

# ***From Acorns to Oaks***



A Potter Valley History — 1855 to 1985

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## FOREWORD

I began to visualize a need of compiling this information in 1952 when my father died and almost immediately I realized that I knew almost nothing concerning my family history. At that time I began keeping notes, writing down dates, taking newspaper clippings and digging into historical happenings of our families on all sides, and the historical events concerning Potter Valley.

My memory for names has been retained, since I moved here in 1923. I started my Potter Valley family trees in 1950 while Jim's (my husband) mother, Ella Pickle Shelton Hughes, lived with us the last years of her life. She was Potter Valley born, in 1877, and helped me with my information. My boxes of clippings, scraps of paper notes, note books and binders full of material, plus old pictures I have accumulated, and the tapes and interviews I have done and been given, really became a challenge to me to get it all collected and written in one concise printed form.

My first clippings from newspapers are dated in the early 1950's and I have a lifetime collection of clippings from Jim's mother, (mostly of weddings, golden weddings and deaths) but what a help they have been for a name and date sometimes. Caroline Sweeney Butcher passed on many more clippings.

Some of the information I have actually experienced. There is no doubt that everyone won't remember everything the same as I have; but I have worked hard to keep this book as factual as possible. I appreciate the help from old timers Geneva Spotswood Christofferson, Olive Spotswood Nichols, Mabel Spotswood Whitcomb, Dorothy Brower Smalley, Pearl Bonnefield Poulos, Leona Dashiell Eddie and Hazel Busch Woolley; Clyde Foster who is 91 years old and has spent a good part of his years here since 1903. I read my finished chapters as I wrote to Muriel Neil Dashiell, Dorothy Smalley, Julius Rottluff or Hattie Wattenberg. Julius is 90 years of age and Hattie 91 years. Although they did not arrive in Potter Valley until 1913, Julius has never forgotten a thing he ever heard told about Potter Valley and his mind is almost beyond belief. Cedric Thornton was always willing to share.

After Kate Babcock and Susan Husted borrowed much of my material to do their Potter Valley History Play in 1981-1982; and again when Kate Babcock Magruder, in 1982-1983, did the conclusion - Part II, I became very much interested and helped some with more family charts. The night of the Part II play I was encouraged to do this book by Robert Brooks and Elizabeth Ingels Magruder with their backing if needed. This spurred me on and the three year job began.

I was well aware that at nearly 70 years of age it was probably now or never. And so I have given most of my time and thought to this the past three years. My sincere apologies to any families I have unknowingly or unintentionally omitted.

Although I started to compile only the first 25 years of settler's family trees, I have enlarged the scope to 1925 or the first 70 years. I also found that historically some subjects needed to be carried into the present day for future generations to have the complete picture. So my book actually ends in 1985.

These recorded records, by me, will sometimes go backward and forward in order to delve into important issues that should be noted for historical value to someone new to the valley.

I sincerely hope you will bear with me as I digress occasionally with some personal remarks, and forgive all repetition in this book by me or the history given in the family personal histories.

I had also loaned my material to the Mendocino County Historical Society in 1970 to write the Potter Valley Story. I had begun it at that time, but due to ill health gave it up. The Society

has kindly given me permission to use anything of mine that they had used. I have had permission from at least one member of each family whose family story has been used.

The response to my letters asking for information has been generous beyond my expectations. It would be difficult to name each and everyone of you who so generously shared with me their family trees and stories, while some I had to dig hard for. All I can say is — if your material is in the book, others will know you helped on it. Edna Guerrero made my first chapter complete.

But I must give especial thanks and credit to some who supplied numerous long family trees other than their own, namely: Barbara Starr Deikman, June Orr McCloud, Alan Carner, Lolita Long Lowery and Marjorie Hunt Clark. The Vann family trees were taken from the Vann Story compiled by Clorine Vann Story and Ora Dashiell Vann, whose book was loaned to me. William Shelton searched many family trees for me.

My special thanks to Kate Magruder for her book material; to my go between, photographer Marilyn McGrew at Golden Rule Printing; to Janet Sweet at Golden Rule Printing, who has so patiently typed much of my material from my handwritten pages; to Janet Chaniot for editing, typing and proof reading; to Denise Berterilli for some typing; Emma Moore for tape transcription; Marjorie Gericke for some editing; Clarence Gericke for the article he wrote on geology for me; Ted Kimball for running down the postmaster list and to those who supplied photos. Leona Eddie more than did her share with photographs. Bob and Lila Lee also deserve my thanks.

The family tree charts, as you can see, proved to be my most difficult section of this book. However, I still feel it is essential and will be very rewarding to the community. I spent many hours through the past three years getting these trees together. Before and after Jim's death on Nov. 4, 1985, my good friend Donna Brown Morine (a McMath descendant) came to my rescue and only with her assistance, ( which helped push me on) they are as complete as I can make them. Some families I was not able to contact.

In 1984, I received money from four memorials, to be used as dedications, toward the cost of printing "From Acorns to Oaks". Jean Gowan Near made memorials to three of her former Potter Valley classmates, Lucien Corbett, Ernest Wipf and Marjorie Hardisty Haskell. Todd Hansen gave his in memory of his father Harold Hal (Happy) Hansen.

I would like to dedicate my book to my husband, Jim Shelton, who put up with me, even though as a pioneer descendant he lacked the interest; and to my much interested children Gayle and Rudy Pacheco and Diane and Harley Foster; also my grandchildren, who of the younger generation are becoming more family minded: Kenneth Foster, Kathryn Pacheco Vonfeldt, Debra Pacheco Sanders and Barbara Pacheco. The map of Potter Valley Harley made is an asset to the book.

As I am finishing this book and writing this foreword on March 19, 1986, (Diane's birthday) I think it is appropriate to add that among the old predictions handed down is one concerning the acorn crop. A heavy acorn crop predicts a very hard winter, which has certainly proved true. Seldom has there been such a bountiful crop of acorns, absolutely covering the ground under the white oaks, as we saw in the fall of 1985. Not since the 1930's have we seen such a crop, I will be pulling up rooted acorns forever in my yard.

The summer and fall of 1985 brought besides the acorns an unusual number of births and marriages who go back in line to those first twenty year settlers. This gives me a happy satisfaction that I have ended my book in 1985. It seems a full cycle has come around and a promising future is before us.

1985 was also the year of the long awaited Halley's Comet. Something I have heard about and looked forward to seeing all my life. This stormy winter of 1985-1986 did not give most of us much of a once in a lifetime opportunity to view it, but this A.M. at 4:15 it was visible in the south-east and I feel that is another good omen.



# Chapter I

## BA LO KAI AND THE NATIVE AMERICANS

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**Ba Lo Kai** — the beautiful valley of leafy green trees and lush growth. As the Native Americans thought of Potter Valley, so thought those first white settlers who found Potter Valley by following the Russian River.

The majestic white oak trees, or valley oaks, or mush oaks as the early settlers called them when they arrived in California; with all their shade really looked like their journeys end after the barren plains, deserts, rivers and rugged mountains they had crossed to get here. What a welcome sight to behold!

Later, as the oaks grew large and tall from acorns, so grew the family trees from a small beginning of early settlers. These settlers (some were married upon arrival; others had lost their mates on the long trek and remarried) soon put out a new crop to start the growth of their trees of life, many of which have come down through the years and are the subject of this book.

Black oaks, live oaks, fir, madrone and pine trees also grew tall and plentiful in the valley and on the surrounding hillsides and canyons, and the wild oats the settlers beheld were shoulder high on a horse. A welcome sight to those weary, sturdy pioneers who had come across the country seeking something better.

True, most of them, upon arrival in California, had settled in other places before coming to Potter Valley. Many of them had stopped near Placerville awhile, or had gone on to Butte County or had come to Sonoma County. Originally the settlers, or their forefathers, had all migrated west from the Eastern States. They nearly all ended up eventually in Missouri, which was the main starting place for the Golden West. Even by the time they arrived in Missouri many of their prized possessions had been left behind, and they started the trip to California with as little as possible. Stories tell us of other things being left by the trail to lighten the loads, especially over the towering Sierra Nevadas.

Old family tales handed down tell of teenage girls and young women walking all the way beside or behind the wagons from Missouri to California. Nearly all the diaries kept have made public the trials the settlers suffered to arrive in California, before moving on and settling down in greener pastures.

Here in Ba Lo Kai they found the Native Californians — the Pomos — very friendly but sometimes very curious, which was only natural. Without a doubt the Pomos must have hated to see the intruders settling in, but, on the other hand, many of the Indians later gave themselves the name of some settler they worked for or especially liked.

There were three tribelets under the Ba Lo Kai Pomo tribe in the valley. Pomo tribelet was in Lower Potter off East Road where the former Goodrich Ranch became situated, presently behind and including the Smyth and Van Bockern property. The Center Valley tribelet was called the Sedams. They were stretched out mainly on what is recognized as the Bevans place east to the schools and across the river on Running's property, and east of the river north of Main Street near Mickey Pope's property. The Shanel tribelet was in the Upper Valley, mainly which became Busch property; namely the present Bilstein, Troxell-Strickler, Farnsworth, Thornton (north of Busch Creek Bridge), Don Todd and all areas nearby. These areas are accurate because of the old blackened dirt

mounds which are mostly still visible and of the artifacts found nearby. A large epidemic of small pox once occurred on above mentioned Thornton Ranch and it was abandoned.

Edna Campbell Guerrero, the local native historian whom I consider a personal friend, gave me this history in 1970 when I first started to think about writing everything down in story form. My collection of data from her I greatly value. Edna had been given lots of information by John Smith, an older Indian here who died in 1934 at age 85.

Edna figured these Pomo tribelets had been here many years. Tales told and retold to her made her believe they were here in the 1700's. Edna's family has been here much longer than 100 years. Her Scottish Grandfather Campbell came around the Horn to Fort Bragg and settled some land in a little valley north of Fort Bragg near Glen Blair. He later married Edna's grandmother, Suzie Pete, from Sherwood Valley. Their son, George, married Mamie Clark and had children, Henry, Edna, Minerva and George Jr. Edna's aunt, Maggie Pete, was married to Jack Busch who was a cousin to John Smith.

On the atrocious move, about 1865, when all the Indians were marched to the Rancheria at Covelo by the soldiers, Edna's grandmother carried her six month old baby (Edna's aunt) all the way on her back.

Not many Indians returned when they were released. Those who did or had previously escaped came back and lived on the ranch J. George Busch had bought from early settler William Potter in Upper Potter Valley; and on the Sam Neil Hill south of the cemetery (the present Cleland Subdivision). This area was on the hill between Dashiell's gate today and the Paulin home, taking in most of the area that is on the West Road curve; I presume for weather protection in summer and dryness of soil for their camping in winter. They eventually all got together, decided they did not want to live that way, made and saved enough money to buy 12 acres of their own from Joseph Spotswood.

This acreage was separate from the 16 acres Joseph Spotswood later sold, about 1912, to the Government Bureau of Indian Affairs. The first 12 acres was bought prior to 1890, as the first burial in the Indian Cemetery was in 1890. Edna doesn't know who owned the Rancheria land across Spring Valley Road which was bought in 1892.

John Smith was appointed by the group to handle their business affairs and of dividing the 12 acres of their own. John Smith's sister Luiza was the wife of Tony Metock.

As deputy of their affairs John Smith divided the land by posts; every nine posts from West Road west per family. Edna has been on her property since 1911. The deeds at that time, according to both Edna and Gus Hughes, were made out to 14 men: John Smith, George Dashiell, Dick Spencer, Lake McGee, Tony Metock, Billy Rice, Tom Potter, Sam Potter, Charles Williams, Jim Anderson, Joe Hughes, Jim Hughes, Sr., Jim Hughes, Jr. and Andreas. *(Here again, by name, you can see how popular some of the white settlers were to their Indian friends.)*

Molly Dashiell, an Indian girl, had married settler Tom Potter soon after Potter's arrival here and they had sons Tom and Sam. Their descendants have come down through the years to the present generation. The last one I knew of was Zemmie Potter and his children as recently as 1970.

Gus Hughes also gave me much information in 1975. I have read the information to Edna Guerrero and she stands by it. Gus told me that on their return from Covelo, his father Jim Hughes settled at Hale Creek, across the hill and near the Eel River. They lived there many years and worked for settler Jim L. Hughes, who had bought the north end of Potter Valley and over the hill as far as the mouth of Tomki Creek at the Circle X Ranch.

Gus recalled how he and his brother, Jim, walked through the tunnel through the mountain to

the Power House, before its completion in 1908 and water started flowing through it from the Eel River.

Another remembrance of Gus Hughes was that the older generation had handed down tales that Potter Valley had once been a lake. Albert Sides also verified this as a possibility. Albert had told Julius Rottluff that sometimes when he drilled wells in the valley, he drilled through old logs, down 40 feet.

Allen Hughes, a grandson of early settler, in Upper Potter, James Lucillus Hughes, told also how when there was no road out to the river, 10 of the Indian women carried 100 pound sacks of grain from the valley over the hill to the other ranch house and barns adjoining the Circle X Ranch which James' son Richard had homesteaded. They did this for 25 cents a sack.

These peaceful natives traveled back and forth, in the years before roads, through the pass in Lower Potter to Lake County to fish and visit other friends. They also did a lot of traveling to the coast for fish, kelp, shells and materials for their baskets; sometimes staying many months at a time.

Since the school districts were consolidated in 1919 there has nearly always been some Indian children in attendance. When I moved here in 1923, Edna's sister Minerva was in my 6th grade class, and her brother. George Campbell was in the same room in the 4th grade; Edna was just out of the 8th grade. George later became a carpenter and brick mason. Many Potter Valley homes have good fireplaces made by him.

Later Edna's children Frema, Audrey and Lester all attended school with their friends. Another generation of Edna's at Potter Valley schools were her grandchildren (Frema Wright's children) Herbert, Joe and Deborah. We now find Deborah's daughter Kelly about ready to enter school.

There have been others, namely Helene and Paul Anderson, Jim Mitchell and his two sons and Craig Carson. Also Muriel Britian McCoy's children Norman, Clarence, Rocky, Kim and Nancy from Covelo area, who have lived here many years.

All have participated in and added much to our school's sports and scholastic programs.

In 1961 the 16 acres Mr. Spotswood sold in 1912 to the Bureau of Indian Affairs was deeded to the Indian people; deeds being for land each one had built on or claimed, and they all became county tax payers.

A few years back a stately, friendly couple, Mac and Sarah Anderson, both died. They owned the first home on the right on Spring Valley Road. About once a month they walked to town and down to Hopper's Corner. Someone from the Potter Valley Store took their groceries home for them, and at election time some of us brought them up to vote. A very nice, interesting and picturesque couple. I miss seeing them around. Helene Anderson (their granddaughter), was living here until her death recently, this past year. Grandson Paul has sold and moved on.

Today we find only our friend, Edna and husband Humberto Guerrero, Edna's granddaughter, Deborah Wright McCosker and her daughter Kelly living in Potter Valley. The others have all moved on, or died and their descendants have sold their property.

Edna Campbell Sloan married Humberto Guerrero about 1940. Edna's father had never allowed her to go away to school, although her brother and her sister attended Sherman Institute.

Edna has a right to be proud of her family. Her son Lester was killed in a car accident in 1952 shortly after returning from the Korean War Zone. Her daughter Audrey rather recently died, leaving one daughter and a granddaughter. Daughter Frema's sons, Herbert and Joe Wright were praiseworthy athletes all through Potter Valley Schools. They both served in the Vietnam War.

Frema moved to Eureka and became a teacher after raising her family. All four of Edna's



grandchildren have college educations: Herb and Joe both have teaching credentials. Herbert is married to Lyn Hage, is a Past Commander of Ukiah V. F. W. and works for the Corps of Engineers at Lake Mendocino. Joe works at a mill in Humboldt County and, for relaxation, has been learning some of the beautiful arts the Indians are known for. After many years of suffering with arthritis Frema died in 1985.

Another Native historian-counselor was Tony Metock. Gus Hughes also told me his grandfather was a half brother to Tony, and they spoke the same language. Tony Metock was seemingly a well educated man, or one who learned readily and used his eyes as well as his head. He belonged to the Tahto tribe quite a ways up Busch Creek, a member of the Yuki Band from Hoopa. The bridge in Potter built in 1928 on Main Street is named Tahto Bridge.

At the famous Potter Valley Pioneer Picnic Reunions, which were held from 1926 — 1934 in McGee Grove on Gibson Lane, near the intersection of Power House Road, Tony Metock is well remembered for his temperance speech and worthwhile bits of advice. Following are his speeches made in 1929 and 1930. (*I had the pleasure of hearing the 1930 speech.*)

#### TEMPERANCE SPEECH of A POMO INDIAN — Potter Valley Reunion, June 18, 1929

In the afternoon a short program was held: Hale McCowen, Sr., President of the Association presiding. Addresses on the Pioneer days were given by Hon. Wm. A. Vann of Arbuckle; Supervisor Will Smith of Lake County; Frank Howe of Upper Lake. The oldest Indian in the valley, Tony Metock then expressed his opinion of the celebration in the following words:

"Well, I hardly know what to say to you now. I can't say much because I eat so much meat and bread but I tell you it is good. It won't hurt us and good clear water and no tangle legs is good for everybody and I believe in acting straight. I am glad to see you people before me waiting to hear what I say. When I go to Indian Convention I know what I'm going to talk about but not sure now what best to say. Now we are getting stronger in Potter Valley we have leaders to bring us together. You can do as you have been doing, have your time. This is vacation to you and that is good. You can go back home without bungled legs and bulging eyes, go back safely to your business, that is if you let wine alone, that stuff is not cut out for you and me. French and Italian they eat it they say and probably it is good for them. They have taken up our trees and put in wine stock, that good for the dollar for Uncle Sam and many dollars for them. I don't say much about it but I don't like it much. If I did that I would not be with you today. I'm glad to see you people here to listen what I say. I may not use language like you. I make mistakes and you must excuse me."

(The Pony Express, page 8, March, 1948 — written by Grace Sweeney)

#### TONY METOCK'S HISTORIC SPEECH of 1930 — Potter Valley Reunion

The following very interesting address was given by Tony Metock, aged Indian:

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

I not for make a speech your way. Friends want me to tell you for my race how I was raised — which way:

Well now I am able to tell you in my time — what I see in my time. I will tell what I hear — what I see I'll tell; it's pretty low but I'll tell anyway.

I was raised mighty poor — before you came to this country nobody here your color; we use things — those things which you will hardly believe. I raised in what you call wigwam for house in summer, in winter we use bark house; in June we don't use them we use the river; we get in the

river every half hour — roll over and over in the sun — the skin would peel from body; my people did that in their time, get in the river — bake — skin peel off just like a lizard and snakes peel skin off every year.

They could stand wind, rain, snow, that's what they do it for. They had nothin', the men had nothin', our female had apron just like you have now made out of bark (maple) dried, split and put on, only dress or blanket; I guess today you are imitating our ways.

The other way we find afterwards for usin' all that for our clothes. We used to go out, nothin' on, and hunt, fish; our women — they do it, strong or no strong; don't mind it much, got used to it I guess. I not do it myself — I see it with my eyes.

This creek, right up here that comes into the valley is where I was born; many ask me how I know my age, how it come was: Two miners from Sacramento and Chico came over — they came up this little creek and one found a camp. Grandpa's camp — of course, as I say don't know nothin' about whites. Our people said let's capture him; Grandpa went out and said: "What doin'?" They said "Let's capture him." Grandpa said NO, No, took him home, kept him three days. While he stayed I was born; he wrote down my born — the year, what year it was — he gave it to my mother; she didn't know what it was but kept it. It was my age. After white Potter crowd came right up creek there mother took it to Potter; he looked — said "You got son? Well that's his age." He gave me name Johnny Locke. They ask me how I know — we didn't know all of it then, now we know the months and all.

Now my friends, I can tell you the way we live now, I don't know how they get timber to build the house — they all live there — go out and jump in the river, it would kill you or any one else but us; in a cold wind all go in then in house wrap up in blanket and go to sleep — this is the way we do in our time.

We eat acorns and grass — potatoes grow here in the valley, we dig it up and use it with onions; we eat that and manzanita and buckeye and pepperwood balls; these are supposed to be poison — they take it out make mush to eat so as not to be poison. I, we young ones, we never eat grasshoppers or fish worms — the older people eat them, they look like poison but they ain't and in June we fish, fix a dam, put in a basket, they go in many; we dry some and use what we can catch. Catch them going up or down, dam, that's in June.

Now that's all shut out, now my friends all shut out — there's no place for us and somebody told us we goin' to get something for our homes from you. I'm lookin' thirty or forty years but I'm goin' to die and not get it — young folks will but not I. Now this thing we use pretty hard time; nobody don't pay nobody for fish, deer — we haven't it for ourselves and when night comes we sleep. Good bye."

(The Pony Express, page 7, March, 1984 — written by Grace Sweeney)

Although the Indians were always friendly to the white settlers, they sometimes had tribal wars among themselves. This story was given to me in his own wording by Harry Hopper in 1965.

"This marker on the Eel and Russian River water shed replaces one put there by two hostile tribes of Indians — the Chamias and Pomos — and marks the dividing line between the two tribes, which was decided at a meeting of over 200 Indians, all in war regalia, in the year 1864 on what is now the Potter Valley School football field and was witnessed by John Hopper and Seth Endicott, who were hid in the brush on the river bank. They said it was a sight to see."

Harry remembers well the original mound of rocks packed up by the Indians to the top of the hill between Eel River and Potter Valley. It was destroyed by the W.P.A. road gang during the depression years in the 1930's. Near the McCreary property at the present Alan and Wanda McCreary Warden ranch, east of Eel River, was another pile of rocks marking the line for the Pomos.

Harry Hopper spoke of the visiting tribe as the Chamias. Rena Lynn Moore, in her 50 week article in the Willits News in 1981 concerning Rocktree Valley and nearby areas, wrote about the Hucknom tribe which geographically lived between the Yukis to the north and the Pomos to the south, with main villages being in Redwood Valley, Outlet Creek and where Tomki Creek empties into the Eel River. (Which is over the hill and down the River near the Circle X Ranch.)

The Hucknoms have been listed in another writing as being the tribe who pow-wowed with the local Pomos, over hunting and fishing rights.

Evangeline Hopper Manning, daughter of Harry Hopper, just recently gave me this story. "Another time at the Hopper Ranch (now the Bob McMenomey's) the Hoppers were burning brush and found an Indian shot in the foot with very bad infection. Harry's mother doctored him with poultices for a week until he was better. He had been shot because he was caught fishing in the wrong part of the river."

Another story from Kenneth Busch, in his writing "The Twin Graves". "This story was related to me by my father A. F. (Gus) Busch many times. We lived on Power House Road near the "Spillway". All of the land in that area belonged to my grandfather J. George Busch. He had purchased most of the land from William Potter in 1863. Almost directly across from us was the home and barn of my Aunt Hattie and her husband, Rob English.

"Shortly after that, in 1865, the Indians were moved to Round Valley Reservation. Prior to that there had been tribal wars between the Indians, and there were two Indian children — twins, a boy and a girl aged 11 or 12 years — who were taken in by my grandfather with the idea of raising them and, I suppose, to interest them as workers.

"To continue the story, the tribal animosities spilled over and these children were poisoned by sprinkling dried rattlesnake venom in their hair when they were sweaty. They died and were buried side by side on the east side of the knoll, behind the house that stands there now. (Scott Clark and then his son Vernon and my cousin Norma Woolley Clark, J. George Busch's granddaughter, owned this property for many years.)

"I remember the impressions of the graves, near by a madrone tree, that were there when I was a kid."

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**As told by Edgar Wattenberg**

"My name is Joseph Edgar Wattenberg and I was born in Potter Valley the 20th day of March 1881. I have lived in Potter Valley most of the time since I was born. I'll now try to bring a little story of the early people in Potter Valley to you.

This is the story of the very first white men to come to Potter Valley and was told to me by Tony Metock. Tony claimed to be the son of the Indian Chief of the Chamias Tribe, whose headquarters were on Tomki Creek. Tony said the dividing line between the Chamias Indians and the Pomo Indians ran east from Cedric Thornton's place to Pine Mountain to Ben More Creek on the road to Lake Pillsbury, and took in all of Blue Slides and San Hedrin, then west to include all of Foster Mountain, then southeast to the Thornton place again. Tony said that there were 900 Indians in his tribe before the white men came.

Tony Metock said that his father told him that three white men came to their tribe when they were camped by the creek on the Cedric Thornton place. Tony's father said the Indians were afraid of the white men and wanted to kill them. They didn't know what kind of men they were,

not having seen men with white skin before. They knew they didn't belong there anyway and thought they must have come down from the sky or up out of the ground. They didn't know which, but thought it must be one way or the other and they were afraid of what these strange men might do. Tony's father didn't think they ought to be killed though, and being head man he took them into his own wigwam for 3 days to protect them and during that time — Tony Metock was born. The morning before the white men left one of them wrote on a piece of paper and gave it to Tony's mother and was able to make her understand she was to keep it safe. These men came from the direction of the north and headed back north again when they left here. When the Potter brothers came to the valley, Tony's mother showed the paper to them and they told her that it gave the name and the date of the baby born to her. The paper has since been lost and the date is now unknown, but the baby boy was Tony Metock.

The story of how the Potter brothers came to know about Potter Valley was told by a Santa Rosa man to Dr. Moore, who was the presiding elder of the Southern Methodist Church of the San Francisco District, which included Mendocino County. The story as told by Dr. Moore was that a man from Santa Rosa followed the Russian River to its source in Potter Valley. When he returned to Santa Rosa, he told the Potter brothers about the pretty little valley he had found at the head of the Russian River that would be just big enough for a one-man ranch. The Potter brothers were looking for just such a place and followed the river up to look it over. Kit Carson and his brother-in-law Moses C. Briggs came through the valley before any white men were living there. Kit Carson may have been the man who followed the Russian River to its source here in Potter Valley, and told the Potter brothers about such a valley being here.

The first wagon to come into Potter Valley was brought in by Moses Briggs and Bill Potter in the spring of 1853. They came in by what later became known as Hell's Delight, which was just a trail over the hill from Calpella. Bill Potter located permanently on his claim at this time. He was supposed to be the first settler here, and it is from him that Potter Valley took its name. Tom Potter met a beautiful Indian girl while he was here and fell in love with her. Her name was Molly. She was a sister to Tony Metock. Molly was a very fine girl as well as a very pretty one. She also was a very intelligent one. Tom's folks didn't want him to marry an Indian girl though, so sent him back to his old home in the east, hoping he would find and marry a white girl there. Tom came back without a bride however, and married his Molly here. He said he saw a lot of nice girls, but none he like half as well as Molly. Tom Potter located on his claim here in 1856.

Moses C. Briggs put stock on his ranch and passed back and forth from Sonoma County until April 1857 when he brought his family here and located permanently on what was known as the Briggs Ranch, and until recent years was owned by his heirs. Moses Briggs's son, Kit Briggs, was named after his uncle, Kit Carson. Mrs. Briggs was a sister to Kit Carson.

Samuel Chase and family came into the valley with Mrs. Briggs at this time and their daughter, Mary Chase, was the first white child born in Potter Valley.

In the early fall of 1857, my grandfather, Charles Neil and family moved into Potter Valley. My mother was about 10 years old at that time. My mother said when they got to the top of the hill and looked down into the valley, over that Hell's Delight Trail, her mother sat down and cried. It didn't look very promising to her. At the time of the early settlement, there were two ways of coming into the valley. One of these was from Lake County, coming over by the Tom Lamb Ranch — the other from Calpella, this way being called Hell's Delight, because of the steep, sliding trail. When one of the settler's wagons turned over on the steep side hill trail and spilled all of its contents down the mountainside, among the possessions that slid down the hill was a crate of chickens. When the crate was smashed, the chickens scattered every which way and the man stated this sure is Hell's Delight.

The first school was built in 1860 on the ranch of Franklin Christopher, now the Cedric Thornton

place. It was a one-room log cabin about 12x16 feet and had a dirt floor. This was a private school. The parents furnished the school house — homemade benches and desks and dogwood switches to whip the pupils with when they needed discipline. The pupils were told by their folks that if they got a whipping at school, they would get another whipping from their folks when they got home. There were around 8 or 10 children ranging from the first to the eighth grades in that first school. They furnished their own slate and slate pencils, and their own transportation to and from school, which was by the way of their two, often bare, feet. Their lunches were carried from home in a milk bucket by the oldest boy in the family. My mother's older half sister, Elizabeth Neil, was the first school teacher. She later married Jim Hopkins and was known as Lizzie Hopkins.

Later a school house was built on the land now owned by Grover Hunter. This was called the Potter Valley District School. Mrs. A. O. Carpenter taught here for two years. Another school was formed south of what was known as Centerville. This was taught by Mrs. Miranda Haskett. The classes were held in one room of an old adobe house which was also used as a residence. The Union School District was established in Lower Potter and in 1866 the Oriental District was approved at Centerville. In 1876 the Pomo School was built. This was later abandoned, but the first three districts formed were maintained until they were consolidated in the Potter Valley Union District in 1919.

All other supplies had to be brought over the mountains from Calpella, often on horseback or carried by the Indians. There were no fruit trees or grape vines. They didn't know what white sugar was. About all they had to satisfy their sweet tooth with was a barrel of sorghum syrup or a little brown sugar. They had very few fresh vegetables either except for a little early garden produce. They couldn't grow vegetables later in the summer because they had no irrigation system. Of course the early settlers planted fruit trees and grape vines after they came here and we had fruit and grapes in my time here. But they still didn't have summer gardens because there was no water to irrigate with. They raised their own wheat, threshed it, and took it down to Isbell's Mill to be ground into flour after the Mill was put in, in 1860. Isbell's Mill, later known as Cleveland's Mill, was on the bank of the Russian River, near what is now known as Lake Mendocino. Of course, the only source of power for the mill was by water wheel supplied by the water coming from the Russian River and Cold Creek. Later when the water supply was low, they put in a steam boiler or steam engine to furnish the power to run the mill. The river used to get pretty low in the summertime. The Indians told of a time before the white men came here when the Russian River and even Eel River dried up and they had to go to the lakes in Lake County for water.

To come back to the wheat being ground into flour at the mill, though, the old timers figured it took about a ton of wheat to give a big family their year's supply of flour. A ton of wheat would give about 30 sacks of white and brown flour for their own use, along with the by-products, shorts, midlings, and bran which they fed to their stock.

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#### **As told by Hazel Newman**

My name is Hazel Newman and I'm 71 years of age. I've lived in Potter Valley since I was four years old. I have always been very much interested in the Indian people. They've worked for my husband on the ranch and they've also done laundry — the Indian women have done laundry for me and I think that it's well to try to preserve some of the Indian lore.

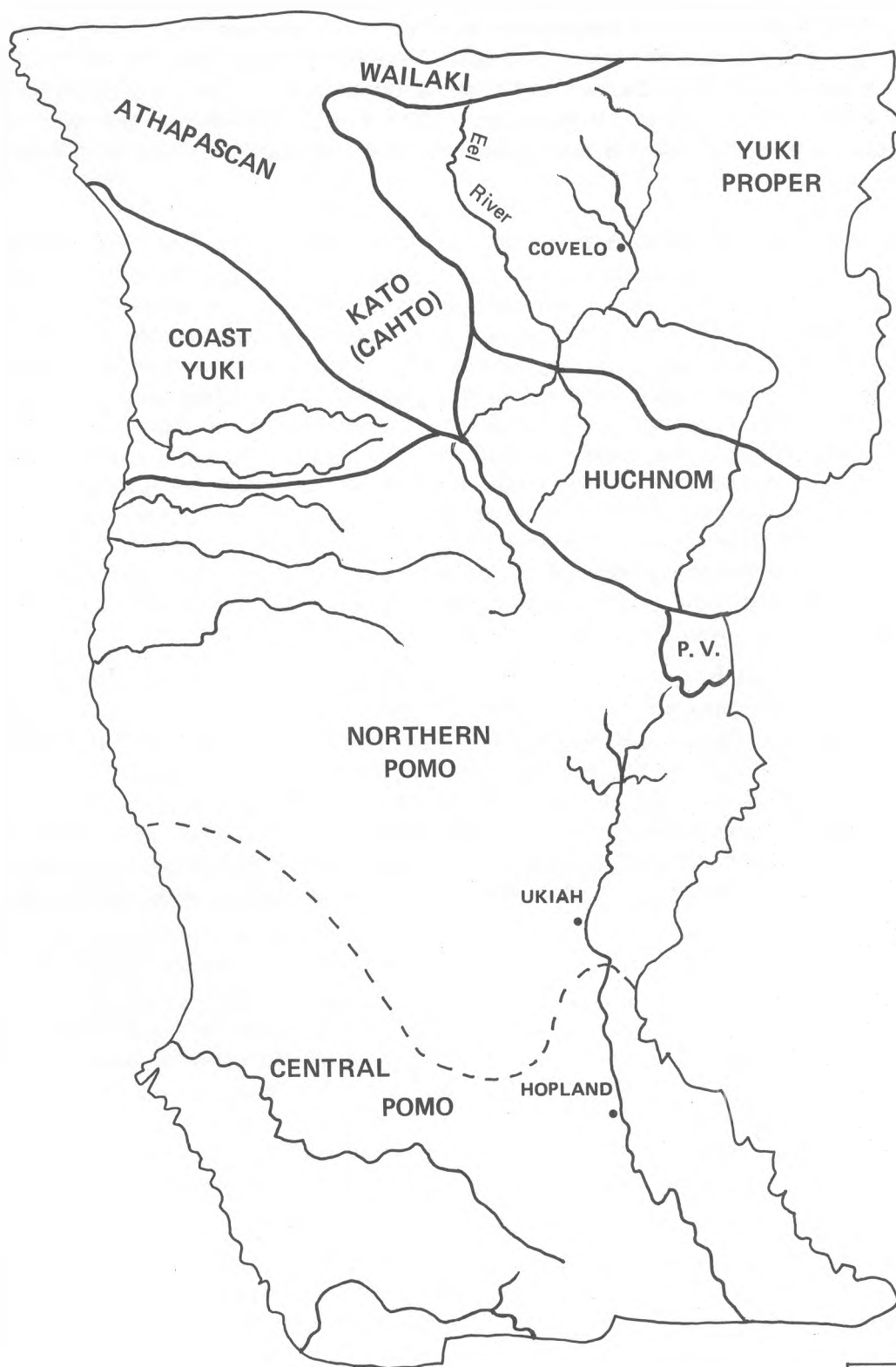
It's not known how or when the Indians of the Pomo and Yuki tribes came to this valley, but they were here when the first white man Moses Briggs and the two Potter brothers came here looking for the source of the Russian River in the spring of 1853. One of the Potter brothers wanted to marry a pretty little Indian squaw, but their family objected, so they hired some men to kidnap her and take her away. They started down through Lake County on horseback planning to

drown the little squaw in the bay near Vallejo. The Indians here in the valley rose up in a body and said they would kill every white person in the valley if she was not returned at once. She was brought back home and married her man. She raised two Potter sons. After Potter died, she married an Indian by the name of George Dashiell and raised another family. She lived down on the Rancheria till her death about 35 or 40 years ago. Molly Potter Dashiell told the story about the kidnapping to friends and that tale has been passed on down through the years until this time of May, 1962.

The Indian people did not have much opportunity to make money, so lived mostly on what nature provided for them. They made a bread out of acorns that they gathered in the fall of the year. They also raised an Indian corn — a white corn with black kernels scattered through the ear. They used the acorns from the white oak tree and would go miles to gather the tan oak acorn. Potatoes and onions grew wild and they dug various other roots. Indian lettuce still grows in some parts of the valley. They used some kinds of fungus growth and were especially fond of a mushroom that grew under the manzanita bushes where the leaves covered the ground. Of course, venison was plentiful in those days for live meat and there were plenty of fish in the streams during the winter and spring. They made trips to the coast to catch fish to smoke for future use. Drying was really the only method they knew to preserve food. The Pomo tribe were especially known for their fine basket making which is now almost a lost art. One of the last basket makers, an Indian woman who lived on the Rancheria near Ukiah, passed away just a few years ago. Very few of the old Indian customs are kept now as the younger people follow the white man's ways and are educated for different trades at the government Indian school.

Sherman Institute at Riverside, California, Indian Creek Station Shawnee Mission in Kansas and Carlyle Institute in Pennsylvania are the three that I know of. An Indian boy from the Potter Valley Rancheria attended Carlyle Institute and was a member of the championship football team of that school which was coached by the late Pop Warner, who was the head football coach at Stanford University for a number of years in the early 19th century. Coach Warner sent a ticket each year for admission to the big game between Stanford and California to the Indian boy, Elmer Busch. I would like to say also that the Indians took their family names from the names of the early settlers in the valley. The Indians were very loyal to their white friends if they were treated right.





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not drawn to scale.

# INDIAN TRIBES of MENDOCINO COUNTY

# Chapter II

## THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS OF SETTLERS

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Prior to 1856 there were no official records kept, but it is recorded that Sonoma consisted of four townships — Sonoma, Petaluma, Bodega and Russian River. In that year, 1856, it was reappor-tioned into 11 townships, among them Sonoma, Vallejo, Petaluma, Analy, Santa Rosa, Russian River, Mendocino, Washington and Bodega. Healdsburg had been the principal city in Mendocino Township. Mendocino became a separate county on March 11, 1859.

Among the early settlers in Healdsburg in 1848 we know of William Johnson March, (no relation to the present day Marches). However, W. J. March was the brother of early day Potter Valley settlers, Edward S. March and Margaret March Jones, wife of Wiley Leonard Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the parents of Mary Ann Mariah Jones, second wife of George Washington Pickle; and 17 year old Eli Jones, Mrs. John Faust Pickle (Elizabeth) and of Mrs. Dior Taylor (Susan). George and Mary Ann Pickle came to Potter Valley in 1872 and the others all soon followed. Wiley L. Jones died in Potter Valley as early as 1874.

Next we have found Lindsay Carson, brother of the famous Kit Carson, in Russian River Town-ship in 1849. Lindsay and Kit Carson were brothers of Nancy Carson Briggs. We all know the fame of Kit Carson. It is thought that he might have been the man who first discovered there was good land to the north.

William Potter started a store in 1850 in Russian River Township in the adobe previously built by Carson.

Late 1852 found William and Thomas Potter, Moses Briggs, Lowe Anderson, Al Strong and two Spaniards all leaving by horseback from near Healdsburg to find the head of the Russian River, which brought them to Potter Valley via the East Fork of the river. They were searching for more grazing land.

No doubt that they were the first white men, as settlers, to find Potter Valley, the beautiful verdant valley of shade I have described in the previous chapter. The party of men stayed about three weeks looking over the valley, and finally Moses Briggs and the two Potter brothers decided which claims they wanted and located on them. These were all in the uppermost fertile part of the valley.

One article I have read has given the information that three or four years passed before they all completely made their permanent homes here. Hence the reason I have started my book of family trees to begin in 1855.

In the spring of 1853 William Potter, again accompanied by his brother-in-law Moses Briggs, brought his first wagon in and made a permanent location on his chosen claim, which included, on later named Power House Road, all land north from Busch Lane up North Busch Lane to north of the Power House and across Power House Road at Busch Lane, north to the present south Stroh Ranch property line. On this claim he located in late 1853. He soon built an adobe house near a good spring of water in the ground about where the Bud Bilstein home now stands. This property later, in 1863, became the property of J. George Busch and was called White Oak. Many years later the adobe home became a mound of dirt on the ground and was tilled into the soil.

And so the Valley took his name and became Potter Valley.

Moses Briggs put stock on his claim but passed back and forth to Healdsburg until April 1857 when he brought his family here. The Briggs Claim ran from Gibson Lane on the south to Busch Lane on the north, with east line now the fence line between John March, Byron Elmer and John Hildebrand. The west line was what are now Vernon Clark and Robert Warf lines. He also owned hill land west of Gibson Lane, now owned by Steve Katsaris.

Although Mr. Briggs kept his property, he moved back and forth to Ukiah where he conducted a business a great part of his lifetime. The property though, was rented out a good many years and later became the estate of his heirs. The home was lived in by his daughter Belle Briggs Hardin Elstun and the farm was taken over by his son M. C. (Kit) Briggs in later years. This property remained as the Briggs place for over 90 years. Ray Nelson now owns the home on the ranch and Skip Lovin owns the farming land except John March's farm which was bought from a Briggs's heir.

Samuel Chase, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Briggs, and wife Ruth Ann Potter, came to Potter Valley at the same time as Moses Briggs. Their daughter Mary was the first white child born in the valley. Mary Chase married a Mr. Howard and they settled in Coyote Valley.

The Lowe Anderson property was south of Main Street on East Road about one-half mile south and west to the river. He also owned property on Gibson Lane sometime later.

Others coming into the valley that same year, 1857, were Frank and Pierce Azbill, William Boone and Calvin Christopher.

The Azbill brothers had been through Potter Valley in 1854 on their way to the Trinity County mines. By following the Russian River, they had crossed over the South Fork of the Eel River and traveled over San Hedrin Mountain. They passed through Eden Valley and named it, crossed the Middle Fork of Eel River and discovered Round Valley (Covelo), giving it the name of Round Valley. The Azbills finally reached their destination in Trinity County and stayed until 1856. In 1857, when they returned to Potter Valley, they only remained one year. The acreage they settled was a large square adjoining the Briggs Ranch on the east, William Potter on the north at Busch Lane and settling to the east and then south to Gibson Lane.

Boone Christopher chose his site south of Centerville on West Road from Matheu Vineyards north to Minehans. Later it became the Logan Vann property.

Dennis Quinliven arrived early in 1858 at Cold Creek, but in 1863 he moved on to Potter Valley; he later moved to Willits.

In January 1858 also arrived the Samuel Mewhinney and John Leonard families; and during that same year came Charles Neil with a large family, William Day, Franklin Christopher, Thomas McCowen, John McCloud and the A. O. Carpenter families. With the exception of Christopher, Day, and McCloud, these families all settled in Lower Potter.

The Mewhinneys had settled in the very southeast part of the valley. Mrs. Mewhinney and Mrs. McCowen were sisters, and it was at the Mewhinney home the McCowens and their daughter and son-in-law, the Carpenters, made their first stop before settling on their own land.

Near the end of Burris Lane, adjoining the Mewhinney ranch, Thomas McCowen, sons George and Hale and son-in-law, A. O. Carpenter, homesteaded land with all using one house built in the center corner of their properties, until other abodes were completed. The McCowens did not leave Potter Valley until April 1883.

Samuel Mewhinney eventually built a beautiful 19 room home in 1875 which is still standing and is considered the oldest old home here still in use.

Franklin Christopher bought all the land from the Azbill brothers, which comprised all the land

that later became George Busch's (son of J. George) north of J. J. Thorntons at Busch Creek Bridge; the Orval Frost, Otis B. Filben, Eugene Hunter, M<sup>c</sup>Garvey and Thornton ranches. Present owners are John Jacobs, Ted Meri, Cedric Thornton, Byron Elmer, Ernest Pauli, Craig Sandall and John Hildebrand. The first school, built in 1860, was situated on Christopher property.

Other large Christopher properties became Luther Grover (Leona Eddie) and Ambrose Carner and then Henry Slingerland ranches (Oberfelt and Andersen ranches at present time).

Charles Neil brought a large family, including two sons Samuel and Stoddard, and they all three soon bought or took up land. Charles chose the property north of Pine Avenue, at least one-half mile to the north; it was much later sold to John Wipf Sr. and the present owner is Robert Hess.

Son, Stoddard Neil, acquired the land adjoining his father on Pine Avenue, east to the hills and north one-half mile — 260 acres. He married Mary Jane (Jennie) Hughes. At Stoddard's death, Jennie married Mr. Pemberton (who had settled at the end of Pine Ave.). From then on it was known as the Pemberton place although her son, Hiram Warner Neil, lived there many years. Erwin Wipf bought the ranch from the Pemberton estate.

Samuel Neil had all the land between East and West Roads from Jack and Pat Harrison Brown's property line with Vard Shepard's line on the north on West Road, south including the Cleland Ranch (Grasso), the Magruder property and across the river to East Road and up to about one eighth mile south of the Keene Pallet Co. Sam Neil's home was just east of the new pond on Grasso's ranch on West Road. Another son, James Neil, owned property north of brother Samuel and donated first land for the cemetery. For Neil history see Alice Neil Whittaker article.

Across the West Road from Sam Neil's, Charles Streeter settled. They sold about 1900 to Sam Neil for his son Charles to live after marriage. This land ran from Dashiell's gate to Cemetery Hill. Gregory Harrison bought the north part from Martha Neil Smith and Muriel Neil Dashiell sold her main part to Francis E. and Frances M<sup>c</sup>Cowen Sibley. All that remains of the vast Neil acreage today is the home and a few acres retained by Muriel Neil Dashiell and the home of her son Charles.

William Day came to Potter Valley in 1858 and settled the land west of Spring Valley Road which later became the Watt Bevans property and now is Jack Brown property. As the Day sons grew to manhood, son Orcenith (Fisher) built a home at Pomo and was a stage driver between Ukiah and Hullville at Gravelly Valley. John Day opened John Day's Resort on Eel River — a very famous stage stop going to Huliville. The resort was just where the houses stand at the entrance of L. P. Lumber Co. Mill.

John M<sup>c</sup>Cloud arrived in 1858, but waited until 1866 at a sale of public land to buy his 160 acres, which was west of North Busch Lane and up Busch Creek. Now owned by William and Don Todd and Don's sons, Gary and Rick; daughter Sharon Freeman; Jerry and Paul Pollack; and Nick Humeny. M<sup>c</sup>Cloud also had a cabin at Pine Flat on San Hedrin, where he summered his cattle. He stayed in Potter Valley until near the turn of the century. At that time his property was sold to J. George Busch.

The year 1859 brought several more families — James Hopkins, Thaddeus and Benjamin Dashiell, Isaac Griffiths, Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, William M<sup>c</sup>Gee and son Hugh P. (Doss) M<sup>c</sup>Gee. Late that year William Eddie was on the scene.

William Eddie settled south of West Main Street, about half way up from town to Harvey's fence line and south one half mile. Part of it became his son Taylor's property which in the past few years was bought by William's great grandson, Supervisor Jim Eddie, from Taylor's heirs. This piece of ground has been in the Eddie family 125 years. The original Eddie land was divided between his heirs after the death of William and wife Cynthia. James Schurr has what his grandfather James

Eddie inherited at the top of the hill — 57 acres. William's son, James, soon bought his property north of West Main Street.

James Hopkins chose land in the central part of Lower Potter at Pomo. He later bought many acres of hill land on the east side of the valley.

Isaac Griffiths property was at the end of Burris Lane to the north and east, later becoming the Enright Ranch. Isaac's sons George and Tom also homesteaded land further over and into Lake County (which was sold in March 1984 after being in the family over 100 years).

Thaddeus Dashiell settled on what later became the Sweeney property on Eel River Road and his brother Benjamin later bought the adjoining land to the south from Mr. Tunnel, whose wife had received it from her father John Hopper (See Hopper land). Tunnel's property is partly owned today by Steve Thornton.

In 1859 Samuel McCulloch arrived here from Missouri. He and his family homesteaded 800 acres on the right side of the present Eel River Road, from the Whittaker Ranch and on over the top of the mountain to Eel River. His grandson, Lafayette (Ike), has just told me Sam gambled it all away in one night. Their home was between the present road and the Stroh dam. The remains of an old rose bush is still there where the house must have stood. Sam's sons, Abe and Ned homesteaded the Fox Pond country across Eel River which became the Bill McCreary property. Another son, George, homesteaded Lauder Flat area further up Eel River. One of Sam's daughters, Ida, married a Mr. Marble. Going in at the top of the ridge to the right on John Day Hill (Eel River Road), they built a house about one half mile off the road. The old chimney is all that remains. Ike does not recall who won the ranch in the gamble, but it has gone by the name of the Hardin Ranch so long, even the 90 year olds had not heard this part of the story. The three Spotswood sisters — Geneva, Olive and Mabel, whose father came to that ranch in 1872 and ran it for several years, had never heard this.

William B. and Sarah McGee settled in 1859, with a large family of grown children, on Hawn Creek Road and Gibson Lane to Power House Road intersection, with their land running back one half mile. The land on Gibson Lane was in the name of Hugh P. (Doss) McGee. The strip along Hawn Creek Road was sold to the Williams family in 1916 and later bought back by William McGee's grandson, Dick Hughes and his son, Lloyd Hughes. Some of the present owners are Pauli, Redfern and Herrington.

In the years during the 1860's the pioneer settlers of Potter Valley increased the population by great number. Families who came in those years were: William VanNader, Jacob Vann, James and Ambrose Carner, John Hopper, J. George Busch, Sydney McCreary, Sam Wattenberg, Owen Sweeney, J. P. (Pate) Smith, John Bevans, Joseph Thornton, James Burris, William Boyce, Luther Grover, James L. Hughes, Dan Hughes, John Radar, Zachariah Quesenberry, A. Emmett McCombs and David Burkhart.

Joseph Thornton (no relation to present day Thorntons) acquired the property adjoining McGee's at Power House Road intersection, along Gibson Lane and down Power House Road to Robert Brook's south line. I have been told this was part of the Tom Potter homestead.

John Radar, father-in-law of Joseph Thornton, bought the property directly across the road from Thornton on Power House Road and Radar's other son-in-law Z. Quensenberry (father of the noted old timer Lily Gibson) bought adjoining land to the east on Gibson Lane. (Lily wrote that it was purchased from Lowe Anderson. Her grandson, Dr. Gibson, in Hawaii, still holds the title to her part.) Some of the present owners of the Radar property are David Elmer, Boyd Hire, Tom DePamphilis and Mr. Levy.

The Boyes homesteaded land at the cross roads of Busch Lane and the present Old Wagon Road (we always spoke of it as Busch Creek Road) cornered on the south-west and on up the Boyce Creek Canyon and the hills west of Busch Creek.

James Burris bought the land on Burris Lane, adjoining the Mewhinney's. Judge Hale McCowen thinks no doubt it was both of the McCowen homesteads.

The property of Jacob Vann was the land adjoining Mose Briggs from Robert Warf's gate on Gibson Lane around to Vernon Clarks and to Busch Creek crossing, with the hill land across the road included. (Present other owners: V. Clark, George Enderby, Edwards, Morris and the Mobile Court.)

John Hopper had another large piece of property. He bought 1000 acres of choice land for \$1.25 per acre: all of a strip one half mile north of Main Street, from the foothills on the west to near the top of the hills on the east. As each child married he divided this land among them. (See Hopper story). Eventually they all, except son William, sold their properties and left the valley. (Present owners are almost impossible to name, from Bob McMenomey's across to Awtrey and north one half mile.)

Owen Sweeney bought the property from Thaddeus Dashiell on Eel River Road. It now includes owners Tom Hopper, Max Girard and Jim McMenomey.

William Van Nader's property was just north of Hopper and Lowne's land at the first turn on Power House Road.

Luther Grover bought from Lowe Anderson the land on the south, part of it now owned by Leona Eddie, and the old Sam Graves farm on East Road. See Grover story.

John Bevans bought the remaining part from Lowe Anderson, at Leona Eddie's north line, around Main Street to the river some time later.

I have described the setting of the large J. George Busch ranch within the early settler William Potter's property. Also see Busch story.

In 1865 James L. Hughes bought from J. George Busch all the property from the south Wilburn Brown line up Power House Road and part way up the hill and around behind the Power House, now owned by Wilburn Brown, Kitchels, Ray Ellis, McFadden Farms and Hammekens. Grandsons of James L. Hughes, Allen and Ralph, each have mobile homes on a small part of the old ranch. (See Otto Hughes story.)

Dan Hughes, brother of James L., homesteaded 160 acres across the road near the hill adjoining the Stroh Ranch. This was later sold to James' son, Richard.

James C. Hughes (son of J. L. Hughes) bought land in Centerville from Luther Hopper running from Eel River Road to Smalley and Green property.

Sydney McCreary chose land far out on Bucknell Creek between Mid Mountain and Pine Mountain. It is called McCreary Glades.

The large Carner family arrived and Jim Carner bought land from Calvin Christopher which is now Pauli, Hildebrand and Sandall property. They also owned land in Centerville where they built the hotel (Bible Church parsonage) and gave land for the Grange building. Ambrose Carner bought land from Christopher (which included the Hayden Andersen and Oberfelt present properties). It was sold to Henry Slingerland in 1872. At some time young Charles Carner bought the present Jerry Lowe, Robert Miles and Yvonne Bell homes from his Uncle Will Carner who had raised him. See Carner history. The Floyd and Zoe Meyer and Joe Minehan property was owned by Carners.

According to cemetery records James Neil gave the first land for the Potter Valley Cemetery, so he must have been the first owner of the land which included the cemetery. It must have soon changed hands because it has always been known as the Pate Smith place. J. P. (Pate) Smith sold land to the cemetery in 1884 and in 1910. Present owners are Barbara Grasso, Ray Peterson and Ira Brannon.



Wilson Leirly was another large land owner. Along with 400 acres of range land south of Spring Valley Road and the Indian Rancheria, he also owned 120 acres of bottom land north across the road to the Finis Vann (son of Logan Vann) property on West Road. (This was all sold in 1914 to John Newman for \$25,000. It is now Douglas and Matheu Vineyards property). Leirly also owned 160 acres at west corner of Gibson Lane and Hawn Creek Road. (Later James Eddie I property, inherited by heirs Roberta Dickey Harvey and Lucille Dickey Harder.) On Eel River Road Leirly owned a total of about 200 acres on both sides of the road, which became the property of his grandsons, Charles and Albert Whittaker. Present owners are Jack Brown, Al De Bruyn, Andrew Blundell, Walter Lee and Peter Buschbaum. Silas Blake owned the adjoining land south. It was later Jud Gowan property. Jud also bought 19 acres of Busch property east of the river.

The Wattenbergs settled in Pomo, running the store which was on the second story of a three floor building at that time. The building housed a carpenter shop on the bottom floor and a dance hall on the top floor. Mr. Wattenberg bought the Whitney Creek Ranch from a man named Whitney, (Circle X Ranch) but disposed of it. The Wattenbergs were one of the first families to settle on

160 acres of preemption land. This land was further down Eel River and lost to Mr. Leirly. Mr. Wattenberg received \$60 cash from Mr. Leirly at foreclosure time. Sam's son, Joseph, later moved to Centerville, where his sons, Edgar and Stoddard, bought him a nice home, where presently stands the Hunter Duplex.

George Burkhart, Sr. bought land from Pitt Vann on Eel River Road. Pitt Vann was the first Methodist Minister in Potter Valley. When David's son, George, married, the big house was built; but David continued to live across the road in a small cabin and the wife lived in another cabin north of the son's home. Present owners of the Burkhart ranch are Dexter Keehn, Frank Branson, James Freese, John Rensen, Steve Johnson and Larry Thornton.

The spring of 1870 brought John Spencer and wife and six children. They bought the ranch on Spencer Hill on East Road as far back as the river. Their first home was just north of the top of the hill (at least we know that son, Russell, was born there and later raised his family there). Mr. Spencer later purchased the property just south to the edge of Pomo and built the large home which, after his death was sold to Dr. John and Grace Hudson. (Now Jack Mitchell ranch.)

1870 also found John D. Brower I buying the large 8,000 acre Mid Mountain Ranch which ran from above Main Street on the hill, south to and across Upper Pine Avenue on the east, and over the Mountain to Short Canyon on Bucknell Creek, taking in Irishman's Flat. He did not move his family here until 1874. He was back and forth with his son John II until that time.

Joseph Spotswood came in 1872 to Potter Valley to manage the later Hardin Ranch, which at that time belonged to a bank in Santa Rosa, owned by a Mr. Hopper. (The original owner of that Potter Valley Ranch is unknown to anyone now.) Mr. Spotswood was a widower with five children when he married Dicey Hopper (whose father owned the ranch) and came to Potter Valley. After her death, he decided to get out on his own and buy property on Center West Side. (See Spotswood story.)

Henry Slingerland arrived in 1872 and bought the Ambrose Carner property (former Franklin Christopher) on Gibson Lane and Eel River Road (Hayden Andersen and Hank Oberfelt property at this time). From Carner history I think this had been the Tom Potter homestead.

Upon arrival in 1872 the Pickle-Jones clan settled in Lower Potter. George Washington Pickle bought land from a Mr. Brown in Lower Potter. This acreage had been a part of the Mewhinney property. After Mr. Pickle's death in 1907 it was sold to Mr. Sack and is still Sack property.

Edward March bought a small acreage at the south end of Pomo just north of the pond on East Road, of which the home area is now owned by Trenton Fullerton.

Eli Jones with his parents the Wiley Jones settled on what was then known as Jones Creek (Lanam property north to Nickerman's) now on the map as Burright Creek.

David (Davey) Jones who married a daughter of George W. Pickle (by his first wife) also came and settled on the 55 acre farm where Keene Pallet Co. and Grasso Vineyards are.

John D. Brower II settled permanently here in 1873 on 200 acres on Pine Avenue to the south. After his death the ranch was sold to Guntly Brothers — Foster and Charles. John D. Brower Jr. had been here and worked on his father's ranch in 1871. Mr. Brower II put in the first dam for irrigation on Burright Creek, which ran through his property.

At some time during these early years H. W. Baker (father of Mrs. Ambrose Carner) came, but soon continued on out Busch Creek where he settled and started his Baker Springs Resort.

Another family arriving here early and settling for at least 20 years was the Thomas E. Long family. It is not known where they lived. They moved on to Willits and Covelo with the Carner and Baker families when they left Potter Valley in the mid 1890's. They owned property out near the Lake County line near Whitney property for a few years.

This concludes the naming of the first 20 years of settlers. By this time they thought the valley was becoming quite crowded. A few names I have missed, I know, because they are found on the cemetery stones; or I have heard of them living here in the early days, but I do not have the dates. These include Haydon, Bucknell, Goforth, Orr, Gillespie, Hunter, Carter, Scott, Berry Wright, Presley, Compton, Weldon, Whitney, Randlett, Travers, Lefever, Fuller, John Fowler, Purcell, John McCall, Wolfe, Williams, Dick Swift and Haskett. Mrs. Miranda Haskett was an early teacher, at the Randlett home south of Main St. Benjamin Whitney no doubt lived out on Eel River and Whitney Creek was named for him.

It is known that the Presley, Orr, Gillespie and Scott homesteads were in the Eel River area. Scott property was actually on Foster Mountain, but they shopped and attended local functions in Potter Valley.

The Carters settled on Cave Creek between Redwood Valley and Tomki, also going to their property from Potter Valley up Busch Creek.

William Smith was here early and had the first store at Pomo (according to his grandson Malcolm McLeod) but after a few years moved on to Rice Fork near Gravelly Valley.

I have found that the Fowlers early owned the property between Gibson Lane and Pauli property on Power House Road presently owned by Byron Elmer.

An article on Manganese mining places the Purcell land out Busch Creek toward Foster Mountain.

The Long's — George, Thomas and their widowed mother Martha Baker Long joined the Baker grandparents here and settled. See Long, Carner and Baker histories. Interesting to note that these Longs are the beginning of the 178 Long's Drug Stores, Inc. scattered throughout California, Hawaii, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Alaska.

In the 25 years the Carner family and their relatives lived here, they left behind our Charles Carner, many good deeds for the valley and a large number of tombstones in our cemetery and their Richmond Carner was the first Postmaster. Richmond and Jane Carner gave the land to the Grange for a very nominal fee. (Court House deed reads Richard and Jane Carner, but family tree history reads Richmond and Jane. Also Richmond is listed as first postmaster.)

Bucknell's owned mountain land over the hill at Bucknell Creek and on up toward San Hedrin according to McMath story.

# EARLY RESIDENTS OF POTTER VALLEY – 1874

From Handbook and Directory of Napa, Lake, Sonoma, and Mendocino Counties by L. L. Paulson  
 Frances and Valentine, Commercial Steam Press, 517 Clay St., San Francisco – 1874

From the Mendocino County section the following are listed as from Potter Valley:

			<u>Post Office</u>
George Burkhart	Farmer	Potter Valley	Centreville
J. G. Busch	Farmer	" "	"
J. Bevans	Farmer	" "	Pomo
J. D. Brower	Farmer	" "	"
Barnes	Farmer	-----	"
Mrs. A. Brown	-----	Potter Valley	"
B. B. Brown	Stock raiser	" "	"
A. J. Brown	Stock raiser	" "	"
S. Blake	Farmer	" "	"
G. W. Bransford	Merchant	" "	"
W. R. Boyes	Hotel	" "	Centreville
M. Carner	Farmer	" "	Pomo
T. J. Coolley	Blacksmith	" "	"
R. Carner	Feed Mill	" "	Centreville
Rev. J. F. Campbell	M. E. Minister	" "	Willitsville
Dashiell	Wood Dealer	" "	Centreville
L. Farmer	Farmer	" "	Pomo
M. P. Goforth	Farmer	-----	"
Gordon	Farmer	-----	"
Griffits, I. Y.	Farmer	-----	"
W. B. Hopper	Farmer	Potter Valley	Centreville
J. Hopper	Farmer	" "	"
J. L. Hughes	Farmer	" "	"
D. Hughes	"	" "	"
William Hughes	"	" "	"
L. Hale	"	" "	"
G. B. Hopper	Blacksmith	Main Street	"
H. M. Jones	Boots & Shoes	Potter Valley	Pomo
G. W. Moore	Farmer	" "	Centreville
McCullough	"	" "	"
H. P. McGee	"	" "	"
A. Moore	"	" "	"
J. McCreary	"	-----	Pomo
J. Moran	"	Potter Valley	"
P. T. McGee	Merchant	" "	Centreville
R. E. Madden	Teamster	" "	Pomo
McGee & Rader	Merchant	" "	Centreville
J. Nour	Farmer	" "	Pomo
J. D. Phillips	"	" "	Centreville
L. E. Preston	"	" "	"
J. R. Ross	"	" "	"
C. Rader	"	" "	"
Ristine & Thomas	"	-----	Pomo
H. Slingerland	"	Potter Valley	Centreville

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W. Snyder	Farmer	Potter Valley	Centreville
W. T. Smith	Merchant	" "	Pomo
C. V. Street	Feed Stable	Main Street	"
Thomas Thornton	Feed Stable	Potter Valley	Centreville
Joseph Thornton	Farmer	-----	Pomo
Mrs. M. S. Vann	-----	Potter Valley	Centreville
J. Van Nader	Farmer	" "	Pomo
Waller	Farmer	-----	"

### LAND PATENT CARDS

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94761	Sec. 27 — 1862	Robert Leard — Black Hawk War Bounty
96278	Sec. 29 — 1862	William Hardy — U.S.N. Mexican War Bounty
98962	Sec. 28 — 1863	David Corsent — U.S.A. Mexican War
78119	Sec. 33 — 1864	John Lory — (Long) U.S.N. Mexican War
100011	Sec. 34 — 1864	John Masten — U.S.A. Mexican War
328	Sec. 32 — 1865	Michael Quinlavin — GE
344	Sec. 21 — 1865	John Endicott — GE
406	Sec. 12 — 1865	Zacharie Grant of Sonoma — GE
428	Sec. 28 — 1865	William Van Nader, Augustine Fuller
435	Sec. 34 — 1865	A. O. Carpenter
459	Sec. 29 — 1865	Adaline Randlett (NE¼)
544	Sec. 19 — 1865	John Lowder (SW¼)
458	Sec. 21 — 1865	James Hopkins (SW¼)
455	Sec. 28 — 1865	William Van Nader, Augustine Fuller (SW¼—NE¼)
364	Sec. 28 — 1865	Stoddard Neil CE
403	Sec. 28 — 1865	Stoddard Neil CE
421	Sec. 28 — 1865	William Van Nader, Augustine Fuller CE
321	Sec. 27 — 1865	Uriah Roshion CE
441	Sec. 33 — 1866	Thomas McGowan Pre-Emp
457	Sec. 5 — 1866	Samuel McCulloch Pre-Emp (SW¼)
461	Sec. 18 — 1866	Hugh P. McKee Pre-Emp-Land Office Humboldt
462	Sec. 6 — 1866	James McCulloch Pre-Cert. (SE¼)
464	Sec. 7 — 1866	Moses Briggs (SW½) also Sec. 12, T, 17 N., R. 11 W.
465	Sec. 7 — 1866	Benjamin Christopher Pre-Cert
480	Sec. 17 — 1866	Thaddeus W. Dashiell
485	Sec. 17 — 1866	James Briggs
487	Sec. 6 — 1866	Augustine Fuller Pre-Cert.
494	Sec. 19 — 1866	William Day Pre-Cert.
496	Sec. 20 — 1866	Hiram Smith Pre-Cert.
497	Sec. 18 — 1866	Felix Purcell Pre-Cert.
498	Sec. 29 — 1866	John P. Smith Pre-Cert.
527	Sec. 34 — 1866	Patrick Rush Pre-Cert.
529	Sec. 18 — 1866	Caswell Williams Pre-Cert.
534	Sec. 33 — 1866	Lewis Hale Pre-Cert.
541	Sec. 19 — 1866	William Eddie Pre-Cert.
539	Sec. 7 — 1866	Calvin Christopher Pre-Cert.

555	Sec. 19 — 1866	Isaiah Starkey Pre-Cert.
554	Sec. 28 — 1866	Stoddard Neil Pre-Cert.
666	Sec. 30 — 1866	J. M. Neil CE
670	Sec. 35 — 1866	A. J. Lefever CE
677	Sec. 21 — 1866	Horace Nutting CE
695	Sec. 26 — 1866	George Maxley
749	Sec. 32 — 1867	Jacob Miller CE
1568	Sec. 9 — 1869	Spencer Currell CE
1891	Sec. 21 — 1869	Luther Grover CE
2009	Sec. 27 — 1870	David Woolever
479	Sec. 17 — 1866	John Endicott
667	Sec. 8 — 1866	Eli Bigelow CE
671	Sec. 21 — 1866	George Brown CE
678	Sec. 21 — 1866	Horace Nutting CE
696	Sec. 26 — 1866	Henry Cox CE
771	Sec. 31 — 1867	Andrew Chinowith CE
846	Sec. 34 — 1867	Catherine Lefever CE
1674	Sec. 23 — 1868	Wilson Burright CE
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48385	Sec. 8 — 1866	Henry Lavalley — Bounty Grant Pvt. Oregon Volunteer Cayuse War — to Pitt Vann
77380	Sec. 17 — 1866	Mitchell Gilliam — Bounty Claim — Oregon Volunteer Cayuse War — to William Davis
85264	Sec. 8 — 1866	William Peterson — Bounty Claim — Pvt. California Volunteer California War — to William VanNader
92901	Sec. 32 — 1866	Angeline Pendleton, minor child of Hubbard Pendleton deceased Vermont Militia War of 1812 to Sallie Scott and by her to John Scott.
97706	Sec. 20 — 1866	James Reynolds — U.S. Quartermaster Dept. of War with Mexico — to William Vann.

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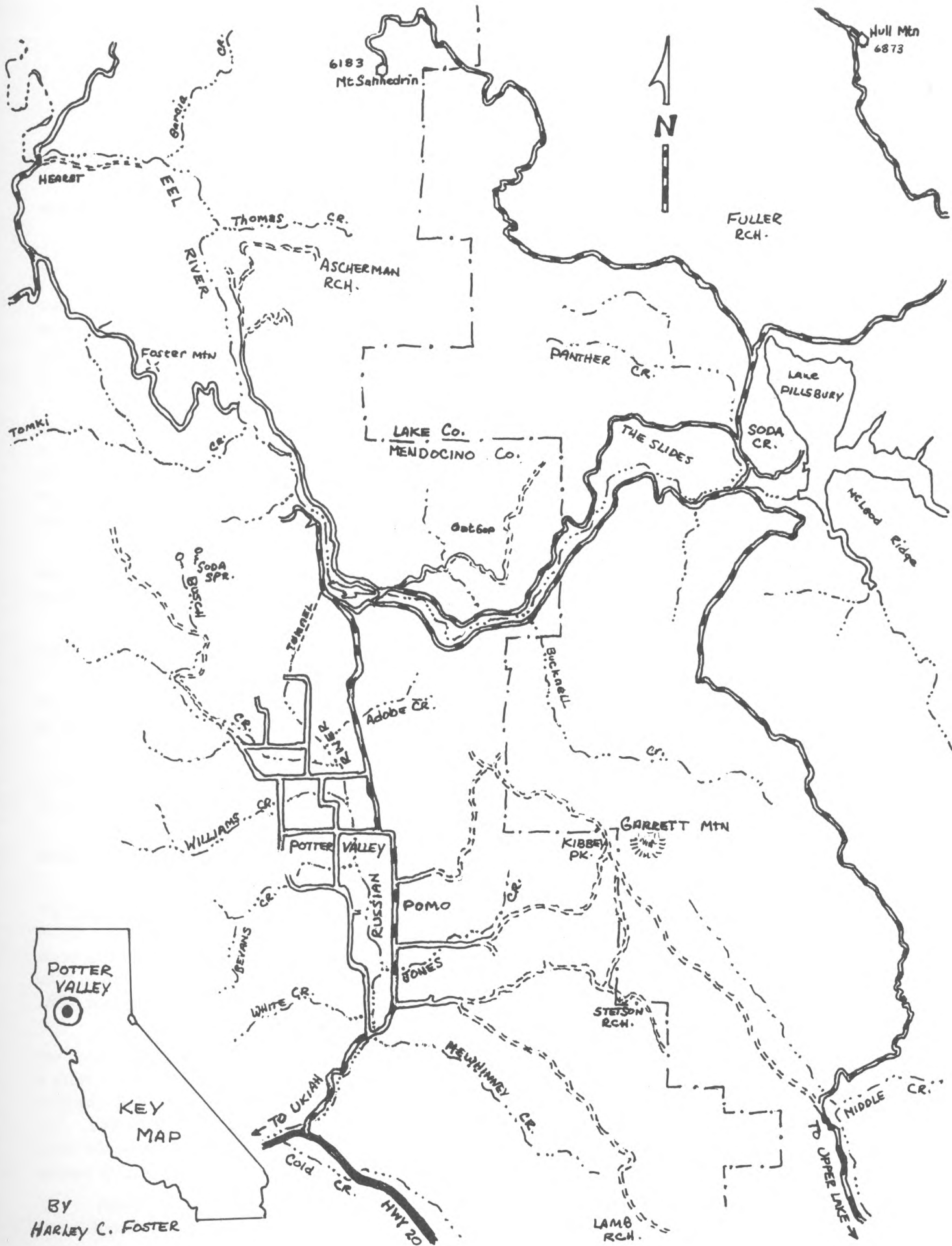
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10286	Sec. 30, 32, 32—1887	David Burkhart CE
10322	Sec. 10, 15 — 1887	Greenberg Hopper CE

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NOTE: Section 1—12 and part of 13 are in Lake County.

(These names take in only the settlers known to be here by 1870.)



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# Chapter III

## THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF POTTER VALLEY

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### ROADS

The original Indian trails into Potter Valley soon became roads with the traveling in and out of the valley. The first road came in from Calpella over what was called "Hell's Delight". It seems a woman had been taking a basket of eggs to Ukiah in a buggy. On the rutty road the buggy tipped, the basket rolled over, and the lady said, "Now isn't that Hell's Delight?" (Edgar Wattenberg's version is somewhat different, but either one is plausible.)

This road came out about at the present Muriel Neil Dashiell's gate. Muriel recalls her father, Charles Neil II, told her many times the old road came down through their place. Former owners of the Muriel Dashiell ranch were the Charles Streeters, and their daughter visited Muriel a few years ago. She said they had been able to see the people on the road. They could also see the Indians on Sam Neil's hill beyond the road. Gus Hughes told me the road out of the valley turned off near the Neil place, then turned south a ways and then west of the present Cleland subdivision.

Another trail and later road came in by Lake County over the hills on the Lamb Ranch; it was called Devil's Dump (the name speaks for itself) and came out on Burris Lane. No one seems to recall any special reason for its name (See Helen Carpenter Story).

The early settlers had a long hard trip on horseback, through the mountains to Eureka to file their claims at the land office. It took two weeks to make the round trip.

Mail came from as far away as Petaluma or Cloverdale the first few years. Ike McCulloch told me they would send an Indian fellow down on horseback. He would be gone a week to make the trip to Petaluma.

Until 1860, when a road was built down the canyon to Coyote Valley, traveling in and out of Potter Valley was a very difficult journey. This road was done with donated labor by local men with their shovels and teams. Some men gave as much as a month of their time.

At one time the road from Hell's Delight also forked off and came down near Frasier bridge, which was used during good weather according to Edgar Wattenberg.

This road followed the river from the end of the valley as it does now. Somewhere near where the bridge now crosses the Russian River at the entrance of Lake Mendocino there was the usual wooden A-frame bridge that crossed over and went to Calpella. On this road, near the bridge at Fort Brown, stood an old flour mill, built after the 1860 road improvement. The mill had an on and off existence until it was destroyed by fire for the second time in the late 1880's. William J. Cleveland, owner since 1864, had just allowed the insurance to expire.

At sometime during the next years a road was continued on down along the south side of the river, past Guntly's Riverside Ranch, and just past there a bridge later crossed over the river and a short road then joined the first road to Calpella. The road on the east side of the river also followed along the river and foothills going toward Ukiah coming out at the Forks on old Highway 101. The road going to Calpella came up over the top (same as the present road from the lake) and came out at the same spot to cross Moore Street Bridge into Calpella. When people drove to Willits it seemed quite a cut off. (See photo section.)

About 1920 the road down the center of Coyote Valley (which is now Lake Mendocino) was completed and graded down over the foothills toward Ukiah. This stretch of road down the center of

the valley was straight for about one mile and made a wonderful place to race when cars came on the scene. To get a Model A Ford up to 62 m.p.h. was a great feat (which I did quite often). This road came out past Lake Mendocino Club House.

Once again, in 1959, another road (the present one) was completed across the river to Calpella when Coyote Dam and Lake Mendocino became finished projects.

Interesting to note that on that project the rock across the river from Rocky Turn on this side of Highway 20 was purchased from Guntly Brothers for \$13,000 and used at some stage of the dam building; rock from there has been used since that time for road work too.

Another early trail and later road was out Busch Creek through Long Hollow to Tomki and across on to Hearst, Eden Valley and Covelo. About two miles this side of Tomki it joined the road from Ukiah through Redwood Valley. These were both stage coach roads. At Tomki it forked off to Willits through Ford Canyon. On the other side of this fork about two miles it also forked and crossed Tomki again and went through Rocktree Valley to Willits. At Tomki the road forked again and went as far as Covelo via Hearst and Eden Valley.

The road from Potter to Willits was only a distance of about 18 miles, but it washed out so badly each winter, twisting up Busch Creek and through Long Hollow, that it was abandoned by the county in 1930. Today it is still usable privately both ways except for about one mile. My last trip over it was in 1932 on horseback.

Over the hill to the Eel River was still another road. It has changed little the last 100 years or more, except to be improved. It once went around the large field to the right of the present Eel River Road at the Stroh Ranch, following the hillside up past their dam and coming out about two thirds of the way up the hill where stood a watering trough. Here a good spring furnished delicious water to both man and beast after all the red dust from the road travel.

At the river there was always a usable summer fording place below the dam, until just recently. At the present bridge there was a double riffle where one could cross when the water was not too high. At several times a ferry was in existence there. Snow Mountain Water and Power Co. built a bridge across the river there in order to haul cement for Scott Dam at Lake Pillsbury, but it later washed out and another ferry was maintained. The county put in another piling bridge at a later date. The 1964 flood washed it out and the present bridge built at that time.

At one time Lucious B. Frasier built a very modern bridge (for that time) across the river near the site of Van Arsdale Dam to haul his lumber across from his mill on San Hedrin. This soon washed out. (See photo section.)

The road across the river to the left took travelers at that time to the Circle X Ranch, Orr's, Gillespie's, Scott's on Foster Mountain and Lierly's Resort (Ascherman Ranch).

The County Road went up from Eel River over Oat Gap, San Hedrin and to Gravelly Valley, Soda Creek and Rice Fork areas in Lake County. A road was later built on to Upper Lake.

During the building of Scott Dam the Snow Mountain Water and Power Co. built a private road for the hauling of dam construction material. It began just across Eel River and was used exclusively for years by them with a locked gate at the Eel River. Some years later it became the County Road after P. G. & E. bought Snow Mountain Water and Power in 1929.

Ukiah Pine built the present logging road in 1951 with private rights and locked gates for nine years in an agreement with the Pacific Gas & Electric, Co. Then it became a Forest Service project by trading timber for the road. At which time it also became a public road with the upkeep shared by Louisiana Pacific; the present mill owners. Ukiah Pine also had a private road to San Hedrin to haul logs on for their mill; which started across the river from the mill and went out for many miles. This was an interesting road with one mile sign posts along the way. It continued many miles out as far as Crocker Creek at the foot of Impassable Rock on the other side of Mt. San Hedrin. At some points it crossed the Oat Gap county road and the Dashiell and Pressley property.

## BUSINESS GROWTH

Potter Valley was once included in the Calpella Township but was divided and incorporated as Potter Valley for the sole purpose of excluding saloons from its neighborhood. The actual area of Potter Valley is about 15 miles in length and 10 miles in width. The valley itself is about 7 miles long and 2 miles wide at most. The valley is divided into two levels. The Cemetery Hill on the west and Spencer Hill on the east are the division levels.

Approximately three fourths of the valley is on the higher level. Here is some of the most fertile land in the county with a water table of about four feet. Since the Potter Valley Irrigation District began its first season in 1929, the lower level land has become much more productive.

Pomo and Centerville were the names given the two settlements in Potter Valley. Pomo was situated in the center of Lower Potter on East Road where the Hopkins, O. F. and William Day, Brower (Shoemaker), Blake, Spencer, Berryhill, Bransford and Wattenberg homes were built. Pomo consisted of two streets with a post office, store, school, church and a blacksmith shop which also advertised for Eversole's Furniture Store and Mortuary. (See plot map of old town of Pomo.)

Centerville was located where the town of Potter Valley now is, on the west side of the river on Main Street. When the residents applied for a post office, the name Centerville was already used in California, so it became Potter Valley. (The Centerville name has been handed down through the years, though.) Here were two stores (with the post office in one), two blacksmith shops, one drug store and doctor's office, a meat market, two hotels, a cheese factory, two livery stables and two churches (soon to be three).

Potter Valley was incorporated in 1870 and during that time it was served by a mayor, justice of the peace, and a constable. It became disincorporated in 1923. No liquor was sold in Potter Valley during those 53 years. Although there were saloons at Cold Creek and Trout Creek at Eel River at one time, Potter Valley itself was a temperance community. In order to keep a temperate valley the town limits were a few miles each way from Centerville.

Early officials were John D. Brower and John Gavin, Sr. as mayor, Eli Jones as justice of the peace, and C. B. Neil, David Burkhart and T. P. Hopkins as trustees. The list of constables was long.

Telephone service came to Potter Valley in 1891 from Ukiah. For years it was housed in Dr. Hopkin's home and run by his wife, Dolly; a later location was across the street in a small building on the Taylor Eddie property with various other women as operators. Later, in 1926, it moved across the street again to the present Clyde Foster home until about 1943. All of those years there was service 13 hours a day. At that time it was moved to the house which stood in front of the present telephone building and remained there until it became automatic about 1950. Since the move in 1943, there has been 24-hour service.

The first library was held in the Irvine and Muir Co. (now Potter Valley Store) and later moved into the Dr. Hopkin's home with Dolly Hopkins as librarian. About 1914 the Potter Valley Progress Club was formed at the instigation of Olive Busch. Mrs. Busch also named the road to the upper end of the valley from town "Progress Road", but it was later changed to Power House Road.

The Potter Valley Grange donated land to the Progress Club on which to build their building (at present the Potter Valley Senior Center). The Grange land had been donated to the Grange by Richmond and Jane Carner on December 12, 1876.

When the building was completed, the Progress Club took over the library and served as a much needed aid for education and pleasure. They ran it actively, until the Mendocino County Bookmobile took over in the 1960's with an every other week stop in the valley.

The Potter Progress Club, a civic-minded organization quite popular for many years, printed

the first two Potter Valley Cook Books, one in 1914 and the other in 1935 as money making projects.

At one of the Mendocino County Historical Society meetings held in Potter Valley, I brought out in Alice Neil Whittaker's recollections how the impossibility of driving over Spencer Hill and Cemetery Hill, in winter time, necessitated the two practically separate communities in such a small valley. Dorothy Smalley has remarked that she hardly knew anyone in Upper Potter in her young days.

The year 1914 was a momentous one for all in the valley. The members of the Progress Club decided to do something about Spencer Hill. They had persuaded their husbands to enlist the help of other men with their horse teams and other equipment to work the hill down to a more usable grade. Meanwhile, the women prepared a picnic feast, donned their next-to-Sunday-best, and with the children and hard working men celebrated the event on the top of the hill with barbecued bear meat furnished by Dan Burris.

Dorothy Smalley's mother, Mrs. Brower, was a charter member of the Progress Club. Dorothy was given a life membership as was Hazel Woolley.

## SCHOOLS

The pioneers of Potter Valley had not forgotten the importance of education. As early as 1860 their first school was built, a small log cabin with a dirt floor, on the Franklin Christopher property (now the home place on the Cedric Thornton property). Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins was the first teacher. Later a school house was built at the crossroads of Gibson Lane and Power House Road on the Hugh McGee property (presently David McQuoid home). This school was called the Potter Valley School District with Mrs. Helen Carpenter as the first teacher for two years.

The Union School District was formed in Lower Potter in 1866 just past Jones Creek on the spot where Eva Foster now resides. (Later, after consolidation in 1919, that school building was partly moved across the street and became the Ed Lamb home.) Early there had also been a school at Pomo in 1876, and Alice Whittaker stated that there had been one at the south corner of Pine Avenue and East Road on Davy Jones property.

The three district schools were all maintained until they were consolidated into Potter Valley Union School on Main Street in 1919. (See Olga Spotswood Moller story, Chapter VIII.)

In 1876 the Oriental district was approved at Centerville at the present sight and used through the years for various school age groups. At present the building is empty, having served for a number of years as the Centerville Continuation School. A teenage center is planned for the building.

These three new district schools were all built alike, so one picture suffices for all.

Previous to 1876 a school was situated in Centerville, across the river on property owned by Mr. Randlett, in an adobe house with Mrs. Miranda Haskett as teacher. Professor James S. Hunter was a teacher in Mendocino and Lake County for 50 years. In 1902 he had published Number I of the Wester Mathematical Series, "The Business Man's Arithmetic." It was a simplified method of arithmetic that is similar to the newer modernized teaching of today. Just before his son Grover's death, I was fortunate to find one at a rummage sale and gave it to Grover. Since then another copy has been found, so both great grandsons, Gordon and Ron, have one in their possession. Mr. Hunter taught school many years in Potter Valley.

At the request of Potter Valley parents the board of trustees of Ukiah High School District established Potter Valley High School in 1918, and the two high schools became Ukiah Union High School District. Classes were held in the Grange building the first three years.

High school diplomas, until deunification, all read Ukiah Union High School. The private high school, which was developed in 1970, awarded the first "Potter Valley" diplomas.

Potter Valley was always allowed one member on the five member Ukiah School Board. The first trustee was John G. Newman, followed by J. J. Thornton, Clyde Eddie, Wilburn Brown, Ernest Pauli, Nancy March and Larry Thornton. Nancy March was named a College Trustee and had to resign from the High School Board.

The Potter Valley Union School building was completed in 1921 and both the elementary and high school moved in. When school began in September, 1921, the Grammar School had the room to the right, as one entered the front door, for the 7th and 8th grades, and the two rooms on the east were for grades 1, 2, and 3 in one room and classes 4, 5, and 6 in the other.

The high school classes were held in the principal's office and the two rooms on the west. There was a good-sized auditorium and stage in the center on the south. Each side had its own set of rest rooms. At the first high school graduation in 1922, diplomas were given to Howard Dashiell, Ruth Day, Alice Hardisty, and Zelda Orr.

In a few years the schools had outgrown the building, and in 1928 the Centerville or Oriental school was remodeled for a high school building, by removing the front section of two entrances with an ante-room between, and building two classrooms and a center entrance across the front of the old building. Some rest rooms were built at the back.

September 1928 found Potter Valley High School students in their own building for the first time. This building continued in use for the high school until September 1954 when the new elementary school was completed for use. At that time the high school took over the old school building built in 1921. This found six students: Donna Hughes Hire, Eddie Clark, Carl Owens, Fred Lauterin, Adrian Cook and our daughter Gayle, spending all 12 years of schooling in the same building.

A small gymnasium had been built at the Centerville school for basketball, and in the 1930's Potter began competing in football. The first school colors were black and orange, but they were changed to blue and gold in 1940. The high school became a member of the Northwestern League in 1928, and Potter Valley began competing in baseball and basketball. The Girls' Athletic Association was started that year as was the California Scholarship Federation with 12 members.

In September 1928 also came our two yellow school busses — the first in Mendocino County schools. These replaced the two trucks with benches and canopy tops used since 1921, owned and driven by Walter Jones, Percy Whitcomb, Edgar Wattenberg, Louis Hansen and Ted Smalley during that seven year period.

1954 also brought the new gymnasium to Potter Valley, and were we ever proud of it! Potter Valley people have always avidly followed and supported the sports programs.

In 1965 both schools became a part of the newly formed Ukiah Unified School District. Some Potter Valley families feared that unification would lead to the closing of Potter Valley High School, and several public meetings were held on that subject. In 1969 the Ukiah Unified School Board did vote to consolidate the high schools and bus Potter Valley Students to Ukiah. (See Potter Valley Community High School story.)

I must add that at some time an emergency school was established on the Eel River at the Charles Presley property. About 1937 it was moved to the flat across from the Ukiah Pine Lumber Company mill site; it was abandoned about 1946 and all the children were bussed to Potter Valley.

Another school news item I have not mentioned is that Charles Matthews conducted a private bookkeeping class at his home in 1903–1904. (See Alice Neil Whittaker story.)

Of notes on schools, let it be known that the John Hopper history states that the land for the Centerville or Oriental School was given for as long as it was used for school or church purposes. (See Hopper story.)

On Russell and Ann Near property at the quonset hut on Eel River Road (currently Nick Humeney's property) Ann and Jean Sullivan assisted by Harriet Burton and Betty Christofferson offered the services of the first playschool in Potter Valley. I think the charge was \$15 per month. This ran from 1953-58.

Another pre-school which operated for several years recently was Sprouts and Seedlings. Joan VanBockern was the teacher assisted by Sherry Day and Margaret Shepard. In 1985 it closed.

The romance of the deunification and unification of the Potter Valley schools is lengthy but necessary to complete the picture. It also includes the story of the Potter Valley Community High School written by Janet Chaniot.

Having lost the struggle to keep a public high school open, some Potter Valley parents of students in grades nine through twelve began to plan for a private high school. So, although most teenagers boarded the bus to Ukiah High School in September, 1970, some 27 chose to enroll in Potter Valley Community High School.

Phil Allen, Pat Brown, Joe Burton, Merton Haskell, and Don Todd worked to fund the education of the 27 students who studied with two teachers, Vincent and Judy Peluso. The group wrote grant proposals and succeeded in acquiring the \$17,500 they needed to run the school during the first year.

In 1971-72, two different teachers, George and Janet Chaniot, accepted the challenge of educating Potter Valley youth in their home community. Only 18 students attended the school that year, and the budget was about the same as the previous year.

During the next five years, with increased funding and continuity of program and teaching staff, Potter Valley Community High School attracted more and more students. In 1972-73, there were 33 students, and their schooling cost about \$27,000. Enrollment rose to 40 in 1973-74, 52 in 1974-75, and continued to about 80 by 1977, the last year of the private high school's existence.

Funding needs by that time had increased, and everyone involved in the school, from students to senior citizens, spent time and energy searching for ways to keep the school going. Maureen Rice, writing for the UKIAH DAILY JOURNAL when the new public high school was dedicated, recounted some of the memories of those who worked hard to make PVCHS a good school and to earn the right to public funding for their high school:

"Pat (Brown) remembers, 'It was really tough. We couldn't charge the tuition we should have, because the kids wouldn't have been able to come. A lot of people donated time and money. We lived month to month, hand to mouth.'

"By March of each year, board members were scraping to pay the teachers. Potter Valley Memorial Day Festival was reinstituted. This paid the bills for the rest of the year. 'The kids really hustled too,' stress both Pat and Mary Jo (Hunter). 'They picked prunes and walnuts, grew water-melons, even spent Christmas vacation selling calendars to get enough money to keep the school going.' "

" 'I would like to give credit to Mr. C. W. Todd and Mr. Gregory Harrison. They consistently gave the financial aid necessary to keep the school funded,' state Pat Brown."

In spite of the struggle to find money to pay for teachers and supplies, PVCHS students accomplished much as they studied and played together. In addition to a regular curriculum which met the requirements for entrance to four year universities, students were involved in Regional Occupational Programs for career education, classes at the then brand new Mendocino Community College, extra-curricular sports, theater, and publications. They also became active in the political process to convince the State Board of Education that Potter Valley deserved its own public high school. This involved many trips to Sacramento for those concerned and all of Northern California seemed interested in watching the first school deunification outcome.



At last, the efforts paid off. All of the parents' time and energy, the student's letters and lobbying, the two dozen or so teachers' and board members' persistence and dedication yielded the rich harvest of a brand new public high school. It was constructed on the site of the old school under the watchful eyes of the now public school board members: Pat Brown, Helen Blundell, Mary Jo Hunter, Larry Thornton, and Don Todd. Mrs. Jessie Heinzman, former colleague of State Superintendent Wilson Riles, was the first superintendent of the K-12 public school district. Robert Gomez followed in that role for six years, and during his time the school was built and additions planned for two new wings and a multi-purpose room.

Howard Colter, who served as the principal of the private PVCHS during its last year, became the public school superintendent in 1983. Working with him is Diane Foster, the district's business manager. Three principals, Fred Austin, Ron Kincaid, and Kay Schultz handle the Continuation School, the 7-12, and the K-6 programs. The school is growing and prospering under their leadership.

The end of Janet Chaniot's school story.

## CHURCHES

Methodism came to Potter Valley during the years 1854-1860. The church records show that not until 1873 was the Methodist Episcopal Church South officially organized. Before that time Potter Valley was served by circuit ministers. Potter Valley, at one time, was head of a large circuit reaching north to Long Valley. In 1860 it was named as part of the Ukiah charge and remained so until 1872, when it was combined with the region further north and in 1873 it stood alone in Potter Valley.

The circuit ministers held worship services in homes and tents in bad weather and in the famous Oak Groves in good weather.

From 1874 to 1893 Potter Valley was coupled with different circuits which included Ukiah, Redwood Valley, Willits and Long Valley.

As early as 1860 a class was formed by the Ukiah Methodist Pastor, Rev. W. S. Bryant. This small group was called South Methodists and was located at Pomo. In 1872 the first church was built at Pomo and another group was listed in Centerville.

The church constructed at Pomo cost \$1600. It was paid for by subscription and for that time speaks very generously of those who attended. In 1873 the building was moved to Centerville, on the spot where the Clark and Weigle homes are situated. See photo section.

Our present sanctuary building and land was originally owned by the Baptist Church. The year of building is not known, but it is known that Eli Jones brought the bell in from Healdsburg on March 18, 1882. The bell is still in use. Here again I must relate that my husband's grandmother Jones, as well as his great-grandparents Jones, and great, great-grandmother March, and great-uncle Edward March were living here and they all strictly followed the Baptist belief.

The Baptist Church was abandoned in 1902 and was bought by the North Methodists trustees — Dr. Hopkins, Mrs. Thaddeus Dashiell, Romaine Burroughs and Mrs. Amelia Watson.

During the years 1918 and 1919, authorities of the North and South Churches exchanged fields of labor to avoid altar against altar and the South Methodists withdrew. Their building was torn down and moved across the river and annexed to the other church and became our Social Hall and used by the Sunday School. Mrs. Charles Neil held Sunday School classes in Lower Potter.

The newly rebuilt church, as it stands now with its altar rails, was dedicated in September 1921. The supply minister at that time was Rev. Pollard who left a record of all departments functioning well. There were Sunday School, Epworth League, Missionary Society, Ladies Aid, Prayer Meetings and Bible Study Classes.

In 1900 to 1901, South Methodist Episcopal Church had 154 members. The pastor was paid \$325 a year, the presiding elder received \$38.65 for his work. Finances always seemed to be the problem. However, records show that several families were giving \$50 a year the same as the same ones were giving as late as 1958, when our budget was \$5,000 annually.

Rev. Newton P. Howe was the minister at the time of the reorganization of the church and at that time he took in as members, some of whom are still active today, Viola Barnett, Leona Dashiell Eddie, Melva Thornton Adams Meyer Olds, Olive Spotswood Nichols, Hazel Busch Woolley, Mabel Spotswood Whitcomb, George Pickle, Herbert Pickle and Elva Spotswood Pickle.

During those last years mentioned, at some time a Christian Adventist Church had been erected where Coolidge Service Station stands. The parsonage was the house which was torn down to make room for the Telephone Company office parking lot. The families remembered as members of this church were some of the Eddie's, Joseph Thornton's and Mr. Spotswood. In 1900 the name was changed to the Church of Christ and this consequently broke up that church.

Among the early South Methodist Episcopal members, well known of today, were Burkhart, Carner, Day, Eddie, Foster, Hopper, McCulloch, Neil, Preston, Smith, Spencer and Vann.

Another interesting note is that due to the strong Baptist background of the Jones family, and the will of grandfather Pickle, my mother-in-law, Ella Pickle Shelton Hughes, told how her father drove from Pomo to Centerville to church. He dropped off his wife and part of the family at the Baptist Church (Ella always attended the Methodist Church later, but not until just a few years before her death in 1958 did she change her membership from Baptist to Methodist) then he and the rest of the children would drive back across the river to attend the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

I have also been told by Olive Nichols that her parents did more or less the same thing. Olive would attend the Methodist Church with her mother, Addie Spencer Spotswood and sisters on Sunday morning and then go with her father, Joseph Spotswood, at night to the Christian Adventist Church.

I have read that the Methodist Episcopal Church was started by a man from the small Rhine River town of Palatinate. Since the Carners and the Pickles were both immigrants to Philadelphia during the great Palatinate Emigration in the 1700's to America, it would be assumed that they had much to do with our early church in Potter Valley.

In 1973, we celebrated our Methodist Church Centennial with a very festive occasion, while Vicki Armour Healy was our resident pastor. Among the speakers were former pastors — Miss Marguerite Cole, (1946—1950); Gerhard Drumm, (1961—1966); Wilton Vincent, (1966— 1968); our District Superintendent and our Bishop R. M. Stuart.

In 1983, our 110th anniversary was observed with Judge Arthur Broaddus as speaker honoring his great-grandfather, J. L. Broaddus, the original circuit preacher in 1871. Judge Broaddus was accompanied by his wife, Dale, his mother, Lura and his brother, Robert. At this time Kim Alice Smith was our pastor.

In the early 1940's our church became associated with the General Conference of the Methodist Church in order to be assured of a regular minister.

In 1946 we were given by conference our first woman minister, a Miss Marguerite Cole, who helped bring the church back together again, after several years of on and off again ministers.

It was during this time that about six of the older members dropped out and started meeting in homes. Eventually they built a church on Speroni Lane and became organized as the Potter Valley Bible Church. Within a few years, with the influx of new people coming into the valley, they had grown to such an extent they were crowded. They purchased the old Carner Hotel which had been cut down and remodeled. The newer church building was moved along side the remodeled hotel which houses their parsonage, Sunday School rooms and social hall. Altogether it makes a good use

of the old and the new, and the structure appearance is quite interesting. Their christian activities are many and I'm sure they are here to stay to celebrate their own hundred years of worship. By then their history will be as long and as interesting as the Methodists.

About 1980 the United Methodist Church members decided on a five year program called "Operation Uplift". New foundation was laid, a new roof and paint job inside and out, plus a double heating system has been done at a cost of \$30,000.

#### GRANGE NO. 115    Written for the Grange 100 year celebration in 1973.

Potter Valley Grange No. 115 was organized in November of 1873. Its first meeting took place over the J. L. Foster residence on the Main Street of the rural community. The home burned in 1874 and a new two story building was erected on Main Street where the present hall stands. Court records show that Richmond and Jane Carner gave the grounds for the Grange Hall in 1876. The lower floor of the building was planned for a store with the upper floor housing the Grange. Meetings were held there for over half a century, before that building burned in April, 1930. Work on the present building was started almost immediately with all the labor donated by members. Money for materials was raised by various projects. The first was a lamb barbecue at 50¢ a plate. Twelve lambs were donated and a sum of \$274 was raised for the new building which was completed and dedicated on Dec. 27, 1930. George Burkhart was master. The worthy state master, George Schlmeyer, attended the dedication ceremony. Burkhart, who is still living, is a 60 year member of the Grange.

The store, located in the first hall built by the Grange, was leased by the Grangers Business Association which established a merchantile business. A store still continues in the new building built in 1930.

The Potter Valley Grange has always taken an active part in county and district fairs, and spring festivals, which started in 1946. The organization started the annual turkey shoots and big New Year's dances. The latest project is remodeling the store.

Community interest shown by Grange members extended to improvements. The Grange voted in September, 1884, to investigate fire fighting equipment. A result of that investigation was the purchase of 50 foot of hose and 6 buckets. Members continued over the years to improve the fire fighting equipment and in 1948 a fire house was built. The Potter Valley Volunteer Fire Department now has much up to date equipment.

Among interesting highlights of the 100 years of Grange in Potter Valley is the treasurers report of 1877 which showed a balance of \$9.45 in the treasury.

In September 1887 the Potter Valley Grange received a circular from a Grange in Chicago, Ill., which called itself Montgomery Ward and Co. and listed all kinds of merchandise for sale. It was suggested that the lecturer write the State Grange secretary of Illinois to ascertain whether the firm might be reliable.

In December, 1884, the first harvest celebration was held by Potter Valley Grange. This has been continued every year since. The organization furnishes the meat, bread and coffee, and members take salads and desserts.

In addition to its interest in fire fighting equipment the Potter Valley Grange played a big role in the location of the garbage dump and educating the people of the community in its use. The Grange also installed street lights for the community at its own expense many years ago.

In the early part of 1917 the members voted to allow the Potter Valley Progress Club to erect a library on the Grange property free of rent. It is still maintained for the citizens of Potter Valley.

April 12, 1930, was the last meeting held in the old hall before it burned. Records for 1914 through 1930 were lost in that fire.

Regular potluck suppers were begun in the new building in 1939 and anytime anyone attended the meetings on the second Saturday of the month he was always assured plenty to eat.

There were thirty charter members in the Potter Valley Grange. John Mewhinney was its first master. Officers serving with him were H. Singerland, overseer; F.M. Dashiell, lecturer; Joseph Elliot, steward; B. Pemberton, assistant steward; Life Farmer, treasurer; Mrs. A. Smith, chaplain; Mrs. A.W. Singerland, secretary; Eli Jones, gate keeper; Mrs. Lavina Grover, Ceres; Mrs. C. Farmer, Pomona; Mrs. C. Endicott, flora; and Mrs. D. W. Mewhinney, lady assistant steward.

#### FARM BUREAU and 4-H CLUBS

The Mendocino County Farm Bureau started to organize in 1918. Centers were almost immediately set up in outlying communities because the University would not appoint a Farm Advisor until some centers were established. The dues were one dollar and fifty cents per member. Potter Valley was the first center, followed by Redwood Valley, Hopland and Willits. Later Laytonville, Coyote Valley, Round Valley and Point Arena came in; followed by other Mendocino County north coast areas. The center for Ukiah was organized at a later date.

Mr. Charles Myska was appointed in 1918 as the first County Farm Advisor. Russell Foote joined him in the early 1920's. Both men retired from this county.

The fruit, grape and livestock owners received much good advice from these men, generally at the monthly meetings held at each center.

Mr. John Newman of Potter Valley was elected the first chairman of the County Farm Bureau. In the past 65 years Mendocino County Farm Bureau has grown and branched out in many fields.

In 1925 the first 4-H Sewing Club was organized in Potter Valley by Helen Ingels, Leila Romer and Grace Williams. The Redwood Valley 4-H was next under the leadership of a Mrs. Jones. In those days some of us 4-Her's went by train to Davis for a week's convention. In 1927 the boys section of 4-H was organized, they raised chickens and rabbits.

#### POTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB

The club had its beginnings in the early 1940's and during the 1950's and 1960's it had a large membership. Overnite rides and campouts were enjoyed, participation in various festivals and fairs in Potter Valley, Upper Lake and Boonville was good and they sponsored the Potter Valley Junior Riding Club.

#### POTTER VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The spring of 1946 began our house to house tours by very interested gardeners. It was mainly a social gathering for us with lots of oohing and aahing over the gardens, before the refreshments.

After the Redwood Empire Fair came into existence we were forced to become the Potter Valley Garden Club in order to participate in the booths in the floriculture exhibits. We organized officially in April 1948. We joined the Federation of California Garden Clubs in 1954.

We have 55 members, have ten meetings a year with very interesting speakers on various garden subjects. Floral arrangements are made for several community occasions; especially for the schools.

We participated with the U.S. Forest Service for many years on their Smokey the Bear and Woodsy the Owl poster contests. The club has had several roadside beautification programs and donate each year to the California State Garden Clubs Highway beautification plantings.

## POTTER VALLEY ROD and GUN CLUB

The club was organized in 1981 with a large membership. At this time they meet on Spencer Hill.

## POTTER VALLEY — IT'S WATER AND POWER

Written in 1971 as a program for Mendocino County Historical Society in Potter Valley.

As each of you have come to our valley today, how many of you realized that the river you drove along was not always the size it is today? What is now the East Branch of the Russian River flowing down through Potter Valley, Ukiah, Hopland, and into the Pacific Ocean at Jenner via Sonoma County was once merely a valley drain from nearby hills surrounding Potter Valley.

The old timers report that when they came into the valley, it was a "valley of shade" — Ba-Lo-Kai was the Indian name for it. The wild oats were shoulder high on a horse, and although there were dry spots in places, it truly seemed a place of great promise.

As the families settled, homes and ranches were established with roads laid out over the valley floor. The story goes that in those days it was possible to walk across the valley, but in the winter during rainy spells, the men laid redwood posts as corrugation flooring across the center valley stream and banks to make fording it possible. There was no deep river channel in the valley at that time.

In 1905, a company known as Eel River Power and Irrigation Company began construction of a diversion dam, at Cape Horn on Eel River, and a tunnel through the hillside, with a Power house in Upper Potter Valley. Plans were also made to include a dam 14 miles up the river at Gravelly Valley where a post office called Hullville was situated.

Mr. W. W. Van Arsdale and Mr. George W. Scott of San Francisco were President and Vice President respectively of this company — hence the names Van Arsdale Dam at Cape Horn and Scott Dam at Gravelly Valley. Scott Dam formed a large lake and was named Lake Pillsbury after Mr. E. S. Pillsbury, a Bay Area attorney, who later became interested when the company was re-organized.

The original company was organized with a capital of \$500,000, but soon developments and examinations made it advisable to greatly enlarge the original scheme. Therefore on February 13, 1906, the new company, Snow Mountain Water and Power Company, took over with a \$5,000,000 capital.

This new company continued on the projects until April 18, 1906, when, on account of the financial stringency succeeding the San Francisco earthquake all work was suspended. In the fall of 1906 work was resumed and by April 1, 1908, the Van Arsdale Dam, the tunnel to Potter Valley, the power house, and the transmission lines to Ukiah were completed so that power was available in Ukiah.

It was because Ukiah City Board of Trustees found itself confronted with the problem of a better and more satisfactory supply of power, that the water-power development was suggested and after some study north of Ukiah, Mr. Van Arsdale from San Francisco, who then owned the 15,000 acre ranch at Walker Valley (the famous Ridgewood Ranch) became interested.

Potter Valley received it's first power in July of 1908. Santa Rosa that same summer as well as Cloverdale in August, 1908. Napa and Mendocino State Hospital began receiving power in 1909 and August 1911, the lines were put into Lake County.

The Van Arsdale Dam is a composite structure, having a total length of 517 feet. A composite structure means made up of separate parts or elements; combined or compounded. There is a concrete gravity section 282 feet in length which, with a bench excavated in the solid granite at one abutment forms the spillway. At this site, there has long been a concrete fish ladder and hatchery which is attended by the California Fish and Game Commission.

The tunnel entrance is 25 feet below normal water level, about 200 feet upstream from the dam. The tunnel is 5,826 feet long, with a height of 7 1/6 feet and a graduated width of 5 feet top to 6 feet bottom, and fully lined throughout.

Construction of Scott Dam began the summer of 1920 and was completed December 1921. This dam located 1790 feet above sea level is 310 feet higher than Cape Horn where Van Arsdale Dam was built. It was designed as a cyclopean concrete dam 105 feet above the Upper Eel River stream bed and is 805 feet in length. Cyclopean comes from the word cyclopes or gigantic — and here designates an ancient style of architecture characterized by the use of massive bricks of stone. The created Lake Pillsbury has a maximum storage capacity of 93,000 acre feet and floods 2003 acres of land.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company acquired Snow Mountain Water and Power Company on December 1, 1929 and have since made various improvements. In 1933 they constructed 18 erosion control dams in the tail race canal and river channel through the valley.

