

## C. H. CARTER.

This gentleman, a prosperous and prominent citizen of Summersville, whose name has been identified with many useful and important business ventures of his portion of the county, is a New Yorker by birth, having been born in Cayuga County, in that State, in June, 1829. His early life was passed, as are those of most of New York's favored sons, in attending school, and at a later date, the academy. Achieving a good education at those seminaries of learning, he started for California in January, 1849. He came to San Francisco via Panama, arriving July 2nd, and stopping in the Bay City but a short time, when the mining fever drew him to the American River, but soon leaving there he wooed the goddess Fortune for a while in Trinity County, but unsuccessfully. Returning to Sacramento to winter, he again sought the Trinity mines in the spring of '50, beginning in the lumber business and also being connected with gold mining. He remained in Trinity until 1858, when he came to Tuolumne and opened a store at Long Gulch, continuing so occupied until 1860, when he removed to Summersville, and establishing himself in the same business, remaining there up to the present time. In addition to his mercantile interests, Mr. Carter farms a quarter section of land with good success. The gentleman married Miss Sarah J. Crossett, in 1865, at the town of Sonora, having by her five children, viz. : George B., Ida E., W. B., F. R., and Ada E.

## GIDEON WING.

In the town of Sandwich, county of Barnstable, Mass., Mr. Wing was born, on March 1, 1836. In the public schools of the town in which he was born, he was **eda-**

cated. When seventeen years old, he apprenticed himself to the tinsmith trade in the city of New Bedford, Mass., which, when learned, formed the basis of his business operations in the present time. On November 26, 1862, he arrived in San Francisco, having come from New Bedford via Panama. On December 1, 1862, he arrived in Columbia, and at once entered into the hardware and tin business, and now keeps an establishment of that kind on Main street. He was elected to the City Council of Columbia, and was selected as its President in the days when she was a city of more importance than any other in the county. He was also at the head of the Fire Department for a period of nine years. He was also appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Third District. His division was composed of Tuolumne, Calaveras, Mariposa and Mono counties. He was appointed Deputy Collector of Revenues of the First District, which position he held for four years. Married Malinda Pauline Schwilk, a native of Kentucky, on May 4, 1870. Frederick S. and Laura A. are his children.

#### SPENCER BLAIR, (Deceased.)

The subject of this sketch was born in Broome County, New York, in May, 1822. His parents were proprietors of a farm on which the young Spencer lived, until he emigrated to the Golden State, in 1852, he making the transcontinental trip via Panama, crossing the Isthmus, as did all travellers at that date, on mule back. Settling at Rough and Ready, he mined there for about seven years, going in 1859 to Soulsbyville, where he followed the same pursuit for two years. For several years subsequently he remained unsettled, until finally, in 1865, he moved permanently upon the farm where his widow now lives. This is

situated near Summerville, and consists of one hundred and sixty acres of well cultivated land, which is managed by Edson, one of the children. Mr. Blair's lamented death took place September 22, 1870. He was married to Miss M. Knapp, in New York, May 12, 1844, four children being the result of this union, of whom three, Edson A., Eloise J., and George F., survive.

### C. W. H. SOLINSKY.

This estimable gentleman is a native of Poland, his birth occurring on August 14, 1814. Coming to the United States in 1840, he enlisted six years later in Quitman's Division and fought through the war with Mexico, returning at its close to Pennsylvania. Still unsettled in mind, he embarked at the end of the same year—1848—on the ship *Osceola*, and came in her to this State to enter upon mining, which he followed for three or four years in Calaveras and Mariposa Counties, and then in the vicinity of Sonora, until he found more acceptable employment as member of the firm of Miller & Co. Afterwards becoming agent for Adams & Co.'s Express line, he held that office until the company's dissolution. In 1857, he received a similar appointment from Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co., which he has retained until the present time. During these years Mr. Solinsky has also engaged in several mining operations; nor is this all that is within the scope of his business activity. One of the best appointed and well managed hotels in the foothills has been under his proprietorship for a number of years.

The Solinsky family includes three children; Frank, now a promising young lawyer of San Andreas; Win. H. Solinsky and Margaret F. Solinsky.

## J. P. CHAMBERLAIN AND J. A. CHAFFEE.

These two gentlemen, typical " old forty-niners," form an example of life-long friendship between men, that is as interesting as it is rare. Coming to this State in July 1849, having made the Cape Horn passage together, they have never since been separated; their property interests, their friends and acquaintances belong to both.

Mr. Chamberlain, the elder by two years, was born in Windsor County, Vermont, in 1821, residing in that State, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, by turns, and on reaching a sufficient age he devoted himself to the sash and blind manufacture. In Worcester he met the second named, Mr. Chaffee, a Connecticut boy, born in Woodstock, Windham County, in 1823. The latter had learned the trade of wheelwright, at eighteen years of age, working at that occupation in Worcester, Mass. The two set sail for California in January, 1849, and were six months on their voyage.

On landing in San Francisco, they found employment, repaid at the rate of sixteen dollars per day. Even this pay could not keep the ardent young men, so at the end of two weeks they started for Calaveras County, and went to mining on the Mokelumne River, realizing over ten dollars per day for one month. Winter then coming on, they turned their footsteps toward San Jose, where they worked at carpentering for James F. Reed, Esq. In March, 1851, they came to Swett's Bar on the Tuolumne, mining there and at Chinese Camp; a portion of the time making high pay, and at other times meeting mostly discouragements. For some time they were located at Second Garrote, where they mined with indifferent success until 1853, when they returned to San Jose, visiting Gilroy, and at last coming back to Second Garrote, where they have remained ever since, with the exception of a short time also spent in San Jose.

Their present occupations embrace both mining and farming, Mr. Chaffee attending to the former pursuit, while Mr. Chamberlain's attention is confined to agriculture. They jointly have under their care a very fine orchard, and enter also into the manufacture of cider and vinegar.

### JOHN F. BLUETT.

A native of Cornwall, England, where he was born on the 9th of November, 1841, Mr. Bluett came to California in 1863, entering into the employ of the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining. Compan<sup>3</sup>, which position he held for about a year. At the expiration of that time he came to Soulsbyville, his present home, and has remained there since, being engaged principally in mining affairs. In addition to every-day matters, Mr. Bluett has taken great interest in the social and moral advancement of his fellow-beings, being concerned in the formation and - conduct of the present flourishing and successful schools, temperance societies, etc., of his vicinity, his attitude throughout being that of a consistent Christian. Marrying before his departure from England, he has three children—W. J., Anna M. (now Mrs. Chapman) and Ellen.

