



Excerpts from The Association of California Pioneer Women's Ledger

From 1900 to 1962, The Association of California Pioneer Women recorded the histories and reminiscences of pioneer women. The Association limited their collection to "*moral white women who were residents of California prior to and including the thirty-first day of December 1853,*" so the histories here do not represent a true cross-section of the population. However, the stories these women told helped raise awareness of the role women played in the history of California. Today, the ledger is part of The Society of California Pioneers' collection.

March 881



OF CALIFORNIA.

PIONEER MOTHER	BIRTH PLACE	DATE OF ARRIVAL IN CALIFORNIA			DEATH			REMARKS
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Judge Halliday:-

It is with pleasure that I accept this symbol of authority. A bit of wood, chipped from an old Pioneer ship, made into a gavel, and presented to the Association of Pioneer Women of California by the family of the Captain of the ship "ARKANSAS," and by the hand of a brother Pioneer, is indeed a pleasant event in our history. We deeply appreciate the gift of Captain Shepard's daughters in thus providing for our needs. We are glad they chose to have our gavel made from a relic, from a piece of the ship that brought them to California over half a century ago.

I am glad, sir, that you desired to place this historic memento in my keeping, and in the name of the Association of Pioneer Women of California, I take it with reverent hands. And while it is my duty to use it officially, it shall be the purpose of my heart to do so with wisdom and justice. Yes, I am glad, Judge Halliday, that you desired to bestow this favor upon us. You, sir, have been a keen observer of the changes time has wrought in people and in ships. You have painted a word picture for us to-day; one that is vivid and beautiful; one that stands out in a high light. We see that staunch Pioneer ship leaving her home port, forcing her way through the great oceans, bearing her precious burden into a safe harbor.

The great change has come to Captain Shepard; he has finished his life voyage; he has passed the harbor bar into the Great Unknown. A change has come to his ship; it is not now known as a ship. It was not wrecked, its fragments are not driftwood, tossed hither and yon by the waves, it has not become useless. It has not vanished; a piece of its keel is before us, and for a purpose; and as a whole that old ship floats in Memory's sea.

It is fitting, eminently so, that our gavel should be made of wood that was once a part of that old ship -- wood that has been tested, tried and found fit for service. It has stood in the sunshine, passed through storms, been buffeted by the winds and baptized by the waters. It is well that the sessions of Pioneer Women should be controlled by blows of wood about which clings the distinctive atmosphere of Pioneer Days. Added to all the other memories that cluster about this relic there now twines with its even fiber another history. It is now our gavel, and its history is a part of our records, that will be handed down proudly to our children and great grandchildren.

We are a young organization, whose roots are in the past, back in the middle of the century just fading away in the gold of a glorious sunset. Being young, we have a future before us, - a future in which our daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters for all time will have a part. They will add to and adorn with beauty the ship we have just launched. Other captains, other crews, will sail our ship over the sea of time, but never, never into the waters of oblivion.

MRS. NOBLE MARTIN.
Founder of the First Pioneer Women's
Organization in the State of California.

The Association Pioneer Women of California

Read at the State Federation of Women's Clubs held at San Jose. 1915 by Mrs. E. M. Winters

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To familiarize the members with the laws of the state bearing on the above mentioned interests and to work for any other interest which may appeal to Pioneer Women.

We have a membership of about 100 members in good standing.

Our social meetings are held in The Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park.

The cabin was built by the Park Commissioners and dedicated to a society of Women. We have many relics of pioneer days in it. The flag carried at the Celebration Californias' Admission into the union in 1850 and also a flag carried by The Vigilance Committee. There are many pieces of old china and also furniture donated by members beside various other articles of interest.

Our meetings at The Log Cabin are held on the third Wednesday of each month when our friends are always welcome.

HISTORICAL RECORD OF PIONEER WOMEN

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In 1902, the President of this Association, Mrs. Anna E McIntyre named a "Historical Committee" and asked them to meet at her home, which was at that time, #10 Bartlett Street. Those responding were Mesdames Anna Yount Reed, Carrie L Burr, Agnes B Macdonald, Sarah C Gorham, Louise Shepherd Chase and Susannah Blaikie Bray.

The President temporarily presided until Mrs Louise Chase was unanimously elected chairman. As the result of this meeting the history book was purchased and Mrs Chase carried it to the various homes of the members, that each member might write in her personal history.

