They had three children. After Thomas' death, Eliza proposed bringing 130 young women of "...education, character, capacity, etc. ..." to California by ship in 1849 to help check the evil in the womanless mining camps. The plan failed although some women did make the sea voyage. See GW, Vol. 3. (8)

FEARING, PAUL. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

FERGUSON, JESSE. From New Mexico. Went overland to Los Angeles, California in 1828, maybe in the JAMES PATTIE party. See GW, Vol. 3. (14)

FLECK, WILLIAM. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

FLINT, BENJAMIN. See THOMAS FLINT. (7)

FLINT, THOMAS. Dr. Along with his brother, BENJAMIN, and LLEWELYN BIXBY, they drove 1,800 sheep overland from Illinois to California in 1853. (7)

FLUGGE, CHARLES W. Died near San Pedro, California, September 1, 1852. See GW, Vol. 3. (6) (14)

FOISY, MEDARE G. A French-Canadian. Arrived at HENRY SPALDING's Lapwai Mission in 1844 from the Flathead country. Later, he moved on to the Willamette Valley, Oregon. (18)

FOLGER, GEORGE W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

FORD, ? Captain. See GW, Vol. 1. (17)

FOSTER, WILLIAM M. He and his wife were at Sutter's Fort, California in July 1847. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

FOURGEAUD, VICTOR J. Dr. He, his wife, brother and his family went overland to California in 1847 reaching Sutter's Fort October 9. (6)

FOWLER, WILLIAM. Returned to Monterey, California 9-13-1847 after purchasing horses at Sutter's Fort. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

G ? Went overland to California in an 1849 company that included "J." (11)



GAGE, WILLIAM H. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

GALE, I. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company" that was led by the BARNES brothers. On June 22, beyond the Green River, Wyoming, Gale was elected "second lieutenant" for the company. (4)

GALE, J. The "third lieutenant" of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by HIRAM BARNES, that went overland to California. (4)

GALLOWAY, ? Two Galloways went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the Company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

GAMBEL, WILLIAM. Dr. assistant curator, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. Went overland to California in 1849 with ISAAC WISTAR. On June 2, west of Grand Island, Nebraska, William joined Captain ? BOONE's company. Shortly after reaching Rose's Bar, on California's Feather River, William came down with typhoid fever and died. (11)

GEDDES, PAUL. See TALBOT GREEN. (8)

GEER, JOSEPH CAREY. Born February 5, 1795. Died 8-27-1881. His father was AARON GEER. Joseph was a War of 1812 veteran. He married MARY JOHNSON in 1815. In 1818, the family moved to Union County, Ohio; then Madison County in 1824. In 1840, the family moved to Knox County, Illinois. In 1847, Joseph followed his son, JOSEPH Jr., overland to Oregon. See GW, Vol. 4. (19)

GEER, JOSEPH CAREY. Jr. Son of JOSEPH CAREY. Went overland to Oregon in 1845. His married son, FRED GEER has taken his family overland in 1846. See GW, Vol. 2. (19)

GEIGER, ? Went overland in 1849. (1)

GERKE, ? "(a) German ..." Went overland to California in 1847 reaching Sutter's Fort, California on October 3. (6)

GERVAIS, JOSEPH. "...practically the first white settler in that part of the Willamette Valley, having been induced to locate there by Dr. McLOUGHLIN (Hudson's Bay Company factor), to raise wheat for the Russian trade." See GW, Vol. 2. (19)

GEYER, KARL or CHARLES ANDREAS. Born in Dresden, Saxony, November 30, 1809. Died at Meissen, ? 11-21-1853. A botanist who visited the Oregon Country in 1844. (18)

GIGER (GEIGER?), WILLIAM. He, a "... Mr. Johnson, " and two missionary couples, GRIFFIN and MUNGER, reached MARCUS WHITMAN's Waiilatpu Mission on 8-26-1839. Giger and Johnson said they were looking for land that settlers could occupy. (18)

GILBERT, ? From Norfolk, Virginia. He had been a Cincinnati, Ohio businessman. Packed overland to California in 1849. He and his partner, ? COLEMAN, were seen 8-24 on the upper reaches of the Humboldt River, Nevada. (2)

GILDEA, WILLIAM B. Dr. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

GILLIAM, ? See GW, Vol. 1 (17)

GOLLER, JOHN. A blacksmith and wagonmaker. Died in Los Angeles, California, July 7, 1874. Went overland to Los Angeles via Salt Lake City, Utah. (14)

GOODYEAR, MILES. From Iowa. Born ca 1820. Miles joined the 1836 WHITMAN/SPALDING missionary party and traveled with them to Fort Hall, Idaho. WILLIAM GRAY who was with the party described Miles thusly: "... having on an old torn straw hat, an old fustian coat, scarcely half a shirt, with buckskin pants, badly worn. But one moccasin, a powder-horn with no powder in it, and an old rifle ..." (18)

GORDON, ? From Jackson County, Missouri. Went overland in 1846 in the company led by Colonel WILLIAM RUSSELL. Gordon had five or six wagons in his party. On May 22, he left the company being unable to keep up with them. (3)

GORDON, G. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

GRAHAM, OSAAC. From Tennessee. A trapper who by 1836 had settled in Mexican Los Angeles, California. Isaac helped unseat the unpopular Mexican governor, NICOLAS GUTIERREZ, in favor of JUAN BAUTISTE ALVADARO. (20)

GRANGER, LOUIS. A lawyer. Went overland to Los Angeles, California in 1850. (14)

GRAVES, ELLEN. Daughter of FRANKLIN GRAVES of REED-DONNER party fame. Ellen later married WILLIAM McDONNELL and they lived in the Napa Valley region of California. See GW, Vol. 1. (9)

GRAVES, LOVINA. Daughter of FRANKLIN GRAVES of REED-DONNER fame. Lovina married JOHN CYRUS and they lived in the Napa Valley region of California. See GW, Vol. 1. (9)

GRAY, CHARLES GLASS. Went overland to California in 1849. (2)

GRAY, WILLIAM H. Born in Fairfield, New York, September 8, 1810. Died 11-4-1889. Went overland to Oregon in the 1836 WHITMAN/SPALDING missionary party. He returned east and married MARY AUGUSTA DIX 2-19-1838 in Ithaca, New York. By 4-22-1838, he and Mary were joined by three other missionary couples, SMITH, EELLS, and WALKER, and the unmarried ? ROGERS, and they all proceeded overland to Oregon to reenforce the WHITMAN and SPALDING missions. William left the mission in 1842 to settle in Oregon's Willamette Valley. See GW, Vol. 2. (18) (19)

GRAYSON, ? Went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by Colonel WILLIAM RUSSELL. Grayson found some wild honey near Alcove Spring, Kansas, on May 27. (3)

GREEN, TALBOT H. He was the first "President" of what was to become known as the 1841 BARTELSON-BIDWELL overland to California party. Some years later in San Francisco, Talbot was identified as an indicted Pennsylvania bank embezzler by the name of PAUL GEDDES. See GW, Vol. 1. (8)

GREENWOOD, JOHN. Arrived at Sutter's Fort, California on (more)



(Greenwood, ... cont'd) 9-27-1845 with Dr. W. B. GILDEA. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

GREGSON, ELIZABETH MARSHALL. See JAMES GREYSON (GREGSON).

GREYSON, (GREGSON), JAMES. An 1845 overlander. His wife was ELIZABETH MARSHALL. James worked for Captain SUTTER to at least May 1848. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

GRIFFIN JOHN SMITH. Reverend. "Independent missionaries." Died in Hillsboro, Oregon, February 5, 1899. He and his wife went overland to Oregon in 1839 with fellow missionary ? MUNGER, and Messrs. GIGER and JOHNSON. Initially, the Griffin's worked with HENRY SPALDING at his Lapwai Mission in Idaho. The next year John and his wife attempted to establish their own missions near Fort Boise. That effort was not successful. Later they moved to Oregon's Willamette Valley. (18)

GRIGSBY, JOHN. Settled in California's Napa Valley. See GW, Vol. 1. (9)

"H," ? Went overland to California in the 1849 company that included "B." "H" took pneumonia May 14 on the trail. He recovered but his luck didn't hold as he was killed by Indians July 20 at his evening guard position while the company rested near the Humboldt River, Nevada. He was buried in the corral and mules were allowed to graze over the grave for a time to obliterate signs. (11)

"H," ? From Maine. Went overland to Oregon in the 1851 company led by ? HADLEY. Near Salmon Falls, Idaho, he was shot while chasing an Indian who had stolen ? STRONG's horse. Fortunately, he recovered. (10)

HADLEY, ? Captain. Led an 120-wagon company overland to Oregon in 1851. He had also went overland to California in 1849. (10) (21)

HALF, ? One of the three young men who worked for JOSEPH HANNA and his wife on their 1852 overland trip to Oregon. (21)

HAINES, M. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HALE, T. B. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HALL, ? The Hall's went overland in 1846. Twin sons, WILLIAM, named for the company leader, Colonel RUSSELL, and ?, named for the attending physican, Dr. ? RUPERT, were born May 18 on the Kansas prairie. The Hall's traveled with the REED-DONNER party for a time. Mr. Hall called his sons his "prairie wolves." (3)

HALL, MARY. See HENRY CROIYERS.

HAMLET, R. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

HAMMER, MARGARET M. She lived to be 92 years of age. See ADNA HECOX. Margaret later said this about her 1846 overland journey to California: "I am ashamed to say I was not one of those brave, spirited women who rise above all trials and sit smiling in upper air. I was afraid of everything, and hated the discomforts of the way we traveled; but finding there was nothing to do but bear my lot, I determined (more)

(Hammer, ... cont'd) to do my best, and not let my husband see how unhappy I was. My baby was sick all the way across the plains, and I was sure I would be obliged to leave his little body buried someplace where the wild animals would dig it up; how close I held that little fellow to my heart all the way, only a mother can understand." See GW, Vol. 1. (8)

HAMMOND, SAMUEL. Started overland to Oregon in the 1852 company that included JOSEPH HANNA. Samuel took cholera and died August 17, east of the Blue Mountains, Oregon. (21)

HAMPTON, J. J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HANNA, JOSEPH A. Reverend. A Presbyterian minister. Took his wife overland to Oregon from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1852. They settled in Marysville (Corvallis) and established the second Presbyterian church in Oregon country. His wife was ESTHER BELL McMILLAN. The Hanna's overland company totaled 60 people. They had 18 wagons. Three young men assisted Joseph in handling his team. (21)

HARLAN, ? From Vicksburg, Virginia. Went overland to California in 1849. He was near Ash Hollow, Nebraska, approximately June 23. He was a campfire singer and storyteller. (2)

HARMON, GEORGE. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HARRIS, ? Dr. A member of the 1850 "Tennessee Mining Company," led by ? ROSEBOROUGH, that went overland to California. (1)

HARRIS, T. SMILEY. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HARBIN, JAMES. Went overland to California in 1846. He settled in the Napa Valley. (9)

HART, ELIZA. Born in Kensington, Connecticut, August 11, 1807. Died 1-7-1851 in Brownsville, Oregon. Her parents were LEVI and MARTHA HART. Her brother was HORACE HART. See HENRY SPALDING.