### WINSLOW HUBBARD.

The subject of this account was born in Connecticut, October 11, 1821, spending his boyhood in the place of his nativity. In the year 1844, he started South with a design of bettering his fortunes, and after five years spent in the Slave States he came across the plains by the Fort Smith route, remaining a short time at Greenhorn Point, El

Dorado County, going from thence to Mariposa County, and finally taking his abode in Tuolumne, where he has since remained. During the most of thirty-two years of his stay he has resided at Groveland, exerting himself in the development of mines, of which he now possesses several very promising ones.

#### J. W. MAJOR.

East Tennessee is the land of Mr. Major's nativity, he having been born there on the 3d of May, 1832. Coming across the plains by the northern route in 1853, he first busied himself for a period of eighteen months in farming on Dry Creek, in the San Joaquin Valley. The next year was spent near Folsom, when, organizing a cattle train, he proceeded then to Stockton *via* Sonora, remaining in the neighborhood of Stockton until 1857, coming at that time to Tuolumne, and purchasing his present property, near Sonora, where he has since resided, with the exception of three years spent in running the mill at the Ferguson mine, in Mariposa county. Mr. Major possesses about four hundred and eighty acres of land. He was married to Miss H. Ferguson in March, 1865.

#### S. C. BARCLAY.

Mr. Barclay has been truly a man given to much wandering. Not Eneas, Virgil's hero, had a history more full of travel and adventure. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, December 6, 1823, he removed with his parents when quite young, successively to habitations in Franklin, then to Gasconade county, and finally to Newton county. After

these three removed the family went, in 1845, to Texas, where, the next year, the young man, now twenty-three years old, enlisted as a soldier in the army that was then invading Mexico, and after six months of fighting in the regiment of Colonel Woods, he, with his fellow-cavalrymen, was mustered out after the taking of Monterey. Returning to Hopkins county, Texas, he joined, in 1853, an expedition bound for California. Ox teams were the mode of transportation then in use, and with these slow but sure means the party came safely through, their route leading through the Osage Nation, up the Arkansas river, through Utah. Stopping at first in Yolo County, he soon came to Tuolumne county and spent three years in mining at Shaw's Flat. Locating next at Springfield, he busied himself in the same pursuit until 1862, when he went to Summerville, locating himself on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he is now engaged in tilling.

#### E. N. TWIST.

Born in Livingston county, New York, on March 3, 1821. The son of a farmer, he passed his minority upon the paternal acres, going when twenty-one to Ohio and subsequently to Wisconsin, eventually coming to California. The date of his arrival was the Spring of 1850. His first mining was done at Placerville, afterwards working at Mokelumne Hill. In September, 1852, he came to Tuolumne and began mining at Table Mountain. After six months spent there, he proceeded to Algerine and remained until 1868, when he moved on his ranch of one hundred and sixty acres on the Sonora and Jacksonville road. Mr. and Mrs. Twist have one child, Ennis.

## WILLIAM WILSON.

Mr. Wilson had the good fortune to be born in the good old State of Maine; consequently he is a "Down-easter;" very far down East, too, his birthplace was, for he was "raised" in Hancock County, almost on the eastern verge of the United States. Like nearly all of the able-bodied young men of his section, he worked at lumbering. Reaching the ambitious age of twenty-one, he cut loose from the home ties, and setting out for fresher fields and greener pastures, he came to Big Bar, on Sullivan's Creek, where he toiled for ten years. Resuming his old occupation of lumberman, at the end of that time, he became head-sawyer at Smith's Mill, until 1871, when he accepted a similar position in Marshall's Mill, retaining it for two years; after which he moved to his present location in Arastraville, to engage in quartz mining and in running a couple of arastras.

## H. W. WILLIAMS

Is a Swede, who came to America in 1840, then at the age of sixteen years. For a livelihood, Mr. Williams followed the sea, until his voyage *via* the Straits of Magellan to this country, in a schooner commanded by Captain Wild, where he has since remained, devoting his time to mining and to improvements in mining machinery. His wanderings, which were numerous, as were those of almost every one of the early miners, began upon his departure, in 1851, from San Francisco for Taylor's Bar, in Calaveras County. Mining there for a twelvemonth, he went to Campo Seco next, and became a saloon-keeper, until 1854, when, coming to Tuolumne, he stopped for a time at Big Oak Flat, and then at Deer Flat, mining at those places with small success. One summer passed at Turnback

Creek "let him out" of mining for awhile, and he then devoted himself to the butcher business, at Roche's Camp. Six months more saw him at Sonora, clerking in a store, soon to leave that employment for another trial at the meat-block. He followed the business of retailing meat at Sonora, Soulsbyville and Confidence, successively, until, finally becoming possessed of certain mining claims at Arastraville, he located himself there, constructing an arastra, and is now engaged in improving his mining property.

#### JAMES TANNAHILL.

Of good Scotch descent, Mr. Tannahill was born in the "Land o' Cakes," in July, 1824. As early as 1850, he found himself mining on Curtis' Creek, which pursuit he followed for a short time, going afterwards to Stockton, but again returning in the Fall of '50, and started a store at what is now Groveland, but which at that time was called Garrote. Continuing assiduously in that business, he has ever since maintained agreeable business relations with the inhabitants of that section. Until a few years since, he had also conducted certain mining operations. Married, Christmas, 1859, Miss May A. Dexter, formerly of Providence, Rhode Island. Two children; James Alexander, and Cordelia Agnes.

#### MOSES H. HIDE.

The subject of this sketch first saw the light in Carroll County, New Hampshire, where he resided until he passed his twentieth year; then, for the next seven years, his location was chiefly in Massachusetts. Then, being smitten with the California fever, he joined the grand army whose eager faces were turned towards the golden shores of the

Pacific, and, taking passage on the steamer John L. Stephens, he came to Panama. The remainder of this, to him, most eventful trip was made in the George Law, arriving in San Francisco in 1854. Coming at once to old Tuolumne, he entered into partnership with his brother, in ranching, afterwards going into the lumber manufacture. Increasing in wealth, Mr Hyde became successively proprietor of a sawmill, a lumber yard situated in Sonora, and the fine ranch on which he now resides. This ranch, familiarly known as the "Hyde Ranch," is situated on Sullivan's Creek, above the Phoenix Reservoir. Besides agriculture, the gentleman has interested himself in mining, in consequence of the discovery of a very extensive quartz ledge upon his property, which, being prospected, is found to be of great value.

#### G. F. **CULBERTSON.**

Mr Culbertson, now a prominent citizen of Tuolumne, and who has served the County in public offices, was born in Salem, Massachusetts. Coming to California in '49, by the Cape Horn route, he mined in Mariposa County until 1851, when he came to Chinese Camp, and there continued the same occupation. Five years later he located himself at Moccasin Creek, and commenced agricultural and horticultural pursuits, at which he has succeeded notably. Continuing until the present time in that locality, he has engaged in the manufacture of wines and brandies of a superior quality. In fact, it is held that articles of his own make are unexcelled in this State; which fact speaks volumes both for Mr. C.'s perseverance and fitness, and also for the adaptability of the soils of this region for viticulture.

