Chapter Nine

## THE BRANNAN FAMILY

Maine, New York and California

MILY<sup>3</sup> BRANNAN, who married James<sup>7</sup> Douglass Saunders in the First Presbyterian Church in Napa City in November 1867, was the granddaughter of an Irish immigrant

who settled in Saco, Maine in 1775, indifferent to the American Revolution which was about to commence. He had little time for the English and wished the colonists good luck but took no part in the ensuing conflict. His name was Thomas<sup>1</sup> Brannan and he was the son of Patrick Brannan, a farmer in Waterford County, Ireland.

This influx of Irish blood into the Saunders family was augmented several generations later when Emily's grandson married in Australia in 1935 the daughter of Albert Patrick Meagher who was born in Tipperary County which adjoins Waterford.

→ See Chapter 13

Emily C. Brannan 1839–1902

Emily<sup>3</sup> C. Brannan was born in 1839 in New York and was the second child of Daniel<sup>2</sup> K. Brannan and his wife Sara Jane, née Hall. Martin van Buren was President of the United States at the time. Daniel<sup>2</sup> was the son of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Brannan and an older brother of Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan (1819–1889) who became one of California's most famous and colourful citizens. Both Daniel and Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan are discussed later in this chapter.

The earliest ancestor of Sam Brannan we have knowledge of was his grandfather, Patrick Brannan, a farmer who lived in Waterford County, Ireland in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The name of his wife is unknown. Patrick had a large family including a son Thomas who, when aged 20, migrated to the American colonies in 1775.

**Waterford** is located in the south-east region of Ireland in the province of Munster.

The Irish name for Waterford is *Port Láirge*, meaning 'Lárag's port'.

Viking raiders first established a settlement near Waterford in 853. It and all other *longphorts* were vacated in 902, the Vikings having been driven out by the native Irish.

The Vikings re-established themselves in Ireland at Waterford in 914 and built what would be Ireland's first city. Among the most prominent rulers of Waterford was Ivar of Waterford.







## **THOMAS<sup>1</sup> BRANNAN 1755–1837** First Generation

**HOMAS<sup>1</sup> BRANNAN** was the founding father of the extended Brannan family which follows. He was the grandfather of Emily<sup>3</sup> C. Brannan who married James<sup>7</sup> Douglass Saunders in 1867.

Thomas was born on Christmas Day, 25 December 1755 in Waterford, Ireland. At the age of twenty he sailed to the new world where he debarked in Portland, Maine in 1775. Here he found work in the nearby hamlet of Saco. The following year the Declaration of Independence was signed and the American colonies went to war against England. Thomas, however, had no interest in getting involved.

*First Book of Records of the Town of Pepperellborough now the City of Saco* printed by Vote of the City Council, March 18, 1895 (Portland, ME: The Thurston Print, 1896), pp. 20, 170, 220 and 244 provided some details on the birth and death of Thomas's children. They will be referred to here as simply Saco Records.

On 19 December 1785 Thomas married Mary Goodrich who worked in one of the town shops. She was born 16 June 1755 and was the daughter of Benjamin Goodrich, farmer, and Sarah Donnel. With her small dowry they bought some land which they farmed.



Thomas Brannan Sr 1755–1837 Painting by Charles Henry Grainger 1812–1893

Saco Records, p. 170:

Thomas Brannan born<br/>Mary BrannanDec. 25, 1755<br/>June 16, 1755The following are the names of their Children born in Saco —<br/>Rufus Brannan<br/>Thomas Brannan<br/>Mancy Brannanborn July, 1786<br/>Aug. 1, 1790<br/>Mar. 16, 1794

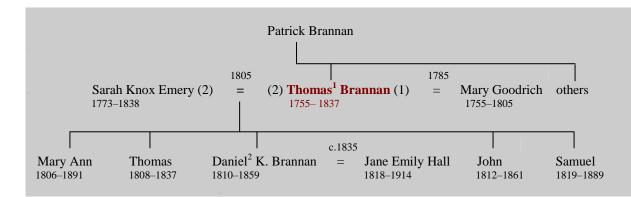
ibid, p.220: Brannan Thomas Jr. died Nov. 30, 1799 Brannan Rufus died May 3, 1806

Of the three children born to Thomas Brannan and Mary Goodrich, two died young.

- 1. Rufus<sup>2</sup> Brannan, born 4 July 1786 and named after Mary's father. He died 3 May 1806 of *yellow fever*.
- 2. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Brannan Jr. was born 1 August 1790 and died 30 November 1799. It is thought he drowned in the Saco River.
- Nancy<sup>2</sup> Brannan was born 16 March 1794, survived to adulthood. She was still single in 1837 aged 43 according to FHL 12727, Deeds of York County, Maine 1837, Book 159, page 60. She died in September 1839 in York County, Maine

Thomas's wife Mary died in the early part of 1805. His daughter Nancy was only nine years old and being too young to take over the household, Thomas needed another wife. He didn't waste any time as indicated on the Saco Records, p. 20:

1805 Thomas Brannan of Saco and Sarah Emery of Waterborough entered their intention to Marriage, Septr.



Thomas<sup>1</sup> Brannan's second wife, Sarah Knox Emery, was a widow. Various family records state that she was the niece of General Henry Knox (1750–1806). Sarah, who was born 23 April 1773, was eighteen years younger than Thomas. (Ref: Saco Records, p.170). She died 3 October 1838 in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Very little evidence has been found of Sarah's relationship to General Knox. Professional researcher Margaret Dube of Kittery, Maine found a Sarah Nock, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Nock, who was baptised 22 August 1773 in the Second Church of Berwick, York County, Maine. She married Thomas Emery on 8 September 1796 in Lebanon, a town on the northern border of Berwick in York County. In the 1800 Census there were two Thomas Emery households in Waterborough, which is where Sarah Emery was said to have lived at the time of her marriage to Thomas Brannan.

If this Sarah Nock was the right person, then her father's name was Daniel. As far as we know General Henry Knox did not have a brother by that name.

Notwithstanding the absence of hard evidence, Sam Brannan gave an interview about 1880 which was published in the *Sacramento Bee* on 21 January 1888 in which he is alleged to have said the following:

I was born 60 years ago in Saco, Maine – the last child of an Irish Immigrant father and a mother who was **the niece of George Washington's Secretary of War.** 

In a letter to his nephew Alex Badlam Jr. dated 24 May 1888, Sam Brannan says about his parents:

... he [Thomas Brannan Sr] was nature's nobleman and his wife also. She was a Knox all over and died a marter (*sic*) to your mother in the far west. Heaven Bless her!

(Ref: Scoundrel's Tale, The Samuel Brannan Papers, by Will Bagley, p. 417.)

A great deal of information is available on the general but none covers his siblings or extended family. No documentation has been found to verify any kind of relationship.



General Henry Knox 1750–1806

Henry Knox was born in Boston to William Knox and Mary Campbell Knox in 1750. His parents were pioneers from North Ireland. Henry was the seventh of ten children. William Knox was a shipmaster, carrying on trade with the West Indies. Suffering from financial difficulties and all the mental stress and burdens that go with money woes, William died at the age of fifty. Henry gave up school and became the sole support for his mother. He became a clerk in a Boston bookstore, and eventually opened one himself. He was an avid reader, fond of history, but his main interest later settled on artillery.

## Ellen Dyer, Director of Education and the Center for the Study of Early American History at *The General Henry Knox Museum* in Thomaston Maine provided the following information:

According to Knox's two major biographers (North Callahan and Thomas Morgan Griffiths), Knox was one of ten boys born to William and Mary Campbell. Only 4 lived to adulthood: John (baptized July 5, 1741), Benjamin (baptized April 7, 1747), Henry (b. July 25, 1750) and William (baptized August 19, 1756). John and Benjamin apparently went to sea, and pretty much disappeared from the historical record – Knox's personal papers do not contain any correspondence to or from them and very little mention of them, and there are only a couple of instances in contemporary diaries or correspondence of other people that a Knox who <u>might</u> have been one of those sea-faring brothers is mentioned. In 1780, Knox indicated in his correspondence that William and he were the only brothers still living, but it is unclear when the others died. William was very close to Henry, and there is no record that we have found indicating that he married and had a family (indeed, he apparently suffered from an unrequited love that may or may not have contributed to the mental illness that eventually caused his death). It is possible that John and/or Benjamin married and had a family, but neither Knox's biographers nor we have yet come across any mention of it in the historical record. I did check the index of Knox's correspondence for a Sarah Emery or a Sarah Brannan, but did not find her.