HART, O. P. "Engineer" to a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

HARTMAN, ? Went overland to Los Angeles, California ca 1850. (14)

HASTINGS, L. B. Went overland to Oregon in 1847 with the BENJAMIN ROSS and DAVID SHELTON. OREGON C.?, and FRANK W ?. are mentioned. See B. ROSS. (17)

HASTINGS, LANSFORD W. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

HASTINGS, OREGON C. Born in Illinois ca 1845. Oregon C. later moved to Washington. See L. B. HASTINGS. (17)

HAVENS, BILL. From Michigan. Went overland to Oregon in the 1851 company led by ? HADLEY. JOE LUCAS was also in the company. Bill became known as "Buffalo Bill" when he was chased by a herd of the animals one day on the plains. Later, Bill went to California. Eventually he returned to Michigan. (10)

HAYES, BENJAMIN IGNATIUS. Judge. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 14, 1815. Died in Los Angeles, California, 8-4-1877. He married EMILY MARTHA CHAUNCEY 11-15-1848. They had two children. Benjamin left Independence, Missouri, 9-10-1849 in the company led by Captain ? HOUCK. Benjamin carried a daguerreotype of his wife with him. He also carried a medicine kit with him consisting of "calomel, opium, tartar emetic, Cook's Mixture, African cayenne, laudanum, quinine, camphor, spirits of hartshorn, ..." Benjamin's second wife was DONA ADELEIDA SERRANO. They married 8-2-1866. They had a daughter, MARY, who died when a young woman. Benjamin was elected Los Angeles County Attorney in 1850. His sister, LOUISA, married Dr. J. S. GRIFFIN, who was army surgeon during the Mexican War. See GW, Vol. 4. (14) (16)

HEATH, ? Dr. From Chicago, Illinois. He and 12 others went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. He was seen in Socorro, Texas in late October. One of the others was JAMES McDUGAL. (16)

HECOX, ADNA A. He married MARGARET M. HAMMER. They had four children. In 1878, he was the Santa Cruz, California lighthouse keeper. See GW, Vol. 1. (8)

HENDERSON, ROBERT. From New Jersey. He was the driver for the foursome headed by R. B. RIGGS who went overland to California in 1849. (2)

HENDRICKS, ? Went overland to California in 1850. It appears that his company lost horses to Indians along the Humboldt River, Nevada. Hendricks posted a warning on the trail so that following companies could be prepared. (4)

HENKLE, ? Went overland to California in 1850. See ? PATTERSON. (1)

HENSLEY, SAMUEL J. Major. His 20-acre horse ranch was located near San Jose, California. He was president of the Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Society in 1861. See GW, Vol 4. (6) (7)

HESS, ? He got into a fight with W. DAYLOR 4-7-1846 at Sutter's Fort, California. Hess was charged \$35 and Daylor charged \$5 by a jury. A daughter, ? NANCY, married JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, 1-26-1846 at Sutter's Fort. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

HEWLETT, ABIJAH. A member of the 1849 Harmar, Ohio company that went overland to California. Abijah didn't make it as he was taken by cholera early in the journey. (2)

HICKLIN, ? He, his wife, and their two children went overland to Oregon in the 1846 company led by ? CAMPBELL. Sickness hit the Hicklins. He was totally down; she could stand if supported. The company couldn't wait and left them on the trail. Eventually they were helped by the "DICKERSON" company west of Fort Hall, Idaho. (3)

HICKMAN, ROBERT. An 1841 overlander. (20)

HILDRETH, HARRIET ELIZA. Born in Marietta, Ohio, September 4, 1826. Died 2-12-1910. She was the daughter of Dr. SAMUEL PRESCOTT HILDRETH and the sister of GEORGE HILDRETH. Her second marriage (10-25-1854) was to JOHN MEANS of Kentucky. See ELISHA PERKINS.

HILL, JAMES. Went overland to California in 1852. (1)

HILL, N. I. Cholera took her June 15, 1852, on the plains. (1)

HINES, J. F. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HINES, M. D Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HINES, W. Started overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. Hines and his messmates, BURNETT, SMITH, and LONG joined Captain ? HOUCK's company October 19 at Galisteo. Hines left the company at La Joya with some others to sell or trade their wagons and continue packing west. (16)

HOEN, FRANCIS. An 1845 overlander. He went to work for Captain SUTTER. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

HOLLISTER, W. W. Drove 4,000 sheep overland to California in 1853. (7)

HOLMAN, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the Company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HOLMAN, JOSEPH. From Illinois. Went overland to Oregon in 1841 reaching near present Salem. A son was GEORGE P. HOLMAN, born 2-6-1842 in Oregon. (19)

HOLMES, W. L. Born in Nashville, Tennessee ca 1807. Died ca 1879 and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon. He was Clackamas County sheriff during the 1840s and 50s. See GW, Vol. 2. (cemetery record)

HOOK, HENRY. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HOPPER, CHARLES. An 1841 overlander. See GW, Vol. 1. (20)

HOOVER, JUAN LEONCE. Born in Canton Argau, Switzerland, February 11, 1792. Died 10-8-1862. He was a surgeon in Napoleon's army. Went overland to Los Angeles, California in 1849 via Salt Lake City, Utah. Operated one of the first vineyards in Los Angeles. A son was VINCENT HOOVER. (14)

HOPPER, "BIG" CHARLEY. From Van Buren Township, Jackson County, Missouri. A local hunter of note. A member of the 1841 overland to California BARTLESON-BIDWELL PARTY. Charley settled in Napa County. (8) (9)

HORTON, DEXTER. Went overland to Oregon in the 1852 company led by THOMAS MERCER. (17)

HOUCK, ? Captain. Led a party overland to Socorro, Texas in 1849. Houch was a pretty good buffalo hunter and a Santa Fe Trail veteran. He had been on the first trip along the trail in 1819, and by 1849 had logged 16 trips. (16)

HOUSELY, J. B. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HOUSEN, ? Started overland to California in 1849 via the Gila (more)

(Housen, ... cont'd) Trail. He took ill at Socorro, Texas. (16)

HOUSTON, CLARK. Dr. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HOUSTON, JOHN. From Clinton County, Missouri. Went overland to California via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

HOVEY, A. G. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

HOWARD, JEROME B. From Marietta, Ohio. Went overland to California in 1849 via Salt Lake City, Utah. (2)

HOWE, P. From Marietta, Ohio. Went overland to California in 1849. He mentioned the arbor vitae tree growing to 150' tall and six feet in diameter in California. (2)

HUBBARD, THOMAS J. Appointed to the first committee named by the 1843 Provisional Government of Oregon. See GW, Vol. 2. (19)

HUBER, HENRY. He traveled from Yerba Buena (San Francisco) to Sutter's Fort, California on 4-14-1846. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

HUDSON, DAVID. David built the second cagin in what is present Calistoga, California. He was related to JOHN YORK. See GW, Vol. 1. (9)

HUDSPETH, BENONI. "the famous mountainman." Led a 47-wagon, 200-man Missouri company overland to California in 1849. (11)

HUGHEY, ? A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. On June 28, near Soda Springs, Idaho, he and ? WOOD left the company to travel on "Myers Cutoff." (4)

HULET, ABIJAH. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

HULET, EDWARD. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

HUMPHREY, ? He went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the Applegate trail through southern Oregon. While many others had to abandon their wagons and their gear, Humphrey got his wagon and team over the Umpqua Mountains intact. (3)

HUNT, JEFFERSON. Visited Sutter's Fort in August 1847. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

HUNTER, JESSE D. Captain. A native of Kentucky. He built the kiln and fired the first bricks made in Los Angeles, California in 1852. See GW, Vol. 4. (14)

HUNTINGTON, JOHN L. From New Orleans, Louisiana. Went overland to California in 1849 with the "Marietta (Ohio) Gold Hunters," led by ELISHA PERKINS. When the group split near Fort Laramie, Wyoming, John teamed with Perkins. (2)

IDE, WILLIAM BROWN. He worked for Captain SUTTER for awhile. (more)

(Ide, ... cont'd) See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

IRWIN, WILLIAM. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

ISBEL, JAMES C. Dr. An 1846 pioneer. He made money during the gold rush by trading an ounce of beads to the Indians for an ounce of gold. He was a friend of THOMAS MORE. In March 1848 James warned Captain SUTTER that thieves planned to raid the Sacramento Valley and steal all the horses they could. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

IZETT, ? Mrs. She and her family went overland to Oregon in 1847. In 1852, she visited the Puget Sound, Washington area and while there married ? IZETT. They lived on Whidby Island, Washington. She was the sister of Mrs. F. A. CHENOWETH. (17)

"J," Started with the 1849 overland to California company that included "A." Sick after five days on the trail (May 7), "J" was sent back to the "last house" to recuperate. A friend, "G" went with him. "J" recovered and he and "G" rejoined the company May 12. (7)

JACKSON, ? Went overland to Los Angeles, California in 1831 to buy mules to take east to Louisiana. He was said to be JEDEDIAH SMITH's partner. (14)

JACKSON, ? Dr. He and some others packed overland to California in 1849. (2)

JACOBS, ? Captain. From Louisville, Kentucky. He was a sub-captain of the 1846 overland company led by Colonel W. H. RUSSELL. (3)

JAMISON, ? A Methodist minister. Started overland in 1850, but died May 30, when he dropped his pistol and it struck the wagon tongue and discharged in his face. (1)

JEFFREYS, ? Started overland to California in 1849 with the "Clay Company." He was seriously wounded September 12 when his pistol discharged as he was mounting his horse. (16)

JENKINS, ? Took his family overland to Oregon in 1844 in the GILLIAM/FORD company. Sons are mentioned. (17)

JOHNSON, MARY. Born in Rhode Island. See JOSEPH GEER.