Mrs McIntyre also gave a reception at her home, where this book stood on a table in a large room upstairs, inviting many members to write therein. Mrs Chase then took the book to the home of Mrs Bray. Another gathering, and more reminiscences. As Mrs Burr thought it was too heavy to carry, she had her grocer take it to her home. Again another gathering with Pioneer women and additional histories. It was our earnest endeavor to have all the work in this book in the hand writing of each member. As the only surviving member of this first historical committee, I keenly feel the loss in not carrying out the original plan. Mrs Jewell copied the histories into the book and destroyed many of the originals. Due to Mrs McIntyre's forethought, this book was saved from that dreadful fire of 1906, which burned the book containing the Early Members' Autographs up to that date.

Mrs S. Bray
1924

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Ms. Anna Helen Jordan Sea

Birth Place: Melbourne, Australia

Pioneer Father: Michael Jordan, Died Aug. 5, 1889 SF | Birth Place: London, England | Date of Arrival in California: May 1850 in ship Orator

Pioneer Mother: Ms. Jordan Hennessy Jordan, Died 1879 San Francisco | Birth Place: Mallow, County Cork, Ireland | Date of Arrival in California: May 1850, Ship Orator

My father when a boy not wishing to go to war in company with his father sailed away on King George III's royal yacht for Melbourne, Australia where he became a builder of prominence. My mother had also left her home for Melbourne intending to travel for one year, but she met my father in Melbourne and they were married. She was the sister of Sir John Pope Hennessey M. P. I am a granddaughter of a pay master of the royal guards of King George III. After some years hearing of this land of gold, they left Melbourne, and sailed in the ship Orator. Arriving at this city of tents and dilapidated shacks in May 1850. They brought a house with them, rented a lot on Vallejo Street from Samuel Brannan for which they paid \$90 dollars a month. In 1851 my parents bought a lot on Stockton Street between Greenwich and Lombard. They erected the first brick cottage in San Francisco. They moved (by oxen) their house on Vallejo St. to the rear of the Stockton St. lot. In 1852 father built a three story brick house on the adjoining lot and rented it to P.B. Cornwall who had recently arrived from Sacramento. My father was treasurer of the first sons of temperance in this city and our beloved governor Henry H. Haight was Patriarch. Father was the builder of many prominent buildings in this city and Sacramento. Arriving an infant with my parents in 1850 I became a part of the vicissitudes of their fortunes in this country. A nurse by the name of Kate Farley accompanied us from us from Australia. She afterwards married John Sullivan one of the early pioneers. He was one of the directors of the Hibernia Bank. I had a private teacher in the first years of my school days. Afterwards I went to the dear old school of fond memory on Main Street near Montgomery. Passing through the grammar grades, I left and went to Phanells' Seminary on Stockton Street. I have been a school teacher for eight years in this beloved city. I am married I am married and have two loving children, a son William Sea, Jr. and one daughter Alina Helen Sea both natives of San Francisco. It is with pleasure I write the above short history. I love dear old San Francisco. I have seen it grow and destroyed, but as years pass, in the future I hope to live to see once more the beautiful city of the Golden West.

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San Francisco, April 2, 1901

Editor Bulletin:-

It was with astonishment, I read in your paper the attack by a clergyman on the character of our pioneer women of '49-'50. I am the daughter of a pioneer woman who arrived in this city in the month of May, 1850. I have been raised and educated in this City under the influence of that pioneer mother. Where are the boys and girls of the pioneer mothers? They have grown up men and women, some of whom hold responsible positions in this city and State, and have grown grey-headed watching their children, who speak of their pioneer grandparents with pride, and say with emotion that their grandmother was a pioneer woman.

Let me tell those who speak ill of our pioneer women that they were ladies in the true sense of the word, many of whom came from the aristocracy of the old country. They endured the hardships of this growing City and stuck with fortitude to their homes and children.

The pioneer woman's children and their children are living to-day in the best society of this beautiful State of ours. It is only the best society they seek, because it is inborn in them, and inherited from their pioneer mothers.

RECORD OF CALIFORNIA PIONEER WOMEN

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Mrs Judith Hennessy Jordan Died 1879. San Francisco	Mallow County Cork Ireland			May		1850 Ship Orator				sailed away on King George III's royal yacht for Melbourne Australia for Melbourne intending to land for the year but she met my father in Hennessy, M. P. I am a granddaughter of a party master of the royal gold they left Melbourne and sailed in the ship Orator. Arriving at Brannan for which they paid \$90. dollars a month. In 1851 my parents erected the first brick cottage in San Francisco. They moved by open then rented it to P. B. Cornwall who had recently arrived from Sacramento. My father governor Henry H. Haight was Patriarch. Father was the builder an infant with my parents in 1850. I became a part of the vicissitudes accompanied us from Australia. She afterwards married John Sullivan I had a private teacher the first years of my school days Street near Montgomery Seminary on Stockton Street. I am married and have two young children a son William Sea Jr. It is with pleasure I write the above short history but as years pass in the future I hope to live to see once more

All pioneer women did not come to seek gold. My father and mother brought gold with them in the shape of gold sovereigns, and moreover brought a house that was fastened with tongue and grove boards and iron bolts at the corners.