See: <u>http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/HenryKnox</u> for further information on Henry Knox.

oOo

Sources on Ancestry.com maintain that Sarah Knox Emery was the daughter of General Knox's younger brother Lt. William Knox (1756–1797) though there is no information on the identity of Sarah's mother. One might conjecture that she is the result of William's 'unrequited love' which did not work out. Other sources state that her father was General Knox's brother Benjamin. Nonetheless, the records show the following about Sarah Knox Emery.

Sarah Knox married Thomas Emery on 9 September 1796 in Maine. He was born 1778 in Berwick, Maine and died 1802 in Waterboro, Maine. Sarah and Thomas Emery had two children:

- Lydia Emery was born 1799 in Maine and died after 1870 in Napa, California. She was baptised into the LDS Church about 1847. Lydia first married Seth Loring on 14 April 1822 in Maine. He was born 1799 and died 9 October 1832. They had two children:
  - A. Sarah Loring was born 14 October 1824 and died 20 December1865 in

Washington, Utah. She was baptised into the LDS Church on 23 November 1845. Sarah married Abraham Junius Perkins on 9 November 1845 in

Massachusetts. He was born 29 October 1822 and died May 1849. They had two children: Ellen and Abraham.

After Abraham's death Sarah married Henry Harriman on 21 April 1857. He was born 9 June 1804 and died 17 May1891. He was one of the First Seven Presidents of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from 1938 until his death. The town of Harriman, Utah is named after him.



Henry Harriman 1804–1891

B. Mary Ann Loring was born 31 May 1829 in Maine and died 1856 in California. She married Francis Fletcher on 16 August 1853 as his pleural wife. Mary Ann was baptised into the LDS Church on 27 October 1847. Following Seth's death, Lydia, joined the Mormon's overland trek to Utah and was married on the plains to Isaiah Hamblin on 23 June 1850. He was born 20 June 1790 in Massachusetts and died 7 October 1856 in Utah.

Lydia and her daughter Mary Ann moved to California about 1855. She is found in the 1860 Census for Sacramento living next door to her half-sister Mary<sup>2</sup> Ann Badlam, née Brannan, Sam Brannan's sister.

 Reuben Knox Emery was born about 1796 in Maine and died 8 June 1861 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He married Elmira Hemingway 19 August 1847. She was born 24 November 1814 and died 14 October 1883 in Michigan. Reuben and Elmira had three children:



Elmira Hemingway 1814–1883

A. James Hemingway Emery was born 22 August 1848 in Hadley, Michigan and died 12 November 1909 in Toledo, Ohio. He married Helen H. Harford on 12 June 1870 in Jackson, Michigan. She was born 1848 in Lima, Michigan and died 12 January 1896 in Detroit. In the Civil War James was a Bugler with the 14th Independent Battalion, Michigan Volunteer Light Artillery.





James Hemingway Emery 1848–1909



Helen H. Harford 1848–1896

James Hemingway Emery and Helen Harford had four children.

 Arthur Thomas Emery was born 14 December 1871 in Michigan and died 9 September 1959 in California. He married Ella Woodward. She was born 25 Nov. 1868 in New York and died 18 Sept.1958 in California. Arthur graduated from Harvard Law School in 1900.



Arthur Thomas Emery 1871–1959



Ella Woodward 1868–1958

ii. Dr. William Harford Emery was born 14 December 1873 in Toledo, Ohio and died 19 July 1939. He graduated from Toledo Medical School in 1898. William married first to Helen Inez Mack on 10 April 1899 in Monroe, Michigan. She was born about 1880 in Ohio and died 18 October 1906. William married second to Jane W. Williamson on 5 November 1907. She was born 22 February 1887 in Iowa and died 2 January 1976 in Ohio.

William Harford Denery WWI Draft Registration Card

- iii. Alice Sarah Emery was born 1876 and died September 1878.
- iv. Frank Lincoln Emery was born October 1877 and died January 1878.
- B. Thomas E. Emery was born 8 October 1850 in Hadley, Michigan and died 23 September 1919 in Lowell, Michigan. He married Carrie Atwater in 1879. She was born 18 October 1853 in New York and died 24 March 1932.
- C. Dr. John Maynard Emery was born 2 August 1855 in Lapeer County, Michigan and died 20 August 1919 in Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, of a *cerebral haemorrhage*. He married Frances Eastman on 13 August 1876 in Michigan. She was born in 1859 and died in 1910. Following Frances's death, John married Julia A Urban, née Avery, on 12 March 1914. She was born 6 October 1864 and was previously married to Charles Urban.

000

Thomas<sup>1</sup> Brannan is said to have died in 1837 according to Reva Scott's fictionalised biography *Samuel Brannan and the Golden Fleece* published in 1944. On p.27 she writes:

A month after Sarah (Badlam) was born (i.e. August 1837) came word that old Thomas had died, in his eighty-second year.

*Ancestry.com* records state that that Sarah Knox Brannan died 5 October 1823 in Kennebunkport, York, Maine.

Thomas<sup>1</sup> Brannan and Sarah Knox Emery had five children, one daughter and four sons:

Saco Records, p. 170:

The following are the names of the Children of Thomas Brannan and Sarah

Brannan his wife born April 23, 17	773, born in Saco -	— viz.
Mary Ann Brannan	born July 4,	1806
Thomas Brannan Jr.	Sept. 24,	1808
Daniel Brannan	Nov. 1,	1810
John Brannan	July 19,	1812
Samuel Brannan	March 2,	1819

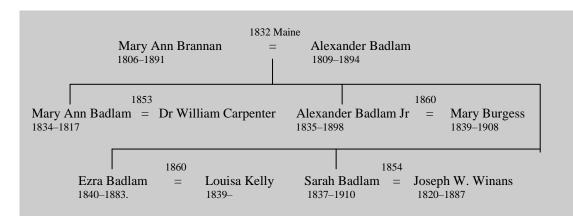
1. Mary<sup>2</sup> Ann Brannan was born 4 July 1806 in Saco, Maine. She married Alexander



Badlam in 1832 and moved to Boston where, inspired by Joseph Smith, they converted to the Mormon Church. The following year they moved to Kirtland, Ohio, site of the first Mormon gathering. Alexander Badlam was born 28 November 1809 in Norfolk,

Massachusetts and was the son of Ezra and Mary (Lovis) Badlam.

Mary Ann Badlam, née Brannan 1806–1891



Alexander became involved with the Mormon movement and a brief summary of his life is found in the Biographical Register of *The Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, edited by Dean C. Jessee.

Badlam, Alexander (1809-1894), coach-maker; born at Norfolk, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. Married Mary Ann Brannan, sister of Samuel Brannan. Participant in Zion's Camp, 1834. Appointed to the First Quorum of Seventy, 1835. Presided over Boston branch of the Church, 1846-48. Migrated to Utah, 1850. Mission to California, 1852; studying Chinese in Sacramento, 1853-55. President of Sixth Quorum of Seventy. By 1872 he had left the Church (*History of the Church*, 2:183, 204; Black, *Membership*, 3:146-47; "Journal History," 9 Feb 1853; 12 Jan, 4 Apr 1855; 16 Sep 1872).

Alexander Badlam Sr 1809–1894 Courtesy of California State Library, Sacramento

BADLAM-In this city. December 1, 1894, after a lingering illness, Alexander Badlam Sr, a native of Dorchester. Mass., aged 86 years.

Alexander Badlam Sr. died 1 December 1894 in San Francisco.

His passing was announced in the San Francisco Morning Call,

p. 10, col. 5, on the  $5^{th}$  December.

Mary<sup>2</sup> Ann Badlam, née Brannan, died 19 October 1891 in San Francisco. A very short announcement appeared in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 8, col. 6 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October:

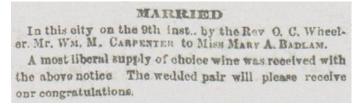
BADLAM-in this city, October 19, Mary A. Badlam, aged 86 years.



Mary Ann Badlam née Brannan c.1860

Alexander Badlam and Mary<sup>2</sup> Ann Brannan had at least four children:

A. Mary<sup>3</sup> Ann Badlam was born 2 December 1833 in Massachusetts. She married Dr. William Merritt Carpenter on 9 July 1852 in Sacramento. He was born about 1815 in New York. Their marriage was announced in the *Sacramento Union*, p.2, col.5 the next day:



Their marriage was also announced briefly in the *New York Evening Post* on 14 August 1852:

Sacramento, July 9, William M. Carpenter to Mary A. Badlam.

Dr. William Merritt Carpenter was a physician and had been previously married to Margaret (family name unknown). She died 1 November 1850 in California. Her death was reported in the *Gleaning from Alta California* by Mary Dean Alsworth (Rancho Cordova, CA: Dean Publications, 1980). On page 78 is the following transcription:

> Monday, 4 November 1850 Died – In this city, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at about 2 o'clock, Margaret, wife of Doctor William M. Carpenter.