JOHNSON, NEIL. Reverend. Went overland to Oregon in 1851 with his family and three wagons. Neil had claimed the trip to Oregon would "...add at least fifteen years to a man's life. ..." JOE LUCAS was in the same company. (10)

JOHNSON, T. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

JOHNSON, WILLIAM. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

JONES, HARVEY. Took his family to Washington in 1854 settling in the woods approximately 20 miles from present Seattle. His wife was the widow of ? KING, who had gone to the California mines in 1848 (more)



(Jones, ... cont'd) and died there. On 10-28-1855, the Jones cabin was attacked by Indians. Harvey, his wife, the hired man, ? COOPER, the children, JOHN KING, his half-sister and brother were not harmed, although the cabin was burned to the ground. The step-daughter and brother died of diphtheria in October 1864 in Wisconsin, JOHN SMALE was Mrs. King's brother. (17)

JOHNS, SEABORN. Went overland to California in the 1849 company that included WILLIAM GAMBEL. Seaborn took a slave, MILTON, along too. Inroute, Milton came down with smallpox and had to be left behind. He recovered and was sent to Paulding County, Georgia. (11)

JUDSON, ? Went overland to California in 1850. (4)

KEIZER, B. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

KELLEY, HALL JACKSON. Died in Massachusetts, ca 1873. See GW, Vol 2. (19)

KELLOGG, F. E. Went overland to California in 1846. He settled in the Napa Valley where he built a grist mill for Dr. BALE. (9)

KELSEY, ANDREW. An unmarried member of the Kelsey clan who went overland to California in the 1841 BARTLESON-BIDWELL party. He was at Sutter's Fort, California on 10-18-1848. See GW, Vol. 4. (6) (8) (9) (20)

KELSEY, BENJAMIN. Died in Los Angeles, California in February 1888. See NANCY KELSEY. See GW, Vol. 4. (8) (9) (20)

KELSEY, ISAIAH. One of the 1841 Kelsey clan - although he went on to Oregon when the others turned south at the Raft River, Idaho. He married WINNIE WILLIAMS June 1, 1841, either on the trail or just as they started west. See GW, Vol. 4. (8) (20)

KELSEY, NANCY. Born in Barren County, Kentucky, August 1, 1823. Died near Cuyama, California, 8-9-1896. The family moved to Jackson County in 1826. Nancy married BENJAMIN KELSEY ca 1839. On accompanying Benjamin overland she said, "Where my husband goes I can go. I can better endure the hardships of the journey than the anxiety for an absent husband." Nancy and her baby ANN were the first American females to reach California directly overland. Another member of the overland party remembers Nancy, "I looked back and saw Mrs. Kelsey, a little way behind me, with her child in her arms, barefooted I think, and leading her horse - a sight I shall never forget." A second daughter, NANCY (Clanton) was born in Oregon. During the 1846 "Bear Flag War" in California, Nancy provided the three by five foot piece of cloth that was used to make the flag of the California Republic. One of Nancy's daughters was scalped by Comanches in Texas in 1861. She recovered and died in Fresno, California ca 1868. See Gw, Vol. 4. (8) (9) (20)

KERR, ? From Columbus, Ohio. Went overland to California in 1849. He was seen August 17 southeast of the City of Rocks, Idaho. (2)

KESEBERG, LEWIS. The REED-DONNER "suspect." He settled in California's Napa Valley protesting his innocence to his death. See GW, Vol. 1. (7)

KIMBALL, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1847. A son died September 24, near the Snake River, Idaho. (19)

KING, ? A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. (4)

KING, JOHN I. Dr. Born in Grant County, Wisconsin, November 13, 1848. Went overland to Washington in 1854 with his mother and step-family. See HARVEY JONES. (17)

KINSTON, SAMUEL M. Treasurer of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

KIRQUENDALL, WILLIAM. "Quartermaster" for the 1846 overland company led by Colonel RUSSELL. A "young Kirquendall" is mentioned. After reaching the Oregon settlements, William retraced the trail to take food to the starving emigrants to the rear. See GW, Vol. 3. (#)

KNIGHT, THOMAS. His wife was DESERENA. A daughter, STELLA, died 6-27-1857, "...1 year, 2 months, 12 days." See GW, Vol. 1. (9)

KNIGHT, WILLIAM. An 1841 overlander. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

KNOTT, ELZY H. Born ca 1824. Died March 8, 1850 near present Genoa, Nevada. (4)

LANE, JOSEPH. General. Born Buncombe County, North Carolina, December 14, 1801. Died in Oregon 4-19-1881. A Mexican War veteran. He also served in the Indiana legislature. He was appointed first governor of the Oregon Territory in 1848. He went overland to Oregon to assume his office via New Mexico, Arizona, and California reaching Oregon City, 3-2-1849. (19)

LARD, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846. He did his share of buffalo hunting. His daughter, ? was married June 14 to ? MOOTREY, on the plains. The Reverend J. A. CORNWALL officiated. (3)

LARISON, ? A mountain man who settled down near HENRY SPALDING's Lawpai mission (Idaho) in 1840. But by the next year Larison had moved on. (18)

LARKIN, L. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LASSEN, PETER. He visited Sutter's Fort, California, a number of times. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

LATIMER, SARAH. Born in Tennessee. Died 2-10-1888 in Washington. Her father was JOHN LATIMER. She had three children by her first husband, RICHARD FREEMAN BOREN, a Baptist minister. Her second marriage was to JOHN DENNY. (17)

LAURENCE, WILLIAM C. Dr. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LEE ?, From Nashville, Tennessee. A member of the 1843 "Great Migration" that went overland to Oregon. Lee worked at the Lapwai mission school in late 1843, early 1844. See HENRY SPALDING. (18)

LEE, DANIEL. A nephew of JASON LEE. (18)

LEE, JASON. Reverend. Born in Stanstead, Canada. Died March 12, 1845. The first missionary to go overland with traders to Oregon (more)



(Lee, ... cont'd) in 1834. Others in the missionary party were his nephew, DAVID LEE, CYRUS SHEPHERD, COURTNEY WALKER, and P. L. EDWARDS. Jason returned to the "states" in 1844 being replaced by the Reverend GEORGE GARY. During June 1906 Lee's remains were reburied in the Lee Mission Cemetery in Salem, Oregon beside his wives and infant son. His first marriage was to ANNA MARIA PITMAN, 7-16-1837. His second marriage was to LUCY THOMPSON. He and Lucy had a daughter, LUCY ANN, who survived. See GW, Vol. 2. (18) (19)

LEEPER, DAVID RHORER. Went overland to California in 1849. (2)

LEHMAN, ANDREW. Born in the Grand Duchy of Baden. Went overland to California ca 1852. He was the second shoemaker to settle in Los Angeles. (14)

LEIGAN, GEORGE. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LEWIS, JOE. From Maine. Had some Canadian blood in him. Went overland to Oregon in 1847. He stayed at WHITMAN's Waiilatpu mission and is said to have stirred up the Indians against the Whitman's. He was involved in the Whitman "massacre." See Whitman, GW, Vol. 1. (18)

LEWIS, JOHN. An 1845 overlander. In April 1848, he visited Sutter's Fort, California, See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

LEWIS, JOHN. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LINCOLN, ROBERT. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LITTLE, WILLIAM HALE. From Anderson County, Texas. Born ca 1824. Died 1-23-1857 near San Juan Capistrano, California. He was murdered while chasing outlaws in present Orange County, California. See JAMES BARTON. (14)

LITTLEJOHN, P. B. Reverend. "Independent missionary." He, his wife, the HARVEY CLARK's, and ALVIN SMITH's went overland to Oregon in 1840 hoping to establish missions among the Indians. In 1843, P. B. and his family moved to the SPALDING mission at Lapwai, Idaho. On 3-29-1843, P. B.'s son, LEVERETT, was drowned in the nearby river. Shortly thereafter the family left Lapwai. (18)

LOAN, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LONG, GARRETT. Started overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. Garrett and his messmates, BURNETT, SMITH, and HINES joined Captain HOUCK's company October 19 at Galisteo. They left the company at La Joya with some others to sell or trade their wagons and continue packing west. (16)

LONG, R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LONG, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

LOOMIS, ABNER. Born in Fredonia County, New York, December 17, 1820. Died in Colorado 8-24-1904. He was the brother of LEANDER LOOMIS. Abner went overland to California in 1850 with his brothers. He returned to Iowa in 1859 and settled in Colorado the next year. He married JANE ISABELLE ALLEN 10-2-1862 in Bethamy, Missouri. They had at least one daughter, LELIA. (4)

LOOMIS, ANDREW L. Died in Spokane, Washington, August 14, 1911. He was the brother of LEANDER LOOMIS. They went overland to California in the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers. Andrew was a Methodist Minister. (4)

LOOMIS, VANESS LEANDER. Born in Fredonia, Chulaucus County, New York, July 11, 1827. Died in Tehama County, California 11-7-1909. The Loomis family moved to Maskville, Holmes County, Ohio, in 1835. In 1840, Leander, at least, moved to Jefferson County, Iowa. He, and three of his six brothers, ADONIRAM JUDSON, ABNER, and ANDREW went overland to California in 1850. Leander spend some time in Weaverville. Later, he lived in Nevada and Utah before returning to northern California. He married LOUISA WHETSEL, 7-23-1863, in Weaverville. They had at least four children. (4)

LOOMIS, HANNAH BOND. See HIRAM BARNES.

LOVELIN, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the "Applegate" road newly blazed into southern Oregon. Lovelin shot an Indian who was prowling around their camp north of the Humboldt River, Nevada. A wife is mentioned without further identification. (3)

LOVEJOY, A. L. From Missouri. Was an 1845 candidate for governor of the newly created Provisional Government of Oregon. See GW, Vol. 3. (19)

LOVETT, ? From Michigan. Born ca 1801. Went overland to California in 1849. About September 1, he, ? COOK, and ISAAC WISTAR were mining on the Bear River, California. (11)

LOW, JOHN N. (maybe D.) Led a small party (six men, two women-one Low's wife, LYDIA C.) overland to Oregon in 1851. In early July west of present American Falls, Idaho, the Low party joined the JOHN DENNEY party for mutual protection. Mrs. Low rode a horse with a man's saddle. Their four children accompanied them. He and DAVID DENNY traveled north to near present Olympia, Washington and settled for awhile. Later, the Low's lived at Sonoma, California. They eventually returned to Washington, settling near Snohomish. They had ten children. (17)

LOW, LYDIA C. Died December 11, 1901. See JOHN LOW. (17)

LOWERY, ? Reverend. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers that went overland to California. Mr. Lowery preached to the company for the first time, Sunday, May 5. (4)

LUCAS, JOE. Started overland to Oregon in 1851 in the company that included CHARLES CRAWFORD. Near the Platte River, Joe set off in bare feet to chase and, hopefully, catch a rabbit (the first he had ever seen). The results? sore feet! At the Raft River, Idaho, Joe and some others turned left for California. (10)