## GREENBURRY C. BAKER.

Born in Boone County, Missouri, on the 24th of March, 1845, he there resided until in his twentieth year, when he performed the adventurous trip "Across the Plains," with a mule team, arriving on this side of the Sierra in the Fall of 1864. Sheep-raising in Stanislaus County, and afterwards stock-raising and farming in Merced County, for a while engrossed his attention, until in 1879 he built a station on the Sonora and Mono Road, about eight miles from the summit, known by his name. This establishment he has continued to manage up to the present time; in addition to which, the hotel at Confidence, of which he is proprietor, receives a part of his attention. Married at Center Mill, in 1873, to Miss Mary E. Carter, he has by her two children, Cora M., and John.

## W. S. STONE.

This gentleman, now a prosperous and valued citizen of Tuolumne County, was born in Montgomery County, Missouri, on the 4th of March, 1830. When he was quite young his parents removed southward to Washington County, Arkansas, where they followed farming. When twenty-one, Mr. Stone was united in marriage to Miss I. Fitzgerald, and the following year the young couple "crossed the Plains," coming with their ox-teams via Salt Lake, arriving in Tuolumne in November, '52. After a short time spent in mining in Jamestown, he accepted a situation in a sawmill on Sullivan's Creek, remaining so employed for two years; then purchasing the ranch now owned by Mr. Major, but selling it in 1856, to occupy his present beautiful farm, situated in the loveliest of valleys, eleven miles from Sonora. The amount of land embraced

within the ranch is three hundred and twenty acres. Their children are five in number, whose names are : O. P., Thomas J., George L., Isabelle C., and Ida V.

#### A. ABBOTT.

Born in the city of Hudson, New York, Mr. Abbott left for California in the memorable year 1849, on the bark " Nautilus." The adventurous passage was made in safety. Coming directly to this County, Mr. Abbott spent several years in mining, the common occupation of nearly every one at that time. With the decay of placer mining, he retired from that pursuit and entered the pleasanter ways of agriculture, devoting himself to tilling the kindly soil of his pleasant ranch on the North Branch of Sullivan's Creek, where he now lives, having surrounded himself with a family.

#### BEN SOULSBY.

Is a Pennsylvanian, having been born in Alleghany County, of that State, in October, 1840. In 1851, he, together with his parents, came to this State, by way of New Orleans and Panama. Living first on Sullivan's Creek, the family moved thence to Brown's Flat, there remaining until the Fall of '53, when they changed their residence to Soulsbyville, where "Ben " has since resided. Mr. Soulsby was the discoverer of the celebrated "Soulsby" mine, a claim that has enriched many, but which circumstances compelled the discoverer to part with. A veteran prospector, Mr. S. still evinces a most excellent judgment in mines, owning now an interest in a valuable claim a mile north of Soulsbyville, which he with his partner are in process of develop-

ing. Possessing also a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which is a tiptop residence, the gentleman is well situated to enjoy life and to dispense an open-handed hospitality, as all who have experienced the latter may testify. Mr. Sonisby and his excellent lady have one child, Thomas by name.

### JOSEPH BIXEL.

The subject of this sketch was born in Germany on December 1, 1818. Here he was raised and educated. He emigrated to the United States in 1849, settling at Cleveland, Ohio. From this place he came to California *via* the Isthmus of Panama, landing in San Francisco in October, 1851. He came direct to this county, stopping at Jamestown, where he mined for gold during the Winter of '51-2. The following Spring he went to Fresno, remaining there until the Fall of that year, and then moved to Merced County, where he purchased a farm in 1853. On February 8, 1856, he came to Columbia and bought an interest in his present brewery, and has been engaged in the manufacture of beer. The brewery above mentioned was built by A. Bixel, a brother of the subject of this sketch, in 1854, and was owned by him until 1856, when Joseph Bixel bought an interest, buying the remainder in 1869. This brewery is located at the head of Matelot Gulch, and is a wood building 40x60 feet, one story high, the malt-room and Idle of brick, one story and basement, 20x80 feet; the fermentation cellar is 20x60 feet, hewn out of almost solid limestone; the floor faced with marble. One large stable of wood, carriage-house and dwelling-house, also of wood, 30x40 feet, and one and a half stories high. Mr. Bixel married Anna Maria Dirr. She is *a native* of Germany. Paul, Amelia, Louisa and Arthur are their children.

## W. A. CAMPBELL.

The subject of this short narrative is a veteran of the Mexican War, having served under Taylor, in his very important campaign, belonging to the Tennessee Cavalry. After two years and four months of continuous service with Taylor, he went to Vera Cruz, and was afterwards detailed as one of the party that located the forts on the route to this side of the continent, returning home at the end of his service only to start westward again, traveling to California for the second time, in 1849, with a pack train. His first occupation in this country was as teamster for the noted Sam Brannan, transporting goods from Sacramento to Amador County. Later on he came to Calaveras County, and thence to Columbia, "The Gem of the SouthErn Mines," as Coffroth styled her. Here he mined three years, and, changing his location to Springfield, put in two years more with the pick and shovel. At a later date he lived in Sonora, exchanging to Soulsbyville, where he remained until 1873, when he located upon his present comfortable ranch of two hundred acres, on which he farms and raises stock.

## NATHAN A. ARNOLD.

The reminiscences of the early pioneers and adventurers on the Pacific Coast must ever possess a peculiar interest for the Californian. Green in their memory will ever remain the trials and incidents of early life in this land of golden promise. The pioneers of civilization constituted no ordinary class of adventurers. Resolute, ambitious and enduring, looking into the great and possible future of this Western slope, and possessing the sagacious mind to grasp true conclusions, and the indomitable will to execute just means to obtain desired ends, these heroic pioneers,

by their subsequent careers, have proved that they were equal to the great mission assigned them—that of carrying the liberal institutions and real essences of American civilization from their Eastern homes and implanting them upon the shores of another ocean. Among the many who have shown their fitness for the tasks assigned them, none merit this tribute to their worth more fully than the subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on September 18, 1832. He left his native place in 1851, came to this State *via* the Isthmus of Panama, and landed in San Francisco in July of that year. After two days' sojourn in the city, Mr. Arnold went to Sacramento, thence to Marysville and to Long Bar on the Yuba river, where he engaged board at sixteen dollars per week. He bought a claim for thirty dollars, worked two weeks and took out seven dollars and fifty cents. During the Winter of 1852, he was at Deer Creek, and in the Summer of that year he was mining in Placer county. In the Fall of 1852, he came to Sonora, in this county, with a companion, arriving after dark. They lay on the ground, as they supposed, in a field, but on the following morning discovered they were in the burying-ground. Mr. Arnold continued mining in placer claims for many years, meeting with varied success. When placer mining was no longer a paying business, he went to the mountains east of Columbia, and with others discovered and developed the " Rifle " and " Smooth-bore mines, which were very productive.