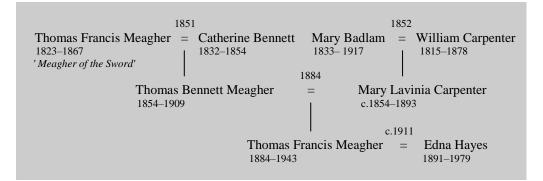
A *Mortality Report* from the *Placer Times* of Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November stated that Mrs. Dr. Carpenter, 25, Sacramento city, died of *cholera*.

William and his first wife Margaret are listed in the 1850 Federal Census for Sacramento, enumerated 13 November 1850. He is stated as a Physician, aged 35 and born in New York. She is said to be aged 20 and born in Illinois. It is mysterious that Margaret was counted in the 13 November, 1850 census when she died two weeks earlier. Her age of 20 given in the census looks to be incorrect

Dr. Carpenter died 13 January 1878 on the *Schooner Good Templar* near Manzanillo, Mexico. He was 65 years old. His death was announced in the *San Francisco Evening Bulletin* on 16 February 1878, p.4, col.8:

## CARPENTER-In Manzanillo, January 13, on board schooner Good Templar, Dr. William M. Carpenter aged 65 years.

Mary<sup>3</sup> Ann Carpenter, née Badlam, died 13 January 1917 at the Napa State Hospital, Napa County, California (Ref: Death Certificate). She was buried at Saint Helena Public Cemetery, Napa County, California. No obituary has been located.



It is not known whether Mary and William divorced or just separated. In the 1860 census Mary and her six year old daughter Mary<sup>4</sup> Lavinia are living with her parents Alex and Mary Badlam. In the same household are her sister Sarah and her husband Joseph W. Winans and her brother Ezra Badlam.

In the 1870 census Mary<sup>3</sup> and her now 15 year old daughter Mary<sup>4</sup> Lavinia are living with Joseph and Sarah Winans.

Mary<sup>3</sup> Ann Badlam and William M. Carpenter had one daughter:

 Mary<sup>4</sup> Lavinia 'Mamie' Carpenter was born 14 May 1854 in Sacramento, California. She married Thomas Bennett Meagher on 6 February 1884 in New York. He was the son of the famous Irish patriot Thomas Francis Meagher and was born April 1854 in Waterford, Ireland.

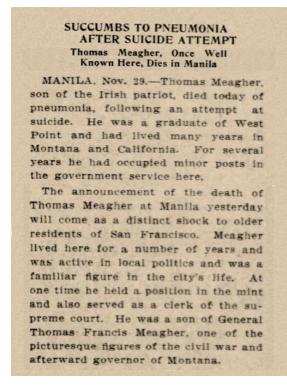
Though baptised Thomas *Francis* Meagher he was known as Thomas *Bennett* Meagher in America, perhaps in honour of his mother Catherine Bennett, who died soon after his birth.

Their marriage was announced in the *San Francisco Call*, p. 4, col. 4 on 7 February 1884:

MEAGHER-CARPENTER-In New York city, February 6, by Rev. Dr. Morgan, Thomas Francis Meagher, son of the late General Meagher of New York city, and Mamie L. Carpenter of San Francisco.

Thomas Bennett Meagher died 29 November 1909 in Manilla, the Philippine Islands. He was buried in the *Cementerio del Norte* in Manila. In December 1910 a monument to his memory was unveiled in the cemetery.

An obituary was published in The San Francisco Call the next day:



 $\rightarrow$  See Chapter 13: The Meagher Family, Part 5, for the story of his life and that of his illustrious father.

Mary<sup>4</sup> Lavinia Meagher, née Carpenter, died 19 January 1893 in California. Her death was reported in the *San Francisco Call*, p. 8, col. 7 on 20 January:

MEAGHER-in this city, January 19, 1893, Mary Lavinia beloved wife of Thomas Francis Meagher, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ann Carpenter, and niece of Mrs. Sarab Adeialde Winans, a native of Sacramento. [Eastern papers please copy.]

A lengthy obituary for Mary Meagher was published in the *San Francisco Call* on 22 January 1893. Interestingly, she is called the daughter of Mrs M. A. Carpenter. There is no mention of her father Dr. William M. Carpenter.

De	ath	of					L	ady	of
		3 3		This	Cit	у.			
	The	deat	h of	Ma	iry	Lavin	10.	wife	01
								aught	
								urred	
								oghtn	
on	ly po	igna	ntgr	lef i	nto	the 1	amil	y hous	ie-
hol	d. bt	10 00	casio	ned	sinc	ere s	01104	v in t	p.c
shi	cie o	I ne	r sou	ciety	Inte	nds, r	mon	g who aught	
10	Calif	orni	a, sh	e firs	it say	v the	light	t in Sa	ic.
rai	nent	), w	here	she	pass	sed h	ler d	hilho n Fra	od
da	ys, b	ut in	No	w Y	ork	and i	n Sa	n Fra	n-
CIS	CO SI	duat	osequ	thor	y pi	arsued	1 iter	studi	es
set	olar	H	er vo	cal	and	instru	imen	tal pe	NT-
for	man	ces	even	nt	a ve	ry ea	irly a	ge we	re
ex	ceedi	ngly	brill	liant	and	effect	Ive. 1	and as	
						e rest			
net	rs sh	A DB	tural	ly e	r an ndea	a chi	armu	f to a	
wi	th w	hom	she	Wa	8 BS	sociat	ed.	and )	80
¥0	ungl	ady	in s	ociel	ty c	ould	justl	y clai	113
		nive	rsal	por	ular	ity th	ban	the d	e-
22.00	used.	1.							
	seyor	id a	il th	is sh	e wa	s a ge	nuin	e, pur Whol	1
11715	teltis	h her	chie	ef de	light	seen	ed to	be be	in
doi	ng g	boo	to a	ind c	onfe	rring	favo	rs up	on
	ers.		1		and the second				24
-	she l	eave	s to	dep	lore	her	1084	an ag	ed
(M	rs. S	arah	. A.	Wing	d, n	uncle	(AL	n, au	er
DB	diam	) at	1a (	20081	ns (	Miss	LI	llo at	ad
10	seph	W. 1	Wina	ms).					
	The	fune	ral (	xerc	ises	will	lake	place	
mo	rnin	e re	to o'	lock.	103 T	Sutter	vicas	eet, th will	ha
cor	aduet	ted b	v Re	v. F	lovd	J. M	VDAI	d of t	he
$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{p}$	iscop	al cl	urch	1.			10000		
								be co	n-
¥	Thur.	b the	Tam	ily v	ault	In Ca	listo	ga. ovelie	
	Cali					ac or	ene i	O Verile	101
-					-				

Mary<sup>4</sup> Carpenter and Thomas Meagher had two children:

a. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Francis Meagher was born 3 December 1884 in New York. About 1919 he married Edna Hayes. She was born 19 April 1891. Edna is said to be the Informant named on the death certificate for Sarah Badlam Winans, the great aunt of Edna's husband and the sister of Mary<sup>3</sup> Badlam Carpenter.

Thomas I mugher

Thomas F. Meagher WWII Draft Registration Card

Thomas<sup>5</sup> Francis Meagher died in 20 February1943. His obituary was published in the *Napa Valley Register*, p.3, col.8 on 23 February:

# Napan's Brother Dies In Vallejo

Funeral services were to be held this afternoon in Vallejo for Thomas F. Meagher, 59, brother of James Meagher of Napa. The Rev. Herndon Ray was to officiate and cremation was to be in the Abbey of the Chimes.

Meagher was a Mare Island painter, He died in Vallejo Generat Hospital ,Saturday. Besides his brother he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Meagher, and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Carr.

Edna Hayes Meagher died 5 July 1979. Her death was announced in the *Vallejo Times Herald* the next day:

### EDNA MEAGHER

Edna Meagher, 88, of 2517 Alameda St., died at home Thursday after a long Illness. A native of Lake County, she lived in Vallejo for 50 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Helen Carr of Vallejo and a son James of Napa and four grandchildren.

At her request, no services were held. Interment was at St. Helena Public Cemetery. Local arrangements were under the direction of Skyview Memorial Lawn. Thomas<sup>5</sup> and Edna Meagher were both buried at St Helena Cemetery, Napa County, California.



Thomas Francis Meagher and Edna Hayes had two children:

- (i) James<sup>6</sup> Francis 'Frankie' Meagher was born 7 September 1915 in Napa County, California and died 8 June 2008. He married Stella Maria Abraham on 24 June 1939 at St John's Lutheran Church in Napa. Stella was born 21 April 1916 and died 7 December 2005. James and Stella had two children we know of:
  - (a) James<sup>7</sup> Timothy Meagher was born 11 July 1942 in Napa, California.
  - (b) Kaaren<sup>7</sup> Marie Meagher was born 15 June 1945. She married Larry D. Burnstad on 18 August 1968 in Napa, California. They divorced in March 1974.