LUCE, ? Went overland in 1846. He was seen July 25 near the Green (more)

(Luce, ... cont'd) River, Wyoming. (3)

LUCIER, ETINNE. A retired "Astorian" who, in 1829, was the first non-native American to settle in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. He was appointed to the 1842 Oregon country committee that established a bounty structure to control predator animals in and around the settlements. See GW, Vol. 2. (12) (19)

MACEY, JOHN. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MAPLE, JACOB. Went overland to Oregon ca 1852 with a son, SAMUEL. Another son, JOHN WESLEY, and the rest of the family followed in 1862. Eventually the Maple's settled in the Puget Sound region of Washington. (17)

MAPLE, JOHN WESLEY. Born in Guernsey County, Ohio, January 1, 1840. Led a company overland to Oregon in 1862 to join his father and brother. He married ELIZABETH SNYDER and they had six children. His second marriage was to MINNIE BORELLA. They had three children. (17)

MARTIN, DENNIS. Worked for Captain SUTTER during the 1845-46 period. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

MARTIN, J. S. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MARTIN, JESSE B. He returned to Sutter's Fort, California in April 1848 after finding some gold. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

MARTIN, S. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. He, WINNER, and BOON left the company July 28 near Lassen's Meadows, Nevada to push ahead on their meager provisions. (4)

MARTINEZ, DON SANTIAGO. From New Mexico. Went overland to Los Angeles, California ca 1841. (14)

MARSH, JOHN. Dr. Born in Massachesutts, June 5, 1800. Murdered 9-24-1856 near Martinez, California 9-24-1856. Six foot, two inches in height. His father was JOHN MARSH. Our John was a Harvard graduate. He went to Ft. St. Anthony, Minnesota in 1823 to serve as tutor for the commander's children. He spent some time as Sioux Indian Agent. He took an Indian wife, MARGUERITE DECOUTEAUX. They had a son, CHARLES. Marguerite died in childbirth ca 1832. Then he got into trouble selling guns to Indians and had to leave the region. By 1833, Marsh was in Independence, Missouri. In 1835 he went west over the Santa Fe Trail reaching Spanish Los Angeles in February 1836. Broke, John presented his Harvard non-medical diploma as proof that he was indeed a doctor. He wasn't, but had studied with a doctor earlier. The translation of his diploma must have been faulty for he was licensed to practice medicine in California. In early 1837, John purchased JOSE NORIEGA's 17,000 acre land grant rancho located about 40 miles from present San Jose. He made money in the mines but did even better trading beads and sugar to the Indians for equal amounts of gold. When he left the mines he had \$40,000 in his saddlebags. He married ABIGAIL SMITH TUCK in June 1850 at his rancho. A daughter, ALICE, was born in March 1853. Alice later married W. W. CAMERON, and they lived in Oakland, California. See GW, Vol. 4. (6) (20)

MARSHALL, JAMES WILSON. The gold finder. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

MATHEWS, WILLIAM M. Second in command of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

MATTHIEU, FRANCIS XAVIER. Born April 2, 1818. He was said to have been the deciding vote for establishment of the Provisional Government of Oregon on that historic July 5, 1843 day at Champoege, Oregon. The vote was locked at 51 to 51 when Francis stepped out to join the pro-government group. See GW, Vol. 3. (12) (19)

McALLISTER, ? He was killed in the 1855-56 Indian War in Washington. A daughter, Mrs. GRACE HAWK is mentioned. See GW, Vol. 3. (17)

McCARTHY, ? Mrs. Went overland to Oregon in 1851. (17)

McCARVER, MORTON MATTHEW. Died in Tacoma, Washington. He was said to have founded Burlington, Iowa in 1833-34. Went overland to Oregon in the 1843 "Great Migration". Later, he moved north and is credited with founding Tacoma, Washington. See GW, Vol. 2. (12) (17)

McCAULEY, A. L. Led a company overland to Washington in 1865. (17)

McCULLOUGH, ? Led a company overland to Oregon in 1852. He was seen August 17 east of the Blue Mountains, Oregon. (21)

McDOUGAL, JAMES. From Chicago, Illinois. He and 12 others went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. He was seen in Socorro in late October. One of his traveling companions was Dr. ? HEATH. (16)

McFALL, JOHN W. Went overland to California in the 1850 company led by T. A. THOMAS. (1)

McGINNIS, ? A member of a Missouri company that went overland to California in 1849 (2)

McILHANY, EDWARD WASHINGTON. He did some freighting after arriving in California, including once mule-packing a billiard table from Marysville to Rich Bar. See GW, Vol. 3. (5)

McMAHON, SAMUEL GREEN. On 12-9-1845, he and WILLIAM WOLFSKILL reached Sutter's Fort, California from "Pueblo de los Angeles." See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

McMILLAN, ESTER BELLE. Born ca 1834. After witnessing an emigrant burial service at St. Joseph, Missouri Ester wrote, in part, "I too am a wanderer, a pilgrim, and little know how soon my frail body will be laid by the wayside!" See JOSEPH HANNA.

MEEK, D. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MEEK, JOSEPH L. He, ROBERT NEWELL, the Reverend J. S. GRIFFIN, and CALEB WILKINS served together in late 1842 for the purpose of apprehending a thief in Oregon Country. This appears to be the first attempt to create law and order in the country. See GW, Vol. 2. (19)

MELTON, RACHEL. From Iowa. Born October 4, 1850. Her grave was noted about two miles from Tragedy Springs, on the Carson River route (more)

(Melton, ... cont'd) of the California Trail. (4)

MENDENHALL, WILLIAM M. An 1845 overlander. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

MERCER, AARON. Went overland to Oregon in the 1852 company led by THOMAS MERCER. (17)

MERCER, THOMAS. Born in Harrison County, Ohio, March 11, 1813. Died in Seattle, Washington 5-25-1898. His parents were AARON and JANE (Dickerson) MERCER. He led a 20-wagon company overland to Oregon in 1852. He married NANCY BRIGHAM, who died shortly after reaching The Dalles, Oregon. His second marriage was to HESTER L. WARD in Oregon in 1859. Thomas moved the family to Seattle in 1853. He fathered four daughters. He served as King County, Washington probate judge. (17)

MILLER, ? Killed by fellow-overlander ? TATE, west of Fort Larimie, Wyoming. (21)

MILLER, M. R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MILLS, A. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

MILLS, JOHN. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

"MILTON," ? Milton was a slave owned by SEABORN JONES. Jones was going to take Milton overland to California in 1849, but Milton came down with smallpox when they were ready to start. Jones left Milton behind with instructions that should he recover he should be shipped to Paulding County, Georgia. Milton did and was! (11)

MITCHELL, M. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MONTGOMERY, ALLEN. He and his wife were mentioned in the diary kept at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

MOORE, ? "General." From Cambridge, Ohio. Led a company overland to California in 1849. He was seen August 26 along the Humboldt River, Nevada. (2)

MOORE, ? Born ca 1808. A former "...Missouri River steamboat captain..." Went overland to California in 1849. ISAAC WISTAR says Moore dug about \$40,000 worth of gold in California. (11)

MOORE, A. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MOORE, E. S. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MOORE, JOSIAH. From Missouri. He and his family went overland to Oregon in 1846. A child died May 27, near Alcove Spring, Kansas. (3)

MOORE, ROBERT. "...Moore kept a large place (at Oregon City, Oregon) which was a sort of rendezvous for the immigrants. ... He gave them work enough to keep them going, ..." Robert was appointed to the first (more)



(Moore, ... con't) committee named by the 1843 provisional government of Oregon. See GW, Vol. 2. (17) (19)

MOORMAN, MADISON BERRYMAN. Born near Hardinsburg, Kentucky, August 3, 1824. Died at Garland, Tennessee in 1915. His father was JAMES VENABLE. Madison went overland from Tennessee to California in the 21-man company led by "General Superintendent" Dr. T. A. THOMAS. Madison came down with measles May 23, on the plains. He returned to Tennessee in 1851 and remained in the cotton business for the rest of his life. He married HELEN CANNON, and they had two children. His second marriage was to ANN EWING. They had one child. (1)

MOOTREY, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846. He married ? LARD June 12 with the company as witnesses. See GW, Vol 4. (3) (19)

MORE, ALEXANDER. See THOMAS MORE. (13)

MORE, ANDREW. Older brother of ALEXANDER and THOMAS. He went west overland into Mexico, then made his way up into California after the gold rush to meet his brothers. They joined together to ranch. See THOMAS MORE. (13)

MORE, THOMAS WALLACE. Born near Akron, Ohio 1826. Murdered at Sespe Ranch, California, March 23, 1877. Brother of ALEXANDER and ANDREW. He went overland to California in 1849 with Alexander. Later, another brother, Andrew, joined them. They mined for awhile, then took up ranching. They made money and eventually purchased the old Spanish land grant, Rancho Sespe. Later they purchased Santa Rosa Island. Thomas married ? ORTEGA, and they had at least one child, a daughter, MARTHA M., who married C. A. STORKE. (13)

MORIN, JOSIAH. Went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the "Applegate" cutoff into southern Oregon. A LABIN MORIN is mentioned. (3)

MORRELL, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MORRILL, T. S. He started overland in 1850 with his wife and two children. T. S. didn't make it however, as he drowned in the Platte River at the Fort Laramie, Wyoming ferry crossing on/about May 25. (4)

MORRIS, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MORROW, J. M. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

MORROW, T. J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

MORSE, C. L. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, et al, that went overland to California. On May 28, about 35 miles south of chimney rock, Nebraska, his wagon's axeltree broke. Luckily, a company feed wagon was about to be abandoned so its axeltree was salvaged and Morse was ready to roll on the next morning. By June 2, beyond Fort Laramie, Wyoming, Morse had purchased a "...light Waggon, ..." and had his goods in it. On June 23, west of the Green River, Wyoming, he was elected captain of the Birmingham company. (4)

MOSS, SIDNEY. Born in Kentucky ca 1810. Died 1901 and buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon. Sidney opened "...the first store west of the Rockies." See GW, Vol. 3. (Cemetery record)

MUNGER, ASABEL. Reverend. An "Independent missionary." Died in the Willamette, Valley, Oregon 1841. He and his wife went overland to Oregon in 1839 with fellow missionaries, the GRIFFIN's," and Messrs. GIGER and JOHNSON. The Munger's stayed at the WHITMAN mission until 1841. A daughter was born 6-25-1840. Asabel became mentally unstable and the family moved on to the Willamette Valley. Asabel died in December 1841 from burns received when he intentionally fell onto hot coals. (18)

MURPHY, MARTIN. He ranched near the Cosumnes River, California. Martin's son, JAMES, worked for Captain SUTTER for awhile in March 1846. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