In 1878, however, the subject of our sketch found himself over eight hundred dollars in debt, with no credit and no coin to meet the demands of his creditors. " How I was to get the money to pay my debts," said Mr. Arnold, " troubled me more than any one knew." Full of pluck and energy, however, he started out on a prospecting tour

on May 20, 1879. Going along the western bank of Clark's Gulch, weary from looking for a gold-bearing vein, he sat down, and, leaning against a little tree, turned over a stone with his pick, and, to his astonishment and joy, he saw gold on the under edge. This led to the discovery of the " Hope " mine, one of the richest in this county, and one which enabled Arr. Arnold not only to pay all his indebtedness, but has already placed in his hands a snug little fortune. On the northern slope of the South Fork of the Stanislaus river is his home, nestled among the trees, and about midway between the base and apex of a lofty mountain. Near by is Clark's Gulch, down which runs with fearful turmoil, a little creek, emptying itself into the Stanislaus river, and hurrying on to kiss the hem of the Pacific ocean. One who is a lover of beautiful scenery cannot help but admire this home among the mountains. Mr. Arnold married Rinalda Cordero, and has two little girls, whose names are Frances and Sarah.

#### C. LOMBARDO.

Captain Lombardo, one of the prominent quartz miners of this County, and the owner of the Louisiana Mine, and of other valuable mining properties near by, was born in Italy. Going, at an early *age*, to South America, he continued his travels to California, arriving in 1849. Adopting mining as a pursuit, the Captain, then as now, prominent among his fellow-countrymen in this land, after three years passed as a storekeeper in Jamestown and Sonora, in 1852 entered successfully into " pocket " mining in Bald Mountain. After two years of this work he removed to Cherokee, in which vicinity he has since remained, giving himself up almost wholly to quartz mining, in which his

success has been marked. One of his properties, the Louisiana, above mentioned, is regarded as of very- great value, and is well improved, having on it a first-rate hoisting works as well as an eight-stamp mill, all driven by hydraulic power.

### OWEN FALLON

Was born in Ireland, and came to the United States with his parents when an infant, settling in Washington County, New York. During his boyhood he lived at East Troy, West Troy and at Port Jackson, New York. His father being a stonecutter, young Fallon learned the trade, working at the same at Amsterdam, on the Erie Canal. He subsequently moved to New York City, and with his father was employed cutting stone for a seawall around the Government works, at Governor's Island. In the Fall of 1840, he went to sea on a whaling voyage, and afterwards sailed on a merchantman, which occupations he followed until he came to this State on the ship "Ohio," Captain Hale, Mr. Fallon being one of the mates. He settled at the Mission Dolores, San Francisco, and was employed by Elliott More. During the Summer of 1851, he, in company with others, went to San Mateo County, cutting wild-oat hay for the market. Mr. Fallon returned to the Mission, and, in company with Terrence Riley, followed gardening. Here he was elected Constable, and afterwards was appointed on the police force of San Francisco. He married Ellen Gregg on Jan. 14, 1854, and in 1856 came to this county, settling in Columbia, and *engaging* in mining a while. He purchased the "Maine House," on the ground where his present hotel stands, keeping the same until it was burned, Aug. 24, 1857. He rebuilt the

hotel, and again, on Aug. 27, 1859, the building was destroyed by fire. He at once erected a brick fire-proof building, which now bears the name of the "Fallon House," the subject of our sketch being still its proprietor. James G. is his only son.

#### C. S. PEASE.

Born in Broome county<sup>y</sup>, New York, in November, 1827, he there passed his earlier years, leaving his native State for the Pacific Slope in 1851. First mining for two years at Rough and Ready, he then returned to the East, where he exchanged his state of single-blessedness for that of a Benedict. Returning to California in 1855, he engaged in mining and teaching school as occasion required, and served one term as Superintendent of Common Schools for Tuolumne county. In 1865, he moved on his ranch on Blanket Creek, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Pease's children, seven in number, are Philip M., Ella L., Alice, Alfred, Henry, Edward and Grace.

#### J. L. COLES.

"Jack " Coles, as his many friends love to call him, was born on Long Island, New York, but was reared and educated in New York City. His early training, which was thorough, dealt more particularly with matters relating to mechanism and architecture, and of which Mr. Coles is unquestionably a master. In the Fall of 1854, he resolved to sail for California, and arrived here in the Spring of 1855. His first halt was at Jamestown, where he very soon became associated with a company to work a mine on the Tuolumne river, near Jacksonville, and at which he

spent his first Summer in California. In the Fall of the same year he went to the town of Sonora, and there forming a copartnership with Mr. Charles Bunnell, soon established a lucrative business in architectural contracting and building. They also became interested in many mining claims, and were soon surrounded by a large circle of very warm friends, "Jack " being ever ready for anything that would advance the interests of the town, or promote fun, and never tardy about paying his full share of all costs, or too busy, or hard up, to lend a helping hand in any worthy cause. In the Summer of 1859, he became the happy possessor of the hand and heart of the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Soulsby, the discoverer and then principal owner of the famous Soulsby Quartz Mine. At the beginning of the war, Mr. Coles, accompanied by his wife and brother, sailed for New York, and very soon after their arrival, he was tendered the position of Lieutenant-Colonel of a regiment then being raised in New York City, which he immediately accepted, and entered upon the discharge of his duties. Soon, however, it was ordered that their men should be consolidated with another regiment; but Colonel Jack not being pleased with the order, resigned his command. He then hoisted his banner in the city of Brooklyn and organized a battery of Light Artillery, which he was to command. But at this juncture a partnership in a very lucrative business presented itself, and Jack was persuaded to drop the Colonel and accept the merchant, forming the firm of, Coles & Ramsey, wholesale dealers in Army Supplies, Washington, D. C., with a branch store in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Coles, however, soon tiring of this tame life, resolved to return to California, and in the Summer of 1863, when about to start, was tendered the command of a regiment to be sent to Arizona for Indian service, which he partly accepted, but on his