For many years the power house had been man attended, with 1 operator and 1 oiler on each 8 hour shift. In 1940 Pacific Gas and Electric Company converted part of the system to become semi-automatic and the rest was made fully automatic.

In 1950 the tunnels were rehabilitated and about 1956 the plant was made completely automatic with only a general attendant living on the grounds.

Five ranchers, living just below the power house had the foresight to get the original company to guarantee them water for irrigation, after it had gone through the power house where it has completed its usefulness to the power company. This they did until 1929.

It soon became apparent to the Potter Valley ranchers and farmers that Potter Valley should form an Irrigation District. The first petition was presented to the Mendocino Board of Supervisors November 9, 1920. At the election held in 1921 the proposition was defeated by a small margin. Those voting against it were contacted and asked to be excluded from the proposed district. On May 15, 1923 a second petition for organization was presented and at the election held April 1, 1924 it carried 110-3.

After the bond issue passed July 1, 1928, construction of the irrigation system was begun and completed in 1928. Water for irrigation was first used in the 1929 season. There are 5,969 acres of land under the Potter Valley Irrigation District.

The District had a contract with the original power company for 50 years which will end April 15, 1972. This agreement allows the Irrigation District to purchase 9400 acre feet per annum. On April 15, 1967 the Potter Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors gave written notice to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company that they wished to extend the terms of the agreement for 50 more years when the present agreement expires.

Consequently from this original idea of power from water transferred from Eel River to the facilities at Potter Valley and; from the foresight of the local ranchers, our valley, through irrigation has indeed become a valley of green fields. Now it is possible to grow crops on all types of valley soil.

In this age of recreation and ecology, we can thank the original Eel River Power and Irrigation Company for making possible Lake Pillsbury, Lake Mendocino and all the beautiful picnic areas and fishing spots this area is noted for.

My thanks to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Potter Valley Irrigation District who kindly gave me printed copies containing the information I needed to complete this article.

*My thanks to Supervisor Jim Eddie for continuing the article up to date in next Forum issue September 1982. (Continued next page)*

Water Negotiations Explained — September 1982 — by Janet Chanot

Delight Shelton wanted Forum to make sure a correction was noted in her "I Remember When" column for August on the history of the Irrigation District. She wrote the piece in 1971 and reported that the PG&E contract for Eel River water was to expire in 1972.

We failed to update the paragraph, and it looked as though the contract was still about to expire in 1972!

The interesting fact is that the contract did expire in 1972, and ten years later, in 1982, a new long-term contract has still not been settled. This topic has, of course, been reported widely in the news recently.

As a Mendocino County supervisor, Jim Eddie has been deeply involved in contract negotiations for the Potter Valley Irrigation District and all other county water districts. He offered to fill in the ten year history of water use for Forum readers as a companion article to Delight's excellent summary.

When the Irrigation District was completed, Pacific Gas and Electric negotiated a 50 year contract with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Interested parties over the 50 year period satisfied their water needs within that contract and have been seeking agreement on Eel and Russian River water rights since the contract expired. Those parties or agencies are Humboldt, Sonoma and Lake counties in addition to Mendocino County. They also include Cal Trout, the Salmon Trollers, and California State Fish and Game. Mostly recently, the Round Valley Tribal Council has entered a claim on Eel River waters.

Meanwhile, each year PG&E and FERC have renewed agreements on a year-to-year basis, hoping to be able to put together another 50 year contract. Eddie was emphatic about the fact that Potter Valley water rights are secure, since the Irrigation District has first call on whatever water comes through the tunnel from the Eel to the Russian River.

But for the other involved parties, the ten-year span has been frustrating. Three years ago a federal administrative judge called a hearing to study the situation. The conclusion was that not enough was known about adequate flows for environmental, wildlife, and society's needs. The involved parties agreed to do further studies in an effort to define those needs more clearly.

Mendocino and Sonoma counties studied the economic impact on areas served by the Russian River in the event of reduced flow from the Eel River. (70% of Russian River water comes through the Potter Valley tunnel from the Eel.)

All studies were to be completed by July 1 this year at which time all parties would, hopefully, negotiate a long-term resolution to the problem.

By August 1 the agencies needed to notify the court as to the possibility of reaching agreement. Most thought an agreement would come of the latest negotiations at that time.

Several provisions of interest to Potter Valley residents of the "almost" contract were that PG&E would rebuild the fish ladders at the dam, that Fish and Game would rebuild the screen, and that all parties would review the flows every 10 years in case of changing needs. The new contract also called for a 7% loss in energy through the Power house which was deemed insignificant, except in dry years.

However, those drought years continue to worry the Russian River parties to the agreement, and the contract will not be completed until those involved in disputing Eel River flows can get final acceptance from appropriate officials.

At this point, the new contract seems farther away from settlement than it did August 1. Eddie is even concerned that the \$50,000 set by the Board of Supervisors will not be enough for further necessary negotiations and studies.

Should no long-term settlement be reached, a new-court date is set for April, 1983, at which time, according to Eddie, far too much energy will have been expended on reaching agreement, as the marathon dispute over who gets what share of the water completes its eleventh year.

— Taken from the Potter Valley Forum

#### A WELL KNOWN SECRET — Of The Early Development Of The Snow Mountain Plant of Pacific Gas and Electric Company — Handed Down by History

The story of the development of electricity contains many highly interesting and romantic events. No pioneer electric company had a more dramatic beginning than the Eel River Power and Irrigation Co.

The water supply for this company's plant was to be furnished by the formation of an artificial lake which was to be accomplished by the damming of the South Eel River from where the water was to be conducted through pipe lines and tunnel from the Eel River water shed to the Russian River water shed, the power plant to be located at the head of Potter Valley, northeast of Ukiah.

In order to accomplish this purpose it was, of course, necessary for the Company to acquire title to all the lands which would be submerged by the waters of the lake, as well as the lands bordering on the lake. In spite of the fact that the preliminary negotiations were of a confidential nature, the plans of the company became known to a sharp real estate firm in San Francisco, whose members thought they saw a chance of realizing a substantial profit in acquiring some if not all of the lands necessary to the project and making a resale to the Company at an advanced figure. Accordingly two of their trusted agents were sent into the territory to interview the various owners of the lands and to obtain options to purchase. The nearest stopping place was a resort known as "John Day's" where the emissaries arrived in the evening and registered. Immediately after registering they repaired to the room where they proceeded to discuss their plan of action. A man in an adjoining room overheard sufficient parts of the conversation to suspect the purpose of the visitors. Being a close friend of Mr. W. P. Thomas, attorney and local representative of the Company, he saddled his horse and rode to the town of Potter Valley, some eight miles distant where he put through a call to Mr. Thomas at Ukiah and acquainted him with the plans of the outsiders. He told how he had overheard the men talking and laughing about the neat profit they would realize at the expense of the Company.

Mr. Thomas went into action at once and arranged with a local real estateman at Ukiah, a Mr. Woodward, to leave at once for Eel River. It was then late in the evening and Mr. Woodward left at once for the twenty-five mile drive with team and buggy. Arriving at the scene in the early morning hours he proceeded to interview the owners and secure the desired options.

The two real estate men not realizing that their plan had been discovered slept late and after a hearty "country" breakfast proceeded with their errand, soon to discover that they had been outwitted by the loyalty and prompt action of a mountain hotel-resort owner and a "country" attorney and real estate agent.

(Origin unknown — this material was supplied me at some time.)

#### POWER PLANT RECOLLECTIONS

From Otto Hughes —

At the time the power plant was built Otto remembers the big horse drawn logging truck weighing about five tons which hauled the generators to Potter Valley. It had wheels about two feet thick and the smooth tires were the same size.



The generators would be hauled to what is now the north end of Lake Mendocino with 14 head of horses.

The men stayed overnight at Guntly's Riverside Ranch (on the south banks of Russian River near the Lake Mendocino Boat ramp). Otto Hughes would go down to meet them with another team to help bring them to Potter Valley.

From my 88 year old brother-in-law, Alfred Shelton —

As a child of 10 while the power plant equipment was being hauled, he recalled and heard tales from his father, Eddie Shelton, how they used four horse teams to haul the six foot pipes for the tunnel in 1906–1908. They each weighed about 1½ tons, were two inches thick and about 25 feet long, (as long as a wagon).

To haul the generator's by wagon they used two men and two-eight horse teams for the 30 ton load.

Will Pickle, George Jones, Eddie Shelton, Dick Hughes, John Hughes, Frank Hughes and Otto Hughes were the team drivers he remembers.

Alfred also recalled that L. B. Frasier engineered the digging of the tunnel. The men worked from both sides of the mountain and when they met they only missed the center by about one foot or so.

There were also Chinese men hired to dig the tunnel.

The construction of the dams etc., seem minor today, but in those days of no mechanical heavy equipment, the jobs were a feat well done.

Union Iron Works had the contract of riveting the pipes as they were laid in the tunnel. Michael Brooks, father of local Robert Brooks, was the supervisor of this part of the construction.

#### POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT — Report of Board of Directors on January 1, 1970

##### **Organization**

The first petition for the organization of Potter Valley Irrigation District was presented to the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County on November 9, 1920. At the election held in 1921, the proposition was defeated by a small margin.

The people who had voted against the proposition were contacted and asked to be excluded from the proposed district. On May 15, 1923 a second petition for organization was presented and, at the election held on April 1, 1924 there were 110 votes in favor of the district and 3 votes against. Some of the land excluded from the district at that time is still out of the boundary of the irrigation system.

The district is organized under the California Irrigation District Act, which provides for a form of government much similar to that of a county.

##### **Bond Issue**

On April 27, 1928, the California Bond Certificate Commission authorized an election for the voting of a bond issue in the sum of \$100,00. At the election the bonds were authorized and were issued July 1, 1928, bearing interest at 5½%, and to be retired at the rate of \$5,000.00 per year commencing July 1, 1933.

Of the total issue it was found unnecessary to sell three of the bonds aggregating \$3,000.00 which were held in the treasury for any emergency. This need came in 1948.

The last \$5,000.00 was paid on July 1, 1952, and the District has remained free of any bonded indebtedness since.

The construction of the system was begun and completed in 1928. In 1929, the first season of operation, 2727 acre feet of water was distributed and sold.

#### Board of Directors

The first Irrigation District Board of Directors was the same as those who were the trustees of the incorporated town and valley area.

The governing body of the present district is a Board of Directors consisting of five members elected by the District at large, one from each of the five divisions. A requirement is that they must own land and reside within the division they represent. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month, which meetings are always open to the public. Interested persons are invited to bring their problems to the Board as well as suggestions for improvement or economy.

Since the organization of the District in 1924 the Directors have served without compensation, each director considering his or her service a contribution to the community welfare.

The Board operates under a budget adopted at the beginning of each fiscal year. The reserve now on hand makes it possible to pay all charges as they become due. The financial condition of the District is excellent.

#### Taxation

Taxes are levied on the assessed valuation of land only, not improvements, in two installments, the first installment becoming delinquent on the last Monday of December of each year, and the second installment on the last Monday in June of each year.

Delinquent penalties are 10% on the first installment and 5% on the second *Neither the tax collector nor the directors have power to waive these penalties as they are positively enjoined by law.*

The present tax rate is \$6.00 per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

#### Assessed Value

The total assessed value of land in the district for 1969 was \$365, \$329.60.

The assessor has divided the lands of the district into five classes and assesses only the lands, not the improvements as follows:

4,324.35 acres at \$80.00 per acre
513.09 acres at \$30.00 per acre
169.93 acres at \$10.00 per acre
551.30 acres at \$ 3.00 per acre
410.04 acres at no value
5,968.71 Total acres in District

#### Assests

In addition to the system of canals and laterals the district purchased the Katherine Hopkins property in the year 1952, where it maintains the office and corporation yard. The price paid was \$5,000.00 which was reasonable as there is sufficient area to meet the future needs of the district.

Installed at the tailrace of the power company are two electric pumps that are capable of delivering 30 C.F.S. of water each. A pickup, dump truck, backhoe, and sundry other pieces of equipment are owned by the district to carry out the necessary operations.

## Water Rights

The District has a contract to purchase water from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a maximum of 9400 acre feet per annum, with a maximum delivery of 50 C.F.S.

On April 15, 1967 the Board of Directors gave written notice to P.G. & E. that they wished to exercise their option to extend the terms of the water agreement for 50 years when the present agreement expires on April 15, 1972.

The contract also provides that during the winter period, that is between October 16 and April 30, the P.G. & E will deliver, without charge, not to exceed 10 acre feet of water per day.

The District also has an appropriation of 50 C.F.S. approved by the Division of Water Resources of California. This water is being pumped from the canal below the tailrace of the power company.

Water measured at the users gates during 1969 amounted to 9938 acre feet and sold at the rate of \$3.00 per acre foot.

Bills for water are mailed on November 1 of each year and become delinquent November 20 following.

## Future Maintenance

Maintenance was held to a minimum while the bonded indebtedness had to be paid and systematic improvement of the works was impossible. The Directors do not believe that it would be a sound fiscal policy to ask the tax payers to vote a new bond issue and again incur an interest bearing obligation extending over a long period of years. They feel the best interests of the Valley would be served by a pay as you go policy to improve the system, which has been in effect since 1952.

## 1906 Indenture — for easement of property:

THIS INDENTURE made the 31st day of December, 1906 between:

ATLANTIC O. HUGHES (an unmarried woman), RICHARD T. HUGHES and MAUD E. HUGHES. . . . . (wife of Richard T. Hughes) all of the County of Mendocino, State of California, the PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART and

SNOW MOUNTAIN WATER & POWER COMPANY, a Corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, the PART OF THE SECOND PART,

W I T N E S S E T H: That the parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum \$10, gold coin of the United States of America to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other and further valuable considerations hereinafter specified do by these presents grant, bargain sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns an easement in and right of way over and across the following described strip of land 100 feet wide and every portion thereof in Mendocino County, California (for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and using thereon a canal and making alterations thereon from time to time, for the discharge and flow of water from the power house of the party of the second part, to be hereafter constructed) to wit:

A strip of land 100 feet wide, being 50 feet on each side of the following described line:



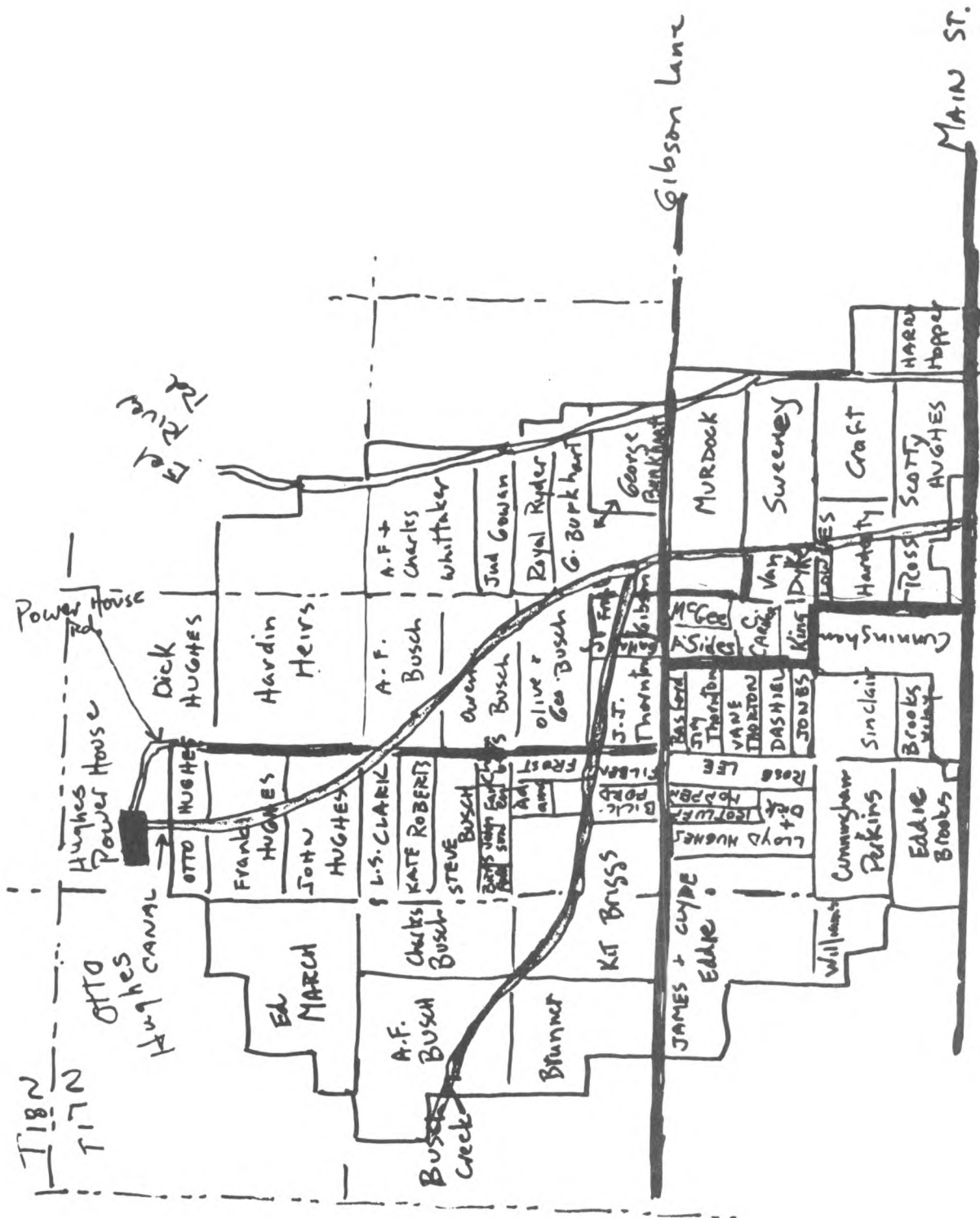
On this 4th day of January, 1907, before me W. P. Thomas a Notary Public in and for the County of Mendocino, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Atlantic O. Hughes and Richard T. Hughes and Maud E. Hughes, (wife of Richard T. Hughes) known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to and who executed the within instrument and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in said County of Mendocino, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

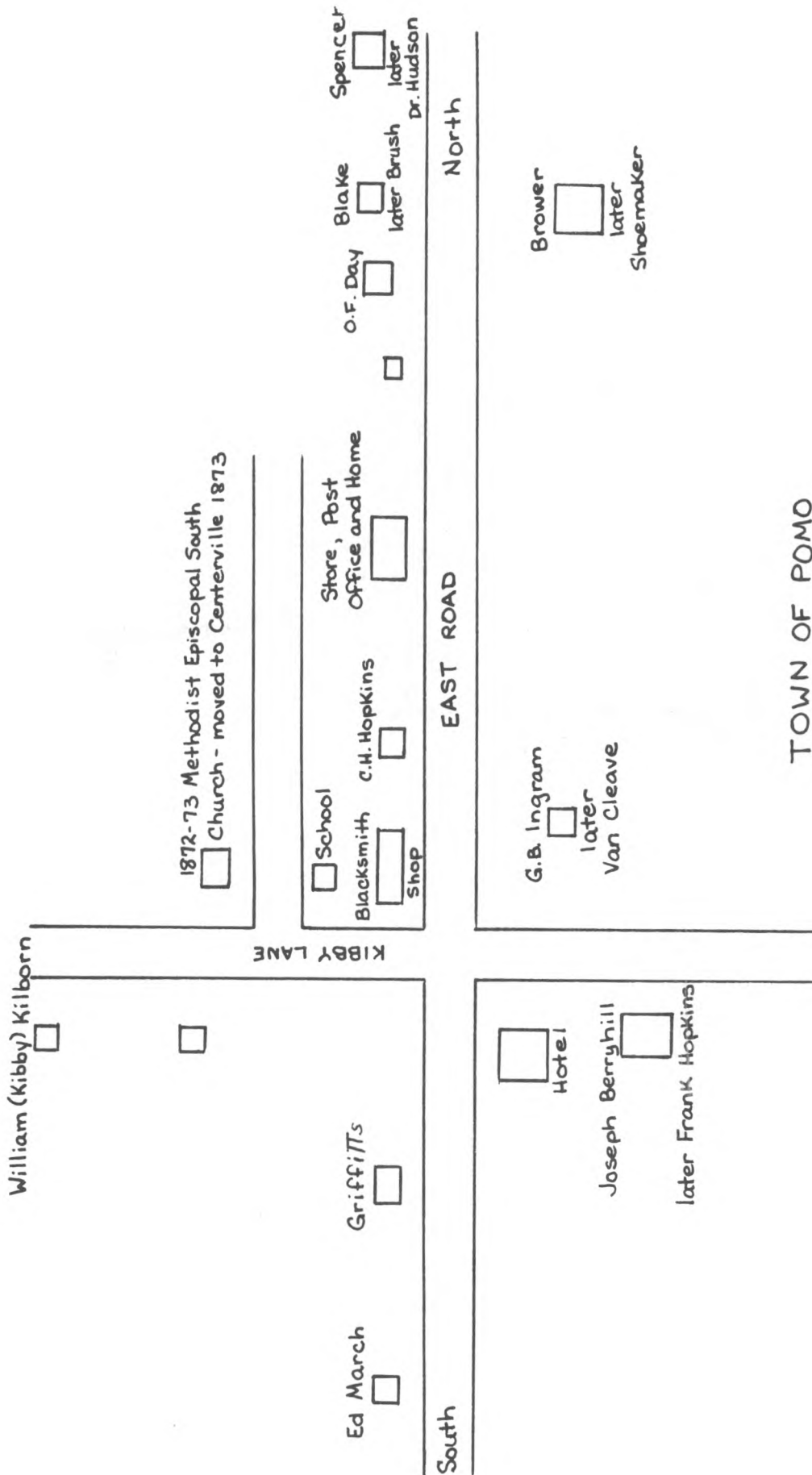
W. P. Thomas

Notary Public in and for the County  
of Mendocino, State of California.

Potter Valley Irrigation District — 1926







# TOWN OF POMO

Before 1900

(not drawn to scale)

Map by Harley Foster and  
recopied by Elizabeth Monlux.





John Day Resort on Eel River.



Horse team pulling logs to Fraiser Mill.



Ferry on Eel River.



Part of the melon threshing crew 1927. Vane Thornton, Howard Brooks, Julius Ruttluff.

# Chapter V

## ENTERTAINMENT IN THE EARLY YEARS

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Most of the good times the early settlers spoke or wrote of centered around three well known groves of trees. These were the places where Fourth of July celebrations, church and camp meetings, and just plain fun were held.

Helen Carpenter mentions in her diary about the Liveoak Grove on the Sam Neil place. In discussion with Dorothy Smalley we came to the conclusion that where the house stood just east of Grasso's pond there were several large live oak trees, and since across the road the hillside is heavily wooded with live oak trees, it stands to reason that the present road area would also have been heavily wooded. This must have been the Sam Neil Grove Helen Carpenter spoke of as the setting for those first patriotic Independence Day celebrations.

Early Fourth of July celebrations were held with a parade within parts of the valley, with Mr. VanNader loudly beating a drum he had made. First he chopped down a tree, sawed out a round and hollowed it out; then George McCowen stretched buckskin over it. The finished product was a bass drum. The Declaration of Independence was always read; patriotic songs were sung, and some orations were the highlights of the day. Of course, not to mention the sumptuous feasts. Evening brought what all the young people had awaited all day — a dance that lasted until daylight. The music for those early day dances was furnished by John Leonard and his "fiddle" and Mr. VanNader with his drum. Mr. VanNader owned the first American flag in Potter Valley.

The women of the valley held their quilting "bees" and the men held their house and barn raisings and fencing "bees". Neighbors helped each other and new settlers brought news of the outside areas which was always welcomed.

Another large grove of oak trees, and perhaps the best known, was the McGee Grove at the intersection of Gibson Lane and Power House roads. I must describe more fully the beautiful McGee Grove. It was a wonderful stand of valley oak trees, some giant in size, going in where Harley Foster now has his driveway and where the little old McGee house stood, to a large grove of trees on about 10 acres of land all the way across the back of David McQuoid's, Jesse Baughn's, Harley Foster's and a small part of David Hopper's property. The only remaining trees are 32 on Foster property and about 50 on the land Hopper bought. From looking at this small number of oak trees on this small part of the 10 acres of oak trees, you can just imagine the size of the grove. Harley and Diane Foster are saving theirs, hoping to someday have another pioneer picnic — at least for the descendants still living here of those early pioneers.

In 1984 the Fosters began to clean up the grove on their property and a large commercial type auction was held there. During the spring of 1985 a complete job was done on the grounds for the wedding of their son Kenneth and Sharon Hines on July 13, 1985. At least 700 people were in attendance and some remarked, "What a wonderful place for Potter Valley folks to get together".

This grove was first the scene of circuit rider church meetings in good weather, Fourth of July picnics for many years, and of special fame for the real old timers — the home of the Potter Valley Pioneer Picnics held from 1926 to 1934. To be eligible for those first picnics in 1926, one must have lived here for 50 years. Each year after 1926 many more pioneers were added until the final one in 1934. That celebration included all those who had resided in Potter Valley fifty years or more. Some were terribly disappointed to miss it by one year, but there were no excep-

tions made. Those were the times for dressing up, traveling many miles to attend, eating good food and barbecue, listening to many orations, and visiting. No one has ever forgotten those Pioneer Picnics who was ever in attendance. We were present after the 1930 picnics.

Another beautiful grove of oak trees stood in Lower Potter just behind and to the north of where Keene Enterprises now stands. This had once been Davy Jones property, but became known as George and Kate Nichols Raymond Grove. During the late 1930's and 1940's Fourth of July barbecues and rodeos were held there again.

It was a sad day when new owners of both McGee and Raymond Groves decided the time had come to cut down the trees.

The Potter Valley Grange was established here very early as No. 115 in 1873. The two story building was built on property donated by Richmond Carner. It housed a store on the bottom floor, but the top floor was used for regular, twice-a-month Grange meetings, which provided the main Potter Valley entertainment of just plain visiting, to say nothing of the quite regular dances on special occasions. Everyone looked forward, even in my middle age, to the annual St. Patrick's, Thanksgiving Saturday, and Christmas Saturday dances held each year. They were events not to be missed, a good time for reunions you might say.

The Forester Lodge was active here from about 1895 to 1968. They were a group of men only, meeting the first Saturday of each month. Every fifth Saturday night was also theirs for Forester Social Night at which times ladies were invited and a good time was had by all, a good old dancing time. It did not matter how many furnished the music, just that some was available.

I have told in another chapter how large a part the churches played in the growth and development of Potter Valley. It is quite true that they were sometimes the only sources, other than family picnics, for relatives, friends and neighbors to get together to visit, as well as to worship God. The local churches meant a great deal to those early settlers. For some it was nearly a full day of traveling, worship, and visiting.

With the coming of the automobile, people in the valley began reaching out further for their entertainment. Vacations to the coast by wagon had long been a popular week or two relaxation after summer harvest for a number of people. Some had bought beach property, and with the advent of autos it was possible for those property owners and their friends to make week-end trips for relaxation and fishing.

Summer swimming was also another fun time for families with their picnic lunches at Eel River. After the autos, it became almost a weekly event. For years the "Billy Dam" swimming hole down the river from the crossing was so filled with picnickers one could hardly find a place to change clothes. This spot had a large beach and a perfect diving rock across the river. This beach remained ideal as a swimming area until the 1964 flood. The beach is now across the river on Henderson property.

A rare treat was to have a small circus come to town. It usually had at least one elephant and set up one circus tent. In my day it was always across from the east end of the school yard.

Occasionally a traveling minstrel show came through and performed at the Grange Hall. These were fully enjoyed and the hall was filled to capacity for the event.

Silent movies found their way here too. At first they were shown at the Grange Hall. Later the school took them over and showed a movie every other Friday night.

Older folks have told me of the home and school parties they attended where even as teenagers the games played were Blind Man's Buff, Drop the Handkerchief, Post Office, and Hide and Go Seek. These games were still popular in my youth.

Horseshoe games and baseball games were ever popular with the men for pastime. Both games sometimes were quite competitive, with many on the sidelines cheering them on. Baseball games were a great highlight at special gatherings, in competition with a team from away.

Young and old men were great fishermen and hunters. Long horseback trips to the mountains for game was both necessary and relaxing. The younger men especially found the sport of night salmon fishing with a gig the ideal sport. In later years trying to evade the game warden at the hatchery proved to be a game.

Weddings and baby arrivals made the special occasions for the women — a time to visit and for each to show off her special handwork.

Dances were always a favorite special occasion in Potter Valley. Besides the dances here, there was a place about half way out Busch Creek road to Willits where folks both ways met for an all night dance. In those early days the traveling was by wagon, taking the little and older children and staying over night.

Occasionally, before the 1900's, some talented schoolteacher arrived in Potter Valley and lured some of the young men and women into performing a play. (See photo section.)

As far back as the beginning almost, there have been gambling games played. With the Gold Rush to California, along came the decks of cards that made poker and other gambling card games very popular. Potter Valley, of course, had a few through the years. Such parlor card games as Pitt and Flinch early became popular for the children and women. Fathers and children spent many an evening together playing these games, plus dominoes, parcheesi and checkers, while mother darned, sewed, or crocheted. Casino in my day helped many children get a good start in school.

Few books were around to read, but everyone made the most of what they had for entertainment, which was not centered around a radio or television. The Bibles were well worn from reading. Have you ever stopped to look at your grandmother's Bible, carefully kept but worn from long and much use?

So that the later places are not forgotten (I've had to search my memory for one already), I will tell you about the dance halls in the 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's. Remember those years were after the advent of the automobile, and regardless of what some of you readers might be thinking, in the years during prohibition the dances were a night of good, clean fun. Jazz orchestras had become popular, intermissions were short, and between wars we danced for the joy of living. Very little drinking was done, and because it was almost unheard of for the girls and women to imbibe, a good time was had by all. If the older boys or men had found access to a jug, the women or girls could always drive safely home. Naturally there was a little bootlegging done on the outside.

When there wasn't a dance in Potter Valley at the Grange Hall, one could go on to the Forks at Ukiah where the famous Dreamland Dance Hall stood for many years. Later came the popular Riviera Hall built at Cold Creek right down on the Russian River. It washed partly away during the 1937-38 flood. Then we went on to Lake County to the Airdrome which was built across the road and back a little from Blue Lakes Lodge. Two other favorite spots nearby were Le Trianon and Saratoga Springs. Saratoga Springs was off the road to the left, just this side of Upper Lake.

Lifelong friends were made from Lake County, Willits, Ukiah and small areas in between; these friends would never have met except for those dances. As Hazel Busch Woolley remarked, "We danced and danced and danced." Winter noontimes at school were spent teaching the boys how to dance; usually there was someone to be prevailed upon to play the piano.

To refresh your memory, I'll name some of the dances performed. The early square dances, waltzes, polkas, one step, two step and foxtrots graduated to the Charleston and black bottom rage

of the 1920's. The 1930's and 1940's came back to the era of sweet music and dance style, combined with the Bunny Hop and Boogie Woogie. The 1950's and 1960's gave us the styles of dancing parents deplored (Rock and Roll) and from then to now the music has changed so that no one really needs a partner to enter the dance floor.

As an afterthought, I want to mention the chivaris that every married couple had to expect and endure. These were supposed to catch the couple unawares, hopefully after they had retired to bed. Refreshments were brought along (with sometimes some type of liquor slipped in to the punch). These affairs lasted well into the morning hours when all had enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

#### **Seventh Annual Celebration of Members of The Potter Valley Pioneers Was Well Attended — 1934**

The seventh annual celebration of the Potter Valley Pioneers association was held in the McGee oak grove in Potter Valley, Saturday, June 16, with Hale McCowen Sr., Chairman of the day. A large crowd was present to participate in the festivities and to exchange greetings with the friends of a lifetime. They came from points thousands of miles distant, within and outside the state. The company was reinforced by the constant arrival of new contingents throughout the day. The morning hours, occupied with the recognition of old acquaintances and the renewal of friendships between persons, some of whom had not met for fifty years, seemed to speed on the wings of the wind.

Dinner was served at long tables set in the shade of majestic oaks at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. People gathered about the festal board in family and friendly groups, yet forming a composite and congenial company.

The women of Potter Valley have for years been considered the best cooks in the State, and the quality and quantity of delicious edibles at Saturday's feast surely seemed to verify that reputation. Beef, mutton, and pork, barbecued by William Pickle, James Eddie, and others, was an important item on the menu.

After dinner, an interesting program was presented from an improvised platform of a flat-bed truck, draped in the national colors. Hale McCowen, Sr., Chairman of the day, made a few introductory remarks in which he mentioned the old Potter Valley School house that was located within a stone's throw of where he stood. Many present could call to mind a perfect image of the historic building and the two immense oak trees that stood on either side. Mr. McCowen choked with emotion when he recalled the fact that 69 years ago, when he attended this school, there were 40 pupils, only seven of whom now are living. They are C. A. Busch, Sarah Christopher, Benjamin and William Christopher, Luther Hopper and Hale McCowen, Sr.

Mr. McCowen introduced as the speaker of the afternoon, Hon. W. D. L. Held, Judge of the Superior Court of Mendocino County. Judge Held said he deemed it a privilege to be permitted to address such a distinguished company of pioneers to whom belongs the honor of great achievements in the settlement and development of this county. The Judge said that he came here from his native city of San Francisco 45 years ago, and while not a pioneer in the sense that Hale McCowen is, who arrived here in 1858, yet he felt that his life and interests were inextricably interwoven with those of the county and that he hoped the younger generation would look back on him as a true and loyal pioneer of Mendocino.

The speaker asserted that these times of stress and trial called for a rededication of those noble motives and principles that actuated the pioneers in their dealings with their fellowmen. The judge divided his address into two essential subjects, upon which he is especially well informed, including crime and extravagance in government. He spoke specifically of the expense of crime to the state, the county, and the per capita cost. He described the great institutions of the state housing delin-

quents and deficients exceeding in number the whole population of Mendocino county. He deplored the prevalence of juvenile crime, even in our own county, and said that there is no subject dealing with civic problems that requires more careful consideration than the cause and cure of crime.

That the people are awakening to the fact that extravagance in government and the resultant high taxes are a permanent barrier to recovery and unless some means of relief can be found may keep us in a continual state of depression. The people saddled with an intolerable burden are beginning seriously to demand economy in government and tax reduction, and the judge's auditors listened to what he had to say on this important subject with attention and approbation.

Mrs. Julia Melvin Ellis, a granddaughter of Samuel A. McCullough, read a brief history of the McCullough family, of which she is the author. The reading of the histories of a number of other pioneer families was delegated to Attorney J. E. Pemberton on account of the timbre of his voice that enabled him to be heard at a considerable distance. Mr. Pemberton said that he was happy to be present at another reunion of the Potter Valley pioneers and that he and Mrs. Pemberton appreciated being the auto guests of James E. Busch, who is a native of Potter Valley. Mr. Pemberton further stated that although he left here 54 years ago he well remembered such prominent pioneers as Sam McCullough, M. C. Briggs, J. G. Busch and others. Mr. Pemberton enlivened the reading of the histories by the introduction of a running comment, and the interpolation of reminiscences of his own.

Among the most distinguished of these pioneers was Hale McCowen, Sr., who was born on a farm near Indianapolis, August 17, 1848, and came to Potter Valley when he was a small boy, in 1858. He is an enthusiastic member of the Pioneers' association and has served repeatedly as chairman of the day at their annual reunions. At Saturday's celebration he was accompanied by his wife and their son, City Attorney Hale McCowen, Jr., and his family and their daughter, Mrs. Mary McCowen Cunningham, and her husband and children. A tribute was paid to the memory of Franklin Christopher, another pioneer who settled in Potter Valley in 1858. He was represented at the picnic by his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Christopher Sweeney, and her four children, Henry, Myrtle, Grace, and Harvey, and one great granddaughter, Caroline Sweeney, and a granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Sweeney.

The record of the interesting and eventful life of Aurelius Ormando Carpenter, who was born in Vermont in 1836, and came to Potter Valley in 1859, was read, describing his proud English and colonial descent. He was the father of Grace Carpenter Hudson.

Important events in the life of Jacob Vann, a native of Missouri who came to Potter Valley in 1860 were recounted by Will Vann of Colusa County. It is said that there were about 40 descendants of this early settler in attendance. The family has intermarried with other pioneer families until its descendants are also represented in such other well known groups as the Eddie, Busch, Dashiell, Neil, and Hopper families.

James Hopkins who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, came to Potter Valley first in 1857, where his wife Elizabeth Ann Neil served as the first school teacher in Potter Valley. His living descendants are a son and daughter, Charles Hopkins and Mrs. Sarah Hughes of Potter Valley, and their children and grandchildren and daughters, Mrs. Clara Wattenburg of Cold Creek and Mrs. Florence Mann of San Francisco, and a son Clarence of Coalinga, and other grandchildren.

Silas Blake, who was born in Hartland, Somerset county, Maine, January 18, 1838, settled in Potter Valley in 1870, and was prominently identified with the history and development of the place. He was represented Saturday by his son Hugh Blake and wife, Mrs. Wilma B. Schultz, and Mrs. Hattie Thornton, a granddaughter, Jessie Crawford, and a great granddaughter, Rubey Crawford, all of Ukiah.

Ambrose Carner, a native of Iowa, and his wife came to Potter Valley from Sutter County



over the Tom Lamb trail in 1864. The descendants of this early settler in attendance at the celebration, Saturday, included five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and 16 great great grandchildren. John and Will Carner are the only two still living that came all the way across the plains. Charles and Ida Carner were born enroute to California. Charles, who was the organizer and leader of the Potter Valley Pioneer's association, belongs to the unique organization known as "The Covered Wagon Babies" and wears the emblem of the order.

James L. Hughes, who was born in Kentucky, May 4, 1827, located in Potter Valley in 1865. He is survived by many children, grand, and great grandchildren, many of whom are directly connected by descent with other first families. His brother, William Hughes, also lived in the valley on what is now known as the J. J. Thornton place, from 1865 to 1884, after which he moved to Farmington, Washington Territory, where he resided up to the time of his death in 1901. He was represented at the historic gathering by his daughter, Mrs. Laura Hughes Bailor, who with her son Elgin Hughes and wife, a daughter, Mrs. Ada Fealy, and the latter's daughter, Laura Fealy, drove down for the celebration from Eugene, Oregon, probably coming from a greater distance than any others in attendance.

John Spencer, who was born in Kentucky in 1833, came to Potter Valley in 1870. He was married to Sarah DeSelems in 1856. There were 11 children, four of whom survive: Mrs. Minnie Eddie, Mrs. Clara Adams, and Russell Spencer of Potter Valley, and Mrs. Alta Cokley of Hanford. There are 31 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren, many of whom are allied by marriage to other leading first families.

William R. Boyes and family moved from Sonoma county to Potter Valley in 1864 and the stream in the upper end of the valley, near which they established their first home, is still known as Boyes creek. He was widely known later as a popular hotel man of that place. He was represented Saturday by his daughter, Mrs. Dollie Hopkins, and her three daughters and their children.

Stoddard Neil was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1790. He came to America when a boy and fought in the war of 1812. He later settled in east Tennessee, where he raised a family. One of his sons, Charles, came to California in a covered wagon in 1857 and located in Potter Valley. Of his large family, one son, Lewis Neil, and numerous descendants survive, many of whom were present at the picnic.

Luther Perry Grover, who was born in Maine in 1824, moved with his parents to Illinois in his youth. Here he was married to Lovinia Grover and four children were born to them, Isaac, the father of Mrs. J. L. McNab, William, Owen, and Lillie. Little four-year-old Lillie sickened and died in Nevada while they were crossing the plains with mule teams in 1864. Many years after, Owen Grover while mining in Nevada thought he found her grave. After the death of his first wife, L. P. Grover in 1878 married Mrs. Mary Purpus, a widow with one child, who is now Mrs. Sam Graves, and to this union was born two children, Alice who died at the age of six years, and Leon L. Grover of Lake County, who with his son Leon, Jr., was in Potter on this memorable day.

Joseph Wattenburg, who was born in Greenville, Green County, east Tennessee, came to California with an ox train of 16 wagons. He reached Potter Valley in 1865, where he was married to Miss Isobel Neil in 1869. His son Samuel and wife of Cold Creek and his son Edger and wife and five young daughters represented him at the reunion.

George W. Pickle was born in Alabama, November 18, 1824. He came to Potter Valley in 1872, where he is survived by a long line of descendants who have intermarried with many other of the first families and are prominently identified with the development of the valley. A number of his children, grand and great grandchildren were present at the picnic.

Caleb P. Lownes and wife and six children made their home at Cold Creek. The third

child, Elizabeth, who married William Hopper, has resided all of her life in this region. She is an enthusiastic member of the Potter Valley Pioneer's association and she and her children and grandchildren were present to enjoy the celebration.

John Hopper and his wife Jane Hopper and their seven children came to Potter Valley in 1862. At one time they owned a large part of the best land in the upper end of the valley, their large holdings being divided when they were apportioned among the children of this family. There are 30 living grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Elizabeth Hopper, a daughter-in-law of this early settler, and a pioneer in her own right, has been present at every picnic held to date.

Several speakers described the discovery of the valley by William and Thomas Potter and their brother-in-law, Moses Carson Briggs. The valley is appropriately named for the first white men to gaze on its fertile expanse.

The celebration was held about a quarter of a mile from the old Briggs homestead, which is still owned by members of the family.

### History of the Potter Valley Pioneer Association — 1937

The Potter Valley Pioneer Association was organized in the spring of 1926 under the leadership Charles Carner, one of the early pioneers of the valley. The first meeting was held in the Grange Hall on April 15, the members present being: Mrs. Jennie Mathews, Hale McCowen, Joseph Wattenberg, Watt Bevans, Mrs. Belle Bevans, James Eddie, Mrs. Minnie Eddie, Mrs. Sarah Hughes, William Hopper, Mrs. Elizabeth Hopper, Mrs. Ellen Thornton, Mrs. Cynthia Eddie, Charles Hopkins, Owen Busch, Mrs. Janie Pemberton, Mrs. Sarah Sweeney, Charles Busch, Richard Hughes, Charles Carner and Bud Neil.

Mr. Hale McCowen was elected President of the Association and Charles Carner, Chairman, which positions they held until their deaths a few months ago. Plans were made at this meeting for an old time reunion and Barbecue which was held at this grove on June 17, 1926, one of the most interesting and enjoyable events ever held in Mendocino County. Many of the Pioneers had not met for more than fifty years and the day was spent in greeting old friends and recalling events of the early days in the valley. This first reunion included as pioneers all those living in the valley prior to and including the year 1870. Since 1926 a picnic has been enjoyed each year in the month of June and each succeeding year has included many more pioneers, until today, in 1937, we are celebrating the 11th Annual Reunion, including as members all who have resided in the valley for fifty years or more.

After the death of Charles Carner in 1936, no one wanted the responsibility of chairman.



### Potter Valley's Message to Her Pioneers

To Potter the gem of our county,  
And the home of the old pioneer,  
Who have gone thru the years hand in hand,  
O come all ye folks far and near.  
On June seventeenth we will gather  
At a barbecue under the oaks,  
And then to an old fashioned dance  
Where we'll all be the merriest of folks,

#### Chorus

Three cheers for the pioneers of Potter  
Three cheers for the pioneers of Potter  
When old friends will meet there again  
Three cheers for the pioneers of Potter.

### Response by Pioneers To Potter Invitation

In response to the song of invitation recently framed by school students of Potter Valley, inviting the pioneers of Potter Valley to a big reunion, the following has been sent the Dispatch by Emma Neil Smith, a former resident of Potter: Tune, "Red, White and Blue"

O, Potter the gem of our nation  
Potter Valley, the star of our state,  
We old pioneers soon will rally  
Since you generously open your gate.

We accept your most kind invitation  
And will be there the 17th of June,  
Expecting both friends and relation  
With whom we may gladly commune.

#### Chorus

Dear Potter, the home of our youth  
Your folks, the most cordial of earth  
Now extend to us the glad hand of welcome  
And bid us to join in their mirth.

#### Chorus

O, Potter-the tried and the true.  
Yes, Potter, we're coming back to you.  
We loved you way back in 1870  
That love is now kindled anew.

POTTER VALLEY PIONEERS, June 17, 1927

Names from picture owned by Caroline Sweeney Butcher

Standing Left to Right:

Charley Streeter  
Charley Neil  
Joel Hopper  
David Burkhart  
Jim Burris  
William Pickle  
Jim Eddie  
Ida Vann Young  
Eli Jones  
Cynthia Vann Eddie  
Jack Brower  
Nellie Nichols Brower  
Clara Thornton Mustard  
Katie Nichols Raymond  
Grace Carpenter Hudson  
Lulu VanNader Wilson  
Mary Crawford Neil  
Hulet Logan  
Mellvilla Carner Gould  
Lillie Quesenberry Gibson  
George Busch  
Belle Busch Bevans  
Charley Busch  
Ellen Rader Thornton  
Owen Busch  
Will Elliot  
Cappie Carner Hayden  
Charley Christopher  
George Pickle (Poly)  
Elmer Carner  
Robert Marders  
Joe Wattenberg  
Ham VanNader  
A. E. McCombs  
Dick Hughes  
George Griffiths  
Bud Neil  
Frank Green  
Maggie Green Williamson  
Mary Chase Howard (The first white child  
born in Potter Valley)

Seated Left to Right:

Charley Hopkins  
Will Vann  
William Christopher  
Bob Lownes  
Hale McCowen  
Rilla Logan Lownes  
Emma Ross Bloyd  
Sarah Hopkins Hughes  
Sarah Christopher Sweeney  
Clara Carner Thompson  
Ida Carner Grist  
John Carner  
Amanda Elliot Rapp  
Janie Hughes Pemberton  
Sarah Ann Brown Cureton  
Lizzie Lownes Hopper  
Emma Neil Smith  
Charles Carner  
Ave Ross  
Warner Neil  
Will Carner  
Watt Bevans  
Susan Hughes VanNader

## The Potter Valley Pioneers Association

Potter Valley, Cal., May 21, 1926.

We are extending to you a cordial invitation to attend a reunion and picnic at McGee Grove in Potter Valley on June 17, 1926, given for the Pioneers of Potter Valley. This includes all who lived in the valley prior to and including the year 1870, together with their children and families. All pioneers are requested to meet at Grange Hall at 9:30 o'clock, to receive badges, the parade will then proceed to the Grove where a short program will be held. After this will be an old fashioned barbecue at which meat, bread and coffee will be served.

In the evening at 8:30 o'clock an old time dance will be held in Grange Hall, to which all Pioneers and families, and all other residents of Potter Valley are invited.

Kindly let us hear by June 1st if you will be able to attend and also how many of your family will accompany you.

Hoping to greet you on this happy occasion, we are

Sincerely

Chas A. Carner.

Chas. A. Carner, Chairman Committee of The  
Potter Valley Pioneers Association.

# Chapter VI

## THE GEOLOGY, THE FLORA and THE FAUNA of POTTER VALLEY

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### THE GEOLOGY OF POTTER VALLEY — Written by Chemist Clarence Gericke

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Grey pinnacles of weathered rock rising among the shrouded oaks stand in mute testimony to the earth-shaping forces that formed and molded a beautiful but tiny speck of land called Potter Valley. Although these dramatic events have not been witnessed or cataloged by modern man, many tell-tale signs are still visible that can provide the clues to the evolution of the landscape from the beginning to the present time.

Many million years ago, perhaps as many as forty, there arose from the waters of the ocean a sedimentary rock that was uplifted to a long range of low mountains stretching from San Francisco to Eureka. This coastal range of mountains was made up of rocks called "Franciscan Sediment" but igneous rocks, such as, serpentine and basalt were also caught up in the mountain building process. Perhaps in this early formation of the coastal range a small cleft of rocks opened up to form a small but deep depression that marked the birthplace of Potter Valley. Many millions of years later, during a period of heavy rains and violent storms, this little valley along with other valleys in northern California began to be filled with sediments washed down from the mountain sides. Rocks that tumbled down from the surrounding hillsides were so mixed and disoriented that they bore little resemblance to known rock formations. These rocks were given the unusual name, "Greywacke" or "dirty sandstone" because they contained so many different types of rock fragments.

Many tell-tale signs that appear on the Potter Valley landscape suggest that Potter Valley was once actually a lake. It is possible that the entrance to the valley was closed off by a massive rock slide causing the run-off water to be impounded behind a natural dam. When the water reached the top of the lower end of the lake, it ran over the top — draining the lake and cutting a narrow gorge on its way to join with Cold Creek further down stream. It is this same Cold Creek that once drained Clear Lake westward until a similar massive mud slide blocked the stream and diverted the drainage system to the east. But unlike the Potter Valley lake, Clear Lake continued its existence due to the hard rock at the lake's outlet that resists the erosion of the water.

In the muddy flats of a lake that was once perhaps several hundred feet in depth, a new river was formed to drain the eastern and western water sheds of Potter Valley and start a new eco-system in the valley. No two thousand year old redwoods grew here, but a tree more adaptable thrived on the high water table of the valley floor and grew in abundance to provide food for the many wild animals that came to live in this area. These trees are the white oaks that still dot the valley floor — some whose massive arms spread across the main street of the village as if to spread a protective cover for all who travel within its reach.

Current soil maps indicate that the soil in the lower part of the valley where the East and West Roads meet is composed of "recent" alluvium, while the soil in the upper part of the valley is "old" alluvium — suggesting that these soils were deposited at different periods of time. If this theory is correct, the soils in the upper part of the valley may have been deposited by streams on the west side of the valley carrying sediments into the lake, while the soils at the lower end of the valley were deposited by the Russian River after the lake was drained.

Geology is an imprecise science and speculation about the formation of any land forms is subject to many errors of judgment and it is with this thought in mind that the visible evidence of the forces that molded the valley's landscape can be interpreted. During the years when the valley

was being filled with sediments and the lake was being filled with water, two major streams on the west side of the valley carried the products of erosion and distributed them according to their weight along the bottom of the lake. The coarser, heavier particles settled out first and the lighter particles were carried and deposited on the eastern side of the lake. The gravelly channels of meandering streams are still visible on much of the farm land on the west side of the valley, while on the east side of the Russian River many clayey soils are in evidence. This accounts for the difficulty of drilling good wells on the east side of the valley, since ground water does not move easily through clay soils. The gravelly texture of the west side is ideal for movement of groundwater, as well as having good holding capacity. It is interesting to compare this theory with what is actually happening at Lake Pillsbury where the clay sediments can be readily observed on the east side when the lake level is lowered during the late summer.

Further evidence that Potter Valley may once have been a lake is indicated by the presence of blue clay in core samples of wells being drilled on the valley floor. Blue clay may have been deposited on the bottom of the lake during a placid period when insufficient oxygen was in the water to oxidize the organic matter that was carried into the lake with sediments produced by rock erosion. Blue clays can also be observed when top soil becomes compacted or water logged and there is insufficient air in the soils to convert the organic matter to their basic elements.

The soils of Potter Valley are rich but not inexhaustible. Mother Nature has not always been consistent in its distribution of farm land. In fact, it has been said that no two acres in Potter Valley are alike. It is a challenge to the skill of the individual farmer to find the crops best suited to his particular piece of land. So it is that some farmers plant a pear orchard, others plant grapes, and still others choose to let their land remain in permanent pasture. The combination of a plentiful supply water, warm summers and relatively good soils make it possible to raise almost any kind of crop in Potter Valley. It is a land blessed with the riches of the earth and even though the forces that shaped this valley are not fully known, the gift of a bountiful harvest year after year is sufficient to prove that nature, indeed, has molded the landscape into a valley unequalled in all of northern California.

Now when you drive into Potter Valley you will observe the results of forty million years of landscaping. A young river rushes to the sea along the road beside you. Along its bank grow oak trees that bind the soil together preventing further destruction of the land. Remnants of ancient rock formations still guard the entrance to the valley. The heritage of the valley is rooted in the soil. It is the earth-shaping forces of millions of years that has converted a tiny cleft of rock nestled in the Coastal Range into a unique and distinctive valley, that is now home to an equally distinctive community of hard working and honest people.

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## THE FLORA and THE FAUNA

As students in High School, we had the good fortune to have as our first principal and teacher a Mr. Pleasant B. Westerman (Prof we called him) who was an ardent botanist. I always have been grateful for the lessons he taught us, including the names, both common and biological, of all the wild flowers in this area. It must be safe to say with flowering shrubs, plants, flowering or berried, the list was to reach 100 specimens; they grow in such profusion:

Easter Lilies (Trout or Chamise Lilies) — *erythronium helenae*; Shooting Stars — *dodecatheon*; Maidenhair Fern (the true one); Mariposa Tulips — *calochortus*; Fairy Lanterns or Diogenes Lanterns — another *calochortus*; Chinese Houses — *collinsia*; Wild Iris — the iris family *iridoceae*, (*versicolor*, *douglasiana*); Penstemon — *penstemon heterophyllus*; Indian Warriors — *pedicularis densiflora*; Indian Paint Brushes — *castilleja coccinea*; Firecrackers — *brodiaea ida-maia*; Farewell To Spring — *clarkia grandiflora*; Summer's Darling — another *clarkia amoena*; Mission Bells — *fritillaria lanceolata*; Pussy Ears — *calochortus maweanus*; Red Maids — *calandrinia*; Red Monkey Flower — *mimulus*

lewisii; Wild Bleeding Heart — *dicentra eximia*; Baby Blue Eyes — *nemophila menziesii*; Blue Eyed Grass — *sisyrinchium*; Wake Robin — *trillium*; Pink Lady Slipper — *cypripedium*; White Lady Slipper — *cypripedium candidum*; Calypso Orchid — *orchidaceae* and Tiger Lilies — *ilicaceae*.

The last four plants have become almost extinct, but in my childhood my father quite often brought home a bouquet of each of them. Once on the road to Willits, I even found a pink spotted lily, but could never find it again, although I was sure that I knew the exact turn I had seen it on. Except for the fields of California poppies, lupines, tidy tips and blue camass this lists the species I am always the most impressed with each spring and summer. Once in the hills in Oregon we found some Blue Gentians — such a thrill!

We also have the beautiful Woodwardia Fern growing at springs on some hillsides and a very nice Sword Fern can usually be found. The Maidenhair Fern grows in abundance up Busch Creek.

Carl Purdy, the noted Horticulturist from Ukiah, many times came to this area to take seeds and bulbs for his sales from Purdy's Gardens.

The shrubs include Manzanita at its best, Holly Berry, Red Bud, and on to the larger Madrone trees. These all have beautiful blossoms, berries, foliage or bark. An occasional Dogwood makes an appearance. As they told us in Canada, the beauty of the Madrone tree more than makes up for its never ending leaf droppage. (Noted on a bus tour in Canada: The Madrone trees only grow in northern California and Vancouver Island.)

Our native trees are numerous. Observations by Julius Rottluff are that no Black Oaks grow in good black soil, only on the poorer red dirt areas. The Valley White Oaks (Mush Oaks) grow in the good black soil of the valley. Post Oaks (or White Oaks in the hills) are different with a shinier leaf. There is also a Blue Oak which grows in clay soil; then we have the Live Oaks which grow on poorer soil or hills.

The hills have Sugar, Ponderosa, Digger, and a few Knob Cone Pine trees. Douglas Fir are quite common. Along the creeks and Russian River are a few Maple trees and lots of Alder, Ash and Willows. Pepperwood trees grow mostly in damper places — side hill canyons and spring areas.

The Locust trees growing in Potter Valley are all from starts or seeds the early settlers brought from Missouri with them, as well as the Black Walnuts that were immediately planted throughout the valley.

The first Weeping Willow (I was told) was planted at the Joseph Thornton home. When it blew down in 1940, I took some cuttings and have planted them in at least four other homes. Many cuttings have started in the valley from that original tree or from cuttings others have given away.

Another interesting Willow tree growing here is the Curly Leafed willow which was brought here as a slip from Stanford University. This original tree was found growing on the Island of Elbe by Napoleon, while in exile there. When he returned to France he took some cuttings with him. Cuttings from those in France were brought to California and planted at Stanford University. From there they were brought to Potter Valley and planted at the present Wilma Snow home.

The surrounding hills were a haven for animals seldom seen in our time. I've been told that many grizzly bear were once found nearby as well as the brown bear. Believe this or not, about 1963 quite a few bears were brought from Yosemite and put on Hull Mountain or San Hedrin. One evidently tried to find his way home, crossed the road west of the bridge in town, was seen by my neighbors, the Gillettes, as it crossed the road and traveled on the driveway to the football field. There, somewhere, it crossed the river, was treed, and killed on the east side of the river. I saw the footprints in the driveway.

Ike McCulloch told me his grandfather knew a wolf had once been spotted in the hills. Leona Eddie recalls her grandfather telling that wolves were quite often in the mountains.

Foxes, bobcats, coon, and deer were in abundance. All are scarce now.

The coyote have always been a bane for the rancher with the sheep and calves. Now especially, with the change in coyote hunter laws, they have almost overrun the ranches. In 1982, I saw one half way up the valley crossing Eel River Road, in the middle of the day. There are times when their mournful howls are heard both day and night.

The panther has been another animal the stockmen have had problems with. They have been seen (an occasional glimpse) in the hills nearby, mainly up Busch Creek area. In 1937 my husband's fox terrier dog had one treed all night and part of the morning on the hill just behind the barn on the Dick Hughes place. We were raising turkeys and no doubt it was after them on the fence roost. Jim only took his 22 rifle, thinking it was a small animal. It was a good six feet in length.

## BIRDS

I can not finish this chapter without mentioning our beautiful bird population. Almost anyone who takes the time to look and listen will be aware of their coloring and song. Mendocino County has a bird count of 92 species the last report I had, so Potter Valley must have a good share of them.

Those best known here for beauty or song are the Mountain Quail, Valley Quail, Bluejay, Bluebird, Oriole, Dove, Woodpecker, Meadowlark, Rufous-sided Towhee, Mockingbird, Owl, Hawk, Hummingbird, Robin, Finch and the Canary.

# Chapter VII

## AGRICULTURE

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The variety of crops grown in Potter Valley followed the same pattern more or less, until the turn of the century. Those first crops were mainly oats, wheat and corn. The oats were baled for hay, and the thresher machines threshed the wheat and some oats for sale to grind into flour. Horses were also fed whole oats, since they were the mainstay of a farmer's existence and travel.

The corn was ground for cooking and some sold on the cob or used at home for fattening animals.

The sacks of grain and corn were hauled to Ukiah to sell at flour mills. The wagons always returned with a supply of grain ground into flour.

When wheat was first planted in the valley, an acre yielded 60 bushels. After 50 years of replanting the yield had dropped to 20 bushels per acre.

Apples, prunes, pears and peaches were planted early and did well. Very little spraying had to be done in those years.

Grapes for wine were planted on four farms. Joseph Spotswood had a large acreage on West Road. On East Road, Lee Goodrich had his vineyard. These became diseased and were dug up about 1940. Frank Gibson and George Burkhart also had small vineyards.

Hops were also grown in the valley successfully. About 100 acres were in cultivation, mostly on Spotswood property, which until 1912 also included north of West Main to Julius Rottluff's property on the north. (See Spotswood story).

Mr. Spotswood built a hop kiln just north of Spring Valley Road at the bottom of the hill. It burned in 1893 and was rebuilt. There were also hops at the J.J. Thornton home place when he bought it in 1914,

Alfalfa was found to grow without summer water and produced two good crops. Most of the valley farmers north of Spencer Hill and Cemetery Hill had at least a few acres. J.D. Brower built a dam on Pine Ave. and planted alfalfa.

Beets and potatoes were found to do well in Upper Potter.

When the powerhouse was finished in 1906, the nearby ranchers had an agreement with Snow Mt. Water and Power Co. to furnish them irrigation water. These included the Otto Hughes, Frank Hughes, John Hughes ranches, a portion of the Hardin Ranch and Ed March's property. These alfalfa fields produced five cuttings a year. The summers were much hotter then, and with the warmer evenings the crops grew.

There were two hay balers in the valley, owned by J.D. Brower and the Hughes', and they were kept busy about six weeks each summer. The two threshing machines were also kept busy. They were owned by J.D. Brower and Joseph Spotswood. In 1919 hay was delivered to Ukiah and sold to the Tanforan Race Track for \$17 a ton.

The Busch ranch successfully raised a few acres of peaches on the gravelly soil area near the crossing on Busch Lane and toward Old Wagon Road. Later they had a nice peach orchard just south of North Busch Road on Busch Lane.



There seemed to be many fewer problems with insects and diseases in those years. Apples grew abundantly, especially the Gravenstein, Greenings, Arkansas Black, and the famous Foster Mountain "Seek No Further" or 20 ounce Pippins. E. M. Coble had a beautiful apple orchard that produced many years without spraying, on top of the ridge west of the powerhouse.

Sheep were mostly grown for the wool. Ranchers did not grow lambs for market until after the trucks came in.

Beef was raised and sold. Hogs were raised and could be driven to Ukiah on foot to sell. Turkeys were also driven to Redwood Valley to load on the train.

After the Irrigation District was in operation in 1929 the crops in Lower Potter came into their own.

On the east side of Lower Potter there is a different type of soil.

In Oakdale, California, farmers had a similar type of soil and about 1930 they found that Ladino Clover did well. Although alfalfa roots grew several feet into the soil, the Ladino Clover seemed to be a top soil rooted plant. After irrigation Potter Valley farmers began to plant Ladino Clover which seemed to grow well. Almost no alfalfa is grown here now because the irrigation brought the water table up and the alfalfa will not winter here. Birdsfoot trefoil is also sowed with the clover.

The farmers soon found it to their advantage to bale the first cutting for hay and then pasture it off. Many outsiders have brought sheep and cattle here for years.

Pears were planted very extensively in the 1920's. Most of the ground had almost no drainage and the pear orchards had to be drained by imbedding tile trenches. J. J. Thornton planted 20 acres in 1921; Cunningham and Thomas planted 100 acres; James Eddie had a large orchard; Orval Frost, Owen Busch, Otis Filben, Frank Gibson, Bert Whittaker, Ray Ingles, Ed March, Dr. Cleland, and Scott Clark were also among those early pear planters.

Cunningham and Thomas had a pear packing shed on West Main St. On Gibson Lane another packing shed was owned by American Packing Co. Later it was sold to a Mr. Lambert. J. J. Thornton operated a pear drying shed at his home.

During the 1930's the market dropped out of the pear industry, and over 500 acres of pears were disposed of in 1936-37. At one time Bert Whittaker's three and a half acre pear orchard was rated as the highest producing in the state.

I have heard that the old timers tried growing tobacco for their own use.

Frank Gibson and George Burkhart planted the first walnut orchards about 1920 when they planted their grapes. Most of the farms had enough walnut trees which produced enough money to pay their county taxes.

In 1930 the wild Himalaya blackberry was unfortunately introduced into Potter Valley. It has grown along the fence lines and the river banks to such an extent that it is barely possible to get to the creek and river beds.

Beans were grown here in the 1950's by Don Farnsworth and sold to the cannery in Upper Lake. I think some were grown about 1935 too. Bill Pauli also grew Pinto beans for dried bean sale about 1980.

A new crop was introduced here in the 1960's and 1970's when several farmers tried growing safflower.

Cedric Thornton has added peach trees to his orchard and grows some beauties. Ray Nelson also grows some peaches.

In 1970 large acreages of grapes were planted. Larry Thornton and Frank Branson were the

first to plant grapes on Gibson Lane. Immediately there followed many plantings; wine became the thing to drink; more grapes were planted, but now the demand for wine has lessened, and the grape growers are hurting. There is a winery on the Bill Pauli home vineyard.

During the 1930's after the introduction of Ladino Clover into Potter Valley, many farmers became dairymen. At one time Potter Valley had 29 Grade A and Grade B dairies. They are all gone now. Charles Kaye was the last — until his death in 1985.

Several prune orchards have had their time, with one prune drying shed in Lower Potter, until 1973 when Richard Wood bought the orchard from Schwend.

During the 1970's a very new fruit was introduced into the valley by Tom Ballard, this was the oriental fruit called Kiwi. About 10 acres was planted east of the river near the school buildings. Much special care was given to them, but the great expense of the planting and growing of them was a total loss because of our weather.

Potter Valley has long been known for its watermelons, cantaloupes, corn, tomatoes, red onions and other produce. For nearly 70 years, melons have been hauled to other areas and peddled from store to store, and sometimes from house to house.

Charlie Carner bought a 1914 Model T Ford and began a period of peddling to Willits and Ukiah for several years. Walter Jones also took a load of melons to Willits via Busch Creek Road (which the County abandoned in 1930) in 1915 and sold the watermelons for \$2.50 a dozen and 50¢ a dozen for the cantaloupes.

The first watermelons grown here were the Black Chileans and the first cantaloupes were Rocky Fords. Rocky Ford seed came from Burrell Seed Company in Colorado. Later they grew the Superfecto—the best sport from Rocky Ford. Black and white seeded Angelina's, Clecky Sweet and a yellowish white Christmas melon were also grown. The honeydew and Persian were other cantaloupe-casaba types. Then along came the small seeded large green Klondyke watermelon, easily weighing 25–40 pounds. In 1921, Walter Jones had 4 acres of Klondyke melons and in these came some striped Klondyke melons which were thought to be an improvement over the plain green ones. Thus, the seed company, Aggeler and Meusser, took over the seed and introduced that melon.

Casaba melons became almost as famous as Potter Valley watermelons. Casabas are not so famous today except for Golden Beauty. Julius Rottluff and I both agree the Crenshaw and Crane melons are a casaba-type melon because of the texture of their meat. But those first casabas were very tasty. The parent of all casabas was the Winter Pineapple and the sport melons from this were the Golden Beauty, the Hybrid Casaba and the Golden Hybrid Casaba.

The Hybrid Casaba was a large, oval ribbed melon and the description of it from everyone who remembers it is, "It just simply melted in your mouth". I deeply regret you haven't all tasted one. Unfortunately, somewhere along the line, we all lost the seed.

Perhaps like some other hybrid plants, the seeds do not always set so well.

Another famous casaba-type melon grown here as early as 1923 or 1924 was the Japanese melon. The Aggeler and Meusser Seed Co. salesman found this melon being grown by a Japanese man in San Joaquin County. He brought the seed here to be raised and Jim Thornton grew 2 acres of them. It was pure seeded at the time, but through the years, has become so intermixed with others that the original flavor is long gone. During the war years, the name here was changed to Victory melon. Today's Crane melon has to be from the same line of melon. Somewhere along the years, the Crenshaw melon showed up and is still very popular.

Julius Rottluff and his sisters Hattie Wattenburg and Clara Hopper moved here in 1913. Julius raised melons and the women helped with the threshing of seed. In those days, the seeds were scooped out by hand into 5 gallon buckets. Julius bought a 1922 truck and with his field of

melons started a lifetime job of raising, selling and peddling melons from Santa Rosa to Ferndale. His first trip was to Willits hauling a load of grain and melons. He continued this for 50 years, keeping many of the stores in Ukiah and Willits supplied as well as those north and south.

In 1923, my father, Fred Corbett, moved his family to Upper Potter and the next summer joined the group of melon raisers and sellers and did his share of hauling melons and other produce outside of the Valley. Our summers were very much hotter in those days with very warm nights, with daily temperatures from 100° to 115° all summer. With the warm nights and the irrigation on the Hughes ranch (I told you about that in a previous article), we had melons ripe by the fourth of July.

Gardening wasn't something new in our family. I was born on the Burpee Seed Farm at Lompoc, California, where my father worked. Burpee's named a new watermelon, "Baby Delight" but it's survival did not compare with mine. For several years, we had at least 35 acres of melons growing on Busch Lane, from Hildebrand's house to the flume at Busch Creek.

After school, we older children stopped off there from the school bus in the spring to weed and hoe around the melons and in the fall, to pick and pile the melons for threshing. This we did until nearly dark and sometimes we got up at 5 a.m. and worked at it until time to go to school. Other times we did the same thing to shock 80 acres of 5 cuttings of alfalfa hay.

Other people growing melons for seed or peddling were John Hopper, Sam Graves, Russell Spencer, J. J. Thornton, Gus Spotswood and Dick and Lloyd Hughes. One year a train car load of seed went out of this Valley. Julius said he raised 3 ton of seed that year. A Mr. Adams had the first contract for growing cantaloupe seeds with Aggeler and Meusser Seed Co. He also had a seed contract with Germain Seed Co. He had this contract before 1913 when Julius moved here. He turned it over to his son-in-law, Charlie Carner, about that time. In 1921 or 1922, watermelons were added to the seed plantings. In 1934, Mr. Carner sold his machine to Lloyd Hughes. From 1915-1942, melon growing for seed was a big business in Potter Valley. During World War II, there was not enough gasoline for marketing melons or growing seeds, and the salesman stopped coming, because so many areas were closer to their businesses.

As you can see by the pictures, including the thresher machine, piles of melons and barrels of pulp and trays of seeds to dry, it was a run-skip-and jump to beat the weather at harvest time. The seed washing and drying was done by the women at the Charlie Carner home (now the Jerry Lowe place), with the assistance of the men. For you mechanically minded persons, please bear with me while I tell you about the threshing machine. (Julius Rottluff has tried to explain to me, a non-mechanical person, in detail, along with most of the important data in this story.) My story would have been much shorter without his wealth of information. Charlie Carner built the first and only melon thresher in Potter Valley on a low iron wheeled wagon. The thresher was built from a little gas engine and a grain thresher machine cylinder, minus the teeth, that mashed the melons. This residue went into a big drum which had 3 horse drawn mower wheels and four 2x4 boards. The 3 mower wheels were placed one at each end and one in the center of the drum. The 2x4's were attached to the inside of the 3 wheels to separate the pulp and the rind. The drum was driven by sprocket chain attached to the engine. The juice, pulp and seeds went into barrels until fermented and the good seeds sank. After draining, the good seeds were put out on trays to dry. In later years, this method was improved upon by another invention of Harry Moncrief's which did the job all at once. He put in an auger which pressed the seeds out of the pulp. This was run by the same sprocket chain attached to the engine. This procedure removed the silk sac enclosing the seed, making it no longer necessary to ferment the residue.

After the War, for several years, melons in the valley became rather scarce. Julius continued to raise and sell them and Gus Spotswood, Percy Whitcomb, Orval Frost and Ernie Pauli gradually added a few acres. The past 15 years have followed a different trend. In 1967, Clarence Gericke bought 5 acres from Ed March to retire on some day. However, even though he was and is a highly

esteemed chemist, after being raised on a farm in Nebraska, he was still a farmer at heart. For two summers, he spent every weekend and all his vacation 'back to the soil', plowing, sowing and then reaping. And then, knowing Clarence, it is not hard to guess what he did. A little wooden stand went out in front with melons, fruit and vegetables plus a little donation jar that stayed there until he came back the next week! After two years, he was sent back East to work and returning in 1973, bought five more acres and really went into the business and of raising and selling produce. His main introductions are the Crimson Sweet watermelon and Hale's Best Cantaloupe. Clarence also grows Crenshaws rather extensively. The melons grown by Clarence and his partner and wife, Marjorie, are now under their label, Mar-Clare.

In the meantime, two other newcomers arrived and both started vegetable and fruit stands at their homes about 1970. Jeannette Stroh and Richard Wood have both been quite successful with their stand sales. Jeanette is especially noted for her corn, red onions, etc., and Richard for his apples, onions, etc. Mabel Whitcomb has done a terrific business with her corn, tomatoes, beans and crooked neck cashaws for a long time. Clyde Foster came back to Potter in 1962 and started a thriving home vegetable sale business on his one plus acres. At age 93, this year, he is still going strong. Another newcomer during these years is Robert Warf who works so hard to sell and give away all the good things he raises. He has just been named the Watermelon King Number Two.

Guinness McFadden moved here from New York in 1970. Not being a country hick like some of the rest of us, his mind ran more to the gourmet type of food. Where I once helped harvest those five cuttings of alfalfa and melons, he now grows grapes for wine; he also grows garlic, wild rice and herbs. His latest venture is picking pepperwood leaves and selling them all over the United States as 'bay leaves' for the spice shelf. David Atkinson has become the Halloween pumpkin. Not for just a day, but always, or so the sign in front of his house says.

Steve Thornton, David Hopper, Harold Hopper, Larry Clarks, George Wood, Max Dightman, Herb Green and Harley Foster have all tried the game. Some have signs and some do not! This year, Marion Day, Tom dePamphilis, and Mickey Pope have joined the crowd and Potter Valley melons are becoming famous again. Max and Mary Odekirk have vegetables and flowers for sale — they advertise organic vegetables. Marimax is their business name. As much as my flower garden is a living proof that I might have a slightly green thumb, it irks me to no end that I have yet to grow a good, old ordinary watermelon! (I finally grew a 24 lb. watermelon in 1985.) My apologies to those I have failed to mention.

# Chapter VIII

## NOTES OF INTEREST

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As I have proceeded with this book many items of interest have come to mind which seem to be of special interest and value historically — I have included them all in this chapter.

### FIRES IN POTTER VALLEY

Main Street has had four destructive fires: in *1925*, *1928*, *1930*, and *1947*. The *1925* fire was presumably set by some young boys playing with matches. It burned the lovely old home of Dr. Hopkins just back and east a little from the Irrigation District office. On the east nearby was John Gavin's blacksmith shop and his son Johnny's hardware store and barbershop.

School principal, P. B. Westerman; his wife Dora, a teacher; and another teacher, Miss Henrietta Woods, occupied the Hopkins home. They all moved across the street to the spacious Dashiell home situated between the Potter Valley store and Josie Norman's home (the post office at that time and home of the postmaster and his wife, Joe and Clara Adams).

June of *1928* again found the Westermans homeless. Dora had died and Mr. Westerman had married Miss Henrietta Woods. A fire of unknown origin started there, burning the home to the ground, jumping over the post office building, and burning the old hotel (which was not in use at that time). It ran lengthwise from our driveway to our fence on the school side. The well, which had a pump on the back porch of the hotel, is still inside our front garage building. On toward the river stood an old stable barn, used for hotel visitors, which also burned as well as catching the wooden A-frame bridge timbers afire.

The bridge was replaced that summer of *1928* with the present Tahto bridge. The contract was let to a Mr. Gildersleeve for \$6,000. Everyone predicted he would go broke at that price. He paid wages of \$4 per day which were considered high at that time. My husband, Jim Shelton, said he and Herbert Pickle shoveled into wheelbarrows and hauled to the cement mixer all the sand and gravel used.

*1930* brought another bad fire, consuming the Grange Hall which housed the Irvine and Muir General Merchandise Store. However, this fire was kept under control. The cause of this fire was laid to a carnival show which had been held at the Grange Hall.

Sometime after this the men formed the first small fire department. Their first truck was a *1927* American La France fire truck.

The last big fire occurred in the fall of *1947*. This was about 8 in the morning, I think. This time the Taylor Eddie home, situated between the Progress Club and the Pioneer Inn and occupied by the Ray Nelson family, was destroyed and the adjoining large old Pioneer Inn, which had formerly been a store with living quarters on the second story. Johnny Gavin had moved into the building after the *1925* fire and late in the *1930's* had turned it into a bar with the store. The top floor was rented out as living quarters.

One May morning about 5 a.m. in *1951* the fire siren blew alerting everyone to the large destructive fire that was raging over the hill at Ukiah Pine Lumber Co. The mill was rebuilt and reopened in *1952*.

## UNUSUAL WEATHER YEARS

Postcards in our possession show at least six inches of snow here in Centerville soon after the turn of the century.

Julius Rottluff told me that in February, 1916, the snow was knee deep in the valley. In fact, it snowed that year all the way to San Francisco on January 1, 1916.

Let me remind you that when we have one inch of snow in town, the lower end of the valley has very little; the Gibson Lane area will have about two inches, and near the powerhouse and Eel River Road at the Stroh Ranch there will be three or four inches on the ground.

The winters of the 1920's were more or less free from snow.

During the 1930's it was a different story. The winter of 1932-33 brought with it very much snow. And the winters of 1935 to 1937 were no doubt the years of our heaviest snow storms. In fact, these were considered our worst winters. The winter of 1937-38 was also a bad year. There was much heavy rain, which washed out quite a bit of the road bank along the river at Magruder's and going out of Coyote Valley on the hillsides to Ukiah.

The first of March 1944 brought an unusually large amount of snow; for a week it snowed every night. There was two feet of snow on the hills up Busch Creek, after an unusually warm and mild winter.

We lived at the Stroh Ranch from 1946-49, which at that time was owned by J. H. Mohr, who was the first of many buyers of the old Hardin Ranch Estate. This was just before Jim began his 23 years of working at Redwood Empire Production Credit Association. Christmas Day of 1947 found the weather so beautiful and warm that we ate Christmas dinner at 3 p.m. with the door open. Later, everyone went out and played baseball.

There were two winters of snow that remain more exciting to me than any others. Still at the Stroh Ranch on Christmas morning of 1948, our daughters Gayle and Diane were eight and four years old. We were all excited that morning to awaken to six or eight inches of snow on the ground. Since we had celebrated our Christmas the night before, we were free to roam. We persuaded Jim to get out the pickup and drive out to Eel River. There we found so much more snow that it was really exciting.

Looking around and over the Eel River, we discovered beautiful sights, just like old fashioned Christmas cards. I recall that Christmas with fond memories.

The weather continued very, very cold, and sometime in the early part of January, 1949, after more snow and ice, the water in the river began to freeze. I think this must have been the one and only time the Eel River here has frozen solid enough so that it was possible to do a little ice skating. The pictures I took at that time are almost incredible.

November, 1955, brought another eventful snowstorm. We had had a long dry fall, similar to the one in 1981. From Main Street looking southeast, I took a slide picture of my yard on November 9. We had lived here four years at that time, and I was interested in each year's growth. The trees were still mostly in leaf; roses were in bloom, and the yard in general looked very nice. Sunday, November 13, was a different story — a good five inches of snow covered everything, making our world a "winter wonderland".

However, across the street in Murphy's driveway, it was a sadder sight. Due to the heavy foliage on the trees, there were many limbs bent down and broken, making the driveway impassable. There were many trees down all over the valley.

After that snowstorm we have had fewer heavy snowstorms. But a ten-year pattern of large snowstorms came from 1959-69, with three or four inches in town. During the 1970's a different pattern seemed to be with us. In those years we had snow storms a good many years, but in smaller quantities.

## FLOOD YEARS

During the winter of 1950–51, we all came home from a Thanksgiving weekend dance at the Grange Hall to find it was nearly impossible, at least on Main Street, to get into our homes. (We lived across the bridge on the river at that time.) Due to no real heavy rain years since 1937–38, no drainage work had been done on the street, which had no sidewalks, and the north side of Main Street really suffered.

In 1953 the street was improved; sidewalks and gutters were laid west of the river, at the property owners' expense, and drainage was improved east of the river.

December 23, 1955, brought what we thought was the rainstorm of rainstorms. On Gibson Lane the water was near the top of the bridge, and the Busch Creek bridge on Power House Road was not usable. Mid-January, 1956, brought another onslaught of rain. These storms were drastic in the Ferndale area and Sacramento Valley.

We had not stopped talking about that one, when on December 22, 1964, the "once in a thousand year flood" came to northern California. In my walking the backfields to inspect the property, I noted that from the little board housing covering the water pipe going from the football field to the school grounds across the river, it would almost have been possible to reach down and touch the water if I were lying on the pipe housing. This storm took out the Eel River bridge and one along Cold Creek on Highway 20. In the Scheidt home along the river, near East and West Road junction, six inches of water went through the house.

In 1957 the hard rains came on September 26, continued until a week before Thanksgiving, started again after Thanksgiving and continued until a few days before Christmas.

## IN DESPERATION

Sometimes, in desperation, a cure for a malady has been found. Such was the case in 1880:

"The queer remedy for the piles is the large red snail which is found in and along the streams among the redwoods. Mr. E. D. March, of Pomo, who was a great sufferer from that disease for a great many years, says he has been permanently cured by using them, only three applications having been found necessary."

— from A UKIAH DAILY JOURNAL "Looking Back" column, 1980. Mr March is mentioned in Chapter II as an 1872 settler.

Another story handed down by the Shelton family is that while they were living in Upper Potter, near Busch Creek, a fire was seen up the creek. Upon going to investigate the heavy cloud of black smoke coming from a willow patch, they found a neighbor sitting in a squatting position over a fire made from pitch taken from a pine tree. He was trying to ease his piles.

## POTTER VALLEY CEMETERY

History has handed down the information that James Neil gave the first ground for the Potter Valley Cemetery. The earliest marked stone is in 1858. However, there is evidence that all graves no longer have a marker and some are wooden with all writing or carving weathered away.

James Neil sold his property to J. P. Smith and in the records are two deeds from Mr. Smith. The first deed given to the trustees at that time reads "and to the successors in office forever." It was dated January 25, 1884, and comprises one acre together with two acres and four rods previously conveyed by J. M. Neil to the Potter Valley Cemetery trustees for the sum of forty dollars in lawful

money. This is what we call the old part of the cemetery and it is divided into Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4. On May 27, 1910, Mr. J. P. Smith deeded to the Potter Valley Cemetery, a corporation, the other parcel of one acre and 16 rods for the sum of 50 dollars in gold coin. This is the parking lot and the new Section 5.

The total acreage within the Potter Valley Cemetery District is 87,200.

The record book we use today begins with the lot sale on May 19, 1906, to Charles Simons, but ends with the lot sale to E. M. Coble on January 30, 1918. Then Lena Whittaker begins again March, 1919, with a few lot sales through 1930. Again the records jump to 1940 and then to August, 1953. Elva Pickle became the secretary-treasurer from October, 1957, until her death in April 1971.

Previous to 1945 no help was hired at the cemetery grounds. Everyone cleaned his or her own plots, and at the time of a death, friends usually dug the graves for the burials.

In January, 1945, Irene Brooks and Sadie Hughes canvassed the valley asking for donations from plot owners to pay a caretaker. Eventually the cemetery was put on the county tax roll and a board of trustees became more active.

Part of the cemetery was so covered with myrtle that the first caretakers had quite a chore getting the grounds in shape.

As far as is known, no records of burials were kept for this cemetery until April 1971 when Delight Shelton became secretary-treasurer, and she and President of the board, Dorothy Smalley decided to keep a record.

#### POTTER VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT and ORGANIZATION of the POTTER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES

As has been told in the article on fires in this chapter, our men were somewhat organized as firemen sometime after the 1930 fire with a 1927 American La France fire truck.

After the 1946 fire a group of men interested in the preservation of the valley reorganized in full force as the Potter Valley Volunteer firemen. Among their first officers were Earl Pickle, Jack Upton and Ray Nelson as fire chiefs and assistants, Harold Menzies as treasurer, and Jim Shelton as secretary. Jack Upton and Ray Nelson advanced to fire chiefs and Jim Shelton to assistant fire chief.

In 1947 when the school no longer wished to continue sponsoring the Spring Festivals, it seemed a golden opportunity for the Fire Department to assume the responsibility to raise some money. With the proceeds from the festivals the next few years another truck was purchased as well as some fire fighting equipment. Three men were appointed as fire commissioners to control the expenditure of those funds.

After 1947 these volunteer fire men met faithfully twice a month for a regular monthly meeting and fire drill meeting.

Another small unit was formed at Ukiah Pine Lumber Co. mill on Eel River as part of this fire department and functioned for many years.

The Potter Valley Fire Department date of organization was January 25, 1952, under the Health and Safety Code.

I believe it was in 1956 that the idea of forming the Potter Valley Community Service District was suggested. It took some discussion as to what duties they would assume.

You must understand that the street curbs and gutters had been done by the county but privately paid for by each individual property owner from the bridge to West Road in 1953.



The street lights had been in use a good many years and somehow the cost per month had come out of county funds. One other area in the county had the same arrangement. About the time the duties of the Community Services District were under discussion, county officials decided they were needlessly paying the expense and wished to be relieved of the payment.

Some long lengthy discussions followed with one man finally being told the street lights were for the benefit of the community when they were attending functions in town and that those of us living on Main Street did not go out on the street to read the newspaper.

It was decided the Community Services District would cover the fire department and the street lights.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors held a hearing on October 28, 1958, passed and adopted the petition filed, set the boundaries of the Potter Valley Community Services District and called for an election of officers. On December 22, 1958, the Board of Supervisors counted the votes, with the following nominees elected by vote count: Robert Magruder, Herbert Pickle, Chester Linser, Russell Near, and Floyd Crenshaw. The newly elected board appointed Elva Pickle as secretary-treasurer until her death in 1971, at which time Delight Shelton took over until 1977. Jeannette Stroh has held the office since 1977.

Other fire chiefs have been Glenn Vaughan and Ted Knight. Those first fire chiefs gave their services for no pay. It was finally decided to give Glenn Vaughan a small pittance of \$100 monthly about 1968. Annual budgets were small in those years, about \$5,000, eventually climbing to \$10,000 and at this date around \$30,000. The district has recieved revenue sharing funds, which have been used for new equipment

The first fire house was built on Grange property which adjoins the buildings on the east. The building also served as the headquarters of the Junior Grange and the cost of the building was split with them.

The fire commissioners had held on to the \$7,000 reserve they had when the first series of the 13 annual Potter Valley Spring Festivals ended in 1958. They used a portion of their money to purchase the land where the present firehouse stands and eventually turned the balance of the account over for the present building, which was erected in 1977.

The Fire Department has grown considerably with the ownership of equipment. Their volunteer membership has always been between 20 and 25. If a member misses three meetings, he is out and replaced with a new volunteer. Several people have had special training to operate life saving equipment. In 1984 they added two women firefighters.

The district serves 220 square miles.

The firefighters man three stations, the firehouse on Main Street, a station at the Louisiana Pacific mill on Eel River, and one at the old Foster Guntly Ranch in Lower Potter (Kurt Kieckhefer residence). They operate eight pieces of equipment: a 1984 Chevrolet truck, a 1960 Ford truck at the mill, a 1960 International truck at Guntleys', a 1956 water tanker, a 1955 International truck, and a 1948 Jeep. A 1920 Chevrolet truck donated by Tom Hopper is being restored.

They have radio equipment of all kinds, a resuscitator, first aid and rescue equipment, and a monitor defibrillator. Their next project is a "jaws of life".

The resuscitator was purchased with money from the Grover and Hazel Hunter Memorial Fund.

The defibrillator came from the Ted Weigle Memorial Fund.

The Paul Poulos Memorial Fund took care of the maintenance and training on the defibrillator which is about \$500 a year.

The department earns extra money each year with a turkey drawing, chicken barbecues, dances, and food and auction sales at the Spring Festivals.

## EARLY HISTORY of the POTTER VALLEY STORE

In 1891 Henry B. Muir and C. A. Irvine incorporated a business of Irvine and Muir Company which by 1903 became known as Irvine and Muir Lumber Company. Mr. Muir also owned the property in the northwest corner of Potter Valley which became the J. E. March Ranch.

At sometime during these years they set up several stores in the Willits area, among them was the taking over of the store at Potter Valley housed in the Grange Hall Building.

Grace Sweeney left the following history of the store during her years of working there as bookkeeper and clerk.

At the time of the 1930 fire Mr. Muir decided he wanted out of the business, but he bought 150 shares in the new Potter Valley Store, Inc.

In 1930 the stockholders who had faith in the organization of the Potter Valley Store, Inc. were Grace Sweeney — 200 shares, J. R. Adams — 200 shares, H. B. Muir — 150 shares, Thomas Betterton — 90 shares, P. B. Westerman — 50 shares, George Ward — 50 shares, Ray Starr — 30 shares, Helen Ingels — 25 shares, Dr. Cleland — 25 shares, Bert Whittaker — 20 shares.

About 1950 more shares were sold in order to put in a locker plant system.

The stockholders have changed some due to inheritance sales. There are many more now.

Managers of Irvine and Muir Lumber Company were John Metzher, Harry Shimmin, Gladys Spotswood, Paul Franks, Fred Lavendar, and Joe Adams.

Managers of the Potter Valley Store Inc. have been: Joe Adams, 1930–1940; Earl Pickle, 1940–1966; Ray Brown, 1966–1984; and Larry Rogers, current.

Another fire occurred inside the Potter Valley Store in 1943. A fire alarm system has worked for many years since then.

Robberies occurred at the store in 1922, 1923, 1930, 1936, 1946, and 1949. The burgler alarm works very well.

## POTTER VALLEY TELEVISION ASSOCIATION

During the 1950's Potter Valley people began trying out and buying television sets. It was found that with a high antenna there seemed to be an area about one half mile wide centered on West Road and up Power House Road where fairly good television was received. From about the Potter Valley Store to the east the reception was very snowy.

About 1959 or 1960 a group composed of Harry Pedlina, D. Waggoner, Henry Dickey, Cedric Thornton, and Delight Shelton started working on a T.V. system for Potter Valley. Not enough interest was shown so it was dropped.

In 1962 another group decided to try again for a television translator, forming the Potter Valley Television Association on May 1, 1962, with the following officers elected: John Scheidt, chairman; Minor Smith, vice-president; Ray Stainbrook, secretary-treasurer; Earl Pickle and Percy Whitcomb as trustees; Ray Buchholz, chairman of collections; Keene Kirksey, chairman of man power; Bob Strickler, chairman of power and equipment; Eugene Hopkins, chairman of land; Bob Beck, chairman of translator. Gordon Leask and Don Thill were soon added to the board of trustees. By September, 1962, Ray Stainbrook had resigned as secretary-treasurer and Pearl Smith was appointed to take the office with Dorothy Kirksey becoming the recording and correspondence secretary. Esther Smith became secretary-treasurer in March, 1963.

A committee of workers to contact everyone in the valley for a donation was appointed. This committee worked hard and successfully collected nearly \$12,000.

The translator was built on land owned by Gene Hopkins at the Old Lamb Ranch at the lower end on the east mountain, the best spot overlooking the valley.

Channels 3, 5 and 7, were received on dial numbers 8, 10, and 12, respectively. Channel 2 on dial number 6 was soon added.

Many man hours of donated labor were given to clear the land, build the block building to house the equipment, work the roads, and build the power line from Lake County to the translator.

There have been many good hard-working, knowledgeable men on the Association board who have given much of their time and effort to give us good television service. There is now one woman on the board, Joan Van Bockern.

Annual dues for anyone receiving reception from the translator have always been \$20 per year. If enough is not collected by the deadline of September 15 each year, the translator is turned off until sufficient funds are collected.

At the annual meeting on July 8, 1975, Louis Heinzman approached the group concerning the addition of Channel 9. The idea was tossed around for several years. Early in 1980, a questionnaire was mailed out, and at the April, 1980, meeting it was agreed there seemed to be enough interest to allow a committee for Channel 9 to try to collect \$5,000. The Television Association would match the figure.

The committee, headed by Joan Van Bockern and Bob Smyth, included Mary Jo Hunter, Joy Allender, Mac Magruder, Janet Chaniot, Charmaine Siciliani, Ray and Rose Ellis, Maureen Rice and Delight Shelton, worked hard to canvass the valley and soon collected cash and pledges for the necessary amount. Government restrictions had been put on permits at that time, so it was May, 1982, before the construction permit was granted. Channel 9 was in production in the fall of 1982.

Board members at that time were Bob Strickler, Erwin Wipf, Phil Dippel, Jerry Pollack, and Bob Smyth.

Those of us who have the proper antenna installation are getting Channel 9 consistently. Some households receive more than the five channels, having installed the popular satellite dishes. Here and there over the terrain a flying saucer for the "man from Mars" has been planted!

#### OLGA SPOTSWOOD'S TEACHING CAREER ENDS as She Begins Life as Mrs. Albert Moller

Potter Valley, June 12, 1951 — By Bea Hyde

The school bell was exchanged for church bells when Olga Spotswood and Albert Moller were married in a quiet ceremony at the Community Methodist Church in Potter Valley at 10:30 Friday night, with Rev. George W. Forman officiating. The couple was attended only by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Leard, daughter and son-in-law of the bride.

Olga Dorette Richter entered San Jose State Teachers' College in 1915 and graduated in 1917, when she was 19. She had been promised a position in a Santa Clara school, the former Mrs. Spotswood recalled in telling the story to friends, but at that time the school board did not have to tell teachers of their decision before June 10, instead of May 15, as the law now is.

"I did not look for another job, having been promised that one," she said. "Those farmers on the board of trustees were too busy with their haying to have a meeting, but the members assured me I could have the position. However, the niece of one of the board members applied for the school and they gave it to her at the last minute.

"Here I was without a job almost the middle of June, and all the choice places already filled.

My father insisted I must teach near enough so I could live at home, but after scurrying around, telephoning, or hiring a car to take me for interviews, and always receiving that inevitable question, 'any experience,' I decided I'd have to go farther afield.

"I went to the registrar and told her I would take any job where I could get some experience.

" 'Does it have to be in California?' she wanted to know. I told her I'd take a job elsewhere, but I'd prefer one in California. She told me of a position in Arizona. 'It is 90 miles from the nearest railway, they will have to meet you, so you must be ready to go whenever they say.' she told me.

"I said she could go ahead and phone to them, but in the meantime I would keep looking for a place in California. She told me to go ahead, that that was all right.

"A friend of mine in Oakland told me of a request for a teacher in Mendocino county. George Burkhart, who now lives in San Rafael, was the head of the board of trustees for the school. I applied through him, and was told that Miss Blake in the superintendent of schools office would let me know.

"The San Jose College registrar phoned me next morning to tell me the Arizona board had received her application and would meet and let her know their decision in two weeks. I told the registrar of my chance for a school in Potter Valley, a small town in Mendocino County.

"You knew I would rather take a position in California, if possible," Mrs. Moller told her. "The registrar wanted to know if I would take the Arizona school if I did not get that one.

"The days went by and still no word. I grew uneasy and began to pack my trunk for Arizona. My mother helped me, and I remember she packed a big ham, among other things.

" 'I don't want my little girl to starve, way off there so far from all railroads,' mother said. After all, I was only 19.

"The day before the two weeks were up, my friend who had told me about the position in Potter Valley suggested I call Miss Blake. I did and was told she was in Hopland and would call me when she got back to Ukiah. I told the registrar about my call and that I was very hopeful that I would get the position.

"That's when she called me undependable," the retiring teacher said, her eyes still snapping at the memory. "That teacher is still alive. I read in the C.T.A. Bulletin that she is over 90, retired, and writing books now. I'd like to call on her and see if she thinks I am so undependable now.

"Miss Blake phoned soon after, and I told her I was anxious to know if a decision had been reached on that teaching position. She told me a decision had been made and that the board of trustees had chosen No. 1 on the list. That was me.

I called the registrar, and told her I was taking the position in Potter Valley. Then she did tear into me. She ripped me up one side and down the other. Called me the most undependable person she'd had to deal with in a long time.

"I already had my job, so I figured I could safely let go of my temper, and I answered her right back. 'Call me undependable,' I said. 'I happen to know that Arizona boards aren't so dependable themselves.'

She arrived in Potter Valley September 15, 1917, and began teaching September 17. There were at that time three elementary schools in the valley. Olga taught in the Upper school, located where the Grover Hunters live. She boarded with Mrs. Bonnie Thornton, who lived nearby. Mrs. Thornton still lives in the same house, and her two children, Mrs. Chaplan Williams and Cedric, and her two grandsons, Lawrence and Steven Thornton have all been Mrs. Moller's pupils. She had 43 pupils in all eight grades that first year, and 40 the next year, when she lived in the home of Mrs. Viola Barnett, who also still lives in Potter.

In her second year she started the movement to consolidate the three schools, assisted by another young teacher, Miss Henrietta Woods, who later married P. B. Westerman, high school principal, and made her home here, continuing to teach until her retirement three years ago. Mrs. Westerman now lives in Eureka.

Their efforts were successful, and a union school was formed before the end of that term.

In the summer of 1919 Miss Richter married A. E. Spotswood and became a member of one of the inter-linked groups of Pioneer families. She planned to quit teaching, but was persuaded to fill out the term of 1919–1920. Her daughter, Margaret, was born July 4, 1920, and again she "quit" teaching. She was out one term, but in 1921, she was persuaded again to return "just to fill out a term." This was in the new school. She took the primary grades and except for three years when her own daughter was in the primary grades, she taught the upper grades to avoid teaching her own child, she has had the beginners every year.

No story of the life and work of this remarkable, capable, loving woman would be complete without mention of her work in the church. She has taught in the Sunday School, given freely of her time in Bible school, Ladies' Aid and Women's Society.

At the time that she was presented the P. T. A. Life Membership, she said that her mother had told her when she was starting out the first time, "Make the children love you."

No one knows better than the mothers and fathers of the community, how well she has succeeded as down through the years, they have listened to each successive group of first graders say proudly, "That's my teacher."

Excerpts from the Redwood Journal-Press-Dispatch, Ukiah, CA — June 12, 1976

Author's Note:

Soon after Olga's death in 1964 the Potter Valley Grange, under the leadership of Olga's sister Martha Brimmer, made their excess land into a park as a memorial to Olga. Olga had been a Grange past master. The Grange allowed the park to deteriorate, but Clarence Gericke and his gardening classes have rejuvenated the Olga Spotswood Moller Memorial Park.

#### EXCERPTS from the McMATH HISTORY BOOK

Malcolm McLeod mentions that the McMATHs were among the first settlers at Gravelly Valley. Quote, "While the McMATHs were living in Marysville they became acquainted with a Mr. Joe Briscoe who lived at the head waters of Stony Creek in Colusa County, close to the Coast Range Mountains. He kept several hundred head of cattle and was a good wholesome fellow. One time when we wanted to buy some cattle we went home with Mr. Briscoe and stayed a few days. He told us lots of stories about wild game in the mountains and that made George and me eager, for we were raised in the wilds of Michigan with a gun in our hands you might say, so we were determined to go out there for a hunt.

"When we went out to Mr. Briscoe's, we went to the summit of the Coast Range Mountains and down the west side to Eel River. We took several pack horses, expecting to be gone a week; however, after two day's hunt we had all the deer that 10 horses could pack out.

"At night, around the campfire, Mr. Briscoe told us stories of the times he had with wild Indians out on Eel River, also with grizzly bears and other wild animals.

"He told us how Hull Mountain got its name and also Bloody Rock: Mr. Briscoe said that a man by the name of Hull and another man were hunting on the north side of the mountain for deer and they were dressing the hides, using the deer brains for tanning purposes. Mr. Hull had killed a large buck in the evening and after skinning it discovered that he had not brought his hatchet to get the brains with, so he took the buck about a half mile back to camp. The next morning Mr.

Hull told his partner that he would go up and get the brains from the buck's head and that was the last time Mr. Hull was seen alive. His partner waited for him until night, then when he did not return he knew something was wrong. There were wild Indians in the mountains and he supposed they had killed him, so he started for Stony Creek, twenty miles away that night. The next morning a party went back to look for Hull. Briscoe was in the party. They took his track from the camp and finally found his body. A grizzly bear had killed him. From appearances it was believed that the bear had been eating the carcass of the deer. It was in a deep brushy canyon, and Mr. Hull must have come upon it before he discovered the bear was there. His body was badly mangled. They found a bullet half way down the barrel of his gun where it had stuck when he attempted to fire. The gun stock was broken, and there was every appearance of a fearful struggle. They found the bear dead also about a quarter of a mile from Mr. Hull. Hull had shot the bear and given him a mortal wound, but the bear had enough strength to kill Hull before he died. A marker shows Mr. Hull's grave. Hence the name Hull Mountain."

#### BLOODY ROCK — Another Excerpt from the McMath History Book

"Another place, on down near the foot of Hull Mountain in a southeasterly direction from the summit and near the South Fork of the Eel River is Bloody Rock. It stands in a large glade, sloping toward the river and about a half mile long. This is its history as Briscoe related it to us:

"In the early days of 1860 there were a great many wild Indians in the mountains, and the stockmen who lived at Stony Creek would drive their cattle back into the mountains in the summer, at which time the Indians would kill them as well as all the men they could. They killed two men at Gravelly Valley named Click and Brown. I have seen their graves many times on the east side of the valley, on a flat, directly east of where my house stood. These Indians belonged to the Round Valley Indian Reservation, but they would run away and come over to this country to commit depredation. The stockmen determined to run them out of these mountains and went hunting for them.

"To more fully describe Bloody Rock, as it will be necessary for you to understand just how it is situated in order to picture in your mind how the events occurred, the glade is rather steep and there are patches of timber and brush. There is a ridge running down near the middle of the glade with some timber on it and this ridge narrows down to about 20 feet in width with steep banks on both sides, running out about level onto a very large rock with perpendicular sides about sixty feet on the lower side. The top rock is about 100 to 150 feet across each way, and level. The Indians were camped on this rock and there was no way to get onto it except over this narrow neck. There was a large camp of Indians, about 50 bucks, squaws and papooses; perhaps more. The stockmen discovered the Indians without being seen by them, and just at the break of day they slipped up on them, hemming them in, and started shooting the bucks.

"Their plan was to kill the bucks and take the women and children to the Round Valley Reservation. After shooting several, they jumped from the rock, capturing or killing all of them. Hence the name Bloody Rock."

(Malcolm McLeod told me his father came into that same area in the 1860's. After hearing this story that many of the Indians fell to the ground below the rock — he and a neighbor searched the ground below several times for signs of bones, but were never able to find any.)

#### McMATH HISTORY BOOK

"Now I'll tell you an experience I had on this same rock with my brothers George, Archie and Robert and West Dowell over there hunting in the spring. George and Archie went on to Potter Valley for supplies. Dowell, Robert and I were down on the glade early one morning and looking up onto Bloody Rock we could see several bucks looking down at us. We were a half mile

away, but concluded we could get behind the deer and hem them in. We got them onto the narrow neck and had them corralled. There were about 20 of them and we killed 6. Bob broke the back of one and he bawled. That stampeded the others and they went past and over us. They jumped higher than our heads. Some jumped off the rock and were killed. We killed and hung up 24 head that morning and evening. The deer would come out into the glade and sometimes we could see as many as 100 head in a bunch."

Permission to use this McMath history given by descendants Maxine Adams Brown and Mary Ella Adams Marty.

## POSTMASTER'S IN THIS AREA — Data obtained by Postmaster Ted Kimball

### POTTER VALLEY

Richmond Carner	Dec. 14, 1870	Henry O. Bowers	Nov. 30, 1908
Thomas J. Compton	Apr. 13, 1877	Fred H. Bucknell	Jan. 9, 1914
William Rice	Oct. 9, 1884	Joseph R. Adams	Sept. 1, 1923
Thomas J. Compton	Aug. 28, 1885	Lena M. Whittaker (acting)	May 25, 1939
John M. Roberts	July 24, 1891	Geneva Christofferson	Oct. 18, 1939
Newton A. Barnett	Oct. 8, 1895	Lois Bevans	Oct. 31, 1963
John M. Roberts	Oct. 18, 1899	Theodore G. Kimball	July 5, 1975

### GRAVELLY VALLEY

Archey McMath	Jan. 6, 1874	Ambrose R. Marders	Feb. 10, 1906
Mrs. Elizabeth McMath	June 6, 1879	Thomas H. Betterton	Oct. 9, 1909
Changed name to Hullville	Dec. 31, 1889	Fannie S. Dashiell	Nov. 4, 1911
Josephine McMath	Feb. 13, 1895	Andy J. Bonham	Mar. 14, 1913
Mrs. Laura A. Mann	Aug. 21, 1897	Lora E. Weldon	June 15, ( ? )
William C. Hunter	Mar. 8, 1898	George R. Fuller	To Nov. 1917
		Discontinued	Nov. 1917

### POMO

George W. Brown	Oct. 7, 1870	Francis M. Crosley	Feb. 14, 1882
Dia Reest (?)	Feb. 10, 1871	William Day	July 5, 1887
Joseph N. Rea	June 10, 1872	Mrs. Annie May Bevans	Sept. 19, 1892
Zerrel W. Bransford	July 3, 1874	William M. Craven	Mar. 30, 1896
Random D. Brown	Dec. 23, 1880	Elizabeth Starbuck	Dec. 16, 1902
Discontinued	Nov. 23, 1881	Charles L. Hopkins	Nov. 16, 1903
Reestablished	Feb. 14, 1882	Discontinued	Aug. 31, 1911

### CAPEHORN

John L. Day	Apr. 18, 1894
Discontinued	Sept. 5, 1894

## POST OFFICE INFORMATION from Postmaster Geneva Christofferson

In 1939 when Geneva Christofferson became postmaster it was only a fourth class post office. After the mill was going good at Eel River, it brought an influx of people into the valley, and the post office was changed to a third class office in 1944. Geneva was reappointed as postmaster.

Two tries were made before Rural Free Delivery came about 1948. The new growth of Potter Valley created a need for more boxes and a larger office. Geneva thought about and inquired into renting the vacant fountain building from the Smalleys', but found out the Shelton's were buying it. The Smalley's agreed to build the present building and lease it to the government for a post office, which was completed and moved into late in 1959.

There are now 372 boxes at the office, 420 deliveries on the route plus some general deliveries. The mail carrier to Lake Pillsbury delivers to 60 boxes.

Julius Rottluff was a mail carrier to Lake Pillsbury many years. At one time, he said, the Postmaster's were paid by the cancellation and they were known to address letters to themselves.

### NEWS TRAVELED SLOWLY

While A.E. McCombs (father of Maude Foster) lived in Upper Lake, before moving to Potter Valley the same year, he told of an interesting experience he had.

In September 1867 he traveled from Upper Lake to Cleveland's Flour Mill on the Potter Valley Road to Ukiah and found that the mill had burned down in July of that year. The news had not traveled across the hills to Lake County. He continued on to Calpella where he bought 800 lbs. of flour to take back to Upper Lake.