Stella Maria Meagher died 7 December 2005. Her obituary was reported in the *Napa Valley Register*, p.c2, Col.2, the next day:

## Stella Marie Meagher – NAPA

Stella, born in South Dakota on April 1, 1916 to parents August and Mary Abraham, peacefully passed away in her home on Dec 7, 2005. She was surrounded by her husband of 65 years, James Francis Meagher; her sons Tim and Gil Meagher; and her daughter Kaaren Guenther.

Stella worked at Rough Riders in Napa and Veterans Home in Yountville. She will be remembered most for being the wonderful loving mother to her children and wife to her husband. Her interests were her love for the Lord, family pets and all the beauty created by God. Stella's family and many friends will miss her kindness, love and sense of humor.

A special thanks to Napa Hospice for their beautiful caring of Stella and her family. Contributions to Hospice would be appreciated. Interment and services were private.

- (ii) Helen<sup>6</sup> E. Meagher was born 25 October 1916 in Napa, California. She married Eugene Lawrence Carr. He was born in 1913 in Idaho. The 1940 census lists one child:
  - (a) John<sup>7</sup> Lawrence Carr was born 27 January1940.

Helen Etta Carr died 31 January 2006 in Grants Pass, Oregon and her husband Eugene died 10 February 2006 also in Oregon. Both were buried at St Helena Public Cemetery in Napa, California.



b. Gerard<sup>5</sup> Clarence Meagher, last born son of Thomas Francis Meagher and Mary<sup>4</sup> Lavinia Carpenter, died in infancy.

## Continuing with the children of Alexander Badlam and Mary<sup>2</sup> Ann Brannan:

B. Alexander<sup>3</sup> Badlam Jr. was born in 16 September 1835 in Kirkland, Ohio. He married Mary Burgess in Sacramento on 13 August 1860. She was born about 1839 in Scotland. Their marriage was announced in the *Sacramento Bee* on the same day;

In this city, August 13th, at Grace Church, by Rev. Mr. Hill, Alexander Badlam, Jr., to Mary Burgess, both of Sacramento.



Mary Burgess 1839–1908

Alexander<sup>3</sup> Badlam Jr. died 26 January 1898 in San Francisco. Notice of his passing was printed in the *San Francisco Morning Call* two days later:

BADLAM-In this city. January 26, 1898, Alex Badlam, beloved husband of Mary Badlam, and father of Alexander T. and Edgar B. Badlam and Mrs. Frank Bradford, a native of Kirtlan, Ohlo, aged 62 years 4 months and 10 days. TFriends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Friday), at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, 1024 Franklin street. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers.



Alexander Badlam Jr. 1835–1898



Mary Burgess Badlam 1839–1908



Alexander Badlam Jr. c.1870 Courtesy of the California State Library

### His obituary was published in the San Francisco Call on 26 January 1898:

## DEATH CLAIMS ALEX. BADLAM

Had Been in Poor Health Lately and Died at Midnight.

The Deceased Was One of the Earliest of the California Pioneers.

For Many Years He Was Prominent in Business and Political Circles.

Alexander Badlam, the well-known insurance and railroad man, died at his home, 1024 Franklin street, shortly after midnight last night. He has been alling for some time, and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Badiam comes of an old family, which dates back to before the Colonial days, both his parents having been

New Englanders. In 1850, when Alexander was 15 years of age, his father returned from California for his family, and they, joining an emigrant train, like thousands of others in those perilous days, started for California.

In Sacramento in 1857 Mr. Badlam associated himself with Charles L. Farrington, Frank Webster, John Ben-Farrington, Frank Webster, John Ben-son and Nat Ford and organized what was then well known as the Alta Ex-press Company. Considering that the party had but little capital to begin with, and that they sold out their busi-ness at the end of a year for \$30,000, it is apparent that the tact and sagacity of young Badiam manifested itself on more than one occasion. more than one occasion.

In 1863 he was nominated for the

In 1863 he was nominated for the Legislature on the Republican ticket, and ran against ex-Governor John Big-order of the second have everything reduced to a perfect systematic order

In the fall of 1875 he was re-elected by the people, receiving a majority of 6000 votes over his adversary. At that election the Democratic candidate for Governor, Mr. Irwin, was elected by the same majority, and almost the en-tire State and county Democratic

tire State and county Democratic Mr. Badlam was married in 1861 to Miss Mary Burgess of Sacramento, and was the father of three children, the oldest being a young man now en-gaged in insurance business, and a younger son who has achieved a world-wide reputation as a mechanical engi-neer and inventor. His daughter Maude is an exceedingly accomplished lady of society, with a phenomenal range as a vocalist and a fine planist. For the past six years Mr. Badlam was president of one of the most successful insurance companies in California, and was interested in railroad building and many other enterprises. many other enterprises.

Mary Burgess Badlam died 14 June 1908. Her death was reported in the San Francisco Call on 16 June 1908:

BADLAM-In this city, June 14, 1908, Mary, wife of the late Alexander Badlam, beloved mother of Mrs. Thomas A. Pettus, and loving grandmother of Phyllis and Ruth Badlam and Dagmar Bradford, a native of Scotland.

Marry Berdlam

Mary Badlam, née Burgess Signature on Will dated 19 October 1906

Alexander<sup>3</sup> Badlam Jr. and his wife Mary Burgess had four children:

i. Alexander<sup>4</sup> T. Badlam was born 1 July 1861. His birth was announced in the *Sacramento Daily Union* on 3 July:

```
In Sacramento, July 1st, the wife of A. Badlam, Jr, of a son.
```

He died a month later on 31 July.

California Mortuary and Cemetery Records, 1801–1932:

```
Vital records -1861
Badlam, Alex
Born California. Died Sacramento, July 31,
1861, aged 1 month. Enteritis. Dr Frey.
Buried Sacramento, New Helvetia Cemetery.
```

His death was reported in the Sacramento Union on 1 August 1881:

```
DIED.
In Sacramento, July 31st, of Inflammation of the
bowels, ALEX., son of Alex. and Mary Badlam, aged
31 days.
[The funeral will take place from residence, corner
of Twelfth and G streets, at 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday,
August 1st.
```

Less than a year later another son was born who was named after their deceased first born infant.

 ii. Alexander<sup>4</sup> Thomas Badlam was born 17 June 1862 in Sacramento, California and died 24 February 1898 almost exactly one month after the death of his father. His death was reported in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 15, col. 6–7, the next day:

> BADLAM-In this city. February 24, 1898, Alexander Thomas, dearly beloved son of Mary and the late Alexander Badlam, and brother of Edgar B. Badlam and Mrs. Frank Bradford, a native of Sacramento, Cal., aged 35 years 8 months and 7 days. [Ffriends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 o'clock, from the family residence, 1694 Franklin street. Interment private.

- iii. Edgar<sup>4</sup> Burgess Badlam was born 1866 and died 24 May 1906 in Sacramento, California. He married Alice C. Flannelly in 1892. She was born November 1875 and died 1932. They had two children:
  - (a) Phyllis<sup>5</sup> A. Badlam was born May 1893. She married Julius Walters on 5 December 1916 in Los Angeles.

(b) Ruth<sup>5</sup> Badlam was born 15 February 1897 and died 18 January 1961. She married Roland P. Newcomb on 31 December 1916. He was born 7 April 1892 and died 1 July 1958. Both are buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Mateo County, California.

MANew com

R.P. Newcomb WWI Draft Registration Card

Edgar<sup>4</sup> Burgess Badlam died 24 May 1906. His death was reported in the *San Francisco Call* on 26 February:

BADLAM-In Calistoga, Cal., May 24.	DIED.	22 - 2
1906, Edgar B., beloved husband of Alice C. Badlam, and father of Phyllis and Ruth Badlam, and son of Mary A. and the late Alexander Badlam, a na- tive of San Francisco, aged 39 years. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Sunday), at 1:30 o'clock p. m., from his late residence, \$36 Clayton street. Interment Cypress Lawn Cemetery, by	BADLAM-In Calistoga. Cal., 1 1906, Edgar B., beloved husb Alice C. Badlam, and father of and Ruth Badlam, and son of 1 and the late Alexander Badlam tive of San Francisco, aged 39 The funeral will take place to (Sunday), at 1:30 o'clock p. m his late residence, 836 Clayton	and of Phyllis Mary A. , a na- years. omorrow , from street.

 iv. Maud<sup>4</sup> Isabelle Badlam was born 10 August 1867. She was first married to Frank Bradford on 18 April 1893 in San Francisco. He was born 18 August 1868 in California. Their engagement was announced in the San Francisco Call on 13 March 1893:

> The engagement is announced of Miss Maud Badiam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Badiam, to Mr. Frank Bradford of the mining firm of Bradford Brothers. Miss Badiam is well known in society as a leader in her set as well as an accomplished vocalist and linguist. The wedding will take place shortly after the Lenten season.