NASH, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. After reaching Warner's Ranch in present Riverside County, Nash traveled on to Los Angeles looking for work as a carpenter. (16)

NASH, WILLIAM H. Went overland to California in 1846. He settled in the Napa Valley. He was a son-in-law of ENOCH CYRUS. (9)

NEAL, SAMUEL J. He spent a lot of time at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

NEALEY, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846. On August 15, he, ? BURNS, ? PERKINS, and "young" KIRQUENDALL left the company to move faster. (3)

NELSON, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

NESMITH, JAMES W. See GW, Vol. 2. (19)

NEWELL, ROBERT. Dr. Appointed Indian agent for Oregon 2-14-1851. See GW, Vol. 2. (18) (19)

NEWTON, JOHN. He and his wife went overland to Oregon in 1846. On August 8, near Fort Hall, Idaho, his company met JESSE APPLEGATE, FORD, GOFF, HARRIS, SCOTT, and the other southern Oregon road blazers. In November, north of the Umpqua Mountains, on the new road, John was shot and axed by Indians who then made off with his valuables. Mrs. Newton is not mentioned. (3)

NICHOLS, ISSAC H. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. Issac's mare gave out August 14, along the Humboldt River, Nevada. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

NOBLE, ? Led a company overland in 1850. Near Scottsbluff, Nebraska, they spent some time looking for four strayed horses. (4)

NORRIS, ? Went overland in 1846. He was seen July 25, near the Green River, Wyoming. (3)

NORRIS, RICHARD J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

NORTHGRAVE, WILLIAM. He worked at Sutter's Fort, California in (more)

(Northgrave, ... cont'd) 1847. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

NYE, MICHAEL C. He is described as "Captain." He was a member of the 1841 BARTLESON-BIDWELL party that went overland to California. JOHN MARSH had previously sent Nye a letter with route information about the overland trail to California. He passed through Sutter's Fort, California many times during the period 1845-48. He married "Mrs. PIKE," Friday, June 25, 1847, at the fort. See GW, Vol. 1. (6) (20)

O'FARRELL, JASPER. An 1843 overlander. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

OLLIVER, SAMUEL. Grave located near Wells, Nevada. He was killed by an Indian, 7-1-1850. (4)

O'NEIL, JAMES A. Appointed to the first committee named by the 1843 Provisional Government of Oregon. See GW, Vol. 2. (19)

O'REAR, B. Started overland to California in 1849 with the "Saline" company. On the trail, he was mistaken for an Indian and shot in the chest. He recovered and about mid-November joined Captain COOPER's pack company near present San Antonio, Texas. (16)

OSBORN, J. D. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

OWEN, ROBERT. Died in Los Angeles, California on August 18, 1865. This source says Owen, not OWENS. Robert was known as "Uncle Bob," and WINNIE was known as "Aunt Winnie." A son, CHARLEY, is also mentioned. See GW, Vol. 4. (14)

"P," Started overland to California in the 1849 company that included SEABORN JONES. "P" died August 6 along the Humboldt River, Nevada when his rifle discharged as he reached for it to join the others chasing after Digger Indians close to the camp. (11)

PACKWOOD, WILLIAM. Took his family, wife and four children, overland to Oregon in the 1844 company led by Captain ? GILLIAM. Later, Gilliam's group joined Captain ? FORD's company and totaled nearly 60 wagons. One daughter was ESTHER CHAMBERS. In 1847, the family moved to the Puget Sound area of Washington. In 1850, the family moved to California to dig for gold. They returned to Washington in 1852. (17)

PAGE, CHARLES. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers that went overland to California. Page had a horse stray off for a few hours near Independence Rock, Wyoming. (4)

PAGE, E. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

PAINE, B. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. Paine had a horse stray off for a few hours near Independence Rock, Wyoming. On June 22, west of the Green River, Wyoming, Paine was elected company captain, a position he had to turn down because he had no spare horse. (4)

PALMER, JOEL. General. Visited HENRY SPALDING's Lapwai mission in 1846. Palmer received the title of general in the 1847 Cayuse War. (more)



(Palmer, ... cont'd) See GW, Vol. 1. (18)

PANCOAST, ? Went overland to California in 1849. (1)

PARK, ? He and his wife started overland to Oregon in 1848, but hearing the news of the California gold strike, they changed course. Upon reaching the goldfields, they set up a store at what would be called Park's Bar on the Yuba River. Mrs. Park ran the store while Mr. Park panned for gold. It was said the Park's made \$85,000 for their efforts. (2)

PARKER, SAMUEL. Reverend. Born in Ashfield, Massachusetts April 23, 1779. Died in Ithaca, New York 3-21-1866. He went overland with MARCUS WHITMAN. After JIM BRIDGER and his trappers left Parker 8-30-1835 to go on west with the Indians, Parkers spent the next 56 days alone with the Nez Perces before he reached Fort Vancouver on 10-16. He fathered three children. (18)

PATTERSON, ? Went overland to California in 1850. On May 22, while fording a creek on the Kansas plains, he and a partner, ? HENKLE's wagon tipped over sending most of their belongings into the water. (1)

PATTERSON, E. M. Dr. "Druggist" to a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

PAULDING, JOSEPH. Pioneer of 1832-33. See GW, Vol. 3. (14)

PECKHAM, F. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. He came down sick July 6 near the City of Rocks, Idaho. (4)

PERKEY, J. D. Worked for Captain SUTTER. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

PERKINS, ? Went overland to Oregon in 1846. On July 27, west of the Green River, Wyoming he helped J. QUINN THORNTON yoke his oxen. (3)

PERKINS, ELISHA DOUGLASS. Born in Pomfret, Connecticut March 23, 1823. Died in Sacramento, California 12-20-1852. His father was ELISHA BACKUS PERKINS. He and his father were druggists. Our Elisha married HARRIETT ELIZA HILDRETH, 5-11-1847 in Marietta, Ohio. In 1849, Elisha organized the "Marietta Gold Hunters" for the purpose of traveling overland to the California goldfields. They started 5-8-1849. Elisha, like most, did not prosper in California and by late 1852 he was Captain of the Sacramento River steamship "Marysville." He died from dysentery and was buried in the Sacramento city cemetery. See SAMUEL CROSS. (2)

PERRY, ? Led a company overland in 1852. The company was spotted near the Blue River, Kansas on/or about May 24. (21)

PETERS, ? From St. Louis, Missouri. Supposed to be a man "... of wealth and traveling for his health." He went overland to California in 1849 in a spring carriage. He had a brush with Indians in the Sierras, but luckily it was a bloodless standoff for both sides. (2)

PETIT, ? Joined the 21-man overland to California May 23 on the plains. He had paid a fellow \$125 to take him through, but got tired of waiting. He was allowed to join the company in return for his helping handle the company's wild mules. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

PHELPS, R. C. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

PHELPS, T. M. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

PHILLIPS, SAMUEL S. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. His terrier dog went crazy June 8 and was shot. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

PHILO, ? Dr. Went overland in 1850. On May 26, near the Platte River, Philo's small company was camped near the "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," so he went over and preached to that company while "Mr. LOWERY" from the Birmingham company preached to Philo's group. (4)

PICKETT, WILLIAM. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

PIKE, HARRIET. Mrs. She was the widow of Donner party member WILLIAM M. PIKE. See MICHAEL NYE. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

PITMAN, ANNA MARIA. Died in childbirth near present Salem, Oregon July 26, 1838. See JASON LEE. (19)

PLEASANTON, ? Lieutenant. He led a 40-man pack company overland to California in 1849 from Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was seen August 18 in the Sierras near Donner Lake. (8)

PLUMMER, A. A. Sr. Born in Maine, March 2, 1832. A Mexican War veteran who served under Colonel ? STEVENS. A. A. moved on to California after the war and went on to Oregon in 1850. He later moved on to Port Townsend, Washington. (17)

POLK, ADAM. Died in Oregon Territory, November 9, 1847. He took his family overland to Oregon in the 1847 company that included ? WELCH. Adam lost three yoke of oxen near the Platte River during the evening of June 28. Adam died on the raft his family, the RUSSELL WELCH's, and ? SMITH families were to use to float down the Columbia River. (19)

POMEROY, ? From Lexington, Missouri. Went overland to California via Salt Lake City, Utah. Some Mormons gave him trouble thinking he was involved in the death of their leader, JOSEPH SMITH. (16)

PRYOR, NATHANIEL M. From New Mexico. Died May 1850. Went overland to Los Angeles, California in 1828, maybe with the JAMES PATTIE group. Nathaniel's 17-year-old wife died in Los Angeles 9-4-1840. They had a son, PABLO. See GW, Vol. 3. (14)

PUTNAM, CHARLES. Went overland to Oregon in 1846. On August 13, he and WILLIAM KIRQUENDALL, moved ahead of their company to work with JESSE APPLEGATE in marking the new trail into southern Oregon. (3)

RAPIER, DICK. A Black man who went overland to California in 1850 in the company led by T. A. THOMAS. (1)

RAWSON, HIRAM ARNOLD. Drove three different flocks of sheep overland from Missouri to California in the 1850s. About 12,000 animals survived the trips. Hiram settled near present Red Bluff, California and later formed a partnership with G. W. GRAYSON. (7)

READING, PIERSON B. An 1843 overlander. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

REBER, THOMAS. From Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. With 17 men he drove over 3000 steers overland to California in 1854. (7)

REED, JOHN. Went overland to Los Angeles, California ca 1831-1834. (14)

REYNOLDS, J. W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

RHEA, JOHN. From North Carolina. See GW, Vol. 3. (14)

RIDGE, J. G. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

RIFFE, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

RIGGS, R. B. Dr. From New Jersey. He, WILLIAM DeCAMP, E. E. ELLIS, CHARLES STANSBROUGH, and their driver, ROBERT HENDERSON, went overland to California in 1849. After crossing the Missouri River at St. Joseph, Missouri, they traveled for awhile with the "Marietta (Ohio) Gold Hunters." See ELISHA PERKINS. (2)

ROBARDS, WILLIAM L. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

ROBINSON, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

ROBY, ? From Independence, Missouri. Started overland to California in 1846. He was described as a "...consumptive invalid, who was attempting to make the journey to California, with the hope of being improved in his health." Roby's brother, a doctor, accompanied him for a time, but early in the trip the Dr. turned back to Independence. Roby's health did not improve and he died August 13 west of Fort Hall, Idaho. (3)

ROE, GEORGE. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

ROGERS, ANDREW. Died November 29, 1847. Went overland to Oregon in 1845 for health reasons. Andrew stayed at WHITMAN's Waiilatpu mission to help in the school. Andrew was one of the 13 people, including MARCUS and NARCISSA WHITMAN, killed in the 11-29-1847 "Whitman Massacre." (18)