### SAWMILLS

The sawmill industry has not always been a big business in Potter Valley. Lumber was not easily available to the early settlers. Most of the timber was oak or pine and not considered the best for log houses. The first homes were two adobe homes which held up for many years. The other houses were made from logs and shakes and had oak puncheon floors. Later there were two brick houses which are still in use.

However, by the middle 1860's four roads had been dug out from Potter Valley and over those treacherous roads small amounts of lumber were hauled in from Reed's Mill at the very upper end of Redwood Valley and Holden's Mill on Ackerman Creek.

The lumber from Reed's Mill was redwood and of very good quality. About 15 years ago we heard a barn was being torn down in Upper Potter. In this barn, my husband knew his father had carved his initials W.E.S. and the date March 29, 1899. It was at the old Brunner Ranch Northwest of the Briggs Ranch where W.E. Shelton lived from 1895 to 1905. Jim, Diane and Harley got permission to go up and saw out the triangle piece, containing the date and initials, out of the 6 x 6 inch brace. It is a beautiful hardwood type of redwood and very well preserved.

The first sawmill was built here in 1874 by William Van Nader on Mid Mountain east of Potter Valley. It was only large enough to do flooring and finishing boards.

Not until the late 1800's was another mill started up by Lucius B. Frasier on the slopes of San Hedrin across Eel River. Mr. Frasier had several grown boys so he had good help. He was a very capable man who also built some good bridges. The previous bridge across the Russian River at Cold Creek was one built by him. It was a large A-frame bridge which stood for many years until torn down in the 1930's. The present bridge was built by the W.P.A. crew under the County road department. In order to get his lumber across Eel River Mr. Frasier built a very large A-frame bridge near the turn of the century almost exactly where the dam stands. High waters washed that out almost immediately.



Mr. Frasier had three different mill sites on San Hedrin — at Sunset Gap, Saw Bit and down on the lower slopes. He used six, eight and ten horse teams to haul the logs to his steam run mill. He also used the large horse teams to haul his lumber out of the valley to sell.

During the 1920's Otto Hughes and sons, Allen and Ralph, operated Twin Pine Sawmill on land they owned over the hill, along the Eel River to the Circle X Ranch. The sawmill was beyond Hale Creek some distance. They sawed pine and fir lumber which was usually sold just around Potter Valley.

In the fall of 1937 a small group prepared to build a sawmill near the present mill pond at a spot close to the old airport on Eel River. They hauled out 12 x 12 fir mill timbers thinking by spring their mill would be completed. However, as so often happens things did not work out as expected. We had an unusually bad winter in 1937-1938. We must have had a heavy snow storm on the higher mountains because Julius Rottluff told me that on Dec. 7, 1937 the weather turned to a warm 68° causing very high waters which washed most of the timbers over the dam and down the river. I know that the next summer we saw some of the larger timbers piled up against the bridge at Hearst.

The next building site in 1938 was where the L. P. mill now stands, which proved to be a good spot for the steam mill to be erected which produced 45,000 feet a day. During the next few years a Mr. Crill managed the mill with two Rouse brothers and a Mr. Taylor were the men remembered. (Mr. Taylor continued on for many years). The owner with the money behind it all must have been a Mr. Lowe from San Francisco; although none of us ever heard of him. When I was asking Floyd Crenshaw to verify some dates for me, he said a Mr. Lowe's name was on the deed when Mr. Wheeler purchased the mill.

About 1942 or 1943 Mr. Coleman Wheeler, Sr., who had mill and timber interests in Sweet Home, Albany, Lebanon, Oregon, and some on the Oregon coast, bought the mill. It became known as Ukiah Pine Lumber Company. They also had a loading dock and retail business in Ukiah.

Eventually, Mr. Wheeler decided to change management at Potter Valley. In 1949 he sold an interest in the mill to his former son-in-law, Archie Hessman, and to Floyd Crenshaw. The move was made June 1, 1949. At the same time Mr. Wheeler's son, Colie, came to the Ukiah office as book-keeper. After a few years they closed down everything in Ukiah and did all their business at the Potter Valley Mill.

Floyd Crenshaw was an excellent mill man with lots of experience from the same area in Oregon where Mr. Wheeler had owned his mills. He brought with him many key men and a logging crew B. E. & M. — Raymond Buchholz, Dan Egli and Joe Minehan.

Four other mills started operating in the 1940's and 1950's. One was run by Emil Vidas across the Eel River on Charley Presley's property. Another by the Cadles above the Eel River — perhaps one mile from the bridge toward the Circle X Ranch. Dick Groscup had a small mill out on Busch Creek Road, along Carter Ridge, past Thompson grade and near Long Hollow. Casteel Lumber Company from Willits set up a mill in the valley east of the road on Spencer Hill. None of these mills were of long duration.

In 1951, about 5 a.m., our local firemen were called out for a large fire at Ukiah Pine Sawmill. The destruction was enough to necessitate the rebuilding of the mill, which was completed June 1952. After the mill reopened they ran two shifts daily. Those were the bountiful years for the lumber industry.

November 1959 brought new owners to the mill — headed up by an Oregon man. The Frank Crawford Lumber Company ran until 1968 when it was sold to Georgia Pacific Lumber Company. It soon became Louisiana Pacific which it still remains.

Of course, the logging industry shares honors with the sawmill's success. Previous to June 1949 Ukiah Pine had done their own logging. They had a large logging camp with a cook house on San Hedrin and a cook house at the mill.

In 1949 the new managers Hessman and Crenshaw turned over the logging activities to B. E. & M. Logging Company. They continued on with the camp and cook house until 1955. After the big fire on Hull Mountain about 1951, they also ran a camp and cook house at Cabbage Patch.

B. E. & M. took in Lloyd Larson as a partner and renamed their company BLEMCO, in June of 1960.

Dan Egli withdrew his working interest from BLEMCO in 1961 and started logging on his own. BLEMCO continued until 1962.

Byron Elmer became Dan Egli's partner in 1962 and they named their company San Hedrin Logging Co. In 1973 Dan sold his interest to Albert Elmer Logging Co. San Hedrin Logging Co. continues in full swing with Byron Elmer as the sole owner. (Elmer ceased operations the fall of 1985.)

I must not end this article without mentioning Keene Pallet Co. Mill. Keene and Dorothy Kirksey came here in 1955, bought a piece of ground, and started to raise cattle. The price of steers was very low that year and since Keene had worked with a pallet mill once before, they decided to start the pallet mill on a very small scale. They gradually worked their way up to a going concern. They were good for the valley and were never known to turn down a man — no matter how many times he returned.

After a few years Gary Gamble was hired as manager. He has been there 22 years. In 1976 when the company incorporated, Gary bought a one-third interest.

Due to ill health the Kirkseys decided in 1978 to sell to Gary and John Caughlin. Dorothy hired a bookkeeper — Kathy Pacheco Vonfeldt and trained her to do the office work which she had always done.

During the next five years the gross sales of Keene Pallet Co. increased 50%. The number of employees remained constant and the machinery and yards expanded appreciatively.

In 1984 Gary gave me a two hour tour of everything and I was amazed to see how much went on beyond the fence, and the extent of their equipment. The Fraternal Order of Lumbermen toured the business on Feb. 15, 1984 for the first time.

July 1, 1985, the opening of their new office and warehouse building, which is 60 x 60 ft., completed a year's project. The warehouse will soon contain lumber, plywood, roofing, etc. on sale locally to Mendocino and Lake County contractors. Cheryle Simmerly joined the office staff in spring of 1984. The office is upstairs. Kathleen Guzman began office work, October, 1985.

Owners of the Keene Pallet Co., Enterprises at this time are Gary Gamble, John Caughlin, Dan Craven, Dan Gamble — foreman and Bill Seay — night foreman.

My tour in January 1984, gave me this interesting information: four grades of pallets are made from the smallest size of 18 inches x 24 inches to the largest of 5 feet x 18 feet; \$140,000 is the annual cost of nails; there are 1000 different sizes and configurations stenciled, branded, cut out, chamfered, painted and delivered to 400 customers. An average load of pallets takes 16,000 board feet of lumber and 66,240 nails.

A LETTER TO — Wiley L. Pickle from brother in Kentucky, G. B. Jones, dated April 23, 1854

Dear Brother Willie

I have the pleasure this Evening of addressing you a few Lines though may be in the far off California, and by accident I found out where you were. I was over to See Brother Abm. a few weeks ago & on my return by your Father-in-Laws I heard that he had Received a letter from you, I called and they gave me the letter it was the 1st you wrote I suppose after you got there this is the first opportunity I have ever had of ascertaining where to wright to you. I wrote to you several times while you lived in Missouri but I never could get an answer I supposed you never got my letters for I could not ascertain where your post-office was I now inform you that the old man March's family was well & also Wm. Perts, brother Jesses & Abm's. families were well as to health Abram had had the Bad Sore Eyes for 3 or four years and he has been as good as blind a good portion of the time, it has nearly Broke them up he has Bought land in the country & moved out to it 17 miles from Bowling. and I want to hear how you have preaching, and what sort, and how the people appear to enjoy Religion in general, especially I want to know how you are getting along in your Christian warefare & whether sister Margaret has ever embraced Religion or no, how many children you have, & what are their names, & whether you have lost any or not & finally wright about every thing that you think will interest us, for my part I have been trying to proclaim the glad tidings to my fellow man for about 21 months a duty which I felt to be mine long before I took up the cross, and I hope by the Grace of God to be able to wield the sword the Remainder of my Days, will you Pray for me, and though we be far seperated on Earth, let us be united in Heart and serve God in simplicity of soul & try to meet in the Bright world above. May the Lord support us all & bless us, and bring us all more than enough verses through him that loved us, & gave himself for us, we have 7 children, Thos., Wm., & George, by the 1st wife & Jas, Mary, Ann, Ellar & Susan by the Last.

Farewell our best Love & affection until Death

G. B. Jones, Martha J. Jones

Wiley and wife Margaret March came to Potter Valley with the Pickle clan. Mary A. Pickle (wife of George W. was their daughter). Another daughter, Elizabeth (wife of J. Faust Pickle) and son, Eli, were others in the clan.

George and Mary A. Pickle were the roots of all the Pickle relatives in Potter Valley.

You can read of the Jones interest in church written elsewhere in this book.

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Leona Dashiell Eddie recalls how proud her grandfather Thaddeus Dashiell was concerning the part he had played in the trial incurred after Lincoln's assassination celebration in Potter Valley.

Much celebrating was done at the end of the Civil War, but in many areas of which Potter Valley was one, celebrations for the death of President Lincoln ranked above the Civil War ending. Potter Valley was a very Democratic party area because so many settlers had come from the South. Thad remarked that when they lost their slaves they hardly knew how to care for themselves.

During the Potter Valley celebration a school teacher, Miss Buster, had been reprimanded and discharged from her duties for stomping on the flag.

Thaddeus Dashiell and John McCall had been seized, after the celebration, by federal troops who came up from the Presidio to take charge.

Thad was taken from home, without being allowed to change his clothes, to an adobe house up the valley and guarded all night. Next morning, under guard, they walked most of the 60 miles to the Round Valley Army Post until late that night. In going through the mountains they en-

countered hail storms and cold weather. He was put into a small guard house again without a change of clothes for three or four days. From there he rode by mule to Long Valley in one day. Then to Fort Bragg, again on a mule, with a pack saddle to the army post there. After one night and two thirds of a day, plaintiff walked to Noyo where guards put him on a common lumber schooner which took two days and nights to arrive in San Francisco.

At that time, the two prisoners were iron handcuffed, and four or five armed guards took them to Alcatraz where they were searched and then put to work breaking rocks into small pieces. They worked 12 hours per day for five or six days, were locked up at night and slept on the floor. Then they were dismissed.

Thad's trial was to establish the fact that everyone had freedom of speech. He had proved his point that America is the land of freedom of speech.

In later years he was heard to brag that he had packed rock at Alcatraz for the privilege.

Some other very well-known men who had participated in the celebration were warned in time to hide out in the hills. Their wives brought them food regularly for 30 days.

### IN THE WRONG PLACE

Another Potter Valley man wrongfully sent to prison was George Gibson who spent some time at San Quentin. George owned a cabin and range land where he kept his sheep out on the road to Hearst for many years. At shearing time while helping his neighbors at the Hamburg Ranch (known as the Claubber Ranch now Folsom's Circle W Ranch) with their sheep, he had the misfortune to get mixed up with the Frost and Hamburg shooting scrape in April 1885.

Andreas Hamburg was George Gibson's brother-in-law. Encircling the Hamburg ranch were several other claims and cabins owned by various Frost men from Willits.

While living in Willits as a young man, George Gibson was badgered by those Frost young men. George, as I recall, was a very small and quiet man.

After the court trial concerning the death of Hamburg and a Frost — George Gibson was sent to San Quentin for about a year until one of the parties died and admitted on his death-bed that he had done the shooting for which George was accused.

### C. C. C. AT LAKE PILLSBURY

During the depression years a California Conservation Center was established at Oak Flat. There were 80 young men and six foremen at the center.

They built roads, including the one to Hull Mt., fire trails, telephone lines, the Pogie Point Campground, and the Soda Creek Ranger Station.

These crews stayed all year from 1934–1937. In the winter, in good weather they worked close to camp on fire trails.

Clyde Foster, one of the six foremen, was in charge of the crew that put in the phone line to San Hedrin Lookout, built the Soda Creek Ranger Station, and the Pogie Point Campground.

### MALCOLM MCLEOD'S STORY OF GRAVELLY VALLEY—Taped by Delight Shelton May 14, 1967

This is the story that Malcolm McLeod has given me about the early days of Gravelly Valley which we now know as Lake Pillsbury. He is now 83 years old. In his words:

"My great-great grandfather was named William Malcolm McLeod and came direct from Scotland, somewhere to the Nova Scotian coast. Then they started moving. My grandfather and my father came from Memphis, Tenn. They started out from that part of the country and somewhere along the road they hooked up with another caravan. In fact, I think there were three caravans

that got together crossing the country. According to what I've understood it was quite uneventful for that time.

"My grandfather was a hunter for this caravan. He tried to keep it in meat and buffalo and also as a guide. They crossed at a time when they didn't have any big stormy high rivers to cross. They had to float some of the people in boats across the river, though.

"Somewhere in southern Utah, on what was known as the Southern Route, one of the caravans and some of the relations to the whole clambake, took a south route off the Southern Route, but they were never heard from in any way. They just completely vanished. Of course it was robbers. In a short time it was laid onto the Mormons, but later on in later years, it was decided it was not the Mormons at all, but it was a bunch of thieves that tore up caravans, robbed, and took horses, and everything there was.

"But my grandfather and father came on across the northern route through Salt Lake City to Reno, along the Truckee River and crossed over the Old Trail on to the top of the summit of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. They came on down through over those dratted boulders and let their wagons down over the bluffs with buffalo ropes which they had accumulated along the way. A lot of cattle, oxen and other things were let down the same way. (Author's note: On a recent train trip to Reno, I looked with awe at those slick huge granite boulders right outside the train windows and really appreciated what those early settlers went through to give us our beginnings.) They settled in a little valley named Bear Valley, west of Nevada City and Grass Valley. I don't know how long they stayed there, but they came on down to Nevada City and started working in the mines there.

"Then like all the old timers, they had to see what was in front of them, so they came across to Stoney Ford, Hull Mountain, and Gravelly Valley in 1855-56.

There were some old, old settlers there — the well known ones were the McMaths — Archie, Cyrus, George, and Robert, who had originally settled at Marysville, but had ventured into Gravelly Valley. Quote from the book written by Cyrus and George McMath tells the following story, "While buying cattle from a Mr. Briscoe at Stony Creek he told them such tales about the wild game that they were eager to hunt the Coast Range Mts. and down the west side to Eel River. From Mt. San Hedrin they saw this large green valley below, which we know as Gravelly Valley. They rode down, found an old cabin and an old man named West Dowell as owner of the whole valley. They paid him 600 dollars and two horses for everything he owned." This was at the time of Hull's death, which is in another section of this book.

"That country at that time was full of grizzly bear and elk. When the white men came the grizzlies and elk moved out. The coyotes came in from the Sacramento Valley by following the large flocks of sheep that were brought to pasture on Goat Mt., Snow Mt., John Millsaps, and other large ranches.

Other early settlers were the Brown brothers who were killed and buried in Brown's Gulch. Two others killed down on the lake shore just below Patterson's Lodge are buried next to the homesites. Henderson's were in the valley, as well as John Fordyce and the Waite's.

"It was very easy to homestead some land. All you had to do was build a cabin, plant a garden, and a couple of fruit trees. Then stay there so long a time while you hunted and fished; and you had a homestead. There was a Kelly cabin, (grandparents to Elaine Hughes) the Baker camp, Summit Springs, Blue Skies Ranch and the Catfish Lake Ranch which all became the property of Harlow Snow and his Snow Mt. sheep ranch.

"When my grandfather and father had looked the situation over they turned around and went back to the Sierras to work in the mines. They went about six miles southeast of Nevada City and each took up a homestead of 160 acres at a little place called Red Dog. Here they did gold sluicing, sometimes making twenty dollars a day. In later years the hydraulic mines filled the whole country up.

"My father spent two or three summers cutting timbers for, and working on the snow sheds around Donner Lake.

"After several years of mining, again my father decided to come back to Gravelly Valley area and rented a ranch from the Gillette brothers, Jack and Dave, and the Harlow Snow Mt. Ranch. Mr. Snow had accumulated many small claims.

"Then my father met my mother, a daughter of W. T. Smith (he and his wife had first stopped in Potter Valley and had an early store at Pomo) who had bought Rice Valley from Jimmy Pole and 160 acres from W. D. Green. At this time the property still belongs to one of my sisters.

"When I was about twelve years old, we had only had some schooling with my mother. When we finally got big enough to ride a horse alone, my older sister and I used to ride down to school at Gravelly Valley — known as Hullville. Besides the school, there was a big hotel there owned by William Hunter (son of J. S. Hunter and his first wife Harriet Hunt). This hotel had porches on three sides of it. A store and post office were there and a few other places were scattered nearby. There were about 15 kids scattered around. Most of them walked across the valley from here and there. We rode about 10 or 12 miles a day to go to school, from our home at Rice Valley. When my sister and I got older and the other children in our family were old enough to go to school we would go down and camp in good weather, only going home on week-ends.

"About the time I started going to school some people by the name of Thompson came from Michigan and settled the Soda Creek area by the Ranger Station. They were accompanied by the Simons family, who settled on up the creek where the Fuller brothers later settled. This would all have happened when I first came to school about 1896.

W. P. Fuller came first to fish for a week at a time. The roads were open to Ukiah and he would have a four horse team, drive them in loaded with a couple of hundred pounds of ice. He would catch a lot of trout and pack them in ice and return to his home in St. Helena. He kept doing that for several years until eventually a nice summer home was built there.

I went to work doing odd jobs for him when I was a teenager. Mr. Fuller was the oldest of the three Fullers — W. P., Frank, and George, who owned Fuller Paint Co. in San Francisco. They had another brother who owned a large stock ranch at Merced. Ione Hewitt is his granddaughter. As a young boy, George used to ride his bicycle from St. Helena to Upper Lake on to Lake Pillsbury.

"When the Fuller men all married they really built some nice homes on their acreage. They put in a polo field and later the airport.

"My wife, Martha, had come to the ranch with W. P. Fuller as a nurse for his son, Robert, by his second wife. Martha and I were married in 1928. We soon bought the Scott Clark and Weigle property on Main St. after Martha retired. I continued to work for the Fullers and ran the mail stage two and then three days a week from Potter Valley.

"After the older Fuller men died, their children traded their property off, or sold it. George's daughter, Margaret Brown, sold most of the Fuller Ranch to a syndicate which included Jack Haley and Jackie Gleason who began selling home sites and it became Lake Pillsbury Ranch. Some property was traded in the late 1960's for property at Lake Tahoe owned by the U.S. Forest Service.

"About 1905 Gravelly Valley was practically all bought up by Mr. Pillsbury who was one of the founders of Snow Mt. Water and Power Co., which built the dams on Eel River. They bought out Bob McMath, George Waite, his son-in-law William Hunter, the Thompsons, and the Pogie Point homestead. The man who owned the land where the Scott Dam was built was Alfred Graves, the father of all the Graves brothers around in later years and brother-in-law to Bob McMath. Graves got 2,000 dollars for his 160 acre key to the whole damn dam. I heard Hunter got 16 to 20 thousand dollars for most of the valley property he owned. But the little places up there that were dried up with no one living on them were just jerked up for nothing. The valley where two or three hundred

ton of hay was once grown has never been seen since the dam was finished in the early 1920's." (Author's note: In our driest year of the century, 1977, in February, the lake did dry up to such an extent we could see the outline of the valley and the tributary creek basins flowing into it. Many people with jeeps and dune buggies did a lot of driving back and forth across part of the lake bottom.)

### DROUGHT YEARS

In this century we have experienced only a few low rainfall years. In 1919–20 about 25 inches; 1923–24 about 21 inches; 1938–39 about 27 inches; 1975–76 around 23 inches; our lowest rainfall year was 1976–77 with 20 inches of rain. These records cover the past 100 years.

Our average rainfall is 35–45 inches per year, with a few years, I recall, going 60–72 inches; 1982–83 was our heaviest rainfall year with nearly 80 inches. Potter Valley usually has about five to 10 inches more rainfall than Ukiah registers. And here again, like the snow, the further up the valley, the higher the rainfall gauges register. Frost figures seem to run about five degrees colder than Ukiah also. Jim's 1961 diary shows our latest May frost was on May 25, 1961.

### ALTITUDES IN and AROUND POTTER VALLEY

The elevation at Main St. is 940 feet, over 3,000 feet on Mid-Mountain, 2,500 feet at the top of Eel River grade, 6,183 feet on Mt. San Hedrin and 6,873 feet on Hull Mt.

### BLACK BART ONCE TRAVELED THIS WAY

The famous stage coach robber, C. E. Bolton, alias "Black Bart", used Mendocino and Trinity Counties as part of his stomping grounds. At one time he came through the back hills of Potter Valley, stopping at McCreary Glades, the ranch of the Sydney McCrearys who made their home out near Bucknell Creek. A visitor was a rare treat here, so Mrs. McCreary invited him to have dinner with them. Young sixteen-year-old Donna McCreary took such good notice of him she was able to give authorities a very good description, and eventually, through a handkerchief left behind and identified at a San Francisco laundry, he was apprehended.

Black Bart was interested only in the stage chests and mail. He was noted for taking from the rich and giving to the poor as well as for the scraps of his poetry he left behind. I recall that about 1924 my grandfather, Cyrus Grant Talbot, who was noted for his "witching wand powers," was brought from Modesto to the Anderson Valley area to try to "witch" for gold near a spot where Black Bart had held up a stage.

### RUSSIAN COLONY

At some time, Charles Neil had sold what later became known as the Havens, Ingels, and Magruder property to the Clays. In March 1911, Mrs. Sarah Frances Clay transferred the property to a Russian Colony. They also owned the large Field's ranch to the south from East Road to West Road and the property south of East Road; primarily the Tom Mercer property. Another farm and house was up Burris Lane, presently Robin Moerman farm and another farm was north of Jones Creek back to the Brower (Guntley) ranch on Pine Avenue with living quarters on the corner of Pine Ave. and East Road, (presently the Siemer home) also at the Nickerman property.

The Russian people cut one of their farms into long narrow subdivisions, half a mile long and a few rods wide, after the old country style in Russia. They built their homes on the worthless hill ground on the west side. The women did much of the farm work while the men worked in San Francisco or over at the coast mills.

On March 28, 1919, all the property was transferred to Mr. Charles Havens, whose daughter Helen and her husband Ray Ingels came to Potter Valley and made their home. The property is now

known as the Ingel-Haven Ranch and owned by the Ingels' daughter, Elizabeth Magruder.

Betty Magruder knows where there are several graves on the property. Some are near White Creek.

When I came here in 1923, there was still a family named Popoff living at the Pine Avenue farm. Their granddaughter Alice was attending school. Their home was actually at the Nickerman home.

The Russian families went from here to the Sacramento Valley, Texas, Arizona, Southern California, and one family returned to Russia. A few have returned during the past years and visited Betty Magruder.

Another family named Popoff lived on Burris Lane at the Moerman home. The Popoff name is not among the list of property transfers to Mr. Havens or from Mrs. Clay.

Perhaps the two Popoffs owned their property. Anyhow it is assumed a Max Popoff was the negotiator for the other Russian families and their transactions.

Now in 1985, the cycle has gone complete again. During the fall semester a new teacher, Manya Klistoff Wik arrived in the valley and began teaching in the local elementary school. Her grandfather was the Max Popoff who lived at the Moerman-Burris Lane home. Manya and her husband Ole Wik, son Kalle, and daughter Linnea came here after living 20 years in Alaska, after she had been born and raised in the Sacramento Valley.

Following is the list of property transfers from Sarah F. Clay to the Russian colony:

#### Digest of Russian Colony Transfers

*March 4, 1911*

Deed from Sarah Frances Clay to:

1. Michael Slivkoff	1/14	Dec. 20, 1911 gives deed to John Loskotoff	10. Lukian Conovaloff	1/14	
2. Ekobe Conovaloff	1/14		11. Matway Homootoff	1/14	
3. Mekefor Slivkoff	1/14		12. Evan Corboff	1/28	Dec. 24, 1912 deed to Nos. 15 & 16
4. Fedor Buchnoff	1/14	Dec. 24, 1912 deed to Nos. 15 & 16	13. Vasily Konigin	1/28	Dec. 24, 1912 deed to Ecof Fetisoff & Vasily Fetisoff
5. Peter Bogdonoff	1/14		14. Michael Loskotoff	1/28	Dec. 24, 1912 deed to Nos. 15 & 16
6. Ecof Botaeff	1/28		15. Vasily Fetisoff	1/28	
7. Peter Susoeff	1/14		16. Ecof Fetisoff	1/28	
8. Vasily Papin	1/14		17. Evan Susoeff	1/28	Dec. 24, 1912 deed to Nos. 15 & 16
9. Alicksay Papin	1/14	Nov. 28, 1911 gives deed to John Papin	18. Common property of all	1/28	

Following is the list of the Russian colony property transfers to Charles R. Havens:

#### MEMORANDUM

On May 14, 1919, W. P. Thomas left with me a copy of a letter dated May 5, 1919, written by him and addressed to Geo. P. Anderson, Ukiah, California, relative to title of land being sold to Chas. R. Havens and situated in Mendocino County, California. He also left with me to be exhibited to C. W. Durbrow, Southern Pacific Building, San Francisco, for his inspection, fifteen (15) deeds, as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
March 28, 1919	Matway Homootoff and Doratheia Homootoff, his wife	Charles R. Havens
March 28, 1919	Vasily Papin, and Alice Papin, his wife	do



March 28, 1919	Michael Loskotoff, and Mary Loskotoff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	John Loscotoff, and Mary Loscotoff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Peter Bogdonoff, and Annie Bogdonoff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Ekobe Conovaloff, and Alice Conovaloff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Lukian Conovaloff, and Fannie Conovaloff, his wife	do
March 29, 1919	L. Susoeff, and Hazel Susoeff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Evan Susoeff, and Mary Susoeff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Peter Susoeff, and Nellie Susoeff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Ecof Botaeff, and Annie Botaeff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	John Bogdonoff, and Annie Bogdonoff, his wife	do
April 4, 1919	Nekefor Slivokoff, and Alice Slivokoff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Vasily Fetisoff, and Fannie Fetisoff, his wife	do
April 7, 1919	Ecoff Fetisoff, and Annie Fetisoff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Nekefor Slivkoff, and Alice Slivkoff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Evan Susoeff and Mary Susoeff, his wife, Ekobe Conovaloff, and Alice Conovaloff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Lukian Conovaloff and Fannie Conovaloff, his wife, Matway Homootoff and Dorathea Homootoff, his wife, Ecof Botaeff and Annie Botaeff, his wife, Vasily Papin and Alice Papin, his wife, and Peter Susoeff, and Nellie Susoeff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	Ecoff Fetisoff and Fannie Fetisoff, his wife	do
March 28, 1919	John Bogdonoff and Annie Bogdonoff, his wife, Michael Loskotoff, also known as Michael Loscotoff, and Mary Loscotoff, his wife, Peter Bogdonoff and Annie Bogdonoff, his wife, L. Susoeff and Hazel Susoeff, his wife, John Loscotoff	

and Mary Loscotoff, his wife, Vasily Fetisoff  
and Fannie Fetisoff, his wife.

do

After Mr. Durbrow has seen these deeds, they are to be returned, with the letter, to Mr. W. P. Thomas at Ukiah, California. The second lot of deeds are made to cover a 1/784th interest in the property which was left out of the first set on account of incorrect calculation of the various interests of the parties. Deeds from 4 other parties are to be yet secured by Ingels, taking up the full list of correcting deeds.

Author's note: Seemingly at the beginning of this book I knew almost nothing about the Russian Colony. At some place in the book I have written that no one exactly knew the years they lived here. Since then Betty Magruder has dug out of her files this information in Chapter VIII.

Now in the summer of 1986, Manya Wik has brought her Aunt Alice Popoff Sohrakoff from Wheatland to visit me. She was so excited to see the photo of the Carpenter house which had burned in 1916 while they rented it.

Alice said her father went to San Francisco and brought lumber back from what had been used and torn down after the 1915 World's Exposition, to build another house. This house also burned at sometime and has been rebuilt again.

Alice's father, who lived on Burris Lane, was Timafay Maximovich Popoff. Her grandfather, (and Manya's great grandfather) Maxim Savelovich Popoff, owned the property on Pine Avenue.

Another granddaughter, Alice, (who went to school when I came here) spent a lot of time living with her grandparents to act as an interpreter.

On the 1926 Irrigation District map it was still listed as Popoff property.

#### THE STORY OF FOSTER MOUNTAIN FAMILIES

By Rena Lynn Moore in The Willits News, 1981

In 1886, the last member of the Robert and Eliza Scott family joined her parents on Foster Mountain.

Luzernia, the Scott's only daughter, left the husband she had married four years before and traveled west to Mendocino County with her two year old son.

The following year, Zernie married Franklin Pierce Lownes who had a small parcel of only a few acres on Foster Mountain, adjoining the Scott property.

They had a baby daughter named Emma, and they also took in one of the Carter children who were parceled out among the Scott family.

That led to one of the more interesting chapters in the Scott family history.

Old man Carter, father of the clan, tried to retain control over his younger children being cared by the Scott women and had some specific rules of conduct he expected to be enforced.

On Christmas night, 1899, a big masquerade ball was held in Centerville, the small community located in Potter Valley where the Foster Mountain families traded and socialized.

Everyone planned to attend the party, but James Carter said he did not want any of his younger children to attend.

This included the 16 year old girl living with Zernie and her husband Frank Lownes.

The Lownes, however, ignored the father's orders and took the young girl with them.

The next day, there was an angry confrontation between Carter and Zernie on the streets of Centerville, in front of the grocery store owned by T. J. "Jeff" Compton.

Harsh words passed, and there was some reported pushing and shoving. Carter went into the store and Zernie went in search of her husband to tell him she had been struck by Carter.

Frank Lownes then followed Carter to Compton's store and shot the old man, who died within 20 minutes.

There was a sensational trial during which Zernie herself was accused of having triggered the incident, but charges against her were dropped and Frank Lownes was sent to prison for 20 years. (Frank was paroled at an early date.)

Zernie later married Edwin Moore and moved to Hopland, where they operated a small store for many years.

All the Carter children grew to adulthood on Foster Mountain and married into Mendocino County families.

Vinnie Carter married John Hardwick and Wardie Carter married Dan Groscup and later, John Woodhead of Cahto.

In the meantime, Robert and Eliza Scott had made an agricultural showplace of their homestead near the top of Foster Mountain, constantly enlarging the apple orchard and experimenting with new plantings.

It finally became necessary to take on a full time hired hand and somewhere around 1888, a newcomer to the area by the name of Anson Waldo, who was an horticultural genius, joined the family.

Waldo not only brought an amazing knowledge of how to prune and cross pollinate the apple trees to produce maximum harvests of giant sized apples, he also brought with him an organ, a violin, a guitar and a great love of music which he shared over the next several years with all the Foster Mountain families.

Nearly every child on the mountain was taught to play a musical instrument by Waldo who was himself proficient on them all and who had a fine deep singing voice. He was a popular man, loved by all.

In 1892, Robert Scott died, at the early age of 55, and he was buried in a small plot of ground on a slight rise overlooking the valley below Foster Mountain, with the grave facing the orchard of apple trees he had planted, an orchard which would become a living memorial to the man.

Two years later Eliza and Waldo were married and continued the work of caring for the apple trees and the other fruit and nut trees which by now were thriving all over the mountain.

Each harvest, all the children would be called upon to help in the picking of the apples and packing them in boxes which in turn were packed on wooden sleds pulled by a horse and transported to the houses.

Other boxes were packed on a horse drawn wagon which Waldo would then drive into town, sometimes to Willits, other times to Potter Valley or as far as Ukiah, peddling the apples to families along the way. (These apples became known as Seek No Furthers.)

Sometimes the wagon also carried fresh ears of corn, big golden-kernel beauties that were as famous as the Foster Mountain apples, frequently referred to as "Foster Mountain 20 ounce pippins."

The old man would sing at the top of his lungs as he drove his wagon over the rough country roads, and sometimes he would call out a sing-song jingle extolling the virtues of the produce he peddled.

If any apples were left by the time he reached town, he would pull the wagon over to the curb on Main Street and hawk his wares at a penny apiece, ten cents a dozen.

A few years after Eliza and Waldo married, her second eldest son Thomas came to Foster

Mountain, completing the family circle.

Thomas was able to secure a patent to another 120 acres on the mountain when a sale of public lands was held shortly after his arrival.

A single man at the time he came, in 1905 the 42 year old Thomas married 17 year old Clara Agnes Neighbor of Hearst who would bear him three children, two born on Foster Mountain and the youngest in Oregon where they moved in 1912.

#### MANGANESE MINES — by Rena Lynn Moore in The Willits News, 1981

A lot of changes were in process for the many families living on Foster Mountain during the ten year period between the mid-teens and the mid-20's.

The young men went off to fight in World War I, or stayed behind to work in war-related projects.

One of these was the operation of the manganese mine located at the top of the mountain on the 640 acres which had been homesteaded by a family named Purcell.

Another family, the J. George Busch family of Potter Valley, had come to the area in 1863 and settled on 1100 acres of land extending from the valley up along the flanks of the mountain.

The Busches were members of the same family as the beer baron of that name in St. Louis.

J. George Busch and his wife had ten children, and one of these was an enterprising young man named George, who is generally credited with the actual opening and working of the rich vein of manganese ore on the land he leased from the Purcells.

During the war years there was a great demand for manganese, a shiny, bluish grey rock that is as hard as steel, which can't be cut and does not need oiling.

It is used today as drive pins in tractors and the drive shafts in automobiles, and was much in demand for use in armaments and vehicles during the war.

Some of the families had already begun to move out from the sheltered life of the mountain by the time war was declared, including the Comptons and Hintons, but Tolly Hinton returned to work in the mine.

Tolly remembers those days: "George Busch was our boss. He was crippled and couldn't work himself, but he gave the orders.

"We tunneled in the side of the mountain, a tunnel about four feet wide and six feet high.

"We didn't know much about safety rules in those days, and we used dynamite for blasting out new places to work back in the tunnel, using a pick axe and hand labor, picking up the rock pieces and loading first into wheelbarrows, then onto the small cars that ran in and out of the mine on tracks.

"Outside the mine, the ore was loaded on to a truck driven by Frank Updegraff and taken down to Willits Depot for shipment back east.

"It was mighty hard work, sometimes maybe ten hours a day, six or seven days a week, and I walked three to four miles to and from work each day.

"But the pay was \$4 a day, and that was considered real big money."

At the conclusion of the war the mine was closed down, but was reopened during World War II until the process of getting the ore out and grading it to the required 25% silica content began to be too costly and manufacturers found they could import the product at a greatly reduced cost.

Today, the slag heaps still stand alongside the road up over the top of Foster Mountain and the terraced hillside gives mute evidence of what was once a thriving operation.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

In the fall of 1985 an old New England type Town Hall Meeting was planned by the Community Services Board to be held on March 16, 1986, to be coordinated by Director Janet Chaniot.

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An advertisement from L. L. PAULSON'S HAND-BOOK AND DIRECTORY OF NAPA, LAKE, SONOMA AND MENDOCINO COUNTIES, dated 1874, printed by Francis and Valentine, Commercial Steam Presses — 517 Clay St., San Francisco, CA.



Centerville Oriental School students, Alma Eddie, teacher — before 1920.



Old fashioned May Day Picnic, Pomo School, 1900.



Participants at picnic — shown at right.



Picnic Day 1914 — when Spencer Hill was graded down.



The bear came near enough to scent the party on the haystack — and in leaving, followed the road for a long distance, leaving tracks in soft earth, 13 inches in length. For many miles the road was very rough, especially over the "bottle glass" mountain, so they were glad to get into Big Valley and travel near the margin of Clear Lake. Vast flocks of wild geese and ducks were circling about in every direction — but persistently kept out of gun shot distance. One of the boys took the most bidible ox and putting an arm over his neck, he walked in a stooping way, while the gun was carried in the other hand at his side.

Occasionally he took a peep over Old Mike's back, as they waded about in the marshy places, and so well was it managed that the birds alone, could detect the "masked battery" in the tules and tall bunch grass. They kept at a safe distance and none were captured.

After passing Clear Lake, the next stopping place was "Bachelor Valley", which belonged to Mr. Meredith, he being the original bachelor for whom it was named. This was directly at the foot of the range that had to be crossed before reaching Potter Valley, and the distance was 10 miles. Mr. Meredith with true frontier hospitality, gave up his house and betook himself to the hay shed for the night. He was doubtful about the advisability of attempting to take such a heavy load across the mountain, because there was "positively no road," but "merely a steep sidling trail".

Again things were gone over and the most necessary ones sorted out, the other baggage being left in one corner of the Meredith cabin. Before two miles had been traveled, the hills were found so steep, that things had to be taken from the wagon and carried up a bit at a time until a less steep place was reached — the cattle exerting their full strength in pulling the empty wagon. Progress was so slow that the women had no difficulty in keeping ahead of the wagon, although they had the children to carry. The rain which had been falling nearly every day since leaving Sacramento — which was three weeks before, now turned to snow and while the goods were being carried up one of the worst places yet found, a fire was kindled, in an effort to make the women and children comfortable. The goods were finally piled at the top and while the cattle were being urged by all known methods, not omitting an occasional "swear word", an Uncle and two cousins appeared on the scene, leading three saddle horses.

It was a great and pleasant surprise — how they had timed it puzzled the party, until informed that a stranger who interviewed them a few days previously, as to where they were "bound for", was an itinerant minister going over the same route and he carried the information forward. It was fortunate indeed that he did so, as the journey could not possibly have been made in one day, at the rate they were going, and a night in the snow would have added suffering to the discomforts they had already endured.

It was said that no further attempt could be made at that time to take the wagon, as a big storm was coming on and all haste must be made to reach the valley. The heap of clothing and goods, now well snowed over, were piled back into the wagon and on top of all, a gun was placed with the muzzle pointing outward, to give the idea of a trap of some sort to prevent it being molested.

With things thus disposed of, the procession moved towards the valley — the women on horseback, riding sidewise, in men's saddles carrying the children in their laps and the men walking and driving the oxen. Portions of the trail were narrow and they rode along the sides of precipitous gulches and down such steep hills, that the women would have preferred to walk — but darkness was coming on and they were urged to "hold tight and you'll get there".

In all that long journey across the plains, there had been nothing to compare with this. Those on horseback reached a warm fire and hearty welcome by nine o'clock, which was long after nightfall, the pedestrians were still later,

The little dog, Yuba, alone perished — the rest reached their destination, but their earthly



effects were scattered along the road, from the Sacramento Valley to the top of the mountain overlooking Potter Valley. They had positively nothing but the clothing on their backs. A month later the goods were brought in from Putah Creek — but the stove and big wagon were left where stored and never called for. It was many months before there was another stove to take its place, and cooking had to be done in Dutch ovens and frying pans. The man who was paid for wintering the oxen, let five of them starve to death, the remaining one was driven in. He demanded the price agreed upon, and was paid in full. After the storm was over, which was several weeks later, the things were brought in from the wagon on the mountain, by the Indians — women and men alike. They were barefooted and had almost no clothing, yet there was no complaint, although the snow was a foot deep. For some time these were the only families that had such luxuries as real tables and chairs (clapboard tables and three-legged stools being in general use) but after such trying experiences they were surely entitled to the few comforts they possessed.

The young lady that was left in Sacramento to go to school, was not without experience. Before a week had passed, her money was stolen and having lost confidence in those around her, and feeling anxiety about monetary matters, her school books were sold to enable her to get back to friends in Nevada County.

#### ISOLATION AND SOME OF THE RESULTS — by Helen McCowen Carpenter

Mr. Potter and his neighbors suffered many privations and every conceivable inconvenience. There was little variety in the food supply, scarcity of farming implements, scarcity of seed, and teams, in fact a scarcity of every thing that seemed necessary to human enjoyment, except hospitality and friendly intercourse.

Flour was packed in on mules from Healdsburg (about 70 miles, as they were obliged to go), requiring perhaps a week to make the trip, if all went well. A trail on the mountain side in the canyon, was very narrow where a rock jutted out, leaving small room for an animal with a load to pass. The mules got safely by, but old Polly lacked their experience in overcoming such difficulties, and in trying to pass, with a five gallon keg of syrup and a hundred pound sack of flour on her back, she went pell-mell down the side of the mountain. After considerable delay she and the broken pack-saddle were back on the trail, the flour and syrup were scattered from the trail to the bottom of the canyon, the loss being just \$15.00 first cost, and then the family had to eat their hot-cakes without syrup the rest of the season.

The plain diet to which the settlers were subjected, (composed largely of boiled wheat and milk), kept them in a state of health that discouraged the settlement of a doctor in their midst, for many years, and as it cost \$25.00 to secure medical aid from Ukiah, it was rarely indeed that a doctor was called, so nature was permitted to do the work and there were very few deaths.

After grain had been raised by the settlers, it served many purposes, judging from one old lady's experience. In comparing notes with a neighbor she said "I eat wheat, drink wheat and smoke wheat".

What was considered good and sufficient food is shown in the following. Mrs. G-----s remarked, "I'm not going to complain as long as I have bread and tea". Another in speaking on the affairs of a neighbor, who was absent from home much of the time, (in the redwoods getting out fencing), while his pretty daughter's suitors were quite constantly at the family residence, declared, "It's just too bad for poor old Dad to be eating cold truck out in the woods, while them fellars are there eating up all the good beans and ingerns".

Mrs. M----- made an afternoon quilting party, inviting in six of her immediate neighbors, who all accepted the invitation, taking along four children. The house was small so one side of the quilt had to rest on the bed. An old hen made many attempts to get on the bed, but was promptly shooed out.

In an unguarded moment she slipped in, and announced in a cackle behind the pillow, where an egg had been laid.

What particularly impressed this on the memory, was the lady's regret that she could not have a chicken for supper — "They are so hard to ketch". The depth of her regret is best shown in the supper menu. Big thick "sal-e-rat-tus" biscuits, baked in a Dutch oven, coffee — a custard made of two eggs and baked in a pint cup — and a saucer of thin syrup, made of a poor quality of Chinese sugar. The quilting was finished and well done for all were good quilters, so the object of the party was fully carried out.

Stock men did a good deal of traveling back and forth (on horseback), looking up cattle and horses and attending "rodeos".

They had no difficulty in finding stopping places, even though the houses were small and scantily furnished. Beds were divided to accommodate the number, and made up all over the floor and such food as was obtainable, was shared with man and beast, free of cost. One lady when refusing compensation, said "We get so lonesome we are glad to see somebody come", and besides these travelers generally had a bit of news from the outside world, which was of itself compensation to those positively starving for some variety in their hum-drum lives. None of the stock men were more independent than Mr. Bucknell and sons, who had interests in both Lake and Mendocino Counties. They were at home by any little brook where night overtook them. Some cold water bread was made in the top of the flour sack and while it was baking in the frying pan, each man with a tin cup made his individual cup of coffee, and broiled his bacon on a sharp stick, and then slept soundly under a saddle blanket and machillos (leather saddle cover).

Once on the range a minister fell in with some vaqueros who seemed very kindly disposed and invited him to lunch with them, "A little further on". Arriving at the desired spot, all dismounted and gave the horses the length of the reata to enable them to graze. Seating themselves on the ground they began pulling and eating angelica, telling the minister to "help himself". This was the entire bill of fare, and did not interfere with the enjoyment of a hearty supper.

This brings to mind the time when one of the settlers ate outside the valley at a Hotel. His neighbor at the table, gave an order for eggs (they were a high priced dish at the time) when they arrived they were monopolized by the settler, the one who gave the order remarked, "That's cool"— "Yes" was the innocent reply, "I guess they've been cooked too long".

Owing to the scarcity of tools and farming implements, there was much borrowing back and forth. There is but one instance on memory's record, of a refusal "to lend when a friend wants to borrow", so it is deemed appropriate to mention, although the translation of the "Golden Rule", was to do as you are done by.

Most of the travel was on horseback, and there were some fearless riders, even among the ladies. A few were quite at home on a horse without saddle, bridle or even a sursingle — merely a rope looped around the horses nose, and they went at break neck speed, ran races, jumped ditches and creeks with never a thought of accident or danger. The present style for ladies to ride astride was a thing unheard of.

If Mr. Potter's petite blonde sister wanted a horse, she did not hesitate to "corral the band," throw the lasso on a "broncho", blind and saddle him, (a man's saddle), and with a hackamore (hair rope), instead of a bridle, mount, remove the blind and then was prepared for what ever might happen.

If the horse proved sulky or began to buck, the boys said, "Miss Paddy will stay with him". How she accomplished such a feat, riding sidewise as she did, was a wonder to all beholders, and a thing not attempted by any other, not even the vaqueros.

On one occasion, this young lady rode from Potter Valley to Healdsburg, a distance of some

68 miles, in one day and attended a ball the same night.

At one time Mr. Potter's mother was taken seriously ill — a sister who was a young lady at the time, (afterwards Mrs. Moses Briggs), was the only one at home that could be spared to go for a doctor. The nearest physician was 30 miles away and the trail lay across the mountains. The night was dark, yet she sped away fearlessly, depending on her sure footed pony to carry her safely over the trail, that she was quite unable to see, much of the way, owing to the darkness. So much for the skill, endurance and courage of these pioneer women.

The pretty little 10 year old daughter of Mr. Potter, could handle a riata very deftly — when she wished to play the stock man at a rodeo, the children were the stock and were lassoed by the neck or the "hind leg", according to her fancy.

In the spring of 1860, a road was opened through the Russian River canyon by the contributed labor of the residents of the valley. In places the road was steep and narrow, and in rainy weather the "blue slide", and deep crossing occasioned no little annoyance and a return to horse back riding to reach the County seat. At times the river held the settlers as prisoners in the valley, for weeks, unless they took a very roundabout way, skirting the head of Russian River and out through Redwood Valley, and even then there were tributary streams to cross when it was necessary to get up in the saddle to keep the feet dry.

When chickens and eggs became plentiful, huxters went to the ranches and collected them, spending several days in making up a load, which was then hauled between 90 and 100 miles over steep mountain road, to Petaluma — camping on the way and being gone a week or ten days. The families made out lists of provisions and goods to be brought back, which in the main were quite as satisfactory as could have been expected, still there were many disappointments, especially among the ladies, and goods could not be returned. When the huxter's wife's best shoes were unlined calf skin, it was too much to expect him to select "cloth gaiters", how should he know, about such frivolity?

A bachelor sent for postage stamps, instead he received a set of ladies hoops and the teamster insisted that he had made no mistake, for said he, "I seed it on the bill".

The "Sacramento Union", was to be subscribed for — full explanations were given, and on the list was written, "Sac. Union". The man was "Very sorry", but he "could only get half a sack of onions".

Mr. Stamps was one of the very jolliest of these teamsters and enjoyed a joke at the expense of anyone. He was fond of telling how the eldest son, of his family, defended his Father's integrity. It was during the civil war at the time a change was made in postage stamps. Ben's eyes flashed with anger and indignation when he went to the Post Office and saw in a conspicuous place, "OLD STAMPS WON'T PAY POSTAGE" — his coat was off in a minute and he wanted to "lick the man that told such a lie", his "father NEVER HAD REFUSED TO PAY POSTAGE".

Every class was represented, even the prevaricator found his way into the valley. Two farmers meeting at a blacksmith shop, discussed his last big yarn and agreed to make up a story for the prevaricator's especial benefit. It was to be a detailed account of the tragic death of Mr. Prevaricator's former partner who had gone to the "John Day River" to mine.

When an opportunity offered, the conversation began with, "Well, I suppose you have heard from Willis?" "Yes", was the response, without a moments delay, "Just had a letter from him, he did so well in the mines that he is traveling in the east now. He was at Niagari Falls when he wrote". This was a surprise into which their story would not fit, and further more it was told so glibly, that it was believed.

Sometime later when it was learned that Willis had neither made a fortune nor gone to Niagari, one of the conspirators declared, "Since I have found a man that can tell off hand a

bigger yarn that I can manufacture in a week, (and make folks believe it besides) I am going to give up lying and hereafter tell the truth". This good resolution, made under the heat of defeat, was received with all due allowance.

The houses generally were built of logs and had but one room with a puncheon floor. Doors were made of clapboards with huge wooden hinges and long wooden latches lifted by a buckskin string. If a shelf was wanted some holes were bored in one of the logs of the wall and large pegs driven into them to support the shelf. Bed-steads were built against the wall with but one post (horse bead-stead).

A table of clap boards and some three legged stools completed the furnishings of a typical pioneer home. It required some practice and skill to be able to balance on the stools without lurking suspicion that you were liable to go over any moment.

When some pretended to like them, "because they teetered so nicely", we were reminded of the good natured woman who wanted "more crooked wood".

After a few years Mr. Ed Travers started a chair factory, a much needed industry. Unfortunately, both for Mr. Travers and the settlers, the venture was not a success, owing to the unstable quality of work turned out.

It was stated that "Some chairs stood on two legs and some on three, but all creation couldn't make them stand on four legs".

Right on the heels of this failure in business, Ed and his sister, Mrs. Sid McCreary, received a letter informing them that they had fallen heir to a vast property. The letter was put beside the door in a space between the logs, and the pet colt proceeded to chew it up and the fortune was "swallowed up" before their very eyes.

For some time the nearest post office was 52 miles away at Cloverdale, and from that place letters were sent by anyone traveling northward — and after tiresome delays they generally reached their destination.

If the postal service had been what it is today, perhaps more letters would have passed between Mr. H. P. McGee and his eastern relatives, and the mistake in naming his daughters, might never have occurred. At the time he told us of the incident, his parents had just come to make their home in the valley, and his little girls were seven and nine years old respectively. The intention had been to name the eldest one Martha, after the mother — but instead she had the sister's name which was Mary, and the younger one was Martha.

Mr. John Scott, a Justice of the Peace, lived near where Pomo now stands, and most of the mail brought to the valley was left with him. Once a letter came for Mike Carey and was carried to him by a neighbor. Now Mike was the owner of a lot of hogs that had been a great nuisance for miles around, as they were distinctly of the real "root hog or die" variety — and there had been some threats as to what might happen if he did not keep them at home.

Mike, supposing the letter was a summons to appear before the Justice, lost no time in crossing the valley and surprising that gentleman with the vehemence of his pleading to be "let off". "I was niver in koort in me life before, an if ye'll jist let me off this time Mithur Scawt, the pestherin creturs shant be no more fash til any body".

Mike was slow to understand that no legal action was pending, and that he was the possessor of a real letter, (which he could not read), the nature of which was so pleasing that his good promises regarding the "pestherin creturs", was never more thought of. Mike's cabin had no door, so the hogs were as much at home in the house as Mike himself, and while he sipped his coffee they grunted in a satisfied way while scratching themselves against the frying pan and snuggling down in the warm ashes. Once a grizzley bear came in the night and boxed the pigs about in a very familiar manner.

Mike sought safety on the beams overhead and knocking off some clapboards was soon out on the roof, where he hung on until morning. In telling of his fright, he said, "I shooted and I shooted and no mon cum near". Doubtless he yelled lustily, but the nearest neighbor was a mile away so he was not heard.

During the rainy weather Mike said his hogs "Jist milted away", and he gave them his undivided care and attention. When the warm spring days came he began house-cleaning by throwing hay all over the earthen floor, and then setting fire to it to burn out the fleas. Fortunately the weather was good and he suffered but little inconvenience in sleeping out of doors until he could build another cabin, and he was rid of fleas for a little time.

A mangy pig that Mike gave to the children, did not meet with a warm reception by the elder members of the family. The first day of piggie's sojourn at his new home, brought visitors who stayed to tea. During the meal, little Tad in his high chair, saw piggie enter the door and frightened out of his little wits, screamed, "A goop, a goop", and climbing on the table sat down in the meat platter.

We cannot leave the subject of Mike's hogs without relating one more incident in which one was star performer. For a time, a ditch fence with a rail on top, proved effectual, but not for long. When the hogs began to break in and destroy the growing crop, the farmer took his blankets and dogs and slept in the field. One night the hogs made an entrance before they were discovered, and the leader of the band fought the dogs and finally chased them to the house. A portion of the family, roused by the commotion, left their beds and went to the yard — by a coup de maitre the hog treed them on the farm wagon where they sat in their robes de nuit until the hog, still worried by the dogs, took possession of the house — which by the way had no door. With the "coast clear", the farmer climbed from the wagon and procured the pitch fork as a weapon. Removing the window, (there was but one, with six lights) he reached in and prodded the hog whenever the dogs drove him within reach, which was much of the time, as the cabin was but 12 feet square. Ever and anon the hog darted under the bed, where was still one member of the family. As the hog was taller than the bed was high, there was a great displacement of the clapboards, (which served as a spring mattress) and for a time the predicament of that "bed ridden party", was anything but enviable.

The farmer sicked, the dogs barked, and the hog squealed, pandemonium reigned. Three men and two dogs, took a tired and supposedly conquered hog, to quite a distance and when they attempted to part company, he chased them back to the wagon. This was repeated a second time — on being dragged away for the third time, he was placed lying with the feet so close to a big oak tree, that he had difficulty in rising, and while he was struggling to get up, all hands beat a hasty retreat from the opposite side of the tree, keeping as much as possible out of the hogs sight. Well might that hog have said "Veni, vidi, vici".

Mike was not the only one to put his animals on an equality with himself — two brothers shared a small preemption cabin with old sow and nine pigs and a lot of half grown shoats, besides these there were three sheep and a small flock of chickens.

There was no door to the cabin so they had the freedom of it during the day and at night the hogs occupied the "ground floor", the men the "lower berth", and the chickens the "upper one". The gable end of the house was finished with clapboards, which left a good perch on the top log for the fowls.

At the time of our visit, one of the brothers was making a batch of bread, mixing it in the top of the flour sack, which stood on a shelf beside the water bucket. When the dough was of the proper consistency, the bed was turned up at the foot and the bread rolled out on the straw tick, with a large sized bottle. Judging from the flour on the tick, many pieces of dough had been shaped there to fit the Dutch oven.

While the bread baked and bacon sizzled in the frying pan, a pig made himself too familiar and got a spat on top of the head with the coffee pot. The proprietor meanwhile, discussed the latest Civil war news, in the best of English — recited some of his "jingles", and made a quotation from Shakespeare.

#### INTERVIEW WITH GENEVA SPOTSWOOD CHRISTOFFERSON, October 1983, Age 90

Joseph Spotswood, was born in 1838 at Ontario, Canada to parents who had come from Scotland. In Ontario, he had married a Miss McDougal and to them were born five children. After her death, he met a Dicey Hopper in Petaluma. Her father was a banker and had acquired a large ranch in Potter Valley. He sent Joseph and Dicey here in about 1872 to run the Hardin Ranch, which is now the Stroh Ranch. Two children were born before Dicey's death.

At this stage of his life, he decided to go out on his own and bought a large acreage including all the area from Main and West Road to Spring Valley Road, back to the Harrison place, Clarence Harvey's place, the Kimmel Ranch and across over to the Julius Rottluff's line fence on Powerhouse Road, coming around to what was then the Eddie property on Upper West Main Street. A strip along Spring Valley Road was later sold to the government Indian Agency.

In 1885, Mr. Spotswood started building the large brick house where his daughter Mabel now lives. The house was finished in 1887, and in 1888 he married Addie Spencer. Addie was the third child of John Spencer and Sara De Selm, who had a French background. John had come from Indiana. They came from Iowa to California. The Spencers were a large family, so the Spotswoods had many relatives. Spencers came in 1870.

From this marriage, Mr. Spotswood acquired seven more children. Until his death in 1912, he raised many acres of hops on land below the hill on the south end of his property and at the Julius Rottluff place.

Before Joseph's death in 1912, he had disposed of all of his property north and west of Main Street. The children had all attended and graduated from the Oriental School in Centerville, as eighth graders. After Joseph's death, Addie rented out the ranch and took her five daughters to Santa Rosa for further schooling in 1913. Elva, Olive and Mabel attended high school and Geneva and Gladys passed a test which enabled them to enter Sweet's Business College. Geneva was married to Walter Voorhies — then to McLain Christofferson. Olive became a nurse and married Jim Nichols. Gladys married Harry Shimmins. Mabel married Percy Whitcomb.

In 1917, Elva Spotswood had married Herbert Pickle and they lived at home and farmed the land. About this same time, brother Gus was thinking of marrying Olga Richter and he and the sisters decided he would take the south portion of the ranch as his.

About 1930, the land had been divided up into equal portions — both the good farming land and the poorer ground where the grape vineyard was, which included everything between Marion Day's road to the creek between Olive Nichols and Byron Elmer and back to Harrison's Ranch. These separate two divisions were written on pieces of paper and drawn by each daughter from a hat. Mabel was the lucky one to draw the house and land. She later had it remodeled and the top story removed. Elva soon built her house on the corner of Main and West Road. By the early 1930's all the daughters were back in Potter Valley. Olive built her home, then Gladys and then Geneva in 1938.

#### FRANKLIN CHRISTOPHER

Franklin Christopher left his home in Tennessee in December, 1849 and with his family came to Missouri where they remained for four years. In the spring of 1854 they joined a covered wagon train and started for California. After a long and tedious journey of six months they arrived at Princeton, Colusa County. Although there were many hostile Indians along the route at that time, this party was fortunate in meeting only with the friendly tribes.

In 1858 Mr. Christopher and family started to the coast counties, arriving in Potter Valley by the way of Calpella and coming over the mountain road known then as "Hell's Delight".

His first home was purchased from Asbill Bros. and comprised what is now the O. M. Frost, J. J. Thorton, G. H. Busch, O. B. Filben, E. W. Hunter and McGarvey ranches. Here he assisted in organizing the first school in the valley, which was taught in a small log house on the place.

Through his experience in farming in Colusa Co. and with seeds brought with him from that place, he was successful in the raising of all varieties of grain. In his farming he was assisted by his brothers, Billie, Boone and Calvin Christopher.

Other places owned by Mr. Christopher in the valley were the old Bevans home, the Thornton home; and what is now known as the Prager ranch. In 1868 he erected the house there which was destroyed by fire on January 1, 1933. Mrs. Sarah Sweeney, the only member of this family still residing in the valley was married in that house on November 9, 1869, to Owen Sweeney, another pioneer.

Mr. Christopher sold this ranch to Henry Slingerland in 1872 and moved to Vacaville where his three surviving sons, William, Charles and Ben still reside.

(The following is a note by Caroline Sweeney Butcher, 1984.) The above information was in papers of Grace Sweeney. William, Charles and Ben Christopher passed away quite a few years ago but exact dates are not immediately available. Charles has a daughter, Mabel McCrory, still living in Vacaville and a grandson, Charles Lee Christopher (According to land owners, this was written by Grace about 1930.)

#### THE COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE of MAUDE MCCOMBS and CLYDE FOSTER

Taped by Delight Shelton at the Foster's Golden Wedding Celebration, March, 1967. This tape was also used by Bruce Levene for "Mendocino County Remembered".

Although Maude's grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emit McCombs lived in Potter Valley from 1867-1871, they did lots of moving around. While they lived in Covelo after leaving Potter Valley, their son, Frank, married and had several children. Frank's wife died young and the large family of children including Maude and Myrtle Gavin (a later resident here) helped the father in caring for the younger ones.

Maude happily related the beginning of her romance with Clyde at their Golden Wedding Celebration.

"I met Clyde at Henry Bucknell's place, when I was 14 years old. He came in to visit his cousin Holly Bucknell. There was an old hound laying on the porch and he seemed to be having a funny dream. Clyde and I looked up at each other and smiled.

"After I'd seen Clyde around at different places a few times one of the girls said 'Well he'd be kind of cute if he was dressed up!' I said 'Well, I think he is kind of cute when he isn't dressed up'.

"We didn't see too much of each other that summer. It was 1914 and my family packed up and moved to Ukiah where I saw my first train. Once in a while I would receive a letter from Clyde in Covelo."

Clyde goes on from there saying, "I was in Covelo and Maude's dad was there. I was going back out to Henry Bucknell's and I wanted to ask for Maude, but I was pretty bashful. So we rode all the way down the lane. I was afraid to ask him but we kept on riding. About the time we got to the ranch I got up the courage to ask for her. He did not say yes and he did not say no. Finally he asked Maude if she wanted to marry that "little fella". (The McCombs men were all way over 6 feet tall.) I guess she said yes."

"When we left my brother Ralph's ranch to get married," Maude said, "We had to look up horses so all could ride to town. All we could find for Clyde was a little chuckle headed mule. We were about half way to town and we met a man who said 'Don't you know it is bad luck to ride a mule?' After a while the mule decided he didn't want to follow and turned and went down the canyon and Clyde could not get him back to us for quite a while. I told Clyde I thought the mule had a message for him, but he did not take it.

"After the wedding we started out for our well hidden horses, but the boys were there to chivari us. Old fashioned chivaries seem to be forgotten now."

Clyde continued and told how at the time of their marriage, he was working as one of the first government trappers for the U. S. Biological Survey. His territory covered a large area from Hull Mountain, Covelo area and into Trinity County. This he did for five years. He was stationed 18 miles from the Covelo Ranger Station at Indian Dick Station. It was necessary for them to go by horse and pack in all their worldly goods by pack mules from Covelo for their honeymoon.

Clyde recalls about the summer they camped at Indian Dick, north of Covelo. "The rattlesnakes were so thick there that we had to put our bed up in the trees. When we would go to town once a month for the groceries we would come back and see the rattlesnake tracks where they had been all around our camp."

Later in 1920 they moved to the Ridgewood Ranch owned by Charles S. Howard. Clyde was there at the time they brought the first white faced cattle in from Texas by train.

During the years 1924-1927 found the Fosters north of Willits operating the Wheelbarrow Ranch for Charles and Frank Frasier.

After moving back to Potter Valley, where he worked on some ranches, he soon went to work for the U. S. Forest Service for 12 years. About 1942 they moved to Martinez where he worked as a carpenter retiring in 1962 from the carpenter's union. Moving back then to Potter Valley they bought the house and one acre where he still grows and sells a large supply of vegetables.

Every Spring Festival finds Clyde astride his little pinto horse, riding in the parade and taking home a trophy for the oldest rider. Clyde still drives his car around Mendocino and Lake Counties and has settled down to help Maude care for things at home. One year Clyde was Grand Marshall of the parade.

Maude's remembrances of early married life are that she spent most of the early married days riding the trap lines in the mountains with Clyde. Married life in those days was hard for a woman, living in a cabin with few belongings and no modern day conveniences. Only once a month they went to Covelo for supplies, the rest of the time they lived out of their pack box, supplanting their food supply with wild game. Now she lives across from the store.

#### HISTORY OF CLYDE FOSTER — Written by Delight Shelton, 1983 for The Potter Valley Forum

Potter Valley is blessed with a great number of older people who are still very alert and capable of doing a great deal of work.

An old timer in this category is Clyde Foster who celebrated his 90th birthday last week. Clyde was born March 29, 1893 at the Eden Valley Ranch about one-half mile north of the main ranch at the house on Jackson Creek. His parents were Ben and Laura Hagler Foster who had come to Covelo about 1875 and then moved to Eden Valley. The Eden Valley Ranch consisted of 26,000 acres and covered a large area north toward Covelo and south over Mount San Hedrin to Hearst. This was a well traveled stage route from Ukiah to Covelo and had an old hand hewn log hotel on the ranch grounds which was built in 1868. (This building burned about 1941, while we were living our nine years at Eden Valley.)



Clyde's grandmother, Elizabeth Ferguson Hagler, left Indiana in 1849 and came from Missouri in the late 1850's to California, settling at Stonyford.

Clyde's parents separated some time after they moved to Potter Valley, about 1900, where he grew up. As a young boy he spent a great deal of his time at the Shelton's who lived at the present Stroh Ranch. He remembers the good food cooked by Grandma Shelton. He recalls the games, tricks and jokes the older Shelton boys played on each other. One that he especially remembers is how those older boys, for pleasure, would go up on the hills north easterly toward Eel River and take a crowbar and roll high rocks down off the mountain tops.

The family spent some time living at Baker Springs on Tomki, and Clyde and his brothers and sisters attended school at Baker Springs, Hearst and Foster Mountain. After his parents separated, Clyde spent some time with his father at Williams and attended school there. Clyde is the last surviving one of his brothers Charles, Walter, Paul and his sisters Edith Compton and Mabel Pitney. Mrs. Foster married a Mr. Partridge and came back to Potter Valley to live.

The Fosters have raised three sons — Marion who married Barbara Davis; Gene married to Dorothy Kinlock; and Harley who married Diane Shelton. They are the loving grandparents of eleven grandchildren and very proud of their twelve great grandchildren.

Clyde and son Harley and grandson Kenny Foster are another three generation family living in Potter Valley.

Author's note: Clyde and Maude were married March 31, 1917. They have celebrated their fiftieth, sixtieth, sixty-fifth and in March 1987 will be their 70th anniversary. I know of no other couple in Potter Valley who have lived together so happily for so long.

#### LILY QUESENBERRY GIBSON

Mrs. Lily Gibson was once known for keeping the history of Potter Valley. She and Grace Sweeney wrote a brief history in 1948 of Potter Valley.

Lily was born March 5, 1871 in Potter Valley to Sarah Eliza Radar and Zachariah Taylor Quesenberry.

Her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Radar and her uncles Isaiah, Daniel and Jackson Radar had come to Potter Valley in 1867, bought the Tom Potter homestead of 200 acres, paying \$27 per acre, and built a log cabin for their family.

Lily's mother Sarah E. Radar had married Zachariah Quesenberry and they and his father, Moses Quesenberry, came to Potter Valley. They settled on land adjoining the Radar property as far as Russian River.

Zachariah had come to California around Cape Horn in the gold rush days.

Lily's schooling had been at the school in Upper Potter.

Lily Quesenberry married George W. Gibson on June 24, 1889 at the Methodist Church parsonage. The Gibsons had one son, Dr. Henry Gibson — a dentist at Honolulu. They also reared a foster son, Lawrence Mustard.

Lily told how she earned her pin money by raising turkeys and vegetables, making pear preserves and other jellies and selling them through the Charles Hoffman store in Ukiah and a commission man T. J. Pierce of San Francisco.

Her husband George Gibson was wrongfully accused of a shooting in the Frost feud at the Clauber Ranch, between Tomki Creek and Hearst. He served some time in prison until he was proved innocent. A very quiet gentlemanly person was George Gibson.

## GRAVES HISTORY

Arron Alfred Graves, born in 1831 in the Panhandle, Texas, came to Potter Valley and settled out Lake Pillsbury area. He married Ada McMath and they were the parents of nine children: George, Samuel, Melissa, Josephine (Simons), Jessie (Bowman), Alla, Frank, Will and Arthur.

Their home was the Scott Dam area at Lake Pillsbury. According to Malcolm McLeod, they owned the important site where the dam was erected. (He said they owned the whole damn key to the dam.)

## ISAAC YOKUM GRIFFITTS — by great granddaughter Verna Gibson Paige

Isaac Griffitts was born in Missouri January 11, 1832. His family moved to Illinois when Isaac was a child. Isaac became a tailor by trade.

He and his brother Thomas separated at an early age over their differences of the North and South situation.

Isaac married Mary Jane Snively. She was from a large family from Tennessee. While wintering in Missouri, Mary's sister, Suzannah Snively, married Brigham Young (no children). Their sister Hanahette married a Mormon official Carley Pratt (3 children). Isaac saw John Smith, the Mormon leader, killed the winter they spent with the train in Missouri.

The Griffitts came to California in 1853 with the "Wheat" wagon train. Isaac was appointed captain by Mr. Wheat. Isaac and wife first settled in Rabbit Creek, Plumas County (now La Porte), but came to Potter Valley in 1859.

Isaac's son, George, used to tell of their early days in Potter Valley out in the hills. Isaac would go with others to Sacramento Valley to shear sheep. Before leaving he and his wife Mary Jane would agree on a place for her to hide a note saying when and what happened if attacked by Indians during his absence. They had a cave they were to hide in if possible.

Once Isaac found a man, La Fever, snooping around his place and warned him if he ever did it again he would shoot him. Later his wife, Mary, told Isaac that La Fever had been on the property — Isaac went to Pomo and shot La Fever with a shot gun, but did not kill him.

## LUTHER PERRY GROVER

Luther Perry Grover was born February 8, 1824 in Sidney, Maine. He moved to Liberty, Illinois and married Lovinia Lierly on March 25, 1852. He was a farmer and they lived on a farm three miles south of Liberty. He sold his farm that had 200 acres to his brother Pardon for \$6,000 in paper money. After he sold his farm, he and his family moved to California. To this union, three boys and one girl were born, in Liberty, Illinois.

Isaac Wilson Grover was born January 15, 1853. William Albert was born November 17, 1854. Owen Grover was born December 9, 1857. Lilly Elizabeth was born December 17, 1860. Lilly Elizabeth died at the age of three and was buried on the plains in Nevada. The Grover Family crossed the plains in a covered wagon. Grover owned two wagons and 3 span of mules and one span of horses. Jim Wilkins drove the second wagon for Luther Perry Grover.

William Townsend owned a wagon and a span of horses and he came with his family. His wife Sarah was a sister to Lovinia Grover. Another sister Olive Lierly was 18 and not married. She came in the wagon with Luther Perry Grover and his wife. When they left Illinois, they joined a train of 60 wagons coming West. When they came to the Platte River, they disagreed and only three wagons went on. Grover's wagons (2) and Townsend's wagon.

The three wagons came to Salt Lake City, then through Odgen and around the northend of Salt Lake City, Utah. When they got to Diamond Springs, Nevada, near Elko, Lilly died with mountain fever. Lilly was buried in Nevada. They came over the Donner Pass.

Luther Perry and Lovinia, their three boys and her sister Olive Lierly settled between Napa and Sonoma. They lived there for about one year and then they moved to Sonoma. They had a vineyard and an apple orchard.

In the Fall of 1867, they moved to Potter Valley, California. He bought a ranch from Lowe Anderson. Eighty acres was Government Land, that he paid \$1.25 an acre, which was across the road on the hill.

On February 13, 1876, Lovinia Grover died of rheumatic fever. She was 44 years old. She was buried in Potter Valley. Two years later on September 23, 1878, Luther Perry Grover married Mary Ann Newby Purpus in Illinois. She was a widow with a daughter named Nettie Purpus. To this union, Leon Luther Grover was born April 13, 1882. A daughter Alice was also born to this union, but she died when she was six years old.

Mr. Grover treated Nettie as his own daughter. At his death she inherited equally.

Mary Ann Purpus Grover's daughter Nettie married Sam Graves.

#### JOHN HOPPER HISTORY to 1930

John Hopper and his family lived in Sonoma County till 1856, when he moved to Ukiah and leased the Orr's Hot Springs Ranch.

In 1862 he moved to Potter Valley where he bought 1,000 acres of land, being a strip ½ mile wide running from the foothill on the west side of the valley, to near the top of the hill on the east side, and bordered on the south by the main street in Potter Valley, paying the big price of \$1.25 per acre.

All their farming was done with an ox team. John was gored by an oxen when breaking them and never fully recovered, as one lung was punctured by a rib.

John passed away in March 1889. His wife Jane survived him till 1898.

#### HOPPER HISTORY — 1930

John Hopper, with his wife, Jane Leigh Hopper, and their family of two girls and five boys, came to Potter Valley in the fall of 1862 and made their home on what is still known as the Hopper Ranch situated on the east side of the Valley. This home place contains four hundred acres but in addition to this, John owned six hundred acres extending to the road on the west side. This land was divided and allotted to each child as they married. Sarah Jane and Samuel Logan received that portion now owned by James Eddie; Green Berry and Sarah Vann Hopper, that portion now owned by Charles Hardisty; George Leigh and Lucinda Baker Hopper, the portion known as the Hawn Ranch, now owned by Cunningham and Thomas; John Thomas and Eliza Tunnell Hopper, the portion now known as the Brooks ranch, also owned by Cunningham and Thomas; William Brown and Elizabeth Lownes Hopper, that portion adjoining the Brooks place on the west, the south half of which is now owned by Cunningham and Thomas and the north half of which belongs to Julius Rutloff; Luther Washington and Julia Armstrong Hopper, the present James Hughes Ranch; and Emma A. and Frank Tunnell, the present Crafts Ranch.

On these several farms their families were reared. John also deeded one acre of land adjoining Luther's place to the school district to be used for school and church purposes only and upon which the old high school building now stands.

John and Jane Hopper continued to reside upon the old homestead carrying on the activities of farming and stock raising until the year 1888, when they leased the old home and went to reside in Santa Barbara County, California, where several of their children, with their families, had preceded them, and where John passed away in March 1889 at the age of 67. Jane survived him until September 1898 when she passed away at the age of 84.

The only surviving members of John's family are Luther and Emma. Luther resides at Bakersfield, California, and Emma at Los Olives, California. With the exception of those of William, most of the surviving children of the different families now reside in Southern California.

In the fall of 1890, William leased the old home place and went, with his family, to reside there. After the death of his mother, he bought the interests of the other heirs and lived there until the fall of 1920, when he turned the ranch management over to his son, Harry, who still makes his home there, and bought the place now owned by P. B. Westerman on Main St. He and Elizabeth sold this place to Mr. Westerman and now live with her son, Elmer, in Ukiah. She has attended each reunion.

William and Elizabeth Hopper were the only ones to remain in Potter Valley until the Pioneer Association was organized in 1926 and in which they both took an active part.

Of this family, Mrs. Anna Bevans and Harry Hopper still reside in the Valley.

Of this family there are 30 living grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

#### ACROSS THE PLAINS IN '47 — The Hopper Family

The following is a brief history of one of the first families to cross the plains by ox team and covered wagon and settle in California. The story is told by L. W. Hopper, last living child of that band of hardy pioneers who came to this state before the discovery of gold. (Recorded by his nephew Kenneth C. Hopper.)

I have been asked to give a short history of the Hopper family in early California. In order to start at the beginning I will say the original family of Hoppers settled in Virginia early in the seventeenth century hailing from England.

Later the descendants of this family began to work westward along with other hardy pioneers and at the time of which I shall write, my father John Hopper, with his brother, William, Ary, and Tom and a cousin, Charlie, were settled in the little town of Lone Jack, Missouri.

Cousin Charlie was in poor health and was advised by his doctor to get out and "rough it for a while". In the spring of 1845 accompanied by two friends, he started for California with a pack train. After many adventures, they finally arrived at Sutters Fort; then around the bay to the Mexican village of San Jose, where they spent the winter of 1845-46.

In the spring of 1846 they started back for Lone Jack, Mo. On the return journey both his companions died, but Charlie arrived strong and well, entirely recovered from his former sickness.

Upon his return to Lone Jack he immediately started the formation of a wagon train, California bound. When complete, the train consisted of 14 picked men with their families and the best equipment money could buy.

In this party were my father and mother with their three children — Sarah, Greenberry, and baby Donald, and father's younger brother, Tom.

I am sorry to say that I do not have the complete roster of that wagon train because when it arrived at Salt Lake, Utah, the party split, some going to Oregon and the other, containing my family, continued to California.

Charlie Hopper was captain of the train and my father was second in command. The trip across the plains took six months and was comparatively uneventful except for one unfortunate incident. One night two of the oxen wandered away or were driven off. The next morning the older male members of the party started to search for the missing animals, leaving two youngsters in their teens in charge of the train.

Shortly after the party left, two Indians were seen approaching the train, probably to beg for food. When the Indians got near, the boys grabbed their guns and shot them killing both of them. My mother was an eye witness to this and always recalled it with horror. The two oxen were slaughtered.

After the party split at Salt Lake, the California contingent traveled on and entered the land of promise by the route taken just a few months before by the ill fated Donner party. Mute evidence of this tragedy was still to be seen. Harry Hopper has a hammer picked up by John Hopper at the Donner party camp site.

From what is now known as Donner Pass to the valley below, was the hardest and most hazardous part of the entire trip across the plains. The party had to literally cut their way through brush and undergrowth and make a road out of those high rough mountains.

They finally reached Sutters Fort where the party divided. Our family went on to San Jose, where they arrived just six months after they had left Missouri.

My father John Hopper built the first wooden frame house in San Jose, the lumber for which he made from redwood trees, by splitting the boards with maul, wedge and frow. The family lived in San Jose until January, 1848, when word arrived of the discovery of gold by John Marshall at Coloma.

Father did not go in for mining, but when word was brought of the discovery of gold he left his place in San Jose and with his brother, Tom, moved to Sonoma County, where they went into the cattle business. Tom Hopper became a millionaire and founded the Bank of Santa Rosa and was president of that institution for many years. My older brother, George D. Hopper, who passed away in Santa Maria, a few years ago at the age of 82, is said to be the first white child born in California. Born December 12, 1848.

As for myself, I was born in Sonoma County in 1855 — now am 81 years old, and as far as I know, am the only one alive, born of that little company that crossed the plains in 1847.

The names of some of those who made up the party, and who settled in California were:

Charlie Hopper — Captain

John Hopper — second in command

Tom Hopper

Sam Young

Cyrus Hitchcock

John Young

Sam Gaus

John Yount — founder of Yountville, Napa County.

On the trail at the Platt River, Tom Hopper was married to Minerva Young, daughter of Sam Young.

Note: Luther Hopper won the calf-roping contest at the age of eighty, at Darrah, Mariposa County, California.

## HUGHES HISTORY — John Corbly and Jane Hughes

This information about the Hughes Family trek is from Fredna Tweedt Irvine, great niece of Minnie Jeffrene (Hughes) Rector, Marion Cureton Fowler and Carmel Thomas Taylor, descendants of John Corbly and Jane (Washburn) Hughes.

The Hughes' were a strong family group with three grown sons aged 22, 21 and 18 and a daughter 17, as well as younger children. (Editor's note: This was the ages of the older children, when they started to California.)

The Hughes family had one Indian scare when the men left camp to go on a hunting expedition. The women used the day to wash their clothes in the stream by which they camped. A band of Indian braves came by. The frightened women continued to wash clothes, expecting any minute they'd hear a war whoop and that they would lose their scalps. But the Indians watched them, and then the Chief told his men to remove their loincloths which they handed to the women to wash. After they were washed the Indians put their loincloths back on and went away.

They followed the Humboldt River, formerly called Mary's River, but renamed by Fremont, for 365 miles until it finally disappears in a swampy slough called the Humboldt Sink. Surrounding the Sink is a frightful desert which proved to be a nightmare for the California travelers.

There was a choice of three routes across the Sierras. The Hughes family followed the old route, southwest to the Truckee River and over the Donner Pass through the Sierras.

The desert trek from the Humboldt Sink to the Truckee River was, up to this point, the most difficult part of the great journey. The advance scouts returned to tell the Hughes party that they had seen "hell", when describing the hot springs out in the desert.

The Truckee River, a cold sparkling mountain stream was "heaven" to the weary travelers, and they camped on the Great Meadow, now the site of Reno, Nevada. The trail turned southwest from the meadow to Donner Lake along which they passed on the north side. The Donners had camped at the east end of the lake, and the Hughes Family told about seeing the effects of their camp "high in the trees", still there in 1849.

According to family record, the Hughes Family arrived in California on October 10, 1849. There was a severe snow storm in the Sierras on October 10th, and the Hughes Family had reached Ophir, California, by October 15th, and they spent the winter mining.

The following spring John Corbly and Jane bought a ranch in Sacramento Co. where they raised stock and farmed. Rowland, their second son, mined, and they bought his beautiful ranch in Sonoma County, Blucher Valley, not far from Sebastopol. In 1852 John Corbly "Corby" and Jane also moved to Sonoma Co. and settled in the Santa Rosa Valley and continued raising stock. Corby died there in 1854 and was buried in the Macedonia Cemetery. (The land was deeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, December 2, 1867, by Rowland and his wife Jane, for a Church and Cemetery.)

In 1858 Jane Hughes moved with her son, James L. Hughes to Redwood Valley, then to Potter Valley. There he built a brick house on his property in the north end of the valley in 1881.

## THE HUGHES FAMILY — As told by Otto Hughes

Written by Delight Shelton for Mendocino County Historical Meeting at Potter Valley, November, 1965

This year, 1965, marks the 100th Anniversary of the Hughes' Family settling in Potter Valley.

A sketch about my father, James L. Hughes . . . . He was born in Kentucky, May 4, 1827. When but a child, he moved with his parents to Missouri where they resided on a farm until May 1849, when they came to California, crossing the Plains with ox teams. Here they spent the winter mining. In the spring, they bought a ranch in Sacramento County.

In the spring of 1852, they moved to Sonoma County and settled in Santa Rosa Valley, where they stock farmed.

James had married Miss Mary A. Wright, a native of Tennessee, May 3, 1849. James' father died at Santa Rosa, April 6, 1854. James, his family, and his mother lived at Santa Rosa until August 1858, when they came to Mendocino County, settling in Redwood Valley. James Hughes continued farming and stock raising until 1865. Seven children were born to James and his wife: Sarah Mary, Martha, George, James, Lucinda, and Frances. His wife, Mary, died December 17, 1861 at Redwood Valley.

James Hughes moved to Potter Valley in 1865, settling on his place in Upper Potter where the P.G.&E. Powerhouse now stands in the center of his ranch. This 365 acres he bought from John George Busch (presumably William Potter property sold to Mr. Busch).

On January 8, 1866, James married Atlantic Ocean McGee. Their children were California Rose, Richard Thomas, Luella, John S., Francis D., Otto Roscoe, and Myrtle H. He continued farming and stock raising until he died in 1890. He built the brick house which is still standing, in 1881. The older brothers continued farming. The property was divided between the children of the last marriage. James had previously settled with his children from his first marriage. His son James Corbly bought land in town west of the river on Main Street from Luther Hopper.

In 1908, son Otto married Sadie McKee.

Otto's uncle, Dan Hughes had also moved to Potter Valley and had purchased 160 acres, mostly hill land just east of their hill land. Otto's oldest brother Richard bought it from Dan Hughes. (Richard was my husband's step-father.)

Otto's father, James L. Hughes, also homesteaded the land west of the power house called the Ross field. He also homesteaded some hill land over the mountain and up Hale Creek.

Richard Hughes homesteaded the land beyond Hale Creek along Eel River to Tomki Creek at the Circle X Ranch. A house and barn were built near by on his side.

After the death of Otto's father, the boys all helped their mother run the ranch. Eventually the land was divided between sons Richard, Frank, John and Otto Hughes. The boys bought out their two sister's shares. In 1920 Otto bought all of Richard's property except the 160 acres east of the road, previously owned by Uncle Dan Hughes.

Otto continued farming all these years, buying the Coble place of 520 acres and 800 acres over the hill toward Eel River, in 1929. This made 1700 acres for Otto which he sold in 1962 to Woodward and Wilson. (McFadden Farms is a part of this ranch.)

Atlantic Ocean McGee Hughes was born October 17, 1845 at Chilicothe, Missouri and came to California in 1863, staying one winter at Reese River, Nevada (now Austin, Nevada). Otto remembers his mother telling that she was 18 years of age when they crossed the Plains. His mother said she had walked nearly all the way from Missouri to California. Atlantic Ocean died in December, 1925. (As a child in Potter Valley and hearing the name Atlantic Ocean Hughes, I naturally assumed she had been born on the Atlantic Ocean. Seems a strange name for someone born in Missouri.)

Otto recalls they always raised wheat; they threshed about 2,000 bushels and sold it in Willits for around two cents a pound.

Otto's father bought a mantle clock the day he finished the new home, in 1881 and wrote the date within. It was a calendar clock and is still running. It is designated to go to his grandson Richard Hughes. (Although Otto wasn't always well and sometimes took time out for what he thought was a heart condition, he lived an active life for 95 years.) (See photo section for clock.)

## THOMAS EDWARD LONG

Written by Lolita Long Lowry, granddaughter of Thomas E. Long — May 1, 1984

Thomas E. Long, born about 1861 in Buchanan County, Missouri, was one of five children born to Henry and Martha (Baker) Long (sister of Henry Womack Baker). Henry Long was born about 1822 to George and Elizabeth (Catron/Kettering) Long, who were natives of Grayson County, Virginia and lived in White County and Van Buren Counties, Tennessee. After George's death in 1840 Elizabeth and all the children settled in the northwestern part of the State of Missouri.

Henry Long died in early 1870 leaving a daughter who was married, Sarah Hammon(d), and living in Buchanan County and an adult son, George, who made several trips to California finally settling in Mendocino County. Thomas and his brother, Robert were under 14 years of age and James was also a minor. Thomas was granted an amount from his father's estate to join relatives in California. He and his mother, Martha Long, came to Potter Valley where her brother Henry W. Baker lived. Martha later married Benjamin P. Whitney also of Potter Valley. Henry Baker was appointed guardian for Thomas to receive the final settlement in his father's estate and he gave consent to his marriage to Agnes Ida Madora Carner (daughter of James Madison and Mary (Rogers) Carner and granddaughter of Ambrose and Rosalinda (Wells) Carner of Potter Valley) which took place in Ukiah on September 7, 1878.

Thomas and Ida's two oldest children were born in Potter Valley, Mary Margaret (Mamie) who died as an infant and Edward Henry born August 22, 1881. They were in Santa Barbara County for a short time in the early 1880's, returning to Potter Valley before moving with James Madison Carner and his family to Covelo. They remained there the rest of their lives and typhoid took the lives of their two younger children, Addie and Dewey in 1901.

Thomas E. Long was a business man and farmer and was elected to represent his district on the Board of Supervisors in November 1902. Because of ill health he attended only a few meetings before his death in May 1903, which was noted in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors of June 1, 1903, when they met and adjourned in "honor of his memory", and recorded "our appreciation of the fact that a most excellent official, a public spirited citizen, a thorough, honest, honorable man, has gone from among us . . . ."

After the death of Thomas E. Long his widow later married John Wesley Grist and she and her only surviving child, Edward H. Long, remained in Covelo.

See page 717 of Reprint of 1880 History of Mendocino County for further information on Edward Henry Long. One line was omitted in this printing — line 21 should read "The eldest, Harold E., November 23, 1907, now deceased was married to Edna Hall. Gerald H., December 25, 1908, now deceased, was a retail merchant of Alameda, California holding offices during his years in business in the East Bay Grocers' Association. Thomas J. . . ."

Thomas and Joseph currently serve on the Board of Directors, Joseph is Chairman of the Board and his son, Robert, is President of Longs Drugs, Inc. of Walnut Creek, California. They now operate 178 stores in California, Hawaii, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and Alaska. Lolita is retired from the VA Dept. of Welfare & Institutions and her husband, John Lowry from N.A.S.A. and they reside in Santa Rosa, CA. Ralph is retired from the Library of the Performing Arts in Lincoln Center, New York City and resides in Mill Valley, CA. Grandchildren as of this date number 19.

## JOHN WELLS MCCLLOUD

Information from Mrs. Morey (June) McCloud. Morey is the grandson of John W. McCloud.

John McCloud was born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 9, 1820. In 1837 they moved to Illinois, four years later to Iowa where John learned the coopers trade. In March, 1850 he crossed the plains with his parents by ox-team, arriving at Steep Hollow on September 6, 1850. About two weeks later they moved on to Napa.



In 1857 John returned to Iowa via Panama and remained a few months. Returning to California via Panama he came directly to Mendocino County, spent the winter at Sanel and settled in Potter Valley in 1858.

On June 15, 1866 he received a Patent for Sale of Public Land in the northwest part of Potter Valley (160 acres), located where Gibson Lane and Busch Lane join, Busch Lane being part of the south boundary line of the property. Old Wagon Road goes through the southwest portion.

John married Martha A. Van Nader in 1874. Martha had come with her mother and two brothers, John and Isaac in 1870, arriving and settling in Potter Valley November 13. They had one son Louis Clifford.

John McCloud also had a cabin at Pine Flat on San Hedrin, where he ran cattle on land he owned or leased.

In later years they sold their Potter Valley property to J. George Busch and William Boyes and moved to Talmage to be near their son who was supervisor at the State Hospital.

Son, Louis Clifford moved to Lake County in 1920, where he was active in Clear Lake Realty, served as city treasurer of Lakeport, Justice of the Peace and was appointed Recorder of Lake County in March, 1923.

#### THE McCOWENS TRAVEL WESTWARD — Excerpts from Emily McCowen Horton's book

"Our Family" with a glimpse of their pioneer life written in 1922.

My father, Thomas McCowen, was born October 16th, 1808, of Irish-Scotch parents, in Patterson, New Jersey. When he was a small boy the family removed to Warren County, Ohio, twenty-one miles from Cincinnati.

My mother, Amily Leonard, born in Addison County, Vermont, October 25th, 1812. A year later her parents removed to Ohio and settled on a farm and were near neighbors of the McCowens. The children of both families attended the same school.

Thomas McCowen, eldest son of James and Jane McCowen, and Amily Leonard, second daughter of John and Catherine Leonard, were married March 29th, 1832. It was then the beautiful brown eyes came to the McCowen family, and were inherited by four of her five children. Three children were born in Ohio: George, March 18th, 1833; Helen, April 22, 1838; Emily, June 21st, 1841.

My father took a course at a Medical College in Columbus, Ohio, and practiced for a number of years successfully for the patients. Living in a pioneer country and the "Thompsonian" system comparatively new, — with roots, herbs and steaming, the remuneration was very small; most persons preferred the old Allopathic way.

After frequent moves westward it was decided to go all the way to California. May 27th, 1857 was the day set for the start. Uncle Sam was promptly on hand, quite early in the morning with his outfit — he had made the trip in 1849 and again in 1852, so he knew much better how to prepare. He had three wagons, two with oxen, a spring wagon with horses — for wife and daughter. One item in their supplies was 600 lbs. of bacon, not just for his crew, but to be sure to have grease if an animal got alkali. He had 100 head of loose animals, mostly cows. Besides his family he had three young men helpers:

Samuel Mewhinney, (Uncle Sam)  
Maria Mewhinney, (Aunt Sis)  
Teresa Mewhinney  
John Mewhinney  
Hugh Mewhinney

George Haven  
John Newcomb  
Enos St. John

As their company came to a halt, we hastily tossed a few more things in the wagon, then the good-bye's to the relatives left behind and then we were off. Uncle Sam's wagons first,

My Brother-in Law Next,  
Aurelius O. Carpenter,  
Helen M. Carpenter,  
Henry Wilson.

Then our wagon and family:

Thomas McCowen,  
Amily McCowen,  
Emily McCowen,  
Hale McCowen,  
Blanche McCowen (nick named Kittie)  
three months old,  
Sam Fawcett.

The loose stock was driven in the rear. They soon quieted down, and seemingly accepted their fate as a matter of course and were anxious to follow as soon as the wagons would start, as though imbued with the spirit of the song that father was singing so often:

Oh! California,  
That's the land for me,  
I'm bound for California,  
The gold dust for to see."

. . . . So the 7th day of October, 1857, brought us across the Plains.

Author's note: Their arrival in Potter Valley is fully described in Helen McCowen Carpenter's diary.

The McCowens did not leave Potter Valley until April 1883, at which time they moved to Ukiah, where Hale McCowen Sr. became the County Recorder. His son, Hale II, was seated as a judge in this county for many years.

Hale II's son, Hale III (Bob), also in later years served as judge.

To make the circle complete Hale Sr.'s grand daughter Frances, and husband Ed Sibley, have returned to make their home in Potter Valley, across the valley from where her ancestors had settled.

#### NEIL FAMILY HISTORY

As told by Alice Neil Whittaker, at age 83, to Delight Shelton, March 5, 1967

My grandfather Charles Neil was born in Virginia May, 29, 1808. He died in Potter Valley, June 10, 1894. Originally the Neils had come to Virginia from Ireland, dropping the O from their name O'Neil.

While a young child, Charles' parents moved to Tennessee. In 1831 he went to Indiana until 1846. Then Illinois for three years and on to Missouri for nine years.

In August 1829, he had married Margaret Kennedy, who died during these years leaving him with five children: Samuel, Stoddard, Louisa, Elizabeth and Emma.

After the death of his first wife he married, Mrs. Nancy Perry, who was born November 29, 1833. They had two children, Harriet and Lewis H. (my father).

In 1859, when Lewis was about six years old, they crossed the plains to California with ox teams, bringing all seven of Charles' children.

After Charles spent two years farming in Sonoma County they moved on to Potter Valley, settling on Pine Avenue on what became known as the John Wipf Ranch.

The older sons of Charles soon acquired property of their own. Stoddard became the owner of the property east of his father.

Samuel built his house and barns on the Cleland place (Grasso) surrounded by property from West Road to East Road, including Magruder property.

My father, Lewis Neil married Mary Elizabeth Crawford (a cousin to Bonnie Crawford Thornton, mother of Cedric Thornton).

Mary Elizabeth's father, James Crawford, died in Missouri and she came west with her mother and her uncle, John Crawford's family,

My mother told us how, when her father, James Crawford, was dying with pneumonia, the house was completely surrounded by Southern soldiers. My mother went out and pled with them to leave the house and family alone. They granted her request.

My mother, Mary Crawford Neil, often told of the trip to California over the plains, about the funerals of the settlers killed by Indian raids or illness, and how the funerals were held after dark. Silently, the children picked tall plants for flowers for the graves they were leaving behind.

My parents had three boys and three girls. Perry married Bertha Pitney; Walter married Lela; William; Maude married Lewis Cowan, then at his death Lewis Richards; Belle married Finis Vann, and I married Albert F. Whittaker."

Alice had other interesting recollections, among which were her school life, covering the years between 1893 — 1904. The school was a one room school house with a wooden floor. One teacher for all eight grades. She remembered the following teachers — Miss Kelton, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Olive Busch.

There was no high school in the valley, so the students often went back repeating the 8th grade; or, if the teachers were capable and progressive they might add algebra, advanced English and always more spelling. Paper and pencils were furnished by the school districts, but the books always had to be purchased by the students.

Private bookkeeping classes given by Charles Matthew completed her education. Some of the other members of this class held in 1903 to 1904 were Pearl Hopper, Albert Hughes, Gene Hopkins, Frank Dashiell, Craig Marders and Grace Vann.

Charles Matthews set up this bookkeeping class in a store he owned near the present home of Clyde Foster.

On the 9th of October 1904, Alice Neil was married to Albert Whittaker at 7 a.m. at the South Methodist parsonage by Reverend James Moore. Then by stage, driven by Frank Mosier, they made the three hour trip to Ukiah Station in pouring rain and mud knee deep on the horses. They boarded the train to Sausalito where they transferred to a ferry to the Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street, then they took a street car to the Golden State Hotel where they honeymooned for a week.

Arriving home in Potter Valley they went straight up to the old Briggs Ranch, new and lovely at that time, on Gibson Lane.

Other recollections of Alice's are that as she was a child her parents, Lewis and Mary Neil, lived most of these years at the Dave Jones place (present site of Keene Pallet Co.) in Lower Potter.

The older children went to school at Union School in Lower Potter near the old flour mill on Jones Creek. Later the family moved to Upper Potter, leasing several different ranches during that time and the younger children attended the Oriental School in town, later attending the Upper Potter School on McGee's property.

When William Eddie Shelton left Potter Valley for Willits in 1906 — Lewis Neil bought that property adjoining to the north of the Briggs Ranch on Gibson Lane. Lewis sold it to Brunner when he retired and moved to town to property west of his daughter Belle Vann (sold to Earl Pickle about 1935).

Ranches in those days were all planted to grain, as it was all dry farming. Harvesting was done by "heading and threshing". The grain was hauled by four horse teams and wagons to the nearest market — Ukiah. The men would leave about 3 o'clock in the morning with the loads. They would return to the valley late at night. The bells on the horses could be heard for miles, as the weary drivers approached their homes and rest after the long days haul.

We must remember that transportation at this time was mostly horse and wagon. Not everyone had a buggy for easier travel.

While the family had lived in Lower Potter they never got to church, because in bad weather they never got over Spencer Hill. It was a great day, Alice remembered, when Spencer Hill was cut down by the men in 1914 making the road more usable. This project was sponsored by the Women's Progress Club.

Churches in those days were the only activity for young and old. After the family moved to Upper Potter they attended the South Methodist Episcopal Church, a graceful one room frame building with a cupola bell tower. Other churches were, the Baptist — later sold to the North Methodists, and the Christian Adventist Church — later the Church of Christ for a short while.

The Neil boys worked on ranches mostly owned by Joseph Spotswood, who, at that time, owned perhaps one of the largest farming ranches in the valley planted almost totally to hops.

The Neil children picked hops as did all the children of other families in the valley.

At that writing in 1967, Alice in her 84th year was an inspiration and marvel to Potter Valley. She was still driving her little Studebaker around the valley, shopping at the store, coming to church, church ladies group, Garden Club, and visiting old friends; with her jolly laugh and friendly manner.

Alice lived on in her home on Eel River Road until about 1970, when she moved to a rest home in Ukiah. It was still a happy occasion to visit Alice there until her death in 1975 at age 92.

#### JOSEPH PHILLIPS — by Alan Carner, May 24, 1984

Joseph Phillips, a resident of Potter Valley for over 24 years, was born in late spring, about 1809, in Tennessee. Joseph's father came from New York. Joseph's wife was Julia, also known as Juliet. She was born in 1813, in Kentucky. Julia's parents were also from Kentucky.

As a farmer, Joseph slowly migrated westward. He and his wife were living in Illinois in 1839. At this time their first child, John Phillips, was born. Then came Martha Ann Phillips, born June 1, 1840. William R. Phillips, was born 1843, and James Dallas Phillips was born 1846. Shortly after James was born, Joseph and family moved to Clayton County, Iowa. It was here that the rest of his children were born, Sarah, 1848; Julia, 1851; Elizabeth, 1852 and Mary J. Phillips, born 1855.

In Clayton County, Joseph made friends with Ambrose Carner. On March 30, 1858 Joseph's daughter, Martha Ann, married Ambrose's son, Jason Carner. Marriage would also tie the two families closer together, when Elizabeth Phillips would marry Hiram Carner in Potter Valley.

Joseph and his family eventually came to California. His daughter, Martha, had gone in 1860 with her husband, Jason Carner. Nothing is known of Joseph's journey from Iowa to California. The Phillips family first stayed in Meridian, California. They came to Potter Valley in the spring of 1867. Joseph is first found in the Mendocino County Great Register on May 4, 1867. He never purchased property in Potter Valley, but his sons, William R. and James D. Phillips, purchased property from John G. Busch for \$600 on July 10, 1869. It was here that Joseph and Julia probably lived. Other property was bought from J. H. Crawford on January 20, 1879, and William bought property from Jesse S. Vann on November 8, 1875.

Elizabeth Phillips married Hiram Carner, February 21, 1871 in Potter Valley. Hiram's first wife Eliza had died in 1866. When Hiram Carner died in 1879, his wife Elizabeth moved in with her parents. She also had her stepson, Charles A. Carner, and her children, Elmer H. Carner, born April 21, 1872, and Melvin Carner, born August 10, 1874.

Joseph was still living in Potter Valley in 1890. He is listed in the Great Register that year as a farmer in Potter Valley, born in Tennessee and being 79 years old. Joseph's exact year of birth varies with different documents. Sometime in the 1890's Joseph and Julia moved to Willits. It was here that they both died. They are buried in unmarked graves in Sawyer Cemetery, now known as Little Lake Cemetery. The original markers were wooden, having been destroyed years ago.

#### POTTER and BRIGGS HISTORY

Information from Jeanne Murray, great, great, great granddaughter of John Potter

The Potter and Briggs families, as two of the first men arriving to settle in Potter Valley, deserve an introduction.

The Potter brothers Tom and William, (after whom the valley was named) were the sons of John Potter who with his family arrived and settled near Chico in 1845. Two years later the Potter ranch there became part of the famous Bidwell Ranch, and the Potter family moved south to Healdsburg. John Potter was said to have made a fortune in mining while near Chico.

In the fall of 1852, William and Thomas Potter, their brother-in-law, Moses Briggs, Lowe Anderson, Al Strong and two Spaniards came north from Healdsburg, followed the Russian River and discovered Potter Valley. The Potter brothers and Mr. Briggs staked out their land in the north end of the valley, stayed three weeks and returned in the spring of 1853 to prove up their claims. The father, John Potter, had died in 1851, so it seemed only natural that the other children James, Ruth Ann Chase, Rebecca Gordon, Elizabeth Briggs, Mary Jane and a cousin Abner Potter would follow the brothers, William and Thomas to Potter Valley.

The Potter men sold their lands to other settlers in the 1860's.

Thomas Potter married a very beautiful Indian girl named Molly Dashiell. They had two children — Tom and Sam. Their children have come down through the generations. (Last one I know of is Zemmie Potter.)

Moses Carson Briggs was born September 24, 1847 in Howard County, Missouri. He arrived in Sonoma County in October 1850. He was married in 1852 to Elizabeth Potter. Soon after, he and his brothers-in-law, William and Thomas Potter accompanied by four other men came upon Potter Valley, while looking for more feed for their stock animals.

Moses' grandfather, William Carson, was born in Scotland and died in North Carolina. He was married to ? Duffy. Their children were the famous scout Kit Carson, Lindsay Carson, Nancy

Carson Briggs, Moses B., Robert, Andrew, William and Elizabeth Carson.

Nancy Carson married ? Briggs and their son Moses Carson Briggs, born 1827 in Missouri, was married in 1852 to Elizabeth Potter in Sonoma County. Elizabeth was born in 1828 in Missouri, died in Potter Valley — See Briggs Family tree.

Mr. Briggs moved back and forth to Ukiah for several years where he operated a livery stable. In 1867 he finally settled permanently in Potter Valley. About 1900 he built the beautiful old home on Gibson Lane, now owned by Ray and Lorna Nelson. The property remained in the Briggs family for about 90 years. Belle Briggs Hardin Elstun lived many later years on the ranch.

#### SOME POTTER VALLEY "THOTS" — by Bernice Lone Hopkins Simmons

I was born in Potter Valley May 8, 1900. My two sisters, Esther — 15 and Amy — 13, were away as I grew older. Amy was in the school for the deaf in Berkeley. Esther worked at "Lirely's" in the mountains . . . a resort. Therefore my "playmates" were the chickens and a dog, "Old Dollar".

The chickens were "preached" to and made my congregation. The dog was my constant companion. I also had a hen — Plymouth rock — who had stubs for wings. I called her "Henny". I played in the tree with her and one day when I had put her up on the limb and I was starting up, she had a "sudden call" and it landed on my head, which displeased my mother very much.

I have a dim recollection of the April 1906 earthquake. The folks took me out of bed and ran outside where the trees looked like they were walking. We had a guest preacher there whose family was in San Francisco, but we didn't know about the damage until mail came by stage from Ukiah the following day. The quake spilled milk all over the kitchen and shook a brick chimney down and ruined a patch of my mother's special Peonys which she was very upset about.

The town consisted mostly of two department stores, my father's drug store, a blacksmith's shop, a meat market and at one time three churches. The Methodist Church was in town and the one we went to. My mother played the organ and taught a Sunday school class. My father taught Sunday school class and did other chores. The South Methodist Church was across the river. These lasted a long time. There was a Grange Hall above one of the stores and a school with all eight grades and one teacher.

The hotel that was my grandmothers was not in use. Later the women formed a Woman's Club and built a building in town. My mother was active in it and all of the Church activities . . . sewing, missionary and Ladies Aid Society. She also put on all the programs at the church — very special ones on Christmas and Easter with others in between.

Ice cream socials were popular in the summer and mostly done at our house in town. We owned a cow, horse, chickens and had a big garden. Many of my father's bills were paid in hay and other produce. He made sick calls to all the Valley — Indians also — sometimes riding horseback to calls in the mountains.

I remember walking through the big pipe that brought the water to the Snow Mountain and Power Co. power house and I remember when we turned on the first electric lights in the Valley.

Most everyone was related to someone in the Valley, but we were not, so I used to pretend that I had cousins there. Our closest friends were the Carners — Uncle Charley and Aunt May.

We had to pass county tests to graduate from school. My favorite teacher for many years was Miss Garcy. When I was ready for high school my parents sent me to San Jose. I lived with Amy and Golden for a year, then boarded the rest of the time, graduating from high school in 1917. After that I was only home during summer vacations.