arrival in San Francisco, hearing of the immensely rich quartz discoveries in Idaho, resolved to go there. At Owyhee, Idaho Territory, he, with others, formed a company, and in the Summer of 1864, built the well-known " Morning Star " Quartz Mill, which is believed to be the first of the kind in Idaho Territory, and although costing what would now be considered a fabulous sum, all concerned reaped a golden harvest. Next we find Mr. Coles located again in New York City, a member of the firm of Ramsey, Coles & Co., importers and wholesale dealers in white goods, laces, hosiery, etc. In the Summer of 1868, they dissolved the firm, and Mr. Coles and brother turned their attention to inventions, and we find their names appearing in many places in the Patent Office Reports, as the inventors of several very valuable and now almost indispensable improvements. At this time reports of the fabulously rich mines at White Pine, Nevada, caught Jack's eye, and soon the monotony of New York became irksome, and in 1869 we find him located at Mineral Hill, Nevada, vindicating the laws of that district as Deputy District Attorney, and handling a mining property valued at over a million dollars. Eighteen hundred and seventy-five finds Mr. Coles again in New York as President of a large and flourishing Ice Company. Eighteen hundred and eighty Mr. Coles and wife and their loveable little daughter returned to Sonora, where they are now happily living, surrounded by many of their old friends. Mr. Coles, throughout his eventful and active life, has always shown himself the scrupulously honorable gentleman, and enterprising to an extent which the average man not only cannot appreciate, but cannot understand. Going into many ventures for the love of venture and for the sake of doing, he has met many reverses, but with a becoming self-confidence and command, he immediately recovers himself, and gathering

up the wrecks strewn about him, begins again, without loss of time or diminution of energy, thereby verifying his phrenological chart as written up by Messrs. Fowler & Wells—"one of the favored few, created superior to misfortune." His career, full as it is with incidents and notable phases, is not to be satisfactorily sketched within the limits of an article brief as this must necessarily be, and here is given only the more salient points of a biography which, written out in full, would richly repay the historian.

### H. L. STREET

The subject of this sketch, who is one of the pioneers of Sonora, was born in Genessee County, New York, on May 23, 1823. Prior to the year 1840, his uncle, M. B. Street, had taken up a residence in Hancock County, Illinois, and the nephew, H. L. Street, persuaded his parents to move to that place, which they did in the year above mentioned. Here the uncle and father were engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1846, the Street families emigrated to Johnson County, Arkansas, where they lived (ill Mr. Street's father and Irother came to this State *via* Fort Smith, Fort Yuma and San Diego to San Francisco, where they arrived November 1, 1849. Here they built a canvass house in which they lived till February, 1850; then came to this county, passing through San Jose. They camped a short time at Jamestown, thence moving to Woods' Creek, about one-half mile above Sonora. Here Mr. Street remained till about May, 1850, when he, in conjunction with his brother, C. L. Street, raised a tent at the head of Washington street, in which they opened a store, purchasing eight hundred dollars worth of goods in Stockton, on which they paid four hundred dollars for their

transportation to Sonora. Here Mr. Street followed trading and mining until March 15, 1851, then selling out his business and returning east by steamer to New York, thence to the State of Arkansas. He only remained, however, till August, 1851, when he returned to this State, coming via New Orleans, bringing his wife, and at once settled in Sonora, where he purchased a half interest in his uncle's store. Mr. Street continued in trade until 1859. A year or two thereafter he went to Lewiston, Idaho, there going into business, but sold out, returned to Sonora and opened a store in 1861, which business he now follows at his place on Washington street. He was appointed Postmaster, in 1861, and has continued in the office to the present time. He married Ascenith, daughter of Dr. McConnell, on February 22, 1849. The lady is a native of Kentucky. Charles E., their eldest son, was born on April 17, 1852, and is the first white child born of American parents in Sonora. Harlow M. (deceased), and Minnie B., the wife of I. M. Kalloch, are the names of their children.

### *J.* S. CADY

Was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, on February 19, 1826, and was there raised and educated. In September, 1849, he went to the State of Wisconsin, where he remained one year, and returned to his native home to pay a visit, before starting for California. He chose the Nicaragua route, taking passage on the steamer North America, in February, 1852, and had the ill-fortune to suffer shipwreck on the Mexican coast, thereby retarding his arrival in San Francisco until May 18, of that year. He at once proceeded to Sonora, where he arrived on the 22nd of May. He was engaged in mining until January, 1854, and

then was employed as a clerk for Gorham ST. Co., which position he filled until January, 1855, then went to Columbia. where he remained until going East in 1855. In 1858, he again came to this county, and engaged in mining on Table Mountain, afterwards opening a store in Sonora on April 23, 1860. His business then, as now, was composed principally of the sale of paints, oils, house furnishing hardware and wall paper. Mr. Cady's store is located on the corner of Washington and Dodge streets. He married Mary M. Curtiss, a native of Massachusetts, on September 5, 1855.

#### W. J. GORHAM.

This well-known citizen of Columbia was born in Canada East, on April 1, 1837, being raised and educated there and in the United States, "which is accounted for from the fact of his residence being close to the line separating our Government from the dominions of England's Queen. He left Canada in 1866 for this State, came *via* the Isthmus of Panama, and landed in San Francisco in August of that year. On the last day of that month he arrived in this county, and settled at Sawmill Flat. In 1868 he came to Columbia, leased Tallon's Hotel, and bought the furniture thereto attached, and was the proprietor of that hostelry for eighteen months, when he sold out, and opened a saloon on Main street, but only remained in that business about one and a half years. Two years ago he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, and about nine months since became Constable. Mr. Gorham learned the carpenter's trade when young, and has since been engaged in it as one of his occupations. He married Eliza Jane Wilson, a native of Huntington County, Canada East, on June 9, 1860.

## LOUIS LEVY.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, and was born on July 4, 1849. In 1852, his parents emigrated to this State via the Isthmus, and settled at Sonora. In 1853, they located at Columbia, where Louis was taught the common branches of learning at the public schools, and finished his education at a private school in San Francisco. After completing his education, he returned to Columbia, went into business with his father, and after a lapse of years he opened a store of general merchandise on his own account, and has since pursued that occupation. On January 15, 1877, he was appointed Postmaster at Columbia, which position he held until October 1, 1881, when he moved to Sonora, where he now resides, now occupying the chair of Chief Councilor of the Order of Chosen Friends, and is also Chief Patriarch of Bald Mountain Encampment, I. O. O. F. Mr. Levy married Nellie Kohler, on August 23, 1880. She is a native of New Zealand, but of English parentage.