## 4 September 1893

**Beatrix Potter**, an English author, first writes the story of Peter Rabbit for a 5 year old boy. In 1902 *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* is published in London. Potter was born 28 July 1866 and died 22 December 1943. She spent long holidays in the country and loved to sketch animals. She later invented stories about them. Potter went on to write and illustrate a series of children's books all featuring mischievous animals.



The marriage was reported in the *San Francisco Call* on 19 April 1893. Below is a part of a very lengthy report of the marriage:



Maud<sup>4</sup> Isabelle Badlam and Frank Bradford had one child:

a. Dagmar<sup>5</sup> Alix Bradford was born 12 June 1894 in Alameda, California. She was first married to Samuel Parker Frisselle on 2 November 1912. (Their marriage licence is dated November 1912). They were divorced in June 1929.

Samuel Parker Frisselle was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Associated Farmers and their mission to rid Communists from California's agriculture.



Dagmar Alix Bradford 1894–1983

Samuel Parker Frisselle was born 3 January 1881 in Syracuse, New York and died 12 December 1957 in Fresno, California. His death was announced in the Sacramento Bee the next day:

## Samuel P. Frisselle, Farm Leader, Dies

FRESNO — AP — Samuel Parker Frisselle, 78, a leader of California a griculture for many years, died in Fresno yesterday.

Frisselle was credited widely with introducing the now famed Acala strain of cotton to the state.

He was chairman of the California Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee more than 20 years.



Samuel Parker Frisselle 1881–1957



Samuel Parker Frisselle WWI Draft Registration Card

Dagmar<sup>5</sup> and Samuel Parker Frisselle had one son:

(i) Samuel<sup>6</sup> Parker Frisselle Jr. was born 3 October 1914 in Fresno, California. He died by drowning on 16 August 1963 at Lake City, Roscommon, Michigan. He married Dorothy Rode, née Doan, on 11 January 1947 in Midland, Michigan. She was born 5 Sep.1921 and died 10 Dec. 2012. Dorothy was first married to Lt. Raymond Rode who was killed in action in 1944 in Germany during WWII. After Parker Frisselle's death she married Ned Ashbury in 1965.



Samuel Parker Frisselle Jr 1914–1963



Dow Official's Body Recovered

HOUGHTON LAKE (UPI)-The body of Parker Frisselle, manager of the Dow Chemical Co. consumer product development department, was recovered from Higgins Lake Friday in 40 feet of water.

Frisselle drowned when his sailboat overturned Wednesday night.

Frisselle was the brother-in-law of Herbert D. Doan, president of Dow.

Lancing State Journal, Michigan 17 August 1963

Dorothy, Rode, née Doan 1921–2012 Dagmar and Samuel Frisselle were divorced in 1929.

About 1940 Dagmar<sup>5</sup> married W. Fink Mitchell. He was born 8 August 1901 and died 17 September 1982 in Hawaii. They were divorced in 1945.

On 7 December 1948 she married for a third time to Watson Norman Haarbauer in Carson City, Nevada. He was born 27 May 1919 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada.



W. Fink Mitchell 1901–1982

Watson Haarbauer died 2 November 1970 in Visalia, Tulare County, California. His passing was reported in *the San Francisco Chronicle* two days later: HAARBAUER, Watson N. On Nov. 2, 1970, Watson N. Haarbauer; beloved husband of Dagmar Haarbauer; loving brother of six brothers and four sisters; born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada, the district manager of U.S. Steel Supply Division of U.S. Steel Corp. of San Francisco. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m., at the Memorial Chapels of CAREW & ENGLISH, Masonic at Golden Gate Ave. Entombment; private.

Watson norman Haarbane

Watson Norman Haarbauer 1950Application for WWII Veteran Compensation

On 5 November his obituary was published in the *Daily Independent Journal:* 

## WATSON HAARBAUER

Funeral for Watson N. Haarbauer of Tiburon, steel firm executive, was held today in San Francisco.

Haarbauer, 51, died Monday in Visalia, Tulare County, following a heart attack. He was district manager for the U.S. Steel supply division in San



Francisco, and a director of the Reedlands Property Owners Association.

He was a native of Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada, and served in the United States Navy during World War II, as a lieutenant.

A metallurgist, he joined U.S. Steel in 1948 as a salesman, was promoted to a series of posts, and was made division manager n March.

He is survived by his wife, Dagmar Haarbauer of the family home at 6 Greenwood Court, Tiburon, four sisters and six brothers.

Entombment was private.

Watson N. Haarbauer 1919–1970 Dagmar died 24 May 1983. Her death and funeral notices were reported in the San Rafael Independent Journal on 26 May:

HAARBAUER - In Tiburon, May 24, 1983, Dagmar B. Haarbauer, beloved wife of the late Watson Haarbauer; dear mother of the late Parker Frisselle: dear grandmother of Bradford Frisselle of Palos Verdes Estates and Carole Cassio of Boulder, Colorado. Also survived by four great-grandchil-dren. A nauve of San Francisco, age 88 years. A member of the San Rafael Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Fresno Historical Society.

Friends are invited to attend funeral services Friday, May 27, 1983 at 7 p.m. at RUSSELL & GOOCH FUNERAL CHAPEL, 270 Miller Ave., Mill Valley. Entombment, Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland Friends may call for visitation Friday after 10 a.m.(5/26,27)

CHEDA & MATTEUCCI

## Dagmar Haarbauer

The funeral for Dagmar B. Haarbauer, a resident of Tiburon for the last 24 years, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Russell and Gooch Funeral Chapel in Mill Valley

Mrs. Haarbauer died Tuesday at her home at the age of 88.

She was born in San Francisco and after her marriage to the late Watson Haarbauer, a steel company executive, she lived various places before moving to Tiburon. Haarbauer died in 1970.

Mrs. Haarbauer was an artist as well as a homemaker. She also belonged to the Guide Dogs for the Blind auxiliary and the Fresno His-torical Society.

Her son, Bradford Frizzelle, also died earlier. She is survived by two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Entombment will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland.



Photo and signature from 1924 Passport Application

Frank Bradford, Dagmar's father, died 1 January 1940. His passing was reported in the San Jose Mercury News the following day:

> BRADFORD-In Los Gatos, Calif., January 1, 1940, Frank Bradford, lov-ing father of Mrs. Dagmar Mitchell, brother of Arthur, Waldo and Herbert Bradford; a native of California, aged 70 years, 4 months, 17 days. Funeral notice later. Friends may call at the Chapel of Amos O. Williams Co., East Santa Clara street at Eighth.

Maud<sup>4</sup> and Frank Bradford were divorced around 1900 and on 21 December 1906 Maud married Thomas A. Pettus. He was born about 1862 in Virginia and had previously married Louisa (last name unknown) on 26 May 1881 in St Louis. They were divorced in 1899.

Maud's marriage to Thomas A. Pettus was announced in the *San Francisco Morning Call* on 5 January 1906:

PETTUS-BRADFORD-In this city, December 21, 1905, by the Rev. William Rader, Thomas A. Pettus and Maude I. Bradford, both of this city.

Thomas Pettus died 3 October 1941. His death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, p. 7, col. 8 the next day:

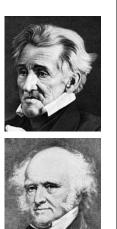
PETTUS-In this city, October 3, 1941, Thomas A., beloved hushand of Maude I. Pettus and loving father of Alia L. Nicoll and Esther O. Treuge. (Decatur, Ill., papers please copy.) Funeral services today (Saturday) at 3:30 p. m., at Ashley & McMullen's. 4200 Geary blvd. at 6th ave. (Please omit flowers.)

Maude<sup>4</sup> Pettus died 20 January 1953. Her death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, p. 16, col. 7 the next day:

PETTUS-In this city. Jan. 20. 1953. Mrs. Maude Isabel Pettus, beloved wife of the late Thomas A. Pettus, loving mother of Dasmar Bradford Haafbauer, dear grandmöther of Parker Treiselle Jr., daughter of the late Alexander Badlam II, and grandniece of the late pioneer Samuel Brannan; a native of San Francisco. Funeral private.

## The Panic of 1837

Leading up to 1832, after the crisis of 1819, the Bank of the United States had contributed to inflation and land speculation by upping currency supply without sufficient reserve backing. President Andrew Jackson (1767–1845), pictured top right, revoked the bank's charter. This led to instability in the banking industry and deflation. There was financial panic and many banks were forced to close, leading to an economic depression which lasted until the mid-1840s. In 1837 Martin van Buren (1782–1862), pictured lower right, was elected President and inherited the country's debilitated economy.