In the spring of 1918 my father bought a Maxwell. I learned to drive on the mountain

roads. It was considered 20 miles to Ukiah and quite a trip in the winter. We did have snow now and then in the Valley.

My father died July 4, 1918. Then mama went with me to San Jose.

I left out one memory — that of going to Berkeley after the quake. As soon as the news reached us, Mama took me and we went to see how Amy was in Berkeley. I was curious about all the little tent houses in San Francisco where the people were living.

Later "Thots" — by Bernice Ione Hopkins Simmons

My father was a graduate of Ohio Western Medical School and came to California with some classmates in 1880. He settled in San Francisco until it was suggested that he might try northern California, as there were no doctors' beyond Ukiah. He came up and boarded at the hotel that my grandparents ran and met my mother. They were married in 1884.

They built a drugstore and home in the center of town which was referred to as Centerville. The south part of the valley was called Pomo — after the Indian tribe. I have forgotten what the north section was called.

For some time Hops were the main output, with many hopyards and a "Hophouse" with a kiln where the hops were processed and baled. The picking time came in late August and September and most everybody picked hops. The wagon came for the pickers about 6:00 a.m. The pickers wore big hats, arm protectors and gloves to pick the hops into a sack fastened around the waist and called a "picking sack". When full, it was emptied into a "waying" sack. They were weighed and collected at 11:00 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. The pay was 1¢ per pound. It takes a lot of hops to make a pound, as they are very light.

The "big" pickers ran a race to see who could pick the most per day. My mother was one of the big ones, picking 300 lbs. a day. Making \$3.00 per day was big money. When the season was over there was always an ice cream treat at the hop house and we got our money for the season. I did well to make enough to pay for my outfit . . . gloves, etc.

This was the time of year for hayrides and raids on certain watermelon fields. Eventually the hops disappeared and pear orchards were planted where the hops used to be.

At that time we had quite a large Indian Reservation on the west side of the valley. They made baskets which we sold in the drug store for them.

I also remember seeing Halley's Comet in 1910.

The Valley was a busy time during deer season. Hunters from far away came to hunt in the hills surrounding the valley. In the spring the foothills were beautiful with Maidenhair fern and many kinds of wild flowers — especially the wild Easter lilies and Johnny-jump-ups.

Christmas always was a community affair with a very big tree at the church and a well-practiced program. In the early years the tree was decorated with the clip-on candles which were lighted and made a beautiful tree.

Today the Valley has a combined grammar school and high school. In my time there were three grammar schools . . . 8 grades — one room — one teacher — schools. One in Centerville, one in Pomo, and one in the north section. Graduation was a county examination given in June. The only high school was in Ukiah.

My "School traveling" began when I was 13-years-old. A horse and buggy trip to Ukiah to catch the Northwestern Pacific train to Sausalito; then a ferry boat ride across the San Francisco Bay to the Ferry building; from there I took a street car to 3rd & Townsend Street station where I boarded the Southern Pacific train to San Jose. I got off at the (flag stop) College of Pacific station and walked 6 blocks to Amy and Golden's home where I stayed for a year. Then I boarded

across the street at Harringtons for the rest of the time. The high school was in the center of San Jose, so we rode the street car to and from school.

For a little while my father had some competition. A Dr. Crittendon moved in across the street from my father's office. Dr. Crittendon was a homeopathic doctor. He stayed only a few years, but his sister-in-law, Alta Donahue married Taylor Eddie and they took over the home in town.

As to the comet . . . . I went outside in our back yard with my mother and father and looked up in the northeast sky and there was this huge star with a long large tail of stars following it. It was so bright and the sky dark (with no city lights to shine). It made it stand out so clearly.

I left out some accounts which I'll put in now. Amy was in Berkeley at the Deaf School. She came home for summer vacations. While in school she met Golden Wood who was training in cabinet building. They graduated at the same time. At the exercises Amy "gave" America in sign and alphabet language. Very little was done with speech and lip reading at that time (1909).

Esther was living in Palo Alto with Aunt Anna Boyes and attending College of Pacific in San Jose. Just a block from Aunt Anna's lived a very attentive man — Morris Holman. They were married in Palo Alto and that summer came up to Potter Valley. Amy and Golden were married in our "front parlor" that summer. Esther translated the wedding ceremony in alphabet and sign language.

The Holmans soon left for the Philippine Islands as he had a teaching position in the College of Agriculture in Manilla. It was four years before they came home by way of Germany and Europe. Esther wrote such descriptive letters about the Islands that the folks had them printed in the county paper so everyone could enjoy them;

Amy and Golden went to San Jose and bought a home on Myrtle Street in the College Park area. He worked at a mill in Santa Clara. In 1911, Paul arrived and I became an "aunt".

Just a mention of the Panama Pacific International Exposition (PPIC) in 1915. It was magnificent. Nothing will ever replace the Tower of Jewels which was covered with moving colored stones, which the wind blew constantly and the flood lights made them shine. It was beautiful. The Guatemala building had a marimba band which everyone enjoyed so much. The marimba was the fore-runner of the xylophone.

We had a "summer home" up in the mountains where there was a sawmill. Every summer we spent as much time as possible there as it was acquired by homesteading the land. My father would come up on weekends when he could get away. He had a "snow house" built in a ravine and had it packed with snow in the winter. When we made ice cream in the valley someone went up and brought back sacks of frozen snow to use. Otherwise ice had to be brought from Ukiah by the mail stage which came very day. It got in about 4:00 o'clock and we all went to the store where the post office was to get the mail and latest news. It also carried passengers and once it was "held up" on the way.

The Indian Reservation was on the west side of town at the beginning of the valley. My father treated the sick Indians. They were very fond of him and called him a "good man". They were very upset when he died.

#### MEMORIES BY ERNEST M. STONE — A letter written to Delight Shelton, January 3, 1970

Madam: I read a recent article in the Santa Rosa paper about the history of your valley. I was interested because I too was an old time resident. I will give a brief resume of my memories.

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stone, moved to Potter Valley in the summer of 1898, with then family, three girls and three boys. Mr. Joseph Thornton, who owned a ranch in the center of the valley, financed my father in the construction of a flour mill beside a small creek about one mile from the south end of the valley on the east side. Why the mill was not mentioned in the article I



do not understand, as it was quite an addition to the community.

The mill was powered by a steam engine. I well recall the piles of four foot wood used in the furnace. Mr. Thornton and Dad thought the mill would be a good paying business as there was quite a lot of wheat raised in the valley at that time. However, all of the farmers did not cooperate, but continued to haul their grain to the old mill a few miles down the creek toward Ukiah. Some hauled it to Ukiah fifteen miles. That old mill south of the valley was a picturesque mill, with it's overshot water wheel. The new road from Ukiah bypassed it by going up the south side of the creek. The old road was on the north side. Dad's mill did not operate long. Only three years as I recall.

The article mentioned the Pomo Indians. Two part-Indian maidens lived on a farm near the mill. Our engineer married one of them and lived in the valley for many years. Another building they omitted was an old hop kiln at Pomo. Our family lived in a white house near it. Then to the rear was the school house.

A third important building omitted, was the school house adjoining the mill. With the cooperation of all the farmers, ranchers and first of all Mr. Thornton, a beautiful school building was built. They copied the school building about three miles north of Ukiah, Cinnabar, I believe it was. That building was later moved across the road to the east side and is now (or was the last time I visited it) a residence. There is not a trace of the mill left.

As a boy of 11 to 13 years I have some fond memories of that school. One of our teachers was Miss Anna Howe. The Pickle family lived at the very south end of the valley in a large white house among large oak trees. Rob and Etta Pickle were about my age, and among my best friends. In fact I often walked home with them from school. Another girl I liked was Inez Endicott. They lived across the creek on the west side (West Road). Then there was Herbert and Thursa Burriss, and John and Olive Jones. Jones' place was on the east side of the road and across the little brook beside our mill. I could fill pages of old memories but they would not be of interest to many today.

I do have some pictures of the mill and the school. If you think the public would care to see them I will give them to your museum. Let me know.

Respectfully, Ernest M. Stone

#### THE HISTORY OF THE SWEENEY FAMILY — From Carolyn Sweeney Butcher

The Seeney family were pioneers of El Dorado County. There were the mother and father, four boys and two girls — James, John, Owen, Michael, Ann and Bridget. The family came from Ireland to The United States in 1848. After starting on their trip, the mother was taken sick and died. She was buried at sea.

They landed at New York and from there they went to Hartford, Wisconsin, where they stopped, and where one of the girls, Bridget, was married. The family stayed there a few years and then the Gold Rush started. The father and the two oldest boys, James and John, and the sister Ann started in 1852 to cross the Plains by covered wagon with a wagon train that was coming to California. They started in the spring and it took them six months to make the trip. They had no trouble until they reached Nevada and there the father was taken sick with Cholera and died; he was buried at Ragtown, where the city of Fallon now stands.

The two boys and their sister came to Placerville. The boys went to work in the mines and the sister was employed at housework. James and John sent money to Wisconsin to their brothers for them to come to California. Owen and Michael started in the spring of 1856, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, reaching Placerville in the late summer after a six months' trip. Michael was then thirteen years old and Owen was eleven years old. When they reached Placerville they could not find their brothers for several days; they did find them at White Rock, three miles from Placerville. They joined their brothers and they, too, went to work in the mines.

James Sweeney married Hanover Donovan in 1856, and the younger brothers lived with them. After mining in White Rock for some time, they moved to French Town on French Creek and continued to mine. James, after his marriage, bought a ranch in the Gold Hill district, but the others stayed with the mine.

They became acquainted with a man by the name of Maurice Hurley, who became a lifelong friend. The three young Sweeneys and Hurley moved to Indian Diggings and went into the mines there.

Their sister Ann, who came to California with the two older brothers, married a man by the name of John Busch in 1856 and also went to live in Indian Diggings, where they went into the store business with a man by the name of Thomas Frazer of Placerville. They ran the store for about six years; and when they sold out, the Busch family moved to Potter Valley, Mendocino County.

John, Owen and Mike Sweeney bought a mining claim at Indian Diggings and went to work there in the spring of 1862. Trouble came up with another mining company over a water ditch, and a man by the name of Doc White from the other company laid in wait and shot John Sweeney when he was turning the water into the ditch.

The winter of 1861 and the spring of 1862 were the worst seasons ever known in Northern California, and the rivers were so high that they could not ford them. Indian Diggings is twenty-six miles from Placerville where the Sweeney brothers had to take their brother John for burial. They hired a Mr. McNaughton, father of the late James McNaughton, to take the dead brother there for burial; they started with the body in a Spring Wagon. There were two rivers to cross; and when they got to the middle fork of the Consumne River, they saw they could not ford the river. They unhitched the horses, and one of the men got on one of the horses which was tied to the other one by a long rope. They then swam the horses across the river. They loaded the wagon with rock, hitched the horses to the long rope and pulled the wagon across the river. They came very near upsetting the wagon as the current was very swift. When they reached Bucks Bar they saw there was no chance to cross the river as it was too high to ford. They turned back and went to The Somerset House and from there went to Ladys Valley, four miles below Bucks Bar. A man by the name of William Ferguson had a ferry there, so they were able to cross the river. It took three days to make this trip from Indian Diggings to Placerville.

John Sweeney was buried in the old Catholic burying ground, just back of the church in Placerville. There is a stone on his grave bearing his name and the date of burial, which I don't just remember; but it was in the spring of 1862.

The man who killed John Sweeney was a high member of the Masonic Lodge. He was never seen by any one after that, but it was reported, sometime after the killing, that he had left the state and enlisted in the Army. He was killed during the Civil War.

When John was killed someone had to go to Gold Hill to tell his brother James. Michael walked to Placerville, got a horse there, and made the trip. He was to start right back and ride the horse as far as the Somerset House. While the Middle Fork was too high to cross with the horse, he could cross on a foot bridge. There was a wagon bridge at Bucks Bar and when Michael crossed this bridge, the water was up to the floor; and as he reached the other side, a tree came down the river and swept the bridge away.

Michael Welch, a brother-in-law of James Sweeney, was staying with him, and he undertook to go to Indian Diggings to help bring the body to Placerville. He started on a mule and when he reached Bucks Bar, he found the bridge was gone. He was anxious to get through so he went up the river to the old ford and tried to cross there. He never reached the other side. When the river went down the summer, they found the remains of the mule, but the body of Michael Welch was never recovered. It was late in the evening when Welch tried to cross the river. Sometime the

same day, a brewery wagon had tried to cross in the same place, and the man and two horses were lost.

There have been three men drowned at Bucks Bar. George Nail's body was found the next summer, by his brother Jim. Nail was drowned sometime in the 80's.

James and Michael Sweeney lived their lives in El Dorado County and died there. Owen and his sister, Mrs. Busch, moved to Mendocino County and died there. John was killed at Indian Diggings.

#### BIOGRAPHY OF BARBARA ELLEN RADER THORNTON — By Robert Alley, grandson of Barbara

BORN: Van Buren County, Iowa (5 miles from Burlington) April 7, 1850.

Left for California in wagon train in 1863. Settled in Oregon for one year and then came to Santa Rosa — 1864. Moved to Potter Valley, CA, 1867 with her parents who purchased ranch paying \$27.00 per acre from Tom Potter.

Married Joseph E. Thornton August 24, 1868.

DIED: San Mateo, CA, March 23, 1931, at home of daughter Kate Alley.

Grandma left in wagon train (known as Wymer Train) from Burlington, Iowa, April 9, 1863. Her father Charles Rader had 4 wagons with 4 mules to each wagon — took tea and crackers to sell in California. After being on the road 9 days Grandma took down with mumps and the weather was bad, raining and cold. Everyone was worried about her two brothers as they heard that they were stopping the young men at the Missouri river for army service (Civil War). However, they did not bother the boys and everything went fine until the train reached the Platte River where they ran into a big storm. Terrible winds and rains and the tents were blown down at night and it was difficult to keep dry.

The train consisted of 47 wagons, and when they camped at night the wagons were drawn into a circle so they would be in a position to defend themselves in case of Indian attack. When they reached the Platte River they followed its course for many days and had to cross the same river more than a dozen times and some of the crossing were very dangerous and quick-sand very bad in places. The wagons would mire down and they would have to pull them out with several teams of horses. About this time they met the first Indians, the Pawnees who were peaceful, and they had no trouble with them. After traveling across country a little later they ran into the Cheyenne Indians who were very dangerous. They came across a wagon train that had been burned and the emigrants killed. Heavy guard was maintained at all times, and although the Indians came to the train they did not bother them, probably because Grandma's father treated them very friendly and gave them food and other little gifts.

At a place Grandma remembers as Willow Creek, Wyoming, they were advised to turn back on account of the Indians, but the train continued on.

Nothing eventful happened until they arrived at the Green River. There was a very bad crossing and one of Mr. Rader's wagons broke a wheel. Grandma's cousin was a carpenter and he converted the wagon into a cart. While doing this the main train went on and during this time Indians showed up. Grandma's party was very frightened and her father told the Indians that the other train was only a short distance away and that there were many men near by. He also gave them food, and they finally left without harming anyone, probably because there was only a few Indians in the party. The wagon was soon fixed and they caught up with the other part of the train.

They were in dangerous country and there was always Indians following the train, but for some reason did not attack them. One evening Grandma's mother had supper all prepared — the men folks had taken the animals down to water — about 6 Indians showed up and seated themselves at the table and helped themselves to the entire meal. No one dared to say anything as they were afraid they would go away and bring back the entire band and attack the train. One of the Indians

took a fancy to Grandma and told her father he wanted to buy her. They kept making excuses to him and he followed the train for three days and then finally left. During this time Grandma was scared to death and they kept her in the wagon all the time.

The train continued on without trouble until they came to a place called Carson Sink. The river here was very dangerous, the water swift and quick sand bad. It was necessary to pull the wagons across with ropes and teams. Several wagons were wrecked and everything got wet. The train stopped for a week to repair the wagons and dry out everything.

The train next came upon a desert (Grandma could not remember the name of it) there was no water and they had to travel by night to escape the heat. The desert continued for 35 miles and the hardship was terrible during the trip. The road led from the desert to a cut out in the mountain beyond. They arrived at the cut at night and scouts in advance came rushing back with the news that they saw Indians in the cut. The entire train stopped and sent some men ahead to investigate. They finally came back with the glad news that they were soldiers, not Indians, who were there on the lookout for the Indians and to protect the wagon trains.

After many days the train finally arrived at Salt Lake City. There Grandma met Brigham Young and his forty wives. They stayed there a week and Mr. Rader sold much of his tea and crackers. A young man in the train met one of Brigham Young's wives and she fell in love with him and when the train left she went with it.

The next stop was Reese River, Nevada, at which place the young man and Brigham's wife left, together with another young man. Grandma never saw or heard of them since.

The first town of any size that they reached was Virginia City. It was full of life with lots of gold, gambling and whiskey. Here Grandma's father met his brother and the party continued to Truckee Meadows on Truckee River. Met a friend of brother's, one Henry Frost, who had a large ranch and he insisted that Grandma's party stay there and rest and fatten up the mules. He turned their mules out to pasture and built a small house for the folks to live in. They stayed here for two months and Mr. Frost kept them. The men worked for him and he paid them for their work in addition to furnishing food for the family. He took a liking to Grandma's sister and wanted to marry her. He bought goods for dresses for the girls and treated them all fine. He was a man of 35 years. At one time he tried to make love to Grandma and she threatened to hit him with an ax, after that he left her alone. He was very well to do and had plenty of \$20.00 gold pieces hidden around the rafters in his cabin. Grandma's sister did not marry him for the reason that it was found out that he had many lady friends.

They finally left the Frost place and traveled to Oregon by way of the Sacramento Valley. It was a very dry year and the trip was hard. They met a man in Oregon by the name of Blazier. He sold his ranch to them. They only stayed here during the winter and then sold the ranch to someone else and left for Santa Rosa in 1864. The trip down was very bad and the roads through the Siskiyou Mountains were awful. Left Santa Rosa in 1867 and moved to Potter Valley where Mr. Rader bought a large ranch (the old home place) paying \$27.00 an acre for same. Here Grandma met Grandpa and married him August 24, 1869 and he bought her father's farm of 80 acres and they settled down.

(Editor's note: From Joseph and Barbara Ellen Thornton's daughter Wilda E. Busch a similar story written in 1967 states a new house had been built early which still stands and is known as the "Old Thornton Place". Later owned by sons Jim and Vane and son-in-law Basford. (Now Boynton property and Robert Brooks adjoin to the south.) Most of their family of ten children were born in this home — namely, Oliver, Maggie, Clara, Alta, Joseph, John, Catherine, James, Vane and Wilda.)

BARBARA ELLEN RADER THORNTON — By daughter Wilda Thornton Busch

Barbara Ellen Rader was born near Burlington, Van Buren Co., Iowa, April 7, 1850. She resided there until she was 13 years old, when she left with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rader, in a wagon train enroute to California on April 8, 1863. The train consisted of 47 wagons, 4 of which each was drawn by 4 mules, belonging to her father.

After being on the road 9 days, Barbara Ellen suffered an attack of the mumps, the danger of which was increased by cold weather.

Considerable anxiety was felt about her 2 oldest brothers, Jackson and Daniel who were members of the party, as a report that men of military age were being stopped at the Missouri River and requested to render army service in the Civil War. However, the party was not molested and everything went well until the party reached the Platte River, where they were overtaken by a severe storm of high winds and drenching rain. The party followed the course of the Platte for several miles, crossing and recrossing the river dozens of times. Some of the crossings were very dangerous with treacherous quick sands.

About this time the train encountered the first Indians — Pawnees who were peaceful and friendly. Later on they came in contact with the Cheyennes, a wild and warlike tribe.

The emigrants drew their wagons in a circle at night for the purpose of defense, and a heavy guard was maintained at all times.

On their way, they passed the sad remainder of a train that had been attacked, the wagons burned and the animals and people killed.

However, Mr. Rader gave the Indians food and other gifts and managed to avoid trouble with them. At Willow Creek, Wyoming they were advised to turn back, because of the many future hardships, but with the courage of the pathfinders of the west they continued onward.

At a crossing on the Green River a wheel of one of the Rader wagons broke down, but a carpenter in the train converted the wagon into a cart, during which time they were separated from the train.

After a time of privation and the dread of attack by Indians, pulling their wagons across quicksands with ropes, traveling the desert by night and laboring over the mountains, the company eventually reached Salt Lake City, where Brigham Young lived with his 40 wives.

The train made a brief stay at Reese River, Nevada, and also at Virginia City, which was full of life, bullion gambling and whiskey. They rested and recuperated at Truckee Meadows on the Truckee River and then continued on to Sonoma County by way of the Sacramento Valley.

They arrived about 1864 on Mark West Creek, stayed there about 3 years then went to Potter Valley and bought a ranch. Mr. Rader bought 200 acres for which he paid \$27 per acre. He gave 40 acres to each of his 3 eldest sons — Daniel, Jackson and Isaiah.

It was here Barbara Ellen made the acquaintance of Joseph Thornton, to whom she was married August 24, 1868. They bought the 80 acres from her father, with the house on it and made it their home most of their married life. Most of their family of 10 children were born and reared in this home. The home place was later owned by sons, James and Vane. At this writing the house still stands in Upper Potter Valley and is known as the Old Thornton Place. It is still there, with part of the ranch owned by the Boyntons for many years and until 1983 occupied for years by the Averal Austins. Robert and Genevieve Brooks have made extensive improvements to their share of the farm. Both acreages are planted to pears.

# ***Chapter X***

## **EARLY DAY PHOTO SECTION**

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The photo section has grown weekly and I have done the best I could to create a diversified interest with the photos I had available. Some photos are from the files of Bob Lee, photographer for the Mendocino County Historical Society.



Second Annual Reunion — Potter Valley Pioneers — June 17, 1927

Standing left to right: Chas. Streeter; Chas. Neil; Joel Hopper; Dave Burkhart; James Burris; Wm. Pickle; James Eddie; Ida Vann Young; Eli Jones; Cynthia Vann Eddie; J.D. Brower; Nellie Nichols Brower; Clara Thornton Mustard; Kate Nichols Raymond; Grace Hudson; Lou Van Nader Wilson; Mary Crawford Neil; Hulett Logan; Melvilla Carner Gould; Lillie Quesenberry Gibson; Geo. Busch; Belle Busch Bevans; Chas. Busch; Ellen Rader Thornton; Owen Busch; Will Elliot; Cappie Carner Haydon; Chas. Christopher; Geo. Pickle; Elmer Carner; Robert Marders; Joe Wattenberg; Ham Van Nader; A.E. McCombs; Richard Hughes; Geo. Griffiths; Bud Neil; Frank Green; Maggie Green Williams; Mary Chase Howard (First white child born in Potter Valley); Sitting: Chas. Hopkins (First white boy born in Potter Valley); Will Vann; Will Christopher; Robt. Lownes; Hale McCowen; Rilla Logan Lownes; Emma Ross Bloyd; Sarah Hopkins Hughes; Sarah Christopher Sweeney; Clara Carner Thompson; Ida Carner Grist; John Carner; Amanda Elliot Rapp; Jennie Hughes Pemberton; Sarah Brown Cureton; Lizzie Lownes Hopper; Emma Neil Smith; C.A. Carner; Ave Ross; Warner Neil; Will Carner; Watt Bevans; Susan Van Nader.



Dr. T. A. Hopkins - Residence and Office



The Hughes house, finished in 1881. Recently remodeled by the McFaddens.





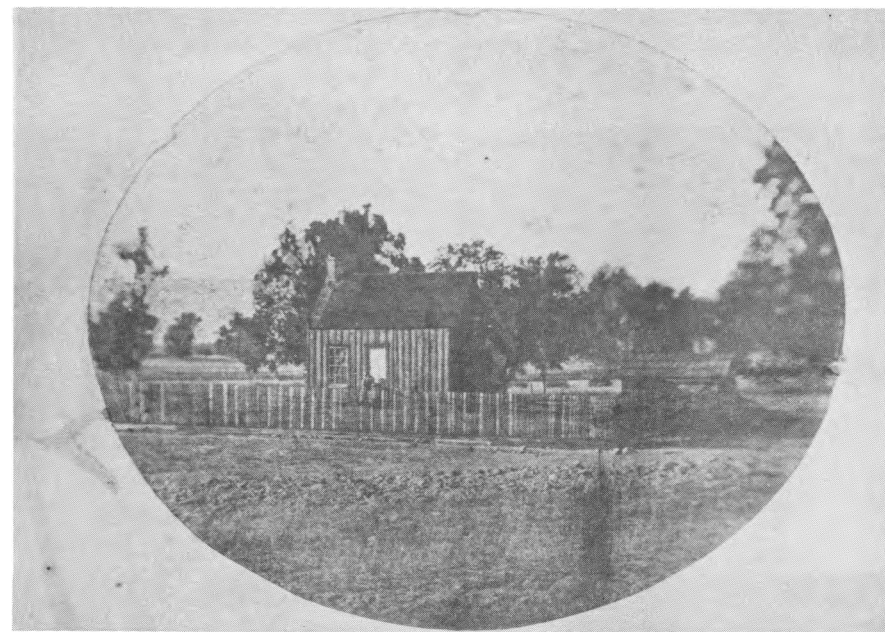
Original Potter Valley Grange building, while leased out to Barnett and White.



Group at Lierly's Resort on the Eel River — Oct. 1895. Left to right: (1.) Mr. Green, (2.) sitting - Grace Hudson, (5.) Dr. John Hudson.



Later view of A.O. Carpenter Ranch and home—Potter Valley. Later sold to George Nichols. Carpenter's second home burnt in 1916 — rebuilt soon after by Max Popoff. The present Moerman Ranch.



Original A.O. Carpenter home, Potter Valley.





J.G. Busch home — Potter Valley. Grandma Ann Busch seated, daughters left to right: in chair Fanny Holbrook, Kate Roberts, Hattie English, Mary Bailor and Belle Bevans. Two girls—Nina and Holaine Holbrook, boys—Everett Holbrook, and Earl English.



Power House — Potter Valley, June, 1910.



General Store—Pomo. Gene, Frank, Mother and Father Hopkins. Must have been the second store building.



Potter Valley, Aug. 6, 1919. Irvine and Muir Co. Store. Gavins Hardware across the street, also butchershop and Hughes Livery Stable.



John Day Resort on Eel River.



Horse team pulling logs to Fraiser Mill.



Ferry on Eel River.



Part of the melon threshing crew 1927. Vane Thornton, Howard Brooks, Julius Ruttluff.





Hughes home — The brick house.



"Fraiser Bridge" over Eel River, near where the dam is now. Washed out soon after it was built (Refer to story in "Notes Of Interest", Chapter VIII.)



John Brower thresher on Whittaker's Ranch.



Gravelly Valley Creek (from postcard).



Mewhinney home — Lower Potter.



Thornton Mill, about 1900, several miles south of Pomo. J. M. Stone on porch, Lester, Avon, Ernest, and Ida Stone on porch steps. Will Hopper in top door, George Raymond near engine house.



Spencer Home — later bought by Dr. John and Grace Hudson. Now the Mitchell home.



Potter Valley Grange and Store, burned in 1930.





Can you identify this family group.



Post Office, Store, Library, Pioneer Inn. Taken before the 1946 fire.



Oriental School; Alma Eddie, teacher.



Eddie Ranch, first home — 1893.



Centerville Oriental School students, Alma Eddie, teacher — before 1920.



Old fashioned May Day Picnic. Pomo School, 1900.



Participants at picnic — shown at right.



Picnic Day 1914 — when Spencer Hill was graded down.





Fraiser Bridge at Cold Creek in Potter Valley. (left to right) Mr. Fraiser, Mr. Doke Neil, Mr. Blake, and T. W. Dashiell, Sr. (Fraiser and Dashiell are great grandparents of Supervisor Jim Eddie.) Printed with permission from the collection of the Mendocino County Museum. "Sannder Photo, Ukiah, Ca." (Catalog assession number 73-13-3)



Union School at Pomo.



Pickle Family gathering



32 The Eddie Family



The Pickle girls: (Sitting left to right) Martha, Della, Ella, (Standing left to right) Josie, Margaret



Tony Metock and his sisters.



Patriarchs of the Jones clan, circa 1895. (Front Row, left to right) 2. Walter Jones, 3. Margaret March Jones, 5. Lena Jones Whittaker. (Back row left to right) 1. Lee Bransford, 2. Nina Mendenhall, 4. Lizzie Jones (Bransford), and 5. Roy Jones. All Good Baptists!



Front row: Mary Jane Hughes wife of Stoddard Neil. Children (center) Emily Smith, Josie Hornlein. Back row: Frances Stewart, Marvin Neil, Hiram Warner.





Owen and Cynthia Busch, sitting in back on their wedding day, 1895. Gene and Frannie Holbrook.



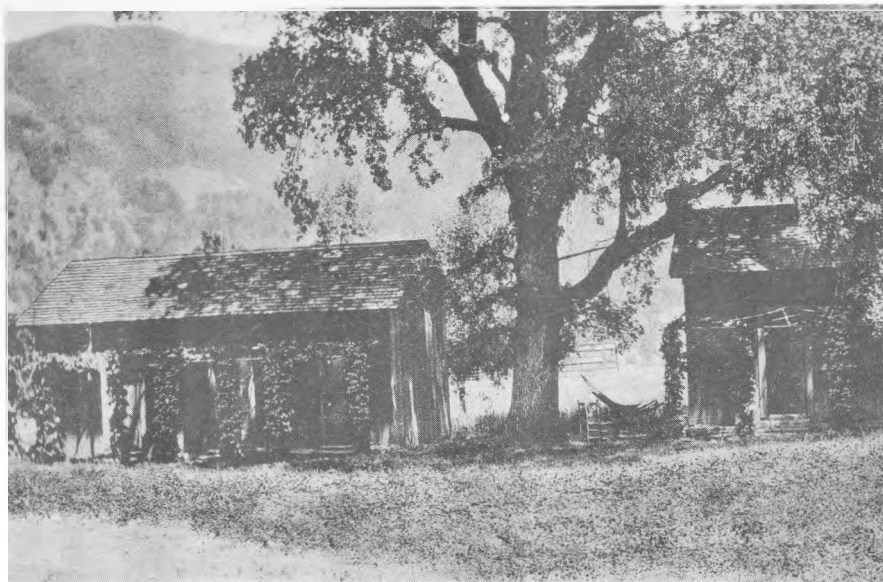
John Faust Pickle with wife Betty Jones and their 12 children.



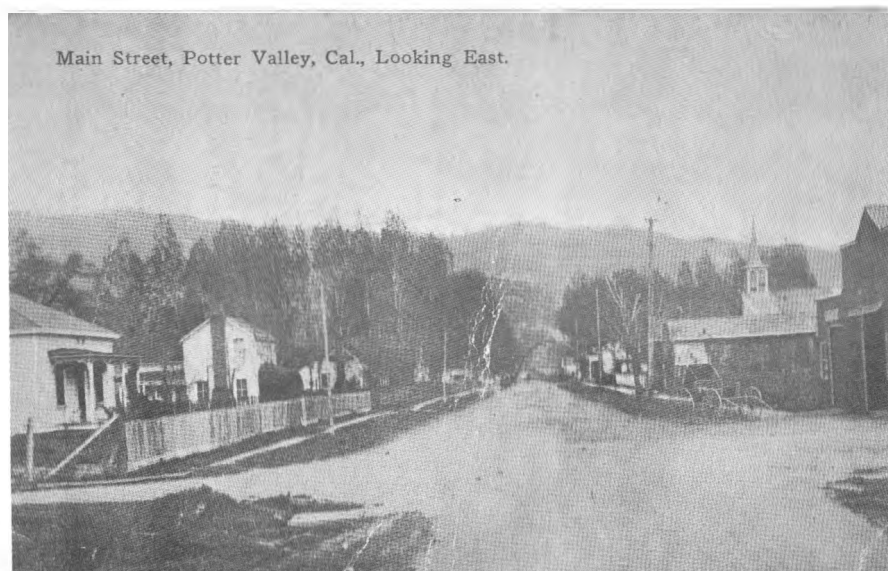
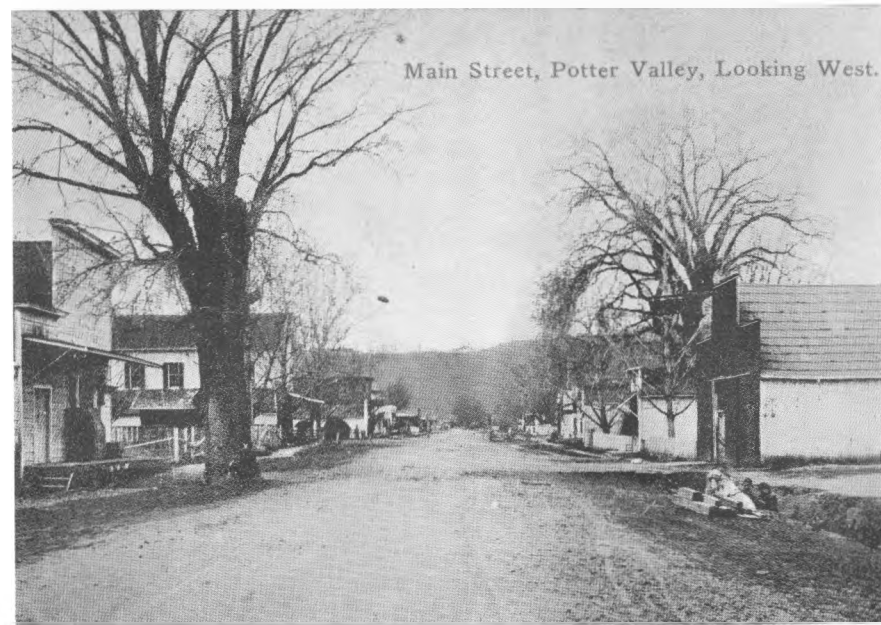
Eddie family.



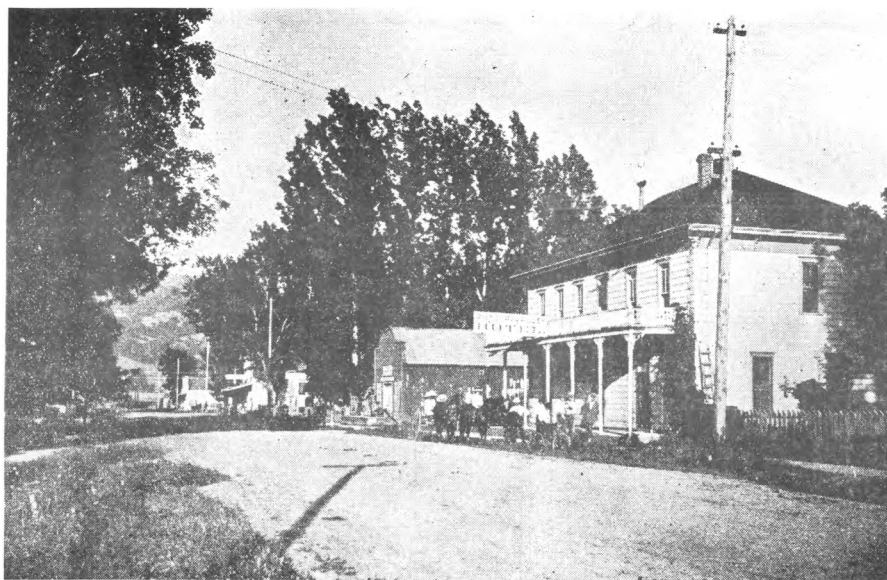
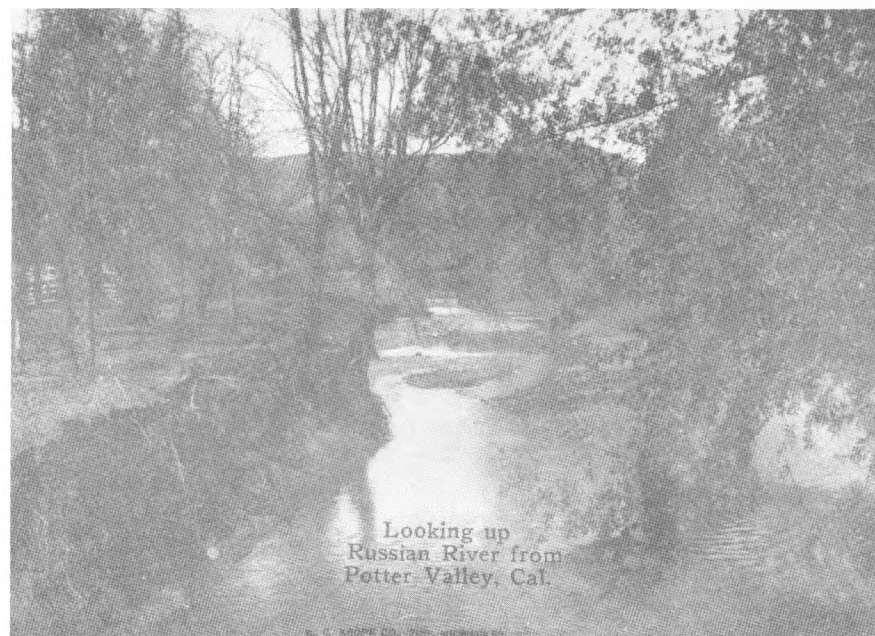
Road crew working for Will Pickle, near Magruder Ranch (Ingels). Foreman Will Pickle on grader. Others known are Jesse Pickle, George (Poly) Pickle, James (Polk) Shelton, Eddie Shelton, Lee Bransford, and Herbert Pickle.



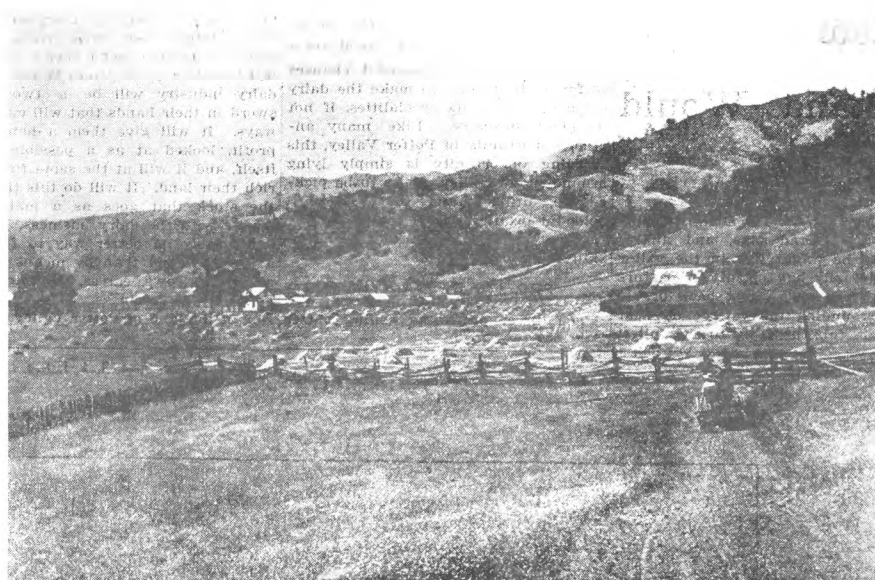
Cottages, Lierly's, Potter Valley, Mendocino Co., California







"Centerville in Potter Valley" from July 4, 1911 Ukiah Times. Potter Valley Hotel, a Blacksmith shop, stores and small Centerville Hotel near river.



Dick Hughes Ranch - From July 4, 1911, Ukiah Times. Shortcut road to Eel River Rd. Note horse and buggy. Otto Hughes Ranch in background. Hardin Ranch in foreground



Threshing watermelons, Lloyd Hughes Ranch, 1938. The melons were put into piles, the thresher pulled along between the rows, and the melons were pitched into the thresher.



Threshing watermelons, striped klondike, Hughes Ranch — 1938. Howard Brooks, Tom Hopper, and Lloyd Hughes.



Watermelon seed drying on trays in front of barn on Lloyd Hughes Ranch.



Side view of watermelon thresher. Hills on northeast side of Valley in background — 1927.





Scraping seed from muskmelon by hand, 1914, at C. A. Carner home. Mable Carner, Hattie Wattenburg, Clara Hopper, Irene Brooks, Mabel Ellis, Dorothy Carner, May Carner, John Carner, and Julius Rottluff.



Drying melon seed at C. A. Carner home -- 1920's. May Carner stirring seed.



Marion Jones and big Klondike watermelons weighing 40 lbs. each--fall 1917.



Ditch digger -- Potter Valley, circa 1928 -- Jud Gowan Ranch. James Curie, contractor, Burlingame, Calif.



Fraiser family



McWhinney Ranch sheep shearing



James Knox Polk Shelton and son William Eddie Shelton doing road work.

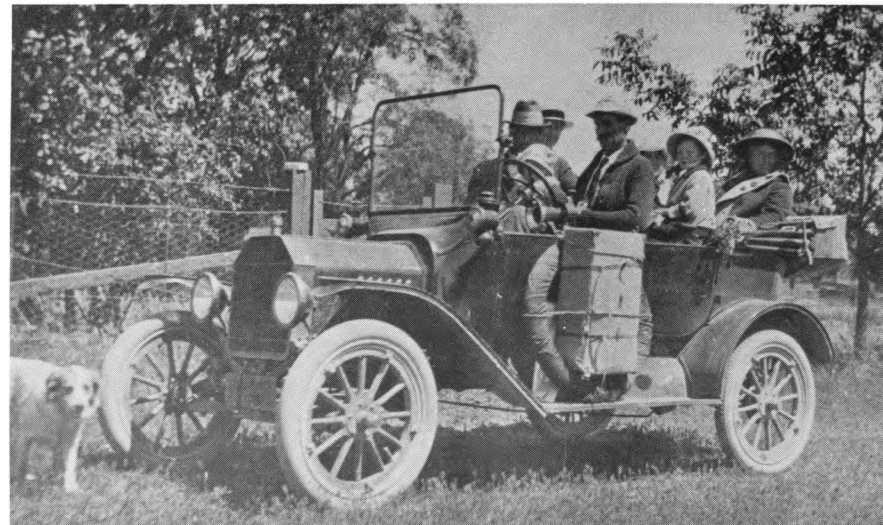


McWhinney Ranch, sheep ready for shearing.





Spotswood home built on former Thornton property. Note the threshing crew on left,



Charles Carner's 1914 Model T Ford. Charles driving, Walter Jones in front, with Marion in middle. May Carner, Dorothy Carner and Hulda Jones in back.



Potter Valley Baseball team. Circled Leon Grover, Sr. Gus Spotswood and Lee Goodrich also in picture.



Big catch. Ted Smalley, Earl Pickle and Earl Fahnestalk.





Standing left to right: Aunt Betty Jones Pickle, Uncle Eli Jones (Lena Whitaker's father), Aunt Susan Taylor. Sitting left to right: Uncle Bill Jones, and Mary Ann Jones Pickle.



Busch boys. Gus, Owen, Steve, George H., Charles, and Grandfather John



Frazier Mill and Logging Operation, San Hedrin Area. Now Dashiell Property.



Horse team pulling logs to Frazier Mill.



Threshing crew cook wagon at Spotswood Ranch.



Russian colony church in Potter Valley.. Now Magruder Ranch.



Hops ready to roll to railroad in Ukiah from Spotswood Ranch.



Sunday school teacher with pupils from the Russian church, About 1911.





First row kneeling: Milton Ward, Edgar Ward, Donna Goforth, Ethel Blake, Grace Gibson, Alta Thornton and Maude Street. Second row: Goforth boy, Russell Spencer, Oscar Crossley, boy with hat not known, Abe Brower, Homer Spencer, Hugh Blake, George Goforth, Fred Weldon. Third row: Walter Crosley, Della Harmon, Lizzie Fine, Lillie Brower, Daisy Blake, Lillie Street, Winnie Spencer, Alta Smith Lulu Blake, and Jeff Goforth. Back row: Mattie Blake, Will Goforth, Minnie Brown, Emma Neil, Chas. Ward, J. S. Hunter (Teacher) Emma Spencer, Nell Brower, Bob Day, Lulu Christipher, Will Spencer, and Clara Brower.



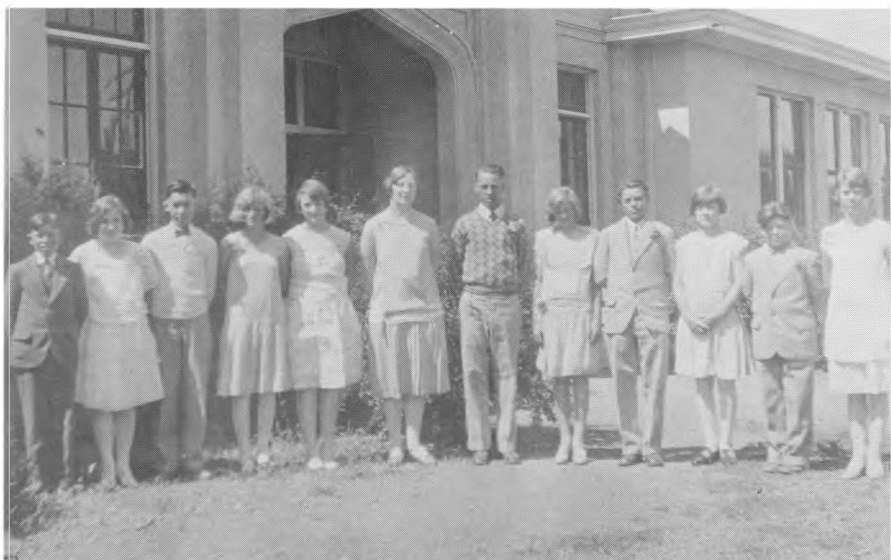
Union School at Lower Potter, circa 1913. Teacher Rose Rennick (Sack) in back. Among the students are Dorothy Brower, Pearl, Harry and Vera Bonnefield, Ruth, Ralph and Zella Day, Ruth and Ora Neil, Muriel Neil, Cecil Pickle, Anna Popin and sister and Carter children. House in background was behind the flour mill.



Fraiser Brothers: Vaughn, William, Charles, Fred, Frank, and their wives: Bertha Weldon, Elizabeth Smith, Josephine Pickle, Dora Greif, and Rita Burt.



Pomo School 1900



Mrs. Spotswood Eight Grade class of 1928. Don Eddie, Marjorie Hardisty, Cedric Thornton, Anna Tahnstalk, Josephine Carter, Mrs. Spotswood, Richard Carter, Jean Gowan, Ernest Wipf, Vera Moore, Lucien Corbett, Madeline Newman.



Mr. Westerman and his 1931 Chemistry class. Seated left to right: Bessie March, Eleanor Vann, Joy Corbett. Back row: Mr. Westerman, ?, Byron Brooks, Vernon Leard, Harold Fahnestalk.



Clyde Foster, Dad Gavin, Myrtle and Johnie Gavis, at Tomki Creek.



Part of the 25 member Potter Valley choral club with the Director Marjorie Clark left front. Performed also in the late 1940's.





Clyde Foster, age 91, at the Spring Festival



Clyde and Maude McCombs Foster, about 1982.



Scott Dam



Potter Valley High School, 1968



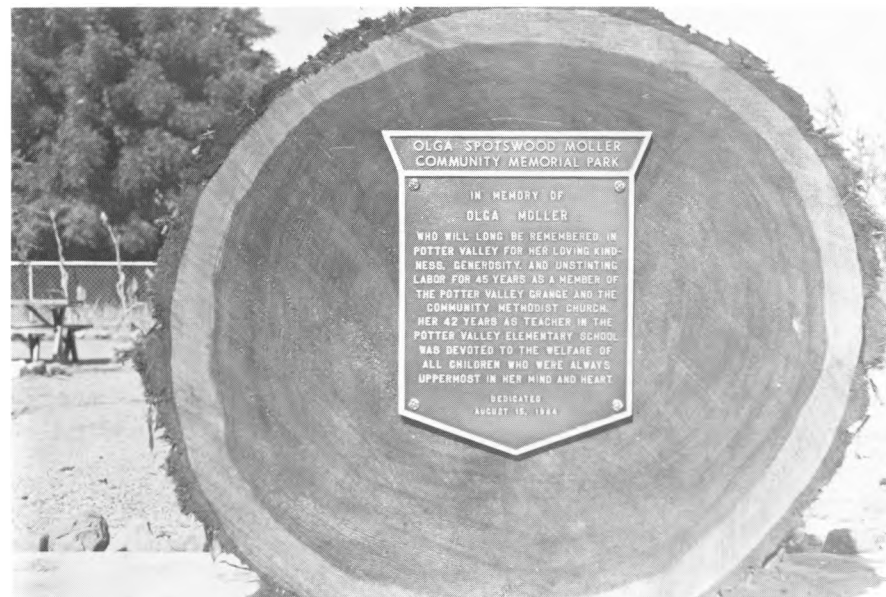
Attending the 110th anniversary celebration are front to back left - Judge Arthur Broaddus, Laura Broaddus, Mary Dean and Harry Runnings. Right - Robert Broaddus, Dale Broaddus, Rev. Frank Bartelson, and Kilburn Dean.



Feasting on the delicious fare served at the Methodist anniversary are left to right - Geneva Christofferson, Mabel Witcomb, and Olive Nichols. Just behind are left to right Linda Clark, Louise, Todd Hansen and Jim Shelton.



Mary, Charles and Dorothy Carner. Taken December 1912.



Memorial plaque for Olga Spotswood Moller.





Coyote Valley before 1959 dam. See Hwy. 20.



Coyote Valley before 1959 dam. Old Road near river.



Mac and Mary Anderson



Big freeze, January 1949.



Eel River bridge, rebuilt after 1964 flood.



Crawford Sawmill seen from hunting camp on Mid Mountain.



Holly Near at the Potter Valley Spring Festival in 1951.



Eel River Belly Dam swimming hole.





Joseph and Addie Spotswood



Spotswood sisters: Gladys Simmin in front, Elva Pickle and Geneva Christofferson in back.



Olive (Spotwood) Nichols



Mabel (Spotswood) Whitcomb



Thomas and Rosa Hale



Bert and Estelle Whittaker, circa 1897

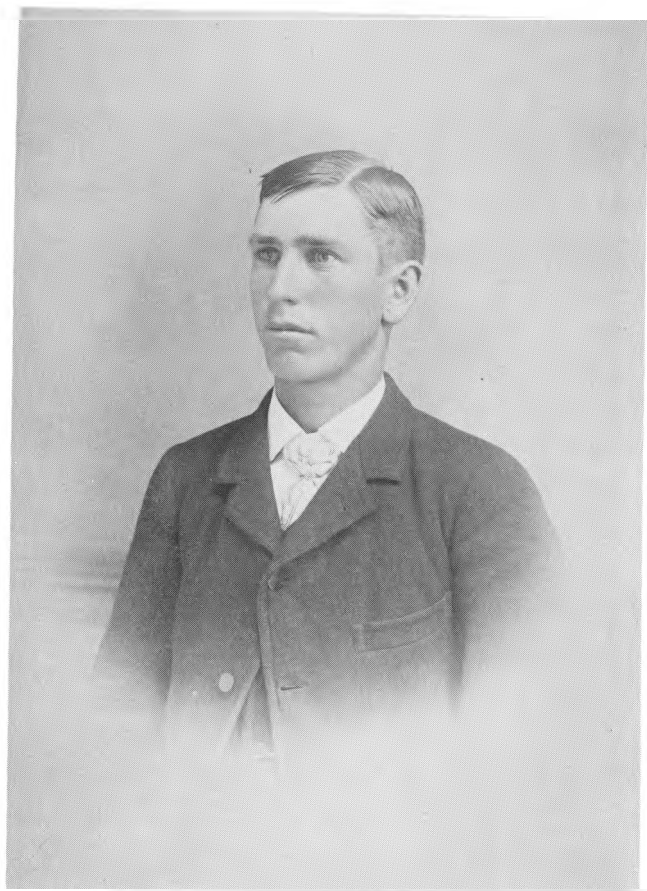


Eli Jones' children (left to right) Roy, Walter and Lena.



Mrs. Dorian and Mrs. Frost





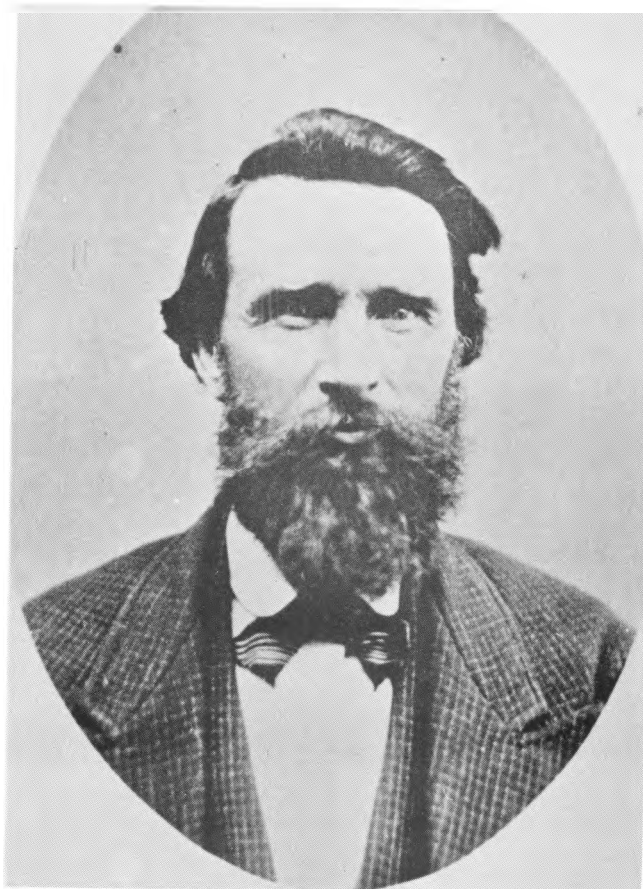
Taylor Eddie



Fisher and Martha Pickle Day



Elizabeth Potter Briggs



Hiram W. Carner



Jake and Fannie Frasier Dashiell, circa 1897



Jim and Min Eddie



Wiley Leonard Jones, husband of Margaret March Jones.  
Jim Shelton's great grandfather.



Margaret March Jones, wife of Wiley Jones.





Play group out of costume.



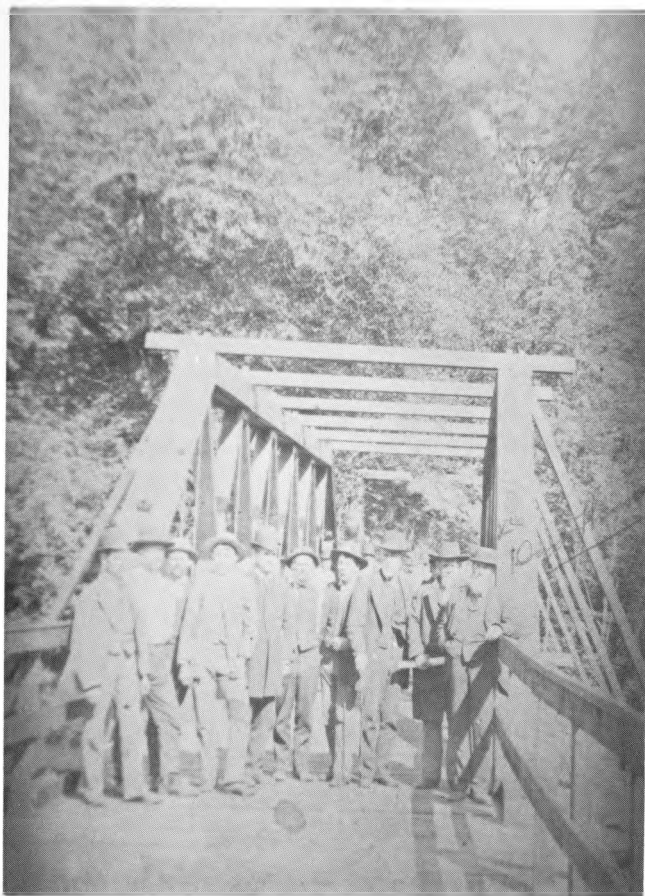
Theatrical Group - Pomo. Bottom left to right: Josie Pickle Frazier, Walter Jones. Middle left to right: Gene Hopkins, ?, Arnold Bonnifield, Shird Burris, Mrs Linser (teacher), Truman Bonnefield. Back row: Roy Jones.



Rosalinda Carner wife of Ambrose Carner.



Walter Jones with his apple and oak ball carvings at the San Francisco Exposition in 1939 and 1940.



Eel River Bridge built by L. B. Frasier about 1900.



Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Frazier



Mrs. Olga Spotswood Moller



M. E. Church, Potter Valley, after it was moved to Centerville in 1873.

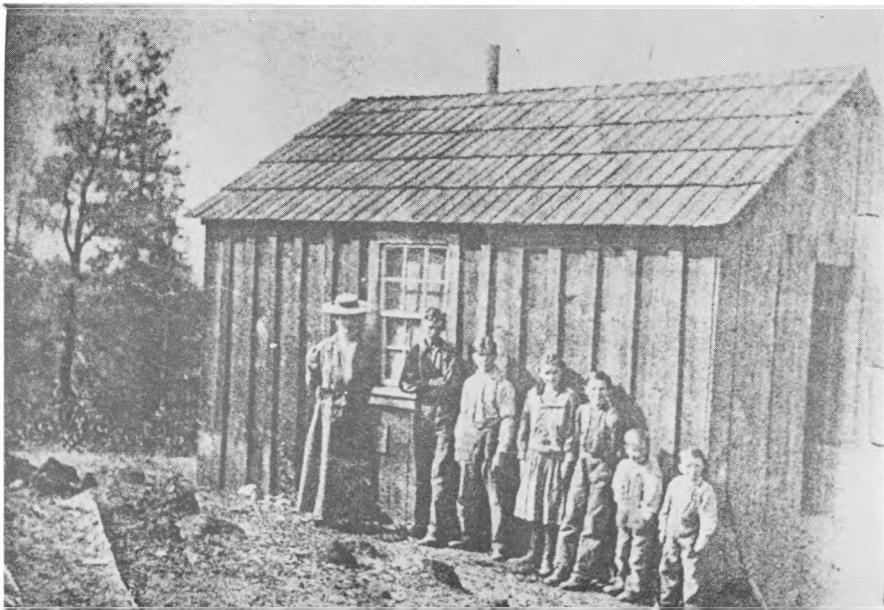




1, John Mewhinney, 2, John Leonard, 3, Geo. McCowen, 4, Thomas McCowen, 5, Mary Elisabeth Meades Pinkham McCowen, 6, Frank Leonard Carpenter, 7, Emily Leonard McCowen, 8, May Carpenter, 9, Daunah Maria Leonard Mewhinney, 10, Blanche McCowen, 11, Helen McCowen Carpenter, 12, Donna Mewhinney, 13, Emily McCowen Horton.



McCowen's: 1., Emily, 2, Helen, 3, Thomas, 4, Hale, 5, Emily L. 6, George, 7, Blanche.



Jessie Story, teacher, Johnnie Coble, Clyde Foster, Helen Coble, Wesley Coble, Fred Coble and Lester Compton, Busch Spring, Foster Mt. School District, circa 1909.



Top left to right: ?, ?, Greenberry, ?, Luther Washington. Bottom left to right: Sarah Jane Hopper Logan, June Leigh Hopper, John Hopper, Emma A Hopper Tunnell.



Remodeled Oriental School used by High School.



Takto Bridge, built in 1928.

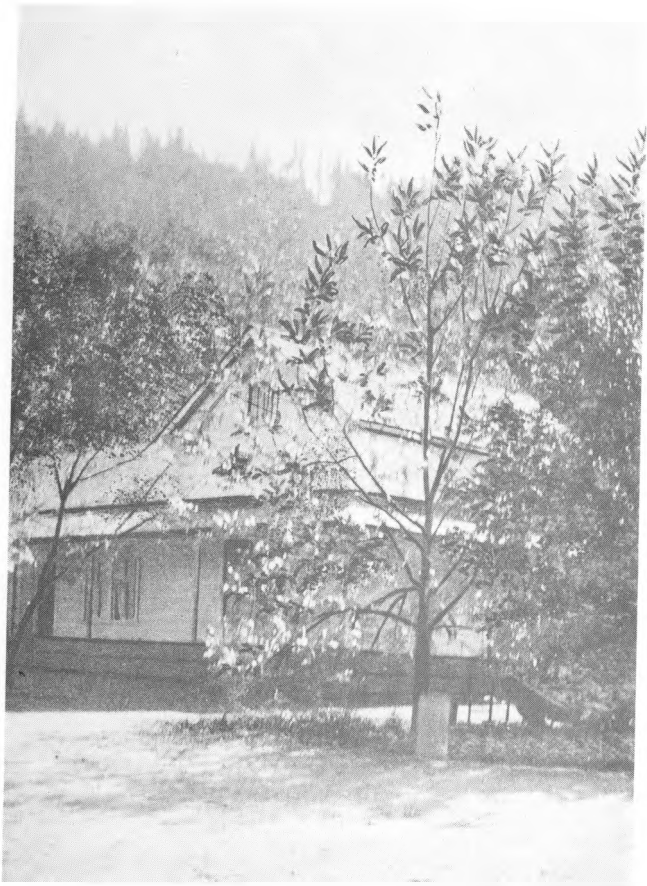


Jim Eddie home. Now owned by granddaughter Lorraine Mathews.



Otto, Dick, Myrtle, John and Frank Hughes.





The Ranch House, Lierly's.



Dick Hughes



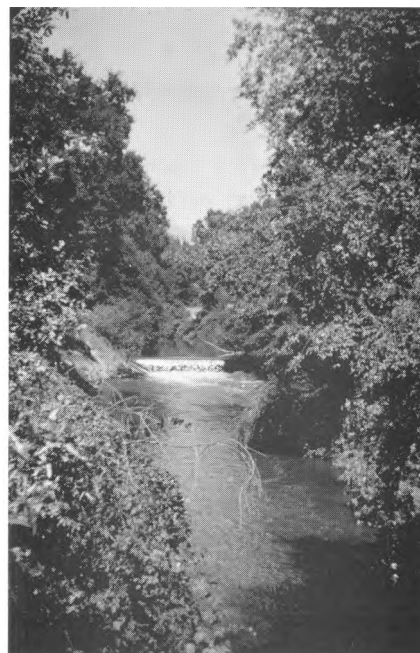
105 year old Hughes clock at great grandson Richard Hughes home at Anchorage Alaska. Still telling time and shows that I visited there on July 10, 1986 at 3:20p.m.



George W. Pickle, Sr.



1. Helen McCowen Carpenter, 2. Louis Grant Carpenter, 3. May Carpenter, 4. Grace Carpenter, 5. Aurelius Ormando Carpenter, 6. Frank Leonard Carpenter.



Waterfall seen from Bridge on Main St.



Charles and Effie (Gavin) Whittaker



Rosa Lee Sides



# Chapter XI

## DESCENDANTS OF THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS OF POTTER VALLEY SETTLERS

This short chapter I hope will stimulate your interest as well as it did mine. I feel it really brings the old timers down to the present day as well as giving my readers a thrill to have so many of them among their acquaintances.

### PRESENT RESIDENTS of POTTER VALLEY, DECEMBER 31, 1985

#### J. D. Brower

Dorothy	Brower	Smalley	Brower
Richard	Smalley		"
David	Smalley		"
Sarah	Smalley		"

#### Burkhart

Quentin	Fullerton	Burkhart	Day
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#### Burris

James	Burris	Burris
Chris	"	"
Casey	"	"
Brian	"	"
Katherine	"	"
Shird	"	"

#### Boyes

Paul	Wood	Boyes	Quesenberry
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#### Busch, John George

Hazel	Busch	Woolley	Dashiell	Sweeney		Vann		Busch
Norma	Woolley	Clark	"	"		"		"
Judith	Clark	Carter	"	"		"		"
Jason		Carter	"	"		"		"
Jill		Carter	"	"		"		"
Scott	Clark		"	"		"		"
Adam	"		"	"	Spotswood	"	Spencer	"
Benjamin	"		"	"	"	"	"	"
Amy	"		"	"	"	"	"	"
Shirley	Woolley	Cook	"	"		"		"
Melvin		Cook	"	"		"		"
Kevin		Cook	"	"		"		"
Larise		Cook	"	"		"		"
Richard	Woolley		"	"		"		"
Angala	"		"	"		"		"

# Busch (continued)

Sue	Woolley	Marshall	Dashiell	Sweeney		Vann	Busch
Geraldine		"	"	"		"	"
Cynthia		"	"	"		"	"
Catherine		"	"	"		"	"
Allan	Warden			Busch	Leirly	Sweeney	
Paul	"		McCreary	"	"	"	
Julie	"		"	"	"	"	
Nancy	"	Todd	"	"	"	"	
Stacy		"	"	"	"	"	
Rachel		"	"	"	"	"	
Jedediah		"	"	"	"	"	

# Dashiell

Leona	Dashiell	Eddie		Dashiell	Vann	
Helen	Eddie	Blundell	Eddie	"	"	Spencer
Clyde		"	"	"	"	"
Jolene		"	"	"	"	"
Carley		"	"	"	"	"
Clay		"	"	"	"	"
James	Eddie		"	"	"	"
Jan	Eddie	Phillips	"	"	"	"
Amanda		"	"	"	"	"
Jimmie	Eddie		"	"	"	"
Katie	Eddie		"	"	"	"
Charles	Dashiell	Neil	Vann	Dashiell	Smith	
Howard	"	"	"	"	"	
Michael	"	"	"	"	"	

# Day

Nancy	Day	March	Day	Pickle	Jones		March	{ Grandma Jones
Charles		"	"	"	"		"	
John B.		"	"	"	"		"	
Mary Jo	Lawton	Hunter	"	"	"		"	
Gregory		"	"	"	"	Hunter	Carter	"
Monique		"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Grover		"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Bradley		"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Joy	Lawton	Allender	"	"	"		"	"
Sarah		"	"	"	"		"	"
Jocelyn		"	"	"	"		"	"

# Eddie

James	Schurr		Eddie	Spencer
Lorraine	Mathews		"	"
Roberta	Dickey	Harvey	"	"
Robert		"	"	"
Becky		"	"	"
Jacob		"	"	"

**Eddie (continued)**

William	Harvey	Eddie	Spencer
Kenneth	"	"	"

James Eddie — See Dashiell

Helen Eddie Blundell — See Dashiell

**Hughes**

Allen	Hughes		Hughes	McGee	McKee	Thompson
Donna	Hughes	Hire	"	"	"	"
Ralph	Hughes		"	"	"	"

**Hunter**

Gordon	Hunter	See Day for family	Hunter	Carter
Ronald	"		"	"
Jammie	"		"	"

**Jones** See Day and Pickle and March**McCowen**

Frances McCowen Sibley McCowen

**McCombs**

Maude	McCombs	Foster	McCombs			
Harley		Foster	"			
Kenneth		Foster	"	Pickle	Jones	March

**McCreary**

Wanda McCreary Warden See Busch for family McCreary

**Neil**

Muriel	Neil	Dashiell	Neil			Smith
Charles		"	"	Dashiell	Vann	"

See Dashiell for family

**Pickle** Also see Day

Diane	Shelton	Foster	March	Pickle	Jones	See McCombs for family
Kathryn	Pacheco	Vonfeldt	"	"	"	
Kyle		"	"	"	"	
Jaime Delight		"	"	"	"	

**Spencer** Also see Eddie and Spotswood

George	Meyer	Spencer	Smith
Henry	Meyer	"	"
Raymond	"	"	"

**Spotswood**

Olive	Spotswood	Nichols	Spotswood	Spencer	
Mabel	"	Whitcomb	"	"	
Robert		Whitcomb	"	"	
Margaret	"	Leard	"	"	
Harriet	Shimmin	Burton	"	"	
Carol	Burton	Clark	"	"	See Busch for family
Joe Don	"	"	"	"	

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**Wattenberg**

Martha	Wattenberg	Nelson		Wattenberg	
Mildred	"	Byers		"	
Monty		"		"	
Jonathan		"		"	
Christopher		"		"	
David		"		"	
Heyde		"		"	
Nona		"	Sorenson	Staley	"
Christie	Sorenson				"
Clifford	"				"
Cherri		"	Miller		"
Danielle		"	"		"
Sari		"			"

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**Sweeney**    See Busch

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**Vann**    See Busch and Dashiell

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## ***Chapter XII***

### **FAMILY TREES OF SETTLERS FROM 1855 — 1925**

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The chapter on family trees truly proved to be an undertaking which I hope will be appreciated with a perpetual interest as time goes by for my readers. I had not anticipated this chapter being such a large portion of my book, but with perseverance and the aid of family members I end this book with this chapter giving me a feeling of accomplishment. After all it was doing the family trees of the first settlers that started me working toward this in 1950.

## A D A M S

**Viola**  
m. 1894  
George W. Pickle  
b. 1870  
d. 1957  
See Pickle Chart

**Alice**  
m. ?  
Corville  
**Josephine**  
**Meta**  
**Laura**  
**Clarence**

**Joseph Riley**  
b. 1871  
d. 1959  
m. 1899  
Clara Spencer  
b. 1881  
d. 1955

**Trilby**  
b. 1902  
d. 1967  
m. 1920  
Cecil Zortman  
b. 1900  
d. 1984  
**Ralph**  
b. 1921  
d. 1944  
World War II  
m. Lucille  
Dickey  
(See Dickey  
Chart)  
**Jane**  
1st m. Marion  
Lamb  
2nd m. Ralph  
Emmonds  
**3 Girls**  
**Clyde**  
m. Phoebe  
Pulver  
**Wanda**  
**Judy**  
**Sheree**  
Girl ?

**Harold S.**  
b. 1903  
d. 1944  
m. 1924  
Melva  
Thornton  
b. 1906  
**Herbert**  
b. 1930  
m. 1961  
Irma  
Rohr  
2nd m. 1949 (Melva)  
Fred Meyer  
d. 1963  
3rd m. 1971 (Melva)  
Francis C. Olds

**Alvin**  
b. 1908  
d. 1948  
m. 1936  
Olive  
Whittaker  
**Ruth Anne**  
b. 1939  
m. 1959  
William L.  
Wingate, Sr.  
(See Whittaker  
Chart)

## B A R N E T T

**Newton = Viola Hyatt**  
m. circa 1890  
b. 1867      b. 1870  
d. 1941      d. 1958

**Hazel**  
b. 1890  
d. 1972  
m. 1913  
John G. Newman  
b. 1879  
d. 1970  
(See Newman Chart)

**Roy**  
b. 1892

Hydesville to Ukiah 1891.  
Came to Potter Valley in 1895.



## B A K E R

Henry W.     =     Elizabeth Wilkerson  
m. 1840

b. 1818  
d. 1909

Sarah	Robert	Eliza Jane b. 1842 d. 1903 m. Presley Muir	Mary Elizabeth b. 1844 m. Nathaniel Waltrip	Margaret b. 184?	Martha b. 1850 m. Davenport	Lucinda b. 1852 m. George Hopper	Henry b. 1854 m. Linnie ?
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### Henry Baker's children continued

Martin b. 1857 d. 1939 m. Alice Thornberg	Emma b. 1862 m. Thomas Young	Ransom b. 1864 m. W. Blosser	Dora b. 1867 m. William Curryer
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Came to Potter Valley in 1867  
Owned Baker Springs Resort on  
road to Willits, also owned land  
in Potter Valley.

Henry Baker's two sisters Jane  
(Sabra) and her husband Newton  
Porter Rogers and Martha Ann,  
widow of Henry Long also came  
to Potter Valley at the same time.  
(See Long Chart)

## B E R R Y H I L L

Frank Douglas

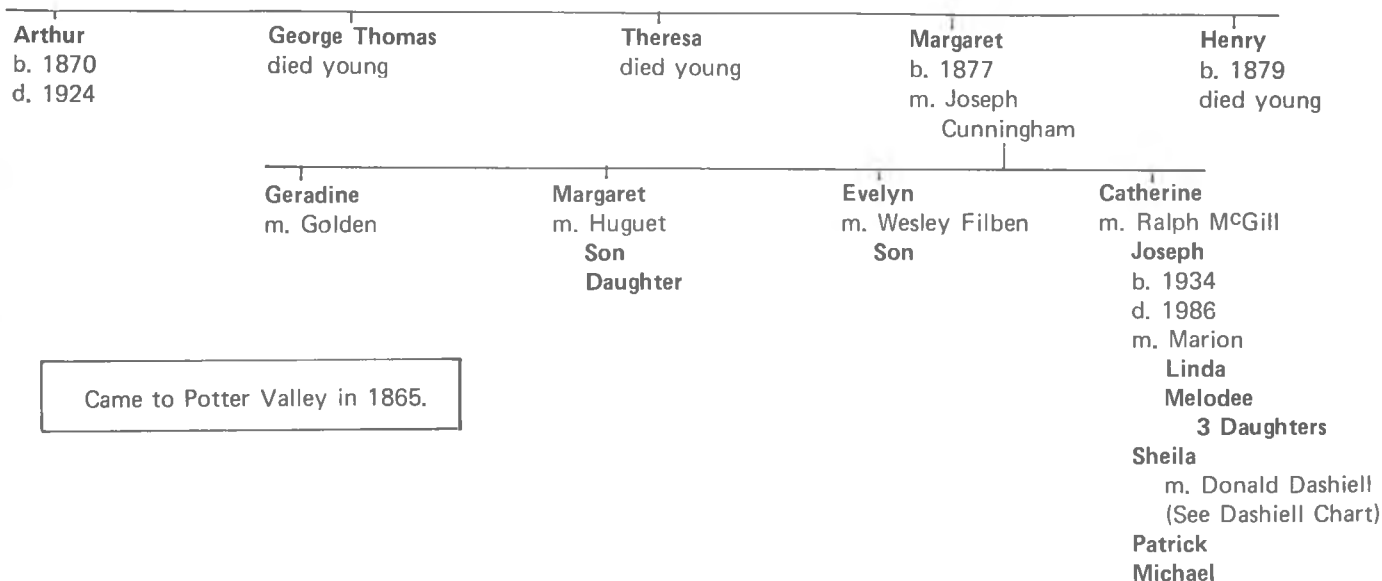
Nellie 1st m. Shird Burris 2nd m. Cesar Beffa	May m. Truman Bonfield Donald	Frank Douglas m. Sarah Ann Farrance Amy m. Floyd Beffa Cheryl m. Ron Pourroy Roxanne Rochelle	Joe	Ethel m. Alley Bailey	Agnes B. m. 1904 Leroy Jones Lorae b. 1910 m. 1937 Paul Deming (See Jones Chart)
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# BEVANS

**John Paul = Harriet Hildreth**  
 b. 1825 Maryland b. 1835 Mo.  
 d. 1902 P.V. d. 1900 P.V.

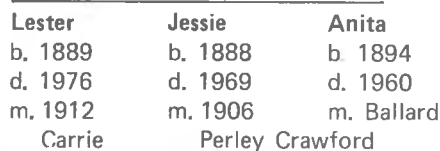
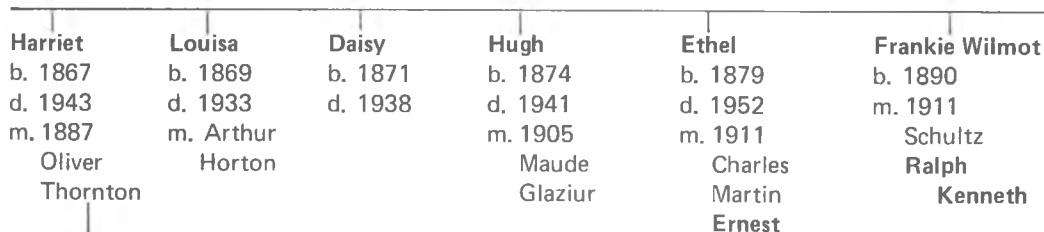
<b>John</b> b. 1854 m. Annie D. Van Nader <b>Harry</b> d. 1950's	<b>Marcellus</b> b. 1856 d. 1922 1st m. Hattie Hopper 1884 <b>Hazel</b> b. 1889 d. 1952 2nd m. 1897 Annie Hopper b. 1876 d. 1962	<b>Walter</b> b. 1859 m. Isabelle Busche b. 1870	<b>Lawrence</b> b. 1861 d. 1877	<b>Marion (Pet)</b> b. 1863 m. John O'Brien <b>Imogene</b> d. 1950's	<b>Hattie</b> b. 1866 m. Albert Cave <b>Reuben</b> <b>Frieda</b> d. 1913 <b>Hilda</b> b. 1913 m. Montgomery <b>Georgia</b> m. Magna Bosco
<b>Meryl Paul</b> b. 1904 d. 1961 m. 1929 Lois McNerney b. 1908 d. 1979 <b>Jane</b> b. 1935 1st m. 1957 Nick Flores <b>Mary Lou</b> b. 1958 <b>Erin Eve</b> b. 1979 m. 1985 Seifert <b>Zachary Robert</b> b. 1985  <b>Nicholas</b> b. 1958 m. 1985 Suzanne Ramero <b>Marcia</b> b. 1961 m. 1980 Cates <b>Jessica Mae</b> & <b>Brooke Elizabeth</b> b. 1981  <b>Kathy</b> b. 1965 2nd m. Charles Berry	<b>Marcella Pearl</b> b. 1906 m. 1929 Thomas F. Dewey, Jr. <b>Thomas F., III</b> b. 1934 <b>Thomas F. IV</b> b. 1963 <b>James Stuart</b> b. 1936 <b>Debra</b> b. 1959 m. McKnight <b>Kendra</b> b. 1981 <b>Ashlyn</b> b. 1983 <b>James S., Jr.</b> b. 1960 <b>Richard Michael</b> b. 1982 <b>Robert Allan</b> b. 1961 <b>Kelly Louise</b> <b>Kathleen Michelle</b> b. 1964 <b>Michael John</b> b. 1965 <b>Shawn Steven</b> b. 1968  <b>John Carol</b> b. 1939 <b>Keith Eric</b> b. 1969 <b>William Brian</b> b. 1972	<b>William Beverly</b> b. 1913 m. 1936 Effie Mae Johnson <b>Diane</b> b. 1937 m. Brock <b>Elizabeth Susan</b> b. 1958 <b>Jennifer Jean</b> b. 1959 <b>William Reese</b> b. 1961 <b>James Edward</b> <b>Susan Lynne</b> b. 1942 1st m. Hoaglin <b>Dennis Carl</b> b. 1961 <b>Robert Perry</b> b. 1962 <b>Steven Michael</b> b. 1963 2nd m. O'Brien <b>Ross</b> b. 1980 <b>Joanne Elizabeth</b> b. 1948 m. Doht <b>Tiama Patria</b> b. 1982 <b>Gayle Patricia</b> b. 1953 m. Malama <b>Jordan</b> 1982			

(cont'd.) John Paul Bevans = Harriet Hildreth

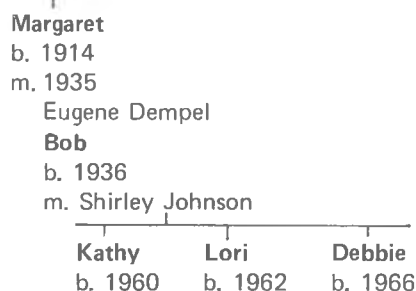


## B L A K E

Silas = Catherine Haydon  
 m. 1866  
 b. 1838      b. 1847  
 d. 1920      d. 1925



Ruby  
b. 1908  
d. 1970  
m. Dahl



Bill  
 b. 1949  
 2nd m. 1974 (Margaret)  
 Robert Leber

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1876

Parents of Silas were  
L. Haskell and Calvin  
Blake and came to  
California in 1856.

# BONNEFIELD

Henry = Alice Bogard  
b. 1855  
d. 1924

<b>Arnold</b> b. 1880 m. Elizabeth Kiesel	<b>Mamie</b> b. 1882 m. Tom Jackson Zeryl	<b>Truman</b> b. 1886 m. May Berryhill Donald	<b>Mattie</b> b. 1889 m. Bruce Walker <b>Evelyn</b> b. 1910 m. John Powers Janet	<b>Alvin</b> b. 1891 m. Barbara Evans	<b>Wesley</b> b. 1897 m. May
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Henry = 2nd m. Ethel Bogard 1900  
b. 1881  
d. 1966

<b>Harry</b> b. 1902 1st m. Gladys Grey <b>Shirley</b> 2nd m. Eulale	<b>Pearl</b> b. 1903 m. Paul Poulos d. 1983	<b>Vera</b> b. 1905 m. Orval Cook	<b>Henry</b> b. 1915 m. Edythe Alameda	<b>Audrey</b> b. 1919 m. Oliver Lawrence <b>Lucinda</b> 2nd m. Theodore Dretos	<b>Robert</b> b. 1922 m. Harriet Wood
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<b>Jerrold</b> b. 1926 m. 1944 Nancy Shore <b>Donna</b> b. 1944 m. Monte Cook <b>Carol</b> b. 1946 m. Steve Hamre <b>Jay</b> b. 1949 m. Janet	<b>Paul</b> b. 1933 m. 1956 Frances Gibson <b>Paige</b> b. 1958 m. John Buffington <b>Geoffrey</b> b. 1959 <b>Gregory</b> b. 1960	<b>John</b> b. 1937 m. 1960 Joan Graham <b>John Stewart</b> b. 1965 <b>Alekka</b> b. 1967 2nd m. 1985 Debbie Daggart
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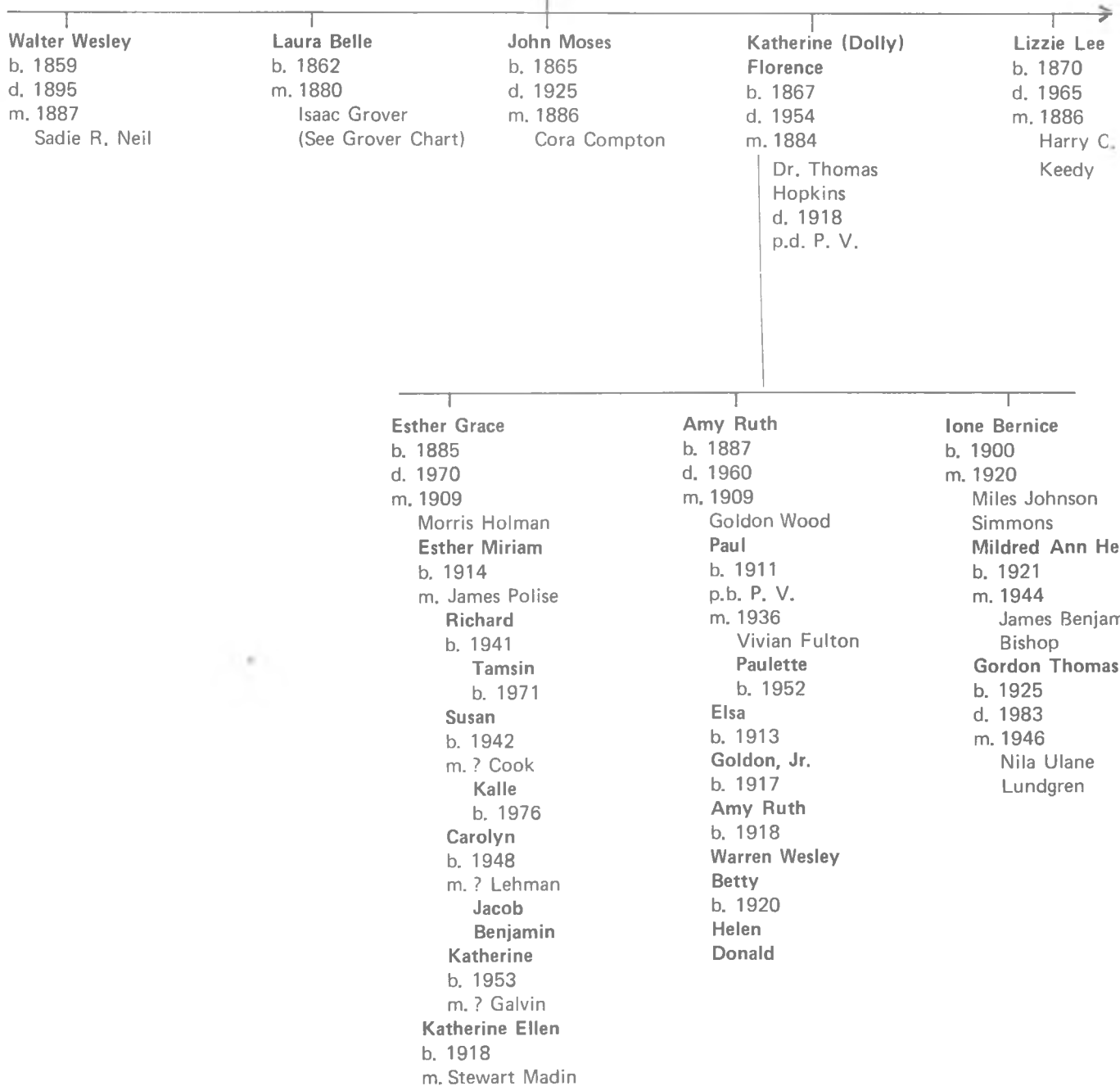
Came to Potter Valley in  
1889. Settled on Pine Ave.

# BOYES

William R. = Mildred Ann Quesenberry  
m. 1858

b. 1831  
d. 1897

b. 1843  
p.b. Calif.  
d. 1905



William R. Boyes continued next page

# **William R. Boyes children continued**

**James William**  
b. 1872  
d. 1914  
m. Annabelle

**Ida May**  
b. 1875  
d. 1950  
m. 1896  
John H.  
Redick

**Mary (LuLu)**  
b. 1877  
d. 1965  
m. 1897

John E.  
Fraser  
**Mabel**  
b. 1909  
m. 1930  
Arthur Yaggy  
d. 1971  
**Jean M.**  
b. 1937  
m. 1955  
Jay McInTosh

**Mildred Anna**  
b. 1881  
m. A. S.  
Drake

**Jeffrey**  
b. 1960  
d. 1960

**James**  
b. 1965

**Janet**  
b. 1967

Boyes came to Potter  
Valley in 1864.

Boyes Creek named  
for him.

Owned the Center-  
ville Hotel, west of  
Russian River.



## BOYNTON

Roland = Minnie May Maze  
m. 1919

b. 1890      b. 1891  
d. 1957      d. 1973

Sterling R.  
b. 1921  
m. 1973  
Marquerite Ashton

Searles R.  
b. 1926  
m. 1949  
Marjorie C.  
b. 1925

Came to Potter Valley in 1919.

Paige  
b. 1951  
m. 1983  
Wm. Bradley  
Spires  
Blaine Colin  
b. 1983

Kevin Chase  
b. 1952  
m. 1975  
Christine Sandalla  
Ashley Christine  
b. 1978  
Brett Chase  
b. 1980

Tambi  
b. 1956  
m. 1984  
Roosevelt Loyd

## BRIGGS

Mose Carson = Elizabeth Potter  
m. 1852

b. 1827      b. 1828  
p.b. Mo.      p.b. Mo.

Belle G.  
b. 1867  
d. 1964  
m. Jeff Hardin  
2nd m.  
John  
Wesley  
Elstun  
d. 1950

John R.

Jennie J.  
m. Charles  
Matthews  
Paul  
m. Frema  
Goodrich

Gilvannah

Nancy  
m. 1871  
Paul Boulon  
May  
b. 1873  
d. 1905  
m. 1904

William

Charles S.

Mose C.  
(Kit)  
m. Evelyn  
Burkhart  
Rose  
b. 1916  
m. Charles  
Bucknell  
Rodney  
b. 1919

Rose  
m. George Hewlett  
Jane  
m. George  
W. Fuller  
6 Children  
Marion  
m. John Pike  
John  
Jeffie  
m. Lee Wesson

Jeffie  
m. Frederick  
Day Hihn  
Gloria  
m. Joseph  
Erskine Walsh, M.D.  
Joseph, Jr.  
Jeffie

David  
John Yogelman  
d. 1905  
Mae Emily  
b. 1905  
d. 1969  
m. 1927  
Ralston  
Ream Smith  
Jeanne Ralston  
b. 1927  
m. 1951  
Dwight Harrison  
Murray, Jr. M.D.  
b. 1927

Michael Kevin  
b. 1951  
m. 1979  
Ruth Ellen  
Woodward

Susan Elizabeth  
b. 1953  
Named for Susan  
Elizabeth Briggs

Michael Matthew  
b. 1980

John David  
b. 1983

Christina Day  
b. 1984

Moses came to Potter Valley  
in 1852.  
Brought his family in 1857.

# BROOKS

Henry Clay     =     Mary Jane Runyon  
b. 1847                      b. 1860

Jessie b. 1885 m. Weger	Nevada b. 1886 d. 1956 m. 1913 George R. Scott b. 1882 d. 1965 Tharen Roy b. 1914 d. 1970 m. 1936 Una I. Walters Stanley Homer b. 1921 m. 1947 Mariann E. Zimmer Margaret Jane b. 1918 m. 1937 Hugh G. Powers	Wiley T. b. 1888 d. 1977 m. 1912 Jennie Dolores Scott	Clyde b. 1892 m. 1915 Mabel Carner b. 1894 Mildred m. Paul Eaton Denton Alice m. Harold Clay Dala Catherine Brian Clyde Vernon m. Dorothy Gibson Ronald Karen (See Gibson Chart) Henry m. Jean Patricia Thomas Joan David Norene m. Ernest Clay Richard Robert	Joseph b. 1893	W. Howard b. 1894 d. 1982 m. 1914 Hazel Irene King Ileta b. 1918 m. 1940 Rhotes Finley b. 1912	Richard A. b. 1895 d. 1973 m. Anna	Hazel Edna b. 1897	Addie V. b. 1898	Homer	Percy b. 1903	Joe
<div>Came to Potter Valley in 1890's.</div>											
Byron A. b. 1914 d. 1960 m. 1939 Elfrieda Kelbe b. 1915 Patricia D. b. 1942 m. 1965 Wayne R. Swanson Tracy b. 1965 Adam b. 1969 Sharon S. b. 1948 m. 1969 Robert Smith	Leland H. b. 1916 d. 1956 m. 1942 Mary Rita Becker Harvey J. Leland T.	Dolores Lorene b. 1925 m. 1945 Lewis L. Martinelli Gary Alan b. 1949 d. 1967 Linda Gail b. 1951 m. 1973 Nicholas J. Paul 2nd m. 1977 Marvin Talso Justin b. 1979 Mariah b. 1981									

# B R O W E R

John Daniel = Charity Jane Wilcox  
m. 1852

b. 1829  
p.b. New Jersey  
d. 1889  
p.d. P. V.

John Daniel, Jr.

b. 1854  
d. 1930  
m. 1877

Jessie Eliza Patterson  
b. 1856  
p.b. Wisc.  
d. 1933

Margaret Jane

died young

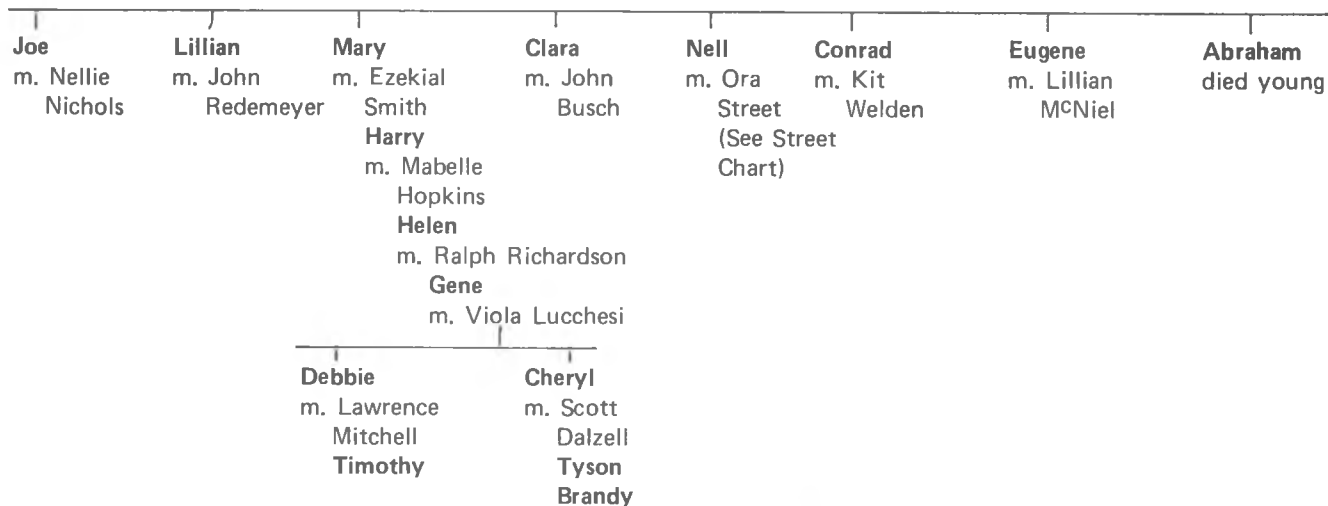
John	Irene	Hazel	Estella	Lewis	Edward	Mable	Margery	Nina	Dorothy
b. 1878	b. 1880	b. 1882	b. 1884	b. 1886	b. 1889	b. 1893	b. 1895	b. 1898	b. 1901
d. 1970	d. 1946	d. 1906	d. 1976	d. 1903	d. 1975	m. Louis	d. 1983	d. 1901	m. 1920
m. Pearl	m. Robert		m. John		m. Phyllis	Hansen	m. George		C. Theodore
Hopper	Dashiell		McGuffin		Ingram	d. 1963	Burton		Smalley
b. 1880	b. 1881		b. 1881		b. 1891	Jack	b. 1902		b. 1898
d. 1970	d. 1937		d. 1946		d. 1930	m. Dorothy	Harry		d. 1972
John D.			Edith		Elaine	Jessie	b. 1921		(cont'd.)
b. 1906			b. 1908		b. 1916	b. 1919	Eleanor		
d. 1980			m. Francis		d. 1960	m. Chandler	b. 1923		
m. Barbara			Sanford		m. Burmon	Johnson	m. George		
Holt			Hazel		Barbara		Lightner		
Herman			b. 1910		b. 1941				
			m. Henry		Nancy				
			Schultz		b. 1939				
			Howard		Elise				
			b. 1913		b. 1917				
			d. 1966		m. Riggs				
			m. Alta		Annette				
			Butler		b. 1923				
					m. Wormell				
Evelyn	Mildred	Doris	Geraldine	Robert					
b. 1906		b. 1911	b. 1915	b. 1922					
d. 1961		m. Holger	m. Gordon	m. ?					
m. Weaving		Barthelsen	Kinney	Cheryl					
Don		Janice	Bruce	3 Children					
b. 1931		b. 1938	b. 1938	Marcie					
m. Linda		3 Children	3 Children	Stacey					
Wara		Margaret	Susan	1 Child					
Don		3 Children	3 Children						
Keith		Nadine							
		b. 1944							
		3 Children							
		Holger							
		2 Children							

Came to Potter Valley in 1871.  
Bought 8000 acre Mid-Mountain  
Ranch.

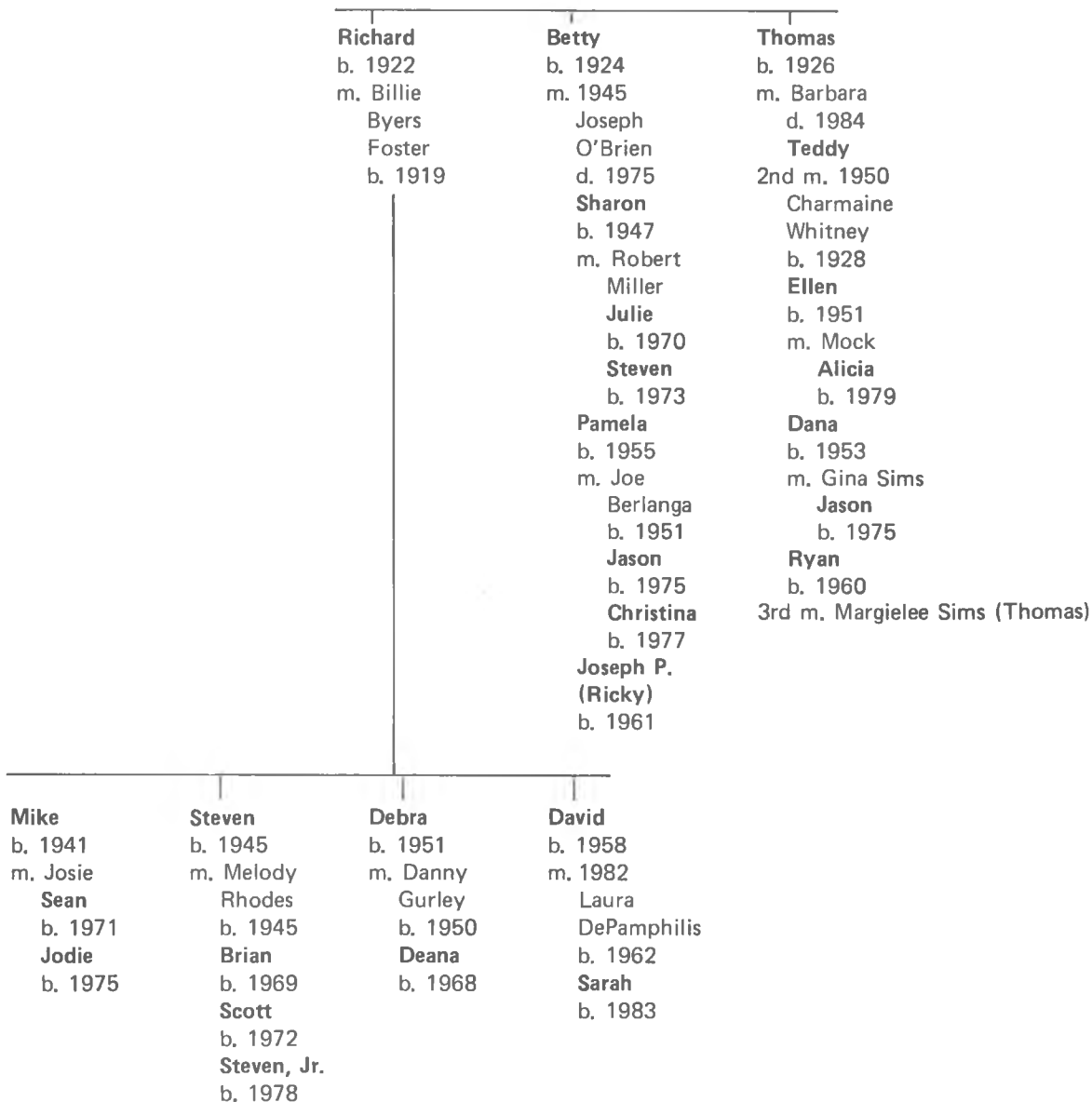
John D., Jr. bought 200 acres  
on Pine Ave., 1873.

(cont'd.) John Daniel Brower

John Daniel = 2nd m. Mary Magdalene Troll  
m. 1861



Dorothy Brower continued



## BRUSH

Robert = Phoebe Shields  
m. 1899

b. 1871	b. 1880
d. 1960	d. 1969

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Lloyd  
d. 1981  
m. Mary Neil  
d. 1979  
Marion  
m. Mary Frances  
Charlie  
2 Children  
Cynthia  
1 Child  
Jean  
m. Lee Wilson  
Jeri  
Stephanie  
Steven  
Raymond Lee  
2 Daughters  
2nd m. Kenneth Vandever

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Maybert  
b. 1906  
d. 1968

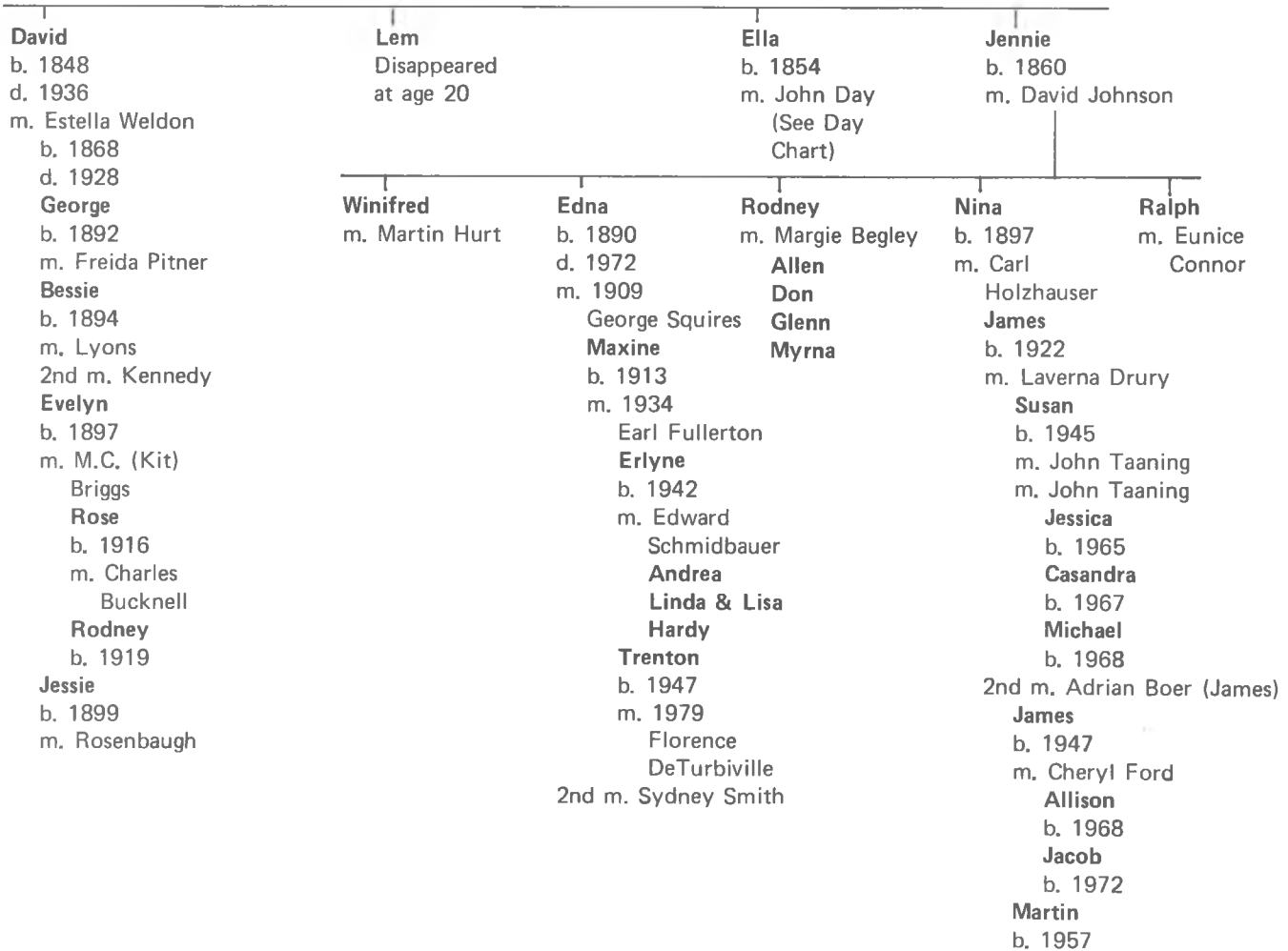
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Helen  
b. 1913  
m. Forrest  
Hughes  
2nd m. Henry  
DeLotti

Came to Potter Valley  
about 1920.

# BURKHART

George = Charlotte  
 b. 1815      b. 1821  
 d. 1887      d. 1901



Came to California from Dubuque, Iowa in 1850's.  
 Came to Potter Valley in 1867.  
 Settled on Eel River Road.  
 Bought land from Vann.



# BURRIS

John = Mary E. Guisler  
b. 1859  
d. 1943

**Shird**  
b. 1879  
d. 1962  
m. Nellie Berryhill  
2nd m. Frances Moore  
b. 1901  
d. 1985

**Herbert**  
b. 1887  
d. 1952

**Thurza**  
b. 1883  
d. 1935  
m. Frank Mosier  
d. 1921  
**Marquita**  
b. 1904  
m. Frank Mathison  
2nd m. James Rybloom  
**Iva**  
b. 1910  
d. 1986  
m. Felton Bates  
**Larry**  
b. 1939  
m. 1962  
Betty Tucker  
Adopted Robert Everett  
2nd m. Milton Nystrom (Iva)  
**Milton**  
b. 1951  
m. 1983  
**Kathy**  
**Edna**  
b. 1917  
Herbert Maxey

**James**  
m. 1948  
Dorothy  
Potts  
**Chris**  
b. 1949  
m. 1972  
Nancy  
**Casey**  
b. 1975  
**Brian**  
b. 1977  
Katherine  
b. 1981

**Shirley**  
m. Sebastian  
Bufordice  
**John**  
**Anne**  
Sebastian

**Lee**  
(twin Dee)  
m. Joann  
d. 1985  
**Teresa**  
**Brian**  
**Shird**  
m. 1984  
Sheryl Slater  
**Clayton & Clifford**  
**Lisa**

**Dee**  
(twin Lee)  
m. Sue  
2nd m. Linda

**Diana**  
b. 1951  
m. 1968  
Tom Castegnetto  
**Christine**  
b. 1970  
2nd m. 1978  
John Mosna  
**Josh**  
b. 1979

2nd m. Delores Catenacci Foster (James)  
**Trudy Lee**  
3rd m. Geraldine (Jame)  
4th m. Georgia Finn (James)  
**Shane**  
James Franklin

Came to Potter Valley  
in late 1860's.