ROGERS, CORNELIUS. Born ca 1815. Died near present Portland, Oregon February 1, 1843. He joined the WILLIAM GRAY missionary party headed overland to Oregon in 1838. He worked at the Spalding mission at Lapwai, Idaho. Cornelius left the mission in 1841 for the Willamette Valley. He married SATIVA LESLIE, in September 1842. The couple and some others drowned the next year when their boat went over the Willamette Falls. (18) (19)

ROSEBOROUGH, ? He led the "Tennessee Mining Company" overland to California in 1850. (1)

ROSS, ? A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. (4)

ROSS, BENJAMIN. Went overland to Oregon in 1847 with the L. B. HASTINGS and DAVID SHELDON families. In February 1852, the group sailed from Astoria, Oregon on the Columbia River to Port Townsend, Washington on the "Mary Taylor." A 20-year-old son is mentioned. (17)

ROWLAND, JOHN. Born ca 1791. Died at La Puente, California August 13, 1873. His second wife was the widow GRAY. She was from Texas. His son-in-law, JOHN REED, lived near him at Chino, Riverside County, California. See GW, Vol 3. (14) (16)

ROULETTE, WILLIAM R. An 1845 overlander. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

RUSHMORE, PAUL. Born in Georgia ca 1829. A Mexican War veteran who went overland to Los Angeles, California via Chihuahua, Mexico with JOHN WARD and JAMES DOUGLASS. (14)

RUSSELL, WILLIAM H. Colonel. He led 72 wagons overland in 1846. The company consisted of 130 men, 65 women, 125 children, and 710 horses and cattle. Also 259 rifles and pistols. The overlanders were headed to Oregon and California with the California bunch to split at the Raft River, Idaho. By May 17 the company had split down to 35 wagons. This was not uncommon. What was uncommon was a company that stayed together because few did. (3)

RUTLEDGE, SARAH. She was related to ANN RUTLEDGE. See JOHN SANDERS. (4)

SACKETT, RUSSELL. Died in 1872. His family was in Ohio. He was a lawyer by profession, but became a butcher upon reaching Los Angeles, California in 1849. (14) (16)

SALLEE, ? The arrow wound looked slight initially but poison or infection came into play. See GW, Vol. 1. (3)

SALVAGE, CHARLES. He left Sutter's Fort, California 9-7-1847. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

SANDERSON, GEORGE W. (or B, or D). He visited Sutter's Fort, California with STEVEN WATTS KEARNY and other officers, 6-13-1847. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

SANFORD, BENJAMIN. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. On May 25 the company elected Benjamin "2nd Lieutenant." (4)

SARGENT, ? From Parkersburg, Virginia. Went overland to California in 1849. He was a friend of J.Q.A. CUNNINGHAM and they met July 4 on the trail. (2)

SAUNDERS, JOHN P. Born in Millersburg, Ohio, June 20, 1827. Died in Lompoc, California, 3-30-1905. The family moved to Jefferson County, Iowa ca 1842. He went overland to California in the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers. John's brother-in-law was NEWTON CALHOUN. John married SARAH F. RUTLEDGE in December 1852. John returned east to Scotland County, Missouri. In 1881, he went west again to Lompoc, California. (4)

SAVAGE, MORGAN. Went overland to Oregon in 1846. On June 18, on the plains near the Platte River, with the company assembled, he married ? DUNBAR. The Reverend J. A. CORNWALL officiated. (3)

SCHALLENBERGER, MOSES. An 1844 overlander. Visited Sutter's Fort, California 9-21-1845. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

SCOTT, JONATHAN R. A lawyer. Went overland to Los Angeles, California in 1850. (14)

SEDGELY, JOSEPH. A member of the "Sagamore and California Mining and Trading Company of Lynn, Massachusetts," that went overland to California in 1849. (2)

SEIVIER, G. S. T. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

SEMPLE, ROBERT. Dr. He built a chest for himself 1-5-1846 at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

SERRANO, DONA ADELEIDA. Her parents were DON JOSE ANTONIO and DONA NIEVAS AGUILAR de SERRANO. See BENJAMIN HAYES. (16)

SEXTON, DANIEL. An 1841 overlander. He visited Sutter's Fort, California 1-14-1848. See GW, Vol 3. (6)

SHADDEN, THOMAS J. An 1843 overlander who appears often in the Sutter's Fort, California diary. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

SHAW, R. C. Went west in 1849. (2)

SHAW, S. L. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T.A. THOMAS. (1)

SHELDON, DAVID L. W. Went overland to Oregon in 1847 with the BENJAMIN ROSS and L. B. HASTINGS families. He married MARY ? (17)

SHEPHERD, CYRUS. Went overland in 1834 with JASON LEE. Cyrus married SUSAN DOWNING in June 1837. Susan, like Jason Lee's wife, ANNA PITMAN, reached Oregon by ship with other Methodist missionaries in the "Great Reinforcements." See GW, Vol. 2. (18) (19)

SHEPPERD, ELI. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

SHIELDS, J. B.

CALEB. (son) They went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. One of their horses gave out early causing BENJAMIN HAYES to loan him his pack mule. (16)

SHORTESS, ROBERT. Appointed to the first committee named by the 1843 Provisional Government of Oregon. See GW, Vol. 3. (19)

SHOTWELL, GEORGE. From Kentucky. A member of the 1841 overland to California BARTLESON-BIDWELL party. On June 13, George accidentally shot himself fatally. He mentioned that his mother lived in Laurel County, Kentucky. When the party reached Fort John (near Fort Laramie) Wyoming his belongings were auctioned. (8)

SHOUDY, WILLIAM. Went overland to Oregon in the 1852 company led by THOMAS MERCER. (17)

SILL, ? He went overland to Los Angeles, California in the group (more)



(Sill, ... cont'd) that included SAMUEL CARPENTER. Later, Sill lived in the Sacramento Valley region of California. See GW, Vol. 3. (14)

SIMMONS, MICHAEL. Took his family overland to near present Tacoma, Washington in 1845. He operated a sawmill at Tumwater Falls. (12)

SKINNER, B. RUSH. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. Rush saved a cramping ANDREW LOOMIS from drowning May 13 by throwing him a line and hauling him to shore. (4)

SKINNER, ELISHA D. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. On May 25, Elisha was elected "Secretary" of the company. (4)

SKINNER, EUGENE F. An 1845 overlander. He reached Sutter's Fort, California on October 25 in the company that included WILLIAM IDE. Eugene and his family left the fort on 4-10-1846. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

SLY, JAMES C. He was a miller by trade and later worked for Captain SUTTER. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

SMALE, JOHN. Went overland to California in 1854. He was the brother of Mrs. KING. See HARVEY JONES. (17)

SMITH, ? From Dubuque, Iowa. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. See ? TWAITE. (16)

SMITH, ? He and his wife went overland to Oregon in 1846. In late October, on the Applegate Trail, south of the Umpqua River, Oregon, the Smith's were found afoot, without money. "He appeared to be overwhelmed, his wife had on a coarse and tattered calico dress. She was thinly clad, ..." They made it but a relative died suddenly at the same place, "...leaving a poor widow with seven helpless and almost starving children." (3)

SMITH, ? A member of a Missouri company that went overland to California in 1849. (2)

SMITH, ALVIN T. Reverend. An "Independent missionary." He, his wife, the HARVEY CLARK's, and P. B. LITTLEJOHN's went overland to Oregon in 1840 hoping to establish missions among the Indians. (18)

SMITH, ASA B. Reverend. From Vermont. Died in Sherwood, Tennessee, February 10, 1886. The newly married Smith's accompanied the GRAY's, WALKER's, and EELLS to Oregon in 1838 as missionaries. The Smith's did not like the Oregon country, or their particular assignment. By 1842, they had called it quits and moved on to become missionaries in the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii). By 1845, they were back in the "states" in the east where they remained. (18)

SMITH, CORNELIUS. From LaPorte, Indiana. Died February 1, 1848 near Portland, Oregon. He took his family overland to Oregon in a 40 person, 1847 company. His wife was ELIZABETH and they had eight children. A son, SENECA, later practiced law in Portland. Elizabeth's diary for May 28, 1847 reads, in part: "Made twenty-eight miles. Crossed Samson Creek. Encamped without food or water on a large prairie. Ate a cold bite and went to bed." June 3: "Passed through St. Joseph on the Missouri River. Laid in our flour, cheese, cracker and medicine for no one should (more)



(Smith, ... cont'd) travel this road without medicine, for they are almost sure to have the summer complaint. Each family should have a box of physicing pills, a quart of castor oil, a quart of the best rum and a large vial of peppermint essence." On November 18 near present Portland, Oregon, Cornelius took ill. On February 1, 1848, Elizabeth wrote: "This day my dear husband, my last remaining friend died." On June 24, 1849 Elizabeth married JOSEPH GEER. See GW, Vol. 4. (19)

SMITH, FOSTER R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER.

SMITH, G. U., or G. M. He went overland to California in 1845, arriving at Sutter's Fort October 15. He spent some time at or near Sonoma. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

SMITH, HENRY A. Dr. His father was NICHOLAS SMITH, a War of 1812 veteran. Henry went overland to Oregon in 1852. He moved on to the Puget Sound area of Washington the following year. (17)

SMITH, HENRY C. An 1845 overlander. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

SMITH, J. H. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

SMITH, JACOB. He took his wife and five kids overland to Oregon in 1851 from Covington, Indiana. The oldest, C. J., later lived in Olympic, Washington. Jacob's company initially consisted of 24 wagons. The Smith's wagon got away in a river crossing and was carried downstream a ways before it hung up on a sandbar. Lucky for them! A small son died on the journey. By 1852, the family moved to the Puget Sound, Washington area and took up a donation land claim. (17)

SMITH, NAPOLEON B. An 1845 overlander. See GW Vol. 4. (6)

SMITH, PETER. Took his family overland to Oregon in 1852. He served in the "Home Guard," and later, the militia where he saw action in the mid-1850s Indian war in Washington. (17)

SMITH, RACHEL JAHONNET. Born in Boston, Massachusetts January 31, 1808. Died in Hillsboro, Oregon, 4-28-1880. She was the sister of Mrs. J. S. GRIFFIN. See HENRY SPALDING. (18)

SMITH, SAMUEL. An 1843 overlander. See GW, Vol. 2. (6)

SMITH, SIDNEY. Died September 18, 1880. He was a relative of ETHAN ALLEN. He worked for EWING YOUNG and after Young's death Sidney purchased much of the ranch. He married MIRANDA BAILEY in 1845-46. See DANIEL BAILEY, GW, Vol. 3. (19)