C. Sarah<sup>3</sup> Adelaide Badlam was born 3 August 1837 in Cleveland, Ohio and was the niece of Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan. In San Francisco on 30 May 1854 she married the attorney Joseph Webb Winans. He was born 18 July 1820 in New York City and arrived in San Francisco in 1849 where he became a partner of the law firm of Winans and Belknap. He was the city attorney for San Francisco for several years from 1852.

Joseph Winans was a contemporary of John<sup>7</sup> H. Saunders (1821–1885). It is likely the two men knew each other well since they were both successful lawyers in San Francisco. Additionally, John H. Saunders's younger brother, James<sup>7</sup> Douglass Saunders, married Emily<sup>3</sup> Brannan, the cousin of Joseph Winans's wife Sarah<sup>3</sup> Badlam.  $\rightarrow$  See Chapter 6



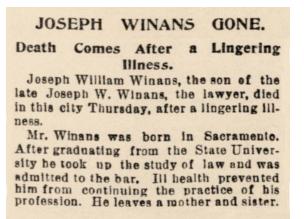
Joseph Webb Winans 1820–1887

Sarah<sup>3</sup> Badlam and Joseph Winans had three children:

i. Sara<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth 'Lillie' Winans was born 9 May 1856 in Napa, California and died 4 November 1914. Her death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on 13 November:

> DEATH OF MISS LILLIE WINANS. Miss Lillie E. Winans, daughter of the late Joseph W. Winans of this city, passed away November 4th at her summer home in Calistoga after a brief illness of pneumonia. The interment was at St. Helena, the burial being private owing to illness of the mother and an aunt. Miss Winans is survived by her mother, an aunt, Mrs. Mary Carpenter, and a cousin, Thomas E. Meagher Jr.

ii. Joseph<sup>4</sup> W. Winans Jr. was born 4 November 1857 in Sacramento and died 31 May 1894 in Sacramento aged just 37. His obituary was published in the San Francisco Call on 2 June 1894:



 iii. Gerard<sup>4</sup> Clarence Winans was born 25 April 1861 and died 7 November 1880 in Sacramento. His death was announced in the San Francisco Morning Call the next day:

WINANS-In this city, November 7, of pleuro-pneumonia, Gerard C, son of Joseph W, and Sarah A. Winans, a notive of Sucramento, aged 13 years, IN Notice of funeral in evening papers.

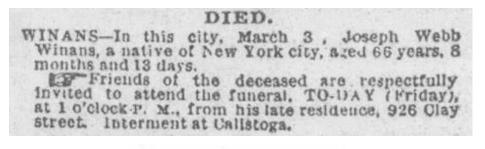
#### 3 December 1894

**Robert Louis Stevenson** died at Vailima, near Samoa's capital Apia probably of *cerebral haemorrhage* and was buried on nearby Mount Vaena. He was 44 years old. Stevenson had become a world-famous author writing such popular classics as *Treasure Island, Kidnapped* and the *Strange Case of Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde*. Stevenson was born 13 November 1850 in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Robert Louis Stevenson 1850–1894

Joseph W. Winans Sr. died 3 March 1887 in San Francisco. His death was reported in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 4, col. 8 the same day:



Joseph Webb Winans 1849 Passport Application

The following website provides an intriguing account of Winans Vault in Calistoga: <u>http://cwcfamily.org/josephw.htm</u>

Winans Vault is located on the hillside at the corner of Kortum Canyon and Foothill Boulevard behind what is now Buster's Barbeque. This was once the home of Ezra<sup>3</sup> Badlam, a nephew of Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan. Ezra Badlam was a postmaster, Western Union Agent and manager of Brannan's Hot Springs Hotel. Sarah<sup>3</sup> Badlam, daughter [should read SISTER] of Ezra, married Joseph W. Winans, a San Francisco lawyer. Winans vault was built on the property in 1870 by Ezra, from stone brought from China by Winans. In 1913 the City of Calistoga passed an ordinance prohibiting housing of non-cremated remains above ground.

Records of St Helena Cemetery Association indicate that in June 1913, and September of 1919, the remains of ten individuals were removed from the Vault and re-interred in the St Helena Cemetery. These included:

- \* Mary<sup>2</sup> A. Badlam–sister of Sam Brannan and wife of Alexander Badlam Sr
- \* Alexander Badlam Sr father of Ezra<sup>3</sup> Badlam and Alexander<sup>3</sup> Badlam Jr
- \* Joseph W. Winans–husband of Sara<sup>3</sup> Badlam and father of Joseph<sup>4</sup> W. Jr and Lillie<sup>4</sup> (Sara<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth)
- \* Joseph<sup>4</sup> W. Winans Jr.
- \* Gerard<sup>4</sup> C. Winans'
- \* Patrick<sup>3</sup> Brannan, infant son of Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan
- \* Don<sup>3</sup> Francisco Brannan.
- \* Mary<sup>4</sup> L. Meagher
- \* Gerard<sup>5</sup> L. Meagher

### 3 April 1882

**Jesse James**, the outlaw, train robber and murderer was shot dead in St Joseph, Missouri by a gang member, Robert Ford, who was after the \$10,000 bounty offered by the governor of Missouri.

Jesse Woodson James was born in 1847 in Missouri and was just 35 years old when killed.



Jesse James 1847–1882

The Will of Joseph W. Winans Sr. makes for interesting reading:

### WILL OF J. W. WINANS Disposition of an Estate of Unknown Value and a Codicil

The will of the late Joseph W. Winans has been filed for probate. The Petition states that the deceased left an estate in this city and elsewhere, consisting of real and personal property, to-wit: Lands. Books and libraries and other effects, all of which constitute community property, the probable value whereof has not been ascertained and cannot now be stated.

The will, which is dates June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1882, recites that it is the wish of deceased that, although all his property has not been acquired since his marriage, it shall be considered and constitute community property, and therefore his wife, Sara A. Winans, is entitled to, and it is his wish that she should have one-half of the property of which he may be seized or possessed. The will then provides:

"I give, devise and bequeath all my estate, of every name and kind whatsoever, to my wife, Sara A. Winans, my son Joseph<sup>4</sup> W. Winans, and my friend, David P. Belknap, in trust to dispose of the same upon and in accordance with the following gifts, devises and bequests, and as hereinafter directed, to wit:

"As stated above a portion of my estate being community property, and it being my will and my wish that my wife shall receive the one-half of my property. I give, devise and bequeath to the said Sara A. Winans one-half of all my estate, which one-half shall include her rights as a member of the community, so that she shall not have any interest in the other one-half of my estate.

"After my wife shall have received her one-half of my estate, including, and not in addition to, her rights as interested in the community property, I give, devise and bequeath the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to my daughter, Lillie<sup>4</sup> Winans, my son, Joseph<sup>4</sup> W. Winans, and my adopted daughter, Mary<sup>4</sup> L. Carpenter; and in the case of the death of either of them, without children, then the share of any one of them so dying shall go to my surviving children, as before named, share and share alike."

Sara<sup>3</sup> A. Winans, Joseph<sup>4</sup> W. Winans and David P. Belknap are nominated as executors, without bonds.

A codicil, dated August 6, 1884, and in the handwriting of deceased, has also been filed, and provides:

"Whereas, the said Mary<sup>4</sup> L. Carpenter, although now a *femme sole* [unmarried woman], is about to contract a marriage, and in the event of her failure so to do may hereafter become a married woman and place her estate and property under the virtual custody, control and disposition of her husband thereby; and

"Whereas, the said Mary<sup>4</sup> L. Carpenter is the only daughter and child of her mother, my sister-in-law, Mary<sup>3</sup> Ann Carpenter, and is beloved by her said mother with an affection so entire and intense that I feel sure that the residue of the mother's life will be devoted to the welfare, care and protection of her said daughter, in whom all her property will be judicially bestowed, as will in part during the mother's lifetime as in the complete residue at the time of her death; and

"Whereas, the said Mary<sup>3</sup> Ann Carpenter, my said sister-in-law, is, or may hereafter be, in need of money or other property for her own protection and support to an extent that may embrace the whole or part considerable of the share of my said estate, bequeathed by me, to the said Mary<sup>4</sup> L. Carpenter as aforesaid, now, therefore, I do by this, my writing, which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my last will and testament, and to be taken as a part thereof, devise and bequeath the said share or portion of my estate, real and personal, so heretofore bequeathed as aforesaid to my **adopted daughter, Mary<sup>4</sup> L. Carpenter**, to wit: The said one-third thereof to my said sister-in-law, Mary Ann Carpenter, to be at her entire disposal, and belong to her solely and exclusively in the full consciousness and trust that after providing for her needs and requirements therefrom, she will dispose of the residue, if any, to the best advantage for the welfare and support of her said daughter."

oOo

Sarah<sup>3</sup> Badlam Winans passed away 9 November 1910 in Calistoga, Napa County, California. A lengthy obituary appeared in the *Napa Daily Journal* on 14 November, p.5, col. 4.:

### Death of Mrs. Sarah Winans

Mrs. Sarah Winans, relict of the late Judge Joseph W. Winans of San Francisco, died at her home in Calistoga Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. She had been ailing for a long time, and her death, which was due to Bright's disease, was momentarily expected for some time.