# J. G. BUSCH

<b>John George</b> b. 1826 p.b. Hamburg, Germany d. 1910 p.d. P.V.	=	<b>Ann Sweeney</b> b. 1837 p.b. Sligo, Ireland d. 1920 p.d. P. V.
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**Charles Agustus**  
 b. 1857  
 d. 1938  
 m. Hettie Lierly  
 b. 1860  
 d. 1939  
**Mabel**  
 b. 1885  
 d. 1975  
 m. William Davis Warden  
 b. 1884  
 d. 1950  
**Donald Lee**  
 d. 1985  
**Alan (Tick)**  
 b. 1920  
 m. Wanda W. McCreary  
 b. 1924  
**John Alan**  
 b. 1945  
**Paul**  
 b. 1953  
 m. Jennifer Douglas  
**Julie**  
 b. 1983  
**Nancy Lorraine**  
 (twin/Paul)  
 b. 1953  
 m. Russell Todd  
**Stacey**  
**Rachel**  
**Jedediah**  
**David Melvin**  
 b. 1957 (?)  
 m. Linda Curtis  
**George Lierly (Gint)**  
 m. Gladys Davis

**John James**  
 b. 1859  
 m. Clara Brower  
 2nd m. Josephine

**Mary Ann**  
 b. 1860  
 m. Leslie Baylor

**George Herbert**  
 b. 1862  
 d. 1936  
 m. 1898  
   Olive E. Frey  
**George H., Jr.**  
 d. 1973  
 m. Thais Sorenson

**Stephen Henry**  
 b. 1864  
 d. 1920

**Owen**  
 b. 1867  
 d. 1948  
 m. Cynthia Ann Dashiell  
 b. 1867  
 d. 1922  
**Ruth**  
 m. Charles Park  
**Cynthia Arden**  
**Elva Ann**  
 b. 1896  
 d. 1974  
 m. Frank Cole  
**James**  
**Frances Ann**  
 m. Cornett  
**Barbara**  
 m. Pinelli  
**Carmel**  
 m. Rhoades  
**Carolyn**  
 m. Potts  
**Hazel**  
 m. 1921  
 Norman Woolley  
 (See Woolley Chart)

Came to Potter Valley in 1863.  
 Busch bought the William Potter homestead.  
 See Busch Story.

J. G. Busch = Ann Sweeney continued next page

(cont'd.) John = Ann Busch

**Minnie Belle**  
b. 1870  
m. Wlaler R.  
Bevans  
b. 1859

**Katherine**  
m. John M.  
Roberts

**Frances Amanda**  
b. 1874  
d. 1967  
m. Eugene  
Holbrook  
**Nina**  
m. Ray Carlin  
**Helene**  
m. Ed Harrison  
**Jean Louise**  
**Everett**  
m. ?  
1 Step Son

**Hattie Wilhemenia**  
m. Robert English  
**Earl**  
**Craig**  
**Warren**  
**Ann**  
m. Tony Franklin

**Augustine Ferdinand**  
**(Gus)**  
b. 1883  
m. 1906  
Alwilda (Wilda)  
Thornton  
b. 1887  
d. 1975

**Kenneth**  
b. 1908  
m. Betty Frasier  
2nd m. Juliet F.  
Van Vleck  
**Barbara Ellen**  
b. 1943  
m. William Puccinelli  
**Corey**  
**Leigh Ann**  
**Stephen Elbert**  
b. 1946  
d. 1983  
m. 4 times  
**2 Adopted Girls**  
**Mary Elizabeth**  
b. 1953  
m. Dean Smith  
**Dean Smith III**  
b. 1986  
3rd m. 1972 (Kenneth)  
Elaine Easterly Still

**Elbert**  
b. 1920  
m. Ruth R. Jeanney  
**Berta Leigh**  
b. 1947  
d. 1971  
m. Patrick Castle  
**Juliet Jeanney**  
b. 1949  
m. Bruce Burlington  
2nd m. Lierla  
**Kate Jeanney**  
**Diane**

# J. T. BUSCH

**John Theodore      =      Ella Burt**  
**m. 1879**

b. 1846  
d. 1935

b. 1858  
d. 1916

**Elmer**  
b. 1879  
m. Rose Boney

**Elizabeth**  
m. Oscar Polin  
**Rose**  
m. Bill McKeen  
**Burt**  
m. Josephine  
2nd m. Virginia  
**Oscar M.**  
m. Susan  
**Elizabeth**  
m. Bill Grey  
**Marian**

**Helen Wilhemina**  
b. 1881  
d. 1928  
m. 1915  
    John E. March  
    b. 1886  
    d. 1967  
**Elizabeth**  
**Helen**  
**Mary**  
**John**  
**Edna**  
(See March Chart)

**Burt**  
m. Barbara  
**Bruce**  
**Gail**  
**Joyce**

**James**  
b. 1905  
d. 1970  
m. 1929  
    Naomi Mason

**Helen**  
m. Claude Weaver

**James**  
b. 1934  
m. 1960  
    Evelyn Zackary  
    **Cindi** (adopted)  
    b. 1956  
    **Cathi**  
    b. 1958  
    **Laura**  
    b. 1985  
    **Carolyn**  
    b. 1961  
    **Cheryl**  
    b. 1963

**Janice**  
b. 1935  
m. 1952  
    Bill Zimmerman  
    **Vicki**  
    b. 1956  
    **Lennie**  
    b. 1978  
    **Jill**  
    b. 1958  
    **Brandie**  
    **James**  
    **Jack**  
    b. 1961  
    **Julie**  
    b. 1968

**Judy**  
b. 1939  
m. 1958  
    Sam Goghosian  
    **John**  
    b. 1961  
    **Jody**  
    b. 1964

**Jill**  
b. 1946  
m. 1969  
    Bob Williams  
    **Emily**  
    b. 1969  
    2nd m. 1979 (Jill)  
    Fred Kissenger  
    **Colleen**  
    b. 1981

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1905.  
Busch Springs Mineral Resort  
owned by John.

# CARNER

Ambrose = Rosalinda Wells  
m. 1829

b. 1807      b. 1809  
d. 1895      d. 1878  
p.d. P. V.

1. Hiram W.	3. Elizabeth	4. Jason	5. Richmond	6. Mary (Polly)
b. 1829	b. 1834	b. 1835	b. 1838	b. 1841
d. 1879	d. 1907	d. 1909	d. 1912	d. 1916
p.d. P. V.	m. St. John	m. 1858	m. 1857	m. 1859
m. 1854	2nd m. James Ross	Martha Ann	Jane Evalena	Leander Preston
Eliza Jane	Raised James St.	Phillips	Ross	b. 1838
Snow	John and	b. 1840	b. 1841	d. 1907
b. 1836	James Ross	d. 1871	d. 1904	<b>Ella M.</b>
d. 1866	(husband's sons)	<b>John Irvin</b>	<b>Francis D.</b>	b. 1860
(Cont'd. next page)	<b>Charles A.</b>	b. 1860	b. 1859	p.b. Iowa
	b. 1857	d. 1942	d. 1860	d. 1913
	d. 1907	m. 1884	<b>Evalina J.</b>	m. Samuel
	m. Senorah Mallory	Josephine	b. 1864	McCulloch
	<b>Emily E.</b>	A. Carner	d. 1948	<b>Averille B.</b>
	b. 1858	<b>Carrie A.</b>	m. 1890	b. 1864
	d. 1934	b. 1885	Martin Archer	p.b. Conn.
	m. 1873	<b>Bert Irvin</b>	2nd m. Lemuel	d. 1903
	Charles E.	b. 1888	Brashear	m. 1886
	Eddy	m. 1909	<b>William H.</b>	Sarah Tarwater
	Henry Eddy	Etta	b. 1869	<b>Everett A.</b>
	(son of Charles)	Branscomb	d. 1871	b. 1869
	b. 1851	b. 1887 or '88	<b>Ernest R.</b>	p.b. P. V.
	<b>Mary E.</b>	<b>Cyril Irvin</b>	b. 1873	m. Hester Jones
	b. 1874	b. 1913	d. 1932	Mary's 2nd m. 1910
	d. 1944	<b>Albert E.</b>	m. 1895	John R. Sherwood
	m. Milton Byman	b. 1891	Julia Hansler	
	2nd m. William	d. 1950	<b>Bert M.</b>	
	Hickman	m. 1917 or '18	b. 1881	
	<b>James Henry</b>	Eva Packard	d. 1943	
	b. 1879	<b>Mabel Iva</b>	m. 1910	
	d. 1946	b. 1894	Myrtle Parker	
	m. Carolina Niemann	m. Clyde Brooks	<b>Amy J.</b>	
	<b>William Grant</b>	(See Brooks	b. 1883	
	b. 1886	Chart)	d. 1959	
	d. 1942	<b>Julia</b>	m. 1906	
	m. Ellen	b. 1862	Charles R.	
	<b>Jason S.</b>	<b>Clara</b>	Green	
	b. 1867	b. 1869 or '70	Richmond's 2nd m.	
	d. 1918	Jason's 2nd m.	1905, Mary D.	
	<b>William H.</b>	Mary Bailey	Lawrence	
	died at birth			
	in P. V.			

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(cont'd.) Ambrose Carner = Rosalinda Wells

Ambrose Carner (cont'd.)

2. James M. b. 1832 d. 1894 p.d. Covelo m. 1853, Mary Rogers		7. Loretta J. b. 1844 d. 1919 m. 1862 Edward Thornbrough		8. Rosalinda b. 1847 d. 1898 m. Morris Greg 2nd m. John Hayman		9. John M. b. 1852 d. 1874	
Mary E. b. 1856 d. 1856	Rosalinda b. 1857 d. 1858	Mary L. b. 1859 d. 1859	Agnes Ida Madora b. 1860 d. 1937 m. 1879 Thomas E. Long (See Long Chart) 2nd m. John W. Grist	Eugenia C. b. 1862 m. 1882 Thomas P. Haydon (See Haydon Chart)	Josephine Ann b. 1866 d. 1924 m. 1884 John I. Carner b. 1860 d. 1942 (See Jason Carner)	James U.S. Grant b. 1868 d. 1931 m. Ollie F. Ham b. 1874	Rosalinda G. b. 1870 d. 1940 m. 1891 George H. Barney b. 1868 d. 1914
Vaughn Virgil b. 1894 m. Clara Archer		Ohmer Elmo b. 1897 d. 1949		Merton M. b. 1898 d. 1969		Durrell (Duke) b. 1906 d. 1975	
Felix O. b. 1892 d. 1978 m. 1919 Helen M. Leonard b. 1899 (Cont'd. next page)		Ace (twin/Grace) b. 1895 m. ? Floyd m. Deanna Vincent Eric Shannon		Grace (twin/Ace) b. 1895 m. Lawrence Sweeney Leora Luella Leona Lois		Melvin N. b. 1897 m. 1925 Frances Wathen	
Marjorie b. 1926 m. 1945 William Dale Douglas b. 1947 Janet b. 1949 m. 1969 George Show Constance b. 1950 m. John Dolan Matthew b. 1981 Catherine b. 1984	Dorothy B. b. 1928 m. Heitmeyer Jerry b. 1947 Tonya 1966 Dale Sue b. 1951 m. 1976 Albert Akberdin Carrie b. 1977 Alan b. 1979 Erin (twin/Alan) b. 1979	George b. 1929 m. 1948 Joyce Perreria Gerald b. 1949 Dennis b. 1951 Mary b. 1953 m. 1982 James Celeria Frank b. 1982 Gina b. 1983 (Cont'd. next page)	Robert b. 1930 m. 1952 Lillian Fraga Steven b. 1953 Cheryl b. 1955 m. Richard Argetsinger Katherine b. 1982 Lisa b. 1984 Caroline b. 1957 m. Flink Tricia b. 1980 Shawn 1983	June b. 1932 m. 1950 James Parsley James, Jr. b. 1951 m. Judy James III b. 1973 Richard b. 1975 David b. 1953 Doreen b. 1953 d. 1953 Buried P. V.			





(cont'd.) Ambrose Carner = Rosalinda Wells

George (cont'd.)

**Susan**

(twin/Mary)

b. 1953

m. 1974

Eric

Wanhalla

**Sonja**

b. 1978

**Brian**

b. 1986

**Teresa**

b. 1954

m. 1974

Gary Hayter

**Angela**

b. 1975

**Russell**

b. 1978

**Heidi**

b. 1955

m. 1975

Orman Septela

**Carley**

b. 1984

Felix O. children

Virgil F.	Drusilla	Norma C.	Zelia A.	Ruetta	Dean	Rita	Orville L.
b. 1920	b. 1921	b. 1922	b. 1927	b. 1929	<b>Morton</b>	b. 1937	b. 1940
m. Ida M.	m. 1942	m. 1936	m. 1946	m. 1947	b. 1933	m. 1955	m. 1962
Hughett	James Estes	Donald Clay	Ernest	Thomas	m. 1951	Walter	Judith
b. 1925	<b>Robert D.</b>	<b>Norma</b>	Scott	Henderson	Dorothy	Estes	Madison
<b>Sheila</b>	b. 1943	b. 1937	<b>Dennis</b>	<b>James</b>	Burgess	<b>Douglas</b>	<b>Lisa</b>
b. 1946	m. 1962	m. 1957	b. 1947	b. 1948	<b>Jerry</b>	b. 1955	b. 1964
m. 1962	<b>Robert</b>	Gilbert	m. 1969	m. 1968	b. 1953	m. 1976	<b>Laura</b>
Gerald	b. 1964	Kniggi	Billie	Linda	m. 1976	Dianne	b. 1969
Gowan	m. Bonnie	<b>Susan</b>	Gibbons	Shortt	Sharon	Skidmore	
<b>Darrell</b>	<b>Michael</b>	b. 1960	2nd m. 1976	2nd m. 1972	Miller	<b>Kimberly</b>	
b. 1962	b. 1962	<b>Victor</b>	Sharon	Sally	<b>Jessie</b>	b. 1982	
<b>Simone</b>	2nd m. (Robert D.)	b. 1961	Koretta	Fagans	b. 1979	<b>Cynthia</b>	
b. 1965	Virginia	<b>Donald</b>	<b>Ernest</b>	3rd m. Kathy	2nd m. 1982	b. 1957	
<b>Virgil T.</b>	Kirby	b. 1940	b. 1978	<b>Stephanie</b>	Karla	m. ?	
b. 1968	<b>Rebecca</b>	m. 1966	<b>Dennis, Jr.</b>	b. 1983	Huntsinger	<b>George</b>	
<b>Gerald E.</b>	b. 1945	Joyce	b. 1981	<b>Florian</b>	<b>Barry B.</b>	b. 1977	
b. 1947	m. 1962	Moore	<b>Dustin</b>	b. 1950	b. 1955	<b>Kristopher</b>	
m. 1968	Gerald	<b>Debra</b>	b. 1983	m. 1967	m. 1975	b. 1983	
Marilyn	Moore	b. 1967	<b>Joshua</b>	Larry	Bonnie	<b>Stephanie</b>	
Jackson	<b>David</b>	<b>Donald</b>	b. 1985	Burton	Overman	b. 1959	
<b>Steven</b>	b. 1964	b. 1967	<b>Judy</b>	2nd m. Wayne	<b>Jennifer</b>	m. 1979	
b. 1968	<b>Vincent</b>	<b>Dale</b>	b. 1948	Cassity	b. 1977	Todd Atkins	
<b>Shanna</b>	b. 1968	b. 1972	m. 1969	3rd m. 1978	<b>Amanda</b>	<b>Nicholas</b>	
b. 1972	<b>Lisa</b>	2nd m. Neva	Frank	Norman	b. 19 ?	b. 1980	
(cont'd.)	b. 1971	Reinhardt	McKenzie	Lester	(cont'd.)	(cont'd.)	
	d. 1971	(cont'd.)	(cont'd.)				
	<b>Tina</b>						
	b. 1972						

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(cont'd.) Ambrose Carner = Rosalinda Wells

Felix O. children (cont'd.)

Virgil F.

**Shawn**  
b. 1951  
m. 1969  
Danny  
Hicks  
**Michael**  
b. 1972  
**Todd**  
b. 1974  
**Christina**  
b. 1978

Norma C.

**Henry D.**  
b. 1943  
m. 1960  
Gladys  
Traft  
**Dierdra**  
b. 1961  
**Danelle**  
b. 1964  
2nd m. Lenore  
Traft  
**William B.**  
b. 1945  
m. 1966  
Simone  
Monuire  
**Andrew**  
b. 1967  
**Ilana**  
b. 1980  
**Judy**  
b. 1946  
m. 1961  
Michael  
McMurray  
**Donald**  
b. 1962  
**Kelly**  
b. 1963  
**Patricia**  
b. 1966  
**Robert**  
b. 1967

Zelia A.

**Frank**  
b. 1970  
**Aletha**  
b. 1974  
**Sandra**  
b. 1950  
m. 1971  
William  
Elliott  
**William**  
b. 1971  
**Melissa**  
b. 1981

Dean

**Kevin**  
b. 1957  
m. 1983  
Jill  
Henderson  
**Karen**  
b. 1957  
m. 1981  
Steven  
Hultberg  
**Joseph**  
b. 1983  
**Jessica**  
b. 1985

Rita

**Steven**  
b. 1981  
d. 1981  
**Hugh**  
b. 1982  
**Mitchell**  
b. 1960  
m. Mary Jones  
**Michelle**  
b. 1984  
**Darrell**  
b. 1967

## N. P. COMPTON

N. P. = Emma Bowers

m. 1873

b. 1832 p. b. Ohio  
p.b. Mo.

Louis

**Willis Green**  
b. 1879  
d. 1961  
m. Edith  
b. 1889  
d. 1967

**Grace**  
m. Felton  
2nd m.  
Allan  
Sacry

**Belle**  
m. Charles Ware  
2nd m. Nichols

**Lester**  
m. Thelma  
Lee

**Elwin (Mike)**  
m. Laverne  
**Betty**  
m. Earl Wilson  
Adopted **James**

Came to California  
in 1853.  
Bought Baker Springs  
Ranch in 1879.  
T.J. Compton, store owner  
was a brother to N.P. Compton.

## C A R P E N T E R

**Justin = Clarina Irene Howard**  
**m. 1830**

b. 1797 d. 1845	b. 1810 p.b. Vermont d. 1885 p.d. P. V. div. 1843
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**Chapin Howard**  
b. 1834  
d. 1914

**Aurelius Orlando**  
b. 1836  
p.b. VT  
m. 1856  
Helen McCowen  
b. 1838  
p.b. Ohio  
d. 1917

**Birsha**  
b. 1831  
d. 1907  
m. Davis

Came to Potter Valley in 1859.

A.O. Carpenter was a photographer and newspaperman. He was author of the 1914 Lake & Mendo. Co. History.

Carpenters left Potter Valley when daughter Grace was 5 years old. She married Dr. John Hudson and continued her fame as artist Grace Hudson. The Hudsons bought the Spencer home for a second home and spent the summers here.

<b>May</b> b. 1858 m. 1882 John Ellis <b>Helen</b> m. Phillips <b>Peggy</b> m. Heilbron <b>Edward</b>	<b>Louis Grant</b> (twin/Grace) b. 1865 p.b. P. V. d. 1934 m. 1884 Sophie Storms <b>Grace</b> b. 1886 <b>Mark</b> b. 1887 d. 1967 m. Melissa Ball d. 1975 2nd m. Sannie M. Kruger (Louis) 3rd m. 1916 Medora Block (Louis)	<b>Grace</b> (twin/Louis) b. 1865 p.b. P. V. d. 1937 m. 1884 William Davis div. 1885 2nd m. 1890 Dr. John W. Hudson	<b>Frank</b> b. 1870 m. ? <b>Daughter</b>
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## N I C H O L S

**George = Clarina I. Howard Carpenter (2nd m.)**  
**m. 1843**

Clarina Carpenter Nichols came to Potter Valley 1871.

In Vermont she became interested in Women's Suffrage. She moved to Kansas and became First Lt. under Susan B. Anthony, the great Women's Suffragette. Clarina Nichols is listed in Noted Women of United States.

**George**  
b. 1844  
d. 1935  
m. Mary Warpole (Kansas)  
**Kate**  
b. 1867  
m. George Raymond  
**Helen Clarina**  
b. 1869  
d. 1952  
m. Charles Harter  
2nd m. Joe Troll Brower  
3rd m. Harry Moncrief  
b. 1873  
d. 1944

# C A R T E R

James Harvey      =      Elizabeth Marshall  
b. 1842                      b. 1845  
p.b. VA                      p.b. MO  
d. 1889

<b>Annie</b> b. 1863 m. 1879 John Freeman 3 children	<b>Margaret J.</b> b. 1864 d. 1947 m. 1880 James Scott <b>George R.</b> b. 1882 d. 1965 m. 1913 Nevada Brooks <b>Cora Belle</b> b. 1885 d. 1971 m. 1901 William F. Gillespie <b>Gertie May</b> b. 1887 d. 1911 m. 1903 William Orr <b>Thomas D.</b> b. 1889 d. 1956 m. Rose O'Hara 2nd m. 1948 Genevieve Carnes <b>Minnie Viola</b> b. 1890 m. George H. Thomas <b>Jennie Dolores</b> b. 1894 m. 1912 Wiley T. Brooks (See Brooks Chart) 2nd m. 1957 (Jennie) Harry D. Roberts <b>James Enoch</b> b. 1899 d. 1901 <b>Charles Ernest</b> b. 1902 m. 1924 Ruth Marie Scott (See Scott Chart)	<b>Mary Alice</b> b. 1866 d. 1958 m. Thomas Scott <b>Lillian G.</b> b. 1885 d. 1948 m. 1905 Martin Lynch 2nd m. ? 3rd m. John H. Senter 2nd m. 1890 James S. Hunter (See Hunter Chart) 3rd m. 1907 John T. Keenan <b>Elmer L.</b> b. 1909 d. 1984 m. 1933 Edith R. Recagno	<b>James H.</b> b. 1867 d. 1956 m. Addie Hubbard b. 1874 d. 1937 <b>Harvey H.</b> b. 1894 d. 1956 m. 1921 Mae Rimmer 2nd m Clara Inez <b>Eugene F.</b> b. 1896 d. 1926 <b>Addie (Tessie)</b> b. 1900 d. 1963 m. 1918 Robert D. Pickle (See Pickle Chart) <b>Annie E.</b> b. 1904 d. 1981 m. 1920 Ernest A. Hughett 2nd m. 1935 Richard E. Groscup (See Groscup Chart) <b>Julie L.</b> b. 1909 m. 1925 Elbert W. Strait	<b>Susie</b> b. 1869 died in infancy	<b>Richard H.</b> b. 1871 d. 1934 m. 1895 Etta Jane Hubbard b. 1880 d. 1960 (cont'd.)
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Came to Potter Valley area in 1884.

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(cont'd.) James H. Carter = Elizabeth Marshall

(cont'd.) Richard H. Carter

<b>Florence May</b> b. 1897 d. 1981 m. 1914 Henry Pickle 2nd m. 1923 Dewey Jeffries	<b>William Ebert</b> b. 1898 d. 1951 m. 1926 Althes Keffer	<b>Alyce Cleone</b> b. 1901 d. 1961 m. 1920 Ray Fields 2nd m. James Travers	<b>Nellie Vienna</b> b. 1903 d. 1963 m. 1936 Andrew Norris	<b>Eva Ellen</b> b. 1906 m. 1935 Francis L. Ore	<b>Henrietta Alma</b> b. 1909 m. 1929 Lute R. Goodman 2nd 1952 Angelo Bastas
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(cont'd.) Richard H. Carter

<b>Richard Ferris</b> b. 1911 d. 1935	<b>Wardie Josephine</b> b. 1913 m. 1930 Lester H. Binner 2nd m. 1956 John W. McMillan	<b>Lawrence Deloy</b> b. 1915 m. 1945 Madeline Laroux 2nd m. 1952 Elizabeth Standfer	<b>Arthur Carroll</b> b. 1917 d. 1980 m. 1942 Dolores Smith	<b>Robert Harold</b> b. 1919 d. 1984 m. 1946 Annabelle Smith	<b>Eileen E.</b> b. 1921 m. 1940 Harold Dunn 2nd m. 1946 John H. Bryant
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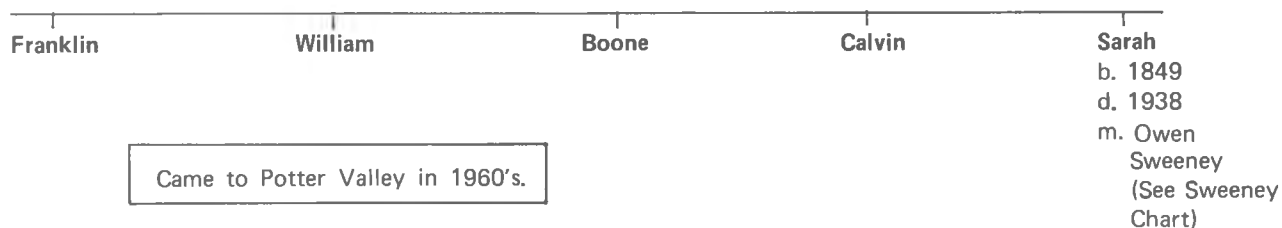
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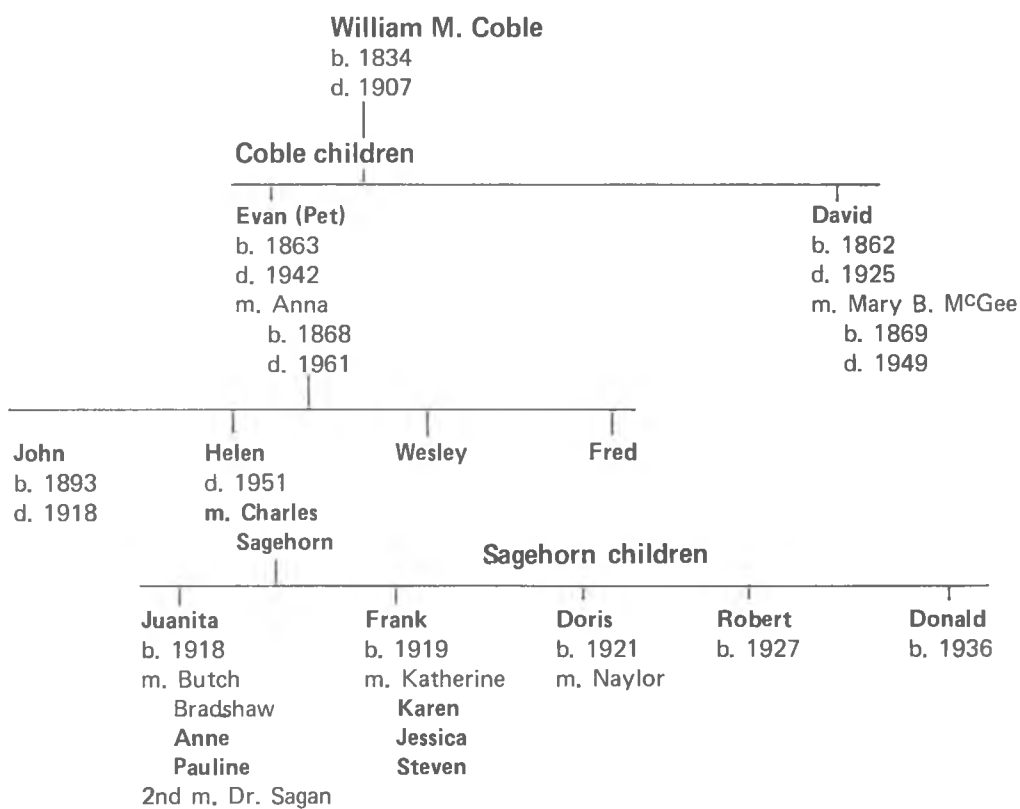
James H. Carter = Elizabeth Marshall children continued

<b>Willie</b> died in infancy	<b>Vienna</b> (Vinnie) b. 1874 d. 1903 m. 1891 John G. Hardwick <b>Ruth E.</b> b. 1892 d. 1943 m. 1913 Wilhelm Zirzow <b>George T.</b> b. 1894 d. 19 ? m. 1912 Bertha Moore 2nd m. 1935 Pearl M. Goe <b>John W.</b> b. 1895 d. 1962 m. 1921 Oleva Nonella 2nd m. 1960 Dorothy Billingsley <b>Charles D. M.</b> b. 1896 d. 1966 m. 1921 Alice M. Nielson <b>Laura E.</b> b. 1899 d. 1899 <b>A son</b> b. 1900 d. 1905 <b>Una E.</b> b. 1902 m. 1923 James R. Thorn	<b>John</b> (Jack) b. 1875 d. 1942	<b>Ida May</b> b. 1877 d. 1962 m. 1895 Enoch J. Lane <b>Henry A.</b> b. 1896 d. 1896 <b>Arlet V.</b> b. 1897 d. 1977 m. 1921 Addie Brown <b>Earl J.</b> b. 1900 d. 1977 m. 1947 Vertabel Brown	<b>William H.</b> b. 1878 d. 1936 m. 1902 Dolly Redfield <b>Ethel M.</b> b. 1902 d. 1960 2nd m. 1911 Mary L. Oakes b. 1894 d. 1970 <b>William H.</b> b. 1912 m. 1942 Melba T. Ritchie 2nd m. 1950 Lee Wagner 3rd m. 1967 June C. Rawles <b>Baby</b> b. 1914 <b>Hazel B.</b> b. 1916 m. 1937 James W. Ford <b>Mary May</b> b. 1919 d. 1962 m. 1937 Roy L. Lewis <b>Austin B.</b> b. 1921 m. 1941 Elsie McKnight 2nd m. 1966 Fay D. Perry	<b>Wardie E.</b> b. 1881 d. 1921 m. 1896 Daniel C. Groscup 2nd m. 1917 John E. Woodhead
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## CHRISTOPHER



## COBLE and SAGEHORN



Charles Sagehorn's 2nd wife Eileen Wonacott = 1963

Coble came to Potter Valley circa 1900.

Sagehorn came to Potter Valley from Willits in 1920.

# T. J. COMPTON

T. J. (brother of N.P.) = J. S.

<b>George</b> b. 1873 m. Mary Bogle <b>Wesley</b> b. 1903 d. 1982	<b>Della</b> b. 1874 d. 1877	<b>Maude</b> b. 1886 d. 1978 m. Mulroney
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Owned store at Josie Norman home.

# CLARK

Scott Lester = Clara Helen Anderson  
m. 1912

b. 1888 d. 1954	b. 1889 d. 1973
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**Lawrence Allan**  
b. 1913  
m. 1938  
Marjorie Hunt  
b. 1910

**Doris Elizabeth**  
b. 1915  
m. 1939  
Taylor  
Donahue Eddie  
b. 1915  
(See Eddie Chart)

**Vera Helen**  
b. 1917  
m. 1946  
Edwin David  
Wipf  
b. 1910  
d. 1972  
**David Thomas**  
b. 1952

**Vernon Leroy**  
b. 1920  
m. 1946  
Norma Ruth  
Woolley  
b. 1925

**Larry (Eddie) Edward**  
b. 1940  
m. 1960

Mary V. Dean  
b. 1939  
**Daniel Edward**  
b. 1961  
m. Yolanda Ruiloba  
b. 1959  
**Dustin Daniel**  
b. 1982  
2nd m. Hazel Papagni  
2nd m. Gloria Swan (Eddie)  
3rd m. Donna Lescalet (Eddie)

**Donald Leigh**  
b. 1942  
m. 1968  
Laura V. Utterback  
b. 1944  
**Nicole Lynn**  
b. 1969  
**Gregory Allan**  
b. 1972

**Barbara Jean**  
b. 1946  
m. 1965  
**Edward Titus**  
b. 1944  
**Cynthia Lynn**  
b. 1968  
**Steven Edward**  
b. 1971  
**Julie Ann**  
b. 1974

**Marilyn Ann**  
b. 1947  
m. 1968  
David Atkinson  
b. 1946  
**Kristine Ann**  
b. 1972  
**Cheryl Renee**  
b. 1974  
**Carrie Lynn**  
b. 1978  
Adopted **Maia**  
From Korea, 1985  
b. 1984

**Linda Mae**  
b. 1949

**Leland Arthur**  
b. 1950  
m. 1984  
Kathleen Hunt

**Kenneth Allan**  
b. 1946  
m. 1967  
Kathleen Roach  
b. 1946  
**Michael Gregory**  
b. 1968  
**Stacy Lynn**  
b. 1973  
2nd m. 1977  
Adel M. Peterson  
b. 1953  
**Katie Marie**  
b. 1982

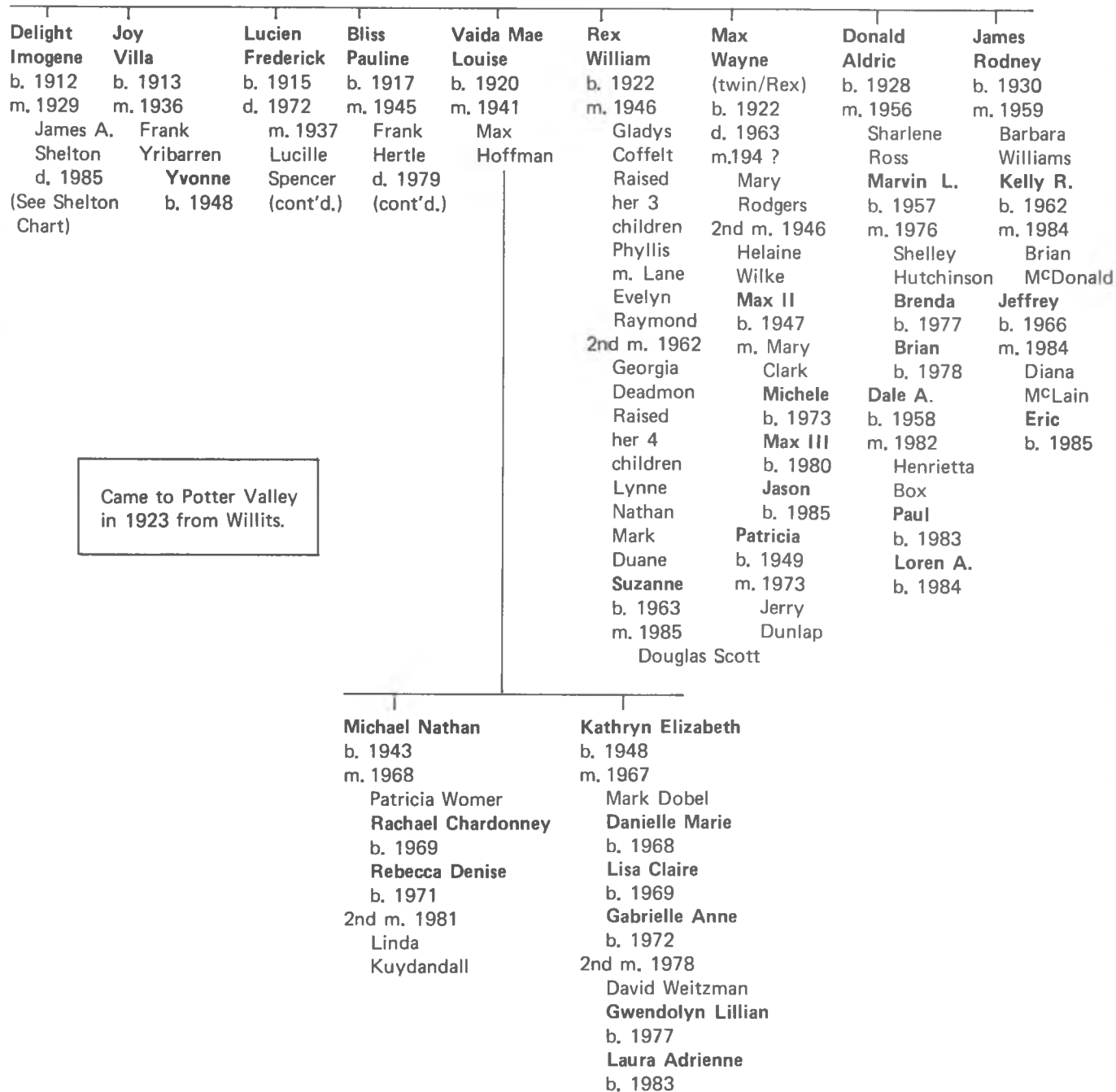
**Judith Lynn**  
b. 1948  
m. 1970  
Richard C. Carter  
b. 1947  
**Jason Clark**  
b. 1974  
**Jill Noelle**  
b. 1976

**Scott Leroy**  
b. 1954  
m. 1974  
Carol Susan Burton  
b. 1954  
**Adam Scott**  
b. 1978  
**Benjamin Joseph**  
b. 1982  
**Amy**  
b. 1985

# CORBETT

**Frederick William = Lillian Mabel Talbot**  
m. 1911

b. 1880                      b. 1893  
p.b. Iowa                  d. 1967  
d. 1952                      p.d. Oakdale, CA.  
p.d. Oakdale, buried P.V.



Came to Potter Valley  
in 1923 from Willits.

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Lucien F. Corbett (cont'd.)

<b>Louise Elaine</b> b. 1938 m. 1959 Roy Meyer <b>Gary R.</b> 2nd m. James Christian <b>Michelle</b> b. 1966 <b>Marcus</b> b. 1971	<b>Lawrence Eddie</b> b. 1940 m. 1961 Adrian Annie Kinerson <b>Verlyn Lucien</b> b. 1961 <b>Colleen Louise</b> b. 1963 m. 1983 Brian Lawson <b>Theron Duane</b> b. 1967 <b>Bruce Martin</b> b. 1961 m. 1981 Nancy Rogers <b>Destin Robert</b> b. 1982	<b>Leslie Eugene</b> b. 1942 m. Renee Corbiel <b>Laurie</b> <b>James (Adopted)</b>
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Bliss P. Corbett (cont'd.)

<b>David Alan</b> b. 1947 m. 1971 Deborah Hall <b>Deanna Rachelle</b> b. 1974 <b>David Alan</b> b. 1976 <b>Douglas Paul</b> b. 1978	<b>Paula Francine</b> b. 1948 m. 1971 Paul Hoover <b>Polly Francine</b> Paul David	<b>Susan Victoria</b> b. 1953 m. 1972 Jerry Jones <b>Brenda Lea</b> b. 1973 <b>Anita Colleen</b> b. 1975	<b>Karen Ann</b> b. 1955 m. 1977 Danny Davidson <b>April Dawn</b> b. 1978	<b>James Michael</b> b. 1958 d. 1961
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# DASHIELL

James Whithier      =      Mary Milcah Jones  
b. 1782

<b>John Jay</b> b. 1808 d. 1865	<b>Adeline Ellen</b> b. 1810 d. 1898 m. Waters	<b>James Alfred</b> b. 1812 d. 1893	<b>Benjamin Franklin</b> b. 1815 m. Mary Jane Vann b. 1842 d. 1921 (See Vann Chart)	<b>Thaddeus William</b> b. 1818 d. 1898 (?) m. 18 ? Keziah J. Vann b. 1848 d. 1876	<b>Erastus Franklin</b> b. 1821 d. 1886
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<b>Addie Lee</b> b. 1862 m. 1888 William Grover b. 1854 (See Grover Chart)	<b>James Jacob (Jake)</b> b. 1864 m. 1897 Fannie Frasier b. 1873	<b>Cynthia</b> m. Owen Busch (See Busch Chart)	<b>Thaddeus</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Margaret</b>	<b>William</b>
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Thaddeus and Benjamin Dashiell settled in Potter Valley in 1859.

<b>Vera May</b> b. 1898 m. 1921 C. Alvin Whittaker b. 1897 d. 1967 (See Whittaker Chart)	<b>James H.</b> b. 1904 d. 1955 m. 1927 Muriel E. Neil b. 1909	<b>Leona</b> b. 1906 m. 1925 Clyde R. Eddie b. 1900 d. 1949 (See Eddie Chart)
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<b>Charles H.</b> b. 1928 p.b. Ukiah, CA m. 1959 Julia Zayac b. 1927 <b>Howard N.</b> b. 1960 p.b. Ukiah, CA <b>Michael W.</b> b. 1962 p.b. Ukiah, CA	<b>Donald K.</b> b. 1932 d. 1958 m. 1957 Sheila McGill b. 1937 <b>Donald</b> b. 1958	<b>James Frasier</b> b. 1933 p.b. P. V. m. 1958 Iona R. Morris b. 1936 <b>Trent N.</b> b. 1960 <b>Brenda E.</b> b. 1961
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(cont'd.) Thaddeus William = 2nd m. Emily Vann

Bessie	Bert	Frank
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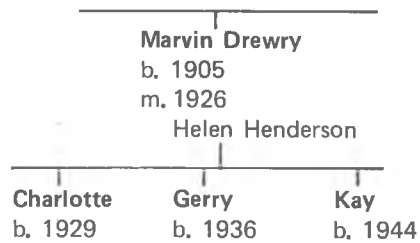


# DAVIS

George Washington = Charlotte M. Drewry  
m. 1901

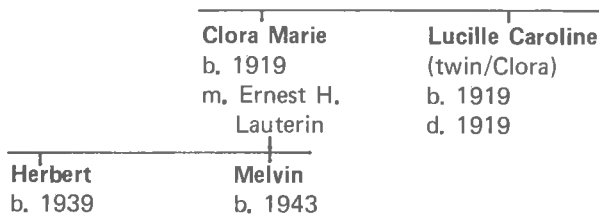
b. 1880  
d. 1963

b. 1882  
d. 1916



(cont'd.) George Washington = 2nd m. Penelope R. Richards  
m. 1918

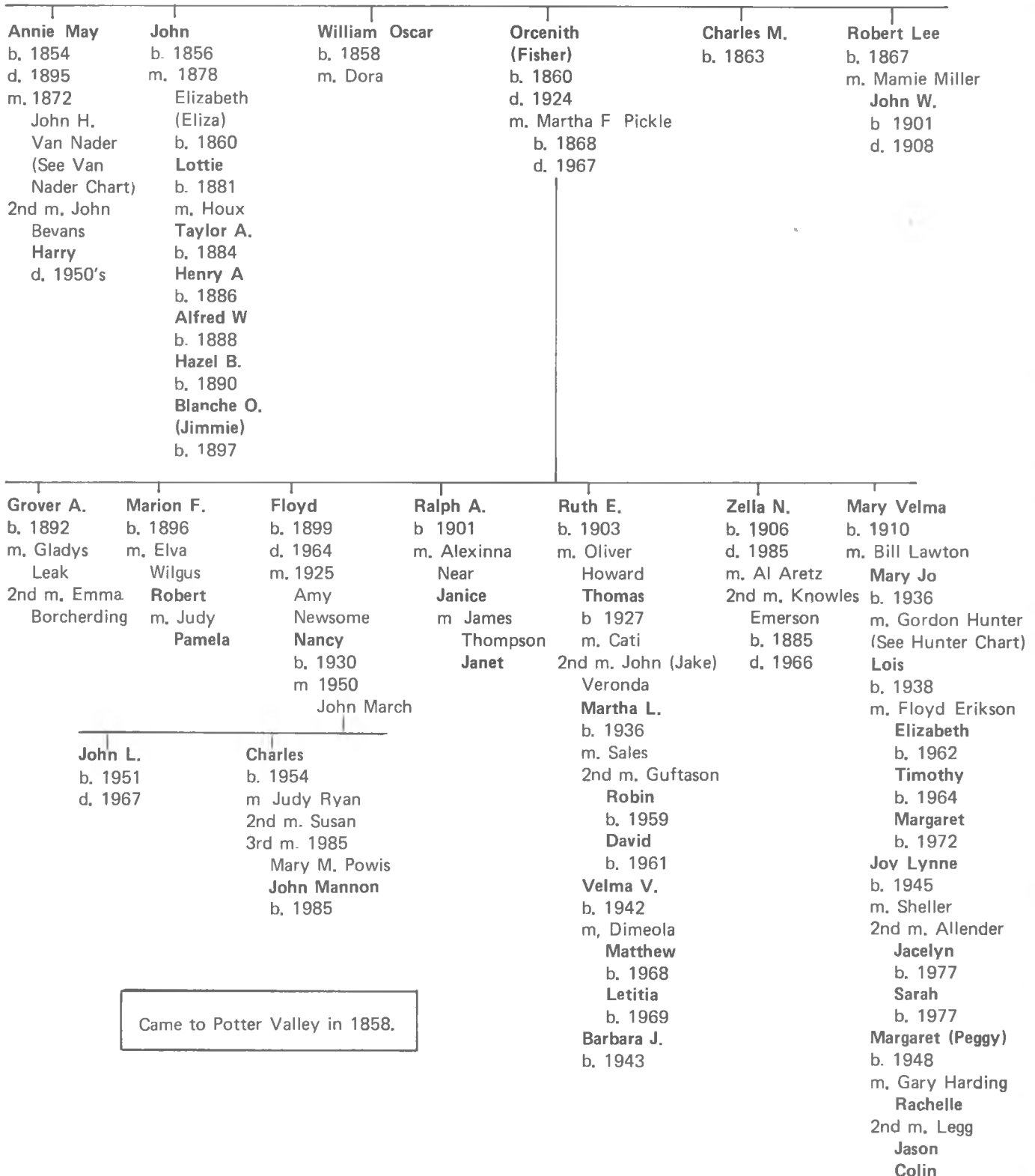
b. 1882  
d. 1970



Came to Potter Valley in 1903.  
George owned Lierly Ranch from 1924 to 1947.  
He tended the Van Arsdale Dam from 1915 to 1946.  
He was in parternership with John Gavin, Sr. in the blacksmith shop from 1903 to 1915.

# DAY

**William** = **Letitia Pierce Dunn**  
**m. 1852**  
 b. 1827 b. 1829  
 d. 1893 p.b. VA.  
 d. 1920



# D I C K E Y

William M.       =   Elizabeth Shelton  
m. 1893

b. 1860  
d. 1922

b. 1873  
d. 1940

**Hazel**

b. 1895  
d. 1895

**Henry**

b. 1896  
d. 1967  
m. 1919

Eva Eddie

b. 1896  
d. 1967

**Roberta**

b. 1919  
m. 1942

Clarence Harvey

b. 1910

(See Harvey  
Chart)

**Lucille**

b. 1923

m. Ralph Zortman

2nd m. George Harder

b. 1920

**Bruce Aden**

b. 1950

m. 1975

Pamela Massengel

**Ryan**

b. 1977

**Matthew**

b. 1978

**Scott**

b. 1980

Came to Potter Valley circa 1890.

Owned Black Smith Shop east  
of River.

# EDDIE

William Taylor I = Cynthia Ann Rebecca Vann  
m. 1868

b. 1837  
d. 1914

b. 1850  
d. 1928

<b>James II</b> b. 1869 d. 1942 m. 1893 Minnie P. Spencer b. 1870 d. 1954 (cont'd. next page)	<b>Mathilda May</b> b. 1871 d. 1895	<b>William Taylor</b> b. 1873 d. 1956 m. 1909 Alta A. Donahue b. ? d. 1949 <b>Taylor Don</b> b. 1915 m. 1939 Doris Clark b. 1915 <b>William M.</b> b. 1946 m. 1971 Marion Follmar b. 1949 <b>William II</b> b. 1972 <b>Christina A.</b> b. 1975 <b>Joseph S.</b> b. 1977 <b>Charles S.</b> b. 1949 m. 1974 Delores O'Donnell b. 1949 <b>Brian</b> b. 1979 <b>Julie Ann Marie</b> b. 1981	<b>Zaida Estelle</b> b. 1876 d. 1899 m. 1894 Albert F. Whittaker b. 1873 d. 1953 <b>Clarence Alvin</b> b. 1897 d. 1967 m. 1921 Vera Dashiell (See Whittaker Chart)	<b>George Thomas</b> b. 1878 d. 1881	<b>Mary Minton (Mint)</b> b. 1880 d. 1953 m. 1905 Joseph E. Thornton b. 1875 d. 1948	<b>Laura Lou</b> b. 1882 d. 1914 m. 1904 John Burgess b. 1897 d. 1959	<b>Della</b> b. 1884 d. 1968 m. 1907 Francis Dexter Hughes b. 1879 d. 1948 <b>Stanley D.</b> b. 1908 m. 1935 Clytie Pyke b. 1914 <b>Wade D.</b> b. 1942 m. 1962 Cherry Smith <b>Heidi</b> b. 1965 <b>Jason</b> b. 1967 <b>Brian</b> b. 1969 <b>Larissa</b> b. 1972 <b>Richard</b> b. 1976 <b>Molly</b> b. 1976 <b>Evelyn June</b> b. 1915 m. 1932 Andrew J. Strode <b>Marilyn J.</b> b. 1933 m. Richard Lund <b>Lee Frank</b> b. 1937 m. Cathe Ruellan <b>Dorothy C.</b> b. 1945 m. Robert Malory <b>Jane C.</b> b. 1948
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William Taylor Eddie I came to Potter Valley in 1859.

(cont'd.) William Eddie = Cynthia Vann

(cont'd.) James Eddie II

**Eva Blythe**

b. 1896

d. 1967

m. 1919

Henry A. Dickey

b. 1896

d. 1967

(See Dickey  
Chart)

**Alma Marie**

b. 1898

d. 1932

m. 1921

Theodore H.  
Schurr

b. 1879

d. 1958

**Lorraine**

b. 1922

m. 1951

William  
Matthews

**James**

b. 1925

m. 1944

Marcia  
Echiverrinz

b. 1928

**James**

b. 1944

**Sandra**

b. 1945

m. 1968

Richard  
White

**Richard J.**

b. 1971

2nd m. Dorothy Potts  
Burris (James)

**Dorothy**

b. 1929

m. 1951

Emmett Rhoads

b. 1927

**Robert F**

b. 1952

d. 1953

**Anne Marie**

b. 1956

**Todd W.**

b. 1960

**Clyde Raymond**

b. 1900

d. 1949

m. 1925

Leona Dashiell

b. 1906

**Helen Lee**

b. 1929

m. 1950

Andrew  
Blundell

b. 1928

**Clyde Andrew**

b. 1943

m. 1974

Shareen  
Hilt

b. 1955

**Jolene**

b. 1980

**Carley G.**

b. 1982

**Clayton E.**

b. 1957

**Kevin M.**

b. 1961

m. 1985

Diane Genoux

**Janet Louise**

b. 1931

m. 1951

Milo L.  
Cain

b. 1930

**Raymond**

b. 1942

m. 1977

Connie  
Curran

b. 1959

**Amber Effie**

b. 1982

**Mary H.**

b. 1954

m. 1972

Ron Proctor

b. 1952

**Tonia Sue**

b. 1975

**James Clyde**

b. 1935

m. 1959

Judy Dightman

b. 1939

**Jan Lewayne**

b. 1959

m. 1983

Ronald Lee

Phillips

b. 1959

d. 1984

**Amanda Kate**

b. 1984

**James Warren**

b. 1961

m. 1985

Kelly Moerman

**Katie Leona**

b. 1968

## FAHNESTALK

Earl                      =                      Edith  
b. 1885                      b. 1890  
d. 1957                      d. 1958

<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Anna Margaret d. 1984 m. Robert McCullough	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Harold	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Harvey d. World War II	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Beatrice d. 1985 m. Glen Hyde Jeffrey Annabel Glen	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Florence m. 1942 Miner Mickleson	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Joseph b. 1916 d. 1947 m. ? Joseph Mervalyn
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Came to Potter Valley  
about 1905.

## FRASIER

Lucius Byron                      =                      Paulina (Perlina) McCombs  
m. 1862  
b. 1843                      b. 1839  
p.b. ILL                      d. 1906  
d. 1907

<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Emily Luella b. 1864 m. Cochrane Son Son Daughter Herbert	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Laura Elva b. 1867 m. Harvey 2nd m. Horace Weldon Clarence Earl Merle Everett	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Vaughn Leach b. 1868 d. 1920 m. Bertha Weldon Floyd Ruth Amy Edward Margaret Elizabeth m. Kenneth Busch Div.	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> William Lucius b. 1871 p.b. Mendo. Co., CA d. Oakdale, CA m. Elizabeth Smith Wallace Byron Mildred m. Elmer Hall Elizabeth
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(cont'd.) Lucius Frasier = Paulina McCombs

<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Sarah Fanny b. 1873 d. 1958 m. Jacob Dashiell (See Dashiell Chart)	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Mrytle Pauline b. 1876 d. 1935 m. Burrows Vivian Erma Vorris	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Charles Edgar b. 1878 d. 1939 m. Josephine Pickle (See Pickle Chart)	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Fred Arthur b. 1882 d. 1952 m. Dora Greif	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Frank Byron b. 1884 d. 1948 m. Rita Sterling Burt
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# F O S T E R

**Robert                      =                      Sarah Ann Dawson**  
**m. 1834**

b. 1815 p.b. Tenn. d. 1868 p.d. Covelo, CA	b. 1814 (16?) p.b. S.C. d. 1885 p.d. Covelo, CA
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<b>James A.</b> b. 1834 d. 1926	<b>John M.</b> b. 1836 d. 1864	<b>Elender Jane</b> b. 1838 d. 1839	<b>William A.</b> b. 1840 d. 1909	<b>Willoughby D.</b> b. 1843 d. 1848	<b>Jessie Gilbert</b> b. 1845 d. 1912	<b>George G.</b> b. 1848 d. 1915	<b>Benjamin Franklin</b> b. 1850 d. 1903 p.d. Tomki, CA m. 1878 Louise Hagler b. 1859 p.b. Stony Ford d. 1936
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<b>Charlie</b> b. 1879 p.b. Covelo, CA d. 1884	<b>Walter Henry</b> b. 1880 p.b. Covelo, CA d. 1963 m. Ida Dale, 1915	<b>Edith May</b> b. 1884 p.b. Covelo, CA d. 1962 m. Willis G. Compton <b>Elvin (Mike) Lester</b> (See Compton Chart)	<b>Mabel Louise</b> b. 1888 p.b. Covelo, CA d. 1973 m. 1911 Warren Pitney <b>Donald</b> m. Elsie Sandelin	<b>Clyde Orren</b> b. 1893 p.b. Eden Valley m. 1917 Maude A. McCombs b. 1900 p.b. Covelo	<b>Paul</b> b. 1898 d. 1952 m. 1940 Eva Graves b. 1906 <b>Carole</b> b. 1942 <b>Margie</b> b. 1941 (See Graves Chart)
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Circa Covelo, 1864.

Clyde O. Foster and Edith Foster (Compton) came to Potter Valley from Willits 1899.

Walter H. Foster came to Potter Valley in 1907, to work on the Eel River Tunnel with W. G. Compton.

<b>Marion Frances</b> b. 1922 p.b. Ukiah, CA d. 1985 m. 1947 Barbara J. Davis <b>Gay Lynn Debbie Wayne Karen M.</b>	<b>Eugene Emmit</b> b. 1926 p.b. Willits, CA m. 1948 Dorthy Booth Kinlock <b>Cheryl Terri Michael Joanna Edward Tina</b>	<b>Harley Clyde</b> b. 1941 p.b. Upper Lake, CA m. 1962 Diane M. Shelton b. 1944 <b>Kenneth H.</b> b. 1963 p.b. Ukiah, CA m. 1985 Sharon Hines b. 1963
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## F O W L E R

John Isaac                      =                      Tennessee Onera Herndon  
b. 1832    b. 1847  
p.b. MO    p.b. Tenn.  
d. 1909    d. 1930

<b>Jennie</b> <b>Elizabeth</b> b. 1864 m. Dallas Phillips (See Phillips Chart) 2nd m. Abe McCulloch (See McCulloch Chart) 3rd m. Maize	<b>Frank</b> <b>Benjamin</b> b. 1866 d. 1897	<b>Andrew (Bud)</b> <b>Jackson</b> b. 1870 d. 1933 m. 1896 Clara Sophronia Powers 2nd m. Dillman <b>Clyde</b> <b>Tess</b> <b>Glenn</b> <b>Harry</b> <b>Curtis</b>	<b>Susan</b> <b>Evelyn</b> b. 1872 d. 1934 m. Lewis E. Ryder	<b>Maud</b> <b>Ella</b> b. 1879 d. 1952 m. 1895 Richard T. Hughes (See Hughes Chart) 2nd m. Ed Lehrman	<b>Annette</b> <b>Alice</b> <b>(Nettie)</b> b. 1885 d. 1937 m. Otis Filben d. 1948	<b>Roy</b> b. 1887 d. 1905
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<b>Wesley</b> b. 1908 m. Evelyn Cunningham <b>William</b> <b>Mary Jo</b>	<b>Thomas</b> b. 1911 d. 1928	<b>David</b> b. 1913 d. 1983 m. Dell Prager	<b>Herbert</b> b. 1923 m. June d. 1954 <b>Bruce</b> b. 1948 m. Kathy Ian 2nd m. Constance Arroyo <b>Teresa</b> <b>Melissa</b> <b>Heidi</b> b. 1950 m. Robert Brogan <b>Robert, Jr.</b> <b>Teresa M.</b> <b>Steven A.</b> 2nd m. 1960 Betty J. White
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Fowler's came to Potter Valley early.

Otis Filben (husband of Annette Fowler) came in 1919.

## F R O S T

Orval                      =                      Isabel Hoyt

<b>Bernice</b> b. 1917 (?)	<b>Hoyt</b> Died in car accident when young man.	<b>Urla Carrie-Jane</b> b. 1921 d. 1978 m. 1947 Ernest Clayton Pauli
		<b>William C.</b> b. 1947 m. 1969 Jacqueline McCarthy b. 1946 div. 1983
		<b>Harold O.</b> b. 1949 d. 1964
<b>Mal Clayton</b> b. 1976	<b>Dawn Christin</b> b. 1979	<b>Will Charles</b> b. 1980

Came to Potter Valley about 1920 from Willits.

Orval Frost 2nd m. = Emma Grace Marders McCracken

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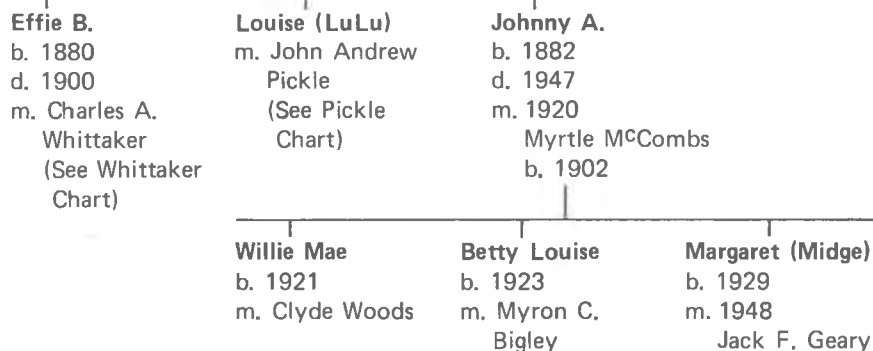
John = Margaret E. Testerman

m. 1879

b. 1852

p.b. Ontario, Can.

d. 1934



Came to Potter Valley in 1885.  
Owned the blacksmith shop.

## G R O S C U P

Daniel Charles = Wardie Ellen Carter

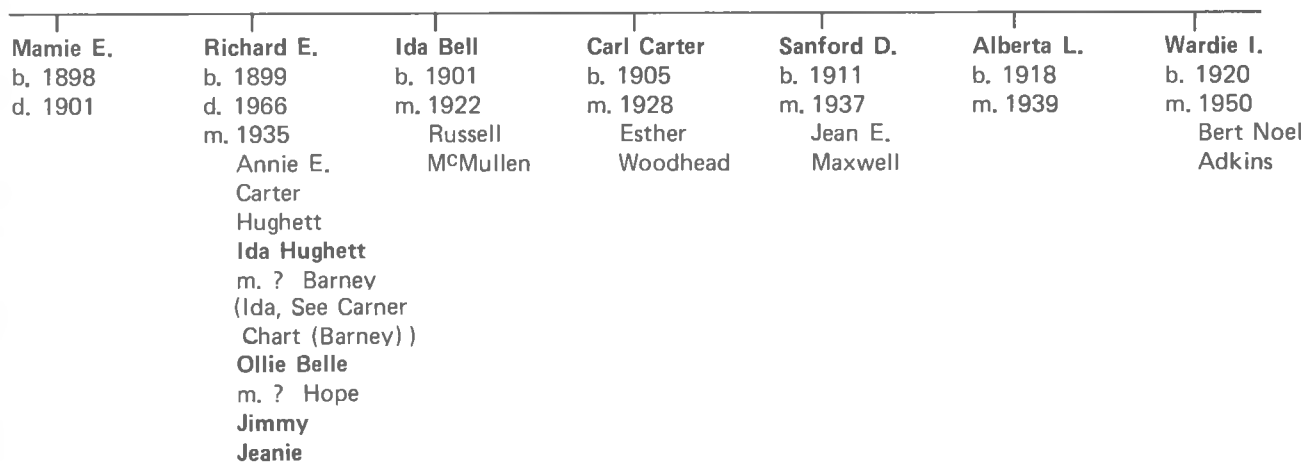
m. 1896

b. 1876

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b. 1881

d. 1921



# GIBSON

John Riley = Mary Jane Secrest  
m. 1876

b. 1853                      d. 1942  
d. 1946

<p>Grace b. 1880 d. 1962 m. Harvey Raynolds</p>	<p>Charles William b. 1883 d. 1964 m. Laura Pickle Melvin b. 1908</p>	<p>Frank Albert b. 1886 d. 1965 m. 1910 Grace Griffiths b. 1887 d. 1955</p>	<p>Gardie Lee b. 1893 d. 1950 m. Emma Travis</p>
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<p>Verna May b. 1912 m. 1931 Howard Paige d. 1984 Carol M. b. 1932 m. 1952 Russell Novak b. 1929 Nancy C. b. 1953 m. 1977 Rex Cline Chad Paige Timothy Russell, Jr. b. 1957 m. 1981 Mary Anne Pemberton Steven H. b. 1962 m. Deborah A. Wilks</p>	<p>Clarence b. 1914 d. 1985 m. 1935 Corlis (Corky) Morris Frances m. Paul Poulos (See Poulos Chart) Marvin m. Beverly Mike Janice Nelson James (Dal) m. Marina Kim Renee Barbara Shane Lee m. Lorna Julie Lee Mike Jim John</p>	<p>Donald b. 1916 d. 1917 Terry m. Rhonda Jason b. 1972 Melody b. 1955 m. Gene Martin Jacob b. 1984</p>	<p>Alfred b. 1918 m. 1948 Virginia Groom Pamela m. Mark Ekelchik Garret b. 1984</p>	<p>Robert b. 1921 d. 1979 m. Betty Stewart Ron Greg</p>	<p>Dorothy b. 1923 m. 1941 Vernon Brooks d. 1967 Ronald b. 1942 m. 1965 Jean Lewis 2nd m. 1968 (Ron) Linda Ozane Monica b. 1969 Vernon b. 1971 3rd m. 1978 (Ron) Kathy Karen b. 1946 m. 1964 Colin Meyer Conni b. 1969 Michael b. 1971 2nd m. 1970 (Dorothy) Len Bunsey</p>
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(cont'd.) Frank Albert 2nd m. = Nora Brashear

Came to Potter Valley  
about 1884 on West Road.  
  
Frank Gibson bought a ranch  
on Gibson Lane 1905.

# GILLESPIE

William Frederick = Cora Belle Scott  
m. 1901

b. 1877  
d. 1951

b. 1885  
d. 1971

George Frederick  
b. 1902  
d. 1958  
m. 1928

Bertha May  
Cross

b. 1908  
d. 1980

William George

b. 1943

m. Judy Ann

Hayes

2nd m. 1971

Sandra Elaine

Holmes

William George

b. 1972

Eric James

b. 1973

Erma May

b. 1903

d. 1943

m. 1926

Samuel A.

McClellan

2nd m. 1930

Paul McCarty

Clifford Elvin

b. 1905

d. 1966

Among the early settlers.

William Gillespie 2nd m. = 1931 Esther Lewin

William Gillespie 3rd m. = 1937 Cora Richardson Montgomery

# G O F O R T H

Millington Pattillo = Sarah Ellen Edsall  
m. 1867

b. 1827  
d. 1892

b. 1850  
d. 1916

<b>John Barton</b> b. 1868 d. 1874	<b>William Henry</b> b. 1869 d. 1944 m. 1895 Maude P. Bonee d. 1952 <b>Irene C.</b> b. 1896 d. 1968 m. 1916 George J. Tracy <b>George Wm.</b> b. 1917 d. 1962 m. Gladys Keffer <b>Richard E.</b> b. 1942 <b>David D.</b> b. 1943 m. ? <b>Violet B.</b> b. 1962 2nd m. (George) Grace White <b>George Wm.</b> <b>Clarence H.</b> b. 1919 m. Nona ? <b>Elsie</b> b. 1920 m. 1937 Ray F. Nelson <b>Ray F., Jr.</b> b. 1938 m. Elsie Dunningd b. 1941 <b>Laurie A.</b> b. 1949 <b>Susan C.</b> b. 1961 <b>James B.</b> b. 1962 <b>Alice R.</b> b. 1939 m. 19 ? Robert Fouts (cont'd. next page)	<b>Jefferson Milton</b> b. 1873 d. 1947 m. 1895 Emma E. Shields b. 1879 d. 1916 <b>Milton</b> b. 1897 d. 1899 <b>Murven</b> (twin/Milton) b. 1897 d. 1898 <b>Rosa L.</b> b. 1899 m. 1918 Everette E. Edsall b. 1891 <b>Cecil F.</b> b. 1919 d. 1921 <b>Floyd L.</b> b. 1921 <b>Glenn E.</b> b. 1929 2nd m. John Myers m. 1947 <b>Walter E.</b> b. 1900 d. 1906 <b>William L.</b> b. 1902 d. 1924 <b>Rachel I.</b> b. 1904 d. 1904 <b>Neva E.</b> b. 1905 d. 1909 <b>Millie M.</b> b. 1908 m. Benjamin Mast b. 1903 <b>Betty J.</b> b. 1931 <b>Gay E.</b> b. 1937 (cont'd. next page)	<b>Francis Marion</b> b. 1876 d. 1944 m. 1902 Bertha Martindale b. 1881 d. 1954 <b>Irma F.</b> b. 1903 d. 1966 m. 1923 Joseph G. Hurt b. 1895 d. 1966 <b>Barbara C.</b> b. 1924 m. Lewis Manor <b>Lewis, Jr.</b> b. 1947 m. Nancy Sweet <b>Owen L.</b> <b>Lauren A.</b> <b>Richard J.</b> b. 1952 <b>William G.</b> b. 1953 m. Charlene Meyers <b>Kathleen</b> <b>Kars</b> <b>Anita L.</b> b. 1925 m. Carl Roberts <b>Marcia L.</b> b. 1949 m. Dave Casper <b>Dana</b> <b>Joanee R.</b> b. 1932 m. Jim Dermody <b>Thomas E.</b> b. 1966 <b>Franklin C.</b> b. 1968 (cont'd. next page)	<b>George Washington</b> b. 1877 d. 1931 m. 1898 Allie M. Cox b. 1877 d. 1907 <b>Earl R.</b> b. 1899 m. 1921 Opal C. Eckhart b. 1904 <b>James L.</b> b. 1924 m. 1945 Agnes Lipsev b. 1924 <b>Candace</b> <b>Ronald</b> <b>Marshall</b> b. 1926 m. 1948 Muriel J. Arnold b. 1928 <b>Gregory</b> <b>Diane</b> <b>Reginald</b> <b>Wayne L.</b> b. 1928 m. 1950 Mary Harrison b. 1931 <b>Pamela</b> <b>Brian</b> <b>Neil</b> <b>Shirley E.</b> b. 1931 m. 1953 Jack Lane b. 1928 <b>Valerie L.</b> <b>Thomas E.</b> (cont'd. next page)	<b>Daunah Elizabeth</b> b. 1880 d. 1944 m. Arthur Sears b. 1877 d. 1920 <b>Warren R.</b> b. 1904 m. Fern d. 1985 <b>Margaret E.</b> b. 1927 m. Caton <b>Jerry</b> b. 1951 <b>Larry</b> b. 1954 <b>Marion</b> b. 1959 <b>Dorothy M.</b> b. 1928 d. 1958 m. Schofield <b>Larry</b> b. 1949 <b>Tersia</b> b. 1950 <b>Danny</b> b. 1955 <b>Francis W.</b> b. 1930 m. ? <b>Jannett E.</b> b. 1958 <b>Susan</b> b. 1962 <b>Martha M.</b> b. 1931 m. Forester <b>Phylliss M.</b> b. 1951 <b>Steven E.</b> b. 1953 <b>Dennis</b> b. 1955 <b>Homer L.</b> b. 1933 m. ? <b>Nancy L.</b> b. 1955 <b>John J.</b> b. 1957 (cont'd. next page)
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Among the first 20 years  
of settlers.



(cont'd.) Millington Goforth

(cont'd.) William	(cont'd.) Jefferson	(cont'd.) Francis	(cont'd.) George	(cont'd.) Daunah
(cont'd.) Alice R.	Leroy	Lola Irene	(cont'd.) Earl R.	(cont'd.) Warren
Nelson E.	b. 1910	b. 1909	Roger	Steven Arthur
b. 1960	d. 1969	m. Darrell	b. 1937	b. 1934
Bonnie J.	m. June	English	m. 1959	m. ?
b. 1961	Sheuster	b. 1908	Helen F.	Norman
Terri L.	b. 1916	Glen D.	Breck	b. 1954
b. 1962	Robert L.	m. Barbara	b. 1938	Perry L.
Wanda M.	b. 1932	Tucker	Scott R.	b. 1955
b. 1964	d. 1932	Russell G.	Shari	Arthur Francis
Bob E.	Kenneth L.	m. D. Dinn	2nd m. for George	b. 1906
b. 1940	b. 1935	Robert	Grace L. Tanney	d. 1923
m. 1959	2nd m. 1937	Russell	(Brown)	Ernest E.
Doretta H.	Vivian	Elizabeth	George W., Jr.	b. 1910
Pressey	Leggett	Sandra May	b. 1907	Mildred I.
b. 1941	Marvin L.	Jennifer	d. 1950	b. 1921
Bob E., Jr.	b. 1938	Brian B.	m. 1932	m. Harold Hill
b. 1961	m. Barbara	Gerald W.	Helen L. Alkern	Alvin L.
Patrick J.	Wilcox	m. Alice L.	Leslie E.	Wanda J.
b. 1963	Kim V.	Montgomery	b. 1932	b. 1944
Russell	b. 1970	Debra	d. 1932	Darlene L.
b. 1922	3rd m. 1940	m. Alvin	Harry E.	2nd m. James Tuck (Mildred)
m. 1941	Lannell McKinley	Murello	b. 1934	Kathy F.
Grace Friel	b. 1921	Jason E.	George E.	b. 1950
Russell C.	Linda E.	Annie M.	b. 1937	Trudy
John L.	b. 1942	Peggy L.	Sharon L.	
b. 1944	Beverly	m. Casey Strong	b. 1944	
Dennis J.	b. 1946	Gerald W.	Edna Gertrude	
b. 1945	James J.	Casey	b. 1909	
William H.	b. 1948	Colleen	m. 1932	
b. 1900	Wanney	Deanna N.	Joseph M. Jasper	
d. 1963	b. 1912	m. Barney Sotelo	b. 1906	
m. Dessell Gilbert	d. 1913	Justine B.	Janet D.	
Harold B.	Lyla I.	Renee C.	b. 1934	
m. Marlene	b. 1914	Kenny R.	m. 1954 ?	
David	d. 1973	m. Dorothy	Arthur Shinn	
Beth	m. 1931	Murphy	Rebecca	
m. Keaton	Donald F.	Melinda M	b. 1956	
Adopted 2	Ainsworth	Francis Marion	m. Steven	
children	Gerald	b. 1911	Burhmal	
James L.	b. 1932	m. Mary Hunt	Henry C.	
b. 1903	m. Billie Peek	b. 1918	b. 1936	
d. 1961	Coleen A.	Stanley E.	m. 1959	
Martha E.	b. 1954	Bette L.	Colleen Evans	
b. 1905	2nd m. 1954	m. Cleo Bentley	Renee F.	
d. 1907	Terry	Janice	b. 1960	
Zenith P.	Vanderszell	Ronda	Alyson D.	
b. 1907	Marlene L.	Judith P.	b. 1962 (63)	
m. Ray Harpe	b. 1960	m. Marsh	Henry C., Jr.	
Robert	Michael D.	Melissa M.	b. 1963 (64)	
b. 1926	b. 1965	James K.	William C.	
m. Bernice	Norman C.	m. Ernestine	b. 1952	
Robert, Jr.	b. 1933	Dommer	2nd m. T. E. Driver (Edna)	
(cont'd. next	m. Irene Nuby	Angela	Edward Charles	
page)	(cont'd. next	Sue	(twin/Edna)b. 1909	
	page)	(cont'd. next page)	d. 1909	

(cont'd.) Millington Goforth

(cont'd.)  
William

(cont'd.)  
Zenith P.

Gene  
b. 1928  
m. Wanda

Jack  
b. 1931  
m. ?

3 children

Bonnie  
b. 1935  
m. Robert Way

2 children

Dan  
b. 1939  
m. ?

3 children

2nd m. Twarowski

Ronald  
b. 1948  
m. ? 2 sons

Larry  
b. 1949  
m. Peggy

Myrtle F.  
b. 1909 (10)  
m. Tom Brown

Wanda  
m. Russ Reguemer

Mark

2nd m. William  
Morrison

William  
b. 1935

m. Joan, 3 children

Lawrence E.

b. 1911 (12)

d. 1944

m. 1937, Florence Howe

Henry C.

b. 1913, d. 1913

Jesse N.

b. 1914

m. 1936, Ellen Brown

Ted L.

b. 1937

m. 1957, Charlene Shields

(cont'd.)  
Jefferson

(cont'd.)  
Norman C.

Diane K.  
b. 1953  
m. Douglas  
Bennett

Ileene  
b. 1955  
David M.  
b. 1964

Barbara L.

b. 1946

m. 1964

Harry D.

Hatfield

Harry D., Jr.

2nd m. Dennis Gaskill

Dennis Lee, Jr.

b. 1967

Margaret Esther

b. 1916

m. 1944

Jesse Cooper

Ronald D.

m. Donna Arnold

Randell D.

b. 1957

Rhonda R.

b. 1959

(cont'd.)

William

(cont'd.)

Ted L.

Richard D.

b. 1959

Judy K.

b. 1961

Jill C.

b. 1964

Suzy E.

b. 1972

William P.

b. 1973

Donald E.

b. 1938

m. 1966

Mildred Gunther

5 stepchildren

(cont'd.)  
Francis

(cont'd.)

Francis, Jr.

Paul F.

Allen K.

Everett C.

b. 1914

m. Pauline Verda English

b. 1914

Thomas E.

m. Sharon Campbell

Korene A.

Keith C.

Kenneth E.

Bonnie L.

m. S. L. Shannen

Steven C.

Sheri A.

Elmer Truman

b. 1916

m. Evelyn A. Jones

b. 1918

Carol J.

m. Leo Beauchamp

Mark D.

David W.

m. Sharon Sharp

Wesley A.

Robin K

Mervyn L.

m. Lois Wilson

Andrea L.

Gloria J.

m. Kim Cristy

Dianne R.

John Russell

b. 1918

m. Juanita Detheridge

b. 1923

Roy

m. Rose M. Tressler

Scott

Kevin

Cindy Lee

Becky Jo

Kathy

Nancy

m. Gary Pennington

Jennifer

Joshua

# G O W A N

George = ? Holtzhammer

## Judson Holmes

b. 1886  
p.b. Wisc.  
d. 1962  
m. 1914  
Grace McKee  
p.b. Humboldt Co., CA

## Hiram Elmer

m. Grace Higgins  
**Robert Hiram**  
b. 1917  
**Gerald H.**  
b. 1918  
m. Joy Hopkins  
**NauNu**  
m. ? Kenn  
2nd m. Naye Wissmath

## Jean Helen

b. 1914  
m. 1935  
John T. Ham  
**John T., Jr.**  
b. 1939  
m. Janis  
Devoto  
**John T. III**  
b. 1962  
**Michael V.**  
b. 1964  
**Kristen E.**  
b. 1967  
2nd m. 1982  
Terrie  
Sauer  
**William Charles**  
b. 1942  
m. 1963  
Carol Rising  
**Eric William**  
b. 1967  
**Russell M.**  
2nd m. (Jean)  
Lowell Near

## Don Judson

b. 1917  
m. 1948  
Evelyn Hills  
**Don, Jr.**  
2nd m. Valerie  
Hoffman  
**Pepper D.**  
b. 1976  
**Valerie M.**  
b. 1979  
3rd m. Muriel  
McBee  
4th m. Wanda  
McCosker Moore

## Grace Jewell

b. 1926  
m. 1949  
John W.  
Lorenz  
**Judith J.**  
b. 1952  
m. Edgar Bailey  
2nd m. Frank  
Vandenburg  
**Jewell Ann**  
b. 1957  
2nd m. Orval Tucker

Jud and Hiram came to  
Potter Valley in 1915.

# GRAVES

Aaron Alfred = Ada McMath

<b>George</b>	<b>Samuel C.</b> b. 1879 d. 1939 m. 1904 Nettie Purpus (Stepfather Grover) d. 1943	<b>Mellina</b> (Millie) m. Walter Brown <b>Frank</b> <b>Pearl</b>	<b>Josephine</b> m. Carl Simons <b>Charlie</b> <b>Tom</b> m. Dorothy Miller Metzler <b>Marjorie</b>	<b>Jessie</b> m. Bonham 2nd m. Bowman <b>Edith</b> <b>Fred</b> <b>Pearl</b>
<b>Eva</b> b. 1906 m. 1940 Paul Foster d. 1952 <b>Marjorie</b> b. 1941 m. 1962 James Mistron b. 1944 <b>Brenda</b> b. 1964 <b>Michelle</b> b. 1966 <b>Jimmie</b> b. 1968 2nd m. Joseph Russo <b>Carol</b> b. 1943 m. 1962 Bob Danielson 2nd m. Bob Rosenthal	<b>Clyde</b> b. 1910 m. 1939 Alice Furber b. 1913 d. 1977 <b>Patricia</b> b. 1943 m. 1965 Golmitz <b>Brian</b> b. 1967 2nd m. David Stanton <b>John</b> b. 1945 m. Tina Kexler <b>Scott</b> b. 1972 <b>Brett</b> b. 1974 2nd m. 1980 (Clyde) Doris Nicholson 3rd m. 1980 (Clyde) Eva Z. Holling	<b>Alvin</b> b. 1912 d. 1912	<b>Florence</b> b. 1917 d. 1920	

(cont'd.) Aaron Graves = Ada McMath

<b>Alfred</b> m. Georgis Travis <b>Roy</b>	<b>Frank</b> m. Grace <b>Lloyd</b>	<b>William</b> <b>David</b>	<b>Arthur</b> m. Ethel <b>Dan</b> <b>Robert</b> <b>John</b>
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Issac Y. = Mary J. Snively

# G R O V E R

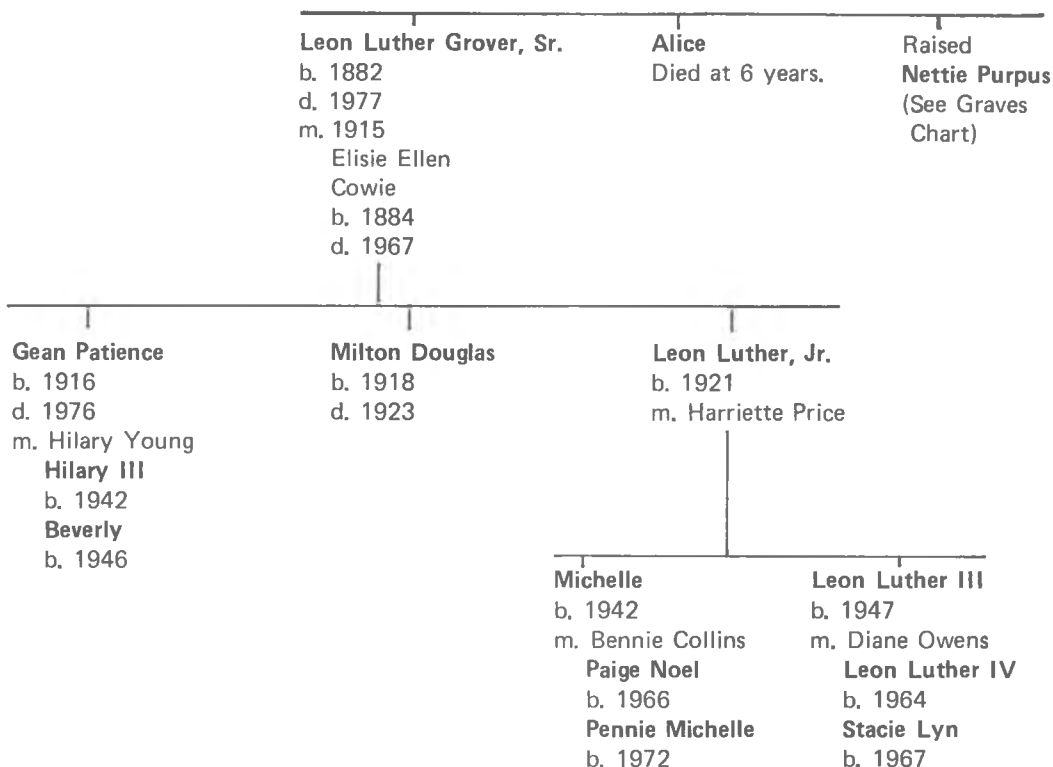
Luther Perry                      =                      Lovinia Lierly  
m. 1852

b. 1824  
d. 1909

b. 1832  
d. 1876

Isaac Wilson b. 1853 d. 1928 m. 1880 Laura Belle Boyes b. 1862 Jessie m. John McNab	William Albert b. 1854 d. 1936 m. Francis (died in childbirth) 2nd m. 1888 Addie Lee Dashiell b. 1862 Clyde Otis b. 1891 Irma Lovinia b. 1894 d. 1895 Beatrice Blyth b. 1900 d. 1902 Alberta Lee b. 1902 Merrill Vann b. 1904 d. 1904 Daughter b. 1889 d. 1889	Owen b. 1857 d. 1922 m. Abigail Squire b. 1872 d. 1943 Squire b. 1896 d. 1896 Abigail Irene b. 1897 d. 1979 m. Green Gweneva b. 1899 d. 1919 Olive m. Sellinger Irene b. 1907	Lilly Elizabeth b. 1860 d. 1863
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(cont'd.) Luther Grover, 2nd m. 1878 = Mary Ann Newby Purpus



# GUNTLY

**John Vincent = Sarah Frances Morin**  
b. 1859                      b. 1868  
d. 1931                      d. 1937

**Charles Harrison**  
b. 1889  
d. 1965  
m. 1926  
Helen Rose T.  
b. 1908

**John Foster**  
b. 1899 d. 1985  
m. 1923  
Pearl Pauline Pickle  
b. 1903  
d. 1978

**Francis Pauline**  
b. 1924  
d. 1924  
p.d. Coyote Valley

**John Richard**  
b. 1926  
m. 1953  
Bernardine Roling  
b. 1930  
**John Bernard**  
b. 1956  
d. 1956  
**Ann Elizabeth**  
b. 1957  
d. 1957

**Matilda Juanita**  
b. 1928  
m. 1949  
William R. Robinson  
b. 1924  
**Cheryl Alicia**  
b. 1950  
m. 1971  
Michael Martini  
**Rachel A.**  
b. 1952  
m. 1978  
James A. Quist  
**Michael W.**  
b. 1954  
**Frederick J.**  
b. 1959  
**Paula J.**  
b. 1968

**Saralee Frances**  
b. 1936  
m. 1959  
Donald Yates

**Laurel Ann**  
b. 1940  
m. 1960  
Austin Hodges  
**Sheila A.**  
b. 1961  
m. Patterson  
**Adrianna M.**  
b. 1983  
**Clinton W.**  
b. 1984  
**James S.**  
b. 1984  
(twin/Clinton)  
**Kimberly L.**  
b. 1963  
m. 1982  
Nordmack

**Della Mary**  
b. 1928  
m. 1948  
Francis M. Rupe  
b. 1920  
(See Rupe Chart)

**Dorothy Helen**  
b. 1930  
m. 1949  
Eddie Schwabe  
**John Wm.**  
b. 1954  
m. 1976  
Laurie McMillan  
**Lora**  
b. 1980  
**David E.**  
b. 1958  
**Helen M.**  
b. 1966

**Charles Christopher**  
b. 1931  
m. 1952  
Elizabeth A. Banks  
b. 1932  
(cont'd. next page)

**James Vincent**  
b. 1934  
d. 1934

**Virginia Frances**  
b. 1935  
m. 1956  
Richard Marson  
**Renee M.**  
b. 1957  
m. 1983  
Salvador V. Sanchez  
**Richard C.**  
b. 1959  
**Julie A.**  
b. 1960  
**David H.**  
b. 1964

**Marie Rose**  
b. 1942  
m. 1966  
Richard Romero  
b. 1942  
**Alisa**  
b. 1967  
**Gary**  
b. 1970

**Carol Irene**  
b. 1945  
m. 1973  
Fred Weatherby  
**Jeremy**  
b. 1976

(cont'd.) Charles Christopher next page



(cont'd.) John V. Guntly

(cont'd.) Charles Christopher Guntly

Victoria A.

b. 1953

m. 1975

Gary Todd

**Christopher E.**

b. 1980

James C.

b. 1957

m. 1983

Peggy O'Neal

**James C.**

b. 1984

**Jennifer**

b. 1978

(step daughter)

Nancy J.

b. 1957

m. 1982

Randolf Smith

**Matthew D.**

b. 1984

**Mark** (step son)

**Nikki** (step daughter)

Patricia L.

b. 1958

Mary A.

b. 1962

m. 1983

Fred Carner

Lynn M.

b. 1965

Bought Potter Valley property 1906.

Foster Guntly moved here in 1918.

Father and mother, John and Sarah moved here earlier.

Guntly also bought Riverside Ranch at Coyote Valley and moved there.

Also bought:

- Adjoining hillsides
- Orr property - Redwood Valley
- Brower Ranch on Pine Ave., P. V.
- Field's property Lower Potter
- Hotel property at Cold Creek
- Witter Springs adjoining into Lake Co.

After Lake Mendocino built 1959, Guntly brothers, Charles and Foster, sold off all hill land north of the Potter Valley Road and Highway 20 to P. V. Road for a subdivision.

## H A R V E Y

Ira Berry     =     Anna Spotswood  
m. 1905

b. 1873  
d. 1946

b. 1871  
d. 1917

Mary Bruce  
b. 1909  
m. 1932

George Nissen  
d. 1975  
Naamah  
m. Linda Johns  
Bruce  
George, Jr.

Clarence Berry  
b. 1910  
m. 1942

Robert Dickey  
b. 1919

Marilyn Elizabeth  
b. 1950  
m. 1979

Lee Pettenger  
b. 1948  
Justin  
b. 1980  
Colby  
b. 1982

Robert Clarence  
b. 1952  
m. 1976

Betty Deaver  
b. 1951  
Betsy  
b. 1978  
Jacob  
b. 1981  
William R.  
b. 1983

Kenneth Michael  
b. 1958

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1924.

Mr. Harvey was a blacksmith.

Anna Spotswood was a niece  
of Joseph Spotswood.

## H A R D I S T Y

Charles     =     Della Whitcomb  
b. 1876     b. 1880  
d. 1936     d. 1969

Alice  
b. 1903  
d. 1974  
m. Alden Crafts

Ethel  
b. 1905  
m. Victor Ruelle  
Charles V.  
Carol (Adopted)  
2nd m. Herbert Berg

Charles Delmar  
(Tim)  
b. 1911  
d. 1968  
m. Evelyn

Bessie  
b. 1908  
d. 1930

Marjorie  
b. 1915  
d. 1984  
m. Ray Haskell  
Anne  
m. Cummings  
Linda  
m. Hadjioannon  
David

Gladys  
b. 1920  
m. Vernith  
Dryden  
Judith  
b. 1942  
d. 1942  
Audrey F.  
b. 1947  
d. 1948  
Dennis

Came to Potter Valley in  
1910 from Willits.

## H A S K E T T

**Samuel**      =      **Miranda Barnes**  
                                  **m. 1854**  
                                  p.b. III.                                   b. N.C.

**Jennie**  
m. McCann

**Alice**  
m. Bransford

**Laura**  
m. Hart

**Guy**  
b. 1859  
m. 1885  
Anna Angle

**Delia**  
m. A.M. Rawson

Came to Potter Valley in 1860.  
 Mrs Haskett was first teacher at  
 Centerville School in Randlett  
 home.  
 Moved to Ukiah in 1863

## H E R N D O N

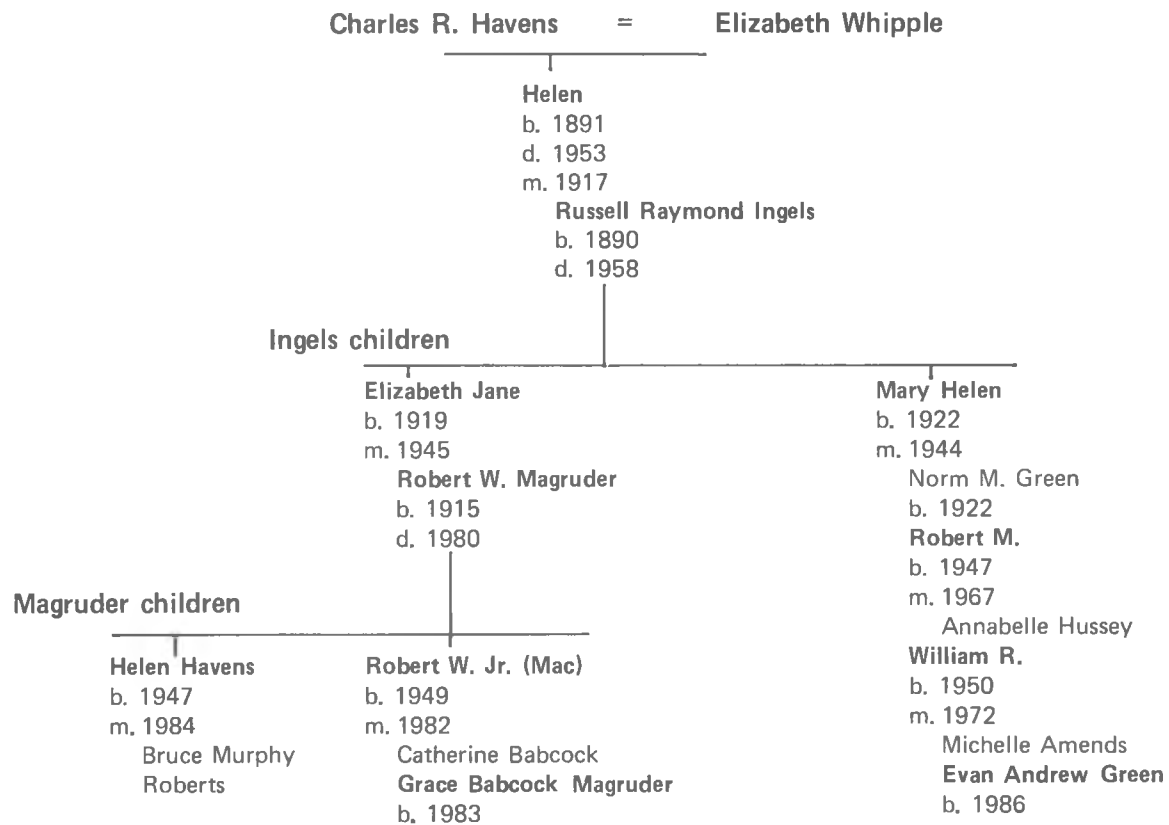
**Nathaniel**      =      **Susan Van Dusen**  
                                  **m. 1831**  
                                  b. 1809  
                                  d. 1884

**Lenora B.**  
 b. 1890  
 d. 1979  
 m. J. O. Rains  
     b. 1885  
     d. 1959  
**Susan**  
 b. 1936  
 m. William Malsberry  
**Frances**  
 b. 1920 (?)  
 m. Richard Morris  
**William J.**  
 b. 1924  
 d. 1983  
 m. Elizabeth  
 2nd m. Betty Jane Wallace  
 3rd m. Millie  
**Ray**  
 b. 1926  
 m. Mary  
**Roy (Twin/Ray)**  
 b. 1926  
 m. Shirley  
**Clyde**  
 b. 1928  
 m. Jean  
 2nd m. Thelma  
**Bernie (Twin/Clyde)**  
 b. 1938  
 m. Erica  
 (cont'd. at right)

**Lois**  
 m. Fish  
 2nd m. Gardenhire

**Lenora B. (cont'd.)**  
**Betty**  
 b. 1930  
 m. Robert Tharp  
**Edna**  
 b. 1934  
 m. Charles Knight  
**James**  
 b. 1936  
 m. Oleta Davis  
**Robert Hansten**  
 d. 1953

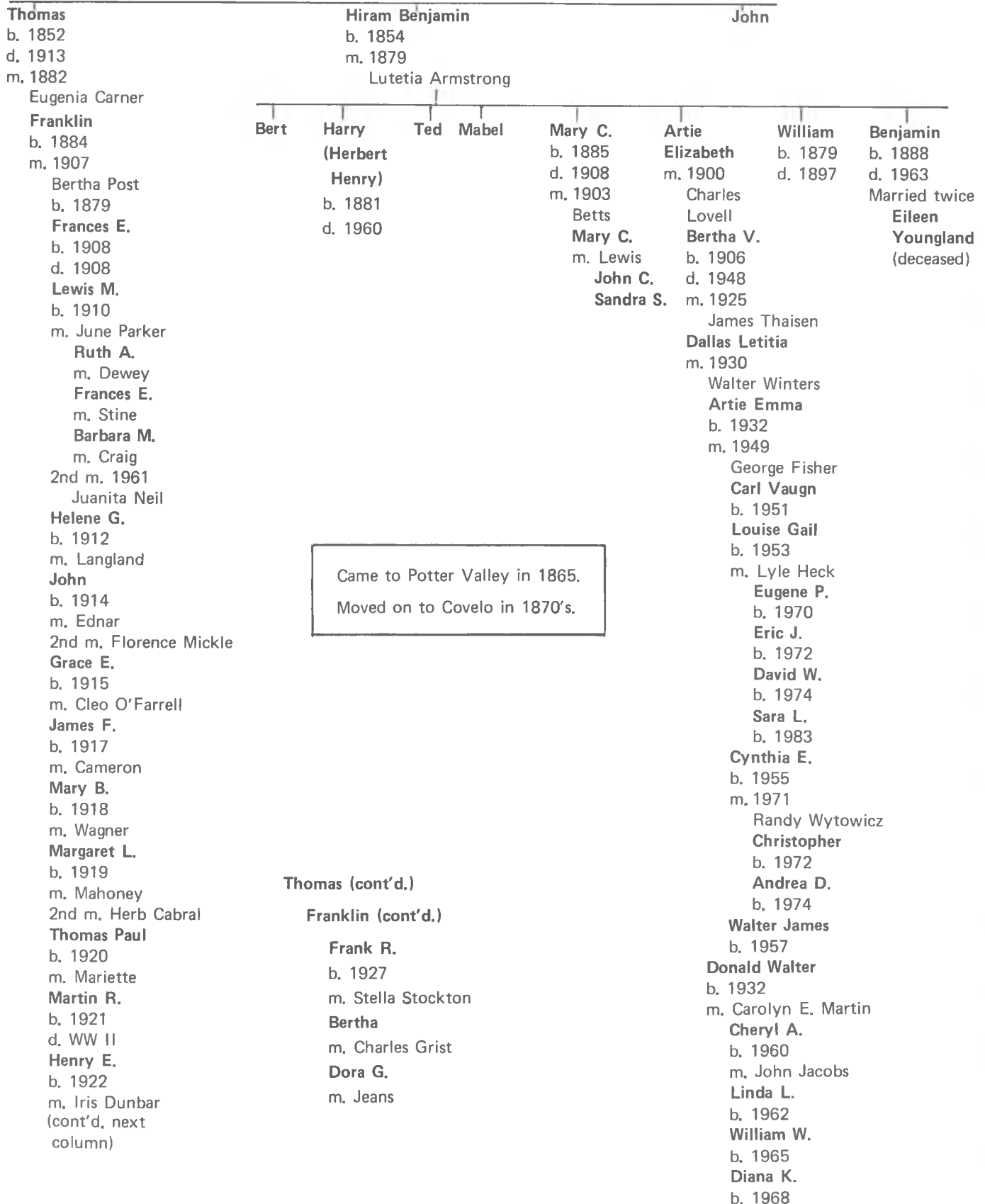
# HAVENS, INGELS, & MAGRUDER



Havens bought Potter Valley land around 1919.  
Ingels moved to Potter Valley in 1919.  
1928 R. R. Ingels elected to State Assembly.  
1930 elected to State Senate.  
1935 appointed by Gov. Frank Merriam  
as Director of Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

# W. J. HAYDON

William J. = Elizabeth Hamilton

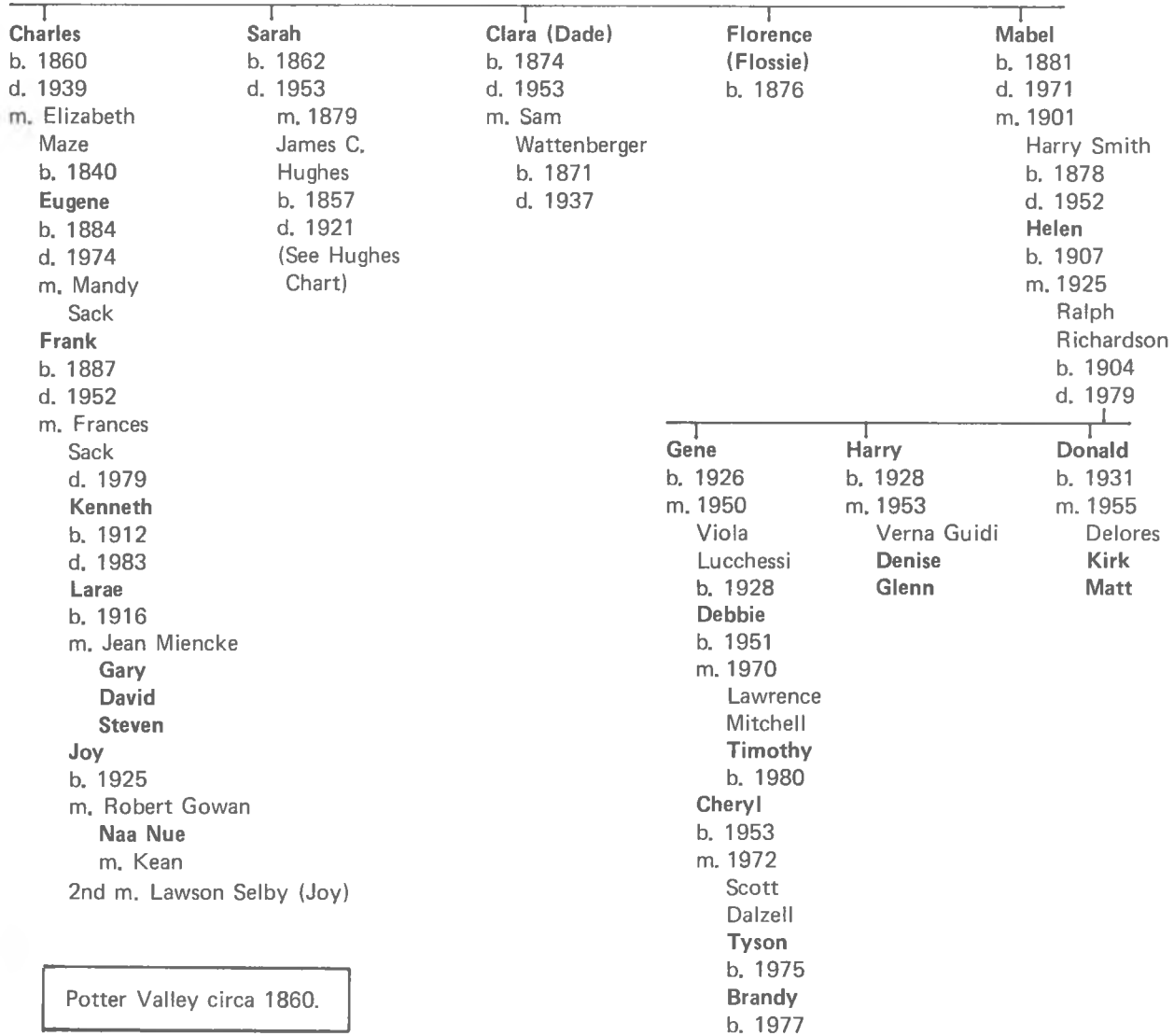


# HOPKINS

James = Elizabeth Neil  
m. 1860

b. 1827  
d. 1918

b. 1840  
d. 1924



# J. HOPPER

John                      =                      Jane Leigh  
b. 1802                      b. 1814  
p.b. Mo.                      p.b. Tenn.  
d. 1889                      d. 1898

John Thomas m. Eliza Tunnel	Greenberry m. Sarah Vann (See Vann Chart)	William Brown b. 1853 p.b. CA d. 1927 m. 1873 Elizabeth Lownes b. 1854 p.b. CA d. 1955	George Leigh m. Lucinda Baker	Luther Washington m. Julia Armstrong	Emma m. Frank Tunnel	Sarah Jane m. Samuel Logan	Jonathon Died young
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Lulu b. 1874 d. 1956 m. Clyde Rippey	Annie b. 1876 d. 1962 m. 1897 Marcellus Bevans b. 1856 d. 1922 (See Bevans Chart)	Pearl b. 1880 d. 1970 m. John D. Brower III (See Brower Chart)	Elmer b. 1884 m. Etta Hazel m. Robert Harmon Marietta m. Smith Shelley William B. m. Juanita Billie m. Doe Becky William B., Jr.	Harry b. 1888 d. 1972 m. Nellie McKee b. 1890 d. 1980 Evangeline b. 1913 m. Harold Whittaker (See Whittaker Chart) 2nd m. Dwight Manning
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Came to Potter Valley  
in 1862.

Owned 1,000 acres from  
west hills to near top of  
east hills, ½ mile wide,  
north of Main Street.

Mary F. m. Thomas Norris Mortimer E. Kenneth Everett Marcia M. m. Robert M. Pyles Neville Ora m. Harry G. Tibbet Neville Lynn Evelyn Roberta m. Gordon Miller Marilyn m. Robert P. Shaffer Robert P., Jr. Marc Stewart Evelyn Dee  Eliza F. Claude	Zerilon J.	Emma	Marcia	Hulet m. ? Amy	Mathew G. m. Jane Mathew Alma Ora	Georgia A. m. William Bryon
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## T. G. HOPPER

Thomas Guy (John) = Clara Rottluff  
m. 1918

b. 1885  
d. 1938

b. 1891  
d. 1971

Thomas A.  
b. 1920  
m. 1941  
Evelyn Grace  
Gibbons  
b. 1923

Harold E.  
b. 1921  
m. 1946  
Betty L.  
Furber  
b. 1922  
d. 1984

Phoebe Ann  
b. 1923

David Lee  
b. 1926  
m. 1956  
Barbara  
Cherry  
b. 1934

Steven J.  
b. 1948  
m. Joan  
Rains  
Dean  
b. 1976  
Mathew  
b. 1979

Kathleen K.  
b. 1951  
m. 1984  
Kim  
Tam Thay

Susan L.  
b. 1954  
m. 19 ?  
Douglas  
Nelson  
Calle  
b. 1981  
Gabriel  
b. 1984

Thomas M.  
b. 1946  
m. 1968  
Jan  
Troxell  
2nd m. 1978  
Terry  
Archibald  
Tracy M.  
b. 1982  
Jammie L.  
b. 1984

James M.  
b. 1949  
m. 1971  
Kathie  
Tripp  
b. 1952  
James A.  
b. 1974  
Kathrine M.  
b. 1976

Ruth Ann  
b. 1951  
m. 1972  
John Russell  
2nd m. 1977  
Jim Thornton

Clara Rottluff came to Potter Valley in 1913, with her brother Julius and sisters Hulda Jones and Hattie Wattenberg. T. G. Hopper came in 1919.