SNEDIGER, R. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

SNYDER, ELIZABETH. Daughter of SAMUEL SNYDER, of the Duwamish Valley, Washington. See JOHN MAPLE. (17)

SNYDER, JACOB R. An 1845 overlander. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

SOULE, ALMER P. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmar Company" that went overland to California. (2)

SPALDING, HENRY HARMON. Reverend. Born in Steuben County, New York November 26, 1803. Died 8-3-1874, at Lawpai, Idaho. His parents were HOWARD SPALDING and ? HOLMES. Henry called himself a "Bastard." Henry was "bound out" to the ANDREW J. BROAT, Jr. family when he was 14 months old. Later he lived with a schoolteacher, EZRA RICE. Henry graduated from Western Reserve College (Ohio) in 1833. He then attended Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati. He married ELIZA HART, 10-13-1833. A daughter was stillborn in October 1835. They had four other children. On 2-14-1836, the couple joined Dr. MARCUS WHITMAN and his wife, NARCISSA, and headed west to missionary work in Oregon Country. On 11-15-1837 a daughter, ELIZA, was born at the Lapwai, Idaho mission home. Eliza was the first child of American parents to be born in present Idaho. While an excellent teacher Henry did not get along with his peers or superiors. By 1859, he was relieved of his duties at the mission and moved to the Willamette Valley of Oregon. He did return however to his beloved mission. His second marriage was to RACHEL JAHONNET SMITH, 5-15-1853. (18)

SPARKS, ISAAC "Don." From Maine. "...tall, slim and well-built." He lost an eye in a close-quarters fight with a grizzly bear. He built the first two-story brick building in Santa Barbara, California. See GW, Vol. 3. (15)

SPEELMAN, JONAS. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. On June 19, near the Green River, Wyoming Jonas came down with mountain fever. (4)

SPENCER, B. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

SPRINGER, JOHN A. "Druggist" to a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. John made it to the mines but died October 28 and was buried near the Cosumnes River, California. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

STAFFORD, S. B. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

STANSBROUGH, CHARLES. From New Jersey. Went overland to California in 1849. See R. B. RIGGS. (2)

STAPLES, DAVID JACKSON. Went overland to California in 1849. (2)

STARR, N. U. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

STEELE, JOHN. Went overland to California in 1849. (1)

STEPHENS, ? Took his family overland to Oregon in the 1844 GILLIAM/FORD company. Forging a rapid, deep stream one day Stephens and the cow he was leading across began to be swept downstream. His wife was told, "Mr. Stephens is drowning." She replied, "Well, there is plenty of more men where he came from." Fortunately or unfortunately, Stephens was rescued. (17)

STEPHENS, JOSEPH L. From Marietta, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Marietta (Ohio) Gold Seekers," led by ELISHA PERKINS, that went overland to California. Joseph arrived about August 25, just 85 days on the trail. He was not impressed with California. "... this 'beautiful and (more)

(Stephens, ... cont'd) fertile valley of the Sacramento, of which Col. Fremont speaks, is an outrageously hot country, and has to be watered to raise anything whatever, ... (16)

STEPPE, ? Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

STEWART, CHARLES JAMES. Went overland to Oregon in 1846 via the Applegate trail into the southern part of the state. (3)

STEWART, ? Captain. aka Sir WILLIAM DRUMMOND, K. B. He and four others traveled with the 1836 trading caravan to the annual rendezvous that included the WHITMAN/SPALDING party. Sir William was on the trail for his health and the sport of it all. (18)

STOKES, WILLIAM. Went overland to Oregon in 1846. He signed on to drive for J. QUINN THORNTON at the Applegate trail cutoff in Nevada. (3)

STONE, JOSEPH. A member of the May 1849 "Pioneer Line." He left the company on the Humboldt River, Nevada to pack on to the goldfields. See THOMAS TURNER, GW, Vol. 1. (2)

STORKE, C. A. See THOMAS MORE. (13)

STRONG, ? From Michigan. Went overland to Oregon in the 1851 company led by ? HADLEY. West of Fort Hall, Idaho his horse was stolen by Indians. Strong, CHARLES CRAWFORD, "H.", and two others went after the horse. "H" was shot from ambush by an Indian. (10)

STEVENSON, S. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

SUBLETTE, WILLIAM. From St. Louis, Missouri. Arrived at Sutter's Fort, California 9-27-1845. He estimated that 60 wagons were on the trail behind his party. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

SUTTER, JOHN A. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

SWASEY, WILLIAM F. An 1845 overland who clerked for Captain SUTTER. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

TATE, ? The murderer of ? MILLER, west of Fort Laramie, Wyoming. Tate was hanged after a company trial. (21)

THOMAS, T. A. Dr. Led a 21-man company overland to California in 1850 via Salt Lake City, Utah and the infamous "Hastings cutoff." His title was "General Superintendent," not captain. The 21 included, "...thirteen white men, ... Six Outsiders ...and 3 negro fellows. ..." (1)

THOMES (THOMAS), ROBERT HASTY. His rancho, "Saucos," consisting of over 22,000 acres was located on Thomes Creek, nearly 40 miles from present Red Bluff, California. See GW, Vol. 4. (6) (7)

THOMPSON, BEN. Led a 19-wagon company overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. (16)

THOMPSON, LUCY. Died at the Methodist Mission, Oregon Territory, March 20, 1842, in childbirth. See JASON LEE. (19)

THORNTON, A. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

THORTON, JESSY QUINN. Born in 1810. Died 1888. He and his wife left Quincy, Illinois 4-18-1846 to head overland to Oregon. They felt their health would improve in Oregon. Jessy described Independence, Missouri as "...a great Babel upon the border of the wilderness." The Quinn's arrived in the Willamette Valley in November. By February 1847, he had been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Oregon. See GW, Vol. 1. (3) (19)

THURSTON, P. H. Dr. "Physican to the Mines" for a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. (1)

THURSTON, SAMUEL R. Born in Maine in 1816. Died at sea in 1850. He graduated from Bowdoin College. Went overland to Oregon in 1847. He was elected to the U. S. Congress in 1849. He died at sea returning to Oregon in 1850. (19)

TIBBITS, CALVIN. Went overland to Oregon in 1832 with JOHN BALL. In 1833, he began farming in Oregon Territory. (3)

TODD, WILLIAM L. By January 1846, he was mining at Cash Creek, California. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

TOLAND, SARAH. Died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania January 11, 1895. She was the daughter of ROBERT and REBECCA TOLAND. See ISSAC WISTAR. (11)

TOOMES, ALBERT G. A neighbor of ROBERT THOMES. Albert's rancho, "Rio de los Molinos," contained over 22,000 acres in present Tehama County, California. See GW, Vol. 1. (7)

TOWNSEND, JOHN. Dr. An 1844 overlander. He arrived at Sutter's Fort, California 12-28-1846 from Yerba Buena (San Francisco). See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

TRIMBLE, ? Started overland in 1846. He was killed by Indians east of Fort Laramie, Wyoming. (3)

TROTTER, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

TROW, HARRY. Arrived at Sutter's Fort, California 9-19-1845. His child died 1-22-1846 at Sutter's Fort. Trow prepared stakes to lay out Captain SUTTER's town by the river (Sacramento). See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

TRUEBODY, T. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

TRUJILLO, DON LORENZO. From New Mexico. Went overland to Los Angeles, California ca 1841. He settled near present San Bernardino. (14)

TRULLINGER, DANIEL. Reverend. Went overland to Oregon in 1848. (19)

TUCK, ABIGAIL SMITH. Born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Died near San Jose, California ca August 1855. See JOHN MARSH. (20)

TUCKER, GEORGE. Settled in Lake County, California. See GW, Vol. 4. (9)

TUCKER,, REASIN "JEED." Went overland to California in 1846. He settled in the Napa Valley. Reasin kept a white boar for a pet. MARY TUCKER married PETER TEALE. Which Tucker daughter was she? (9)

T'VAULT, WILLIAM G. By 1846, William was the editor of the "Oregon Spectator." He also held the territorial positions of prosecuting attorney and postmaster-general. See GW, Vol 3. (5)

TWAITE, ? From Dubuque, Iowa. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail. There were 14 men, 7 women, and 14 children in the party. Two of the children were born on the trail. Messrs. WADDOMS and SMITH were also in the party. The group reached Socorro, Texas on November 9. (16)

UNTHANK, A. H. From Wayne County, Indiana. Died July 2, 1850 between Glenrock and Casper, Wyoming. (4)

VAN ASSELT, HENRY. Born in Holland April 11, 1817. Died 7-7-1902 in Washington. He went to America in 1850. He went overland to Oregon the same year. He headed north in 1851. He is credited with founding King County, Washington. He married MARY JANE MARPLE, CHRISTMAS, 1862. (17)

VAN BIBBER, ? Went overland to ? in 1846. He went buffalo hunting on June 11. (3)

VAUGHT, ? From Mississippi. He led the "Pontotoc and California Mining Company" overland to California in 1849. (2)

VAUGHN, J. P. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

VENABLE, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

"W." Went overland to California in the 1849 company that included ISAAC WISTAR. "W," and a couple of others shot a 1,500 pound grizzly bear August 23 in the Sierra Nevadas. (11)

WADDOMS, ? From Dubuque, Iowa. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail, See ? TWAITE. (16)

WALDO, DANIEL. Born in Indiana. Died ca 1880 in Oregon. Went overland to Oregon in the 1843 "Great Migration." He settled near Salem. Later, he opened the Willamette Woolen Mills. "Waldo Hills" were named for him. See GW, Vol. 2. (19)

WALDO, WILLIAM. From Jackson County, Missouri. He led an ox train overland to California? in 1849. See GW, Vol. 1. (11)

"WALKER." A Black man who went overland to California in the 1850 company led by T. A. THOMAS. (1)

WALKER, COURTNEY M. See JASON LEE. (18)

WALKER, D. H. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

WALKER, ELKANAH. Reverend. From Maine. The newly married Walker's (3-5-1838) accompanied the WILLIAM GRAY's and the EELLS', and the (more)



(Walker, ... cont'd) SMITH's to Oregon in 1838 as missionaries. The Walker's were assigned, along with the Eells, the task of establishing a mission near present Spokane, Washington. (18)

WALKER, JOEL P. An 1841 overlander. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

WALKER, WILLIAM. Went overland to Oregon to California in the 1850 company led by T. A. THOMAS. A younger brother, ? , was with him. William came down with cholera so he and his brother stopped at Fort Laramie, Wyoming. (1)