Mr. Editor, I could write more, if time and your patience would permit, but let me add to those who would speak disparagingly of the pioneer women of '49-'50, that they had better look into the lives and history of the pioneer women of our State, who have helped to make it what it is, by their example to their children, who in turn have instilled into their children the loving and faithful teaching of honesty, sobriety and uprightness of character. Let detractors single out the black sheep from the fold, if any, before they rob the pioneer women of '49-'50 of the brightest gem in a woman's crown- a good character.

Please publish this article in justice to the pioneer women of our State, many of whom have passed away to the bourne from whence no traveler returns.

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Yours respectfully,

Mrs. Wm. Sea.

Incidents of 1849. The Schooner Constellation and her passengers Interesting Reminiscences [sic] by Miss Labriskie

During the latter part of January 1849 the Cal Union Association organized in the old Tamanny Hall in New York City and elected Capt. J. C. Labriskie Surgeon and Cap. C. B. Labriskie Surgeon and C. B. Lane Treasurer. The names of members leaving NJ are as follows – J. G. and C. B. Labriskie, J. Walker, J. Pollie, F. M. Calla, W. Fisher, J. dimpson, J. Hiward, J M. Hancock, H. Arnold, J. Apgar, E. Woodward, J. R. Manning, E. B. Labraskie, J. Orchard, H. Solomon, P. W. Livingstone, R. Rohan, P. Randall, E. M. Van Medl, C. Lane, C. Parker, G. Buckley, D. Gross, D. Swinton, S. Furman, C. Richmond.

The company left N. J. Feb. 16th 1849 Steamer Crescent City en route to Cal. Aspinwall furnished the company with an order to furnish them a passage to S.F. in the ship Philadelphia. In 8.5 days the steamer arrived at [illegible]. Much differently was experienced in crossing the Isthmus owing to the large number of passengers. The company to-gether with 1,000 pounds of baggage arrived safely at Panama. The agent at Aspinwall declared the Ship Philadelphia had been pressed into service by people waiting at Panama. There was then 2500 on the Isthmus awaiting transportation to S. F. After waiting about 20 days the Constellation a schooner of 45 tons was purchased for \$16,000 by the company. It was in a miserable condition. The vessel was very filthy, and the hull rotten and unfit for use. However the company boarded her and departed after having received as passenger J. Green, M. Brown, G. Nichols, W. Gregory, G. Gregory, and John Duff. They left on March 6th 1849. Besides the 39 persons the Constellation carried mining machinery and supplies for six months together which all the personal baggage and all the ship supplies they could stow away.

Our first stop was Point Arena. We were refused permission to land although we were short on water and provisions. A British packet lying in the steamer supplied them with some coffee and they sailed away. They suffered all night at the next port for want of water. The American authorities were loath to let them land. About eight o'clock the next morning a canoe appeared with the Captain of the Port. He left a letter directing them to proceed to an Island in the river and remain there as they were quarantined and a boat would be sent in six hours with water and supplies. They remained eight hours and nothing appeared. They then returned to their former position in the Harbor and sent a boat ashore unto men armed with muskets. They were warned not to proceed as the authorities were prepared to resist. After a short parley the Natives allowed us to land. There were 25 men in the boat. They made the Collector and Captain of the port prisoners and marched them to the Custom House where they were held as hostages. We [illegible] there four days while they were there. The British back [illegible] Captain Livingstone arrived with 250 passengers and another company came in overland. Our next port was Acapulco. Before they had landed an officer came on board and inquired for a physician saying that the Collector of the Port was very ill. Our surgeon Dr. Labriskie was sent and took charge of the case. This treatment was so successful that he recovered before they left. No charge was made for services or medicine. Dr. L. also treated numerous citizens who were ill and without compensation. They remained about two weeks. At the end of that period the Collector sent for Dr. L. and presented him with an elegant bouquet not of natural flowers but composed of [illegible] which constituted the base from which extended in different directions silver wire each terminating in a circle of wire and in each circle was fastened this and a half gold piece. Its form resembled a hand which the fingers separated and extended. It was enclosed in a beautifully [illegible]. Its value was about one hundred dollars. The citizens the Dr. treated sent large quantities of fruit delivered shortly before sailing.