## HENRY KEPHART .

Mr. Kephart began this life in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, on the twenty-fifth of August, 1821 . He was brought up to habits of industry and application, being set to learn the trade of forgerman—a trade which he followed in various parts of his native state until 1848, when he went to Iowa and from there to Indiana; there working at his trade until the breaking out of the " Gold Fever," when in the Spring of '50, he started for the Pacific Coast across the Plains, arriving in Georgetown, El Dorado County. Travelling through the different mining districts until the fall of '51, he then settled at Shaw's

Flat, there to follow placer digging for three years, at the end of which time he removed to Campbell's Flat, and from there to Blanket Creek, and a year later to Turnback Creek, where he has since remained, pursuing the occupation of a miner, with the exception of short periods in other localities.

#### F. J. GROSS

Was born in Georgetown, D. C., where he resided ;until coming to this State, via Panama, in 1859. He came direct to Tuttletown, and commenced the butcher business, continuing the same until 1863, and then engaged in mining. About two years ago, he purchased a saloon at Tutletown, which he is now conducting.

#### C. H. COLBY

Was born in Ellsworth, Hancock County, Maine,- on September 10, 1833. He received his education in the common schools of that place. He went to Boston, and from that port sailed for California *via* the Isthmus of Panama, landing in San Francisco on September 25, 1856. He came direct to this County, settled at Springfield and went to digging gold, following that business for ten years, when he moved on his present ranch, north from Springfield, where he has since resided. He married Alvira J. Cushman, a native of St John's, New Brunswick.

#### JUDGE O. P. GALE.

This pioneer settler of California and Tuolumne County was born in Hadley, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. He received his primary education at the common schools,

and his academic learning at the Academy at Westfield. He first moved to Wayne County, N. Y.; thence to Pickaway County, Ohio; thence to Hampton, Mo., and finally to the States of Texas and Louisiana, coming from the latter place to California, and arriving in Monterey in June, 1849. He at once came to this county and settled at Jamestown, where he arrived in July of that year. He mined at that place and on the Tuolumne River, and at Angel's Camp until 1850, when he settled on his present place near Tuttletown. In March, 1853, he came into possession by purchase of the Jackson Flat Ditch, and the letting of water to miners has been his principal business. Mr. Gale has, however, quite a large vineyard and wine cellar, the latter being well filled with a vintage of his own growing.

#### JOHN H. HUNTER

Was born in Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana, on May 12, 1829. When six months old his parents took him to Vermillion County, in that State, and afterwards to Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Mr. Hunter went to Missouri, where he remained one year, then crossed the Plains to this State, arriving in August, 1852. He came to Columbia, January 20, 1853, where he has continuously lived, and followed the occupation of a miner.

#### W. J. BECKWITH.

The subject of this sketch was born in Kent County, New Brunswick, British North America, on February 8, 1826, where he was educated. His father was a farmer, owning sawmills and manufacturing lumber; and at an early age

Mr. Beckwith chose the occupation of a lumberman, that region of country abounding in forests of fine timber, which, being manufactured into lumber, rolls to market like an endless tide. In 1849, Mr. Beckwith moved to the State of Maine, and on July 5, 1851, left Calais and came *via* the Isthmus of Panama to this State, landing in San Francisco on August 19 of that year. He remained in the city until September 15, then came to this county and settled near Sonora, and mined on the South Fork of the Stanislaus River. In the Spring of 1852 he started for the Northern Mines, but went no farther than Stockton, where he remained for two years, then went to the American River, and mined at Rattlesnake Bar. He returned to this County in the Spring of 1855, and settled on the farm he now owns, near Mountain Pass, where he has maintained a continuous residence. Mr. Beckwith married, for his first wife, Martha Wadsworth, a native of New York State. His second wife was Elizabeth Agnes Dunn, and was born in Dublin, Ireland. By this union they have: Robert B., Bertha C., and Elizabeth A.

#### DR. R. 31. LAMPSON.

The subject of this sketch was born in South Hero, Grand Isle County, Vermont, December 28, 1832. He was prepared for College at the Castleton Academy, and grew up to manhood among the green hills of that noble little State. In 1852 he embarked on the ship "Race Hound," which coming round the Horn, brought him in safety to the El Dorado, then so prominent in the world's eyes. Going to Long's Bar on Yuba River, he made his initial experiments in mining. A few months later he was settled at Montezuma, there to wield the miner's pick and

shovel for the next five years. Bidding farewell then to mining, he entered his present occupation, medicine, with constant success, being now, as for many years past, one of the ablest practitioners in all the adjacent country; his services being sought far and near. The gentleman's talents have also commanded respect in other directions, notably politics. Elected State Senator, he has twice represented the county in that capacity, and in the Senate, as well as in the late Constitutional Convention, his abilities and his principles have alike commended him to the admiration and confidence of his constituents.

Married in Stockton to Mrs. S. F. Graves, the couple have two children, Misses Alice and Lily.

#### W. J. SMITH.

This gentleman is of English descent, having been born in Somersetshire, in the southern part of England, on. November 20, 1834. His parents removed to New York in 1849, settling in Cortland County, in that State. In /853 Mr. Smith, then a youth of nineteen, started, in company with W. P. Smith, his brother, for California, *via* Panama, arriving in March of that year. Settling at Springfield, the twain commenced mining, hauling their gold-bearing dirt about half a mile to a spring, where it was washed. In 1862 Mr. Smith mined near Soulsbyville, remaining so employed until 1866, when he, together with his brother, located in their present situation near Cherokee, and have been engaged in mining ever since. Among other property possessed by Mr. Smith was an interest in the " Mastodon " Ledge, sold to a Boston Company in 1880; and an interest in a mine near Summersville, which he still retains. At present, the gentleman is engaged in gold extraction through the medium of his arastra, which he constantly operates.

## J. H. SMITH.

Mr. Smith, who is mentioned above as a brother of W. H. Smith, was born December 17, 1824, in Somersetshire, England. Coming to New York, May 1845, and remaining in Cortland County until 1853, when he came to this State. Mining at Springfield for a time, he went back to New York for a while, afterwards spending four years in Iowa, as a farmer. The attractions of the "Sunset Land" were too great, however, and he pulled up stakes in 1859, and came across the plains, with his wife. In 1862, they went to Soulsbyville, where they resided until 1866; Mr. Smith working as a miner. At that date he removed to Cherokee, where he now remains. The brothers were owners of the "Mastodon" Ledge, mentioned as having been sold in 1880 to a company of Boston capitalists. Mr. Smith is still engaged to some extent in mining affairs, but carries on, besides, some farming operations. His wife, above spoken of, was Miss C. A. Barker, to whom he was married in 1850.

## EUGENE MILLER.

Born in the Palatinate of the Rhine, a Province of Bavaria, in 1834, Mr. Muller came to California in 1858, and made his home in Tuolumne County. He became interested in the manufacture of beer, for which purpose he connected himself with the Garrote Brewery, and has carried it on ever since, with the exception of a single year, spent in Nevada. This property he purchased in 1865, of F. Stachler, and throughout his connection therewith has done credit to himself in the production of an excellent article of beer—the prominent and healthful beverage of the times.