WARD, HESTER L. Born in Kentucky. Died in Washington 11-12-1897. Her parents were JESSE and ELIZABETH WARD. Her father took the family (nine children) overland to Oregon in 1853, reaching Salem. See THOMAS MERCER. (17)

WARD, JOHN. Went overland to Los Angeles, California via Chihuahua, Mexico with JAMES DOUGLASS and PAUL RUSHMORE. (14)

WARNER, JOHN J, or T? See GW, Vol 3. (16)

WATERS, JAMES. Went overland from New Mexico to Los Angeles, California in 1844. He settled in the San Bernardino area. (14)

WALTERS, GEORGE. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana April 22, 1809. He was a Rocky Mountain trapper for a number of years. Went overland from New Mexico to California in 1844 in a group that included JAMES WATERS. George settled in the Chino area. (14)

WEBER, CHARLES M. Captain. A member of the 1841 overland to California BARTLESON-BIDWELL party. Weber has been called the "founder of Stockton (California)." See GW, Vol. 1. (8)

WEBB, STEPHEN P. A Harvard graduate and attorney. A former mayor of Salem, Massachusetts. Went overland to California in 1849. (20)

WELCH, RUSSELL. Went overland to Oregon in 1847. He was in the same company as the SMITH's (ELIZABETH). Russell lost two oxen June 28 near the Platte River, Nebraska. (19)

WEST, ? Went overland to California in 1846 in the company that included Colonel RUSSELL and WILLIAM KIRQUENDALL. (3)

WEST, ? Led a company overland in 1846. He was seen July 12 along the Sweetwater River, Wyoming. (3)

WHATELY, ? Went overland in 1846. He was wounded in a fight with Indians along the Humboldt River, Nevada. (3)

WHETSEL, LOUISA. Born in Lewis County, (West) Virginia August 12, 1839. Her brothers and sisters were: REBECCA, MAGGY, J. H., and JASPER. Louisa went overland to California in 1851 with the MAT BONNIFIELD family. She was related to the frontiersman, LEWIS WHETSEL (WETZEL). (4)

WHITE, ? Started overland to California in 1849 via the Santa Fe Trail. Somewhere east of Socorro, Texas Indians killed White, his wife, and child. (16)

WHITE, ELIJAH. Dr. While serving as Oregon Country Indian Agent (more)



(White, ... cont'd) in 1842, Elijah circulated a list of 11 Articles, or "laws," that would govern the conduct of Indians against the Americans and vice versa. His son, JASON LEE WHITE, was the first male child born in Oregon Country to American parents. See GW, Vol. 3. (18) (19)

WHITE, ELIJAH. Dr. He and his family traveled for a time with the 1849 "Pioneer Line," overland to California. White's daughter, FANNY, turned most heads. "... (she) was quite a belle in St. Louis & really very pretty. ..." The family rode in a "spring carriage." See THOMAS TURNER, GW, Vol. 1. (2)

WHITE, W. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

WHITMAN, MARCUS. Born in Rushville, New York, September 4, 1802. His parents were BEZA and ALICE WHITMAN. He married NARCISSA PRENTISS, 2-18-1836 in Angelica, New York. On 3-14-1837, a daughter, ALICE CLARISSA, was born at Waiilatpu Mission. She was the first child born in Oregon County of American parents. She drowned 6-23-1839. An unsubstantiated claim exists that one MARCEL ISADORE BERNIER was born at Spokane, Washington on 10-10-1819. See GW, Vol. 1. (18)

WHITMAN, PERRIN. Born ca 1830. He was the nephew of MARCUS WHITMAN. Went overland to Oregon with Whitman and the "Great Migration" of 1843. In the late 1850s, Perrin was the government interpreter to the Nez Perce Indian tribe. In 1873, Perrin was in Lewiston, Idaho. (18)

WILLIAMS, ? Went overland to California in 1849 via Salt Lake City, Utah on the Gila Trail. By the time he reached ROWLAND's ranch, he was pretty destitute, except for his son's law books, which he was determined to carry through. (16)

WILLIAMS, ASA. He carried supplies to the 1846 improvised emigrants that took the new Applegate Trail into southern Oregon. J. QUINN THORTON wanted to use one of Asa's horses to carry two bundles old clothing. Asa obliged - but it cost Thorton one of his best suits. (3)

WILLIAMS, GEORGE. An 1845 overlander. See GW, Vol. 3. (6)

WILLIAMS, ISAAC. Born September 19, 1799. Died in Los Angeles, California at Chino Rancho, California 1856. An 1843 overlander. His daughter was DONA MERCED. She married JOHN RAINS, ca October 1856. See GW, Vol. 3. (6) (14) (16)

WILLIAMS, J. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

WILLIAMS, JOHN S. An 1843 overlander. See GW, Vol. 2. (6)

WILLIAMS, JOSEPH. Born ca 1777. A methodist minister. He went overland to California in the 1841 BARTLESON-BIDWELL party. A daughter, WINNIE, is mentioned marrying ISAIAH KELSEY. See GW, Vol. 3. (8)

WILLIAMS, M. A. From Harmar, Ohio. A member of the 1849 "Harmer Company" that went overland to California. (2)

WILLIAMS, "Squire." An 1843 overlander. See GW, Vol. 2. (6)

WILLIAMS, W. H. Went overland to California in 1850. In 1853, he (more)

(Williams, ... cont'd) settled in Colusa County. In the early 1860s, he was raising sheep. (7)

WILLIAMS, WINNIE. Daughter of JOSEPH WILLIAMS. See ISAIAH KELSEY.

WILLIS, E. E. From New Jersey. Went overland to California in 1849. See R. B. RIGGS. (2)

WILLS, ? Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

WILMOT, JAMES. An 1845 overlander. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

WILSON, BENJAMIN DAVIS (DON BENITO). Served as Southern California Indian Agent in 1853. In 1860, he was reported to be "... worth a hundred thousand dollars. ..." See GW, Vol. 4. (7) (14)

WILSON, H. M. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

WILSON, JOHN A. (or W.) A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. See T. A. THOMAS. On June 6, John was thrown from his mule three times much to the delight of the company. (1)

WIMMER, PETER. An 1846 overlander. See GW, Vol. 4. (6)

WINKLER, JAMES. Went overland to California in 1849 via the Gila Trail in the company led by Captain COOPER. (16)

WINNER, E. A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. He, BOON, and MARTIN left the company July 28 near Lassen's Meadows, Nevada to push ahead toward the mines. (4)

WINSLOW, GEORGE. Died June 8, 1849 beyond the Blue River, Kansas. Started overland to California in 1849. Cholera took him on the trail. JESSE WINSLOW was also in the company. (2)

WISTAR, ISAAC JONES. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania November 14, 1827. Died ca 1905-14. His parents were Dr. CASPAR and LYDIA (Cooper) JONES WISTAR. Went overland to California in 1849 with WILLIAM GAMBEL and 15 others. They jumped off on May 2. By May 6, two men had quit the company and returned home. On May 20, near the Big Vermillion River, Kansas the party combined with an Indiana group of ten wagons. ? WOODS was elected captain. Isaac mined for awhile in California, then "shipped out." Next he hunted and trapped in the Rockies. He left San Francisco in 1857 to return east to pursue his legal practice. In 1859, he returned overland to present Denver, Colorado, only to return east shortly thereafter. He led the California Regiment in the Civil War reaching the rank of Brigadier General. He married SARAH TOLAND on July 9, 1862. They were childless. In 1892, Isaac established the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology. (11)

WOLCOTT, L. M. From Washington County, Ohio. Went overland to California in 1850. (2)

WOLFINGER, ? Mrs. Widow of ? Wolfinger. She married GEORGE ZINS June 20, 1847 at Sutter's Fort, California. See GW, Vol. 1. (6)

WOLFSKILL, WILLIAM. Fathered four children. See GW, Vol 4. (7) (14)

WOOD, ? A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers that went overland to California. On June 14, along the Sweetwater River, Wyoming, Wood took sick. He recovered and by June 28 when the company reached Soda Springs, Idaho he and ? HUGHEY took their wagons and left the company to travel "Myer's Cutoff," that bypassed Fort Hall, Idaho. (4)

WOOD, JOSEPH WARREN. Went overland to California in 1849. He shot a sage hen August 5, beyond South Pass, Wyoming. (2)

WOOD, PERRY. Went overland to California in 1849 reaching Placerville August 25. See JOHN BRASFIELD. (16)

WOODS, ? From Indiana. Killed by Indians on the Upper Sacramento River, California in 1851. He had led a company overland in 1849 that included ISAAC WISTAR. (11)

WOODWARD, D. S. A member of a 21-man company that went overland to California in 1850. A freak trail accident on May 17 saw D. S.'s "... ball of his thumb..." cut off by another as they were butchering a young steer. (1)

WORKMAN, WILLIAM. An Englishman. He died May 17, 1876 and was buried at La Puente, California. See GW, Vol 4. (14) (16)

WORTH, ? Led a company overland in 1852. The company was seen June 8 near Chimney Rock, Nebraska. (21)

YANTIS, J. L. Reverend. From Lexington, Missouri. A Presbyterian minister. Went overland to Oregon in 1852. His company of about 20 wagons was near Ash Hollow, Nebraska on/about June 4. (21)

YORK, JOHN T. He was called "Uncle Jack." He built the first cabin in present Calistoga, California. He was an in-law of the DAVID HUDSON's. See GW, Vol 1. (9)

YOUNG, ? A member of the 1850 "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. (4)

YOUNG, EWING. Born in Knox County, Tennessee. Died in Oregon Country in 1841 from "... a pressure on the brain and died a somewhat violent death at his home." The problems of handling his sizable estate was one of many reasons that pushed the Oregon settlers to realize the need for some sort of governmental structure. This led to the establishment of the Provisional Government of Oregon. See GW, Vol. 2. (12) (14) (19)

YOUNT, GEORGE CONCEPTION. Born in North Carolina in 1794. Died in Napa County, California in 1865 and buried in the Yountville cemetery. A trapper who reached California in 1830. He settled in present Napa County. He obtained an 11,814 acre Mexican land grant in 1836. He married a Mexican girl and, to obtain the land grant, became a temporary Catholic. (9)

?, ALBERT. "Ox-driver" for J. QUINN THORTON on an 1846 overland journey to Oregon. (3)

?, AMELIA. One of the four women who were members of the 1850 (more)

(?, Amelia, ... cont'd) "Birmingham (Iowa) Emigrating Company," led by the BARNES brothers, that went overland to California. (4)

?, DAVID. A "Dutchman." Ox-driver for J. QUINN THORTON on an 1846 overland journey to Oregon. (3)

?, JOHN. A Black man who went overland to California in the 1850 company led by T. A. THOMAS. (1)

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