## H O W E

Newton P. = Laura  
b. 1837 b. 1847  
d. 1912 d. 1925

Albert B.  
b. 1880  
d. 1968

Julia  
b. 1869  
d. 1885 (age 16)

Henry  
b. 1875  
d. 1944

# HUGHES

John Corbly = Jane Washburn  
m. 1826

b. 1804  
d. 1854

b. 1809  
d. 1876

James Lucillus	Rowland	William	Sonora Bethena	Daniel
b. 1827	b. 1828	b. 1831	b. 1832	b. 1834
d. 1890	d. 1903	m. Susan	d. 1925	d. 1910
m. 1849	m. 1855	b. 1840	m. 1851	m. 1857
Mary Ann Wright	Mary J. Hardin	George	George Brown	Mary Quesenbury
b. 1829	b. 1838	b. 1862	b. 1829/30	b. 1839/40
d. 1861	d. 1902	Laura A.	d. 1903	Ellen M.
Sarah C.	Arthur R.	b. 1863	Sarah Ann	b. 1858
b. 1850	b. 1864	m. 1882	b. 1852	m. 1878
d. 1886	d. 1941	Solomon	d. 1933/32	David Ravens
m. 1865	m. 1885	Bailor	m. 1871	Mary J.
Edward Higgins	Mary E. Wilson	William	Alfred S. Cureton	b. 1860
2nd m. George D. Neil	b. 1866	Perry	George Alfred	Moses C.
b. 1849	d. 1915	b. 1867	Laura Lenora	b. 1865
d. 1906	Julia R.	Samuel	Eugene Worrell	Elizabeth
Mary Jane	b. 1888	b. 1871	b. 1878	b. 1868
b. 1852	d. 1969	Ora	d. 1960	Allie
d. 1935	m. 1909	b. 1875	m. Marion T. Nehf	b. 1873
m. 1866	Fred W. Tweedt	Homer	Violet	Daniel
Stoddard Neil	Fredna I.	b. 1880	Eugene Nehf	b. 1878
(See Neil Chart)	Myrtle I.		Marion Jean	d. 1963
Martha Elizabeth	b. 1889		Elizabeth	(See Quesenbury Chart)
b. 1853	m. 1909		Rosemary	
d. 1908	Lloyd Haynes		Eugenia	
m. 1876	b. 1885		b. 1878	
Micajah A. Thomas	d. 1963		m. Ralph Friend	
b. 1846	Rowland W.		Veryl	
d. 1912	2nd m. Marie Bertelsen (Arthur)		Rollis	
Mary Wimberly	b. 1872		Grace Brown	
b. 1876	d. 1975		b. 1885	
d. 1957	Cecelia A.		m. William Clouette	
m. 1907	b. 1900		Roberts	
Fred O. Todd	d. 1970		Burr Batchelor	
b. 1870	m. Paul "Tom" Hlemick		Dorothy	
d. 1952	b. 1883		Ann	
Alice Elizabeth	Phyllis L.		Margurite Marion	
b. 1908	2nd m. Carl E. Ekholm (Cecelia)		b. 1893	
d. 1960 (?)	Carl Arthur		d. 1946	
Seidel	3rd m. Fred Franklin (Cecelia)		m. Charles MacDonald	
b. 1911	3rd m. Henrietta Jefrene (Arthur)		William Rowland	
m. M.M. Griffin	Mary Lela (Minnie)		b. 1854	
Jennie	b. 1872		d. 1855	
James Robherds	d. 1954		Daniel	
b. 1878	m. Francis Brown		b. 1855	
d. 1935	2nd m. Franklin Abbott		d. 1856	
m. 1906	3rd m. Royal Rector		George Washington	
Lillian N. Towle	Frances Sonora		b. 1857	
b. 1884	(Child of brother James —		John	
Lucille	Reared by Rowland)		b. 1859	
b. 1927 (adopted)			d. 1861	
m. Paul Lang			(cont'd. next page)	
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(cont'd.) John Corbly Hughes = Jane Washburn

<b>Elizabeth F.</b> b. 1836 d. 1881 m. 1856 Hugh P. McGee (See McGee Chart)	<b>John Corbly</b> b. 1839	<b>Francis Marion</b> b. 1842 d. 1895 m. 1861 Barbara Neece b. 1845 d. 1862 Nancy J. b. 1862 d. 1862	<b>George Washington</b> b. 1844 d. 1922	<b>Barbara</b> b. 1845	<b>Susan Catherine</b> b. 1847 d. 1928 m. 1866 William P. Van Nader (See Van Nader Chart)
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(cont'd.)  
**James Lucillus**

(cont'd.)  
**Martha Elizabeth**  
Micajah Anderson  
b. 1880  
d. 1957  
m. 1913  
Carmel Mercedes Ostrom  
b. 1888  
Carmel Mercedes  
b. 1915  
m. 19 ?  
Wakefield Taylor  
Winifred Douglas  
b. 1919  
m. Robert Scott  
2nd m. Sinellie  
Anderson Robherds  
m. Smith  
2nd m. Girsch  
**Martha Elizabeth**  
b. 1881  
d. 1887  
Catherine  
b. 1884  
d. 1972  
m. 1920  
George F. Johnson  
b. 1879  
d. 1969  
Ruth  
b. 1892  
d. 1970  
George Washington  
b. 1855  
d. 1906  
m. 1879  
Emma Scott Coulter  
Jimmilla  
b. 1892  
d. 1964

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(cont'd.)  
**James Lucillus**

**James Corbly**  
b. 1857  
d. 1921  
m. 1879  
Sarah E. Hopkins  
b. 1862  
d. 1953  
Walter Scott  
b. 1880  
d. 1940  
m. 1912  
Marquette Kelly  
(See Kelly Chart)  
Albert Theodore  
b. 1882  
d. 1965  
m. Taza Martel  
Forrest Sterling  
b. 1910  
m. Helen Brush  
2nd m. Mary Hengeveld  
Linda  
m. Clifford Martin  
Crystal  
Carol  
Cory  
James Forrest  
m. Patty Brennan  
Kyle  
3rd m. 1968  
Eileen Wedemeyer  
Bonita Espa  
m. George Flatley  
Martin Martel  
b. 1942  
Sara Louise  
b. 1945

**Lucinda A.**

b. 1859  
d. 1865  
Frances Sonora  
(Reared by James brother Rowland)  
b. 1861  
d. 1883  
m. 1882  
William A. Grover  
Infant  
b. 1883  
d. 1883

(cont'd.)  
**Sonora Bethena**

Mary Jane  
b. 1861  
Isaiah Hughes  
b. 1863  
d. 1864  
Francis Marion Hughes  
b. 1864  
d. 1906  
m. Mary Lela Hughes  
2nd m. Georgia A. Brown  
3rd m. Mary C. Nuckolls (Knuckles)  
James Knuckles Brown  
b. 1902  
d. 1952  
m. 1926  
Gladys Wilson  
James Laughton Knuckles  
Frances Mason  
b. 1904  
m. 1929  
Marie Pellagrine

Potter Valley 1865 via Mo. and Sonoma County.

Jane W. Hughes came to Potter Valley with her son James Lucillus.

James L. built brick house 1880-81. Bought a calendar mantel clock that day it was finished dated Jan. 30, 1881.

(cont'd.) John Corbly Hughes = Jane Washburn

(cont'd.) James Lucillus Hughes 2nd m. 1866 = Atlantic Ocean McGee

b. 1845

d. 1925

California Rose	Richard Thomas	Luella Isabelle	John S.	Francis	Otto	Infant Daughter	Myrtle
b. 1867	b. 1869	b. 1872	b. 1876	Dexter	Rosco	b. 1886	b. 1887
d. 1927	d. 1936	d. 1943	d. 1937	b. 1879	b. 1882	d. 1886	d. 1972
m. 1888	m. 1895	m. 1904	m. 1908	d. 1948	d. 1977		m. 1908
Thomas	Maude	J. Ed	Emma G.	m. 1907	m. 1908		John S. Reed, Jr.
Hale	Fowler	Walker	Starbuck	Della	Sadie C. McKee		John Armond
Rasied	Lloyd	Maurice	Elsie	Eddie	Allen		b. 1910
Foster	b. 1896		d. 1979	(See Eddie	b. 1910		d. 1944
Daughter	d. 1958		m. Jay Whitman	Chart)	m. 1937		m. ?
Faye	m. Madie Beutel		James Whitman		Elaine Terk		Jack
	Robert Lloyd		m. Marge Hosicht		Richard		Jean Elinor
	b. 1921		James R. Whitman		b. 1938		b. 1916
	m. 1943		m. Karen Dean		m. 1951		d. 1936
	Joana Jane Wilder		Billy		Virginia Strickler		
	Carolyn Margaret		James (?)		Kathy		
	b. 1947		Tiffany (?)		m. Rock Funston		
	m. Michael Normoyle		Debbie		Stormy		
	David Michael		m. Ronald Kent		Bryan		
	b. 1978		Zackery		Kevin		
	Joanna Elizabeth		Billie		Kraig		
	b. 1981		Ronald		Donna Joan		
	Lorin Robert		Oliva Necole		b. 1940		
	b. 1951		John		m. 1958		
	2nd m. Jane E.		Wayne		Boyd Hire		
	Veneman		2nd m. Doris Nicolay (J. W.)		Clint		
	Robert Lorin		3rd m. Florence Upton (J. W.)		m. Kathy Hoven		
	b. 1981		2nd m. George Bilstein (Elsie)		Katie		
	Leslie (Lesley)		Janet Elaine Bilstein		Jay		
	b. 1898		m. Ray Klaisner		m. Terri Rehn		
	d. 1977		Jack		Danielle		
	m. Mary D. Williams		b. 1952		Patricia Ellen		
	William Lesley		m. 1970		b. 1943		
	b. 1931		Judy Estep		m. Gene Ball		
	d. 1967		b. 1953		Terrie		
	Glen		James Ryan		m. Charles		
	b. 1900		b. 1971		Charles J.		
	d. 1965		2nd m. Ollie Johnson (Janet)		Clifford		
	m. 1929		Mary J.		2nd m. Jon Halburg		
	Marjorie		Barbara J.		Kit Marguette		
	Jerry Glen		Olie J.		Cheryl		
	Aleta		Kenny J.		b. 1945		
	b. 1903		Kimberly J.		m. Ron Locatelli		
	d. 1933		m. Andy Anderson		Theresa		
	m. Raymond E. Starr		Hans Anderson		Shawn		
	(See Starr Chart)		Warren Keith		m. Dean Harris		
	2nd m. 1930 (Richard)		m. Ernestine Reynolds		Miranda		
	Ella Pickle Shelton		2nd m. Linda		b. 1984		
					Ronald		
					2nd m. Nathan Hall (Cheryl)		
					3rd m. Don Shelby (Cheryl)		
					4th m. Ron Locatelli (Cheryl)		
					Ralph		
					b. 1913		
					m. Thelma		

# HUNTER

James Sherman = Harriet C. Hunt  
m. 1858

b. 1832  
p.b. Conn.  
d. 1908

Carrie  
m. P. K. Faulds  
William C.  
m. Parthenia Waite  
Joseph  
Harry  
James S.  
Fred W.  
Hattie  
m. George D. Cotton  
Edgar

Came to Potter Valley  
in the early 1880's.

James S. was a school  
teacher here and Lake  
County for many years.

(cont'd.) James Hunter 2nd m. 1887 = Mrs. E. R. Brown

(cont'd.) James Hunter 3rd m. 1890 = Mary Alice Carter (See Carter Chart)

b. 1866  
d. 1958

Eugene W.  
b. 1891  
d. 1929  
m. 1913  
Leslie E. M. Brooks  
2nd m. Winona

Grover Cleveland  
b. 1893  
d. 1973  
m. Emma Christine Denny  
Anita  
Bessie (Margaret)  
James  
2nd m. Hazel Gilstrap Coolidge  
b. 1909  
d. 1976

Grover raised Hazel's son  
Merle Coolidge  
b. 1927  
m. 1957  
Helen Lewis  
Tommy  
b. 1947  
m. Vicki Downing  
Lesa  
Samuel  
b. 1983  
Bonnie  
b. 1949  
m. Bob Johanningsmier  
Faith  
Christina  
Mark  
Kelli  
Gina  
Melvin  
b. 1950  
Virgie  
b. 1962  
m. 1984  
Timothy Farley

Gordon  
b. 1934  
m. Mary Jo Lawton  
Gregory  
b. 1957  
m. Shiloh  
2nd m. Bridgett  
Monique  
b. 1984  
Grover E.  
b. 1985  
William K.  
b. 1959  
m. Renee Jones  
2nd m. Cindi Ice  
Justin  
Kevin  
b. 1961  
m. 1984  
Connie Smith  
Bradley  
b. 1965

Ronald  
b. 1937  
m. 1980  
Melanie Ryan  
Jammie  
b. 1981  
Adopted  
Kimberly Ryan  
Cristy Ryan  
Angela Ryan

# JONES

Wiley Leonard = Margaret Ann March  
m. 1840

b. 1814  
p b. Robertson Co., Tenn.  
d. 1874  
p.d. P.V.

b. 1817  
p.b. Logan Co., KY  
d. 1901  
p.d. P.V.

<b>Mary Ann</b> <b>Mariah</b> b. 1841 p.b. KY d. 1911 p.d. P.V. m. 1860 George W. Pickle b. 1824 d. 1907 <b>Margaret</b> b. 1861 p.b. Healdsburg, CA d. 1890 <b>John William</b> b. 1863 p.b. Healdsburg, CA d. 1943 m. 1889 Sarah Lou Jackson <b>Jessie Wiley</b> b. 1866 p.b. Healdsburg, CA d. 1945 m. 1887 Julia Frances Jackson <b>Martha Frances</b> b. 1868 p.b. Healdsburg, CA d. 1967 m. 1889 Orcenith Fisher Day <b>George Washington II</b> b. 1870 p.b. Healdsburg, CA d. 1957 m. 1891 Viola May Adams <b>Della Ann</b> b. 1873 p.b. P.V. d. 1954 m. 1897 Hiram Warner Neil <b>Ella May</b> b. 1877 p.b. P.V. d. 1958 m. 1896 William Eddie Shelton 2nd m. 1930 (Ella) Richard Hughes (cont'd. next page)	<b>William</b> <b>Daniel</b> b. 1842 p.b. KY d. 1910 m. 1869 <b>Susan</b> <b>Caroline</b> b. 1845 p.b. MO d. 1902 m. 1861 Diar Tally Taylor b. 1829 d. 1893 <b>Margaret Josephine</b> b. 1861 p.b. Sonoma Co., CA d. 1942 m. 1883 Eli Harmon <b>Caleb Leonard</b> b. 1865 p.b. Sonoma Co., CA d. 1906 m. 1889 Emma G. Woodruff <b>William Sobiesaki</b> b. 1867 p.b. Sonoma Co., CA d. 1877 <b>George Newton</b> b. 1867 p.b. Sonoma Co., CA d. 1942 m. Mary (Belle) Wiles <b>Mary Ellen</b> b. 1870 p.b. Upper Lake, CA d. 1959 m. 1891 Calvin Lillard Mathews <b>Jessie Judson</b> b. 1872 p.b. Upper Lake, CA d. 1948 m. Ida Fender <b>Alice Rebecca</b> b. 1875 p.b. Upper Lake, CA d. 1885 <b>Minnie May</b> b. 1877 p.b. Upper Lake, CA d. 1930	<b>Elizabeth</b> <b>Jane</b> b. 1847 d. 1911 m. 1863 John F. Pickle (See Pickle Chart) <b>Infant</b> b. 1850 <b>Infant</b> <b>Twins</b> b. 1852 <b>Eli Victor</b> b. 1844 p.b. Healdsburg, CA d. 1936 p.d. P.V. m. 1876 Mary Elizabeth Bransford b. 1858 p.b. MO d. 1937 p.d. P.V. <b>Martha Frances</b> b. 1856 p.b. Sonoma Co., CA d. 1857	<b>Walter</b> b. 1879 d. 1940 m. 1911 Hulda Rottluff b. 1889 p.b. Dakota Terr. d. 1972 p.d. Anacortes <b>Marion E</b> b. 1913 p.b. P.V. m. 1961 John Rottluff <b>Roy Zyrl</b> b. 1883 d. 1928 m. 1904 Agnes Be Berryhill <b>LeRoy</b> b. 1905 d. 1906 <b>Lorae Agnes</b> b. 1910 d. 1954 m. 1937 Frank P. Deming <b>Patricia Lorae</b> b. 1938 p.b. S.F., CA m. 1958 Laures J. Dobbins <b>Laures, Jr.</b> b. 1959 m. 1979 Tammy <b>Jason</b> b. 1980 p.b. N.Y. <b>Jeremy</b> b. 1981 p.b. N.Y. <b>Judith</b> b. 1961 d. 1961 <b>Jeffrey</b> b. 1964	<b>Lena May</b> b. 1880 p.b. Pomo, CA d. 1968 p.d. Ukiah, CA m. 1904 Charles Whittaker b. 1872 d. 1953 <b>Herbert</b> b. 1909 p.b. P.V. d. 1947 p.d. Willits m. 1931 Mazie Baker
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(cont'd.) Wiley Leonard Jones

(cont'd.) Mary Ann Mariah = George Pickle

Franklin

b. 1879

p.b. P.V

d. 1904

Josephine Pauline

b. 1882

p.b. P.V.

d. 1928

m. 1902

Charles Edgar

Frasier

(See Pickle Chart)

Came to Potter Valley in 1872.

Came to Sonoma Co. in 1854.

Settled in Lower Potter on Jones Creek  
(now Burright).

Margaret's brother, Ed March, also came  
with them and settled at south end of  
Pomo.

David (Davey) Jones came early and  
bought the land now Keene Pallet  
and Grasso Vineyard. He was  
married to George W. Pickle's daughter,  
Sarah Pickle, by his first wife, Mary  
Ann Jones who died in the Sierras.

## KING

Grover

=

Mattie Thompson

b. 1859

b. 1862

d. 1924

d. 1942

Lilly Bell

b. 1886

d. 1933

m. Edward Lamb

(See Lamb Chart)

Cecil

b. 1888

d. 1970

m. Edna Mead

b. 1901

d. 1959

Irene

b. 1892

d. 1974

m. 1914

Howard Brooks

(See Brooks Chart)

Ruth

m. Angelo Bon

2nd m. Pete Nella

Came to Potter Valley  
in late 1880's.

## KINMAN

George Edgar

=

Josephine

Marian  
Deceased

Harold  
Deceased

Mamie

Vera

Frank Edison

b. 1916

m. Thelma Davidson

2nd m. Juanita Riggins

Betty

m. Bill Hook

Cynthia

John

George

m. Vicki

Seth

Brandon

Raymond

m. Nicky

Rebecca

Joleen

Justin

Came to Potter Valley in 1920.



# K E L L Y

**Marcus** = **Mary Ellen Ogelsby**  
 b. 1853                      b. 1859  
 d. 1895                      d. 1914

**Ella Marquette**

b. 1895

d. 1975

m. 1912

Walter (Scott) Hughes

**Dorothy** (Raised by Joe Terk)

b. 1912

m. Alan Bayard

**Loretta**

m. Arnie

**Alan**

m. Allison

2nd m. 1914 Joseph Ernest Terk

b. 1891

d. 1977

Settled near Gravelly Valley.

**Allan**

m. Jean

2nd m. Nona Bullard

**Allan (Lanny)**

1 Daughter

**Raymond**

1 Daughter

**Elaine**

b. 1918

m. 1937

Allen Hughes

(See Hughes

Chart)

**Betty**

b. 1920

m. Jonathon Evans

**Jonathon**

m. Marya

2 Sons

**Joan**

m. Warren Whittal

**David**

**Karen**

**Kelly**

2nd m. Charles Lightenburger

**Gail Sue**

m. Dusa

2 Boys

(cont'd.) Mary Ellen Ogelsby Kelly 2nd m. = Robert Marders (Grandson of William Potter — See Potter Chart)

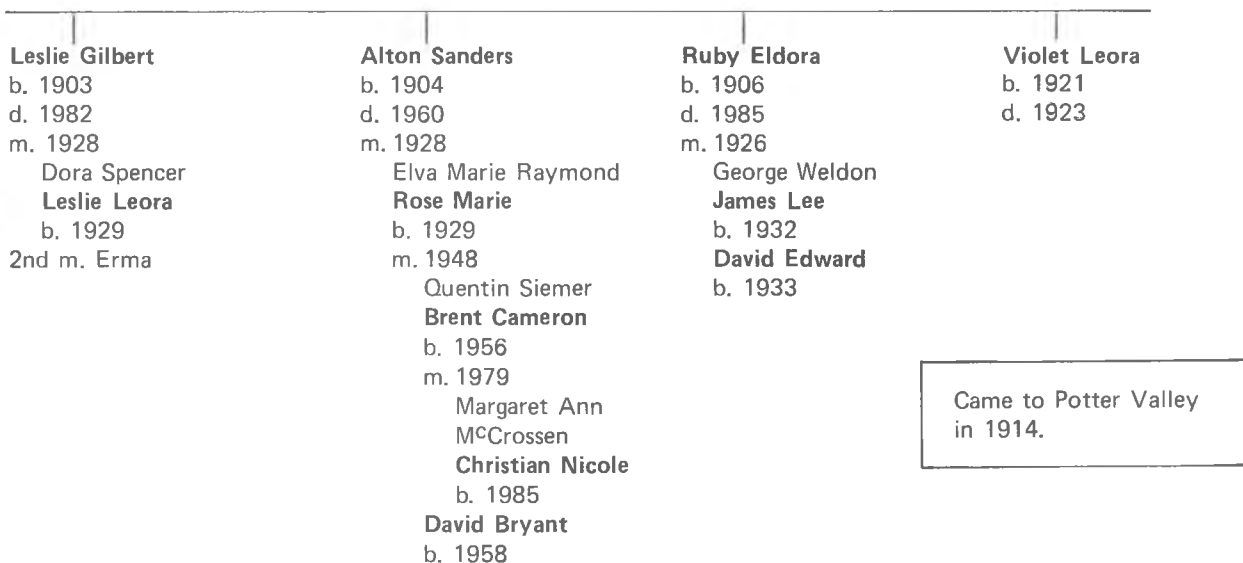
## KNIGHTEN

Lee = Anna May Wheeler (Granddaughter of William and Rebecca Vann Schrimsher)

m. 1901

b. 1870  
d. 1961

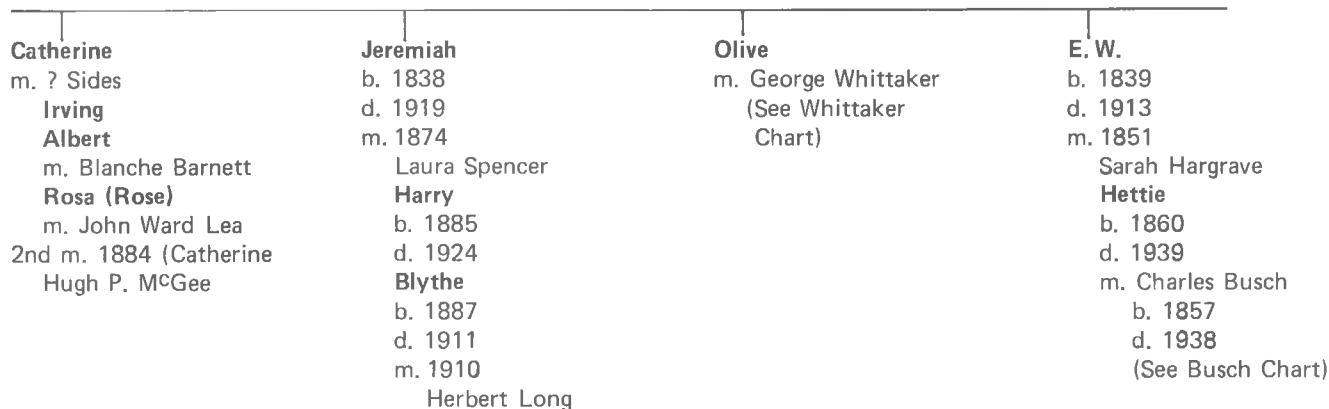
b. 1880  
d. 1949



## LIERLY

Wilson = Sarah Zimmerman

b. 1808  
p.b. N.C.  
d. 1894  
p.d. P.V.



German immigrants to North Carolina.  
Came to Potter Valley in 1867.

A Lierly girl  
m. James Jenkins  
**1 Daughter**  
m. Fales

**Lovinia Lierly**  
m. Will Grover  
**Will**  
**Isaac**  
(See Grover Chart)

Another Lierly girl  
m. ? Townsend  
**Maude**

# LAWRENCE

William Frank = Ozetta E. Warmath  
m. 1887

b. 1864 b. 1870  
d. 1961 d. 1896

Gus	Rose	Beatrice
b. 1888		
p.b. P.V.		
d. 1976		
m. Iva Salisbury		
Lou		
Dolly		
Francis		
2nd m. Maybelle		
Thomas		

(cont'd.) William Frank Lawrence 2nd m. = Etta May Richey

b. 1884  
d. 1981

Carroll	Harold	Bernice	Floyd	Doris	Phillip
b. 1907	b. 1908	b. 1910	b. 1914	b. 1918	b. 1925
m. Mary	m. Marjorie Fuel	m. Victor	m. Alma	m. Truman	m. Joyce
Holman	2nd m. Vada Hall	Lindeville	Hoffman	Zizzinfuss	Nancy
Dale	Frank	Patricia	Carol		2nd m. Jo
2 Boys	Billie Lou		m. Gerald Palmer		
2 Girls	Juanita		Marnie		
Jim	Jeanie		Chelsea		
Harold			Joan		
			m. Steven Odessky		
			Molly		

Came to Potter Valley in the 1880's.

# LEARD

William = Mamie Heights

m. 1905

b. 1872

b. 1881

d. 1970

Marie

b. 1906

m. 1925

Jim Baldwin

Lyda

m. Bill Bell

Geraldine

Anne

David

Michael

Anthony

Pat

m. Ingram

Susan

William

Bill

m. Betty Burton

Walter

Coleen

Clifford

Carl

Tracy

Terry

Marjorie

m. Aragon

Mitchell

Michelle

Michael

Ruby

b. 1908

m. 1930

Fred Orr

Robert

m. Mary Rhodes

Jeffrey

Vernon

b. 1913

m. Margaret

Spotswood

Joanne

m. Lorenzo Padillo

Lonnie

Laurie Ann

Gregory

William

m. Mary Harrold

Julie

Judy

m. John Norby

Jeremy John

Eileen

b. 1921

m. 1940

Lloyd Jones

Sharon

m. Staiger

Pat

m. Hilliard

Came to Potter Valley in 1900

# LONG

Thomas Edward = Agnes Ida Madora Carner  
m. 1878

b. 1860  
d. 1903

b. 1860  
d. 1937

Mary Margaret (Mamie)  
b. 1879  
d. 1881

Edward Henry  
b. 1881  
d. 1958  
m. 1905  
Alice Hurt  
b. 1876  
d. 1965

Addie May  
b. 1885  
d. 1901

Dewey Madison  
b. 1897  
b. 1901

Infant  
(Male)  
b. 1907  
d. 1907

Harold  
Edward  
b. 1907  
d. 1960  
m. Edna J.  
Hall

Gerald  
Henry  
b. 1908  
m. Sue Ellen  
Coldwell

Thomas  
Jonathon  
b. 1910  
m. Harriett  
Wilcox  
2nd m. 1946  
Muriel  
(Billie)  
Thorp  
b. 1923  
Sidne Jay  
b. 1947  
Jeffrey Mark  
b. 1949  
m. 1980  
Maria  
Martinez  
Aurili S.  
b. 1981  
Emily N.  
b. 1983  
Lisa Kristine  
b. 1951

Joseph  
Milton  
b. 1912  
m. 1937  
Vera M.  
Skaggs  
b. 1913  
Robert Merrill  
b. 1938  
m. 1969  
Eliane Kieou  
Lani Lee  
b. 1970  
Milton Edward  
b. 1972  
Laura Lai  
b. 1974  
Meric Barton  
b. 1979  
Nancy Jo  
b. 1940  
m. 1959  
Nicholas Piediscalzi  
Michelle Ruth  
b. 1961  
m. 1985  
William K. Holstein, Jr.  
Lisa Roselle  
b. 1963  
Nicholas Joseph  
b. 1966  
2nd m. Howard Fink  
Kirk Edward  
b. 1943  
Marion Joanne  
b. 1948  
m. 1971  
Zafiri Souyoultzis  
Paul Edward  
b. 1975  
Jessica Marie  
b. 1979  
2nd m. Christina Buboer (Joseph)

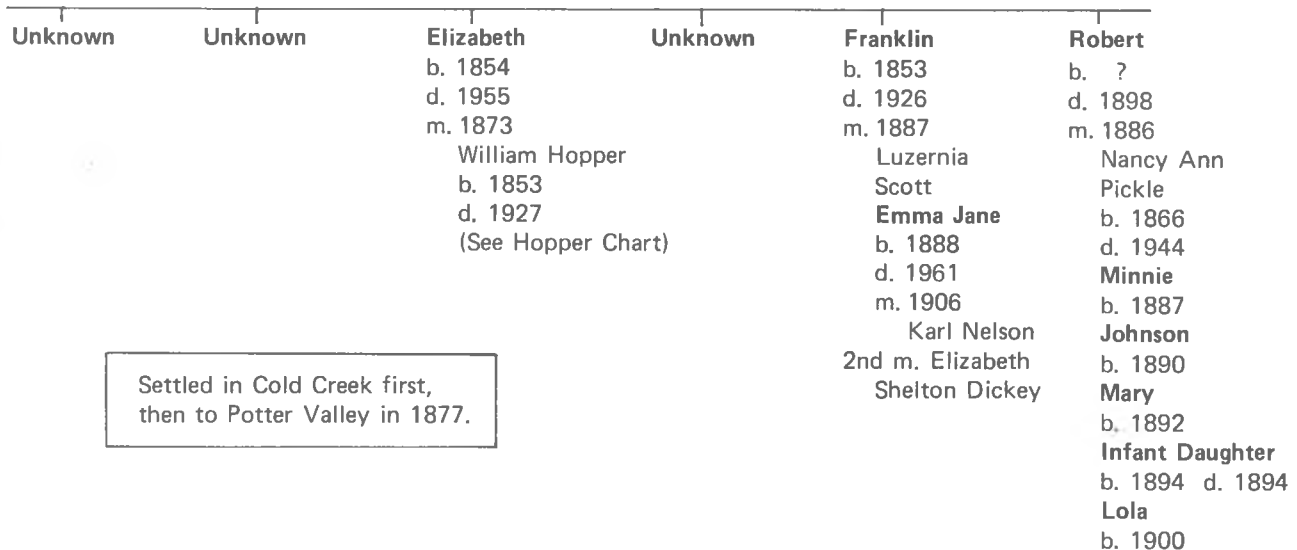
Ralph  
Samuel  
b. 1916

Sarah  
Madora  
b. 1918  
m. 1937  
Harrison O.  
Sweeney  
b. 1915  
Thomas Ray  
b. 1938  
m. 1964  
Anita M. Sliger  
b. 1940  
Joseph D.  
b. 1965  
Jill M.  
b. 1967  
James T.  
b. 1969  
Barbara Alice  
b. 1941  
m. 1963  
Michael G.  
Coakley  
b. 1940  
Robert M.  
b. 1964  
Ronald J.  
b. 1966  
Karen M.  
b. 1973  
James David  
b. 1947  
m. 1970  
Particia Mecham  
b. 1947  
Michael J.  
b. 1975  
David M.  
b. 1979

Came to Potter Valley in  
early 1870's and to  
Covelo in mid-1890's.  
Founders of Long's  
Drug Stores.

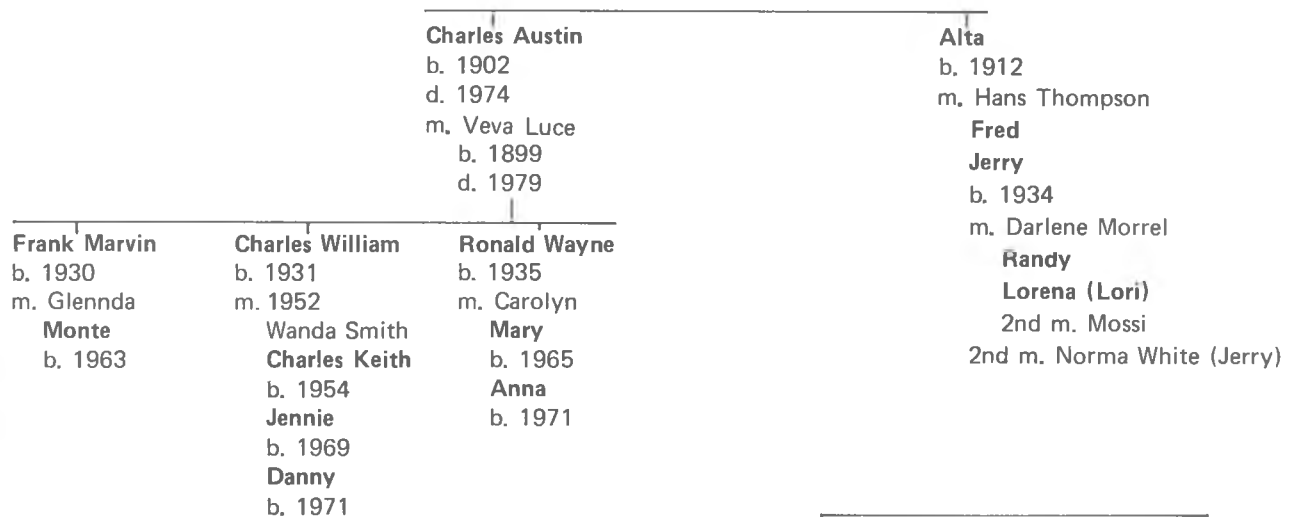
## LOWNES

Cabel P.      =      Sophronia Applegate  
b. 1803                      b. 1828  
d. 1891                      d. 1883



## LOWE

C. Frank      =      Lorana Harpe  
m. 1902  
b. 1878                      b. 1880  
d. 1955                      d. 1953



Came to Potter Valley in 1921.

## M C G E E

**William B.**      =      **Sarah Isabell King**  
 b. 1801                      b. 1806  
 p.b. Tenn.                      p.b. Tenn.  
 d. 1879                      d. 1889  
 p.d. P.V.                      p.d. P.V.

<b>Mary</b> b. 1827	<b>William</b> b. 1829	<b>Hugh (Doss) Patrick</b> b. 1831 d. 1902 m. 1856 Elizabeth Hughes	<b>Ann</b> b. 1836	<b>Thompson</b> b. 1839 m. ? Tuggle Tuggle Mary B. m. Dave Coble	<b>Josiah</b> b. 1841	<b>Atlantic Ocean</b> b. 1845 d. 1925 p.d. Petaluma, CA m. 1866 James L. Hughes (See Hughes Chart)	<b>Jane</b> b. 1847
<b>Sarah</b> b. 1857 d. 1857	<b>Mary E.</b> b. 1858 m. 1879 John F. Hawn	<b>Martha</b> b. 1860	<b>Anna</b> b. 1863 d. 1906 m. ? Kehrner	<b>John W.</b> b. 1865 d. 1866	<b>Oscar</b> b. 1867	<b>Clara</b> b. 1871	<b>Todd Frank</b> b. 1873 (?) d. 1925 m. Alice C. Travers b. 1878 d. 1909

Came to Oregon in 1850.  
 Came to California in 1851.  
 Came to Potter Valley in 1859.

**Marjorie**  
 m. Bert Brock  
 2nd m. ? Anderson  
 (See Travers Chart)

**Garing**  
 m. Alice  
**Todd**  
 (See Travers Chart)

## L A M B

**Thomas Jefferson**      =      **Emma D.**  
 b. 1838                      b. 1853  
 d. 1906                      d. 1918

<b>Alice</b>	<b>Edward Thomas</b> m. Lilly Bell King b. 1886 d. 1933 <b>Vivian</b> m. Houx <b>Betty Jane</b> <b>Helena</b> m. ? <b>4 Children</b> <b>Virginia</b> <b>2 Daughters</b> <b>Henry</b> m. Dolorez Tekla Diamond b. 1929 <b>Edward Joseph</b> b. 1947 m. 1970 Virginia Diane McGrew <b>Hershel</b> Died infancy <b>Marion Thomas</b> Twin/Hershel m. Jane Zortman <b>1 Daughter</b> <b>Arnold</b> <b>1 Daughter</b> <b>1 Son</b>
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Other Lamb's buried in cemetery:  
 Russell W. 1844—1911  
 Annie 1896—1910



# MARCH

**John Langdon = Rebecca S. Bigelow**  
m. 1868

b. 1832 (No Children) b. 1836  
d. 1925 d. 1879

**John Langdon = Susan Annette Winegar**  
m. 1880

b. 1850  
d. 1936

**Abigail Mary**  
b. 1881  
d. 1985  
m. 1914

Ernest Wallace Wright  
b. 1881  
d. 1953

**Sarah Adelia**  
b. 1883  
d. 1979  
m. 1911

Michael Edward Brooks  
b. 1882  
d. 1949

**Robert March**  
b. 1912  
m. 1953

Genevieve Gericke Hill  
b. 1916

**Austin Edwin**  
b. 1916  
m. 1944

Jessie Hubbard  
b. 1921

**Ronald Edwin**  
b. 1953  
m. 1977

Darlene McDonald  
b. 1951

**Shannon Michele**  
b. 1984

Dennis Robert b. 1958

**John Edwin**  
b. 1886  
d. 1967  
m. 1915

Helen Wilhelmina Busch  
b. 1881  
d. 1928

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1912.

**Elizabeth Abigail**  
b. 1916  
m. 1944

F. Koetermann  
2nd m. 1950  
John Edsall  
b. 1920  
**John Jr.**  
b. 1952  
m. 1979

Andrea Grobner  
b. 1959

**Arwen Lotta Elizabeth**  
b. 1981

**Ethan John Karl**  
b. 1984

**Janet Claire**  
b. 1953  
m. 1973

Robert Needham  
b. 1953

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**Helen Susan**  
b. 1917  
m. 1957

Amedeo  
Franzone  
b. 1929  
**Mario William**  
b. 1961

**Mary Alice**  
b. 1919  
m. 1942

Robertson Coit  
2nd m. Clifford  
Loeser  
b. 1922  
d. 1972  
**Steven**  
b. 1949  
m. 1978

Deborah Malotte  
b. 1951

**Kristen**  
b. 1983

**Mary Helen**  
b. 1952  
m. 1972

Wm. Lewis  
**Kathleen N.**  
b. 1972

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**John Langdon**  
b. 1922  
m. 1949

Nancy J. Day b. 1930

**John Langdon**  
b. 1951  
d. 1967

**Charles Edwin**  
b. 1954  
m. 1976

Judy Ryan  
2nd m. 1982

Sue Doyal  
3rd m. 1984

Mary Branson  
b. 1949

**John Mannon**  
b. 1985

**Edna Rose**  
b. 1924  
m. 1946

Robert Allen  
b. 1925

**Edna Rose**  
b. 1948  
m. 1971

Arnold Johnson  
b. 1948

**Tracy Ann**  
b. 1972

**Robin Marie**  
b. 1973

(cont'd.) John March = Susan A. Winegar

John Edwin

Elizabeth Abigail

Janet Claire (cont'd.)

Mason Eugene

b. 1978

Logan James

b. 1981

William George

b. 1956

Susan Elizabeth

b. 1957

m. 1976

Robert F. Mohr

b. 1955

Philip Franklin III

b. 1979

Benjamin

b. 1981

Joshua

b. 1983

Thomas James

b. 1963

John Edwin

Mary Alice

Mary Helen (cont'd.)

Steven

b. 1980

Beth Ann

b. 1981

John Edwin 2nd m. 1941 = Jennie Collver  
d. 1970

## MCCREARY

Sydney

=

Salina Travers

Joseph

Donna

m. George Washington

Vann

(See Vann Chart)

Will Ward (McCreary)  
(Bill)

Raised by the McCrearys

b. 1880

d. 1959

m. Edna Smith

b. 1891

d. 1968

Came to Potter Valley late 1860's,  
to Bucknell Creek and Burris  
Lane.

Bill McCreary and family have  
owned property on Eel River  
58 years.

Edna Smith's mother was a  
sister to mother of Lee and  
Ernest Goodrich.

Edna Smith from Mass.

Everett

d. 1983

m. Evelyn

Elphick

Mertis

Marie

Mike

Jeannette

Inez

m. Atkins

Bill

m. Elaine

Meyer

James

Renee

Richard

Wanda

m. Alan

Warden

(See J. G.

Busch Chart)

Faye

m. Robert Lovell

Steven

Vickie

Leslie

Robbie

# Mc CLOUD

John Wells = Martha A. Van Nader  
m. 1874

b. 1820  
d. 1905

b. 1841  
d. 1926

Louis Clifford

b. 1875  
d. 1949  
m. 1904

Mary Ellen Clark

b. 1875  
d. 1958

Clifford Handy

b. 1905

Mary Alice

b. 1909  
d. 1977  
m. 1940

William Duncan McBain

William Duncan

b. 1941

Ronald Duncan

b. 1947

Thomas Edward

b. 1949

m. 1968

Renee Lynn

2nd m. 1913 (Louis)

Adelena Mary Dondero

b. 1886

d. 1975

Came to Potter Valley in 1858.

Claire Victoria

b. 1915  
m. 1937

Merl L. Butler

b. 1912

Merline Ann

b. 1938

m. 1956

Rodney Bruce

Williams

Michael Eugene

b. 1957

Bruce Lynn

b. 1959

Emily Eden

b. 1973

Judith Adele

b. 1941

m. 1963

Manuel Perry

Donna Louise

b. 1945

m. 1964

Jon Burton Snell

b. 1941

(cont'd. at right)

Morey David

b. 1922  
m. 1946

June C. Winsby

b. 1924

Jackie Lee

b. 1948

m. 1968

Anthony Joseph

Trinchitella

b. 1948

Anthony

b. 1969

Thomas

b. 1972

Christine Adele

b. 1951

m. 1973

Thomas Edward

Harris

Jeremy

Adopted

b. 1979

Louis Donald

b. 1924  
m. 1946

Peggy G. Agee

Louis Scott

b. 1947

m. 1966

Maureen Garcia

Richard Sidney

b. 1949

m. 1973

Pamela C. Campbell

b. 1953

Amy Marie

b. 1974

Mollie Michelle

b. 1976

Ruth Esther

b. 1927  
m. 1946

Charles L. Jolin

b. 1923

Robert Charles

b. 1948

m. 1974

Elaine Cannon

b. 1954

Richard Thomas

b. 1978

Michael Robert

b. 1981

David Matthew

b. 1983

Thomas Richard

b. 1951

m. 1980

Sandra Foreman

Corbridge

b. 1942

Christine

b. 1980

# **McCOMBS**

**Albert Emmett (Emit) = Sarah Hanna Gordon**  
**m. 1859**

b. 1837  
 p.b. Kentucky  
 d. 1931  
 p.d. Ukiah, CA

**William Francis**  
 b. 1861  
 d. 1932  
 m. 1878 (Upper Lake)  
 Rosa Donigan  
 2nd m. 1887 (Covelo)  
 Artie Amelia Brush  
 b. 1869  
 d. 1908

**Mary Alice**  
 b. 1863  
 d. 1869

**Samuel**  
 b. 1865  
 d. 1869

<b>Bryon</b>	<b>Ralph</b>	<b>Roy</b>	<b>Florence</b>	<b>Warren</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>Hugh</b>	<b>Maud</b>	<b>Mrytle</b>	<b>Clinton</b>	<b>Cora</b>
<b>Frances</b>	<b>Vernon</b>	(Twin/ Ralph)	b. 1892	<b>Marcell</b>	b. 1896	<b>Nelson</b>	<b>Amelia</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>	b. 1904	b. 1908
b. 1888	b. 1890	b. 1890	d. 1914	b. 1894		b. 1898	b. 1900	b. 1902	m. Lucille	d. 1920
d. 1962	d. 1975	b. 1909		d. 1969		d. 1949	m. 1917	m. 1920		
m. 1902	m. 1910	m. 1909		m. 1914		m. 1919	Clyde O.	John		
Pearl	Mabel	Maud		Sarah		Elizabeth	Foster	Gavin		
Henry	Begley	Begley		Buckler		Hilton	(See Foster	(See Gavin		
		<b>Viva Irene</b>		2nd m.		<b>June</b>	Chart)	Chart)		
		b. 1910		Pearl		<b>Elizabeth</b>		2nd m. Richard		
		m. R. L. Erickson		Begley		b. 1919		Tucker (Mrytle)		
		<b>Lura Artie</b>				m. Ronald Severns				
		b. 1913				<b>Evelyn Jane</b>				
		<b>Norman M.</b>				b. 1926				
		b. 1916				m. Earl Dieke				
		m. Rose Kalbaugh				<b>Gordon Hugh (Jim)</b>				
		<b>Norma</b>				b. 1930				
		b. 1937				m. Donna Metcalf				
		m; Percy Dean				2nd m. Mrs. Beverly				
		<b>Rano Vernal</b>				Crawford				
		b. 1938				<b>George H. (Packy)</b>				
		m. Ann Griffiths Creel				b. 1935				
		<b>Vona Varlene</b>				m. Launi Mason				
		b. 1954								
		<b>Alla M.</b>								
		b. 1918								
		m. Guy Elliot								
		<b>Dural (Jim)</b>								
		b. 1925								
		m. Anita Freeman								
		<b>Eula D.</b>								
		b. 1927								
		m. Nick Copple								
		<b>Rene Adele</b>								
		b. 1950								
		<b>Wayne Marcy</b>								
		b. 1952								

Came to Potter  
 Valley in 1867.  
 To Covelo 1871.  
 Lived on Hawn  
 Creek.

**Elizabeth's daughter**  
**Etta May (Dovie)**  
 b. 1881  
 d. 1962  
 m. 1898  
 David C. (Dee) Foster

2nd m. Albert Emmett McCombs = Mrs. Elizabeth Alley Munson Bucknell

# Mc C O W E N

Thomas = Amily Leonard  
m. 1832

b. 1808  
d. 1924

b. 1812  
d. 1886

George  
b. 1833  
d. 1924

Helen  
b. 1838  
d. 1917  
m. 1856  
A. O. Carpenter  
(See Carpenter  
Chart)

Emily  
b. 1841  
d. 1933  
m. ? Horton

Hale  
b. 1848  
d. 1935  
m. 1880  
Fanny Thomas

Blanche  
b. 1853  
d. 1940  
m. ? Landis

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1858.  
Moved to Ukiah in  
1883.

Hale, Jr.  
m. Hazel Blosser  
Frances Ora  
b. 1916  
m. 1941

Edward Franklin  
Sibley, Jr.  
Pamela Anne  
b. 1942  
Cheryl Frances  
b. 1944  
m. David Valente Freese  
b. 1941  
David Valente  
b. 1969  
Nicole Danielle  
b. 1971

Marilyn Hazel  
b. 1946  
m. William Lee Hayes  
b. 1946

Edward Franklin  
b. 1977  
Philip William  
b. 1979

Robert Steven  
b. 1947  
m. Kathleen Ann Dietrich  
b. 1949  
Chad Christopher  
b. 1968  
Joel Anthony  
b. 1969  
Chelsey Lyn  
b. 1978  
(cont'd. at left)

Mary Louise  
m. Frank Michael Cunningham  
Frances Elizabeth  
b. 1919  
m. 1944

William Bresie Crowell  
b. 1917  
William Bresie, Jr.  
m. 1967  
Sandra Ann Carver  
Loree Ann  
b. 1970  
Ben William  
b. 1974  
Mary Anne  
m. 1974  
Richard A. Arthur  
William James  
b. 1977  
Emily Suzanne  
b. 1986

Anna Louise  
(Twin/Frances)  
b. 1919  
m. 1957  
Frank O'Hare  
b. 1926

## Hale, Jr. (cont'd.)

Hale III  
b. 1918  
m. Virginia Lee Smith  
b. 1921  
d. 198 ?  
Marguerite Susan  
b. 1947  
m. Allen Robert Crown  
b. 1946  
Susan Emily  
b. 1978  
John Roger  
b. 1949

# M<sup>c</sup> C U L L O C H

Samuel      =      Rebecca

<b>Kate</b> m. William Muir Donald m. Daphne Dill James Patricia	<b>John</b> m. ? Marble	<b>Ida</b> m. ? Marble	<b>Abe</b> m. Elizabeth J. Fowler Phillips Ed b. 1900 Lafayette (Ike) b. 1908 m. 1926 Beulah Ford	<b>Sam (Ned)</b> m. Annie Peters	<b>George</b>
<b>James</b> b. 1927 m. 1948 Barbara Rawles b. 1932 Marsha b. 1949 Carol Lynn b. 1952 James b. 1955 Michael Thomas b. 1960	<b>Barbara</b> b. 1929	<b>Robert</b> b. 1935	<b>David</b> b. 1939	<b>Larry</b> b. 1940	

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1859.

Samuel McCulloch ran  
the ferry at Eel River.

<b>No.</b>	<b>5 Town of Potter Valley</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
	<b>Potter Valley, Cal.,</b> <i>May 11</i>	<b>19 10</b>
	<b>Received of</b> <i>S. McCulloch</i>	
	<b>TWO DOLLARS for Road Poll Tax for the year</b>	
	<b>ending</b> <i>April 1 1911</i>	
	<i>L. E. Mosier</i>	

# Mc M A T H

Archibald II = Elizabeth Kimmel  
m. 1830

b. 1806  
d. 1879

b. 1811  
d. 1899

<b>Samuel Henry</b> b. 1831 d. 1860 (?)	<b>Cyrus</b> b. 1833 m. 1856 Melissa Hazen d. 1962(?) 2nd m. Ruby Melvin <b>Ada</b> b. 1859(?) m. Alfred Graves (See Graves Chart) <b>Effie</b> m. G. Allen <b>Jessie</b> m. George Johnson <b>Henry</b> m. Elizabeth <b>Drucilla E.</b> m. Mikel Kahn <b>Edgar</b> <b>Bertrand</b> <b>Ethel</b> <b>Franklin</b> <b>Cy</b> (Died Young)	<b>George Kimmel</b> b. 1836 d. 1908 m. 1858(?) Nancy Woodbridge b. 1841 <b>Minnie Bell</b> b. 1859 (?) m. Ed Peters <b>Rollo</b> <b>Leo</b> <b>Daughter</b> 2nd m. Joe James (Minnie) <b>Estelle</b> m. Walter Marble <b>Clara</b> m. Stanley Wilson <b>Daughter</b> <b>Ida</b> 2nd m. Lee Rosa (Estelle) <b>Daniel Leeroy</b> <b>George Grant</b> m. ? <b>2 Sons</b> 2nd m. Augusta <b>3 Sons</b> <b>3 Daughters</b> <b>Ida</b> <b>Sylvia</b> m. Ed Carlson <b>2 Girls</b> 2nd m. Albert Richardson <b>Albert (Bill)</b> <b>Ray</b> Married twice <b>1 Son &amp; 1 Daughter</b> <b>Rosa</b> <b>Josie</b> m. Fred James <b>3 Sons</b> <b>1 Daughter</b> <b>Elmer Kimball</b> b. 1872 d. 1877 (Diptheria) <b>Orren Wesley</b> b. 1873 d. 1877 (Diptheria) <b>Child (unknown)</b>	<b>Susan Marilla</b> b. 1839	<b>Elizabeth Mary</b> b. 1840 m. A. D. McConnel	<b>Elseyan</b> b. 1842	<b>Roxanne Caroline</b> b. 1845 m. ? Russell	<b>Archibald III</b> b. 1848 m. Josie Sanders <b>Sanford</b>	<b>Robert Fleming</b> b. 1852 d. 1931 m. Mary Burrell d. 1902 <b>Ernest</b> b. 1893 m. 1913 Della Harrow d. 1923 <b>Marjorie</b> b. 1915 m. Harold Raynes <b>David</b> <b>Maryann</b> <b>Richard</b> 2nd m. 1930 Blanche Scott (Ernest) 2nd m. Anna Belle Fordyce (Robert) d. 1939	<b>Ellen (Ella) Eliza</b> (Twin/Robert) b. 1852 d. 1941 m. 1870 John Alley b. 1846 d. 1907 (cont'd. next page)
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Came to Gravelly Valley 1867.  
McMaths were early settlers at Gravelly Valley, who hunted the hills of Potter Valley.

They left much written history of the area.

They traveled back and forth to Potter Valley.

The McMaths owned almost everything east of Scott Dam.  
They sold to Mr. Pillsbury in 1905.



(cont'd.) Archibald McMath II = Elizabeth Kimmel

(cont'd.) Ellen = John Alley

Carrie Clara	Hattie	Effie	Charles	Lottie May	Marie Alley	Warren	Ina Grace
b. 1872	b. 1873	<b>Drusilla</b>	<b>Martin</b>	b. 1879	b. 1884	<b>Edward</b>	b. 1889
d. 1927	d. 1875	b. 1875	b. 1877	d. 1978	d. 1973	b. 1886	d. 1978
m. 1898		d. 1961	d. 1938	m. 1902	m. 1902	d. 1955	m. 1908
Robert		m. 1895	m. Katherine	Fred	Ellery	m. 1908	Elmer Adams
Langland		William J.	Thornton	Collins	Sleeper	Vera	b. 1881(?)
<b>Jack</b>		Gilday	b. 1879	d. 1948	b. 1877	Harrington	d. 1947
b. 1899		d. 1955	d. 1951	<b>Alley Bernice</b>	d. 1968	<b>Norval</b>	<b>Maxine H.</b>
m. Edna McCoy			<b>Robert</b>	b. 1903	<b>Keith E.</b>	b. 1909	b. 1909
<b>Jack McCoy (stepson)</b>			<b>Thornton</b>	m. 1922	b. 1903	m. ?	d. 1983
<b>Madelyn Ella</b>			b. 1920	Rene A.	m. 1928	<b>Beverly</b>	m. 1932
b. 1901			(Adopted	Vayssie	Christle M.	b. 1935	Wilburn L.
m. 1922			Katherine's	<b>Robert R.</b>	b. 1903	<b>Benny</b>	Brown
Archie N. Moore			nephew)	b. 1923	<b>Janice M.</b>	b. 1937	b. 1910
<b>Betty Jean</b>			m. Louise	m. 1944	b. 1931	<b>Jim</b>	<b>Donna L.</b>
b. 1923				Eleanor	m. 1952	b. 1945	b. 1935
m. 1946				Wise	Charles A.	<b>Gregory</b>	m. 1953
Joseph Roselli				b. 1923	Legge	b. 1949	Daniel F.
d. 1950				<b>Robin R.</b>	b. 1930	<b>Martin</b>	Morine, Jr.
<b>Robert</b>				b. 1951	<b>Jefferey A.</b>	b. 1917	b. 1932
b. 1947				<b>Joele Lee</b>	b. 1954	m. 1939	<b>Dawn M.</b>
2nd m. 1958				b. 1955	<b>Nancy M.</b>	June	b. 1955
Harris Teague				<b>Lisa Jane</b>	b. 1957	Fowler	m. 1978
2 stepsons				b. 1957	<b>William K.</b>	b. 1918	Steven L.
<b>Robert William</b>				<b>Gene E.</b>	b. 1938	<b>Toni D.</b>	Smith
b. 192 ?				b. 1925		b. 1945	b. 1951
m. 1958				m. 1948			<b>Matthew</b>
Patricia Ashley				Jeanne			b. 1979
<b>Robert William</b>				Chicourrat			<b>Luke</b>
b. 1958				b. 1927			b. 1980
<b>Karen Lynn</b>				<b>Michael A.</b>			<b>Jayne</b>
b. 1960				b. 1950			b. 1982
<b>Robert</b>				<b>Nancy J.</b>			<b>Kimberly</b>
b. 1903				b. 1952			(twin/
m. Josephine McCoy							Jayne)
<b>Raymond</b>							b. 1982
b. 1906							<b>Kimberly</b>
m. 1932							b. 1956
Helena Haydon							m. 1983
<b>Lois</b>							Daniel N.
m. Billy Minze							Cooper
<b>Mary Ruth</b>							<b>Caleb J.</b>
<b>Raymond</b>							b. 1984
<b>Ernest</b>							<b>Joshua A.</b>
<b>Robert Marion</b>							(twin/Caleb)
b. 1937							b. 1984
<b>Raymond Nelson</b>							<b>Gideon J.</b>
b. 1937 (twin/Robert)							b. 1985
<b>Richard Alley</b>							<b>Daniel F., III</b>
b. 1939							b. 1958
							m. 1982
							Lori J.
							Hiatt
							b. 1964
							<b>Christopher</b>
							b. 1984

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(cont'd.) Archibald McMath II = Elizabeth Kimmel

(cont'd.) Ellen = John Alley

Ina Grace (cont'd.)

Maxine H. (cont'd.)

Donna L. (cont'd.)

Kathleen Sue

b. 1960

m. 1984

Donald Sanders

b. 1964

Tamara Dee

b. 1962

m. 1983

Michael T. McCormack

b. 1962

Trace Kyle

b. 1985

Elizabeth Karen

b. 1936

m. 1955

Chester L. Linser

b. 1937 (?)

Kent Alfred

b. 1956

m. 1984

Cathy

Terri Louise

b. 1959

m. 1978

Richard Butler

Brandon Richard

b. 1983

Cameron Laurence

b. 1985

Leslie Frances

b. 1960

Sandra Maxine

b. 1943

m. 1964

Bill Reithmiller

Jonathan Andrew

b. 1964

Anna Grace

b. 1966

2nd m. 1971

Michael G. Ford

Michael McMath Brown Ford

b. 1978

(cont'd. at right)

Ina Grace (cont'd.)

Maxine H. (cont'd.)

Wilburn Lewis Brown, Jr.

b. 1948

m. 1974

Carre Jane Ganter Allenbaugh

Norman Todd Allenbaugh

b. 1968 (stepson to W. Lewis)

Beth Yvette

b. 1976

Wilburn Lewis, III

b. 1981

Burke Andrew

b. 1983

Maryella

b. 1917

m. 1938

Rene Eugene Marty

b. 1913

Michael Rene

b. 1940

m. 1969

Martha

Eric

Galon

Andre

Gabriel

Eugene Emil

b. 1941

m. Nancy

Michelle Rene

Nicole

(twin/Michelle)

Andrew

Joan Maxine

b. 1947

m. William McKnight

William

Kirsten

Christopher

b. 1979

Jessica

b. 1982

Maryanne

b. 1955

m. 1978

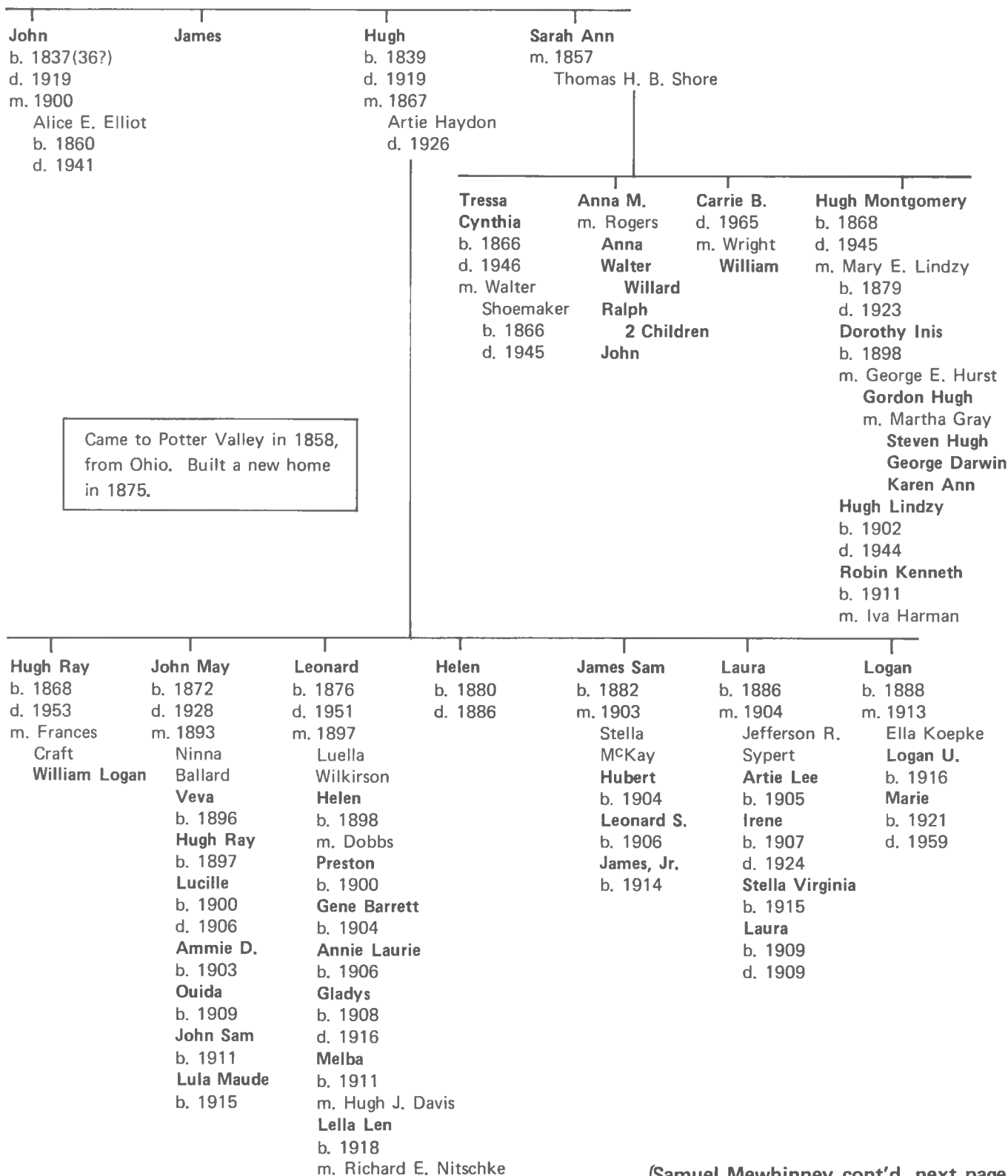
Brad McDonald

b. 1984

# MEWHINNEY

Samuel = Sarah Robertson  
m. 1835

b. 1810  
d. 1883



(Samuel Mewhinney cont'd. next page)

(cont'd.) Samuel Mewhinney 2nd m. = Daunah Maria Leonard (mother — Catherine Leonard, b. 1784 d. 1869)  
 b. 1821  
 d. 1901

Fremont b. 1847 d. 1855	Tressa (Teresa?) b. 1845 d. 1858
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## MONTGOMERY

William Fields = Susie Evangeline Williams  
 m. 1887  
 b. 1863                      b. 1870  
 d. 1924                      d. 1931

Laura m. ? Son	Della m. ? Nelson Daughter	Thelma m. ? Daughter	Ethel	Charlotte m. Harold Lang	Jean	Mark d. 1958(?)	Duncan b. 1894 d. 1958	Joe m. Anna William d. at Pearl Harbor	Thomas Douglas b. 1905 d. 1978 m. Adele Price 2nd m. 1935 Martha G. Davis b. 1901
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Came to Potter Valley about 1880.  
 Lived on road to Lake Pillsbury  
 at Trout Creek, formerly part of  
 Bucknell Ranch.

Frank Davis b. 1926 m. 1948 Betty Marble Sandra b. 1949 Megan b. 1979 Susan b. 1951 Tammy b. 1970 Jeff b. 1972 Marilyn b. 1953	Thomas Douglas b. 1936 m. 1960 Carol McCord b. 1941 Carrie b. 1961 Gary b. 1964	Janet b. 1946 m. 1964 David Watt Darek b. 1967 Brady b. 1970 2nd m. 1977 Gilbert Snyder
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# NEIL

Charles = Margaret Kennedy  
m. 1829

Samuel	Stoddard	Louisa J.	Elizabeth	Emma F.	James	William
b. 1833	b. 1836		b. 1840			
d. 1911	d. 1891		d. 1924			
m. Martha J. Smith	m. 1866		m. James Hopkins			
b. 1844	Mary Jane Hughes		b. 1827			
d. 1918	(Jennie)		d. 1918			
Mary	b. 1852		(See Hopkins Chart)			
Sarah	d. 1935					
James						
William	Emily	Hiram	Marvin	Lucillus	Frances	Josie
Samuel	Isabell	Warner	Anderson	James	Estelle	Theo
Charles	b. 1867	b. 1869	b. 1873	b. 1875	b. 1882	b. 1885
b. 1872	m. Albert	d. 1941	m. Ida	d. 1901	m. Bradford	d. 1962
d. 1929	Smith	m. Della	Russell		Stewart	m. Oscar Hornlein
m. 1898	Beryl	Pickle	Lucillus Ford		Burke	Kenneth
Lydia Phelps		b. 1873	m. ?		Faye	Gladys
b. 1872		d. 1954	Richard			Louise
d. 1923		(cont'd. next page)	3 Sons			
Muriel Elaine			2nd m. Beatrice			
b. 1909			Reeves			
m. 1927			Michael Lucillus			
Howard Dashiell			3 Sons			
b. 1904						
d. 1955						
(See Dashiell Chart)						
Martha Anita						
b. 1910						
m. Francis Furber						
Robert Furber						
b. 1933						
m. 1955						
Marjorie Ann Kring						
b. 1935						
Luel Jean						
b. 1958						
Nancy Ann						
b. 1963						
Lee Edward						
b. 1967						
2nd m. Stanford Smith (Martha)						
Jane Anita						
b. 1944						
m. 1973						
William Patrick Powers						
b. 1942						
Brian Patrick						
b. 1976						
Sean Timothy						
b. 1980						
Sonoma						
Lena						

Came to Potter Valley in 1861.

(cont'd.) Charles Neil = Margaret Kennedy

(cont'd.) Stoddard = Mary Jane Hughes

(cont'd.) Hiram W. = Della Pickle

**Ruth**  
m. Arthur Griffiths  
(See Griffiths Chart)

**Ora Laverne**  
b. 1900  
m. 1920  
Fount A. Salisbury  
b. 1890  
d. 1977

**George Stoddard**  
m. Minnie Brazz  
**Beverly**  
m. Kenneth Wetherly  
**Eugene**  
2nd m. Marie Van Antwerp

**Mary**  
d. 1979  
m. Lloyd Brush  
(See Brush Chart)

Verna Faye	Lois Audrey	Leta Andree	Darrell Fount	Ruby Anne	Larry Neil	Ora Viola	Ronald Burt	Kenneth Arlyn	Gail Melvin
b. 1924 m. 1941	b. 1927 m. Alexander	b. 1928 m. Louis	b. 1930 m. Shon	m. Frank	m. Evelyn	b. 1935 m. Milton		b. 1939 m. Elizabeth	
Alva Wm. Haas	Suchan	Sprague	Monahan	Hagermeister	Thompson	Perin		Sauger	
b. 1918	<b>Ruth</b>	<b>Sharon</b>	2nd m.	<b>Frederick</b>	<b>Larry, Jr.</b>	<b>Gail</b>		<b>Robin P.</b>	
<b>Dennis H.</b>	m. Everson	<b>Stephen</b>	Dorothy	<b>Evelyn</b>	m. Leslie	<b>Katie</b>		<b>Christiana L.</b>	
b. 1942	<b>Leah</b>	<b>Ronald</b>	Fallere	<b>Walter</b>	<b>Daniel</b>	<b>Mark</b>		<b>Denise</b>	
d. 1942	<b>Mathew</b>		Linda		2nd m. Ann	<b>Roger</b>			
<b>David B.</b>	<b>Mary</b>		(step-daughter)		Rhodes	<b>Bruce</b>			
b. 1944	<b>Alexander</b>		<b>Darran</b>		<b>Leslie E.</b>				
m. 1964	b. 1984		b. 1963		m. Christina				
Cathy L.	2nd m. Mel		<b>Doralee</b>		<b>1 Son</b>				
Howard	O' Meara (Mary)				<b>1 Girl</b>				
<b>Merrill A.</b>	<b>Stanley</b>				<b>Wesley A.</b>				
b. 1964	m. Reggie				(twin/Leslie)				
<b>Laurale A.</b>	<b>Justin</b>				m. Debbie				
b. 1965					<b>Gregg A.</b>				
<b>Tina L.</b>					m. Lycia				
b. 1967					3rd m. Joyce				
<b>Cheryl R.</b>					Collett				
b. 1970					<b>Edward M.</b>				
<b>Krista</b>					b. 1975				
b. 1972									
<b>Andrea</b>									
b. 1976									
<b>April</b>									
b. 1977									
<b>Katie</b>									
b. 1979									
<b>Brent M.</b>									
b. 1981									
<b>Cheryl Lovell</b>									
(foster daughter)									
m. Richard Martinson									
<b>Jason</b>									
<b>Melissa</b>									
<b>Judy Anne</b>									
b. 1946									
m. William Flannagan									
<b>Mark</b>									
b. 1970									
<b>Richard</b>									
b. 1971									
2nd m. 1975 Michael Anastasion (Judy)									

Charles Neil continued next page

(cont'd.) Charles Neil 2nd m. 1851 = Nancy Perry

b. 18 13  
d. 1882

Harriet Isabelle

b. 1852

d. 1906

m. Joseph Wattenberger

b. 1840

d. 1933

Nancy A.

b. 1874

d. 1894

Stoddard

b. 1888

d. 1907

Lewis H.

b. 1854

d. 1938

m. Mary Elizabeth Crawford

b. 1856

d. 1934

Perry

m. Bertha Pitney

Max

Geneva

William

Walter

m. Lela

Maude

m. Lewis Cowan

2nd m. Lewis Richards

Belle

m. Finis Vann

(See Vann Chart)

Alice

b. 1883

d. 1975

m. 1904

A. F. Whittaker

(See Whittaker Chart)



# NEWMAN

**John G. = Hazel Barnett**  
m. 1913

b. 1879  
d. 1970

b. 1890  
d. 1972

**Anna Madeline**  
b. 1914  
m. 1934

Erwin Wipf  
b. 1910  
(See Wipf Chart)

**John**  
b. 1915  
m. Florence Jalme

**John**  
m. Pam  
**Tammy**  
**John**  
**Wayne**  
m. Shirley  
**Michael**  
**Julie**  
**Charles**  
m. Susie  
**Jason**

**Clarence**  
b. 1919  
m. Jean Harlow

**Beth**  
b. 1921  
m. 1942  
Robert Michel  
**Nancy**  
b. 1943  
m. Charles Howard  
**David**  
b. 1966  
2nd m. 1948 (Beth)  
Albert Ganter

**Carre**  
b. 1949  
m. 1968  
David

**Albert, Jr. (Bucky)**  
b. 1951  
m. 1979  
Allenbaugh  
**Norman Todd Johnson**  
b. 1968  
2nd m. 1974  
Wilburn L. Brown, Jr.  
b. 1948  
**Beth Yvette**  
b. 1976  
**Wilburn III (Willie)**  
b. 1981  
**Burke Andrew**  
b. 1983

**Mark**  
b. 1962

Came to Potter Valley in 1912.

# **O R R**

**Frederick William = Gertie May Scott**  
**m. 1903**

b. 1885  
d. 1942

b. 1887  
d. 1911

**Urith Zelda**

b. 1904  
m. 1923

John Henry Winsby

b. 1889  
d. 1970

**June Claire**

b. 1924  
m. 1946

Morey David McCloud  
(See McCloud Chart)

**Herman Westerman**

b. 1926  
d. 1926

**Don Lee**

b. 1934  
m. 1957

Lois Irene Fisher

b. 1934  
d. 1983

**Janice Lee**

b. 1958

**David Alan**

b. 1959

**Karen Irene**

b. 1961

**William Alfred**

b. 1906  
m. 1928

Mary Martha Ricetti

b. 1913

**William Lawrence**

b. 1929

d. 1954

m. 1946

Bertha Louise Hoog

b. 1913

**William Lawrence**

b. 1947

m. 1971

Connie Jones

**David Alfred**

b. 1950

m. 1968

Mary Mathis

**Thomas Edward**

b. 1951

m. 1974

LaNell Griffin

**Shirley Irene**

b. 1952

m. 1971

Gary Rector

2nd m. 1979

David Gene Thompson

**Genevieve May**

b. 1934

m. 1950

Henry Clinton Haynes

b. 1924

**JoAnn**

b. 1953

m. 1970

Robert V. Hernandez

**Diana Lynn**

b. 1954

**Mary Eileen**

b. 1955

**Henry Clinton**

b. 1957

**Kevin H. D.**

b. 1959

2nd m. 1971 (Genevieve)

Ambrose Villanveva

**Mary Ellen**

m. Coleman C. Vice

**Frederick W. 2nd m. 1915 = Cora May Mead**

b. 1899  
d. 1918

**Molly Lorena**

b. 1917

m. 1933

Lyndell Holmes Foster

Among the early settlers.

# PHILLIPS

**Joseph** = **Julia (or Juliet)**  
 b. 1809 b. 1813  
 p.b. Tenn. p.b. KY.  
 p.d. Willits, CA p.d. Willits, CA

<b>John</b> b. 1839	<b>Martha Ann</b> b. 1840 m. Jason Carner b. 1831 <b>John I.</b> (See Carner Chart)	<b>William R.</b> b. 1843	<b>James Dallas (Dal)</b> b. 1846 m. Elizabeth Jennie Fowler b. 1864 d. 1921	<b>Sarah</b> b. 1848	<b>Julia</b> b. 1850	<b>Elizabeth</b> b. 1852 m. 1871 Hiram Carner <b>Elmer</b> b. 1872 <b>Melvin</b> b. 1874 <b>Thelma</b> b. 1876 (See Carner Chart)	<b>Mary J.</b> b. 1855
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<b>Philo</b> b. 1880 m. Martha Cook <b>Wesley</b> 2nd m. Carrie 2 children 3rd m. Josie M. Simonsen	<b>William Dallas (Landy)</b> m. Myrtle Herndon <b>Madalayne</b> <b>Jimmy</b> <b>Robert</b>	<b>Annie</b> m. Lewis Sower <b>Elinor</b> 2nd m. Perry Rigby <b>Ruby</b> <b>Lucille</b> <b>George</b> Son	<b>George</b> b. 1898 d. 1960 m. 1928 Marion C. R. <b>Thomas</b> b. 1929 m. 1953 Chloe T. Ruffe <b>Kathleen Ann</b> b. 1954 <b>Francis</b> b. 1930 m. 1950 Manuel Ramirez <b>Andrea Gayleen</b> b. 1953 m. 1972 Ward Henry Brannon <b>Tamara</b> b. 1974 2nd m. Pock (Francis) 2nd m. Ardis White Roberts (George)
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Came to Potter Valley in 1867.  
Via New York to Iowa.

Sons William and James bought property from J. George Busch for \$600 in 1869 and from J. H. Crawford in 1879.

Son William bought property from Jesse Vann in 1875.

# PICKLE

Robert = Nancy Jones  
m. 1820

b. 1793 b. 1799  
d. 1863 d. 1848

<b>Christopher Jones</b> b. 1821 p.b. AL d. 1883 p.d. CA m. 1844 Ark. Susanna Cook b. 1817 d. 187? p.d. CA <b>John Robert</b> b. 1845 p.b. Ark. <b>John William</b> b. 1848 p.b. MO d. 1925 p.d. CA <b>Nancy Mary</b> b. 1849 p.b. MO <b>Henry J. P.</b> b. 1852 p.b. AZ Terr. <b>Martha Frances</b> b. 1858 p.b. CA <b>Orphia A.</b> b. 1860 p.b. CA	<b>William Jones</b> b. 1823 d. 1824	<b>George Washington</b> b. 1824 p.b. AL d. 1907 p.d. CA m. 1844 Mary Ann Jones b. 1828 d. 1852 Enroute to CA <b>Mary Elizabeth</b> b. 1848 d. 1917 m. 1866 William P. Ball <b>Frank</b> <b>Minnie</b> <b>Fred</b> <b>Bert</b> <b>Sarah Jane</b> b. 1850 d. 1875 m. 1868 David (Davey) Jones <b>Ben</b> <b>George</b> m. Belle Jackson <b>Elizabeth</b> m. Fred Voorhies 2nd m. Harris 2nd m. 1860 (George W.) Mary Ann Maria Jones b. 1841 KY d. 1911 P.V. <b>Margaret</b> b. 1861 d. 1890 <b>John William</b> b. 1863 d. 1943 m. 1889 Sarah Lou Jackson <b>Robert Daniel</b> b. 1892 d. 1942 m. 1918 Tessie Carter <b>Robert J.</b> b. 1919 d. 1975 m. Mina (Pat) (cont'd. next page)	<b>Jeremiah Jones</b> b. 1826 p.b. AL d. 1826 p.d. AL	<b>Sarah Bird</b> b. 1828 d. 1844 m. John Jones	<b>Martha Jane</b> b. 1830 d. 1840	<b>Henry S.</b> b. 1832 p.b. AL d. 1860 p.d. TX m. 1853 Nancy Wallace	<b>John Faust</b> b. 1834 p.b. AL d. 1916 p.d. P.V. m. 1863 Elizabeth Jane Jones b. 1847 d. 1911 <b>Hettie</b> b. 1864 d. 1911 m. 1887 Bernard Burger d. 1898 <b>Daughter</b> b. 1888 d. 1888 <b>Fred</b> b. 1889 <b>Annie</b> b. 1891 <b>Frank</b> b. 1898 <b>Nancy Ann</b> b. 1866 d. 1944 m. 1898 Robert Lownes (See Lownes Chart) <b>Robert Wiley</b> b. 1867 d. 1943 m. 1901 Emma Spencer Maze (See Boynton Chart) <b>Verna</b> b. 1902 <b>John</b> b. 1905 <b>Nellie</b> b. 1908 <b>George William</b> b. 1870 d. 1935 m. Alice Mary Wattenberg <b>Ray</b> b. 1892 <b>Jennings</b> b. 1898 (cont'd. next page)	<b>Nancy Catherine</b> b. 1837	<b>Jesse Wiley T.</b> b. 1841 d. 1862
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Pickle's were Palantine Emigrants in 1700's.

Settled on east coast.

Came to CA in 1852 settled in Sonoma Co.

Came to Potter Valley in 1872.

(cont'd.) Robert Pickle = Nancy Jones

George W. (cont'd.)

John W. (cont'd.)

Robert D. (cont'd.)

Marjorie

b. 1921

m. Kennedy

2nd m. Martel

Louis Stanley

b. 1923

d. 1954

m. Laddie Joyce

William Richard

b. 1931

m. 1958

Gladys Peterson

Victor Richard

m. 1984

Cheryle Furman

Patricia Fay

b. 1938

m. Bobby Howell

Debra

Scott

Etta Matilda

b. 1894

d. 1982

m. Merton Christy

Lucille Maxine

b. 1916

m. 1936

Mack Miller

Lee

b. 1945

m. Sherry Byers

Jolee

b. 1969

Daniel

b. 1972

Jacob

b. 1977

2nd m. Linda Van Buren

Joylynn

Lynn

(twin/Lee)

b. 1945

m. Shirley Van Veldhuizen

Jolan

b. 1969 (adopted)

Tascha

b. 1971

Tharen

b. 1975

(cont'd. next page)

John F. (cont'd.)

Mary Ida (Mamie)

b. 1872

d. 1952

m. 1896

Jerome Worth

Harold

b. 1903

d. 1983

Mina Evelyn

b. 1906

d. 1983

m. John E. Hubbard

Laura

b. 1924

m. 1943

Henry Hammond

David

b. 1947

Eric

b. 1969

Edward

b. 1975

2nd m. 1960 (Laura)

George Henwood

Steven B.

Michael

b. 1969

Harold

b. 1927

Genevieve

b. 1930

2nd m. John Gordon (Mina)

Sarah Elizabeth

b. 1874

d. 1966

m. 1899

Edward L. Manker

Millie

b. 1904

m. 1923

Vane Pitney

Jean

b. 1924

m. 1945

Charles Summers

Judy

b. 1946

m. 1967

Paul Power

Tim

b. 1967

Brian

b. 1970

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(cont'd.) Robert Pickle = Nancy Jones

George W. (cont'd.)

John W. (cont'd.)

Etta M. (cont'd.)

Bernice

b. 1918

m. Dan Denham

Donald

b. 1937

Steven

b. 1959

Roderick

b. 1948

William

b. 1922

m. Sally Rogers

Vicky Lee

m. 1986

Brian Lee

Ricky

Bessie May

b. 1896

d. 1937

m. Wilson Bailey

Samuel

b. 1899

d. 1932

m. Frances

Iris

b. 1922

Pearl Pauline

b. 1903

d. 1978

m. Foster Guntly

(See Guntly Chart)

Frances Vera

b. 1905

d. 1919

Jesse Wiley

b. 1866

d. 1954

m. 1887

Julia F. Jackson

Laura Irene

b. 1888

d. 1926

m. Charles Gibson

(See Gibson Chart)

Henry Vernon

b. 1894

d. 1971

m. ?

Henry Vernon

Cecil F.

b. 1902

d. 1955

Wesley Raymond

b. 1909 m. Alma Mehelic

(cont'd. next page)

John F. (cont'd.)

Sarah E. (cont'd.)

Millie (cont'd.)

Jean (cont'd.)

Bonnie

b. 1949

m. 1967

Richard Polinski

Troy

b. 1967

Trace

b. 1970

Mae

b. 1907

Effie May

b. 1877

d. 1963

m. 1896

Frank Manker

Florence G.

b. 1903

m. 1929

Daniel Hudson

b. 1906

d. 1982

Frank Daniel

b. 1930

m. 1952

Bernice Reidenback

Nancy M.

b. 1959

m. Larry Leath

Janet Lynn

b. 1961

m. 1980

Steven Frank

b. 1964

Shirley Ann

b. 1935

m. 1955

Edmund Zimmerman

Phillip Craig

b. 1956

Mark Steven

b. 1959

Sari Ann

b. 1964

Donald Lloyd

b. 1938

m. 1959

Sandy Sandvick

Todd Lloyd

b. 1964

2nd m. 1971 (Donald)

Ellen Hopkins

3rd m. 1981 (Donald)

Susan Thompson

(cont'd. next page)

(cont'd.) Robert Pickle = Nancy Jones

**George W. (cont'd.)**

**Martha Frances**

b. 1868

d. 1967

m. 1889

Orcenith (Fisher) Day

(See Day Chart)

**George Washington II**

b. 1870

d. 1957

m. 1894

Viola Adams

**Herbert Riley**

b. 1894

d. 1973

m. Elva Spotswood

**Harry** b. 1920

m. Elizabeth Woods

**Little E.**

b. 1897

d. 1973

m. Theodore Gillispie

2nd m. Bert Dunn

**Chester Earl**

b. 1906

d. 1976

m. 1929

Blanche Shelton

**Della Ann**

b. 1873

d. 1954

m. 1897

Hiram Warner Neil

(See Neil Chart)

**Ella May**

b. 1877

d. 1958

m. 1896

William Eddie Shelton

(See Shelton Chart)

2nd m. 1930

Richard T. Hughes

**Franklin**

b. 1879

d. 1904

**Josephine**

b. 1882

d. 1928

m. 1902

Charles E. Frasier

(See Frasier Chart)

**John F. (cont'd.)**

**Effie M. (cont'd.)**

**Ethel Amelia**

b. 1906

m. 1926

Ernest A. Dewey

**Jane Ethelyn**

b. 1929

m. 1956

Joseph Delmar Hathaway

**Susan Jane**

b. 1959

**Pamela Jean**

b. 1963

**Aileen May**

b. 1938

m. 1951

J. J. Miller

2nd m. 1960

Thomas Bowen

**Frank Leslie (Judge)**

b. 1907

m. 1931

Helen M. Zimmerman

**Dorothy Diane**

b. 1938

m. 1960

Gregory K. Hoskin

**Frank Galen**

b. 1964

**Brice**

b. 1967

**Nicolette Joy**

b. 1970

2nd m. 1911 (Effie May)

Oliver Manker

**Joseph**

b. 1915

m. 1938

Lorraine Keller

**Janeane**

b. 1940

m. 1958

Richard Devauld

**John Andrew**

b. 1879

d. 1970

m. 1905

Louise (Lulu) Gavin

d. 1977

**Glen Andrew**

b. 1914

m. 1945

Clara Heynen

**John Alfred**

b. 1947

m. 1969

Martha

(cont'd. next page)



(cont'd.) Robert Pickle = Nancy Jones

John F. (cont'd.)

**Susan Frances**

b. 1881

d. 1946

m. 1900

Samuel Speer

**Ina Frances**

b. 1901

d. 1922

m. 1920

Raymond Mustard

**Barbara E.**

b. 1922

m. R.A. Shipp

**Susan Lee**

b. 1946

**Shirley Ann**

b. 1948

**Vicki A.**

b. 1950

**Ruby**

b. 1903

m. 1929

Al Gobalet

**Dovie Day**

b. 1883

d. 1966

m. 1902

James M. Gwin

**James Wilber, Sr.**

b. 1903

m. 1926

Octavia Sims

**Mary Lou**

b. 1927

m. 1944

Gene W. Stewart

**Kristine S.**

b. 1946

**Bruce Alan**

b. 1948

**Kathy Jean**

b. 1951

**James Wilber Jr.**

b. 1932

m. 1964

Beth R. Sparks

**James W. III**

b. 1966

**Barry Price**

b. 1967

**Laura Temple**

b. 1968

2nd m. 1969 (James, Sr.)

Mildred Lane

3rd m. 1971 (James, Sr.)

Marjorie Spoo

(cont'd. at right)

John F. (cont'd.)

**Dovie D. (cont'd.)**

**Dorothy A.**

b. 1908

m. 1925

Palmer Quinby

**Erma L.**

b. 1909

d. 1982

m. 1925

Lou D. Whitelock

2nd m. 1933

Tom J. Watson

3rd m. 1953

Frank McKittrick

**Chester Earl**

b. 1911

m. 1932

Lucille Peugh

**Alice E.**

b. 1933

m. 1951

W. O. Copeland

**Gary B.**

b. 1953

**Steven D.**

b. 1956

**Lawrence D.**

b. 1923

m. 1944

Barbara Nelson

**Thomas Frederick**

b. 1887

d. 1960

m. 1912

Ellen Burman

**Margaret**

b. 1914

**LeRoy**

b. 1916

**Clarence**

b. 1918

**Lawrence**

b. 1920

**Ethel**

b. 1928

**Mable E.**

b. 1890

d. 1972

m. 1907

Frank McKee

**Blanche**

b. 1907

**Leonard A. McKee**

b. 1910

(Adopted by Joseph &

Kathleen Morris 1913)

John F. (cont'd.)

**Thomas F. (cont'd.)**

**Mable E. (cont'd.)**

**Leonard (cont'd.)**

m. 1929

Florence E. Scott

b. 1911

**Richard**

b. 1931

m. 1950

Marilyn Moore

**Cheryl Ann**

b. 1953

m. 1978

John Aikins

**Scott A.**

b. 1956

m. 19 ?

Marianne

Donahue

**Kathleen**

b. 1962

m. 1983

James Plyler

**Robert J.**

b. 1935

m. Susanne Twilight

**Rebecca**

b. 1965

**Jeffrey**

b. 1967

**Clarke**

b. 1970

**Nancy**

b. 1939

m. 1957

David L. Adrian

**Robin**

b. 1960

**Noel**

b. 1964

**Kent**

b. 1966

2nd m. Fred Bice (Mable)

3rd m. ? Demond (Mable)

4th m. Jack Blaise (Mable)

5th m. Jim Booth (Mable)

## P O T T E R

John        =        "The " Mrs. Potter  
d. 1851

Thomas	James	Ruth Ann	Rebecca	William	Elizabeth	Mary Jane
m. Molly	b. 1846	m. Samuel	m. ? Gordon	m. Mary ?	m. 1852	
Dashiell	p.b. Chico, CA	Chase		Maggie	M. C. Briggs	
Tom		Mary Chase		m. Robert	(See Briggs Chart)	
m. ?		m. ? Howard		Marders		
Henry				2nd m. R. Marders		
Zemmie				Mrs. Mary Ellen Kelly		
b. 1906				Charles H.		
d. 1961				"Willie May"		
Sam				m. E. M. Maze		
				2nd m. Harry Carr		
				Robert Craig		
				Emma Grace		
				m. J. E. M <sup>c</sup> Cracken		
				2nd m. Orval Frost		

Settled in Chico, CA 1845.  
Family on to Sonoma Co.

Son's to Potter Valley 1852  
and settled permanently 1856.

Ruth's daughter Mary Chase  
was first white child born  
in Potter Valley.

## P R I C E

Orrie        =        Minnie Tenter

Freida	Adele
m. Ed Mills	m. Douglas Montgomery
Arlene	2nd m. Everett Dutton
Dennis	Barbara
Ellen	m. Winters

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1920.

Orrie had first Garage  
in Potter Valley.

# P R E S L E Y

James Madison = Sarah Melissa Crawford  
m. 1870

b. 1839  
d. 1916

b. 1853  
d. 1940

Mary	Sarah	Alice	James	Lillian	Claude	Charles	Douglas	Harry
Elizabeth Lee	Frances	Alfretta	Eugene	Vivian	Morgan	McCreary	Vernon	Clifford
b. 1871	b. 1872	b. 1875	b. 1879	b. 1884	b. 1887	(twin/ Claude)	b. 1891	b. 1894
d. 1947	d. 1958	d. 1965	d. 1899	d. 1885	d. 1952		d. 1959	d. 1973
m. 1889	m. 1903	m. Wilmot	m. 1898		m. 1911	b. 1887	m. 1917	m. 1921
Beauregard Edwards	Issac C. Burke	McFaul	Ora Crawford		Margaret	d. 1963	Emelia M.	Hazel Delloca
b. 1861	b. 1871		Orville Eugene		McMahon	m. 1938	Looney	
d. 1942	d. 1962		b. 1899		b. 1884	Vivian	b. 1897	
Vivian Vera	Esther Frances		d. 1975		d. 1956	Van Oven	d. 1974	
b. 1891	b. 1904		m. 1919		Claudia M.		Harry Kenneth	
d. 1977	d. 1974		Mabel Clark		b. 1915		b. 1918	
m. 1930	m. 1928		Edgar Eugene		m. 1944		d. 1984	
Christen	Olen M. Akey		b. 1919		Wayne W.		m. 1940	
Sellings	b. 1897		m. 1937		Guthrie		Jacqueline Weise	
no children	Avonne Charlyn		Florence		b. 1914		2nd m. 1942	
Raymond E.	b. 1931		Darnell		James Edward		Norma L. Gianoli	
b. 1894	m. 1955		Shirley J.		b. 1945		b. 1919	
d. 1977	Paul A. McClure		b. 1943		m. 1967		Robert Dennis	
m. 1918	b. 1926		m. James		Roger Fern		b. 1948	
Ruth G.	Michael Curtis		Brown		Golden		m. 1974	
Wadworth	b. 1968		Tommy		b. 1946		Jane Dusi	
Barbara Fay	(adopted 1969)		Robert		Margaret (Maggie)		b. 1951	
b. 1921	Cathleen Michelle		Mildred (Skip) E.		b. 1970		David Cody	
m. 1942	b. 1970		b. 1921		2nd m. 1976 (James)		b. 1979	
Seldon S.	(adopted 1970)		m. 1938		Sylvia Tegeler		Amber Jill	
Thomas	Mark Burke		Willis (Bill) G.		b. 1950		b. 1981	
d. 1962	b. 1905		Reed		Michelle Tegeler		Steven Paul	
Ronald S.	m. Josephine		b. 1917		(stepdaughter)		b. 1952	
b. 1942	Johnson		Carol Joanne		b. 1969		m. 1977	
Sharon R	b. 1902		b. 1940		James Mack		Lynn Davis	
b. 1943	Charles		m. 1961		b. 1978		b. 1952	
m. 1967	b. 1929		George C.		Lawrence		Lisa Jean	
Gary	m. ?		Robinson		b. 1951		b. 1981	
Rossetto	Charles, Jr.		Randall S.		m. 1971		Jill Marie	
b. 1943	(George)		b. 1966		Debra Costello		b. 1983	
Theresa M.	b. 19 ?		Darren G.		b. 1950		3rd m. 1971 (Harry K.)	
b. 1968	m. 1973		b. 1969		Diane R. Costello		Joy Hutchinson	
Kristina M.	Cheryl		Patricia J.		b. 1968		Frances LaVern	
b. 1970	Dearth		b. 1971		(stepdaughter)		b. 1919	
Barbara Gayle	b. 1954		Steven Gregory		William W.		m. 1947	
b. 1954	Nathan Sea		b. 1941		b. 19 ?		Virginia Dini	
m. 1971	b. 1976		m. 1963		James Morgan		d. 1971	
Frank	Salina Rue		Janice		b. 1916		Sandy Dini	
Baser	b. 1980		Cleveland		d. 1943		(stepdaughter)	
b. 1955	Cheri		Shelley M.		Alyce Frances		Patricia Lee	
Dini Lynne	(cont'd. next page)		b. 1969		b. 1919		b. 1949	
b. 1972			Mathew G.		m. 1939		m. 1970	
Michelle D.			b. 1973		Warren M. Dightman		David Rafanelli	
b. 1975					b. 1913		Rashell	
2nd m. 1964 (Barbara)					Judith Maxine		b. 1973	
Albert Grochol					b. 1939		Stacy	
Marianne Frances					m. 1959		b. 1977	
b. 1966					James Clyde		Michael Lewis	
(cont'd. next page)					Eddie		b. 1957	
					(See Eddie Chart)		(cont'd. next page)	
					(cont'd. next page)			

(cont'd.) James M. Presley = Sarah Crawford

Mary E. (cont'd.)	Sarah F. (cont'd.)	James E. (cont'd.)	Claude M. (cont'd.)	Douglas V. (cont'd.)
<b>Raymond E.</b> (cont'd.)	<b>Mark B.</b> (cont'd.)	<b>Orville E.</b> (cont'd.)	<b>Alyce F.</b> (cont'd.)	<b>Wayne Douglas</b>
Virginia May b. 1922 m. 1941	<b>Charles</b> (cont'd.)	2nd m. 1930 (Orville)	<b>Claudia Patricia</b> (Patty)	b. 1922
Rolleigh L. Marr b. 1919	2nd m. 1954 (Charles)	Mary Lou Bruce b. 1912	b. 1941	m. 1942
Gary Lawrence b. 1944	June O. Taylor b. 1931	<b>Lenora Lee</b> b. 1930	m. 1959	Bernice Smith
<b>Nancy Marie</b> b. 1925 m. 1941	<b>Pamela Jo</b> b. 1955 m. 1973	Peter Gill b. 1930	Dennis Leroy Bartolomei b. 1933	<b>Douglas Coy</b> b. 1943
Elwood Morrell b. 1923	Ronald L. Blackford	<b>Randy</b> b. 1956	<b>Ann Frances</b> b. 1961 m. 1982	m. Glenda Zittleman
<b>Thomas Dewey</b> b. 1943 m. 1965	<b>Shane Jo</b> b. 1974	<b>Allyson</b> b. 1960	Michael A. Niski	<b>Trent</b> b. 1965
Joan Busc b. 1945	<b>Jamie Lloyd</b> b. 1976	<b>Orville Bruce</b> b. 1932 m. 1950	<b>Kent Casey</b> b. 1964	<b>Tamara</b> b. 1966
Barry T. b. 1968	<b>Patricia Frances</b> b. 1957 m. 1976	Arlyn L. Fantz b. 1929	<b>Joseph Daniel</b> b. 1967	<b>Wayne Lee</b> b. 1947
<b>Sheri M.</b> b. 1966	Kenneth G. Mistler	<b>Sheryl L.</b> b. 1956 (adopted)	<b>Danna Mae</b> b. 1948	m. Sharen Stanbaugh
<b>Linda Marie</b> b. 1947 m. 1969	<b>Kristle Gayle</b> b. 1977	<b>Ronna D.</b> b. 1960 (adopted)	m. John Silva (Annulled)	<b>Randy</b> b. 1967
Frederick E. Lauenroth b. 1947	<b>Dennis Ike</b> b. 1965	<b>Gayle D.</b> b. 1965	m. 1970	<b>Raeanne</b> b. 1969
Tessie M. b. 1970	<b>Sherry Lynn</b> Taylor b. 1950 (stepdaughter)	<b>Robert R.</b> b. 1935 m. 1954	Vaughn Allen Mobley b. 1945	2nd m. Shirley Walter (stepson)
<b>Mandy A.</b> b. 1975	3rd m. Maelene (Charles)	Vera Bathauer b. 1933	<b>Mark Allen</b> b. 1966 (stepson)	<b>Cynthia</b> (stepdaughter)
2nd m. 1948 (Nancy)	<b>James</b> b. 1937 m. 1958	<b>Brent E.</b> b. 1957	<b>Michael Vaughn</b> b. 1970	<b>Gregory Allen</b> b. 1949
William R. Lloyd	Deane Diamond b. 1939	<b>Brian K.</b> b. 1959	<b>Jennifer Lynn</b> b. 1973	<b>Wilmot Grover</b> b. 1925
<b>Terry Robert</b> b. 1955	<b>Deborah Ann</b> b. 1959 m. 1977	<b>Lloyd Roger</b> b. 1937 m. 1958	<b>Richard Warren</b> b. 1953	m. 1946
<b>Judy Anne</b> b. 1963	Richard Stutte	Mary Lou Riley b. 1937		Marilyn Joy Tindall
<b>Merton Eugene</b> b. 1926 m. 1951	<b>Richard L.</b> b. 1978	<b>Craig</b> b. 1961		<b>Rita Denise</b> b. 1947
Elinor Jordon b. 1933	<b>Travis A.</b> b. 1979	<b>William</b> b. 1964		m. John Combs John b. 1965
<b>Bart</b> b. 1952	<b>Chryl Lynn</b> b. 1960	<b>Lawrence Lee</b> b. 1940 m. 1958		2nd m. 1969
<b>Diane</b> b. 1956	<b>Kathrine F.</b> b. 1962	Beverly Jennings b. 1938		David Mitchell b. 1948[
<b>Alan</b> b. 1957	<b>Patrick J.</b> b. 1964	<b>Dennis</b> b. 1938		<b>Brandon</b>
2nd m. 1978 (Merton)	2nd m. Shanon (James)	<b>Pamela</b> b. 1961		<b>Gary Dean</b> b. 1949 m. 1979
Sandra Nobler (cont'd. next page)		(cont'd. next page)		Emma Solvason b. 1951 Josie A. b. 1979 (cont'd. next page)

(cont'd.) James M. Presley = Sarah Crawford

Mary E.  
(cont'd.)

Raymond E.  
(cont'd.)

Ray Albert Edwards

b. 1928

m. 1952

Norma Jean Farrell

b. 1934

Catherine Ann

b. 1953

m. 1979

Larry Barndt

Mark Russell

b. 1955

m. 1979

Grethchen Spiering

b. 1957

Jerry J.

b. 1937

m. 1959

Joanne Franks

b. 1937

Jerry Eugene

b. 1960

Gary Wayne

b. 1963

d. 1964

James Lee

b. 1964

Kevin Lynn

b. 1967

Michael Ray

b. 1968

Thomas Jay

b. 1970

Susan Anne

b. 1972

Larry L.

(twin/Jerry)

b. 1937

m. Carrol Hofford

Kenneth

Rhonda

2nd m. Blanche

Carl Francis

b. 1896

d. 1958

m. Margaret E. Hillman

b. 1909

d. 1958

(cont'd. next page)

James E.  
(cont'd.)

Orville E.  
(cont'd.)

Marjorie Jean

b. 1942

m. 1959

August James Church

b. 1937

August James

b. 1961

Suzanne

b. 1962

Mark K.

b. 1970

Dennis Darwin

b. 1944

m. 1964

Barbara Griffic

b. 1944

Deanna

b. 1969

Ryan

b. 1971

Douglas V.  
(cont'd.)

Wilmot G.  
(cont'd.)

Fay Maureen

b. 1952

m. 1969

Floyd Holland

b. 1950

Christopher

b. 1970

Jennifer Lynn

b. 1973

2nd m. 1964 (Wilmot)

Sue Valenti

b. 1941

Robert Valenti, Jr.

b. 1960

(stepson)

Aaron Lee

b. 1965

Lisa Andrea

b. 1966

Virginia Mae

b. 1927

m. 1945

Clarence J. Hayden

Vernon Elvin

b. 1947

Maxine Emily

b. 1949

Clifford Henry

b. 1950

Gary Lee

b. 1951

Emilia Melissa

b. 1929

m. 1947

Elwood Kirschner

Pamela LaVern

b. 1948

m. 1968

William F. Larcher III

Jeffrey Scott

b. 1970

Kristopher Kyler

b. 1977

2nd m. 1950 (Emilia)

Maxie G. Rowton

(cont'd. next page)

(cont'd.) James M. Presley = Sarah Crawford

Mary E.  
(cont'd.)

Carl F.  
(cont'd.)

Frances Elizabeth  
b. 1932  
Dolly Jean  
b. 1935  
m. Dennis Boyd O'Neal  
Dennis, Jr.  
b. 1957  
Michael  
b. 1958  
Dorothy  
Son (?)  
Benson Carl  
b. 1938  
m. Marie Hukkner  
b. 1940  
Eric Benson  
b. 1973  
(adopted)  
Margaret Anne  
b. 1943  
m. 1962  
James Vicars  
James Carl  
b. 1963  
Gary  
b. 1964  
Jerry Lee  
b. 1966  
2nd m. 1969 (Margaret)  
Steven Milich  
d. 1972

Paul

Lived 5 days

Verda A.

b. 1900

m. 1916 (?)

Fred Van Dyke

d. 1920 (?)

John Robert

b. 1917

m. 1937

Jane Stevenson

b. 1918

Dixie Lee

b. 1939

d. 1945

Robert Earl

b. 1940

m. 1961

Kathleen Flood

b. 1942

Douglas Allen

b. 1962

Michael John

b. 1965

(cont'd. next page)

Douglas V.  
(cont'd.)

Emilia M.  
(cont'd.)

Peggy Jane

b. 1953

m. David Johnson

Lisa

b. 1972

Richard Charles

b. 1954

William Edward

b. 1956

3rd m. 1968 (Emilia)

Richard Poulter

Maxine Camille

b. 1932

m. 1958

William J. Whitaker

Vernnis Matt

b. 1960

Jeanette Harris

b. 1955

(Maxine's daughter)

(cont'd.) James M. Presley = Sarah Crawford

Mary E.  
(cont'd.)

Verda A.  
(cont'd.)

2nd m. (Verda)

Thomas B. Chisholm

b. 1902

d. 1964

**Elizabeth Floyd**

b. 1925

m. 1945

Frank Robert Slate

**John Terry**

b. 1946

(adopted by second husband)

m. 1967

Diane Milayton

b. 1948

**Tammy Lynn**

b. 1968

**Kristy Diane**

b. 1970

**Stacy Michelle**

b. 1974

2nd m. 1978 (John)

Sydney Morrell

b. 1952

2nd m. 1948 (Elizabeth)

Rees Robert White

b. 1928

**Rees Richard**

b. 1949

m. 1969

Judy Darlene Zortman

**Darcie Darlene**

b. 1971

**Ryan Rees**

b. 1976

**Barry Robert**

b. 1952

m. 1974

Kim Colleen O'Brien

b. 1956

**Jessica Mae**

b. 1976

**Joshua Robert**

b. 1979

**Vivian J.**

b. 1927

d. 1978

m. Clifford Dixon

b. 1920

(cont'd. at right)

Verda A.  
(cont'd.)

**Vivian J.**  
(cont'd.)

**Thomas**

b. 1947

m. 1970

Lora Lee Voth

b. 1952

**Thomas, Jr.**

b. 1971

**Keri**

b. 1973

**Jack**

b. 1952

**Thomas W.**

b. 1929

m. 1952

Barbara Pearson

b. 1934

**Judy Elaine**

b. 1953

m. 1971

William Baker

**William Thomas**

b. 1976

**Thomas Evan**

b. 1978

**David Charles**

b. 1954

**Steven Leroy**

b. 1956

3rd m. (Verda)

Charles Elmer Saderlund

d. 1962



# Q U E S E N B E R R Y

Moses = Ellen Martin  
m. 1836

b. 1818      b. 1817  
d. 1911      d. 1853

<b>John Rollins</b> b. 1837 d. 1870 m. 1857 Elizabeth <b>Sarah</b> <b>Amanda</b> <b>Joseph</b> <b>Mary A.</b>	<b>Mary</b> b. 1840 m. 1857 Daniel Hughes b. 1834 d. 1910 <b>Ellen</b> b. 1858 m. 1978 David Ravens <b>Mary</b> b. 1860 d. 1937 <b>Martha</b> b. 1862 d. 1863 <b>Moses C.</b> b. 1865 d. 1902 <b>Elizabeth</b> b. 1868 d. 1943 <b>Allie</b> b. 1873 <b>Daniel</b> b. 1878 d. 1963	<b>Nancy Jane</b> b. 1840 d. 1870 p.d. CA m. 1854 Frederick F. Fine <b>Nehemiah</b> <b>Baldwin</b> <b>Amanda</b> b. 1862 m. 1882 Charles Tully	<b>Mildred Ann</b> b. 1843 d. 1905 m. 1858 William R. Boyes (See Boyes Chart)	<b>Zachariah</b> b. 1845 d. 1876 m. 1869 Sarah E. Rader <b>Lily Ann</b> b. 1871 p.b. P. V. m. 1889 George Gibson <b>Henry Gibson, M.D.</b> m. Helen Black <b>Robert</b> <b>Lily raised—Lawrence</b> <b>Mustard</b> m. Evangeline Watttenberg 2nd m. Rena Bucknell (See Joseph Thornton Chart) <b>John R.</b> <b>George W.</b> <b>Mary Alice</b> m. Solon A. McCroskey 2nd m. William Thompson <b>Laura</b> 2nd m. (Sarah) to Judge James B. Morse (See Rader Chart)
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Came to Potter Valley in  
late 1860's from Kentucky.

Bought part of the Tom  
Potter Homestead on Gibson  
Lane.

Moses Quesenberry 2nd m. 1855 = Mary Miller

## QUINLIVEN

Dennis = Mrs. Ann Williams  
b. 1829

John M.

Charles D.

Mary A.

Came to California in 1849. Cold Creek in 1859. Potter Valley 1863, then to Willits.