## W. D. GIBBS.

A native of Butler County, Alabama, Mr. Gibbs spent a portion of his boyhood on the old homestead, going to Texas with his parents when nine years of age. In 1849, after spending the intervening years in the pleasant pursuits of farming, he came across the Plains, a route so many were then taking with such hardships, and located at Hawkin's Bar, then in the zenith of its importance as a mining camp. Passing the succeeding winter at Big Oak Flat, he returned in the ensuing year to the Tuolumne River, at various points on which he mined until 1852, when going down to the lower country, he engaged in farming near La Grange, remaining occupied in that pursuit during the six following years. Locating himself next at Summersville, he has followed his favorite agricultural pursuits up to the present time. Having now a capital farm of one hundred and sixty acres, well cultivated and improved, he is able to enjoy the ease that his wanderings have made essential to him. Marrying Mary F. Summers, at La Grange, in 1853, the large number of fifteen children have been born to them, of whom twelve are now living. Their names are as follows: George J., Laura E., Flora E., James L., L. Dora., Francis M., William P., Henry J., Rosa V., Walter A., Jessie J., and Ada.

## JOSEPH POWNALL, M. D.

Is a native of Hackettstown County, New Jersey, and was born on August 8, 1818. His primary education was received in that town, after which, at the age of nineteen, he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. William Rea, and in the Spring of 1841 attended a course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New

York City, followed by another course during the Summer and Fall at Pittsfield, Massachusetts; then returned and entered the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, at its first session in the Fall and Winter of 1841-2, from which he graduated on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1842. After *a* visit to his home of six months, he returned to the city for a month or so, then went to Savannah, in Georgia; remained there a short time and settled in Laurens County in that State. After a six months' residence there he moved to -31i-canopy, Alachua County, Florida, remaining until about July 1, 1846, when he went to New Orleans, thence to Matamoras and Monterey, in Mexico, returning to New Orleans about January 1st, 1847. He remained there until September, 1848, then moved to Keachie, De Soto Parish, Louisiana. On the 28th of March, 1849, he, in company with Capt. I. G. Messec of Gilroy, and fifty others, started for this State, taking the El Paso route, and arrived in California about the 20th. of July of that year. The Doctor first settled in Mariposa, the same Fall going to Stockton, and engaging in " packing " to the mines for *a* short time, and then returned to Mariposa. From there he came to Big Oak Flat in this county, on March 18, 1850. In the Winter of 1850-1 he was engaged in mining at Quartz Mountain, near Sonora. About February, 1851, he went to the northern mines, Nehere he remained till January, 1852, and returned to this county, settling iu Columbia. He acquired an interest in the Tuolumne Water Company in January, 1852, and in 1856 was elected its Secretary, and is now Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent, as well as being one of the Board of Directors. On March 10, 1857, Dr. Pownall married Mary C. Newell. Joseph. B., aged 24 years, and Lucy A. H., aged 22 years, are their children.

<sup>E</sup> Among the Doctor's lively recollections is an account of an affray between white men and Indians, which took place at Big Oak Flat in very early times, and which has been previously mentioned in this work. This account is given nearly in the gentleman's own words, he having been an eye witness.

When the Doctor was coming to the Flat from a gulch beyond, he witnessed a scene of blood, on the 5th of June, 1850, at a place called Savage's Old Camp. A small tribe of Indians were encamped there, and on that day the Chief, Lotario, and a few chosen warriors, becoming a little more fuddled than would be considered genteel in the higher walks of life, concluded to have a row with some Americans encamped there. Words with them not being quite potent enough, bows and arrows were called into requisition, and the melee became general, and as he came from work he saw the whole tribe of warriors, squaws and papposes, taking French leave of their heretofore quiet abode, and making tracks for parts unknown, amid an accompaniment of howls, shrieks and lamentations that would have done no discredit to a pack of hungry wolves. When coming in he saw the Chief and several others lying dead, and another badly wounded. One unfortunate American, named Rose, was so badly wounded with arrows that he died in about an hour.

#### P. M. TRASH.

This gentleman, one of Tuolumne's old settlers, was born in Franklin County, Maine, on May 9, 1829. At the common schools in Franklin County he was educated, and was raised in agricultural pursuits. He came to California *via* the Isthmus of Panama, and arrived in San Francisco in July, 1852. He came direct to this county, first settling

at Columbia, where he mined for about eight years. In 1860 he settled on his farm, located one mile north from Columbia. He has planted a vineyard of about twelve acres, which is now in bearing. Some of his grapes are sold in the market, and others are manufactured into wine. He has also planted about three acres of fruit trees, which are now in bearing. Fruit and hay are the principal products of the ranch. Mr. Trask married Susan M. Pierce, on September 19, 1854. She is a native of Penobscot County, Maine. They have three living children, George M., Florence M. and Clara J. One deceased, Charles A.

#### EDWIN H. CLOUGH.

Edwin H. Clough was born in Sonora, February 11, 1854. His early boyhood was passed amidst the beauties and grandeur of Tuolumne's everlasting hills at a period when "the first low wash of civilization," had begun to flow back from her borders—a period of aftermath, when the mad race for wealth that seemed inexhaustible had settled to a spasmodic search in which hope did not spring eternal in the prospector's breast. It was a boyhood among men whose names and deeds are prominent in the history of the State and Coast. The impression which these surroundings made upon his mind have already borne fruit in graphic delineations of the life and character of this section of California. Mr. Clough is the eldest son of James Perry Clough., at one time County Assessor of Tuolumne, and subsequently associated with Jesse Hanson in the stationery business in Sonora. He was a grandson of Luke Wheelock, a well-known pioneer of the county. In 1863 his parents removed to San Francisco, where he attended the public schools until 1871, when he entered

upon the career of journalism as a reporter for the *Chronicle*. He was afterwards employed on the *Call*, was the first city editor of the *Evening Post*, and subsequently took a position as city editor of the Sacramento *Bee*. In 1875, in partnership with W. H. Roberts, Mr. Clough purchased the *Union Democrat*, published at Sonora. During two years he acted as editor of this journal, finally disposing of his interest to Judge C. H. Randall. During the legislative sessions of 1880-81, Mr. Clough reported the business of the Legislature for the Sacramento *Bee*, contributing to the columns of that paper a series of satirical and burlesque sketches descriptive of the scenes, episodes and actors of the session. At the close of the " hundred days," Mr. Clough, assisted by Hugh J. Mohan and John P. Cosgrove, published a volume of " pen pictures " of senators, assemblymen and State officers. The authors wrote without fear or favor, and the result was a fair exposition of the nature and motives of the men of whom they wrote. Mr. Clough was city editor of the Stockton *Independent* until April, 1881, when he was engaged on the *Evening Tribune* of Oakland, where he is at present city editor. While connected with the *Union Democrat*, in 1876, he began the publication, in the *Argonaut*, of a series of sketches and short stories based upon scenes, incidents and characters native to Tuolumne and the adjacent mountain counties. Among his best known productions are " The Bad Man of Bodie," " A Singed Cat," " The Man From Arizona," " Chispa," " Ah Choy—Barbarian," " Sing Lee—Prose-lyte," and " The Pard's Epistles," the latter creating widespread comment on account of the keen satire and broad humor which they contained. The quaint philosophy and childlike simplicity of " James Snaggleby, Esq.," of Rawhide Flat, and the ostentation, hypocrisy and sham of the people among whom he fell and who fleeced him merci-