Before our departure from Acapulco we were informed that a small craft named the Napoleon was in distress. We kept a good look out and towards evening we saw her. She was about 15 tons burden and carried and carried [illegible] passengers. The craft was commanded by Capt. Williams. Among the passengers was Henry Sparks. They had been out of water for several days. They had obtained a small supply by distillation. As the [illegible] required heat and they had no wood they were obliged to use such parts of the ship as could be most conveniently spared. They were supplied with water and fruit and directed to proceed to San Blas. She was never again heard from by the Constellation. We arrived safely at San Blas procured supplies and left for S – Lucas. We arrived there safely and laid in another lot of supplies. Everything we could stow away. We then headed for the open sea hoping to catch the trade winds that would carry us to our destination. They found the wind and it was strong enough to tear away the bulwarks and came near sending them all to the bottom of the sea. But they weathered the gale and struck the outer entrance of the Golden Gate July 4th 1849. Shortly after the morning gun was fired we heard the salute in San Francisco. We hoisted the flag fired all our muskets gave three cheers and all joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner. We ate our Fourth of July dinner on board our ship. It was not a very [illegible] repast but we were thankful that our peril and suffering were ended and we believed our glorious anticipations were to be realized in the land of gold and no repast was ever more enjoyed with a more grateful zeal than that of the founts of July 1849.

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Adele L. Brower | Birth Place: San Francisco

Pioneer Father: Emmanuel Levy, Birth Place: Germany | Date of Arrival in California: Apr. 1849 • Pioneer Mother: Diana Levy | Birth Place: New Orleans | Date of Arrival in California: Jan. 1, 1850 | Death: Mar. 4, 1905

My mothers’ first husband came to Cal. via Panama 1850 and brought the first load of bricks some of which I have been told are in the old Custom House building Sansome and Washington Sts. He also organized the first I.O.O.F. Lodge in Placer County. My mother in January with Mrs. D. Norcross and others held a bazar on the St. afterward occupied by the Lick House for the benefit of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind people. My personal history is that I am a charter member of the Native Daughters in San Francisco and a permanent member of its Grand Parlor. For twelve years before my marriage I was private secretary to one of the prominent ministers of the Pacific Coast. Also held position as musical Instructress in the Pacific Hebrew Orphanage. My father had a very sad experience in crossing the Plains. The Indians stole his horses and murdered several of the company. He was also a victim of the big fire in Sacramento. He belonged to the Vigilance Committee in SF. and like most of the California Pioneers had a varied experience in business from Commercial to mining deals and like many of them did poor. For forty years my father was secretary of the Temple Emanuel and also secretary of the Home of Peace Cemetery in San Mateo County. Both my parents were devoted to the interests of our beloved State California and notable for their loyal and charitable inclinations. For a number of years my mother was patroness of St. Marys Hospital and faithful to its helpful resources. My earnest prayer is that my deeds of kindness may linger and prove as beneficent as those of my dearly beloved pioneer parents.

Francisca Shaw | Birth Place: San Jose, Cal.

Pioneer Father: John Quincy Adams Pearl | Birth Place:New Hampshire | Date of Arrival in California: June 2d, 1852 • Pioneer Mother: Sophia Hanks | Birth Place: Lower California | Date of Arrival in California: June 1846
Death: Father 1913; Mother 1877

My Mother’s father Captain Julian Hanks arrived in California in 1846 landing at Monterey. From Monterey the family travelled to San Jose by ox teams. Later Captain Hanks bought a large tract of land in the vicinity of Los Gatos. He also enstalled [sic] the first lumber mill in that section of the Country. He sold out all his property a few years later and returned to San jose where he set up the first steam flour mill. Captain Hanks was one of the signers of the Constitution of California. Julian St. in San Jose was named for him. My father John Pearl was an active member of the Santa Clara Pioneers. He was a member of the S.F. Vigilance Committee and also one of the organizers of the Volunteer fire department of the Pueblo San Jose. Captain Hanks was related to Abraham Lincoln his mother, Nancy Hanks.

Ida Matthis Brothers | Birth Place: Hollister, Calif.

Pioneer Father: George Valentine Matthis | Birth Place: Sacramento, Cal. | Date of Arrival in California: Native Son •Pioneer Mother: Helen Maria Rogers | Birth Place: San Jose, Cal. | Date of Arrival in California: Native Daughter |
Death: Cal. Oct 1903

My grandparents Joseph and Margaret Matthis arrived in Sacramento California 1852. They entered Cal. by the Northern route. My grandfather Joseph Matthis was born in Kentucky 1817 and died in Hollister 1897. Grandmother was born in Illinois in 1822 and died in San Jose 1914.