## RADER

John Charles = Elizabeth Workman  
b. 1815 b. 1818  
p.b. Ohio p.b. KY  
p.d. Shasta Co., CA

Daniel  
m. Fannie  
Annie  
Perry  
John  
George  
Martha  
Dan, Jr.  
Charles F.

Jackson  
m. Josie  
Martha A.  
Elisa

Isiah  
m. Josephine  
Scott  
Arthur  
Jessie R.  
Ira  
Frank  
Raised a  
grandchild  
Bill Cascar

Elizabeth  
Ann  
m. William  
Barnes  
Augustus  
Jesse  
Charles  
Carey  
William, Jr.  
m. Hattie  
Mary  
Lydia  
Perry S.  
Benjamin

Barbara  
Ellen  
m. Joseph  
Thornton  
(See Joseph  
Thornton  
Chart)

Sarah  
Elizabeth  
m. Zackariah T.  
Quesenberry  
(See  
Quesenberry  
Chart)  
2nd m. (Sarah)  
Judge James B.  
Morse  
Eben  
Elyse (Lizzie)  
m. James McFarland  
Veva  
m. Lloyd Davidson  
Harold  
Barbara Dujardin  
Charles  
Marion  
Walter  
Grace  
b. 1894  
m. William Trine  
Phil  
Nan  
m. Mark King, Jr.  
14 Children

Richard E.  
m. Elizabeth J.  
Stevenson  
Elden J.  
Bertha Estelle  
Clyde C.  
June  
Mayme Ellen  
Emmett

Came to Potter Valley 1867.  
Rader bought part of Tom  
Potter property.  
  
Richard owned and ran  
Potter Valley Hotel.

# RUPE

Frank = Mary McKee  
m. 1900

b. 1872      b. 1878  
d. 1941      d. 1962

**Henry**  
b. 1902  
m. 1933  
Marie  
2nd m. 1979  
Iris Cherry

**Alvin**  
b. 1906  
d. 1977  
m. Vera Clark  
**Geraldine**  
b. 1928  
d. 1957  
m. 1945  
John H.  
Saunders III  
**Craig B.**  
b. 1948  
**Sandra**  
b. 1950  
**Sterling Brent**  
b. 1952  
**John H. IV**  
b. 1954  
**Marian**  
b. 1930  
m. 1951  
Ronald B.  
Courtney  
**Ronda**  
b. 1952  
m. Paul Zuckerman  
**Gerald**  
m. 1953  
Debra Phillips  
**Constance Louise**  
b. 1954  
m. Glen Smith  
2nd m. 1969 (Marian)  
Joseph Scherf  
**Lawrence**  
b. 1931  
m. Doris Totlen  
**Susan**  
**Michael**  
**Mark**  
**Lorie**  
**Carolyn**  
b. 1939  
m. 1955  
Homer Miller  
**Homer Bert Jr.**  
2nd m. Robert Giunoli  
**Robert Jr.**  
b. 1967  
**Anna Marie**  
b. 1969  
3rd m. 1984  
Bruce Heady

**Charles Delman**  
b. 1907  
d. 1971  
m. 1926  
Kara M. Collins  
b. 1905  
**Beryl Adair**  
b. 1930  
d. 1978  
m. 1956  
Benjamin E. Cobb  
b. 1931  
**Linnea**  
b. 1957  
m. Don Hess  
b. 1957  
**Benjamin Gene**  
b. 1984  
**John David**  
b. 1959  
**Erin Frances**  
b. 1960  
d. 1978  
**Janean Louise**  
b. 1964  
d. 1978  
**David Collins**  
b. 1934  
m. 1954  
Mary Lou Owens  
**Beryl Alise**  
b. 1956  
m. 1981  
Michael Bergstrom  
2nd m. 1985  
Chad Van Deventer  
**Kathleen Dru**  
b. 1958  
m. Steven Longacre  
**David Owen**  
b. 1960  
2nd m. 1965 (David C.)  
Joy Carol Bartolomei  
**Valerie Bartolomei**  
b. 1958 (stepdaughter)

**Francis**  
b. 1920  
m. 1948  
Della Mary Guntly  
b. 1928  
**Glenn Francis**  
b. 1950  
m. 1970  
Joyce Minehan  
b. 1952  
**Rebecca Ann**  
b. 1971  
2nd m. 1981 (Glenn)  
Sue De Bruyn  
b. 1951  
**Catherine Rosenne**  
b. 1953  
m. 1974  
Alec Joseph Pacini  
**Nicholas Allen**  
b. 1980  
**Tyler Vernon**  
b. 1983  
**Robert Fred**  
b. 1956

Came to Potter Valley  
in 1900.

# SCOTT

**Robert** = **Eliza Jane Perry**  
 b. 1838 b. 1839  
 d. 1892 d. 1912

<b>James Dunbar</b> b. 1860 d. 1933 m. 1880 Margaret Jane Carter b. 1864 d. 1947 <b>George Robert</b> b. 1882 d. 1965 m. 1913 Nevada Brooks b. 1886 d. 1956 <b>Tharen Roy</b> b. 1914 d. 1970 m. 1936 Una Isobel Walters b. 1911 <b>Errol George</b> b. 1939 m. 1963 Deanna Bennion 2nd m. 1978 Gwen Cannon <b>Theana Lynne</b> b. 1942 m. 1966 Wayne Bustos <b>Stanley Homer</b> b. 1921 m. 1947 Mariann Zimmer b. 1925 <b>David Charles</b> b. 1948 m. 1972 Barbara J. Clemens <b>Cinda Beth</b> b. 1950 m. 1970 Joseph Lee Phillips <b>Thomas George</b> b. 1954 <b>Joseph Paul</b> b. 1955 <b>Steven Arthur</b> b. 1957 <b>Ann Louise</b> b. 1958 <b>James Allen</b> b. 1960 (cont'd. next page)	<b>Thomas Willard</b> b. 1863 d. 1947 m. Mary Alice Carter b. 1866 d. 1958 <b>Lillian Grace</b> b. 1885 d. 1948 m. 1905 Martin Lee Lynch b. 1879 d. 1934 <b>Martin Alfred</b> b. 1907 d. 1937 2nd m. ? 3rd m. John H. Senter <b>Willard S.</b> b. 1894 <b>Hazeltine Ardina</b> b. 1896 <b>Geneva</b> b. 1900 2nd m. Hazzie V. Fisher 3rd m. 1905 (Thomas) Clara Agnes b. 1889 d. 1971 <b>Rose Agnes</b> b. 1906 m. 1925 Christian Wolff Ray Keith Wolff b. 1922 (stepson) 2nd m. 1971 Charles Johnson <b>Walter Lawrence</b> b. 1912 m. 1942 Irene Kent <b>Kent Turman</b> b. 1943 <b>Karen Ann</b> b. 1944 (cont'd. next page)	<b>Luzernia Viola</b> b. 1865 d. 1935 m. 1882 Thomas Murie <b>Baby Murie</b> b. 1883 (died before 1886) <b>James Peter</b> b. 1884 d. between 1906-1935 2nd m. (Luzernia) 1887 Franklin Pierce Lownes b. 1853 d. 1926 <b>Emma Jane Lownes</b> b. 1888 d. 1961 m. 1906 Karl Nelson 2nd m. 1911 Charles McAuley 3rd m. 1917 Charles Rua 4th m. 1920 Richard T. McEwen 5th m. 1925 Oliver M. LaFranchi 6th m. Antonio G. Dellacqua 3rd m. (Luzernia) 1891 Edwin J. Moore	<b>John Robert</b> b. 1872 d. 1930 m. 1900 Jennie Cawley 2nd m. Agnes
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(cont'd.) Robert Scott = Eliza Jane Perry

James D. (cont'd.)

George R. (cont'd.)

Margaret Jane

b. 1918

m. 1937

Hugh Gregory Powers

b. 1914

Vernon Stanley

b. 1943

m. 1968

Linda Kay McElmurry

Susan Kay

b. 1948

m. 1969

William M. Durkan

Cora Belle

b. 1885

d. 1971

m. 1901

William F. Gillespiel

2nd m. 1926

James G. Nelson

3rd m. 1932

George Heckendorf

4th m. 1939

Hollis Walker

Gertie May

b. 1887

d. 1911

m. 1903

William F. Orr

Thomas Dunbar

b. 1889

d. 1956

m. Rose O'Hara

2nd m. 1948

Genevieve Carnes

Minnie Viola

b. 1890

m. George H. Thomas

Jennie Dolores

b. 1894

m. 1912

Wiley T. Brooks

(See Brooks Chart)

2nd m. 1957

Harry D. Roberts

James Enoch

b. 1899

d. 1901

Charles Ernest

b. 1902

m. 1924

Ruth Marie Scott

Thomas W. (cont'd.)

Thomas Winfield

b. 1925

m. 1950

Carol Ann McPike

Thomas W., Jr.

b. 1951

2nd m. 1967

Emma J. Silacci

Liane Marie

b. 1968

Cheryl Dawn

b. 1970

Diane Elaine

b. 1964

(stepdaughter)

# S H E L T O N

William 1st m. = Mary Elizabeth Means  
m. 1841

b. 1822                      b. 1825  
p.b. MO                      d. 1848  
d. 1905  
p.d. Westport, CA

<p><b>Susannah</b> b. 1842 m. 1860 Joseph Gourley</p>	<p><b>James</b> <b>Knox Polk</b> b. 1844 m. 1872 Amanda Babcock b. 1857 d. 1932</p>	<p><b>Charlotte</b> b. 1847 m. 1863 John David</p>
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<p><b>Elizabeth</b> b. 1873 d. 1940 m. 1893 William Dickey (See Dickey Chart) 2nd m. Frank Lownes 3rd m. George Pickle (Poly)</p>	<p><b>William</b> <b>Eddie</b> b. 1875 d. 1921 m. 1896 Ella May Pickle <b>Alfred R.</b> b. 1897 m. 1924 Helen Myrl Keller <b>William A.</b> b. 1926 m. 1951 Evelyn C. Stradley <b>Gregory</b> b. 1952 <b>Paul Joseph</b> b. 1953 d. 1953 <b>Claudia</b> b. 1954 <b>Jennifer</b> b. 1956 <b>Hope E.</b> b. 1957 m. ? Johnson <b>Anton Bradley</b> <b>Helen Audrey</b> b. 1928 m. 1946 Mitchell Webber <b>Michael</b> b. 1948 m. ? <b>Michael T.</b> b. 1968 <b>William D.</b> b. 1970 <b>Eva Marie</b> b. 1971 (cont'd. next page)</p>	<p><b>Lottie</b> <b>Amanda</b> b. 1877 d. 1884</p>	<p><b>James</b> <b>Thomas</b> b. 1880 d. 1898</p>	<p><b>Blanche</b> b. 1882 d. 1884</p>	<p><b>Eugene</b> b. 1884 d. 1950 m. 1907 Bertha Hoppner <b>Eileen</b> b. 1908 m. Herbert Abarr <b>Herbert</b> b. 1928 m. Gladys Skochenko 2nd m. Sybyl <b>Suzanne</b> b. 1930 m. Timothy McMahan <b>Charles</b> b. 1934 m. Gertrude <b>Blanche</b> b. 1910 d. 1973 m. Earl Pickle <b>Eva Evelyn</b> b. 1913 m. Mitchell Selby <b>Delores</b> b. 1931 m. Donald Frances <b>Dawnelle</b> 2nd m. Jack Pederson <b>Dana J.</b> 3rd m. K. Poyfaire (cont'd. next page)</p>	<p><b>Jerry</b> <b>Myres</b> b. 1886 d. 1951 m. 1907 Lucy E. Tenney b. 1889 d. 1948 <b>Frances</b> b. 1909 d. 197? m. 1931 Lloyd Ferguson <b>Dale</b> b. 1933 m. Verna Kimberling <b>Gloria</b> b. 1936 m. John Klima <b>Gary</b> b. 1942 <b>Clyde</b> b. 1944 m. Ann McDonald <b>Dorothy</b> b. 1911 m. Earl Griggs <b>David</b> b. 1931 <b>Dickie</b> b. 1934 2nd m. ? (Dorothy) <b>Donald</b> b. 1942 <b>William</b> b. 1943 <b>Jessie</b> b. 1914 m. Fred Lawrenson (cont'd. next page)</p>	<p><b>Leon</b> b. 1888 d. 1952 m. 1923 Blanche Tuck <b>August</b> Roberson <b>Norman</b> b. 1915 m. Mary Boitano <b>Paul</b> b. 1939 m. Mary Wright <b>Theresa</b> b. 1944 m. Dennis Kain <b>Norman</b> b. 1947 m. Margaret Creighton <b>Kenneth</b> b. 1917 m. Frances McCormick <b>James</b> b. 1943 m. Dorine Pimental <b>David</b> b. 1944 m. Cheryle Jones <b>John</b> b. 1946 <b>Peter</b> b. 1949 <b>Thomas</b> b. 1951 <b>William</b> b. 1952 <b>Daniel</b> b. 1954 <b>Jean</b> b. 1957 m. Scott McDonald <b>Mark</b> b. 1959 <b>Tim</b> b. 1960</p>	<p><b>Agnes</b> b. 1890 d. 198? m. 1914</p>	<p><b>Frances</b> <b>Isabel</b> b. 1893 d. 1893</p>	<p><b>Samuel</b> <b>David</b> b. 1895 d. 1963 m. 1936 Luisa Villalba Dominquez</p>
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(cont'd.) William Shelton 1st m. = Mary Elizabeth Means

William E. (cont'd.)

Alfred (cont'd.)

Helen A. (cont'd.)

Michael A. (cont'd.)

Aaron B.  
b. 1975  
Jean Helen  
(twin/Aaron)  
b. 1975

David Lynn  
b. 1949  
m. ?

Jason D.  
b. 1976  
Lindsay Arlene  
b. 1978  
Marina A.  
b. 1983

Warren Neil  
b. 1951  
m. ?

Robert A.  
b. 1971

2nd m. 1953 (Helen)

Floyd Pressey

Leonard A.  
b. 1953  
d. 1962  
James Floyd  
b. 1956  
Sandy Lee  
b. 1957  
m. ?

Lee Sandy  
b. 1981  
Jacob R.  
b. 1983

Richard Earl  
b. 1959

Donna May

b. 1934

m. 1955

George W. Twohy

Edward Allen

b. 1956

Donald George

b. 1957

John Albert

b. 1958

m. ?

John C.

b. 1982

Arin J.

b. 1983

Paul William

b. 1961

(cont'd. next page)

Eugene (cont'd.)

Eva E. (cont'd.)

5th m. (Eva)

Earl Rose  
Allan Louis  
b. 1954  
d. 1979

Eugene

b. 1915

m. Janice Peterson

2nd m. Lucille

Lloyd

b. 1916

m. Margaret Roberts

Theodore

b. 1945

m. Christine Sahl

James

b. 1947

m. Sandra Phillips

Sandra

b. 1949

m. John Ott

Thomas

b. 1954

m. Heidi Moore

2nd m. (Eugene, Sr.)

Etta D. Knucel

Jerry M. (cont'd.)

Jessie (cont'd.)

Danny

b. 1936

m. Linda Wakeland

Thomas

b. 1939

m. Frances Dalton

Frank

b. 1941

m. Mavis Winchester

Nancy

b. 1950

m. Jerry Weinhold

David

b. 1952

Helen

b. 1921

m. 1938

Lovell Sanders

Norman

b. 1939

Raymond

b. 1923

m. 1948

Gloria Dickens

Jerold

b. 1949

Evelyn

b. 1927

m. 1948

Meryl Sanders

Wayne

b. 1948

m. Judith Rickard

Neal

b. 1950

Cheryl

b. 1951

Brian

b. 1954

David

b. 1930

m. 1949

Gae Trapin

James

b. 1950

Ernest

b. 1953

Cathy

b. 1958

Martin

b. 1960

(cont'd.) William Shelton (1st m.) = Mary Elizabeth Means

William E. (cont'd.)

Alfred R. (cont'd.)

Donna M. (cont'd.)

Renee Marie

b. 1962

m. Knopf

Theresa E.

b. 1978

Brian Anthony

b. 1963

Raymond Patrick

b. 1969

Janette E.

Carol Lee

b. 1937

m. 1958

Jack Giolitti

Glen Corey

b. 1964

Gary Wayne

b. 1966

Nita Ann

b. 1939

m. 1956

William Schuber

William Allen

b. 1957

Mark D.

b. 1959

Noreen Carol

m. Duarte

2nd m. Charles Hamel

Steven Eddy

b. 1947

m. 1967

Muriel Nadine

Quackenbush

Samantha M.

b. 1967

Tracy Lynn

b. 1971

Lewis Edwin

b. 1900

d. 1900

James A.

b. 1908

d. 1985

m. 1929

Delight I. Corbett

Alma Lee

b. 1937

d. 1938

(cont'd. at right)

William E. (cont'd.)

James A. (cont'd.)

Gayle

b. 1940

m. 1958

James Wheeler

2nd m. 1959

Rudolph E. Pacheco

Kathryn Sue

b. 1960

m. 1980

Samuel Vonfeldt

Kyle Edward

b. 1984

Jaime Delight

b. 1985

Debra Ann

b. 1961

m. 1984

James Sanders

Dylan Michael

b. 1981

Nicholaus J.

b. 1984

Barbara Lee

b. 1963

Diane

b. 1944

m. 1962

Harley Foster

Kenneth Harley

b. 1963

m. 1985

Sharon Hines



(cont'd.) William Shelton 2nd m. 1850 = Isabel Casteel

<b>David M.</b> b. 1851 d. 1851	<b>William Elijah</b> b. 1853 d. 1919	<b>John Harrison</b> b. 1855 d. 1926 m. 1888 Maria Drew	<b>George B.</b> b. 1857 d. 1928 m. 1885 Celia Copple	<b>Laura Isabel</b>	<b>Thomas Sprague</b> b. 1862 d. 1942 m. 1893 Grace Anna Monroe <b>Clarence</b> b. 1895 d. 1917 <b>George</b> b. 1899 d. 1976 m. 1920 Bessie A. Haskett b. 1899 <b>Anna Grace</b> b. 1921 d. 1969 m. 1945 Robert Dixon <b>Susan A.</b> b. 1946 m. 1973 Anton Negri <b>Ivan</b> b. 1974 <b>Dianne C.</b> b. 1947 m. 1972 Richard Corniola <b>Christopher</b> b. 1973 <b>Curtis</b> b. 1977 <b>Eleanor Clarice</b> b. 1923 m. Sondergard <b>Marianne</b> 2nd m. Galarneau <b>Joy</b> 3rd m. Husker 2nd m. (Thomas S.) Arabella Van Starr	<b>Charles Lee</b> b. 1864 d. 1941 m. 1898 Elizabeth Stanton d. 1921 <b>Laura</b> b. 1896 d. 1948 m. George Whitcomb <b>Birdie</b> b. 1898 d. 1929 m. Bud Hastings <b>Chesley</b> b. 1900 <b>Charlotte</b> b. 1913 d. 1956 m. 1933 Melvin Butcher, Sr. b. 1909 d. 1980 <b>Melvin, Jr.</b> m. 1963 Susan DeLong <b>Michelle</b> b. 1966 <b>Melanie</b> b. 1967 2nd m. 1973 Meredith Walters 3rd m. 1983 Kathy Naud <b>Charmel</b> b. 1941 m. Gordon Hofer <b>Olive</b> b. 1915 m. 1941 Holman Lenhart <b>William</b> b. 1917 m. Lorene <b>Sharon</b> b. 1942 2nd m. Dorothy <b>Dorene</b> <b>Jackie</b> Daughter	<b>Francis Marion</b> b. 1869 d. 1870
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Arrived in California in 1853.

Came to Potter Valley in 1889.

Came to Ukiah area in 1857.

Moved to Willits in 1905.

Sheltons settled in Jamestown, VA  
in 1610.

William lived with son James Knox  
in Potter Valley.

William Shelton, Sr. came to CA  
and Ukiah with sisters, Elizabeth,  
wife of Harrison Standley and Mary  
Ann, wife of Greenbury Southwood  
and Susan Shelton, wife of James  
H. Burke.

William, Sr. settled in Ukiah 1857 at  
bottom of Burke Hill.

## SACK

John = Anna Most

<p><b>Edmund</b>  b. 1889  p.b. P. V.  d. 1953  m. 1920  Amanda Gunderson  b. 1896  p.b. Norway  <b>John Edmund</b>  b. 1921  d. 1975  m. 1942  Norma Holmes</p>	<p><b>Frances</b>  d. 1979  m. Frank Hopkins  (See Hopkins Chart)</p>
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Came to Potter Valley  
before 1889.

<p><b>John E.</b>  b. 1943  m. 1980  Diane Wright  <b>Shawn</b>  b. 1968  (adopted)</p>	<p><b>Joan</b>  b. 1947  m. 1985  Walter Venable</p>	<p><b>Robert</b>  b. 1953  m. 1981  Gloria Gordon  <b>Johnna</b>  b. 1981  <b>Deanna</b>  b. 1984</p>	<p><b>Gary</b>  b. 1957  m. 1979  Yvette Pickford  <b>Rachelle Jacquelyn</b>  b. 1981  <b>Ryan Michael</b>  b. 1982</p>
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## SIDES

**William C.** = **Catherine Lierly**  
b. 1835                      b. 1843  
d. 1879                      d. 1934

<p><b>Olive Lulu</b>  b. 1867  d. 1906</p>	<p><b>Rosa</b>  m. Ward Lea</p>	<p><b>Irving</b></p>	<p><b>Albert</b>  m. Blanche  Barnett</p>
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Catherine Lierly 2nd m. = Hugh Todd McGee  
(See McGee Chart)

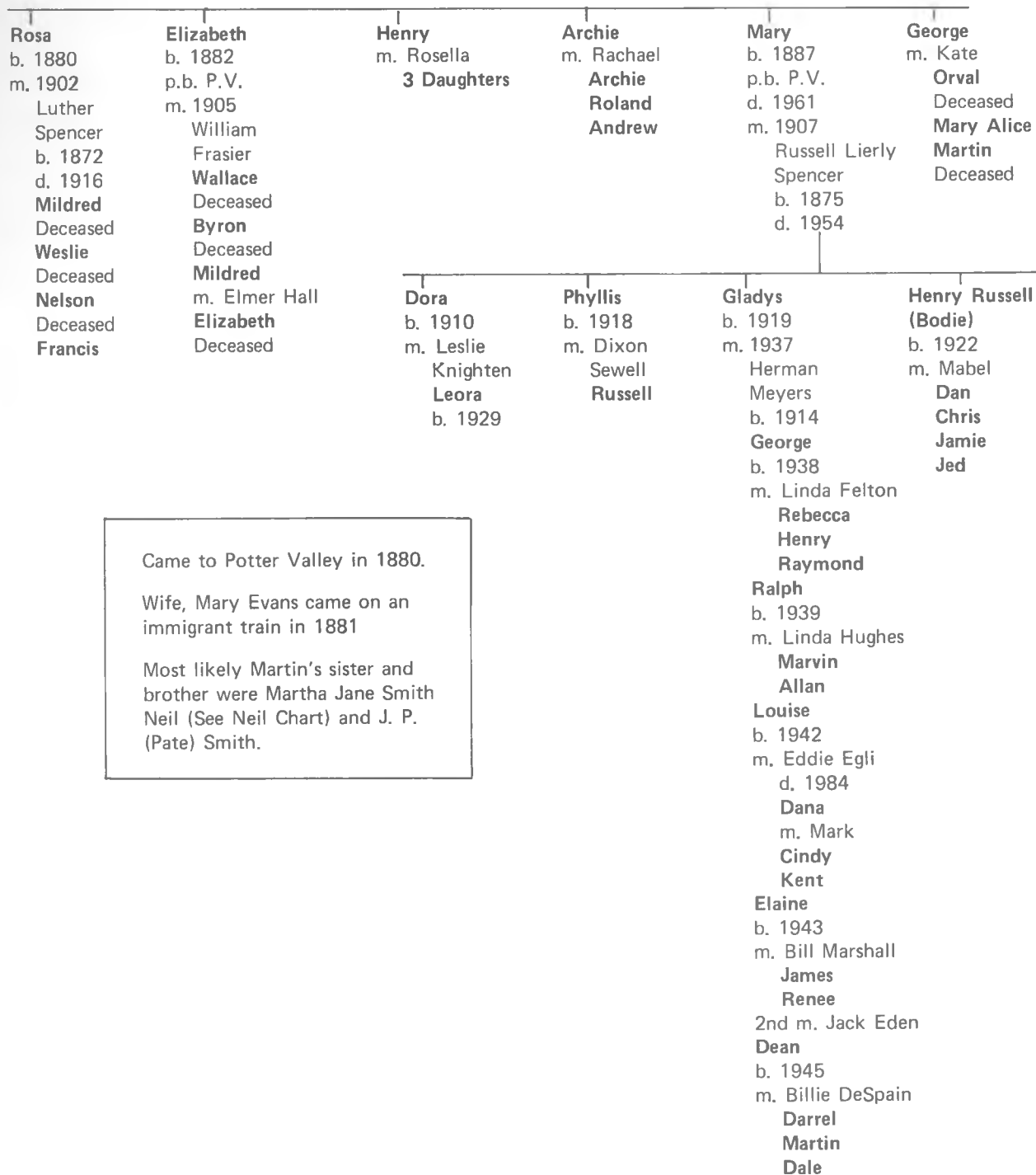
## SMITH

**J. P. (Pate)** = **Phebe A.**  
b. 1827                      b. 1829  
d. 1911                      d. 1877  
p.d. P. V.                      p.d. P. V.

Pate Smith came to Potter Valley in early 1960's.  
He is thought to be a brother of Martin Smith  
and known to be a brother to Martha J. Smith Neil.  
He sold land to the Cemetery in 1888. It is a  
coincidence that their plot shows on front cover.

# M. SMITH

Martin Van Buren = Mary Evans



Came to Potter Valley in 1880.

Wife, Mary Evans came on an immigrant train in 1881

Most likely Martin's sister and brother were Martha Jane Smith Neil (See Neil Chart) and J. P. (Pate) Smith.

## SPENCER

John                      =                      Sara DeSelms  
m. 1856

b. 1831                      b. 1836  
d. 1899                      d. 1913

Laura Belle	Henry Andrew	Ira Thomas	Addie May	William O.	Emma Augusta	Minnie Perthania	Luther Homer	Russell Lierly	Alta Lydia	Clara Elvira
b. 1857	b. 1859	b. 1861	b. 1863	b. 1866	b. 1868	b. 1870	b. 1872	b. 1875	b. 1878	b. 1881
d. 1925	d. 1916	d. 1928	d. 1917	d. 1932	d. 1915	d. 1954	d. 1916	d. 1954	d. 1971	d. 1955
m. 1874			m. 1888	m. Mabel Wilbur	m. 1889	m. James	m. Rosie	m. 1907	m. Jake	m. Joseph
Jeremiah Lierly			Joseph Spotswood	<b>John</b> Adopted	Henry Maze	Eddie (See Eddie Chart)	Smith <b>Mildred Wesley Nelson Francis</b>	Mary Smith	Wattenberg Adams	Adams
b. 1836			b. 1838		d. 1892			d. 1961	b. 1870	b. 1872
d. 1919			d. 1912		<b>Minnie</b>			(See M. Smith Chart)	d. 1932	d. 1959
(See Lierly Chart)			(See Spotswood Chart)		b. 1891				(See Wattenberg Chart)	(See Adams Chart)
					d. 1973					
					m. 1919					
					Roland Boynton					
					(See Boynton Chart)					
					2nd m. 1901 (Emma)					
					Robert Pickle					
					<b>Jesse Wiley</b>					
					<b>Verna</b>					
					died in infancy					
					<b>Nellie</b>					
					died in infancy					
					<b>John B.</b>					

Came to Potter Valley around 1870.

## STREET

Cornelius Van Arsdale                      =                      Sarah Adeline King

b. 1834                      b. 1840  
p.b. Ohio                      p.b. Indiana  
d. 1913                      d. 1920  
p.d. P.V.                      p.b. P.V.

Orion (Ora) R.	Lillian May	Cora Maude	Claude C.	Freddie
b. 1864	b. 1873	b. 1876	b. 1888	
d. 1926	d. 1957	d. 1950	d. 1905	
m. 1885	m. Irving Norvelle	m. 1897		
Nellie Brower		Lewis L. Starr		
<b>Grace</b>		(See Starr Chart)		
m. Lee Goodrich				
<b>Constance</b>				
m. William May				
<b>1 Son</b>				
<b>Frema</b>				
m. Paul Matthews				

Came to Potter Valley in 1872, from Indiana.

# SPOTSWOOD

Joseph 1st m. = McDougal  
 b. 1838  
 p.b. Ontario, Canada  
 d. 1912

James	Joseph m. Elizabeth Bishop	Jennie m. Frank Walker 2nd m. Ray 3rd m. George	Edith m. Albert Moller	Christina m. Patrick Murphy <b>Lionel</b> m. Gertrude Devoney <b>Joan</b> m. Peter Rohrer <b>Chris</b> <b>Gregory</b> <b>Brian</b>
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Joseph Spotswood 2nd m. = Dicey Hopper

Belle m. Dr. Leppo	Tom
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Joseph Spotswood 3rd m. = Addie Spencer 1888  
 b. 1863 p.b. Bloomfield, Iowa  
 d. 1917

George b. 1889 d. 1902	Gus b. 1890 d. 1943 m. 1919 Olga Richter b. 1898 d. 1964 Margaret m. Vernon Leard (See Leard Chart)	Gladys b. 1892 d. 1949 m. 1929 Harry Shimmin Harriet b. 1930 m. 1949 Joe Burton b. 1928 Gladys b. 1950 m. 1972 Ron Hunt Lisa Marie b. 1975 Lori Diana b. 1978 (See Vann Chart) Carol b. 1954 m. 1974 Scott Clark (See Clark Chart) Joe Don b. 1959	Geneva b. 1893 d. 1984 m. Walter Vorruth 2nd m. 1923 McLain Christofferson Don b. 1924 m. Florence Jennifer Bruce Brad (twin/Bruce) 2nd m. Yvonne Lee b. 1928 d. 1985 m. Betty Potts Mike m. Nina McCord Julie 2nd m. Bonnie Johnson 3rd m. Lynne 2 Girls Keith d. 1971 (cont'd. next page)	Elva b. 1895 d. 1971 m. 1917 Herbert Pickle Harry Elvin b. 1920 m. Elizabeth Woods	Olive b. 1897 m. 1927 James Nichols d. 1972	Mabel b. 1899 m. 1919 Percy Whitcomb Russell b. 1920 m. 1945 Jewel Boucher Charlotte b. 1946 m. Michael Peker 2nd m. 1953 Mary Lou Caudilo Yvonne b. 1954 m. Bob Fells 2nd m. Douglas 3rd m. 1979 (Russell) Valoris Robert b. 1921 m. 1943 June Sowell Mary b. 1943 m. Bill Goepherd Kathy b. 1945 m. Jack Brown Richard M. (cont'd. next page)
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(cont'd.) Joseph Spotswood 3rd m. = Addie Spencer

Geneva (cont'd.)

Helen  
b. 1930  
m. Wayne Varnum  
John  
Winn  
Conley  
Pat

Mabel (cont'd.)

Dorothy  
b. 1923  
m. 1942  
Charles Garzini  
Linda  
b. 1945  
m. Ron Sarenius  
Larry  
b. 1947  
m. Elva Rosenphal  
2nd m. Herbert (Dorothy)  
Evelyn  
b. 1926  
m. 1948  
William Peters  
Lynde  
b. 1952  
m. Fred Enright  
Julie  
b. 1953  
m. Ken Eversole  
Willie  
b. 1955  
m. Maria Fletes  
Hans  
b. 1957  
m. Kimberly

Came to Potter Valley in 1872.

Built brick house 1885-1887.

Came from Ontario, Canada  
to Petaluma first.

## S W E E N E Y

Owen = Sarah Christopher  
b. 1844 b. 1849  
p.b. Sligo, Ireland d. 1938  
d. 1907

John Franklin  
b. 1870  
d. 1904

Alice May  
b. 1873  
d. 1873

James Henry  
b. 1874  
d. 1963

Ida Myrtle  
b. 1877  
d. 1957

Annie Grace  
b. 1880  
d. 1949

Harvey Owen  
b. 1894  
d. 1972  
m. 1921

Minnie Gielow  
b. 1901

Sarah Carolyn  
b. 1922  
m. 1955

Raymond  
Butcher

1 stepson  
2 step-  
grandsons

Came to Potter Valley late 1860's.

Owen's sister Ann came to CA with  
her brothers. Married John George  
Busch and they all came to Potter  
Valley. See J.G. Busch chart.

# STARR

Lewis Lorenzo = Cora Maude Street  
m. 1897

b. 1875  
d. 1939

**Raymond Ernest**

b. 1898  
d. 1962  
m. 1922  
Aleta Mae Hughes  
b. 1903  
d. 1933

Barbara Jean

b. 1926  
m. 1946  
Dale M. Diekmann  
b. 1920  
**Barbara Aleta**  
b. 1947  
**William Raymond**  
b. 1948  
m. 1973

Susan M. Kellogg  
b. 1952

Julie Susan

b. 1979

**Melanie Beth**

b. 1983

**Diane Dale**

b. 1949

m. 1971

James M. Orr

b. 1949

**Michael Blaine**

b. 1975

Deanna Michelle

b. 1977

**Christina Linda**

b. 1952

m. 1985

Charles Prindle

Lucille Lorraine

b. 1928  
m. 1950

Edward A. Poe

**Susan Mary**

b. 1952

d. 1985

m. 1981

Howard R. Worthington

Stephanie

b. 1984

**George Raymond**

b. 1955

m. 1982

Donna Marie (Smith) McConnel  
(stepchildren)

**Tanya Jean McConnel**

b. 1929

**Wesley Eric McConnel**

b. 1970

Raymond Ernest 2nd m. 1941 = Mary Ann Gantz  
b. 1903  
d. 1977

## T H O M P S O N   &   M c K E E

<b>John Thompson</b> b. 1810 d. 1897 p.d. P. V.	=	<b>Mary Ann</b> b. 1814 d. 1896 p.d. P. V.
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**Margaret J.**  
b. 1849  
d. 1912  
p.d. P. V.  
m. **David E. McKee**  
b. 1845  
d. 1915  
p.d. P. V.

### McKee children

**Mary**  
b. 1878  
d. 1962  
m. 1900  
Frank Rupe  
(See Rupe  
Chart)

**Tillie**  
m. Tom Chase  
**Blanche**  
2nd m. Roy Chase

**Sadie Clyde**  
m. 1908  
Otto R. Hughes  
(See Hughes  
Chart)

**George**  
d. 1891

**Nellie**  
m. Harry  
Hopper  
**Evangeline**  
m. Harold  
Whittaker  
(See Whittaker  
Chart)  
2nd m. Dwight  
Manning

**Frank**  
b. 1884  
d. 1908  
m. 1907  
Mabel Pickle  
b. 1890  
d. 1972  
**Blanche**  
b. 1907  
(See Pickle Chart)

McKee came to Potter Valley  
about 1890, from Pennsylvania.

Thompson lived out Busch Creek at  
top of Thompson grade.

Son-in-law McKee settled on Ridge  
further over toward Power house.  
Later moved to present Bill Pauli  
Ranch.

## W m .   S M I T H

**William T.       =       Mary Rucker**

**William**

**Stonewall**  
(Stoney)

**Daughter**

**Daughter**  
m. McLeod  
**Malcolm**  
b. 1882  
d. 1968  
m. Martha Stoddard  
b. 1885  
d. 1975  
**Clara**  
m. Glazier  
**Harry**  
m. Louise  
**William**  
**Thomas**  
**Jody**  
**Emily**  
m. Lampkin  
Elizabeth



## J. J. THORNTON

**James Johnstone     =     Bonnie Louise Crawford**  
**m. 1913**

b. 1887  
p.b. Texas  
d. 1933

b. 1882  
p.b. Ukiah, CA  
d. 1960

Came to Potter Valley in 1913.

**James Cedric**  
b. 1915  
m. 1940

Joyce Stevens

**Bonniebel**  
b. 1918  
d. 1984  
m. 1940

Chaplin Williams  
Adopted Children

**Susan**

b. 1946

m. Simms

**Susan**

**Matthew**

2nd m. Rasku

**Christopher**

m. Ralph Maize

**Jan**

b. 1947

m. Leighton

**Steven**

b. 1941

m. 1961

Dorris Thompson

**Keith**

b. 1965

**Bonnie**

b. 1967

**Mark**

b. 1968

**Larry**

b. 1944

m. 1962

Judy Dycus

**Rick**

b. 1963

**Daniel**

b. 1966

**Randall**

b. 1968

## T R A V E R S

**Joseph     =     Marauda Garing**

**Alice**

b. 1878

d. 1909

m. Todd Frank McGee

**Silas**

b. 1868

d. 1957

m. Clara B.

b. 1872

d. 1920

**Edward W.**

m. Irena

**Minnie**

b. 1890

d. 1896

**Lucy**

b. 1894

d. 1896

**Salina**

m. Sydney

McCreary

**Garing**

b. 1907

m. 1933

Alice Tindell

**Todd**

b. 1941

**Alfred**

6 Children

10 Grandchildren

**Marjorie**

b. 1904

m. Bert Brock

**Infant**

**Donald**

**Bert**

**Carol**

**Carmel**

2nd m. Anderson

Came to Potter Valley  
circa 1860's.

# J. THORNTON

Joseph = Barbara Ellen Rader

m. 1868

b. 1829

b. 1850

d. 1911

<b>Oliver</b> b. 1867 m. Hattie Blake (See Blake Chart)	<b>Margaret</b> b. 1870 d. 1903 m. Albert Maze <b>Alvin</b> <b>Evangeline</b> m. Harold <b>Harold,</b> <b>June</b> m. Bratton	<b>Clara</b> b. 1871 d. 1961 m. William Mustard <b>Ray</b> m. Rena Bucknell <b>Estelle</b> 4th m. m. Hunter <b>William</b> <b>Lawrence</b> m. Evangeline Wattenburg <b>Virginia</b> m. Castel <b>Betty</b> m. McNeil <b>2nd m. Rena Bucknell</b> Mustard (Lawrence) <b>Addie</b> m. Burger	<b>Alta</b> b. 1873 d. 1959 m. Basford <b>Hazel</b> 2nd m. Gallager 3rd m. Bond 4th m. Mendenhall <b>Eddie</b>	<b>Joseph E.</b> b. 1875 d. 1953 m. Florence Ferguson <b>Malcolm</b> 2nd m. Minton <b>Thelma</b> m. Walthen	<b>John C.</b> b. 1877 d. 1959 m. Pauline Brunner <b>Robert</b> son of	<b>Katherine</b> b. 1879 d. 1954 m. Charles Alley adopted <b>Robert</b> son of	<b>James</b> b. 1881 d. 1958 m. May Inez Scranton <b>Melva</b> m. Harold Adams (See Adams Chart) <b>2nd m. Fred</b> Meyers b. 1905 d. 1963 <b>3rd m. Olds</b> <b>Harold</b> m. Marjorie Thompson <b>Robert</b> adopted by Kate & Charles Alley <b>2nd m. 1923 (James)</b> Elizabeth Bilstein Raised her 4 children <b>George</b> b. 1911 m. 1932 Elsie Hughes (See Hughes Chart) <b>Fern</b> b. 1914 m. Elmer Wheeler <b>James</b> <b>David</b> <b>Steven</b> <b>Helen</b> b. 1918 m. 1937 Marion Kitchel <b>Donna</b> b. 1938 <b>Charlotte</b> b. 1941 m. 1965 Jim Morgan <b>Tim</b> <b>Yvonne</b>	<b>Vane</b> b. 1884 d. 1967 m. 1906 Wilma Dow b. 1887 d. 1969 <b>Vivian</b> b. 1907 m. 1926 Salvi R. Vanoven <b>Raymond S.</b> b. 1927 <b>Elizabeth Irene</b> b. 1929 <b>Patricia L.</b> b. 1930 <b>Mitchell Allen</b> b. 1931 <b>Ivan Sylvester</b> b. 1932 <b>2nd m. Charles (Vivian)</b> Pressley <b>3rd m. Wlatter</b> Tindall <b>4th m. Richard</b> Ellington <b>Max Roderick</b> b. 1909 m. 1934 Olga Kristine Lauisen b. 1911 <b>Gail</b> b. 1938 m. 1982 Jack Vaughn <b>Paul Roderick</b> b. 1941 m. 1984 Susan L. Sheer <b>Natalie Estelle</b> b. 1911 m. 1931 Arthur Derby <b>2nd m. Van Horne</b>	<b>Alwilda E.</b> b. 1887 d. 1975 m. Augustine Busch (See Busch Chart)
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James M. (cont'd.)

Helen (cont'd.)

Sandra

b. 1943

m. 1962

Jim Wirt

Dan

Kristina

Warren (Bud)

b. 1920

m. 1942

Wilda Miller

Kenneth

b. 1957

m. 1985

Carmen Daniels

(cont'd. at left)

# VANN

Jacob 1st m. = Margaret Woodward  
 b. 1790  
 d. 1867

Pitt Woodward b. 1809(?) d. 1910 m. 1839	William Henry b. 1824 d. 1872 m. 1856	Thomas A.	Mathew b. 1823 m. 1852 Elizabeth Lane	Martha d. 1856	Susan	Azariah	Robert G. m. 1842 Viny G. Doyle
Tracy(Spicey) Davidson Joel W. b. 1840 m. 1875 Sarah C. Broadus (Daughter of Rev. James Broadus) William Smith m. Nancy E. Hale John Martin b. 1877 d. 1955 m. Hattie J. Drewry b. 1888 p.b. Harris, CA d. 1980 Charles Wesley b. 1906 p.b. Harris, CA d. 1957 m. 1946 Norma E. Requa b. 1910 Vernon Raymond (Duggie) b. 1910 d. 1971 m. Gertrude F. Tyson Raymond Archie b. 1940 Joanne Lee Charles Lee Sarah E. Martin Briggs V. b. 1857 m. Virginia Bucknell b. 1855 Thomas E. Alice m. Edgar Bucknell	Angelina Cates						

Came to Potter Valley in 1860.  
 Lived on Eel River Road.

Came to CA 1852.

Logan Vann lived on West Road,  
 later bought land in Centerville  
 from James Carner and Spencer.

Pitt's four sons were Methodist  
 Ministers.

Jacob Vann continued next page

(cont'd.) Jacob Vann 2nd m. = Sarah Woodward Lutes

<b>Jesse</b> b. 1827 d. 1904	<b>Amanda</b> m. Burke	<b>Hannah Lee</b> b. 1833 d. 1881	<b>Elizabeth</b> b. 1835 p.b. MO d. 1913 p.d. P.V.
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(cont'd.) Jacob Vann 3rd m. = Margaret Shaw

b. 1803  
d. 1885

<b>Taylor Shaw</b> (moved to Covelo) b. 1836 p.b. MO d. 1914 p.d. P. V. m. 1875 Sarah Conrad d. 1935 <b>John Taylor</b> b. 1880 <b>Anna Bell</b> b. 1881 m. Charles Johnson <b>Elijah</b> b. 1882 <b>George Logan</b> b. 1883 <b>Frances Amanda</b> b. 1885 m. William Johnson <b>Addie Lee</b> b. 1887 m. Marion F. Groscup <b>Leslie Grover</b> b. 1889 m. Emma Brown <b>Grover A.</b> m. Marjorie O'Farrell <b>Darwin</b> b. 1939 m. ? Philbrick <b>Donna</b> <b>Danny</b> <b>Randy</b> <b>Garwin</b> (twin/Darwin) b. 1939 <b>Eric</b> <b>Sherrie</b> (cont'd. next page)	<b>Jacob</b>	<b>Logan Douglas</b> b. 1841 p.b. MO m. 1876 Mary A. Bland <b>Clorrie (Clara)</b> b. 1877 <b>James E.</b> b. 1880 <b>Finis (Phinias)</b> b. 1881 d. 1956 m. Laura Belle Neil b. 1887 <b>Eleanor E.</b> b. 1916 m. 1942 J. Robert Daut b. 1911 d. 1973 <b>Gail</b> b. 1953 m. 1975 Seenyana Gibson <b>Alexander</b> b. 1982 <b>Noel H.</b> b. 1918 d. 1922 <b>Rose Marie</b> b. 1928 d. 1932	<b>Mary Jane</b> (moved to Ft. Bragg) b. 1842 p.b. MO m. 1861 Benjamin F. Dashiell b. 1815 d. 1892 <b>John Jay</b> b. 1862 p.b. P. V. d. 1907 m. 1893 Orpha A. Gaskins b. 1876 <b>Nellie Elizabeth</b> b. 1864 p.b. P. V. d. 1901 <b>George Logan</b> b. 1866 p.b. P. V. d. 1901 <b>Benjamin F. II</b> b. 1869 p.b. P. V. d. 1933 m. 1901 Katherine Orr b. 1881 <b>Mabel Minton</b> b. 1905 d. 1970 m. Robert C. Hunt <b>Robert Jerald</b> b. 1925 m. Cornelia Van Gastel (cont'd. next page)	<b>George Washington</b> b. 1844 d. 1917 m. Donna McCreary 2nd m. Isabelle b. 1869 d. 1939 <b>Grover Harrison (Harry)</b> b. 1888 d. 1973 p.d. Upper Lake m. 1908 Agnes Wheeler b. 1889 p.b. Oregon d. 1947 <b>Thelma</b> b. 1912 m. 1933 Donald Griner b. 1901 <b>Nancy</b> b. 1935 m. 1955 Pep Wagner b. 1936 <b>Donald</b> b. 1937 m. Gatha Lou Harris <b>Michael</b> b. 1959 m. 1980 Lorna Little (cont'd. next page)	<b>Elijah Perkins</b> b. 1846 p.b. MO d. 1924 m. 1884 Ida Mae Marston <b>Keziah Julia</b> b. 1848 d. 1876 p.d. P. V. m. 1862 Thaddeus W. Dashiell b. 1818 d. 1891 p.d. P. V. <b>Addie Lee</b> b. 1862 m. 1888 William Grover b. 1854 (See Grover Chart) <b>James Jacob</b> b. 1864 m. 1897 Fannie Frasier b. 1873 (See Dashiell Chart) <b>Cynthia Ann</b> b. 1867 m. 1895 Owen Busch b. 1867 (See Busch Chart) <b>Thaddeus Warsaw</b> m. Anna McIntosh <b>Robert Erastus</b> b. 1871 m. Irene Brower b. 1880 (cont'd. next page)	<b>Cynthia Ann</b> b. 1850 p.b. MO d. 1925(?) p.d. P. V. m. 1869(?) William Eddie b. 1837 d. 1914 <b>Estella</b> b. 1876 <b>William Taylor</b> b. 1878(?) <b>Mary</b> b. 1880 <b>Laura</b> b. 1882 <b>Della</b> b. 1885(?) <b>George T.</b> b. 1877(?) d. 1881 <b>Matilda May</b> b. 1872(?) d. 1895 <b>James</b> b. 1869 d. 1942 (See Eddie Chart)
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(cont'd.) Jacob Vann = Margaret Shaw

Taylor S. (cont'd.)

Leslie G. (cont'd.)

Grover A. (cont'd.)

Cheryl Joanne

b. 1942

m. Gary Lee Pinches

Marty

Debbie

Wilma

b. 1920

m. Lawrence Hurt

Bill

m. Claire Henderson

Rod

Bob

Brenda

m. Al Ames

Lisa

Jonie

Mary J. (cont'd.)

Benjamin F. (cont'd.)

Mabel M. (cont'd.)

Robert J. (cont'd.)

Ronald K.

b. 1950

m. Gladys Burton

b. 1951

Lisa Marie

b. 1975

Lori Diana

b. 1978

Evelyn E.

b. 1927

m. Franklin E. Miller

b. 1925

Albert Sydney

b. 1877

p.b. P. V.

d. 1940

James Wyatt

b. 1873

p.b. Ft. Bragg

d. 1876

Thomas Jackson

b. 1876

d. 1950

Fannie Wyatt

b. 1878

d. 1960

m. James H. Orr

Mary Jane

b. 1881

d. 1940

m. Henry Simpson

Florence Rose

b. 1883

d. 1951

m. 1916

Archie C. Tyson

Archie R.

b. 1918

m. 1946

Beverly Koehler

b. 1921

d. 1975

2nd m. 1976

Audrey K. Simpson

Gertrude Florence

b. 1919

m. Vernon (Duggie) Vann

b. 1910

d. 1971

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George W. (cont'd.)

Grover H. (cont'd.)

Thelma (cont'd.)

Sharon

b. 1942

m. 1960

A. Dixon

b. 1938

Deborah

b. 1961

m. 1979

Paul Thomas

Jennifer

b. 1964

Adrian

b. 1967

Catherine Ann

b. 1947

m. 1982

Robert Hart

b. 1942

Agnes Clorine

b. 1914

m. 1932

Laurence Story

b. 1910

d. 1977

Merle Clorine

b. 1933

m. 1954

Norman Jones

b. 1930

Norman

b. 1956

m. 1978

Tonya Adkins

Kathleen

b. 1958

m. 1981

Phillip Clay

John L.

b. 1936

m. 1960

Marie Hall

2nd m. 1974

Giselle Resnick

Harriet

b. 1941

d. Infancy

(cont'd. next page)

Keziah J. (cont'd.)

Robert E. (cont'd.)

Evelyn Maria

m. Wearing

Don

m. Linda

Warren

Don

Keith

2nd m. Gates

Mildred Hazel

m. Weaving

Leonard

Joanne

James

Doris Jessie

m. Holger

Bertleson

Janice Marie

3 Children

Margaret Ann

3 Children

Nadine Doris

3 Children

Holger Thomas

3 Children

Geraldine J.

m. Oliver G. Kinney

Bruce G.

3 Children

Susan J.

3 Children

Robert E., II

Cheryl

2 Children

Marcie

Stacey

1 Child

William

b. 1873

d. 1927

m. Frances Bishop

Margaret Jane

b. 1875

m. Virgie Smith

(cont'd.) Jacob Vann = Margaret Shaw

Mary J. (cont'd.)

Florence R. (cont'd.)

Ora Ellen

b. 1920

m. 193 ?

Wayne M. Wilsey

b. 1917

Harlean Kay

m. Myron M<sup>c</sup>Clenny

Rose May

m. John Bednar

Veltha Fay

m. Lowell T. Prine

Sharon Ellen

m. Donald Pate

Grover Cleveland

b. 1890

d. 1907

George W. (cont'd.)

Grover H. (cont'd.)

Carroll Delbert

b. 1917

m. 1938

Phyllis Price

b. 1919

Gary Price

b. 1941

m. 1959

Melba Tingley

Kimberly

b. 1960

Richard

b. 1963

Merrill

b. 1919

m. 1943

Elva Carr

b. 1917

Georgia Mae

b. 1944

m. 1962

Cyril Quilette

Teresa

b. 1963

m. 1982

Dale Marcum

Nicholas

b. 1965

2nd m. 1969

George M<sup>c</sup>Coy

Stephanie

b. 1969

3rd m. 1972 (Georgia)

Lester King

Virginia E.

b. 1945

m. 1967

Jean Papaionnon

d. 1973

Harry LeRoy

b. 1947

d. 1967

m. Kathy Cross

Marjory

b. 1967

# VAN NADER

**Isaac = Elvira Dunham**

b. 1812  
p.b. N.Y.  
d. 1860  
p.d. Ohio

b. 1816  
p.b. Ohio  
d. 1905  
p.d. P. V.

<b>William Perry</b> b. 1836 d. 1901 m. 1866 Susan C. Hughes b. 1847 <b>Henry Hamilton</b> b. 1868 d. 1949 m. 1918 Mrs. Cora Huffman <b>Lulu Gracie</b> b. 1871 d. 1932 m. 1895 John W. Wilson <b>Ruth Evelyn</b> b. 1905 m. Thomas Cooper <b>Alice Ruth</b> b. 1924 m. John P. Scherger <b>Herbert Dalton</b> b. 1881 d. 1957 m. 1920 Mrs. Charlotte Walters <b>Fred Clarence</b> b. 1886	<b>Eliza</b> b. 1839 d. 1900	<b>Martha A.</b> b. 1841 d. 1926 m. 1874 John Wells McCloud b. 1820 d. 1905 (See McCloud Chart)	<b>Elizabeth</b> b. 1845 m. Brunner	<b>John Hamilton</b> b. 1846 d. 1916 m. 1872 Anna May Day <b>William Lewis</b> b. 1873 d. young <b>Lillian P.</b> b. 1876 d. 1909 m. 1896 Louis O. Craven b. 1875 <b>Clifford M.</b> b. 1897 <b>Leo F.</b> b. 1898 <b>Lola P.</b> b. 1903 d. 1903	<b>Isaac Harrison</b> b. 1850 d. 1924
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Came to Potter Valley in 1870.

Isaac died in Ohio. Elvira came to CA with daughter Martha and sons John and Isaac.

# VAUGHAN

Michael = Laura Denny  
m. 1903  
b. 1874 b. 1884

**Blythe**  
b. 1905  
m. Herman  
Bowie  
**Laura Arlene**  
m. David  
Wiggins

**Zella**  
b. 1907  
m. John Bierd  
**John**  
**Richard**  
(twin/John)  
**Jean**  
**Joan**  
(twin/Jean)

**Kenneth**  
b. 1909  
m. Gerry  
Knootz  
**Richard**  
**Glen**

**Joseph Floyd**  
(Arky)  
b. 1912  
d. 1952  
m. Margaret  
Allen  
**Patricia**  
b. 1933  
m. Kenneth  
Johnson  
**Kathleen**  
**Susan**  
**Julie**  
**Jennifer**  
**Ann**  
**Carol**  
**Michaela**  
(Mikey)  
b. 1938  
m. Don Howard  
**Matthew**  
**Annette**  
**Jimmie**  
**Judy**  
b. 1941  
m. Gary Martin  
**Sean**  
**Melissa**  
2nd m. Robert  
Puryear  
**Timothy**  
m. Pam  
**Patricia**  
**Tammy**  
**Bobbie Jo**  
**David**

**Glenn**  
b. 1918  
m. Zita  
Venturi  
**Daniel**  
b. 1947  
m. Jan Austin  
**Jason**  
**Clinton**  
2nd m. Pam  
Brown  
**Catherine**  
b. 1951

**Robert**  
b. 1921  
m. Marjorie  
Davis  
**Michael**

First came to Potter Valley in 1893.

Returned to Arkansas, married and moved his family to Potter Valley about 1919, to the Hardin Ranch for a few years.

Arky Vaughan played professional ball for the Pittsburg Pirates and the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1932-1948. He was named to the Hall of Fame in 1985.



## W A L K E R

Douglas      =      Mary Ann Abby  
m. 1871

b. 1850

b. 1850

p.b. London, England

Catherine

Margaret

Mary

Bruce

b. 1879

m. Mattie Bonnefield

**Evelyn**

b. 1910

m. John Power

**Janet**

b. 1938

m. Douglas

Hattie

m. Harry Sedam

Came to Potter Valley in 1885.

Douglas born in Scotland. Came to America in 1870.

He settled on a leased sheep ranch which is now known as Hollywood, CA. Baby Catherine first baby to be registered in new town of Hollywood.

## W E S T E R M A N

Pleasant B. 1st m.      =      Delia Brush  
d. 1888

Clara

m. Hensley

(cont'd.) Pleasant Westerman 2nd m. = Dora

**Helen**

d. Oakdale, CA

m. Charles Gray

**George**

**Robert**

Pleasant came to Potter Valley in 1920.

He was School Principal for many years.

(cont'd.) Pleasant Westerman 3rd m. = Henrietta Woods

# WATTENBERG

Samuel Wattenberg = Rebecca Bowmen  
(dropped er)

<b>Jake</b> b. 1870 d. 1932 m. Alta Spencer b. 1878 d. 1971 <b>Hazel</b> <b>Marquerite</b> d. 1953 <b>Evangeline</b>	<b>Charles Samuel</b> b. 1871 d. 1937 m. Clara (Dade) Hopkins b. 1874	<b>Nancy</b> b. 1872 d. 1892	<b>Alice Mary</b> b. 1875 m. George Pickle (See Pickle Chart)	<b>Lula Belle</b> b. 1876 m. Ed Lamb <b>Gertrude</b>	<b>Joseph Edgar</b> b. 1881 d. 1962 m. Hattie (Hedwig) Rottluff b. 1893	<b>Martha</b> b. 1883	<b>Stoddard</b> b. 1888 d. 1908	<b>Ralph A.</b> b. 1892 m. Margaret Jewell	<b>Azel</b> b. 1895 m. Belva Drake Newell
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<b>Annabel</b> b. 1921 m. Bill Nussbaum b. 1924 d. 1976 <b>Nancy</b> m. Pete Nelson <b>Peter J. Justin</b> 2nd m. Norman (Bill) Wooley <b>Susan</b> m. Ormsby	<b>May</b> b. 1922 m. George Woodson <b>Gary Dan</b> m. Kathy Joan m. Rich Shangus	<b>Mildred Lucille</b> b. 1924 m. 1944 Clayton Byers <b>Monty Joseph</b> b. 1945 <b>Jonathon Todd</b> b. 1946 m. 1968 Michele Rathe <b>Christopher Anthony</b> b. 1967 <b>David William</b> b. 1969 <b>Heyde Michele</b> b. 1975 <b>Julius Clayton</b> b. 1948 m. 1969 Jolee A. Johnson <b>Erik Clayton</b> b. 1970 <b>Clayton Russell</b> b. 1974 <b>Jayson Lee</b> b. 1977 <b>Nona Christine</b> b. 1949 m. 1967 Clifford C. Sorenson <b>Christie Ann</b> b. 1967 <b>Clifford Carl III</b> b. 1970 2nd m. Wm. P. Staley (Nona) (cont'd. at right)	<b>Martha</b> b. 1925 m. Wagar Nelson <b>Michael</b> died young	<b>Mary</b> (twin/Martha) b. 1925 m. Ray Quirolo <b>Stephen</b>
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Came to Potter Valley in the 1860's.

## Mildred (cont'd.)

**Charlene Ann**  
b. 1950  
m. 1969 Lee Chardon Miller  
**Jolee Christine Miller**  
b. 1969  
**Danielle Ann Miller**  
b. 1972  
**Jacob Chardon Miller**  
b. 1977  
**Sariah Ann Byers**  
b. 1982

## ROTTLUFF

**Julius**  
b. 1894  
p.b. Dakota Territory  
d. 1986

Very well known and respected.  
Came to Potter Valley in 1913.  
His sister Hattie Wattenberg and her family made their home with him.  
Known as the "Watermelon King".

(cont'd. at right)

# WILLIAMS

Leo Chauncey = Emma Reynolds  
 m. 1888  
 b. 1866 d. 1951  
 d. 1945

Leo Burr  
 (Lee B.)  
 m. Grace Bradford R  
 Bradford R.  
 b. 1917  
 m. 1946  
 William W.  
 b. 1957  
 Georgia Louise  
 b. 1961  
 m. Mark Wolfe  
 Craig Weaver  
 William W.  
 b. 1920  
 d. 1943 (WW II)

John R.  
 d. 1983  
 m. 1930's  
 Eleanor Rice  
 Carol  
 3 Daughters

Seth  
 d. 1980  
 m. 1940's  
 Leona Solis

Marjorie  
 d. 1983  
 m. 1916  
 Russell Harris  
 d. 1960's  
 Roland  
 Warren

Came to Potter Valley in  
 1916 stayed till 1944.

# WIPF

John = Emma  
 b. 1868 b. 1885  
 d. 1942 d. 1976

John  
 b. 1909  
 d. 1964  
 m. Sylvia Farnsworth  
 Foster

Erwin (Abe)  
 b. 1910  
 m. 1934  
 Madeline Newman  
 b. 1914  
 Lona  
 b. 1936  
 m. 1958  
 John Saunders  
 Brian  
 b. 1963  
 Kevin  
 b. 1966  
 Leanne  
 b. 1968  
 Kenneth  
 b. 1937

Ernest  
 b. 1913  
 d. 1983  
 m. 1950  
 Idell Hammons  
 Mark  
 b. 1953  
 m. 1978  
 Eileen Johnson

Thomas  
 b. 1923  
 m. Zita Stainbrook  
 Sharon  
 m. Mel  
 Jenny  
 Alex  
 Susan  
 Steven  
 m. Martha  
 Michael

Came to Potter Valley 1920  
 from Switzerland.

# WHITTAKER

**George** = **Olive Lierly**  
 Disappeared in d. ca. 1875  
 Nevada p.d. Virginia City, NV

**Charles**  
 b. 1872  
 p.b. NV  
 d. 1953  
 m. Effie Gavin  
     b. 1880  
     d. 1900  
 2nd m. 1904  
     Lena Jones  
     b. 1880  
     d. 1964  
**Herbert**  
 b. 1909  
 d. 1948  
 m. Mazie Baker

**Albert Festus**  
 b. 1873  
 p.b. NV  
 d. 1953  
 m. 1897  
     Zaida Estelle Eddie  
     b. 1876  
     d. 1898  
**Clarence Alvin**  
 b. 1897  
 d. 1967  
 m. 1921  
     Vera May Dashiell  
     b. 1898  
**Robert Alvin**  
 b. 1922  
 m. 1943  
     Earlene Annette Johnson  
**Robert Johnson**  
 b. 1945  
 m. 1971  
     Jodie Lynn Littleton  
**Ryan Johnson**  
 b. 1975  
**Amanda Jean**  
 b. 1978  
**Annette Lynne**  
 b. 1950  
 m. 1974  
     Arthur S. Cooley  
**Casey Lynne**  
 b. 1977  
**Stanley A.**  
 b. 1981  
**James Albert**  
 b. 1930  
 m. 1956  
     Laverne Lurline Walters  
**Larry Edward**  
 b. 1965

Charles and Bert (Albert)  
 Whittaker came as boys in  
 1873 to be raised by their  
 Lierly grandparents.

Albert Festus Whittaker continued next page

(cont'd.) George Whittaker = Olive Lierly

(cont'd.) Albert Festus 2nd m. 1901 = Alice May Neil  
 b. 1883  
 d. 1975

Harold Festus	Olive Elizabeth	Lawrence Edward	Ralph Everett
b. 1906	b. 1910	b. 1917	b. 1920
d. 1976	m. 1936	m. 1940	m. 1949
m. 1931	Alvin M. Adams	Marion Virginia	Kathryn Furber Sylvester
Evangeline Hopper	<b>Ruth Anne</b>	McGarvey	Rasied Sharon Sylvester
<b>Bert</b>	b. 1939	<b>Sally</b>	m. Jay Miller
b. 1932	m. 1959	b. 1946	<b>Eric</b>
m. 1960	William L. Wingate, Jr.	m. 1967	<b>Jamie</b>
Marilyn Nicoletti	<b>Donald Neil</b>	James L. Jones	
<b>Christian</b>	b. 1960	<b>James Ryan</b>	
b. 1968	<b>Jeffrey William</b>	b. 1968	
<b>Damon Andrew</b>	b. 1962	<b>Stacey Neil</b>	
b. 1970	<b>Leslie Anne</b>	b. 1974	
<b>Jennifer Ann</b>	b. 1965	<b>Susan</b>	
b. 1971	2nd m. (Olive)	b. 1948	
2nd m. (Harold)	LeRoy Robinson	m. 1973	
Dell Prager Filben	3rd m. (Olive)	Steven Phillip Bertsch	
	Elwin C. Menesini	<b>Jane Taylor</b>	
		<b>Sandra</b>	
		b. 1954	

## WOOLLEY

Norman = Hazel Busch  
 m. 1921  
 b. 1900 b. 1904  
 d. 1972

William	John	Norma	Thomas	Shirley	Richard	Sue
Franklin	b. 1923	<b>Ruth</b>	b. 1930	b. 1939	b. 1941	b. 1948
b. 1922	m. Kathleen	b. 1925	m. Ida Wirt	m. 1957	m. 1961	m. 1966
d. 1952	Wirt	m. 1946	<b>Ovie</b>	Kenneth L.	Arlene	Eddie Marshall
m. Louise Petty	Raised her	Vernon	m. Hayes	Cook	Piombo	<b>Larry</b>
<b>Rodney</b>	son Charles	Clark	<b>Dale</b>	<b>Melvin</b>	b. 1945	b. 1965
m. Linda	<b>Karen</b>	(See Clark	<b>Shannon</b>	b. 1963	<b>Angala</b>	d. 1980
Wagner	<b>Carol</b>	Chart)	<b>Brennan</b>	<b>Keven</b>	b. 1962	<b>Geraldine</b>
<b>Cory</b>	2nd m. Blanche		<b>Eugene</b>	b. 1967		b. 1967
<b>Lisa</b>	Evans		<b>Ellen</b>	<b>Larisa</b>		<b>Cynthia</b>
<b>Donald</b>	<b>Demaris</b>		m. Henderson	b. 1970		b. 1969
<b>Theresa</b>	3rd m.		<b>1 Son</b>			<b>Catherine</b>
m. Ralston	Madeline		<b>James</b>			b. 1973
<b>William</b>	4th m. June		<b>1 Son</b>			
<b>Melinda</b>	Marmon		<b>1 Daughter</b>			
	Her sons		<b>Thomas</b>			
	Steven and Jim		(twin/James)			
	<b>William</b>		<b>2 Children</b>			
	m. Nancy Nussbaum		<b>Sharon</b>			
	Nelson		m. Dawson			
	Her 2 sons		<b>1 Son</b>			
	<b>Daniel</b>		Twins (Boy & Girl)			
	m. Joanne Lister		<b>Ted</b>			
	<b>Jennifer</b>		<b>Cindy</b>			
	b. 1980		b. 1962			
			<b>Sandy</b>			
			(Twin/Cindy)			
			<b>1 Child</b>			

Norman came to Potter Valley in 1918.

***Addendum to...***  
***From Acorns***  
***to Oaks***

*A Potter Valley History - updated to 1997*  
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# ***From Acorns to Oaks Addendum***

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## FOREWORD

The past eleven years since I first printed and started selling my book "From Acorns To Oaks" in November 1986 have hurriedly gone by. The 1000 copies have been sold and the desire to own one is continuously the word I get. So I have now decided to do a smaller printing of 250 copies with an addendum for sale separately.

No one really told me that nearing 85 years of age I would stop short very quickly. So this has been a great effort for me; having developed Parkinson's Disease almost the same time I made the decision to do this in 1996. But I have lived long enough to see another comet make it's way across the sky. It's name was Halle Bop. It was quite a sight to behold, especially the night it darkened the moon.

The printers, Larry Edwards and his stepdaughter, Anna Leher-Nelson, have been very patient with me and most helpful.

My main purpose for the addendum is to correct some errors, add a few more real old time families to the list, bring the present family trees up to date and outline as near as possible the changes in Potter Valley since 1985.

I'll do the best I can so please bear with me.

I have met so many nice people the last 12 years concerning the book-I do wish I could have contacted them all for additions to their family trees. In some cases, the younger generation had no place to go for more family information.

My special thanks to my granddaughter Kathryn Vonfeldt who has done the family tree changes on the computer. Also Sharon Foster and Dylan Pacheco.

To Cedric Thornton who kept a very accurate and complete list of deaths, births and weddings since 1986 and passed them on to me, and for allowing me to tap his memory for agriculture information, etc.

To Marge Gericke for some editing, and Janet Chaniot, thank you.

Also thanks to the Held-Poage House for their aide in collecting and giving me information-I am very grateful, as well as Bob and Lila Lee-Bob is always so generous with his pictures and Lila keeps a sharp eye out for Potter Valley information for me.

I was so happy to receive permission from Edna Guerrero's husband, Humberto Guerrero and granddaughter, Debbie Wright McCosker, to use Ednas' picture and the article about her which the Ukiah Daily Journal printed at the time of her death in 1995. My special thanks to Mary March for the photo of Edna Guerrero.

In 1953, when Edna's son Lester was killed in a car accident, he was doing some carpentry work for us after we had moved to my present location. Edna seemed happy to accept help and advice from my husband, Jim Shelton, about burial plans.

As modern day as Edna seemed, she later told me with tears in her eyes, that she had no baskets of value left: that she had let them go with Lester.

The death of Edna Guerrero (see chapter 1, pages 2 and 3) left a deep depression in our valley. It just seemed that she was someone who would be here forever to answer our questions. I know she was a person of great patience and she never stopped giving me information.

In fact, I delivered one of my first books to her home. A few days later, I received a nice thank-you note from her and she noted that there were only a few errors.

Edna was a wonderful and brilliant person, and esteemed by all. It is my pleasure to dedicate this addendum to her.

Jan. 9 - 1987  
Dear Delight,  
Thank you for  
the great book you have  
written, a few minor  
errors. Thank You again  
Edna C. Guerrero

# Linguist worked to save Pomo language

By EMILY VIGLIELMO  
The Daily Journal

The Native American community of Mendocino County is mourning the loss of a gifted linguist who struggled to preserve her people's language and culture.

Edna Campbell Guerrero, a Pomo Indian woman, lived her entire 87 years in Potter Valley. She died Sunday.

Guerrero worked with linguists and scholars from prominent universities to preserve and maintain her native Northern Pomo tongue. She was one of only a handful of native speakers of Northern Pomo, according to Cathy O'Connor, an assistant professor of linguistics at Boston University.

O'Connor met Guerrero while she was a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley.

"In 1979 I started working with Edna on a grammar of the Northern Pomo language," O'Connor said. Even after O'Connor received her position in Boston, she returned every summer to work with Guerrero on the Native American language. The two developed teaching materials for the Northern Pomo tongue, one of seven Pomoan languages.

"She was extremely intelligent," O'Connor said of the Pomo woman. "She was an avid reader and a self-taught historian."

O'Connor said Guerrero would accompany archaeologists on digs to make sure they did not disturb sacred burial sites.

Archaeologist Sally McLendon worked with Guerrero for 35 years. McLendon is a professor of anthropology and linguistics at Hunter College and Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

According to McLendon, Guerrero helped found the Pomo Women's Club in the 1930s.

"They got together for social projects," McLendon said. The group bought wheelchairs for a senior center and did other charitable activities, but its focus "was to define Indian culture and identify it on their own terms," McLendon said.

The organization has put together many exhibits of Pomo baskets and other Native American crafts, she said.

McLendon marveled at how Guerrero remained steeped in her culture's ancient traditions and yet she was "completely modern. She was very forward-looking. She was concerned about Bosnia. She was concerned about Chiapas."

Guerrero's intellect impressed McLendon. "She had a linguist's mind," McLendon said.

The professors were also touched by Guerrero's personality and character.

"She was extremely independent with a very dry sense of humor," O'Connor said. "She had great strength of character," McLendon added.

Part of Guerrero's strength came from her faith. The Rev. Ray Dowdy, of the Potter Valley United Methodist Church, officiated at Thursday's memorial service for Guerrero.

"She took the best of Christianity and the best of her native traditions and lived according to both," Dowdy said. "Death held no fear for her. That is a sure sign of deep faith."

Guerrero is survived by her husband, Humberto Guerrero, and grandchildren Debbie McCosker of Potter Valley, Rita Seeman of Stockton, Joe Wright of Willits and Herbert Wright of Ukiah. She out-lived two daughters and a son. Guerrero also had numerous great and great-great grandchildren and other relatives in the area.

The family has requested donations in Guerrero's honor be made to the Arthritic Foundation or the Diabetes Foundation.



**Edna Guerrero holds an infant's Pomo basket in this 1982 photo. The Native American who worked to preserve the Pomo language died Sunday, Jan. 8, 1995**

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**EDNA CAMPBELL GUERRERO**

BORN: April 7, 1907  
DIED: January 8, 1995

Married to Humberto Guerrero

**CHILDREN:**

**LESTER SLOAN**

DIED: June, 1953. No children.

**FREMA WRIGHT**

BORN: May 3, 1925  
DIED February 19, 1985

**CHILDREN:**

HERB WRIGHT, married to Lyn. Lives in Ukiah.

CHILDREN: Tracy, 1 son  
Travis

JOE WRIGHT, married to Vivian, (divorced). Lives in Willits.

CHILDREN: Jolene, 1 son, 1 daughter, (twins)  
George  
Jonette

DEBBIE MCCOSKER, married to Stan, (divorced) Lives in Potter Valley.

CHILDREN: Kellie, expecting her first child in March, 1998

**AUDREY GASCON**

DIED: January, 1975

**CHILDREN**

RITA SEEMAN, married to Steve. Lives in Stockton.

CHILDREN: Arlene, 1 daughter, 1 son

### **THE HERBERT AND ELVA PICKLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Estate of Harry Pickle established this fund, in the memory of his parents, Herbert and Elva Spotswood Pickle, on January 10, 1989. The fund is administered by Wells Fargo Bank Trust Department. Income is derived from the estate's property and securities.

The graduating class of 1989 was the first to benefit from Mr. Pickle's bequest. Now all graduates of Potter Valley High School, past as well as present, are invited to apply to use this fund to help them with their undergraduate education.

The award of the scholarship funds occurs following the fall term to those students who have applied the prior spring. The student must complete 12 or more units with a 2.0, or better, grade point average. Eighty percent of the available funds, from interest and dividends is divided equally among the most recent graduates with a limit of \$2000.00 per applicant. The remaining twenty percent is divided among previous graduates who are continuing their undergraduate studies and meet the criteria.

It is estimated that the income to be given will be approximately \$25,000.00 per year, based on 1996 figures. In 1997 nine 1996 graduates and 14 prior graduates received scholarships from the fund.

The committee is composed of the High School Principal, High School Councilor and Nancy March as a Pickle family representative.

### **86-YEAR-OLD DEED CONVEYED LAND FOR POTTER SCHOOL**

(from a 1958 Daily Journal newspaper article)

Elmer E. Hopper, City electrician for a period of five years, was a visitor to the Daily Journal last week with an 86-year-old deed.

The deed, in perfect condition, was dated April 27, 1872. It conveyed "extensive land interests" to provide a site for the Potter Valley elementary school, and was conveyed by John Potter, Elmer's grandfather, who owned a strip of land through what is now the town of Potter Valley.

The school, which was erected shortly after the land transfer, was attended by Elmer when he was a small child.

Terms of the deed specified "that the school could be used for religious purposes if this did not interfere with school purposes."

It was witnessed by W.H. Baker.

### **STORY OF VINEGAR HILL - A GOOD "GRAPPO" STORY**

(As told to me April 19, 1964 by Bob Garzini and verified by his great nephew Gino Busch on July 28, 1997.)

In the early 1920's the highway was improved down through Coyote Valley (which is now covered by Lake Mendocino) and up along the hillside on the west.

On the hillside of the new road a large crew were working the road with horses and equipment, so they camped nearby. Each night the men congregated at the old homestead and Mr. Garzini Sr. passed a jug of family wine around the circle (during prohibition each grape grower was allowed to make a home supply and could offer a guest a drink of wine as long as no money was taken).

Mr. Garzini discovered his home supply was going down fast, so that night he passed around a jug of vinegar.

All the men raised the jug, took a drink and said nothing, passing it on to the next man.

The next night one of the men said "shall we go up to Vinegar Hill tonight?", Hence the name Vinegar Hill became the name of that hillside vineyard.

Larry Hamilton (Bob's stepson) told me that the high spot in the west side of Lake Mendocino is Vinegar Hill and also the area where water is tunneled to Redwood Valley is part of the same hillside.

## MONTY BYERS-IRIS HYBRIDIZER

The death of Monty Byers in 1991 was a blow to the local, district and national Irisarians. While still a high school student, Monty had developed quite a love of irises from his neighbor, Maynard Knopf, who was a hybridizer of merit.

Monty became especially interested in the unusual types of iris, specializing in the space agers (spoon and horned irises) and remontants (reblooming) irises.

As an iris judge, I was able, while judging at shows in California, to follow his progress. At his home in Potter Valley, Monty had done an extensive planting of seedlings.

At his death, his business "Moonshine Gardens", all his plantings, seedlings, and copyrighted names became the property (through sale) of Jack and Phyllis Dickey of Healdsburg. They have now transplanted what they chose to keep to their Healdsburg gardens called Misty Hills Farms and Moonshine Gardens.

We have just received word that Byers' iris, "Thornbird", was chosen as the Dykes Medal winner for 1997. This is the highest honor given in irisdom. Another Byers' iris, Conjunction, was given 3rd place. They are Space-Ager irises and both were introduced in 1989.

## MIDDLE MOUNTAIN

It has been brought to my attention that Middle Mountain, as listed on the map, consists of all the mountain to the east of Potter Valley from Eel River to beyond Guntley's on Highway 20.

In 1870 John D. Brower arrived in Potter Valley at which time he bought up and claimed almost 8000 acres of land on what became the Mid-Mountain Ranch running over the mountain to Short Canyon on Bucknell Creek, over to Pine Avenue and to Pomo in Lower Potter. His property adjoined the Hopper property on the north.

At his death in 1889, his wife kept the home and 32 acres, which is Twin Oaks Ranch. One daughter, Lily, had married John Redemeyer from Ukiah and he bought out the other heirs and sold the main ranch to Charles Hopkins and Mr. Edmunds.

During the 1930's, Charles Hopkins and sons, Eugene and Frank, owned 6500 acres over into Lake County which they sold twice.

At some time this became mostly Hopkins property. Hopkins sold a large part of this place to Charles and Lois Anderson about 1935. They grazed it and then rented it out. Harry Cook then bought the ranch. It was sold about 1940 to Ukiah Pine Lumber Company, who operated it as Mid Mountain Ranch Co. and was stocked with cattle.

A real estate company eventually bought Mid Mountain Ranch and divided it into a large subdivision of 40 acre bottom land and 160 acre hill units for sale. There are 46 divisions. The only dates I have are that Howard and Millie La Rue bought their place in 1974, Ray Sheltons in 1977.

## MILLS

In 1937 a mill was built which washed out in the high water of the 1937-38 winter. See Acorns to Oaks page 87.

"Mills of Mendocino County" printed 1996 by Mendocino County Historical Society continues on page 84, that Ukiah Pine Lumber Company bought the mill in 1937 and sold it to Coleman Wheeler in 1942-1943. "He had 2 partners-Archie Hessman and Floyd Crenshaw.

In 1959, Frank Crawford became the owner.

In 1968, Georgia Pacific was the owner.

In 1970, Louisiana Pacific (L.P.)

I have been told that Ukiah Pine opened with two timber fallers-Emerson Brooks and Dyton Bonham. Emerson stayed on until he retired.

The mill closed in 1990-a sad day for Potter Valley. In 1996 they completely cleared the grounds except one small cottage; and Archie Hessman's home and 17 acres near the dam which have been sold to Wesley and Jan Fairbairn.

## **PINE AVENUE ESTATES**

It surprises me how many early settlers in Potter Valley settled on the higher ground on the east side of the valley. It must have been because of so many small tributaries, scattered here and there over the mountain, running into Burright Creek which no doubt ran over much of Wilson Burright's 360 acre property for which he had received a land patent card in 1868. Burright's brother-in-law, Henry Cox and son, also had 180 acres each (Mrs. Burright and Mr. Cox were aunt and uncle of C.R. Fairbairn of Ukiah. He is the father of Wes Fairbairn who married Jan Eddie Phillips.)

The Cox's did not stay very long; they moved back to Geyserville.

Mr. Millington Goforth had also settled in the area and was still here, perhaps Mr. Goforth bought up these smaller ranches in the years he lived here before moving on the Covelo.

In 1887 the two homesteads of Goforth and a Mr. Shoky totaling 1800 acres were sold to Henry Bonnifield (father of well known local 94 year old Pearl Poulos).

Pearl Poulos has many happy memories of her life on the ranch and her friends she made at the Pomo School. It was a long muddy walk to school daily. She recalls one shaded place up Burright Creek on which grew beautiful ferns and wild flowers. (see page 198 for Bonnifield family members)

In 1916 the boys in the large family had grown up and Pearl needed to go to High School. Mr. Bonnifield had an opportunity to sell the ranch to Mr. Pearl Vaughn and moved to Ukiah. Pearl remembers her father had built a dam for irrigation of alfalfa.

Records show Pine Avenue Estates start at the end of Pine Avenue where the county road ends after crossing the bridge over Burright Creek.

There was a small ranch near by the ranch house (which I will call the Near Home) owned by Mr. Pemberton. In 1940, when Harry Cook bought his share of the Mid Mountain Ranch, he also bought the Pemberton place for his son Merle and family. It has just been sold to a recent buyer of a Pine Avenue Estate adjoining the Pemberton property.

The next sale I found is to Williard Shanklin then recorded in 1927 to Avis A. Franklin (formerly Avis Shanklin Bassett). Avis Bassett deeded (by grant) to Federal Land Bank of Berkeley.

The next notarized transaction on January 13, 1940, is to Dumas and Wilma Testa. A Joint Tenancy deed was given to Palmire Testa and Nicola Testa.

Russell and Anne Near became owners of the property in 1946.

In August 1947, Leo Burns granted in joint tenancy to Russell and Anne Near for Burns property. (To correct an error dated August 25, 1947) Dated September 24, 1948.

The Nears had one daughter-Timothy when they arrived in the valley. Later Holly, Fred and Laurel were born. They were very talented children and the three girls have continued on in their abilities.

Holly writes of singing in the wide outdoors at what she called Spring Flat. Her powerful voice must have echoed for miles around.

I recall, with great pleasure, being invited to the Nears for their annual Christmas tree hunt and potluck dinner.

In March 1964, the Nears gave a grant deed to Frank and Bonita Vermillion.

On December 24, 1973, a corporation Grant Deed was given to Rigid Construction naming Duane R. and Catherine R. Foord, husband and wife as joint tenants as to an undivided one-half interest, and Marvin Aultman and Joyce D. Aultman, husband and wife as joint tenants as to an undivided one-half interest.

This must have been the beginning of the sale of Pine Avenue Estates. The Hansens-Harold (Hal) and Louise, arrived in Potter Valley in 1974-were shown the Near Ranch which had been divided into four-forty acre plots and the balance of the ranch into 160 acre sections.

While Frank Vermillion owned the property there was a bad fire at the ranch house which had been more or less rebuilt previously by the Nears.

The house and barn and 40 acre plot was selected by the Hansens who did some remodeling and restoration of the home.

Although I am familiar with several of the homes and owners, I have omitted the other names to preserve their privacy. Needless to say, their share of the Middle Mountain adds much to the beautification of Potter Valley.

There are 25 plots in Pine Avenue Estates.

### **A CHEAP RANCH**

The Griffitt family also owned a large acreage on Middle Mountain and over into Lake County. They could enter their property either by Pine Avenue or Burris Lane.

To go by Pine Avenue they went just beyond the Near Home, turned to the right and went south east toward their property. October 30, 1912, Frank Griffitt sold an unknown amount of acres to Jesse Pickle for a 10 dollar gold coin. This is not a fish tale. Mr. Griffitt's granddaughter told it to me and I have heard it from someone else. To say the least, Jesse Pickle was my mother-in-laws brother. Pearl Poulos said she remembers the place well and that her sister Mattie and husband Bruce Walker lived on it after Jesse and Julie Pickle moved on to Ukiah.

### **BILL PAULI'S ILLUSTRIOUS LIFE**

In a recent article in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat Daily Paper, I had the pleasure of reading all the articles I had been saving until after December 10, 1997-election time. It is now confirmed that Bill Pauli has been elected President of the California State Farm Bureau.

I remember that young boy who came to our house to consult with my husband concerning a loan for a 4-H project. We watched his future grow for all the years in between, and as long as my husband lived, he and Bill were very good business friends. It has been interesting following his comings and goings in the Farm Bureau Magazine.

Besides co-owning Braren-Pauli Winery at his home, Bill and his wife, Janet, also own 500+ acres of grapes and are now co-owners with Charles and Martha Barra at Weibel's Winery north of Calpella-now called Redwood Valley Cellars.

### **THIS PAST CENTURY IN POTTER VALLEY**

Having arrived here in Potter Valley at the end of the first quarter in this 20th Century and calling this my home until the last quarter is nearly over, gives me a wide scope of comparisons.

I'd like to give you a few ideas of the comparable changes in my 75 years.

At that time very few homes had less than 20-40 acres. The big 1-5 acre split came on gradually during the 1930's depression and then approximately 10 years after World War II.

Many people had somehow found Potter Valley, especially city people coming through to Lake Pillsbury, San Hedrin and Hull Mountains for summer camping and fall deer hunting.

The mill had started two shifts a day so the need for homes became a necessity.

The population figure has changed from about 400 in the 1920's to 2874 in 1990.

Fifty years ago I could walk all the 3 1/2 miles from our home near the Power House to the post office and store without seeing a car on the road-not even an "Irrigation District" pickup!

## "THE CHARGE OF THE WINE BRIGADE"

Gradually, over the past 20 years or so, a completely different planting has covered much of our terrain; both good and not so fertile land, and especially on the hillside acreage.

1996 and 1997 have seen a drastic change of plowing up clover land, falling trees and clearing brush to the planting of acres and acres of new grapes.

Grapes are not new to this valley. Twenty five to forty years ago this valley had at least five large grape vineyards, namely, Lee Goodrich in Lower East Potter; Gus Spotswood on West Road; Frank Gibson and George Burkhart on Gibson Land and Lee Williams on Hawn Creek Road.

These grapes had not been grafted on disease resistant roots, so the lifetime of these first grape vineyards was short, because of being infested with Phylloxera disease.

The planting of new grapes started, I think, about 1970. Skip Lovin bought part of the Briggs Ranch on Gibson Lane and Busch Lane and we think began the gradual "Back to Grapes Brigade".

About 1975 Larry Thornton and Frank Branson bought the Burkhart land on Gibson Lane and planted it to grapes.

Barbara Grasso and son Neil began buying land and planting on the old Neil property running from East Road across the river to West Road. This vineyard proved to be outstanding with such healthy looking vines and fruit.

Matheu Vineyards extensively planted grapes in the 1970's on the old Finis Vann property and part of the Newman Ranch which George Douglas had owned.

Further south on West Road, Weibel planted both sides of West Road.

Then, I think, all this time Bill Pauli had been planting grapes on the land he owned and acquired.

McGuinness McFadden has long had grapes on some very productive soil in upper Potter on the old Hughes Ranch.

In Lower Potter, Rich LaMalfa has a vineyard, south and east of East Road at the bridge.

Lillian Kimmel planted grapes in 1984.

In the Pomo area, Ken Todd has planted a vineyard.

Two small vineyards up Pine avenue are among the latest plantings that I know of.

Harvey sold what had been part of the Lierly, then Jim Eddie property in early days to a Mr. Abramson and the "Brigade" was on. Such beautiful machinery of all kinds as we have seen go through the valley this past year.

Then we go to Burris Lane, the Carpenter property, now owned by Robin Moerman has been planted extensively to grapes. In 1997, the Simmerly property was sold to become a grape vineyard.

The McMenomey family (Bob, Scott and John), Bob on his ranch on east Main Street; and the sons on their new land next to the cemetery, down to the river.

Turning from Main Street into East Road-Frey Vineyards have bought the Fairbairn property (the old Bevans home and 17 acres) and some other former Bevans property in the back.

Leo Kaye sold (the Brush property) to Brent Domenichelli for a vineyard.

Bill Domenichelli and Ken Todd have bought and split the vineyard which was Frank Hopkins property on the east side of East Road.

Past the Charles Hopkins house at Pomo the vineyards behind where the Griffitt home (which burnt) and now a trailer stands belong to Barbara Grasso and son Neil.

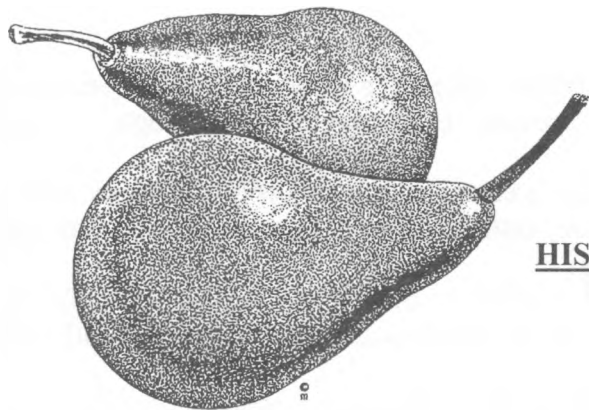
Neil Grasso is also planting grapes on the West Road coming north, next to Brown property.

Nina Fields is the new owner of the Simmerly property on Burris Lane, destined for grapes.

I have been told that it takes four years from planting to production time, tying up at least \$10,000. per acre.

There have been more grapes planted all this season and at last count twelve new ponds have been built. On West Road a late spring frost hit a large area of grapes this year.





## HISTORY OF PEAR ACREAGE

### 1920 to 1940

L. Goodrich .....	10
R. Ingels .....	30
H. Cleland .....	120
Bicknell .....	20
G. Spotswood .....	10
Cunningham .....	100
W. Brooks .....	15
C. Eddie .....	25
M. Perkins .....	60
Ziana-Butler .....	20
O. Filben .....	15
J.J. Furber .....	30
C. Hardisty .....	10
H. Dashiell .....	15
H. Addams .....	15
R. Boynton .....	15
J.J. Thornton .....	40
O. Frost .....	15
H. Brooks .....	15
H. Basford-Johnson ....	30
J. Crawford .....	5
C. Busch .....	10
E. March .....	15
O. Busch .....	15
S. Clark .....	30
T. Gallagher .....	10
F. Gibson .....	10
Foster-Farnsworth .....	15
Prager-Murdock .....	30
G. Burkhardt .....	10
B. Whittaker .....	5
L. Hughes .....	10
L. Grover .....	10

TOTAL ..... 790 acres

### 1940-1997

D. Todd .....	5
G. Todd .....	45
D. Todd .....	40
R. Freeman .....	15
R. Boynton .....	35
B. Pauli .....	20
J. March .....	30
C. March .....	10
E. Pauli .....	30
J. Brooks .....	20
B. Elmer .....	45
L. Thornton .....	35
L. Thornton .....	50
S. Thornton .....	50

TOTAL ..... 430 acres

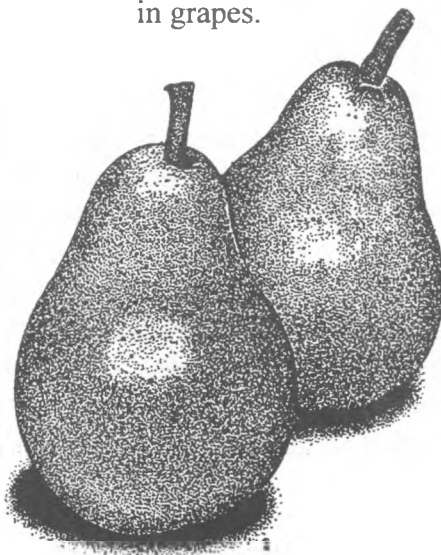
1947 - Vernon Clark went into partnership with his father, Scott Clark.

1962 - Nesbit planted 38 Acres

1966 - Nesbit sold to Vernon Clark.

Vernon Clark sold fathers pear acreage to Emmit.

1989 Vernon Clark sold Nesbit property to Bill & Janet Pauli and is now planted in grapes.



## POTTER VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Potter Valley Community Health Center has grown in the fifteen years since its doors on Main Street first opened. The Center is now open six days a week, providing low-cost health care for more people than ever before.

Community members have come to recognize some familiar faces at the Health Center. Primary medical services continue to be provided by Ross Ritter, Physician Assistant, with Dr. Jack Power as medical Director since 1991. The medical staff includes a full-time registered nurse.

In 1989 the Health Center expanded, adding three rooms in order to offer dental services. Dr. Timothy Ruffner has been the full-time dentist since 1991. The dental staff also now includes three part-time dentists and a part-time hygienist.

To provide clients and staff with much-needed elbow room, as well as to meet a growing need for dental services, in 1997 the Health Center completed another building expansion. The project was funded by a low-interest loan from the State of California and a grant from The California Endowment. The waiting room was enlarged and remodeled, making for a more comfortable visit, and office space was extended. More dental operatories were added, for a total of five.

The Health Center has weathered ups and downs in public funding, and has been through many changes in staff. In 1994, Ross Ritter took on the additional job of executive director. The former progress Club building is currently used as office space for some administrative work, as well as for the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors.

Over the years, community members from all walks of life have served on the volunteer Board of directors. Dr. James Katzel, the Center's original Medical Director, is currently a member of the Board.

The Health Center's client population has also grown. In addition to more Potter Valley residents, numerous patients now come from neighboring areas, such as nearby Lake County. Many patients are Hispanic agricultural workers and their families. Many are senior citizens, and as always, many are the children of the community.

Despite the changes, the mission of the health Center remains the same: to provide low-cost, high-quality health care for all who need it in this small rural area.

*Christina Kelly, Director  
October 28, 1997*

## CARL ALBERT PURPUS

Carl Albert Purpus, a German-born, world renowned botanist, first came to the United States in 1894.

He came representing the Dormstadt Botanical Gardens-as a collector of winter-hardy plants. He was recognized in 1898 by the University and Jepson Herbaria, University of California, Berkeley, for his 2000 varieties of plants that he found in the Sierra Nevada area-and Owens Valley, California.

In writing about the area around Mt. Whitney in the Sierra Nevadas, Purpus says "One feels overwhelmed, as if placed in another world, when viewing these gray-white giants...All these toothlike peaks drop precipitously eastward in every sense of the word, the easternmost more than 3400 meters straight down in to the Owens river Valley. The view from this precipice is truly terrifying."

It is known that while in the area he stayed from time to time with his cousin, Nettie Purpus Graves, in Potter Valley, California. Nettie also helped him search for local plants.

(The above information came from an abstract Reprinted From... The Mary DeDecker Symposium-Plant Biology of Eastern California-Barbara Ertter, Collections Manager, University and Jepson Herbaria, Berkeley, California. After publishing my first book, I was contacted by Barbara Ertter concerning the whereabouts of Nettie Purpus a relation of Carl Albert Purpus.)

I knew Nettie Purpus to have been Nettie Graves, wife of Sam Graves and mother of Eva Graves Foster and Clyde Graves. Barbara Ertter sent me this material June 13, 1990. On her trip to Potter Valley, she contacted Nettie's daughter, Eva Graves Foster who is still living at age 91. (see Graves p. 240)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

UNIVERSITY HERBARIUM  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA  
94720

12 June 1990

Dear Mrs. Shelton,

Here are the items that I told you on the phone that I wanted to send to you, in thanks for your efforts assisting me in gathering information on Carl Albert Purpus's connection to Potter Valley. Enclosed are several photocopy reduction of actual dried plant specimens collected by C. A. and his cousin Nettie in Potter Valley in the 1890's, deposited in the University of California herbarium. There are many others; these are just a sample that were readily on hand. Also included is the only article I have published thus far on C. A. Purpus. I plan on publishing a more complete biography eventually, but in the meantime (while I continue gathering information on his early years) I have had the opportunity to present slide shows on his travels, consisting primarily of pictures of the places where he botanized. I was fortunate enough to take some lovely slides of Potter Valley during my visit, which have been used in these talks.

I enjoyed meeting you and have very much appreciated your assistance.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ertter  
Collections Manager



BRANDEGEE HERBARIUM



BRANDEGEE HERBARIUM  
CALIFORNIA

*Collinsia Rattani* Gray

J. Swan  
1935

*Nettie Purpus, June - 1898.  
Potter Valley region.*

## SCHOOLS

The schools have grown from three large one major room school houses in 1890 to one large four room building for both grammar and high school in 1921 to moving the high school across the river to the old Centerville School in 1928; and at which time the grammar school completely took over the 1921 building.

As noted previously the new gymnasium and the elementary building were built in 1954. So now what to do about the high school? The private high school had been using the Centerville, or Oriental School, plus the rooms at the Fountain Building until 1977.

The fall of 1977 found the Potter Valley Unified School District in full force at the Potter Valley Centerville Building.

The School Board had leased some portable buildings.

Eventually, the Potter Valley School Board (see pgs. 28 & 29-Janet Chaniot) were able to construct the new high school on the grounds of the 1921 building and it was completed in 1983.

Soon after, the District Office was moved across the bridge to the old original Oriental School building.

Don Corbett, a 1946 Potter Valley High School graduate verified that they started playing football here in September 1946.

In 1995 Potter Valley became a California Distinguished School.

Fred Austin, a native Potter Valleyite, attended school here playing football all through high school. He next went to Napa Junior College. He then attended and graduated from Humboldt State.

In 1977, he returned to Potter Valley as their football coach where he continues in that capacity this year 1997-and hopefully many more seasons!

The Potter Valley Football Field was dedicated in 1997 to Fred Austin at the graduation ceremony.

The office of the Superintendent of the Potter Valley School kindly gave me these 2 pages of figures. In case there is someone still wondering what ADA means-this document should answer your questions. It must be noted that 1997 had the largest graduating class to graduate from this school.

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### **POTTER VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS JUNE 30, 1996**

#### **I THE CONCEPT OF "GOING CONCERN"/STATE CODE 30000 (Continued)**

The General Fund balance has remained relatively stable during the past five years. The current balance almost equals that of the 1992-93 year.

<u>Average Daily Attendance</u>			
<u>June 30</u>	<u>P2-ADA</u>	<u>June 30</u>	<u>P2-ADA</u>
1986	438	1992	428
1987	436	1993	420
1988	432	1994	422
1989	437	1995	449
1990	444	1996	463
1991	424	1997	419

Average daily attendance has generally remained consistent for the past eleven years, but is 25 ADA above that of the 1985-86 year.

#### Cash Balance

<u>Cash</u>	<u>Average Cash</u>
<u>June 30, 1996</u>	<u>Outlay one Month</u>
\$445,651	<u>1995-96 year</u>
	\$223,592

Cash availability at the 1995-96 year-end was equal to approximately two month' average cash outlay.

#### Fund Balance

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Budgeted General Fund</u>
<u>June 30, 1996</u>	<u>total Outlay</u>
\$501,875	<u>1996-97</u>
	\$2,951,360

The year-end available fund balance was equal to Sixty-Two days of budgeted total outlay for the ensuing period.

## AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE (ADA)

### How does the District earn money?

The District primarily earns income through enrollment converted to Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Enrollment is simply the total number of students enrolled in our school; ADA is the Average Daily Attendance of those enrolled students. Average Daily Attendance computations are important because they are used as the basis for most of the District's General fund and Categorical revenue. The chart is based on P2 from our audit report for years 1988-1997 and estimated ADA for 1998-2000. The trend is pointing toward a steady decline. The district receives two types of funding within the revenue limit. Our K-8 and Continuation high school students are funded on our revenue limit allocation. The high school is on the Necessary Small School formula which is currently at the 121 funding level. Our enrollment at the high school is decreasing. As of September 3 it was 118 enrolled. That is below the 121 funding band. If it does go up by April 15, 1998, and the high school falls to the 106 funding level, a decrease will be made to our revenue for the 1998-99 fiscal year. The next funding band is 91-105 ADA. The K-8 revenue limit for 97-98 is based on 289 ADA and as of September 3 the enrollment was 266 which could be 260 ADA.

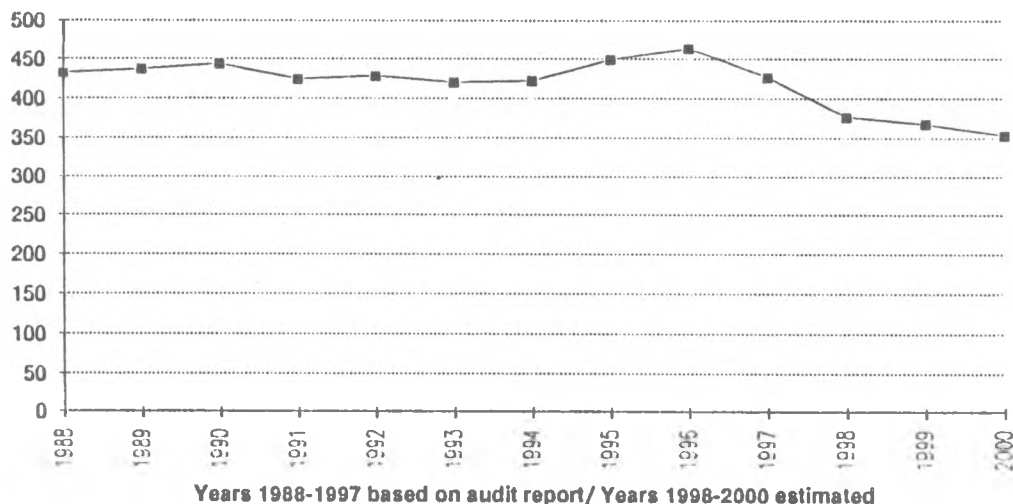
The state budget is positive for education. The challenge for Potter Valley is declining enrollment. We are experiencing less students attending our schools. Historically the district has been able to maintain our ADA in the 400's. It appears that it may fall below that mark. When that happens it effects everyone. The effect won't be felt until next years budget. Our funding will remain under the higher ADA calculation for one year. The law allows school districts to claim the prior years ADA calculation if it is higher than current year. By design it enables the district time needed to make important decisions about reductions.

All major funding is based on ADA calculations. As it declines, the funding does the same. All categoricals will be reduced, along with transportation, revenue limit and necessary small school. The district appears to be in a downward spiral. How far will it go?

Yes, more money is available for districts that stay status quo or are growing. For declining districts, it is not good. The Media continues to reinforce "all the money" for education. Our district need the ***"students sitting in the desks"*** to reverse what we predict is the trend.

The district will continue to monitor closely the average daily attendance.

Average Daily Attendance - Historical Trend





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DATE: November 17, 1997  
TO: Delight Shelton  
FROM: Michael M. Delbar  
First District Supervisor  
RE: PV Diversion Update

Here is the information that I have since the last printing of *Acorn to Oaks* (since 1981):

The agreement between PG&E and FERC was renewed in 1983 for another 50 years. It will expire in April of 2022. Part of the stipulation to that agreement was that PG&E would 1) build a fish screen and 2) perform a ten-year biological study to ascertain possible impacts to the fisheries in the Eel River.

The fish screen was recently completed at a cost of about \$16 million. The fish study was performed during times of lower-than-average rainfall and obviously without the benefit of the fish screen. Based on the results of this study, the Potter Valley Review Committee of PG&E, US Fish & Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Fish and Game, Round Valley Indian Tribe, and Potter Valley Irrigation District with FERC are in the midst of negotiations on the continued diversion levels. It is anticipated that the Potter Valley Review Committee will request a change in the flows, most likely a decrease in the spring and fall levels. With the rapidly-expanding grape industry in Potter Valley, a decrease in spring flows is of particular concern for frost protection.

We must keep in mind that the diversion amounts to only about three percent of the total flow of the Eel River. Some Humboldt county interests are determined to shut the diversion down, and have claimed that over 85% of the Eel River is diverted through Potter Valley, an obviously and grossly inaccurate statement.

The California Department of Fish and Game require minimum flows on the Russian River to protect some fish species. Variable by season, the average flow for fish is approximately 35 cubic feet per second. A total of 140,000 to 160,000 acre feet are diverted annually through the tunnel. Potter Valley Irrigation District uses 20,000 acre feet for irrigation.

Negotiations between the Potter Valley Review Committee and FERC are expected to be preliminarily completed in the spring of 1998. It will be imperative that we work to maintain the total flow level through the tunnel and make sure that any modification is based on the most accurate science possible.

I will be in San Francisco this entire week, so it will probably be difficult to reach me. If you have any further questions or need any more information or details, Janet Pauli is the source for this update and is extremely knowledgeable about the entire process. She can be reached at 743-1173.

I hope this helps. I am looking forward to the updated version of *Acorn to Oaks*!

# NEWSLETTER

Volume 1

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December 1997

## Introducing PVYCC...

by Ed Nickerman

A year and a half after the tragic deaths of three of our young people, Raina, Katherine and Elizabeth, the Potter Valley Youth Community Center has opened its doors. The center is now housed in a rented facility behind the Potter Valley School District Office. After several unsuccessful attempts to purchase a facility, the Potter Valley School Board generously agreed to rent a part of the District's Office to the center. We are happy in our new location and pleased that the Potter Valley School Board has provided a facility for activities for the youth and the community of Potter Valley. The Potter Valley Youth Community Center Board is responsible for the operation, maintenance, insurance and scheduling of activities. The PVYCC operates under the umbrella of the Potter Valley Ed Fund and welcomes participation by the entire Potter Valley Community.

On Sunday, December 14, the Potter Valley Youth Community Center will celebrate their Grand Opening with an open house from 1-5 p.m. at 10500 Main Street (the Potter Valley School District Office). The 4-H members will be cooking and serving food. Come join us on the 14th!

First opened to the community on November 1, the Potter Valley Youth community Center is open daily from 3-5 p.m. Tutoring, supervised homework, games, pool, crafts, and socializing take place every afternoon under the direction and supervision of Coni Shepard, the Center's Director. Special activities are scheduled for evenings and weekends.

On November 14, the PVYCC held a story hour for young children. The Parents and children alike were entertained by The readings of Granny (Lydia Palma) and Mrs. Grouchenstein (Cory Ramirez).

November 22, the Center was open to the community to celebrate the end of the football season following the playoff game with St. Bernard's. A spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by more than 80 community members that night.

Every Monday night the Center is available for football fans to watch Monday night football. Many activities have been scheduled for the coming months. The Center welcomes all! Come see what we are doing, lend a hand, share ideas, and support our young people and our community.