lessly, won for the author a fame that extended beyond the borders of the Pacific Coast. In December, 1877, Mr. Clough married Miss Llewella H. Pierce, also a native of Tuolumne, and the daughter of Llewellyn Pierce, one of Tuolumne's oldest pioneers. Since his marriage he has resided almost continuously in Oakland, where he has engaged in literary and general newspaper work. He is still young, and with fine natural advantages and the encouragement of past success gives brilliant promise of achieving a proud eminence in the lengthening list of Tuolumne's favorite sons.

#### EDMOND PARSONS

Was born in Greenville County, Virginia, on December 25, 1831. When about eighteen years old he went to Shelby County, Tenn., where he completed his apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. In 1852, he came to this State, *via* Memphis and the Isthmus, and arrived in San Francisco on the 23rd of December of that year. He went to Ione City, Amador County, where he commenced mining. After three months he moved to Volcano, in that county, where he followed the same occupation as before, together with that of his trade. Here he married Mary Jane Bradford, December 6, 1855. She is a native of Missouri. July 15, 1856, they moved to this county, settling on Woods' Creek, in Saw Mill Flat. In 1861, he went to Mariposa County, but in the following year returned to the Flat. The Montana gold excitement took him to that country in 1864, but he came back to his old home in the same year. In 1868, he located in Columbia, and in 1872, settled in Sonora, where he now lives. Mr. Parsons was twice elected Supervisor of this county, and was Deputy

Sheriff under Sheriff David F. Baxter. He is now one of the " City Fathers " of Sonora. Charles R., (now a resident of Sacramento), Nettie, William D., Lottie, Marv-, Lillie, and Edmond are the names of his living children.

### JAMES BELL.

Mr. Bell, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, Sept. 29, 1820. When seven years old his parents removed to Dyer County, Tennessee, and soon after took up a residence in Carroll County, in the same State. There Mr. Bell was educated, and taught in agricultural pursuits. In 1841, the family moved to Massac County, Illinois, thence to Kentucky, settling at Smithland, where the father died. Previous to this time, Mr. Bell had learned the carpenter's trade, and here apprenticed himself to that of a mill-Wright. On October 20, 1847, he married in Terre Haute, Indiana, Marietta Smith, who was born at Maple Hill, near that place. In 1852, Mr. Bell, with his wife, left Smithland for this State, coming *via* Nicaragua, and in company with his brother, Andrew N. Bell, arrived in Sonora, this county, November 20, 1852. James Bell, in company with his brother Thomas, erected the present Court House, as well as other buildings in Sonora. On January 9, 1854, Mr. Bell formed a partnership with Heslep Bros. for the purpose of constructing and operating a barley mill. Prior to this time there had been built a saw-mill on Woods' creek, west from Sonora, and where Mr. Bell's flour mill now stands. This saw-mill was torn down, and on the site a barley mill was erected. This enterprise proved a financial failure, and the parties erected a grist-mill on the same ground, completing the structure in August, 1854. As

will be seen by referring to the general history in this work, Joseph Heslep was murdered in 1855, but the partnership of Heslep Bros. & Bell continued until December, 1859, when Mr. Bell became sole proprietor, which he has continuously maintained to the present time. Many improvements have been made on the mill, until it is now recognized as one of the prime features of industry in Tuolumne county. In 1861, Mr. Bell invested largely in wheat, and the rise in price after the purchase made him quite a fortune. With a portion of the gains made in this wheat speculation he, in company with his wife, visited the "World's Fair in London, in 1862, taking also a trip through the old countries. Soon after their return, Mrs. Bell's health began to fail, and she died on October 7, 1869. When her spirit had winged its flight where angels dwell, a grave was prepared in the home for the dead on the summit of one of the eastern bluffs that overlook the city of Sonora, into which her mortal remains were lowered by kindly hands. As her friends stood around • the open receptacle of the dead, more than one was seen to weep over the earthly departure of one they had learned to love. Mr. Bell has since erected a tomb on the spot where she was buried, and the remains of her who left her Eastern home, parents, friends, all that was dear to her girlhood's memory, to join her husband in coming to this coast, is now sepultured within its spacious walls. The tomb which Mr. Bell has erected in the Masonic Cemetery, the beauties of which cannot fully be appreciated until seen, is a worthy tribute to the memory of so good a woman. Mr. Bell's children are John and Charles.

#### WILLIAM MANSFIELD.

Mr. Mansfield was born in Providence County, Rhode Island, on November 3, 1829. He left his native State

and sailed from New York City on the stermer Ohio, in December, 1851, coming *via* the Isthmus of Panama, and landing in San Francisco from the " Golden Gate," in January, 1852, his brother Jared Mansfield and other friends coming with him from Rhode Island. Mr. Mansfield came direct to Sonora, but only remained a short time, finally settling at Campo Seco, where he was engaged in mining. In June, 1852, he moved to Columbia, bought an interest in the Tuolumne County Water Company, and was appointed one of the collectors for the com,)any, and has held the position for twenty-six years. He married S. A. Bert, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and who was born June 3, 1838. Anna A., William B., Lillie P., Mary E., and Fannie Rebecca, are the names of their children.

#### FORBES McPHERSON.

This old pioneer of Tuolumne County was born in Scotland, October 11, 1822. When about one year old, his parents emigrated to the United States, and settled in Genessee County, New York, where their son was raised and educated, and where he maintained a permanent residence until he came to this State, *via* Panama, landing in San Francisco on January 1, 1852. He came to this county the following February, and settled at Sonora, where he mined, and worked at his trade of carpenter and joiner. In 1853, he took up a residence at Sawmill Flat, and during his entire residence there, his occupation was that of a miner. In June, 1876, he moved to Columbia, and in company with Mr. Hilton opened a grocery store on Jackson street, where they have since been doing business. Married Matilda Parsons, who is a native of Genessee County, State of New York.