Mrs. Winans was one of the oldest and best known residents of Calistoga, having lived here off and on for about forty-seven years.

She was born in Ohio on August 3, 1837, and was therefore aged 83 years, 3 months and 6 days. She came across the plains with an ox team with her father, the late Alexander Badlam Sr., and arrived in Sacramento in 1849. From there the party went to San Francisco.

When a young woman in early days, Mrs Winans was prominent in San Francisco Society, and was one of the best known ladies in the metropolis. She was a niece of the late Samuel Brannan of Calistoga and came from a good family.

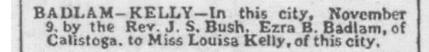
Her husband, the late Judge Winans, died about forty years ago and left her a fortune, approximately\$450,000, but Mrs. Winans was an easy mark for sharpers and her fortune slipped through her fingers and she died penniless.

Mrs. Winans was a good-hearted lady with a friendly disposition and always enjoyed a large circle of friends.

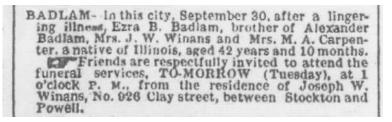
She was the mother of three children, who preceded her to the grave, namely: Mrs Lillie E. Winans, Joseph W. Winans Jr., and Gerard Winans.

The funeral services were held this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Mr. M. Moran, Rev. Irving Baxter of the First Episcopal Church officiating, and they were private. The remains will be taken to Oakland in the morning for cremation —Calistogian, Nov. 14.

D. Ezra<sup>3</sup> Brannan Badlam was born 1840. He married Louisa Kelly 9 November 1871. Their marriage was announced in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 4, col. 2 the next day:



Ezra<sup>3</sup> Badlam died 30 September 1883. His passing was reported in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 4, col. 4, the following day:



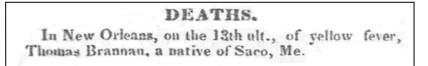
Note: Mrs. M. A. Carpenter, named as the sister of Ezra in the above death notice, was the mother of Mary<sup>4</sup> Lavinia Carpenter who married Thomas Bennett Meagher.

## Continuing with the children of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Brannan and Sarah Knox Emery:

2. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Brannan Jr. was born 24 September 1808 in Saco, Maine. He worked on a river boat in New Orleans where he died of *yellow fever* on 13 September 1837. His death is recorded in Saco Records, p. 244:

Brannan, Thomas Jr. formerly of this town died at New Orleans of Yellow Fever (age 29) Sept. 13, 1837.

His death was also reported in the New Hampshire Gazette on 10 October 1837:



In 1832 Thomas<sup>2</sup> Brannan Jr. married Mary Dunn in Boston. She was born in 1811 and died in 1851. They had one daughter:

A. Amanda<sup>3</sup> H. Brannan was born 1833 in Maine and died 1915 in Napa, CA. She married John Hutchinson in 1865 in Maine. They divorced about 1868. Amanda then married Samuel Chapman in 1872. He was born 1822 in Connecticut and died 10 September 1895 in San Diego, CA.



Amanda H. Brannan 1833–1915

In March 2017 *The Napa Valley Register* published a biography of Amanda Brannan written by her grandson Frederick Clarence Hutchinson. The following is a condensed and edited version:

Born in 1834, [some records say 1833] Amanda was a native of Maine and the niece of Samuel Brannan, the founder of Calistoga Hot Springs Resort. By the time she was three years old her father Thomas had died suddenly in New Orleans.

Her mother provided financial support by returning to her prenuptial trade of dressmaking, which also became Amanda's trade.

Approaching her 31<sup>st</sup> birthday Amanda<sup>3</sup> married John M. Hutchinson on 16 April 1865. After three years their only child, Thomas Brannan Hutchinson, was born on 13 June 1868. By 1870 Amanda had left John Hutchinson and she and her son were living alone in Maine. Soon after they relocated to Calistoga in California and Amanda legally divorced her husband.

It's possible that Amanda's uncle, Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan, heard of her plight and financed her trip to Calistoga. Amanda had other relatives in Calistoga. Her aunt, Mary Brannan Badlam, Sam Brannan's older sister, lived there with her family. Mary had grown sons, Ezra and Alexander. The latter had three children who were about the same age as Amanda's son Thomas.

To assist his niece Sam Brannan gave her a parcel of land on Main Street about a half a mile below town in January 1872. A month later on 7 February 1872 Amanda married again to Sam Chapman, a carpenter. He was involved in numerous ventures including a keeper of a boarding house which required Amanda's participation. By 1873 Sam Brannan was facing financial and personal ruin and had to abandon his dream, town and family. In 1874 Amanda's husband Sam moved his family into his newly acquired Silverado Hotel. Once again Amanda took an active role in the business. Either Amanda didn't get on with her husband or tired of running a boarding house and then a hotel for the issue of the Calistoga paper on 26 June 1875 carried the following: *"I hereby warn all persons from harbouring or trusting my wife, Amanda Chapman, on my account, as she has left my bed and board without cause and I will pay no bill of her Contracting. Calistoga, June 9, 1875. Sam Chapman".* 

Amanda and her son Thomas returned to their Main Street property. From this point forward Amanda devoted herself to the care and education of Thomas. By 1882, 14-year-old Thomas had completed his public school education and opened a small grocery store on Lincoln Avenue in Calistoga. From then on until his untimely death from diabetes in 1904, Thomas supported himself, his mother and family, which consisted of a wife and four children.

Amanda's husband, Sam Chapman, died 10 September 1895 in San Diego County, California.

Amanda Brannan Chapman died in 1915 in Napa, California aged 82. She was buried at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa County.

## Author's note:

What Fred<sup>5</sup> Hutchinson's account of his grandmother and father does not mention is that his father Thomas<sup>4</sup> Brannan Hutchison went on to become a prominent attorney. See details of his life below.

### oOo

Amanda<sup>3</sup> Brannan and John Hutchinson had one son:

i. Thomas<sup>4</sup> Brannan Hutchinson was born 12 June 1868 in Maine and died 25 April 1904 aged 36 of diabetes in Napa, CA, He married Irma Gertrude Ayer on 8 July1890 in Calistoga, California. She was born 11 February 1865 in Weathersfield, Illinois and died 30 December 1961 in Alameda, California. Both Thomas and his wife are buried in Tulocay Cemetery, Napa, CA.



IRMA Gertrude Ayer 1865–1961

> Thomas Brannan Hutchinson 1868–1904



On his death in 1904 the following obituary was published in one of Napa's newspapers:

NAPA, April 25, 1904.– Thomas B. Hutchinson, one of the most prominent attorneys and citizens of Napa, passed away at his home shortly after noon to-day. He was taken ill about a month ago, but his death to-day came as a shock to the community.

Hutchinson was a native of Buxton, Maine, and thirty-six years of age. Death was due to diabetes. He moved to Napa from Calistoga fourteen years ago and had been prominent in political circles in this county and State for some years. He was City Attorney of the town of Calistoga, director of the Bank of Napa, trustee of the Methodist church, and was a delegate to the Methodist Episcopal General Conference soon to be held at Los Angeles. His wife and four children survive him.

In his death the Napa bar loses one of its brightest members and the community one of its foremost citizens. His boyhood was spent in Calistoga at the head of the valley. There he received all the schooling it was his to have. His native ability was quickly recognized by his fellow townsmen and by the time he reached the voting age he was urged into politics and sent to the county convention which met in this city.

Thomas<sup>4</sup> Brannan Hutchinson and Irma Gertrude Ayer had four children:

a. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Harold Hutchinson was born 9 May 1892 in Calistoga, CA and died 15 September 1966 in Berkeley, Alameda County, CA. He married Dorothy Erwin. She was born 21 June 1891 in Columbus, Ohio and died 30 October 1989 in Contra Costa County, California.



IN Haria

Thomas Harold Hutchinson WW1 Draft Registration Cad

b. Frederick<sup>5</sup> Clarence Hutchinson was born 18 July 1894 in Napa CA and died 28 September 1970 in Alameda, CA. He married Dorothy Annapaula Meyer on 24 June 1926. She was born 28 November 1900 and died 17 May 1985 in Berkeley, CA.