Mary E. McIntosh | Birth Place: Altaville, California

Pioneer Father: William H. Robinson | Birth Place: England | Date of Arrival in California: July 10, 1850 • Pioneer Mother: CarolineELTS Robinson | Birth Place: Canada | Date of Arrival in California: 1852
Death: Father 1898; Mother 1877

Captain C.M. Weber who was considered one of the founders of the City of Stockton and at one time practically owned all of the land on which all of that prosperous city stands beside a large acreage outside the city limits, left Independence Missouri May 8, 1841 with a party of 35 men and one woman, Mrs. Nancy A. Kelsey wife of Benjamin Kelsey. This lady is said to have been the first woman to cross the plains to this state. The party was known as the Bartleson party. Arriving at the ranch of Dr. Marsh November 4th 1841 having been six months on the journey.

Anne Sincock Moynihan | Birth Place: San Francisco

Pioneer Father: Henry Sincock | Birth Place: Cornwall, England | Date of Arrival in California: Jan. 1, 1850 • Pioneer Mother: Catherine Mitchell | Birth Place: Ireland | Date of Arrival in California: 1856
Death: Father 1884; Mother 1901

Both parents came via Cape Horn. My father came around Cape Horn to California arriving on the 1st of January 1850. He was delayed outside the heads by the fog on the evening of December 31st. He stayed in S.F. one or two days and then went to Placerville where he settled and opened a store for miners supplies. There were thirteen in his party. They erected a tent and lived it with blankets as a protection against Indians. Ten years later in 1860 he returned to San Francisco and opened a hotel at the corner of Pacific and Kearney Sts. Afterward moving to Pacific and Montgomery. It’s where he lived until 1875 when he retired and moved to a new home 2322 Mission St. In 1888 bought the Millon House. In 1881 went to Los Gatos and opened the Los Gatos Hotel. It is now known as the Hotel Lyndon. In 1884 he retired. He passed away on March 27th 1884 at the age of 57 years. My father and mother were married in 1860 and had nine children, two living and seven dead. My sister Mrs. Mary O’Neill died in Haywards in 1900 at the age of 28 years bearing me Anne S. Moynihan, the only surviving member of the family.

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Sophia Hanks	Lower California	June	1846	1910	Father	1877	Mother	landing at Monterey. From Monterey the family travelled to San Jose by teams. Later Captain He also installed the first lumber mill in that section of the country. He sold out all his up the first steam flour mill. Captain Hanks was one of the signers of the Constitution. My father John Pearl was an active member of the Santa Clara Pioneers. He was a member of the Volunteer fire department of the Pueblo San Jose. Captain Hanks was related to Abraham Lincoln's mother Nancy Hanks
Helen Maria Rogers	San Jose Cal.	Native Daughter	Cal.	Oct	1903			California 1852. They entered Cal. by the northern route. My grandfather Joseph Matthias was born in Illinois in 1822 and died in San Jose 1914
Caroline Letts Robinson	Canada	1852	Father	1898	1877			City of Stockton and at one time practically owned all of the land on which all of that line left Independence Missouri May 8. 1841 with a party of 35 men and one woman said to have been the first woman to cross the Plains to this state ranch of Dr Marsh November 4th 1841 leaving ten six months on the journey
Catherine Mitchell	Ireland	1856	1884	1901				10th of January 1850. He was delayed outside the heads by the fog on the evening of went to Placerville where he settled and opened a store for miners supplies with blankets as a protection against Indians. Ten years later in 1860 he returned to Kearney St. Afterward moving to Pacific and Montgomery Sts where he lived until 1875. In 1880 bought the Million House. In 1881 went to Los Gatos and opened the Los Gatos. He passed away on March 27th 1884 at the age of 67 years. Children two living and seven dead. My sister Mrs Mary O Mill died in Hayward. The only surviving member of the family

Anna B. Crocker | Birth Place: England

Anna Beatrice Crocker nee Purson arrived in San Francisco with her mother the early part of 1850 by sailing vessel from England. She resided in San Francisco and the immediate vicinity until the late fifties when she moved to the town of Suisun Solano County. She was married to the late Asa Crocker at Fairfield Solano Co. Sept. 8, 1861. Mrs. Crocker was the mother of three sons, Horace, William, and Frank. Horace L. a deputy in the city auditors office alone survives. Mrs. Crocker took up her residence in San Francisco about five years ago and resided here up to the time of her death. Mrs. Crocker (Anna Purson) and her brother Henry are included on the list of people who attended the first school in San Francisco. J.C. Pelton Principal. She also remembers many of the incidents of early days. In the first admission day celebration Sept. 9, 1850 she was honored by one of the Hook and Ladder companies by being allowed to ride on the machine and during a grand hall held in the evening was presented with a silver cap.