### Board members are:

Ed Nickerman

Earl Preffer

Dan Gamble

Kim Lyly

Director is: Coni Shepard

Jan Nickerman

Sandy Preffer

Kathy Gamble

## Special Events

### December 14

GRAND OPENING

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### December 20

High School  
Christmas dinner

7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

### December 22

Storytime Hour

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### Regular Hours

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday

### Jr. & High Students Only

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Every

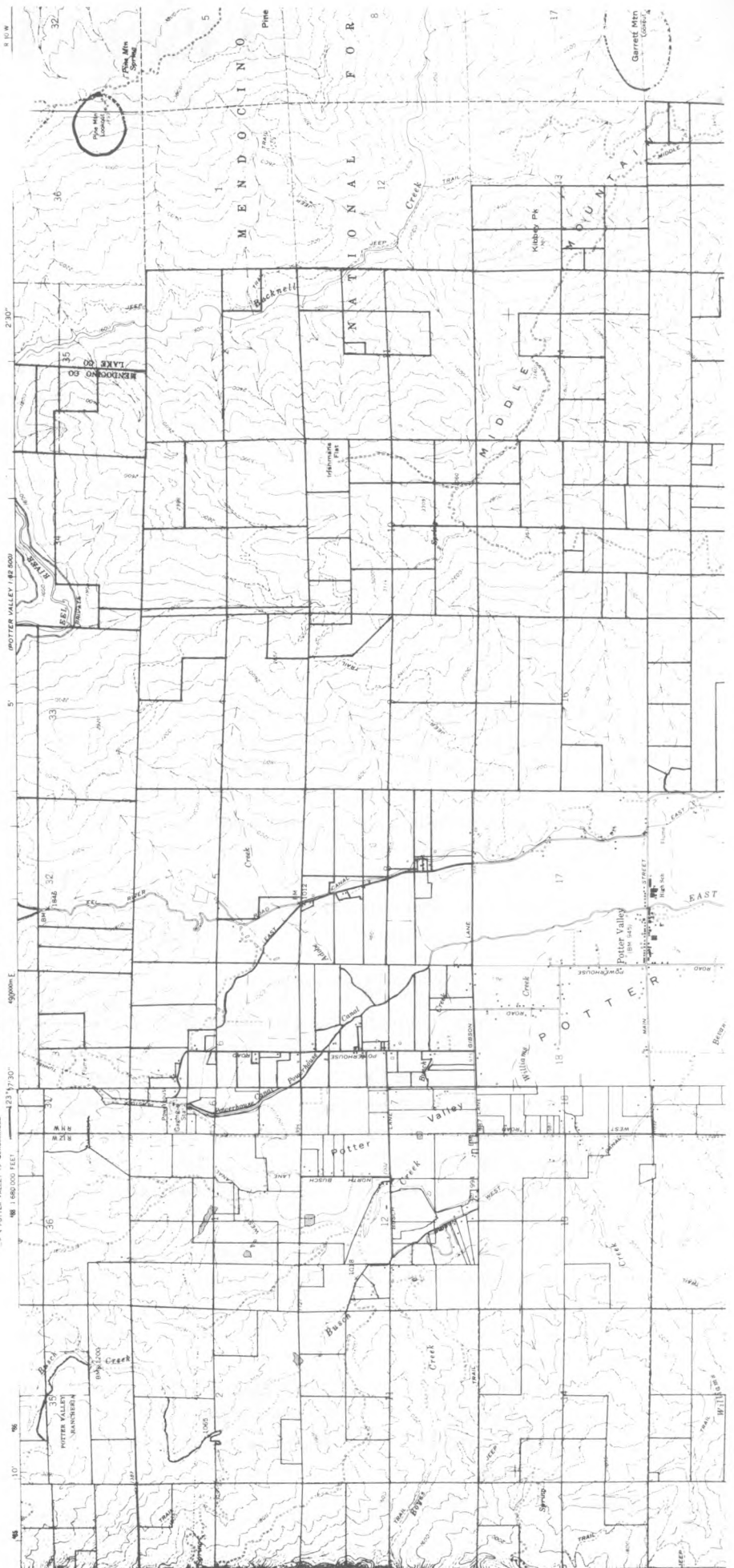
Friday night

### High Students Only

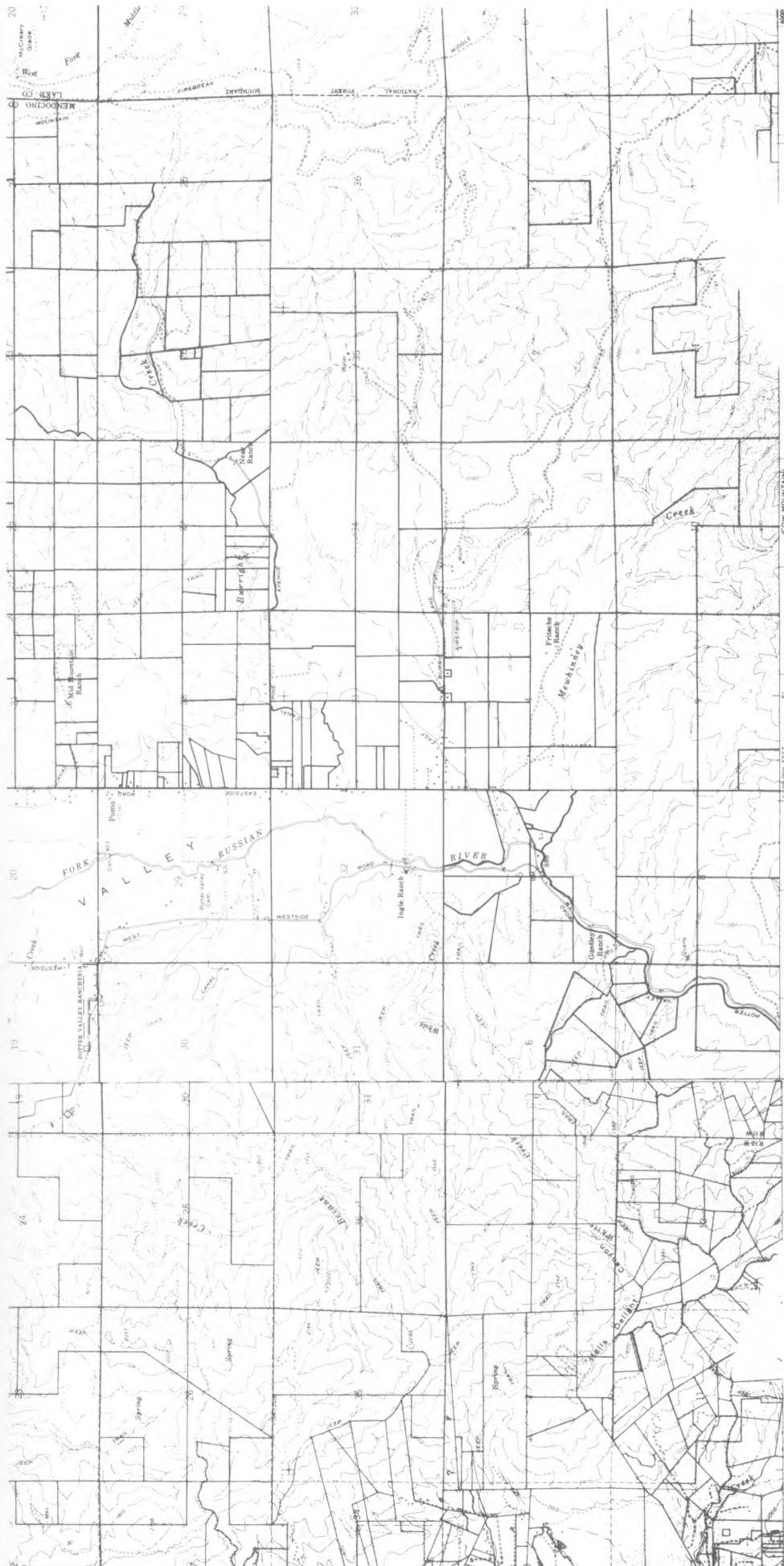
7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Every

Saturday night







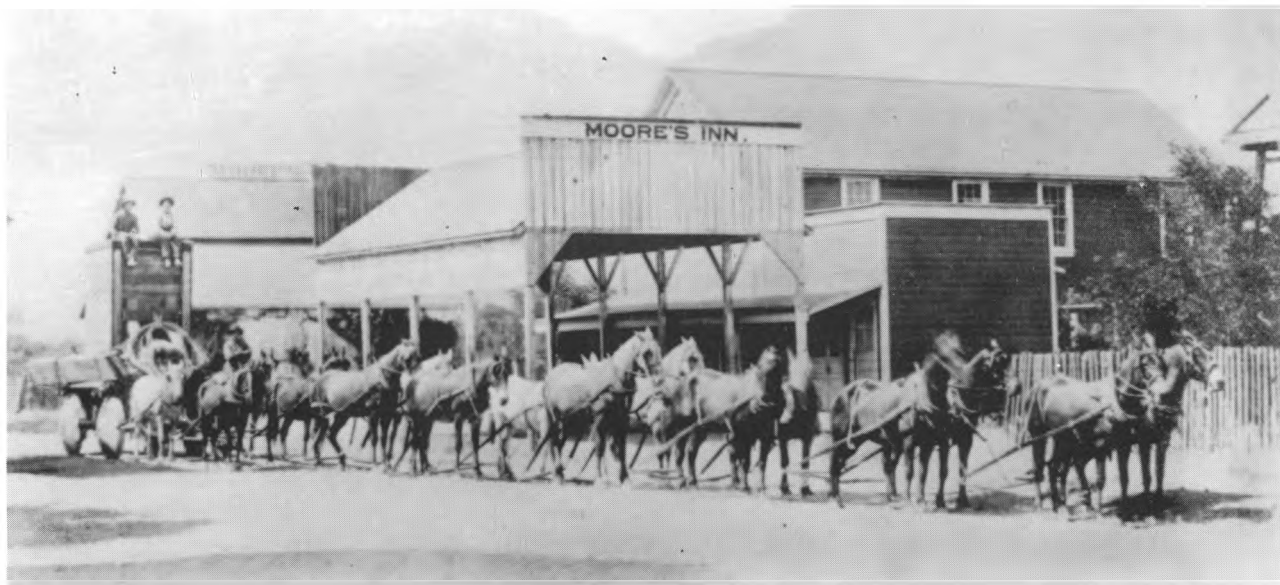


ASSESSOR'S PARCELS DATE: June 1980 DRAWN BY: VM  
(Some Are Not Legal Parcels)

Photographs from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
and photographs taken 1967. Field check 1960  
Stereoscopic projection. 1927 North American datum  
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Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks  
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET  
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 20-FOOT CONTOURS  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH  
APPROXIMATE MEAN  
MAGNETIC DECLINATION 1980



The Forks - 1906, 16 horse and mule team driven by William Wilson hauling generator to the Potter Valley Power Plant.  
Photo credit - Robert J. Lee, Collection



Construction of Snow Mountain Power and Water Company dam and tunnel - 1896 - Superintendent on the job was Michael E. Brooks. Photo credit - Robert J. Lee, Collection



Gavin Hardware Store - 1908 - left to right - John (Jack) Gavin, Henry Sweeney, Jim Thornton, Mr. Kilburn, Irvine Sides, Mr. Washburn, Gene Maze, George Comil, Albert Sides and Johnnie Gavin. Burned in 1936-25-  
Picture courtesy of Margaret Gavin Geary.





Gavin & Davis Blacksmithing - 1908 - George Comil, Henry Sweeney, Gene Maze, Mr. Kilburn, Jim Thornton, Mr. Washburn, George Davis, John (Jack) Gavin. Situated across from the Potter Valley Store, burned in 1925. Picture courtesy of Tom Hopper.



Potter Valley School Kids - taken about 1930 something. In back sitting - Dick Smalley & Marion Foster. Standing left to right - Tommie Smalley, Bill Wolley, Clyde Zortman. The girl is Willie May Gavin. Courtesy of Willie May Gavin Taylor.



Pine Mountain lookout on the other side of Middle Mountain (circled on map - page 338)-Clyde Foster and his 3-C crew 1935 or 36. Left side window - Clyde O. Foster - U.S. Forest Service, right side window - Marion F. Foster. Picture courtesy of Harley Foster.

## NEW BUSINESSES AND BUSINESSES STILL GOING SINCE 1986

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THESE ARE THE BUSINESSES THAT WE CONTACTED, IT IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST.

Keene Pallet Company (see story on p.88) changed owners in February 1995. Keeping the same business, the name was changed in 1997 to Pallet Pallet Co. It is now part of a Toronto, Canada, publicly-owned company with a board of directors and is the largest pallet company in the United States with facilities nationwide.

Dan Gamble stayed on as a stockholder and is general manager.



Mathews Realty sold to Beverly Sanders' Realty in 1995. Lorraine Mathews is still employed there.



Bruce and Ellen Strickler do business as B and E Ranch and Timber. Bruce Strickler is a Forester II for research management and a registered professional forester.



BES Hydro Inc. are at the spillway bridge on Power House Road. They began the business in 1987.

Owners are: Bruce and Ellen Strickler

Warren and Wilda Bilstein

Dan and Alice Todd

William and Francis Todd Estate



A video store was opened by Linda Smith, called Smith's Video and was purchased by Lisa Spiteri in January 1997 and is now called Lisa's Video.



Old Oak Printing was opened in 1992. Larry Edwards and Anna Leher-Nelson are partners and run the print shop out of their homes on Todd Lane.



Visions Hair Design at 10275 Main Street was opened in 1991 and is owned by Debra Pacheco.



The Honorable Jane Company, a wholesale tea and tea ware business, was established January of 1996 and opened it's doors at 10209 Main Street in August of 1996. The owners are Peggy Kingman and David Turner.



AARDVARK Industries is still in business on Main Street doing general home repair.



The garage at the corner of Main and Power House Road is changing to a new business. Dan Gurley is opening Dan's Saw and Equipment Repair.



Eel River Fuels has incorporated and moved to 3371 N. State St. in Ukiah to a card-lock gas station. They have added the Monitor Line of kerosene heaters.



Jeanette Stroh's Country Kitchen is going strong and growing. Her daughter Debbie and family have just moved back to Potter Valley and Debbie has gone into the business with her.



Red Tail Farms, a wholesale nursery opened on Busch Lane in 1988, and is owned by Alison & Tom Gervase.



Advanced Veterinary Services owned by Drs. Richard and Erin Brazil specialize in large animal veterinarian medicine and surgery. They are located at 8001 Old Wagon Road.



Neil Elmer started Elmers Heirloom in 1993 and creates beautiful furniture.



Dan Thornton has branched out and bought the Scotts Valley Pear Packing business.

Sylver Trees owned by Ina Silverwood started in 1991 performing reforestation, tree planting and star thistle rangeland control.



Papa's Pizza 'N' More started business in December of 1995 at 10761 Main Street and is one of three locations in Lake and Mendocino County that owner Michael Stafford has opened.



Michelsen and Witt Large Animal Practice is owned by Paul Michelsen and Michael Witt and started in April 1995. They offer mobile large animal veterinary services, travelling all over Lake and Mendocino Counties to make ranch calls.



A Bamboo Shoots Nursery, owned by Harriette Lowrie, started in 1993. She has over 100 species of bamboo that is mail ordered all over the world.

Dave Lowrie started LADD construction in 1970 and does construction with concrete pumping. Right now he is building concrete dome houses.

Together, Dave, Harriette and kids own the Mid Mountain Watusi Ranch where they raise rare African Watusi cattle. They hope to help preserve the breed as there are only around 5000 cattle outside of Africa and those in Africa are being wiped out because of all the tribal warfare that is going on. They show the Watusi cattle at local and state fairs and also sell them.



Cal's Hay and Grain started by Calvin Akins in 1990 was bought by his stepdaughter, Edith Langley, in February of 1997. They sell, of course, hay and grain and also propane. It is operated out of the old Coolidge Service Station on Main Street.



Craig Bach started his business, Bach Electric, in Potter Valley in 1983 working in residential, commercial and alternative energy.



## **POULOS VETERINARY IMAGING**

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Potter Valley, CA 95469  
Tel/Fax 707-743-2621

### **DR. PAUL W. POULOS, JR., D.V.M., Ph.D**

Dr. Poulos is internationally renowned for his studies and publications on bone diseases of domestic animals. In the course of his academic career, Dr. Poulos has written or co-authored forty-five scientific articles and two book chapters on various aspects of veterinary imaging on subjects varying from contrast studies to ultrasound guided biopsy techniques. Dr. Poulos is the co-author of a text book on equine radiology. He has frequently been invited to speak at meetings throughout the world, including the United States, Europe, Mexico and the former Soviet Union.

Following graduation from the University of California at Davis in 1960, Dr. Poulos founded a private practice in Northern California. In 1972, he returned to U.C. Davis for specialty training in radiology where he was admitted by examination to the College of Veterinary Radiology. While developing his Ph.D. program, Dr. Poulos moved to Sweden to complete his training at the Royal Veterinary College in Stockholm where he was awarded the degree of Veterinary Medicine Doctorate (Ph.D) for his thesis on Osteochondrosis, in 1977. Poulos has been an Associate Professor of Radiology at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. From 1983 to 1990, Dr. Poulos was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Radiology and for two years chaired the departments of Radiology and Experimental Pathology at University of Florida, Gainesville.

Dr. Poulos left academic in 1990 to establish Poulos Veterinary Imaging, a consulting practice in veterinary radiology and ultrasound based in Potter Valley, California. He is also Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Genetic Disease Control in Animals (GDC).

(Dr. Poulos is a former Potter Valley High School graduate. Since this letter was sent to me, he has moved his business to Ukiah.)



I have found a few people who were disappointed somewhat with my first printing. My regrets that at the time I started it and got the word out, I wasn't sure just what it might consist of. Other good stories have come in-Verna Gibson Paige wrote me that her parents had boarded the train at Ukiah and had gone to San Francisco and then had taken the boat, Delta Queen, to Sacramento. She also passed on the information that her father Frank Gibson had peddled fresh vegetables and fruit around the valley and that her father had also had a hay bailer and cook wagon.



The Garden Club celebrates 50 years-organized in 1948.



Bible Church celebrates 50 year.



Potter Valley Community Clinic celebrates 15 years. The Clinic is a God-send to Potter Valley. Both the medical and the dentistry departments are running over all of the time.



The Potter Valley Post Office shows a large increase of boxes and deliveries-143 since 1996, (see page 85). There are now 462 post office boxes, 450 rural route boxes and 83 Lake Pillsbury deliveries.



Bruce Strickler tells me that at the top of Middle Mountain, at one point, a person can stretch step into the watersheds for three rivers of Northern California- the Sacramento, Eel and Russian rivers.



### BRIDGES

We will soon have a new bridge down at Cold Creek on the Russian River, and the supervisors voted to enlarge the picnic area along the river. There was also a new bridge voted in for Pine Avenue.

"Pioneer Bridge" was erected and dedicated in 1990 while Jim Eddie was still in office as our District Supervisor. It was necessary to have a safer bridge over the Eel River.

Jim's aunt, Vera Dashiell Whittaker, broke the bottle of champagne for dedication. Vera's pioneer grandfather, Lucius B. Frasier had made a name for himself. He owned some mills on Mt. San Hedrin (see page 157) and Frasier built a very remarkable bridge for the turn of the century-looks almost like the more modern day bridges. Another bridge of long lasting use was "Frasier Bridge" at Cold Creek. (see page 161)

Then I think his masterpiece was in the early 1900's; his work on the tunnel from Eel River to the powerhouse. He had his crews work from both sides and when they met, they were only about 2 feet off.



### BLACKBERRIES ARE HERE TO STAY

(We thought they came in 1929 with irrigation)

In 1914 the Potter Valley Progress Ladies Club printed Potter Valley's first cookbook. It was so popular they printed a new one in 1937. But it wasn't like the old one which I have tried to find all my married life.

Recently among my son-in-laws mother's housewares we found almost a new 1914 cookbook and here is a recipe that took my eye and fits the season of blackberries which almost overgrew the valley. See end of this article for recipe. In 1957 and 1982 the ladies from the Methodist Church have had wonderful cookbooks printed.

#### BLACKBERRY PUDDING

1 qt. berries or apples or fruit - 1 small cup sugar - 2 cups water - dash of cinnamon

Pour into large pan and place on stove

For the top-

2 1/2 cups flour      2 t. baking power

salt      1 egg

enough milk for a soft dough

Roll out and put on top of fruit      Cook

Serve with whipped cream or hard sauce

Mrs. Jerry Lierly 1914 Cookbook



I am adding this now because it arrived too late to be printed with the first printing. But because it represents three intertwining families life histories I wanted it printed.

### **CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY** **MCFARLAND-MORSE-RADER FAMILIES**

This is simply a compilation of dates and events which ultimately effected the lives of three separate families from three different states of the Union-Ohio, Iowa and Massachusetts-bringing them all together in a valley in Mendocino County, State of California. The time is the mid-1800's, and it moves forward until the death of one of its central figures: Sarah E. RADER Quesenberry Morse. By bringing them together in Potter Valley, before the turn of the century, we provide a background for our own individual heritage, and the events bringing us together in this moment in time.

October 18, 1977 marks the one hundredth anniversary of James Bradford and Sarah (RADER) MORSE'S wedding. For most, we will know one of their children as a parent, grandparent-or even great grandparent. And for the rest, the link in the chain will be completed through marriage into the family.

- 1849 James Bradford MORSE sets sail on the "Martha" for California, going around the horn. He ultimately settles in San Francisco.
- by 1859 Thomas James MCFARLAND comes to California from Ohio. By 1858, he and Nancy OWENS are married, and have one son, Charles. The following year, their daughter, Sarah Jane is born.
- 9 Apr 1863 Charles RADER and family leave Birmingham, Iowa for California, as part of a wagon train coming west. Included are his wife, Elizabeth, and seven children. One child dies enroute. Children: Isaiah, Daniel, Barbara Ellen, Sarah Eliza and Richard E.
- 1864 Mose Quesenberry and family come to Potter Valley from Missouri. One son is called Zacharia. (Quesenberry Woods in No. California is named after Mose.)
- 1867 RADER family settle in Potter Valley, after a brief stay in Oregon, and about three years in Santa Rosa.
- 1862-1874 Thomas and Nancy MCFARLAND have five children. Their children now include: Charles, Sarah Jane, William, Arvilla, Robert, James Thomas and Bertie. The family lives in Napa County.
- 14 Dec 1869 Sarah RADER-Zacharia QUESENBERRY marry in Potter Valley. She is 16 years old.
- 1871-1876 Three daughters born to Sarah and Zac - Lilly Ann, Alice and Laura. They live in Potter Valley briefly, and then move to Kelseyville, Lake County, where they remain about four years.
- 1875-1877 Nancy (OWENS) MCFARLAND dies. Thomas James will raise their children on his own, never remarries.
- Jan 1877 Zacharia Quesenberry dies in Sacramento, Cal. His wife, Sarah, consults a lawyer (James Bradford MORSE) in San Francisco regarding her husband's estate. There was no will.
- 1878-1887 First five children are born to James and Sarah MORSE: Elizabeth Ellen, Abigail, Ebenezer Hinckly, Charles, Walter Burdick.

NOTE: although James MCFARLAND was fifteen years older than Eben MORSE, they became the best of friends, both sharing a love of horses that spanned the difference in their ages. They at one time went up to Oregon together to catch wild horses. Whether they met because of Laura, James's first wife- or their friendship brought James into the MORSE family circle is not known. Both families (MCFARLAND and MORSE) were in Calpella at time of 1880 census. (see next page)

- June 1880 1880 California (federal) census reveals:  
MCFARLAND family live in Calpella: Thomas, Charles, William, Arvilla, James and Bertie.  
Thomas listed as a farmer. Charles and Amy OWENS are listed in the same dwelling-and is a  
farm laborer. Parents of Nancy?
- Charles and Elizabeth RADER live in Calpella.
- James and Sarah MORSE live in Calpella with Lilly Ann, Alice, Laura and one year old Elizabeth.
- Sarah Jane MCFARLAND, 20, works in a hotel in Round Valley, Mendocino County.
- 12 Oct 1879 Richard E. RADER-Eliza J. STEVENSON marry in Potter Valley where they are then living.
- June 1880 1880 California (federal) census reveals:  
Richard and Eliza RADER are living in Centerville Calpella Township. His is listed as a photographer.
- 10 Dec 1884 Sarah Jane MCFARLAND-George GRIFFITTS marry in Potter Valley.
- 1880-? Charles & Elizabeth RADER sell their land in Potter Valley, and with their two sons (Daniel and  
Richard) move to Siskiyou County.
- 1885 Elizabeth RADER dies in Siskiyou County.
- 8 Sept 1887 Charles RADER dies in Siskiyou County.
- 1885-1889 William, Arvilla and Robert MCFARLAND all marry in Ukiah, and are residents of the area. All  
three later move from Mendocino Co.
- 8 Feb 1890 Marian Emily MORSE born in Bertha, Lake County. Sixth child-James & Sarah MORSE.
- 26 Jul 1890 James Thomas MCFARLAND-Laura J. QUESENBERRY marry. They have two daughters,  
Minnie and Alice, and are subsequently divorced.
- 1891 James Bradford MORSE II is born in Ukiah.
- 26 Oct 1893 Sarah Jane (MCFARLAND) GRIFFITTS dies, and is buried in Potter Valley.
- 18 Dec 1894 James Bradford MORSE II dies in Ukiah at age of 3. ("Measles or pneumonia")
- 27 Nov 1896 Grace Isabel MORSE, eighth and last child of James & Elizabeth MORSE, born in Ukiah. (Still  
lives in Ukiah as of this date-Sept 1977. 81 years of age.)
- 1 May 1897 James Thomas MCFARLAND-Elizabeth Ellen MORSE marry.
- 1898-1920 Five children born to James and Elizabeth MCFARLAND-Thomas James, Veva Irene, Harold  
Eugene, Thayis Emma, Yvonne Ilene.
- 1907-1910 Thomas James MCFARLAND (b1827) dies in Ukiah, and is buried in his daughter's family plot  
(GRIFFITTS) in Potter Valley. (Daughter: Sarah Jane) He is over 75 years old.
- 4 Jan 1912 James Bradford MORSE dies in Ukiah at the age of 82.
- May 1924 Sarah (RADER) Quesenberry MORSE dies of pneumonia in Oakland, and is buried in Ukiah.  
She is 71.

## **THE BURKHARTS**

George Burkhart was born in Pa, 2 Dec 1814. The 1880 Census shows both of his parents as having been born in Pa. He married Charlotte Bowzer 10 April 1845. Their first child David was born 1 May 1848 in Pa. The family moved to Des Moines, Iowa prior to 1853 when Lemyle (Lem) was born, their first daughter Ella was born 5 Nov 1856. Nancy Jane was born in Des Moines on 17 July 1860.

George, Charlotte and family came to Mendocino County, CA, ca 1867/68 and settled in the Potter Valley area. They were among the earliest settlers in the valley. George died 13 March 1887. Charlotte died on 24 July 1901. Both are buried in the Potter Valley Cemetery.

David continued living on the place in Potter Valley until his death. Ella married John Day and they had an inn on Eel River where Pillsbury dam is now. They moved a few years later to Upper Lake, Ca.

Nina Jamison Holzhauser stated that Lemyle joined the Army and that the last they heard from him was when he was ready to start crossing the desert in Southern California. George Burkhart, son of David, told D.E.J. that Lem had a Borax mine in the desert and the last heard from him was when he was getting ready to cross the desert. Nancy Jane married David Allison Jamison.

## **THE BOWZERS**

Charlotte Bowzer was born in Bedford, Somerset County, Pa on 13 May 1821. The 1880 Census shows her parents as having both been born in Pa. Charlotte's sister, Catherine, who had married Joe May, also came to Potter Valley, Ca. Catherine and her daughter Amanda May are both buried in the Burkhart plot in the Potter Valley Cemetery. Charlotte married George Burkhart.

## BARNETT

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Newton = Viola Hyatt

LeRoy Newton "Roy"

b. 1892

d. 1978

m. Verna Elnora Briggs

Robert "Bob" Briggs Barnett

b. 1939

m. 1962 Margaret Helbling

Anna Briggs

b. 1966

James Irving

b. 1970

m. 1994 Jacque Buada

Katherine "Katy" Nagel

b. 1972

Verna Ann Barnett

b. 1941

m. 1961 Russell Dow

Philip Caro Dow

b. 1964

Paul Barnett Dow

b. 1968

m. 1997 Julie Brandmire

## BLAKE

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Silas = Catherine Haydon

Harriet

Jessie

Margaret

b. 1914

d. 1996

## BONNIFIELD

(Note correction of spelling)

Page 198

Henry = Alice

b. 1855

b. 1861

d. 1925

d. 1894

Arnold

d. 1914

Mamie

d. 1947

Truman

d. 1972

Mattie

d. 1981

Alvin

d. 1971

Wesley

d. 1965

Zeryl

b. 1906

d. 1958

Donald

b.

d.

Evelyn

b. 1910

d. 1997

Janet

b. 1937

m. Michael

O'Calahan

Patricia

Daniel

Henry = 2nd m. Ethel Bogard 1900

b. 1855

b. 1881

d. 1924

d. 1966

Pearl Laverne Bonnifield

b. 1903

m. 1923 Paul Poulos b. 1897 d. 1983

Robert

b. 1922

d. 1993

Jerold

m. 1944 Nancy Shores b. 1926

Donna

Brian Allen

b. 1970

Craig Michael

b. 1972

Christina Noelle

b. 1974

m. 1997 Jeffrey Webster

Carolyn

Steven Jr.

b. 1969

Nancy Ann

b. 1972

Tracy DeSean

b. 1995

2nd m. 1991 Theodore Calkins

Jerold Robert Jr.

m. 1969 Janet Smith b. 1948

Ryan Jayson

b. 1974

Sara Marie

b. 1980

Paul, Jr.

m. 1955 Frances Gibson

Paige

2nd. m. 1990 John Wooley

Geoffrey Paul

m. 1989 Jody Ferraris

Natalie Beth Lopez

b. 1981

Jordan Bernadette

b. 1990

William Geoffrey

b. 1996

Gregory William

m. 1986 Cynthia Crandall

Claire Marie

b. 1993

Grayson Paul

b. 1996

John

John Stewart

m. 1989 Michele Granger

Kady Joan

b. 1997

Alexandra Joan

m. 1990 Michael Fullerton

Elsbeth Joan

b. 1993

Graham Edward

b. 1996

2nd. m. 1985 Debbie Taggart

## BOYES

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William R. = Mildred Ann Quesenberry  
Katherine  
Amy Ruth  
Paul  
d. 19??

## BOYNTON

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Roland = Minnie May Maze

Sterling R.  
d. 1986

Searles R.  
d. 1991

Paige  
Chaz  
b. 1986

Kevin Chase  
Chelsea  
b. 1989

Tambi  
Chase  
b. 1987  
Jay  
b. 1988

## BRIGGS

Page 201

Mose Carson = Elizabeth Potter

Belle Nancy  
Jeffie  
Gloria  
m. Joseph E. Welsh, M.D.

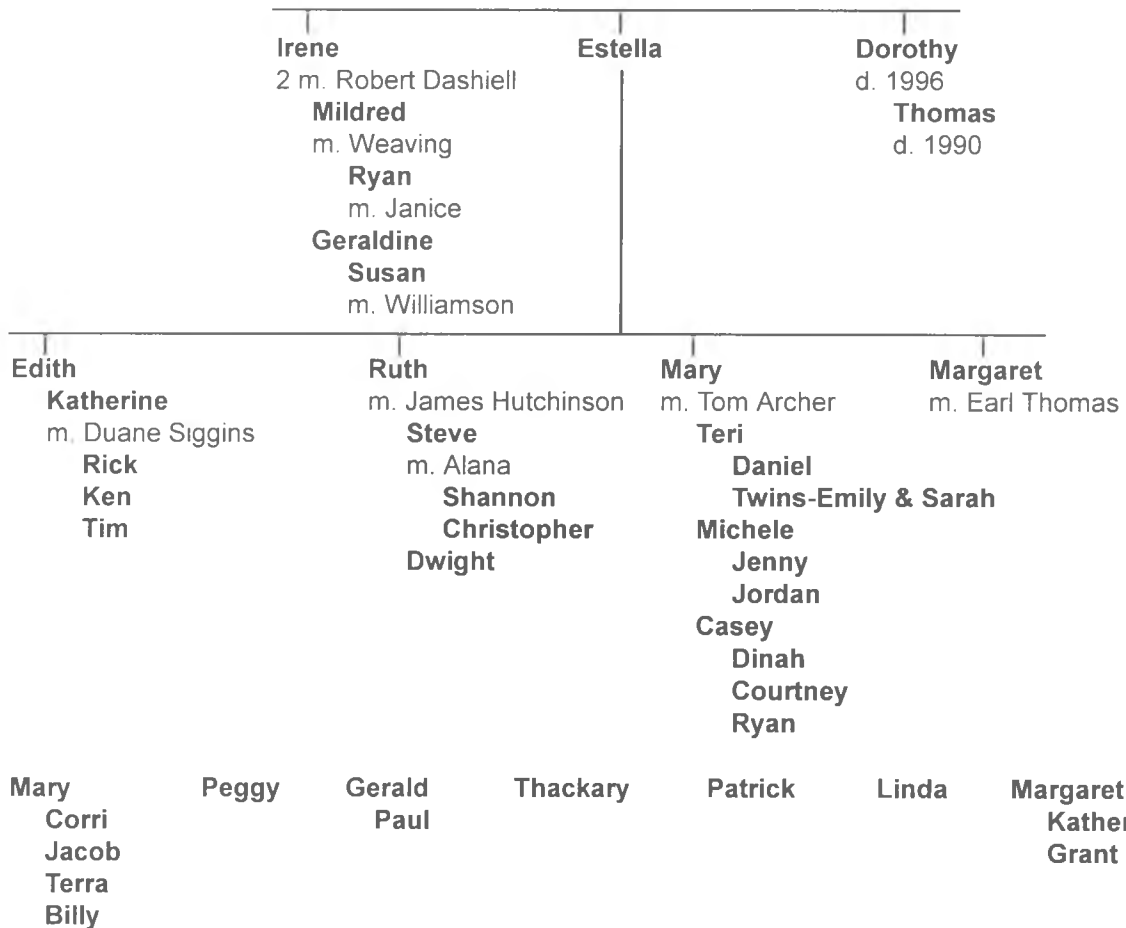
Nancy  
May  
Mae Emily  
Jeanne  
Michael  
Michael Matthew  
b. 1981  
Christine Elizabeth  
b. 1984  
Steven Andrew  
b. 1988  
Susan Elizabeth  
m. 1987 Carlos Aldopho Rodriquez

Mose C. (Kit)  
Rose  
d. 19??  
Rodney  
d. 19??

## BROWER

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John Daniel = Charity Jane Wilcox  
John Daniel, Jr.



## BROWER

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John Daniel = 2nd m. 1861 Mary Magdalene Troll

**Eugene**  
m. Lillian McCoy  
**Doris**  
m. Nix  
**Eugene W.**  
b. 1923  
m. 1947 Bonnie Brown  
**Mary Lynne**  
**Elizabeth**  
**Dennis Eugene**  
**John William**  
**Jane Ann**  
2nd m. 1967 Carolyn Cannon

## BRUSH

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Robert = Phoebe Shields

**Lloyd**

m. Mary Neil  
still living  
(error in original book)

**Marion**

d. 1997

**Helen**

d. 19??

## BURRIGHT

Warren = Amelia Benton

b. 1809

p.b. Madison County N.Y.

d. 1888

**Wilson**

b. 1841

p.b. Indiana

d. 1926

m. Nettie O'Dell

**Warren**

**Orren**

**Retta**

**Nellie**

b. 1898

m. 1913 Joseph Berryhill

**Leroy Berryhill**

b. 1916

m. Wilda Archer

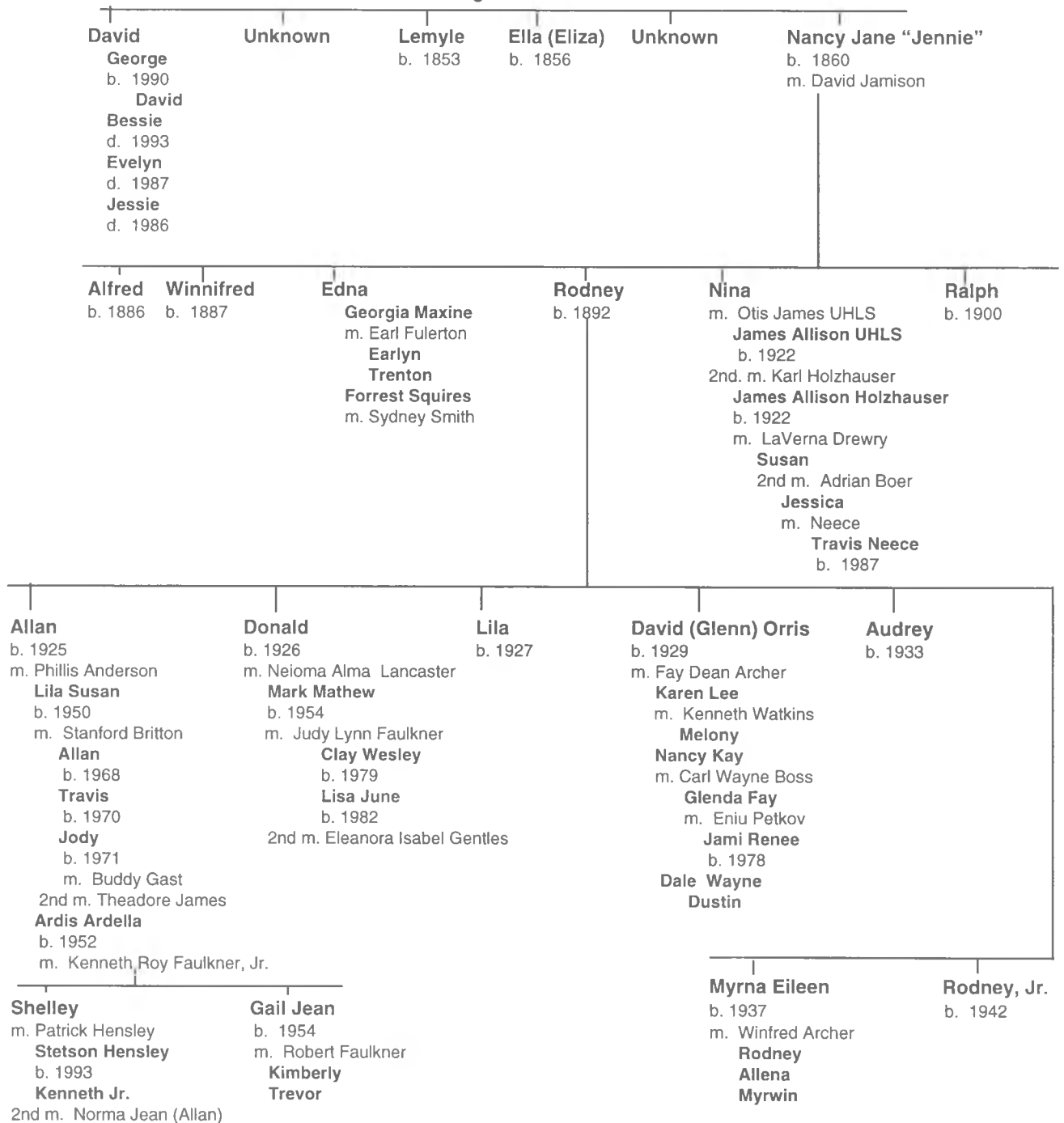
Warren Sr. and Wilson each had 160 acres on Mid Mountain  
in 1868. Mrs. Burright was aunt to C.R. Fairbairn, whose son  
Wesley married Jan Eddie.

(See Eddie Chart)

# BURKHART

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George = Charlotte





## BURRIS

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Charles Burris m. 1825 Nancy Burns

John Burns(Stepson)

b. 1821

m. 1850 Sophia Knox

**Sarah Burns**

b. 1864

m. 1884 John Geniella

**William**

b. 1907

d. 1964

m. 1939 Winifred Conrad

**Shird Burris**

b. 1830

m. 1850 Eliza Hansen

**James Franklin Burris**

b. 1853

m. Mary E. Guisler

**Shird**

b. 1879

d. 1962

m. Nellie Berryhill

2m. Frances Moore

(See Page 207 in first printing for continuation of line)

**William Jr.**

b. 1941

m. 1976 Martha

**Megan**

b. 1983

**Joseph**

b. 1945

m. 1970 Nancy

**Sarah**

b. 1971

**Hillary**

b. 1978

**Nate**

b. 1984

**Sam**

b. 1986

**Michael**

b. 1946

m. 1972 Terese Berg

**Peter**

b. 1976

**Luke**

b. 1973

## CARTER

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James Harvey = Elizabeth Marshall

**William H.**

William H.

3rd. m. Jane C. Rawles

d. 1989

4th m. Cecelia Vanvorhies Woods

## CLARK

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Scott Lester = Clara Helen Anderson

**Lawrence Allan**

d. 1989

m. Marjorie Hunt

d. 1992

**Doris Elizabeth**

d. 1995

**Vernon Leroy**

m. Norma Wooley

d. 1992

**Barbara Jean**

d. 1996

**Marilyn Ann**

Adopted **Ryan**

from Korea 1987

## J.G. BUSCH

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John George = Ann Sweeney

<p><b>Owen</b> 2nd m. Bertha Weldon Frasier</p>	<p><b>Augustine</b> <b>Kenneth</b> d. 1989 <b>Elbert</b> <b>Juliet Jeanney</b> 2nd m. Douglas Lyerla <b>Blaine</b> (not Diane)</p>
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## J.T. BUSCH

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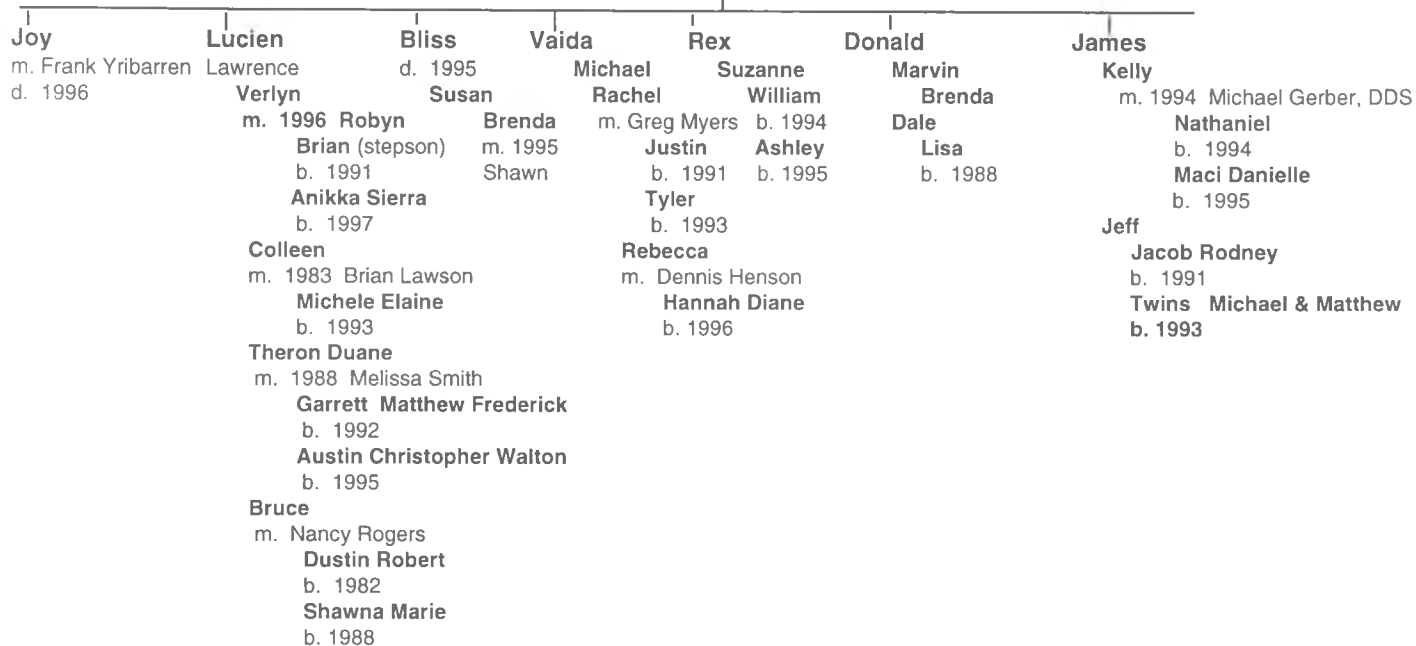
John Theodore = Ella Burt

<p><b>Elmer George</b></p>	<p><b>Helen Wilhemina</b> (See March Chart)</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth</b></p>					
<p><b>Burt</b> b. 1904 d. 1989 m. 1929 Leonora Barbara Haig <b>Bruce W.</b> b. 1933 d. 1996 m. 1959 Joan Ruth Harris <b>Janine</b> <b>Valerie</b> <b>Martin</b> <b>Jessica</b> <b>Nicole</b>  <b>Gail</b> <b>Joyce</b></p>	<p><b>James Elmer</b> m. Naomi Mason</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>James M.</b> b. 1932 <b>Cynthia</b> m. 1980 Kevin Chapman <b>Jason</b> b. 1987 <b>Brett</b> b. 1993 <b>Cathleen</b> m. 1981 Richard Kucz <b>Laura</b> <b>Brendan</b> b. 1990 <b>Carolyn</b> m. 1986 Bruce Stewart <b>Andrew</b> b. 1989 <b>Emily</b> b. 1991 <b>Cheryl</b> m. 1989 Douglas Hart <b>Molly</b> b. 1994 <b>Bennett</b> b. 1997</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Janice Carol</b> d. 1989</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>William Chessell</b> b. 1936 d. 1937</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Judy</b> m. Sam Boghosian</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Jill</b> <b>Emily</b> b. 1973</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>James M.</b> b. 1932 <b>Cynthia</b> m. 1980 Kevin Chapman <b>Jason</b> b. 1987 <b>Brett</b> b. 1993 <b>Cathleen</b> m. 1981 Richard Kucz <b>Laura</b> <b>Brendan</b> b. 1990 <b>Carolyn</b> m. 1986 Bruce Stewart <b>Andrew</b> b. 1989 <b>Emily</b> b. 1991 <b>Cheryl</b> m. 1989 Douglas Hart <b>Molly</b> b. 1994 <b>Bennett</b> b. 1997</p>	<p><b>Janice Carol</b> d. 1989</p>	<p><b>William Chessell</b> b. 1936 d. 1937</p>	<p><b>Judy</b> m. Sam Boghosian</p>	<p><b>Jill</b> <b>Emily</b> b. 1973</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth</b> b. 1886 d. 1954 m. Oscar Martin Polin <b>Rose Louise</b> b. 1912 <b>Rosemarie</b> <b>William David</b> <b>Jack Martin</b> <b>Mary Karen</b> 2nd m. Pat Riley <b>Burt</b> b. 1914 <b>Oscar Martin</b> b. 1916 <b>Martin</b> <b>Mark</b> <b>Elizabeth</b> <b>Elizabeth Marie</b> b. 1918 <b>Robin</b> <b>James</b> <b>Marion Katherine</b> d. ?? m. Peter Bunting <b>Barbara</b> d. ?? <b>Peter</b> <b>Richard</b></p>
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# CORBETT

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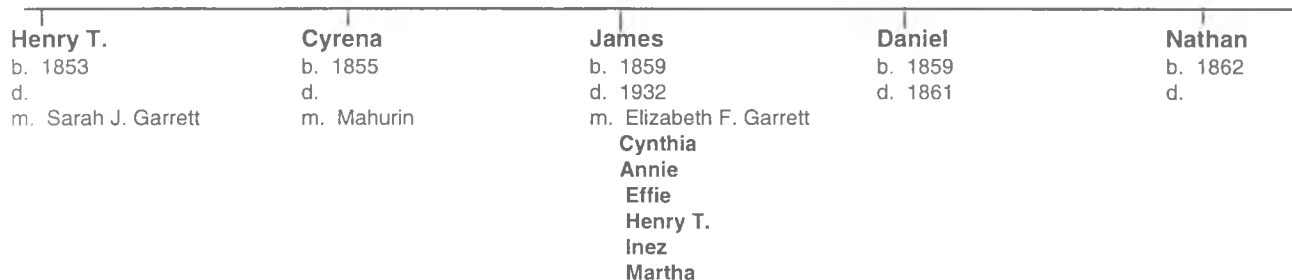
Frederick William = Lillian Mabel Talbot



# COX

Henry = Mary Council

b. 1825    b. 1819  
d. 1898    d. 1902



Came to Potter Valley in 1866

Left before 1900

Owned 270 acres on Mid Mountain

# CARNER

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Ambrose = Rosalinda  
James M.

Rosalinda G.

Feliz O. (see page 214)

Virgil	Drusilla	Norma C.	Zelia A.	Ruetta	Dean	Rita	Orvil
d. 1989	d. 1996	b. 1923	Dennis	James	Jerry	Douglas	m. 1963
m. Ida Hughett	<b>Robert D.</b>	m. Donald Clay	<b>Mandy</b>	m. 1967	m. 1976	m. Dianna	<b>Lisa</b>
d. 1991	m. 1962	b. 1912	b. 1978	Linda Short	Sharon Freeland	b. 1958	m. Neil
<b>Shiela</b>	Terri Braccialina	d. 1996	2 m. 1983	2 m. Kathleen Norris	<b>Lindsay</b>	d. 1992	Kaufman
<b>Darrell</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Norma Jean</b>	Sharon Karepta	<b>James</b>	b. 1986	<b>Cynthia</b>	<b>Laura</b>
m. Brenda	m. Bonnie Frears	m. Gilbert Knigge	3 m. Mary Young	b. 1967	<b>Kristina</b>	m. George	m. Curtis
2 m. Dana	<b>Cory</b>	<b>Victor</b>	<b>Judy</b>	<b>Angela</b>	b. 1990	Geozos	Riva
<b>Joshua</b>	b. 1985	m. Ilesha	<b>Frank</b>	b. 1981	<b>Alexa</b>	<b>George</b>	<b>Ryan</b>
b. 1981	<b>Tessa</b>	b. 1986	m. 1992 J. Isher	<b>Stephani</b>	b. 1991	b. 1976	b. 1989
<b>Shane</b>	b. 1988	<b>Stephanie</b>	<b>Cody</b>	b. 1984	<b>Barry Lee</b>	<b>Michell</b>	
b. 1985	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Alex</b>	b. 1994	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Amanda</b>	m. 1985	
<b>Shana</b>	m. Shawnon Holsinger	b. 1987	<b>Sandra</b>	b. 1986	b. 1978	Mary Ann Jones	
<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Mathew</b>	<b>William</b>	<b>Florien</b>	<b>Kevin</b>	<b>Darrell</b>	
b. 1992	b. 1990	b. 1992	b. 1973	m. 1966	<b>Justin</b>	m. Maggie Aikens	
<b>Virgil</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>Donald</b>		2 m. 1970	b. 1987	<b>Justin</b>	
<b>Steven Tyler</b>	<b>Vincent</b>	2 m. Neva Reinhart		Wayne Cassity	<b>Jeremy</b>	b. 1991	
b. 1990	d. 1986	3 m. Barbara Lo		d. 1987	b. 1988	<b>Dillan</b>	
<b>Gerald</b>	<b>Diana</b>	<b>Debra</b>		3 m. 1978	<b>Kyle</b>	b. 1992	
<b>Steven</b>	b. 1946	b. 1961		Norman Lester	<b>Karen</b>		
d. 1987	m. 1962	m. 1983 Patrick Housel			m. Steven Hultburg		
<b>Shonna</b>	Gary Lusk	<b>Merelan</b>					
m. 1992	<b>Donald</b>	b. 1991					
Daniel Duron	b. 1963	<b>Dale</b> b. 1971					
<b>Shawn Denice</b>	m.	m. Philip "Scott" Copas					
<b>Christen</b>	<b>Jean Tomlinson</b>	<b>Joshua James</b>					
	2 m.	b. 1995					
	3 m. Barbara	b. 1941					
	<b>Talor Brienne</b>	<b>Dierda</b>					
	b. 1995	m. Arthur "Buck" Jones					
	2 m. 1971 Thomas Garber	<b>James</b>					
	<b>Christi</b>	b. 1989					
	b. 1972	<b>Kelly</b>					
	m. Joseph Duran	b. 1991					
	<b>Phoenix</b>	2 m. Lenore Layton					
	b. 1992	<b>William Michael</b>					
	<b>Austin</b>	b. 1944					
	b. 1994	m. Simone Monnier					
	<b>Gary</b>	<b>Judy</b>					
	b. 1947	<b>Donald</b>					
	m. 1968	m. 1962 Yvonne Horenek					
	Marlisa McKinly	<b>Richard</b>					
	2 m. Joy	b. 1989					
	<b>Brian</b>	<b>Kelly</b>					
	b. 1971	m. Donald Ryan					
	m. Kristine Grannis	<b>Stephanie</b>					
	<b>Steffen</b>	b. 1981					
	b. 1994	<b>Amy</b>					
	<b>Gregory Allen</b>	b. 1984					
	b. 1974	2 m. Charles Stewart					
	<b>Rena Helen</b>	3 m. Duane Mullen					
	b. 1949	<b>Patricia</b>					
	m. 1966 Billy Sharp	b. 1965					
	<b>William</b>	m. Lawrence Goodwin					
	b. 1968	<b>Lawrence</b>					
	d. 1986	b. 1987					
	<b>Brandon</b>	<b>Robert</b>					
	b. 1971	m. Laura					
	<b>Brett Rena</b>	<b>Catherine</b>					
	b. 1973	b. 1992					
	m.	2nd m. Albert Pinto (Judy)					
	Jeffrey Garibaldi						

They came to America during  
the Paletine emigration to Ohio  
in 1709-not 1909.

## DASHIELL

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James Whithier = Mary Milcah Jones

Thaddeus William

James Jacob

James H.

m. Muriel

d. 1995

Charles H.

m. Julia Zayac

d. 1995

Howard N.

m. Linda Willats

Logan

b. 1989

Stephanie

b. 1994

Donald K.

m. Sheila McGill

d. 1995

Thaddeus William = 2nd m. Emily Louise Freeland

Bert

m. Edith Coy

Jean

Mary Jane

Frank

m. Myra Humphrey

John

Bob

Jane

Bessie

m. Ira Thomas

Elizabeth - Luechie

Merle Wilms

m. Vernon (Bud)

Ruth

## DAY

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William = Letitia Pierce Dunn

Orcenith (Fisher)

Grover

d.

Marion

d.

Ralph

d.

Ruth

Thomas

d. 1997

Velma V.

Elizabeth

b. 1978

Mary Velma

d. 1991

## DICKEY

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William M. = Elizabeth Shelton

Henry

Roberta

m. Clarence Harvey

d. 1991

## EDDIE

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William Taylor I = Cynthia Ann Rebecca Vann

Alma Marie

Clyde Raymond

Lorraine

m. William Matthews  
d. 1996

Helen Lee

d. 1996  
m. Andrew Blundell  
d. 1989

Clyde Andrew

Joleen A.

Carly

Andrew Taylor

b. 1988

Clayton E.

m. 1990

Suzette Belobraydich

Maia

b. 1993

Jannaliese

b. 1996

James Clyde

m. Judy Dightman  
d. 1995

Jan Lewayne

2nd m. 1988

Charles Wesley Fairbairn

Rebecca Grace

b. 1990

Sara Frances

b. 1991

James Warren

Emily Ann

b. 1993

William James

b. 1996

Katherine Leona "Katie"

m. 1989 Michael Delbar

Kayla Elizabeth

b. 1992

Taylor Joseph

b. 1994

Matthew Jacob

b. 1997

## FOSTER

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Robert = Sarah Ann Dawson

Benjamin Franklin

Clyde Orren

d. 1988

m. Maude McCombs

d. 1996

Marion Frances

d. 1985

Eugene Emmet

b. 1925

d. 1986

Harley Clyde

Kenneth

Hannah Rose

b. 1992

Warren Kenneth

b. 1993

## FROST

Page 232

Orval = Isabel Hoyt

Urla Carrie-Jane

William C.

2nd. m. 1984 Janet Friend

Frost Friend

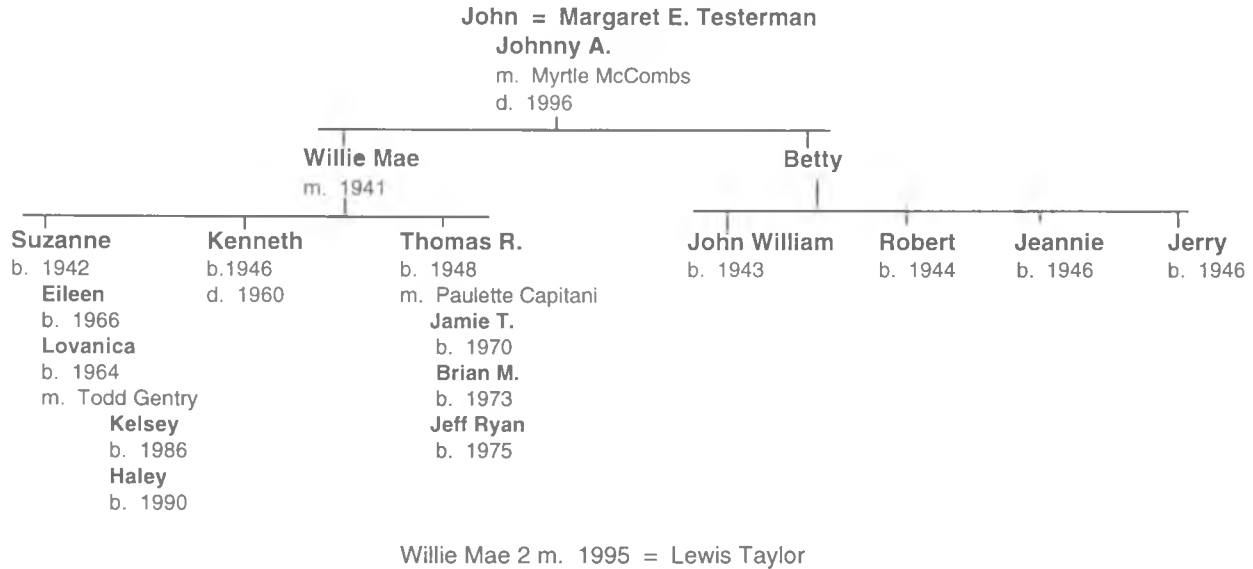
b. 1985

Jake Ernest

b. 1988

## GAVIN

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## GILLESPIE

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**William Frederick = Cora Belle Scott**  
**George Frederick**  
**William George**  
3rd m. 1978 Gloria Jean Lee  
**Jennifer Lynn**  
b. 1980

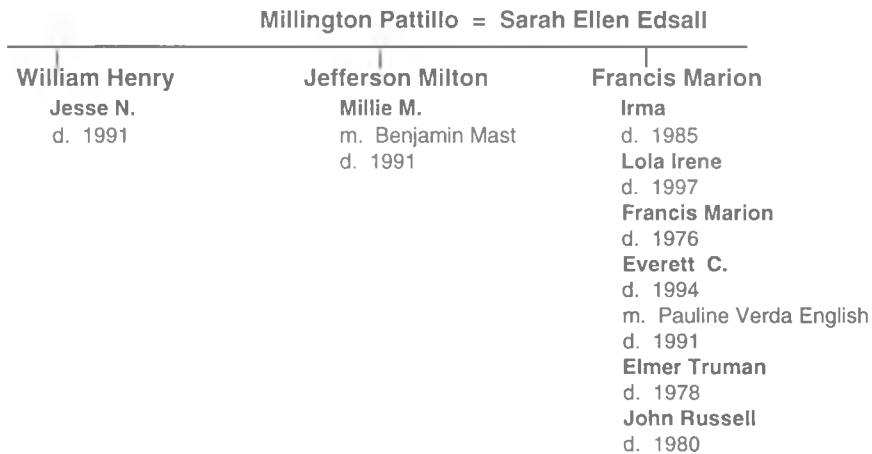
## GRAVES

Page 240

**Aaron Alfred = Ada McMath**  
**Samuel C.**  
**Clyde**  
3rd. m. Eva Z. Hollig  
d. 1997

## GOFORTH

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# GIBSON

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John Riley = Mary Jane Secrest  
Frank Albert

## Verna May

m. Howard Paige  
d. 1985

### Carol M.

#### Russell, Jr.

m. Mary Anne Pembleton

#### Lucas

b. 1989

#### Katherine May

b. 1993

## Clarence

### Francis Marie

b. 1936

m. 1955 Paul Poulos

### Marvin Everette

b. 1938

d. 1967

m. 1958 Joyce Fernandes

### Michael Lee

b. 1959

d. 1983

2nd m. 1961 Beverley Clark

### Janice Marie

b. 1964

m. 1982 Unknown

### Tiffany Marie

b. 1982

### Nelson Webb

b. 1966

m. Unknown

### Marvin Webb

b. 1984

### Dakota Webb

b. 1990

### Joshua Webb

b. 1993

### Cheyenne Cherie

b. 1995

d. 1995

### Nelson Webb, Jr.

b. 1996

### Gilbert Lee

b. 1939

m. 1962 Lorna Jones

### Julie Carol

b. 1964

### Lee Morris

b. 1966

m. 1987 Alissa Nicander

### James Lee

b. 1990

### Jennifer Addie

b. 1993

d. 1995

### Kaytlyn Jo

b. 1994

### Mike Dalton

b. 1968

m. 1989 Addie Nicander

### Steven Michael

b. 1990

### Brian Dalton

b. 1991

### Sara Marie

b. 1994

### James Allen

b. 1969

m. 1997 Lisa Rohe

### John Thomas

b. 1972

## Alfred

d. 1994

m. Virginia Groom

d. 1992

### Pamela

m. Mark Ekelchik

d. 1997

### Jillian

b. 1988

### Terry

d. 1992

### Melody

m. Gene Martin

d. 1983

2nd m. 1994 James Goodfellow

## Dorothy

### Ronald

d. 1984

### Monica

m. 1987 Victor Vera

### Ronald

b. 1988

2nd m. 1992 Ken Forkes

### Mikayla

b. 1992

### Gregory

b. 1996

### Karen

### Conni

### Kyle

b. 1987

### Tara

b. 1990

### Michael

m. 1997 Tanya Markus

2nd m. Len Bunsey

d. 1993

## Clarence (continued)

### James Dalton "Dal"

b. 1940

m. 1959 Sharon Burdine

### Kimberly Ann

b. 1960

m. Unknown

### Melissa Angelica

b. 1981

### Christina Marie

b. 1986

### Renee Lynn

b. 1961

m. 1989 Scott Rourk

### Shauna Rae

b. 1989

### Sandra Kay

b. 1964

m. 1983 Paul Catena

### Paul Aldelmo, Jr.

b. 1983

### Jennifer Christina

b. 1987

2nd m. 1964 Sandra Lee McGuire

### Barbara Gail

b. 1965

m. 1983 Gilbert Compher

### Tabatha Dawn

b. 1983

### Damiann Lee

b. 1990

3rd m. 1981 Marina Soares

Shane Lawrence (adopted by James)



# GOWAN

Page 239

George 1 m. = Florence Davis

b. 1843  
d. 1927

Ernest

Hiram

b. 1875  
d. 1955  
m. Grace Higgins

Ada

Ardis

b. 1923  
d. 1941

Robert

b. 1917  
d. 1941  
m. Marguerite Pittman

Gerald

b. 1918  
d. 1992  
m. Joy Hopkins  
**Naa Nue Kenn**  
b. 1945  
m. 1971 Gary Thompson

Janet

m. Monte Houger  
**Barbara**  
**Doreen**  
**Colleen**  
**Cindy**  
**Kelvert** (Twin)  
**Calvert** (Twin)  
2 m. Frank Sommers  
**Corie Ann**

James

m. Betty  
**Brenda**  
**Robert**  
**David**  
2 m. Margo Perkins

Gerald

m. Sheila Barney  
**Darrel Lin**  
**Simon**  
**Virgil Troy**

Dolores

m. Raymond Garber  
**Raymond**  
**Marguerite**

Ronald

m. Cathy Vinci  
**Monica**  
**Cole**

George 2nd m. = Elizabeth Holtzhammer

Judson Holmes

m. Grace McKee  
b. 1885  
d. 1997

Jean Helen

John T., Jr.

John T. III

m. Barbara Bredis  
**Tomas**  
b. 1984  
**Olivia**  
b. 1987

**Michael V.**

m. 1996 Melanie

**Judson Davy**

b. 1997

**Kristen**

m. 1997 Mark Bottemiller

**William Charles**

**Eric William**

**Russel M.**

b. 1967

m. Kimberly Rouse

**Haleigh**

b. 1992

**Austin**

b. 1994

2nd m. Cynthia Forbes

Don Judson

Don, Jr.

m. Valerie Joffman

2nd m. Kathy

2 m. Muriel McBee

3 m. Wanda McCosker

Grace Jewell

Judith J.

m. Frank Vandenburg

**Jewell Ann**

m. Richard Dunn

# **GRIFFITT**

(note correction)

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Isaac Y. = Mary J. Snively

b. 1832      b.  
d. 1911      d. 1903

<b>Laura</b> b. 1854 m. William Brower	<b>Helen</b> b. 1858 d. 1916 m. John T. Hopper b. 1850 d. 1918 (See J. Hopper Chart)	<b>Lincoln</b> b. 1861 d. 1932 m. Rose Griffitt <b>Homer</b> b. 1891 <b>Edna</b> b. 1892 d. 1985 m. Loomis Steiny	<b>Thomas</b> b. 1863 d. 1923 m. Lousie Fleishman b. 1869 <b>Ethal</b> b. 1890 d. 1902 m. Glen Mears <b>Irving</b> b. 1893 d. 1977 m. Helen Robrecht b. 1893 d. 1974 <b>Vernon</b> b. 1895 m. Florence Griffitt <b>Mildred</b> b. 1898 d. 1984 m. Winfield Moyer <b>Myrtle</b> b. 1898 d. 1898	<b>Wirt</b> b. 1867 d. 1927 m. Daisy West b. 1878 d. 1927 <b>Gordan</b> b. 1901 d. 1966 m. Martha Pearson <b>Beatrice</b> b. 1903 d. 1956 m. William Asher b. 1903 d. 1944 <b>Romaine</b> b. 1905 d. 1970 <b>Merry</b> b. 1906 d. 1995 m. Louis Garrecht <b>Wesley</b> b. 1914 d. 1980 m. Beverly Rich b. 1924 <b>Claude</b> b. 1917 m. Virginia Young b. 1919	<b>George Harry</b> <b>Arthur</b> m. Ruth Neil d. 19 <b>Arthur Francis</b> <b>Arthur Francis</b> m. Opal Guthrie d. 1996 <b>Arthur</b> <b>Arthur "David"</b> <b>Ann</b> Christopher Lee Hill <b>Deloris</b> <b>Robert</b> <b>Dennis</b> b. 1962 Amy Walker b. 1980 Michelle Lianne b. 1983 <b>Brian James</b> b. 1970 <b>Robert Leroy, Jr.</b> b. 1972
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Isaac Y. = Mary J. Snively  
Continued

<b>Ida</b> b. 1869 d. 1943 m. William Weaver d. 1940 <b>Pearl Marie</b> <b>Howard</b> b. 1895 d. 1969 m. Leona Engwer <b>Doris</b> b. 1905 m. William Roulston b. 1901 d. 1988	<b>Edwin</b> b. 1872 d. 1950 m. Jane Reynolds b. 1872 d. 1950 <b>Henry</b> b. 1894 d. 1977 m. Emma Sydon b. 1895 d. 1985 <b>Blanche</b> b. 1896 d. 1979 m. Donald Cruzan <b>Mary</b> b. 1899 d. 1990 m. Sam Moize 2 m. Ellsworth Adams <b>Florence</b> b. 1905 d. 1986 m. Lloyd Nelson 2 m. Thomas Fortney <b>Edwin</b> b. 1907 d. 1996 m. Sundrina Bertero	<b>Kate</b> b. 1874 m. George Burgess	<b>Frank</b> b. 1877 d. 1957 m. Maria Krieg b. 1882 d. 1917 <b>Harold</b> b. 1904 d. 1969 m. Marie Lining b. 1908 d. 1979 <b>Frank</b> b. 1909 m. Dorothy Forster b. 1914 <b>Stella</b> b. 1911 m. Edward Rom b. 1909 d. 1975 2 m. Norma Green d. 1962	<b>Maude</b> b. 1891 d. 1895	<b>Ardis Isabelle</b> <b>Janice L.</b> Matthew Daniel b. 1989 <b>Melody Jean</b> 3 m. Tom Allen <b>Alexandria Quinn</b> b. 1995 adopted <b>Richard</b> <b>Kenneth</b> <b>Gary</b>
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## GUNTLY

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John Vincent = Sarah Frances Morin

Charles Harrison

m. Helen Rose T.

d.

Della Mary

d.

m. Francis m. Rupe

d.

Charles Christopher

m. Elizabeth "Beth" Banks

d. 1995

James

Katie

b. 1987

Nancy

Patrick

b. 1987

Chad

b. 1991

Mary

2nd m. 1993

Dan Thornton

(see Thornton)

Lynn

m. 1991 Glen Kile

Sara

b. 1991

Adam

b. 1993

William

b. 1995

Charles James

b. 1997

## HARDISTY

Page 245

Charles = Della Whitcomb

Marjorie

m. Ray Haskell

d. 1989

## HARVEY

Page 245

Ira Berry = Anna Spotswood

Clarence Berry

d. 1991

Robert Clarence

Ira W.

b. 1987

## HAVENS, INGELS, & MAGRUDER

Page 247

Charles R. Havens = Elizabeth Whipple

Helen

Russell Raymond Ingels

Elizabeth Jane

Robert W. Magruder

Robert W. Jr. (Mac)

Martha

b. 1989

## HAWN

John Franklin = Mary Elizabeth McGee

b. 1855

b. 1855

d. 1930

d. 1931

Ira

b. 1861

d. 1950

## W.J. HAYDON

Page 248

William J. = Elizabeth Hamilton

John

m. Molly Simmerly

Ernest

b. 1891

d. 1965

m. Jeanie Wilson McGlashan

b. 1890

d. 1982

Floyd

b. 1913

m. 1996 Alice Hensley

Ora

b. 1895

Martha

m. Weaver

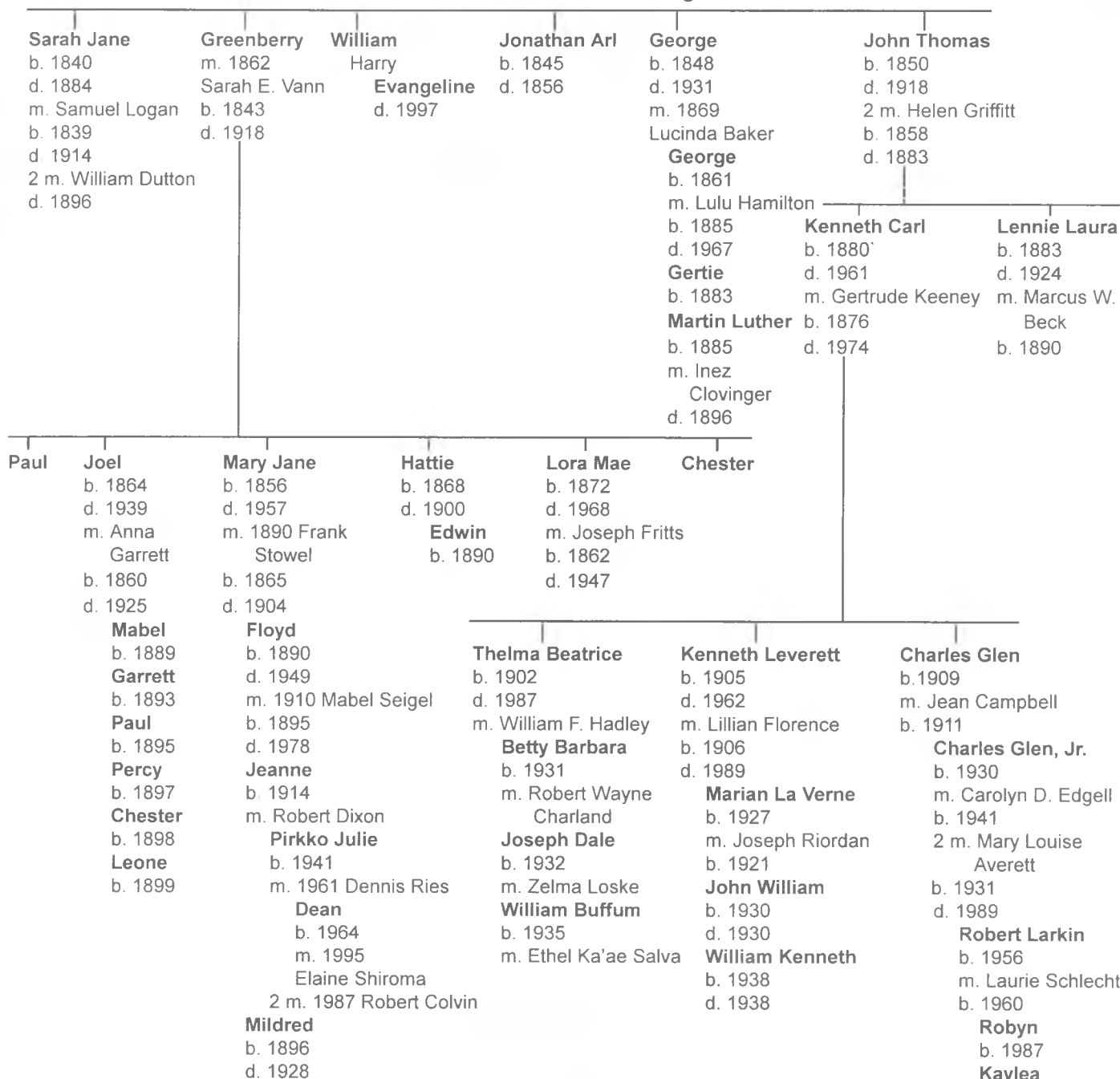
Shirley

m. Silveira

# J. HOPPER

Page 250

John = Jane Leigh



# T. G. HOPPER

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Thomas Guy (John) = Clara Rottluff  
Phoebe Ann  
d. 1992

# HUGHES

Page 252

John Corbly = Jane Washburn

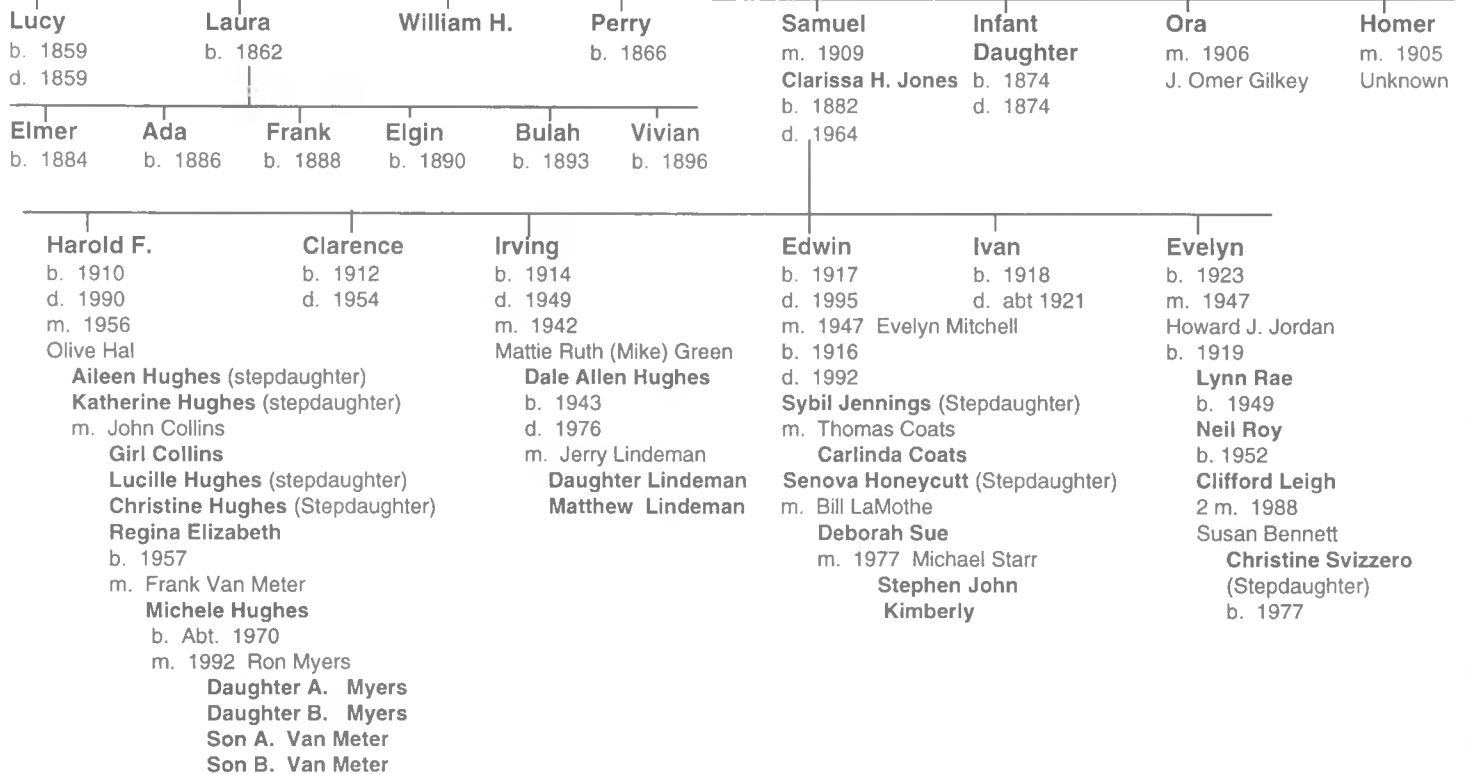
**William**

d. 1901

m. 1858

Susan C. Darby

d. 1908



# HUGHES

Page 254

John Corbly = Jane Washburn

**James Lucillus**

2nd m. 1866 Atlantic Ocean McGee

**Richard Thomas**

**Robert Lloyd**

d. 1995

**Carolyn Margaret**

d. 1995

## HUNTER

Page 255

James Sherman 3rd m. = Mary Alice Carter  
Grover Cleveland 2nd m. = Hazel Coolidge

### Merle Coolidge

Melvin

b. 1960

m. 1989 Cindy Hage

Nanci Hage (Stepdaughter)

b. 1984

Mathew

b. 1990

### Gordon

d. 1995

Gregory

Blake

b. 1991

William Keith

3rd m. 1993 Kathy

Kailae

b. 199

Kevin

Nicole

b. 199

Meggan

b. 199

### Ronald

Kimberly

m. 1990 Greg Gustafson

2nd. m. 1995 Chris Swinney

Taylor

b. 1995

Cristy

m. 1993 Lance Collard

Faith

b. 1996

Angela "Angel"

m. 1995 Michel Fields

Matthew

b. 1992

## KINMAN

Page 257

George Edgar = Josephine  
Frank Edison  
d. 19

## KNIGHTEN

Page 259

Lee = Anna May Wheeler  
Alton Sanders

Rose Marie

m. Quenten Siemer

Brent

m. Margaret Deborah Ann McCrossen

Christin Nicole

Jeremy Morgan

b. 1986

Bethany Joy

b. 1988

## LAWRENCE

Page 260

William Frank Lawrence 2nd m. = Etta May Richey  
Harold  
d. 1993

## LEARD

Page 261

William = Mamie Heights  
Marie  
d. 1997

## LOWE

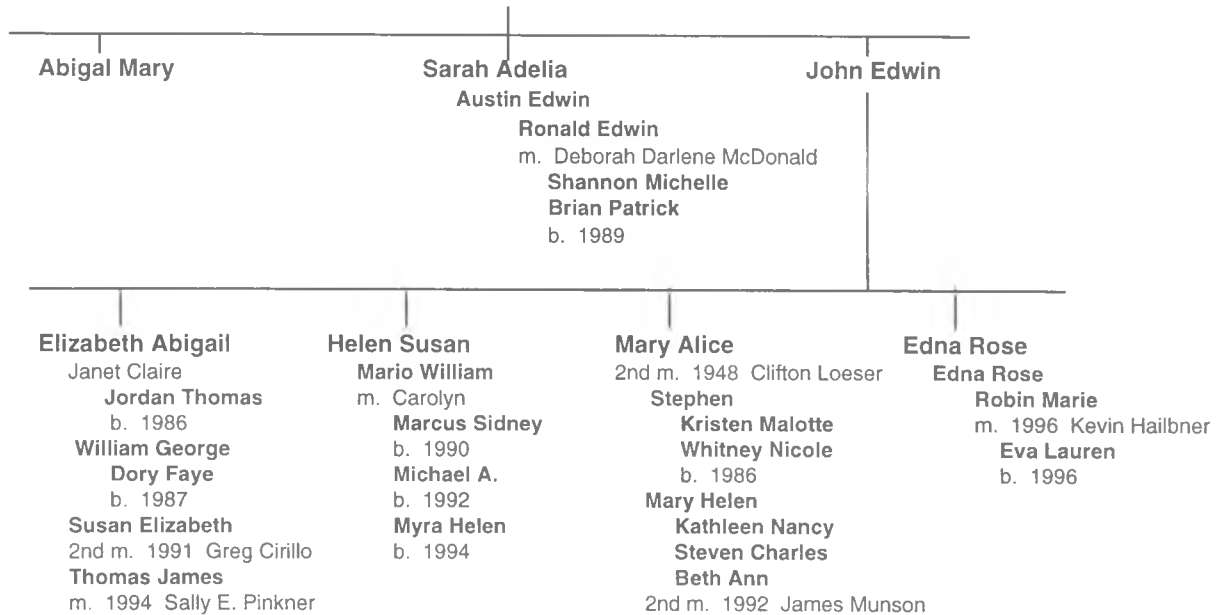
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C. Frank = Lorana Harpe  
Alta  
Jerry  
d. 1994

## MARCH

Page 265

John Langdon = Susan Annette Winegar



## McCOWEN

Page 269

Thomas = Amily Leonard  
Hale

Hale, Jr.

Hale III

m. Virginia Lee Smith

d. 1980

## McGEE

Page 264

William B. = Sarah Isabell King  
Hugh (Doss) Patrick

Mary Elizabeth

d. 1931

m. John F. Hawn

b. 1855

d. 1930

(See HAWN )

## McCULLOCH

Page 270

Samuel = Rebecca

b. abt 1818

b. 1835

d. 1895

d. 1922

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Mary Jane

b. abt 1852

d. 1923

m. 1871 HA Mervin

Samuel A.

b. 1854

d. 1924

m. 1878 Ella Stockton

George Washington

b. 1857

d. 1923

John H.

b. 1859

m. 1887

Princess Boche

Eliva

b. 1861

d. 1921

m. 1879 Frank Marble

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Abraham

b. 1864

d. 1938

m. 1891 Lillie Vann

Laura A.

b. 1866

m. 1885

Thomas Cook

Harriet E.

b. 1868

James

b. 1869

d. 1904

Emma

b. 1873

m. Jones

Katherine

b. 1875

d. 1931

m. 1900 Wm. Muir



## McMATH

Page 271

Archibald II = Elizabeth Kimmel

Ina Grace

Maxine

Donna L.



## MEWHINNEY

Page 274

Samuel = Sarah Robertson

Hugh

James Samuel



My grandson, Kenneth H. Foster, met

Thomas Reiley Mewhinney at an oil company

convention in Costa Rica in 1996 and found out

that they both were descendants of Potter Valley

early settlers.



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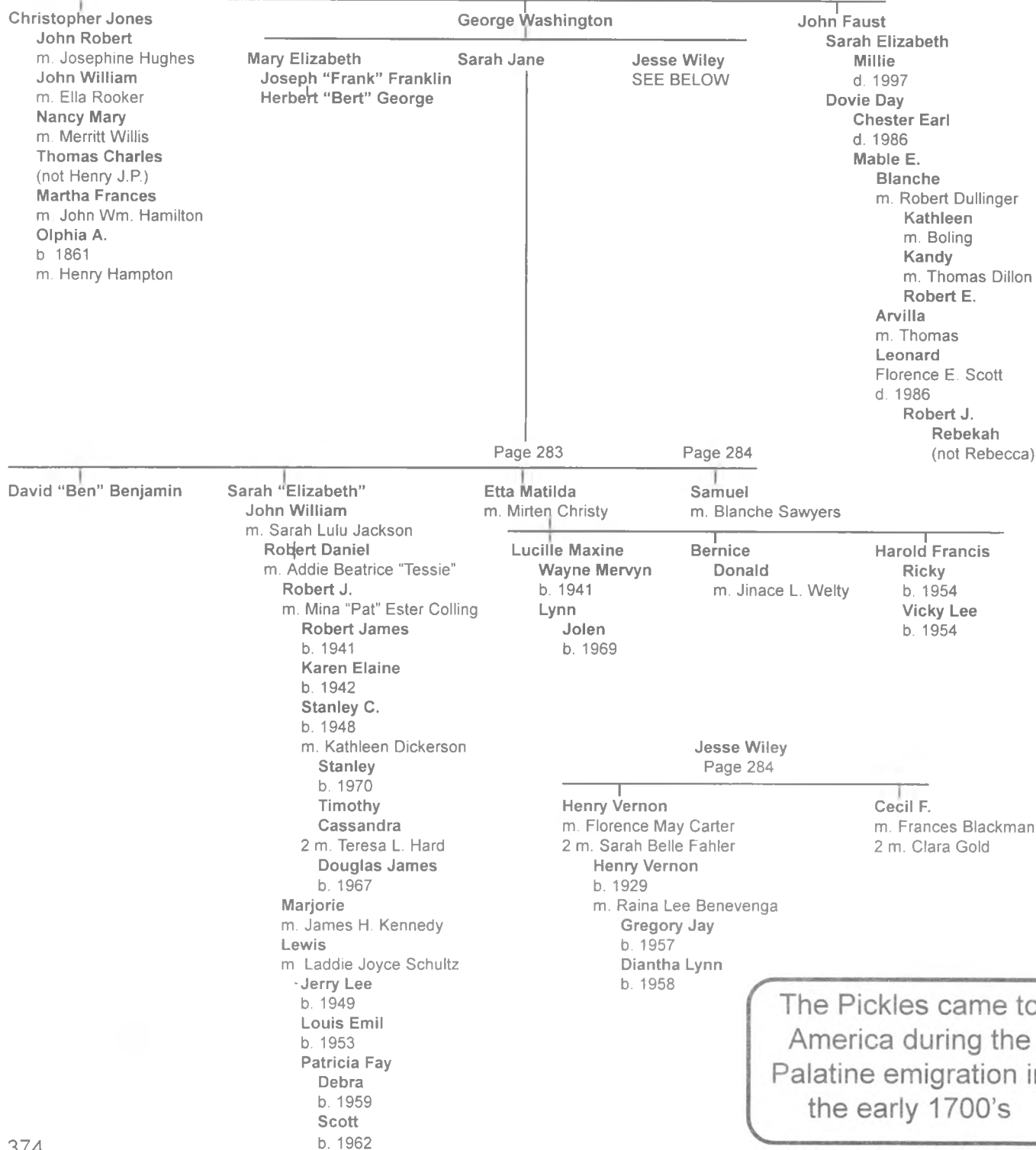
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**Frederick William      =      Gertie May Scott**  
**Urith Zelda**  
 d. 1990

# **PICKLE**

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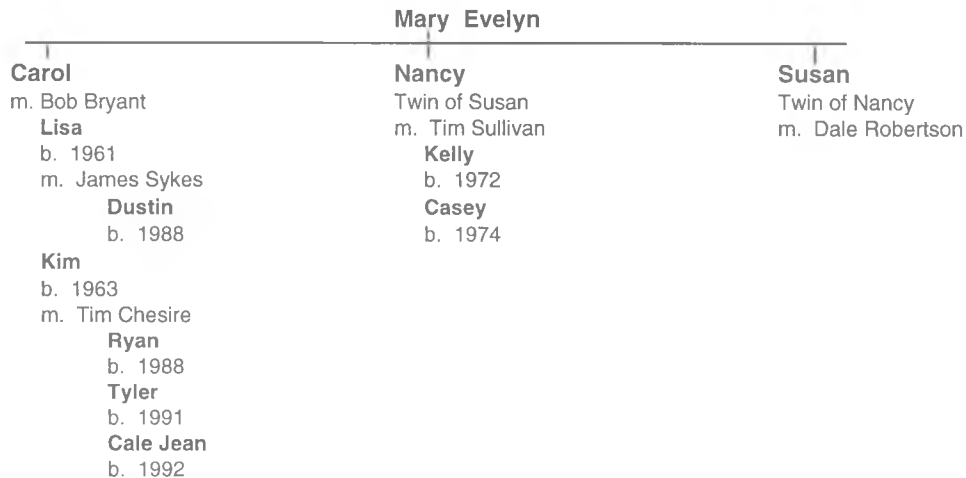
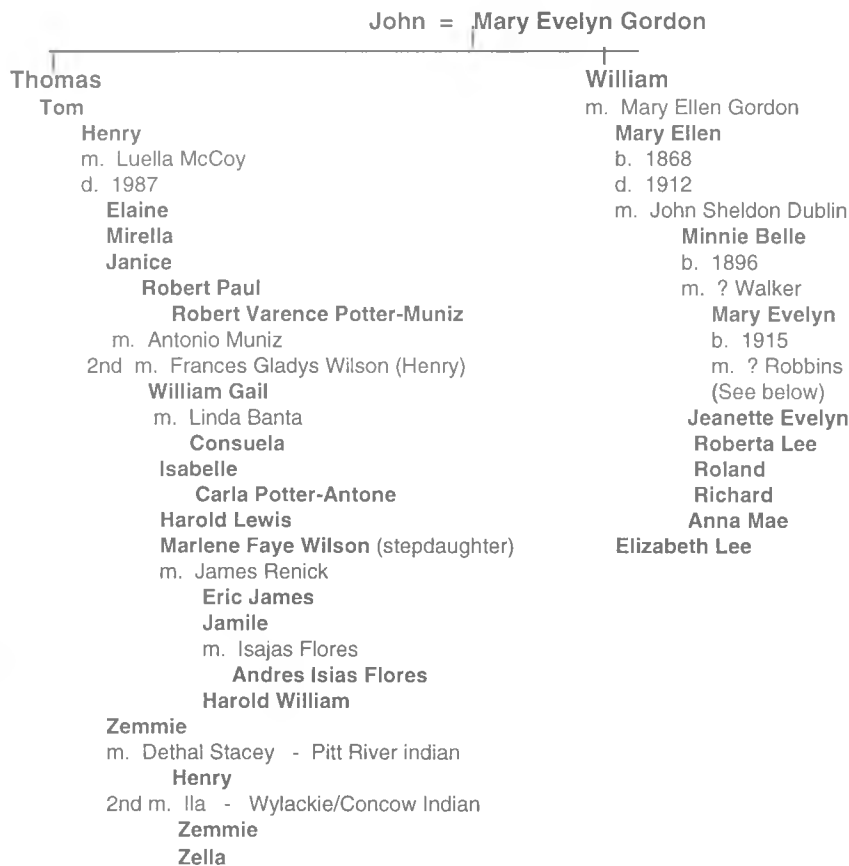
**Robert      =      Nancy Jones**



The Pickles came to America during the Palatine emigration in the early 1700's

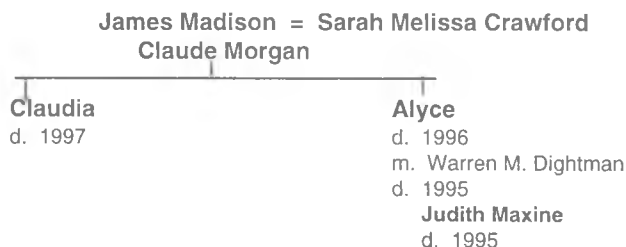
# POTTER

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# PRESLEY

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## QUESENBERRY

Page 293

Moses = Ellen Martin

Zachariah

Lily Ann

Henry Gibson

b. 1904

d. 1967

Robert

b. 1927

Greg

Sally (?)

Nancy

b. 1930

## RUPE

Page 295

Frank = Mary McKee

Henry

d. 19

2 m. Iris Collins

Alvin

m. Vera Clark

d. 19

Charles

m. Kara M. Collins

d. 1997

## SHELTON

Page 300

William = Mary Elizabeth Means

James Knox Polk

William Eddie

James A.

Gayle

Kathryn

Sierra Janelle

b. 1987

Twins

Whitney Samantha

b. 1989

Shanelle Kathryn

b. 1989

Barbara Lea

m. 1990 Kenneth Brown

Diane

Kenneth

Hannah Rose

b. 1992

Warren Kenneth

b. 1993

## SMITH

Page 303

Martin Van Buren = Mary Evans

m. 1880

d. 1923

Archie

Roland

b. 1921

m. 1948 Helen

Mary

Gladys

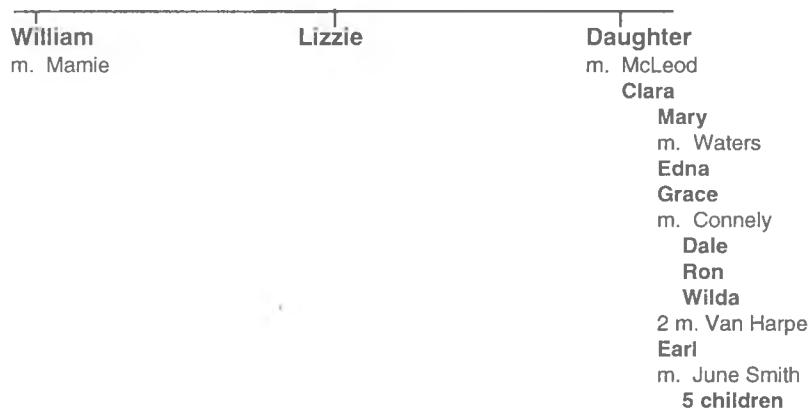
d. 1997

m. Herman Meyers

## SMITH

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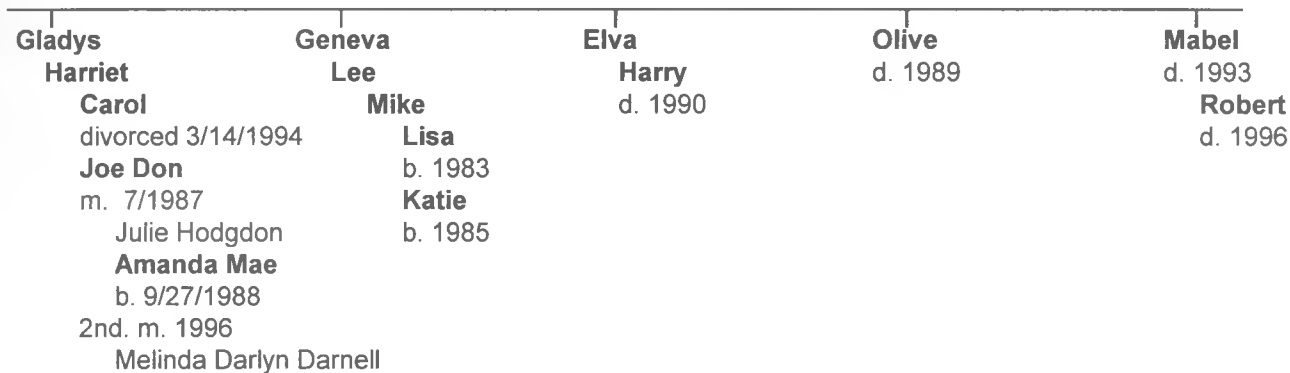
William T. = Mary Rucker



## SPOTSWOOD

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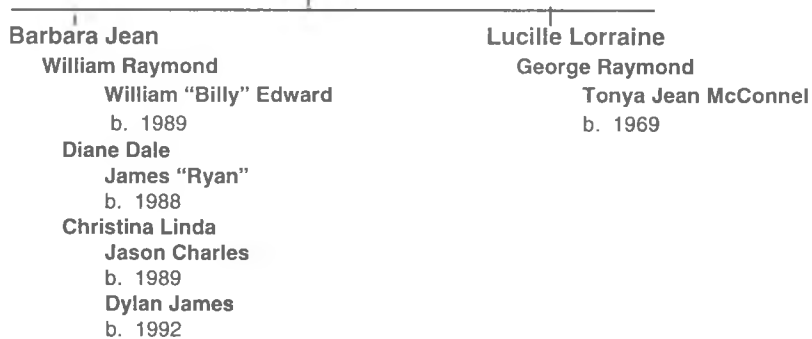
Joseph 3rd m. = Addie Spencer 1888



## STARR

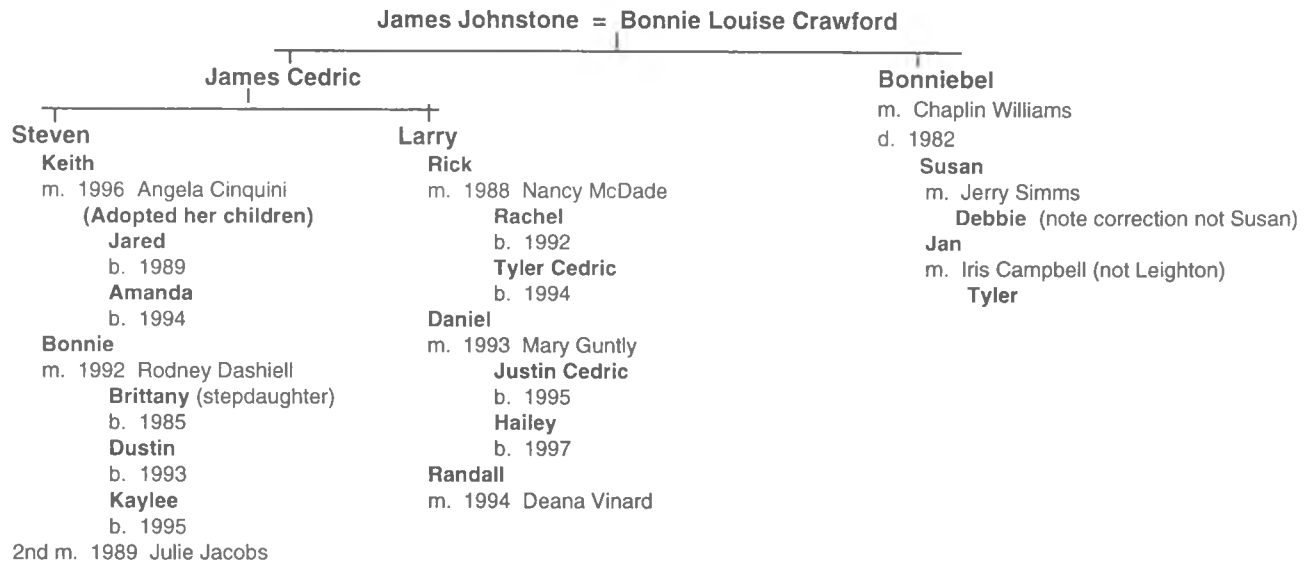
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Lewis Lorenzo = Cora Maude Street  
Raymond Ernest



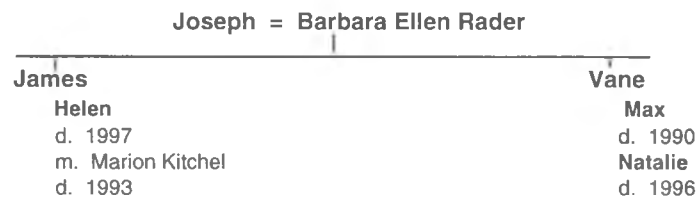
## J.J. THORNTON

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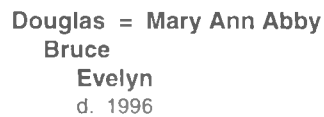
## J. THORNTON

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## WALKER

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# VANN

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Jacob Vann 2 m. = Margaret Shaw

Logan Douglas  
Finis  
Eleanor  
d. 1993

George Washington  
2 m. Isabelle Hust  
Grover Harrison "Harry"

Thelma  
m. Donald Griner  
d. 1991

Agnes Clorine

Merle Clorine  
Norman  
2 m. Nitza Rodriques

John  
(Stepchildren)  
Ingrid Resnick  
b. 1959  
Karen Resnick  
b. 1962

Nancy  
Donald  
b. 1956  
m. Gaytha Lou Harris  
Jason  
b. 1981  
2 m. Robin Powell  
David  
b. 1988  
Kevin  
b. 1990  
Michael  
b. 1969  
m. Lorna Litler  
2 m. 1989 Alice Gault  
Mitchell  
b. 1990  
Natalie  
b. 1994

Sharon  
m. Adrian Dixon  
Deborah  
Jonathan  
b. 1981  
Cory  
b. 1984  
Jennifer  
m. 1989  
Dr. Michael Samuels  
Taylor  
b. 1990  
Zachery  
b. 1993  
Christopher  
b. 1969  
m. 1993 Julie Massey  
Cassandra  
b. 1993  
Kristen  
b. 1996

Steven A.  
b. 1986  
Janelle T.  
b. 1988  
Kathleen  
Shaun P.  
b. 1981  
Colleen K.  
b. 1984  
Heather  
b. 1987

# WATTENBERGER WATTENBERG

Page 318

Samuel Wattenberger m. 1837 = Rebecca Bowman

b. 1816  
d. 1889

b. 1821  
d. 1853

Hannah  
b. 1839  
d. 1870  
m. Paul Shatto

Joseph  
b. 1840  
m. Harriet Niel

Jacob  
b. 1842

Honour  
b. 1844  
d. 1844

Mary  
b. 1848

Martha  
b. 1850  
d. 1877

Elizabeth  
b. 1853



## WESTERMAN

Page 317

Pleasant Bailey 1 m. 1883 = Delia Brush

b. 1862  
d. 1939

b. 1866

**Clara**

b. 1884  
d. 1952  
2 m. Albert Henry Cuthbert  
d. 1955

**Margaret**

died age 2

**Hargrave**

died in infancy

3rd m. Alexander Hawksley

d. 1956

**Ray Westerman Cuthbert Hawdsley**

b. 1906

m. Dorothy Naismith

2nd m. "Betty" Kerllu Rantala

d. 1978

**Sidney Evan**

b. 1932

**Robert**

b. 1956

**Mary**

b. 1958

**Becky**

b. 1959

**Kitty**

b. 1960

**John**

b. 1962

**John Westerman**

b. 1937

m. Celeste K. Koca

2nd m. 1968 Cherill Kubert

**William Nelson**

b. 1887

d. 1887

## WHITTAKER

Page 320

George = Olive Lierly

Albert Festus 2nd m. Alice May Neil

Lawrence Edward

d. 1992

## WOOLLEY

Page 321

Norman = Hazel Busch

d. 1991

**John**

d. 1988

**William**

b. 1955

d. 1997

**Norma Ruth**

d. 1992

**Richard**

**Angela**

m. 1988 Daniel Morine, III

**Megan**

b. 1989

**Kristen**

b. 1991

**Aaron**

b. 1993

**Sue**

**Geraldine**

**Hanna Sue**

b. 1987

**Lindsey Hazel**

b. 1991

**Cynthia**

m. 1987 Terry Allen

**Terry Allen, Jr.**

b. 1989

**Kayla**

b. 1991

**Catherine**

m. 1994 Jeffrey Sloan

**Everette**

b. 1994

**Elysia**

b. 1996

## TYPO'S AND CORRECTIONS

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Page 154-top left- Original Potter Valley Grange building, while leased out to Barnett and Wright (not White).

Page 159-top left-Can you identify this family group? Identified as The Sam Wattenberg home at Pomo while they had the store and post office.

Page 160-top left-First classes of new Potter Valley Union School (not Centerville Oriental School) students, Alma Eddie, teacher-before 1920.

Page 162-top left-The Pickle (not Picle) girls: (sitting left to right) Martha, Della, Ella, (standing left to right) Josie and Mary E. Ball-half sister (not Margaret)

Page 163-bottom right-Jesse (not Jessee) Pickle

Page 168-top left-Frasier (not Fraiser) family  
top and bottom right-McWhinney (not McWhinney) ranch

Page 169-bottom left-Potter Valley Baseball team. Standing left to right-1st Leon Grover,Sr., 2nd Walter Hughes, 3rd Edmund Sack, 6th Lee Goodrich  
Front row-1st Gus Spotswood, 3rd Roy Barnett.

Page 172-bottom left-Frasier (not Fraiser) brothers:

Page 173-top left- Anna Fahnestalk (not Tahnestalk)  
bottom left-Myrtle and Johnie Gavin (not Gavis)  
top right- the ? is Erickson

Page 174-top right and left- Photos by Dana Kaldveer

Page 175-top right- The 3 women are feasting (not freasting)  
top left- Lura (not Laura) Broaddus

Page 177-bottom left-Eel River Billy (not Belly) Dam Swimming hole.

Page 178-top right-Gladys Shimmin (not Simmin) in front.

Page 179-bottom right-Mrs. Morgan (not Dorian) and Mrs. Frost.

Page 182-top left- Play group is in costume.  
Top right-Ben Jackson center right in theatrical group.

Page 185-top right- Tahto (not Takto) bridge, built in 1928.

Page 302-Pate Smith came to Potter Valley in early 1860's.