Biography of Mrs. Harriet Griffin

Madam President and Ladies of the Society of Pioneer Women of California. It is fifty nine years since I went through the experience I will attempt to relate. I left New York just before Christmas 1852 accompanied by my cousin. The weather was cold and after we had been out a few hours a storm arose. The winds blew and everybody was seasick but myself. It was funny to see the people rolling about the cabin. The dishes were tumbling about no matter how they placed the racks. My poor cousin was so sick, she said she did not want to live. She is living yet, 1911. In seven days we arrived at Aspinwall, now Colon, and were taken ashore in small boats and carried out of therm by natives. We were taken to Hotels but were unable to secure a room as the place was crowded with passengers from European Steamers. We sat on the stairs all night. The next morning we were put on what they called cars. We went a few miles in the cars then transferred to boats on the Chagres river. We went a few miles up the river when we were told we would have to get out as the boat was leaking. We got out of the board and remained on a small island in the river nearly all night. Early the next morning the natives returned and we proceed on our way. Every now and then the boatmen would get in the water and push the boat. Like all natives of tropical climates they wore not clothes and only laughed at the white passengers when they expostulated with them. We reached Gorgona in the morning but were obliged to wait until the next-day for mules. We stayed there all night. Next next morning we mounted the mules. My cousin and myself wore linen suits cut bloomer style. We also wore long rubber boots. I had never ridden a horse or mule before. Neither had my cousin who refused to ride man fashion. We rode one after the other. We had to book out for the baggage train as they never stopped for anything. They were loaded down with trunks tied on both sides and the tail [illegible] of one mule fastened to the tail in front. as the mud was very deep you can imagine how nice it was to be knocked off your mule. We were all day on the mules and reached Panama at dusk. I was so tired I could not get off and had to be lifted down. I sat down in the street. We were three days and nights in Panama. then we were taken out in small boats to the Steamer. I have forgotten the name of the Steamer. It was a very large one and crowded with passengers. My cousin and I slept on the floor. I did not mind that much as I was only sixteen years old. We had plenty to eat and lots of fun. The only thing that troubled us was the yellow fever. There were several deaths on board. We only made our stop at Acapulco for supplies and coal. In a week or so we arrived at S.F. our destination. We docked at the foot of Commercial St. Were met by my uncle and then commenced my life in San Francisco.


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HISTORICAL RECORD OF PIONEER WOMEN

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Lucy J. Stoneroad

In memoriam by her daughter , Mrs. W. J. Theis, Salinas, Cal.

Mrs. Stoneroad was born near Independence Missouri March 8, 1832. Her Parents were Judge and Mrs. Gallant D. Dickenson of Missouri. Lucy Jane was one of eight children. Three of them girls. With her parents and family she left Missouri, May 4th 1849 to make the long journey to California across the roadless plains and mountains by ox teams. At the start there 96 wagons in the caravan, but it very soon became apparent that so large a number could not move together, as there was not a sufficient supply of grazing for the cattle. They divided and the best teams with Judge Dickenson as manager went on ahead. His chief duty being to guide the party and also to protect the travellers [illegible] from Indians savages. A disease called mountain fever attacked them, others were slain by the Indians. They were buried in buffalo robes and the entire number of wagons and animals driven over their graves to obliterate any trace of burial. The party travelled as fast as possible, in order to avoid the threatening snow storms. It proved a wise move and speaks well for the foresight of their leader since others of the original party travelled more leisurely. The noted Reed and Donner parties were caught in the snow in The Sierras where they suffered and died at a point near Donner Lake. Lucy Jane Dickenson eventually reached Santa Clara with her people after suffering severely in the winter storms in the mountains. There they entered the Fort as the Mexican War was then raging. The young girl with her mother and sister moulded leaden bullets by the hundreds to be used in the old flint rock rifles then in use. When hostilities ceased the family moved to Monterey the first Capital of Cal. The discovery of gold in The Sierras that year (1848) caused a stampede of gold seekers from Monterey. The Dickenson family joined the rush and left for the mines. After a six months stay there they moved to Stockton a city composed principally of tents. In Stockton Lucy Jane met and married a Mr. Peck. The marriage took place in 1850. She was the youngest daughter of the family and was greatly beloved for her gentle manners and unselfish character. Four children were born to the couple. Later after a widowhood of fourteen years Mrs. Peck married a second time and became Mrs. N.B. Stoneroad. They resided in Merced, Cal. a number of years. Mrs. Stoneroad became the mother of four daughters. Removing to Las Vegas New Mexico in the early 80s The family remained in Las Vegas until the death of Mr. Stoneroad. Since that time Mrs. Stoneroad spent her time visiting members of her family in different parts of the U.S. making many trips across the Continent. This pioneer mother was of a cheerful, optimistic nature, bringing comfort and sunshine into the lives of all whom she shew She was very capable and intelligent and unselfish. She possessed many graces of body and mind. She leaves a legacy of a lamented mother and friend. Mrs. Lucy Jo Stoneroad passed away Dec 28, 1918 at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. T. Gordon Jefferson City, Mo. Her active life, so full of good deeds thus came to a close in her native state near the town of her birth. Her body was taken to Las Vegas N.M.and lies beside her late husband there.

Angeline Griffin Gardner | Birth Place: Platteville Wisconsin

Pioneer Father: Warren Griffin | Birth Place: Ohio | Date of Arrival in California: Overland 1853

Pioneer Mother: Malinda Lovell | Birth Place: Vermont | Date of Arrival in California: 1853

Death: Mother: 1903

I came with my parents to California in 1853. We were six months coming from Wisconsin to Nevada County California. Our train was composed of eighteen wagons. At night these made a circle, which served as barracks. Twice we were attacked by Indians, but our men being on the alert and prepared we did not sustain any loss. We camped for one month near Salt Lake City to prepare man and beast for the long journey across the desert. Cows were driven instead of oxen which was a wonderful foresight for we had milk all the way and faithful necessary animals after reaching California. We lived in a tent for a few months, and later in a log house. I can see the four tall bed posts with holes bored in the ends and side boards. Ropes were interwoven across a mattress [sic] filled with straw and hay placed on that and a good feather bed on top of all. There was a trundle bed for the children that was pulled out from under the Large bed at night, and pushed under in the day-time. A wooden box with wicker nailed on made a fine cradle. I spent my girlhood days among the miners and their families and no truer friends than they ever existed. I was married to Hiram S. Gardner in 1874. Have one child, a daughter, Edna Gardner and have lived at 1314 8th Street Oakland for forty years. I am a charter member of the Association Pioneer Women and was elected their President in 1910.

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Connell, Mary Irene | Birth Place: San Francisco
Pioneer Father: Thomas Connell | Birth Place: New York | Date of Arrival in California: July 1849
Pioneer Mother: Elizabeth Agnes Connell | Birth Place: Limerick Id. | Date of Arrival in California: Nov. 1852
Death: Father: 1873; Mother: Jan 2, 1910

Father came around the Horn and mother by Ismus [sic] of Panama.

Sherman, Alvina Paulina | Birth Place: San Francisco
Pioneer Father: John Wieland | Birth Place: Webling, Germany | Date of Arrival in California: 1851
Pioneer Mother: Sophie F. Wieland | Birth Place: Stutgard Ger. | Date of Arrival in California: Nov. 1853
Death: Father: Jan 3, 1885; Aug 31, 1891

Mother and mother [sic] both came around the horn. I have very little to write; when my father first arrived he worked as a baker. In 1855 he started the Wieland Brewery at 236 Second Street where I was born. When father died he had one of the largest funerals ever held in San Francisco. His hearse was drawn by six gray trackhorses draped in black. The horses belonged to the brewery.

Hammersmith, Lucy E. | Birth Place: Grass Valley, Cal.
Pioneer Father: Michial Roach | Birth Place: Mays, Ireland | Date of Arrival in California: Oct. 1850
Pioneer Mother: Sarah | Birth Place: Scotland | Date of Arrival in California: —
Death: Father 1898 in Grass Valley

Father came across plains by ox team and Mother came same route by wagon. Many, many times I have listened while my father told over and over the many hardships he experienced, I am only sorry that I cannot remember the many incidents he told us, but I was too young to realize that at some future time it would be of great interest to us.

Doble, Helen Augusta Davis | Birth Place: San Francisco
Pioneer Father: Chas Henry Alexander Davis | Birth Place: Toronto, Can. | Date of Arrival in California: —
Pioneer Mother: Evelyn Agustu Rockefeller | Birth Place: Fruitvale, Cali | Date of Arrival in California: —

My grandfather Hiram Harvey Rockefeller came to California in 1852. Settled in Contra Costa County, was a hotel owner and a farmer. Also interested in mining, he came across the plains. I can remember my mother used to tell us she and her older brother would go down on the property grandfather gave to the Southern Pacific, and watch the Chinamen who were building the road eat with chopsticks This was on their farm in San Pablo, when they were building the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Stavis, Annie | Birth Place: San Francisco
Pioneer Father: Conrad Young | Birth Place: Niederweissel Ger. | Date of Arrival in California: 1849
Pioneer Mother: Elizabeth Marx | Birth Place: Neiderweissel. Ger. | Date of Arrival in California: 1849

Father and mother came by stage from Boston. I can well remember of my oldest brother, who has passed away, of him telling how he used to play marbles with Mike De Young, his same age with S20 gold pieces they quite often used to pick up as the ground was being dug up for buildings. My father and Mr. Spreckels went out for a walk one day to look the sandhills over which is now Market Street and they were standing on the waters’ edge which is now the Palace Hotel site when some man approached my father and insisted that they buy the land they were standing on for \$125.00: The entire square block where the hotel stands today: But he preferred to buy at North Beach instead of the sandhill but his friend bought some sandhills but not so near the water. I guess I could help fill the book but these two items I can’t so easily forget, especially when I look at the Palace Hotel and think of what might have been.

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<u>Johnson Katherine (Mrs.)</u>	San Francisco	John Egan	Waterford Ireland	May		1851
<u>Byrne Kathleen C.</u>	Detroit, Mich.					
<u>Hansen Minnie</u>	Oakland, Calif.	A. W. Hansen	Germany			1854

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Mary Raymond Burke Egan	London England	April		1852	Father	May 9, 1908		
					Mother	May 19, 1923		Mother came by Panama Route
				1850				
Wilhelmina Freitag	Germany			1869				by Panama Grandfather came in 1849

Donovan, Rose Geraldine | Birth Place: San Francisco

Pioneer Father: William Charles Hawley; Great Grandfather James Brice; Grandfather Levin Thomas Fox | Birth Place: Belfast Maine; –; West Virginia |

Date of Arrival in CA: 1885; 1852; 1847

Pioneer Mother: Saura Fox Hauley | Birth Place: San Francisco | Date of Arrival in California: —

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Scouler, Mayme | Birth Place: Red Bluff Calif.

Pioneer Father: Grandfather Capt. E. G. Reed | Birth Place: Maine | Date of Arrival in California: 1850

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Kaufman, Ms. Charlotte Widman | Birth Place: San Francisco, Calif.

Pioneer Father: Herman George Widman | Birth Place: Nuremburg, Bavaria, Germany | Date of Arrival in California: 1848

Pioneer Mother: Mary Reddy Widman | Birth Place: San Francisco | Date of Arrival in California: —

Death: May 30, 1931

Herman was the youngest child and came to California via wagon, arrived in California Dec. 1848, preceding the Donner party Lived in Covington KY. They and a number of families left by wagon train and arrived in what is now known as Kansas City in Summer of 1848. His father bought Livermore, Amador Valley from the Mexican Government and when California became a State the father refund to file, as he paid for it in U.S. gold. In his early youth he went to Mexico with his Father and Brother. He was a musician and introduced Spanish music including La Paloma. He was also a salesman, buyer of surplus products from wholesale butchers, products were hogs, hoofs, horns, and blood. The Guitar, a Martin is still in possession of the Family. In addition he was associated with Hearst Jr. and Henry Miller, Cattle King. The Hearst and Miller accepted land grants in Calif. For money loaned but the Widman family returned land and wanted gold for the money advanced in Mexico. The claim is still filed in Washington.

HISTORICAL RECORD OF PIONEER WOMEN

NAME	BIRTH PLACE	PIONEER FATHER	BIRTH PLACE	DATE OF ARRIVAL IN CALIFORNIA		
				MONTH	DAY	YEAR
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		Great Grandfather		1852		
		James Brice				
		Grandfather				
		Levin Thomas Fox West Virginia		1847		

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Saura Fox, Huxley San Francisco

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California Pioneers
By Mrs. Ida Matthis Brothers

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In this city by the bay
For lives that proved their greatness
For the victories they have won
As pushing onward westward
The reached the land of sun

Thru prairies wide they travelled
They climbed the mountains high
Traversed the burning deserts
Where all was packed and dry
They crossed the rushing rivers
They braved the stormy sea
They battled with the savages
To win such victory

They builded towns and cities
In this glorious state of ours
With a thousand miles of coast line
And its many sun lit horns
From the snow capped peaks of Shasta
To the sun Kissed Southern land
They erected one vast empire
Monumental to this band

They tilled the fertile valleys
They curbed the rushing streams
From desert and from mountain
Realized their golden dream
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The greatest State of all
These brave and noble people
The responded to the Call

They fought and built the pathway
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From the northern States they answered
The South responding too
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Our State has reached its zenith
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And thousands more are coming
To our nation’s west extreme

Dear western pioneer mothers
We bow in reverence low
You journeyed her before us
As martyrs well we know
You struggled this tempestuous years
Your work must ever shine
Society must honor you
In action as in rhyme

The father too that bore the blunt
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