Frederick Clarence Hutchinson WW1 Draft Registration Card



Frederick C. Hutchinson 1894–1970

Frederick<sup>5</sup> Clarence Hutchinson and Dorothy Meyer had two children:

(i) Frederick<sup>6</sup> Ayer Hutchinson was born 30 March 1929. He married first Judy Louise Allen on 14 June 1953. She was born 7 March 1932 and died 3 March 1993.



Frederick A. Hutchinson 1929–

Judy Louise Allen 1932–1993



Frederick<sup>6</sup> Hutchinson and Judy Allen had two children:

- (a) Carol<sup>7</sup> Ann Hutchinson was born 6 May 1958. She married Marc Peter Pasculin on 3 December 1983. They had three children.
- (b) Jana<sup>7</sup> Rachel Hutchinson was born 21 March 1964. She is divorced and had two children.
- (ii) Thomas<sup>6</sup> Brannan Hutchinson was born 21 September 1930 and died 19 March 2004.

The *Oakland Tribune* on 27 September 1930 reported the birth of a child, Thomas<sup>5</sup> Brannan Hutchinson, on 21 September:

HUTCHINSO.	N -	- T	o the	wife of
Frederick son, Sept.	Cla 21,	10000	son,	Hutchin- Thomas
Brannan.	,			

Frederick's wife Judy died 03 March 1993. In October 1998 he married Meride Brollier White. She was born 29 March 1936.

 c. Wendell<sup>5</sup> Ayer Hutchinson was born 11 November 1896 in Calistoga, CA and died 17 June 1989 in Toledo, Ohio. He married Dorothea Barkley. She was born 10 October 1901 in Kansas and died 30 March 1967 in Pleasant Hill, CA.



Wendell Ayer Hutchinson 1896–1989



Dorothea Barkley 1901–1967

Mendella.

Wendell Ayer Hutchinson WWII Draft Registration Card

Wendell<sup>5</sup> Ayer Hutchinson and Dorothea Barkley had three children:

- (i) Jean<sup>6</sup> Barkley Hutchinson was born 5 February 1921 in San Francisco and died 12 March 1998. She married Foster Monroe Davis. He was born 13 April 1918 in NC and died 27 October 1990 in Los Angeles.
- (ii) Kathryn<sup>6</sup> Hutchinson was born 18 August 1924 in Alameda, CA. and died 3 August 1990 in Lucas, Ohio. Kathryn was first married to Ensign Thomas Joseph Fleischman on 25 February 1945 in Berkeley, CA. They were divorced within a year of their marriage. He was born 17 December 1924 in Oak Park, Illinois and died 23 May 2012 in Toledo, Ohio.

Kathryn<sup>6</sup> then married Lewis Wayburn Saxby Jr. on 7 Sept. 1947. He was born 17 December 1924 in Oak Park, Illinois and died 23 May 2012 in Toledo, Ohio.



Kathryn Hutchinson 1924–1990



Lewis Wayburn Saxby Jr. 1924–2012

Kathryn<sup>6</sup> and Lewis Wayburn Saxby had three children:

 (a) Steven<sup>7</sup> Lewis Saxby was born 6 May 1949 in Newark, Ohio.. He married Rebecca 'Becky' Flitner on 29 August 1970 in Toledo, Ohio. She was born 2 June 1949 in Ross, California.



Steven Lewis Saxby 1949– and Rebecca Flitner 1949–

Steven<sup>7</sup> Saxby and Rebecca Flitner have two children.

 William<sup>8</sup> David Saxby was born 13 March 1974 in NY. He married Erin Crowley on 28 August 1999 in Nebraska. She was born 27 February 1969. They have two children.



William David Saxby 1974–

(2) Daniel<sup>8</sup> Steven 'Dan' Saxby was born 4 July 1977 in Illinois. He married Amy Elizabeth Ferone on 10 June 2000 in Ohio. She was born 22 August 1978 in Ohio. Daniel<sup>8</sup> and Amy have four children.



Daniel Steven Saxby 1977–

(b) Anne<sup>7</sup> Saxby was born 5 February 1952 in Alameda, CA. She married Bruce Gilliland Sharp, known as Gil, on 22 May 1977 in El Dorado County, CA. He was born 6 September 1951 in Logan County, Colorado. Anne<sup>7</sup> Saxby and Bruce Sharp had two children.



Anne Saxby 1952–

Bruce Gilliland Sharp 1951–

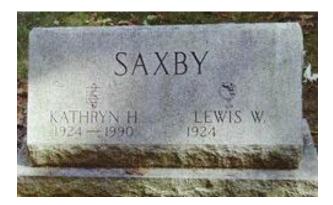


(c) Jane<sup>7</sup> Porter Saxby was born 4 June 1954 in Alameda, CA. She married James Ralph Primrose on 2 April 1983. Jane and James were divorced in 2016. They have two children:

Jane P. Saxby 1954–



Kathryn<sup>6</sup> Hutchinson and Lewis Wayburn Saxby are buried at Joy Cemetery, Lucas County, Ohio



(iii) Wendell<sup>6</sup> Ayer Hutchinson Jr. was born 6 April 1926 in Berkeley, Alameda County, CA and died 8 June 2005 in Whittier, CA. He married Suzanne Porter Saxby on 23 November1947. She was born 6 May 1926 in Oak Park, Illinois and died 27 May 2007 in Oakland, CA. Suzanne was the sister of Lewis Wayburn Saxby Jr. who married Kathryn Hutchinson.



Suzanne P. Saxby 1926–2009

Wendell A. Hutchinson 1926–2005



Wendell<sup>6</sup> Ayer Hutchinson and Suzanne Saxby had three children:

 (a) Wendell<sup>7</sup> 'Dell' Hutchinson III was born 6 May 1952. He married Sandra Jean Hane. They have one son:
 (A) Thomas<sup>8</sup> Brannan Hutchinson was born 1991.



Sandra Jean Hane 1949–

Wendell A, Hutchinson III 1952 -



 (b) Nancy<sup>7</sup> J. Hutchinson was born 31 March 1954 in Berkeley County, CA. She married John Cyril Callahan. He was born 6 May 1957. They have no children.



Nancy J. Hutchinson 1954 -

> John C. Callahan 1957–



(c) Marilyn<sup>7</sup> Ann Hutchinson was born 14 May 1958. She married Eric Cassin. He was born 28 June 1960. They have three children



Eric Cassin 1960–

Marilyn A. Hutchinson 1958–



Wendell<sup>6</sup> and Suzanne Hutchinson divorced in 1976 in Los Angeles. Despite this they are both buried together at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa County, CA.



d. Kathryn<sup>5</sup> Irma Hutchinson, the last born child of Thomas<sup>4</sup> Brannan Hutchinson and Irma Gertrude Ayer, was born 14 Nov. 1901 in Napa, CA and died 26 February 1992 in Fresno, CA. She married Mortimer Smith Jr. on 24 June 1920 in Alameda, CA. He was born 20 September 1899 in California and died 10 November 1983 in Berkeley, CA.



Kathryn I. Hutchinson 1901–1992



Mortimer Smith Jr. 1899–1983

Mortemer Ameth )

Mortimer Smith Jr. WWI Draft Registration Card

Kathryn<sup>5</sup> Irma Hutchinson and Mortimer Smith J. had two children:

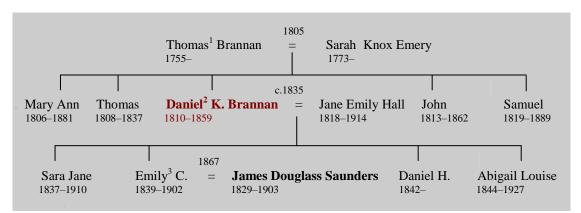
(i) Mortimer<sup>6</sup> Smith III was born 19 Feb. 1923 in Alameda, CA and died 2 February 1984 in San Francisco. He married Roberta Jean Harter on 25 October 1943. She was born 3 September 1923 and died 29 April 2004. They had three children.



Mortimer Smith III 1923–1984

(ii) Marilyn<sup>6</sup> Smith was born 8 January 1927 in New York. She married Ross Mitchell Brown on 15 July 1951. He was born 22 May 1919 in New York and died 25 April 1994. They had three children.

**3.** Captain<sup>2</sup> Daniel K. Brannan was born 1 November 1810 in Saco, Maine during James Madison's second year as President of the United States.



**Daniel<sup>2</sup> married Jane Emily Hall** about 1835, probably in New York. Jane was born in Greenwich Village, New York on 5 June 1818. She was the daughter of Daniel Hall and his wife Abigail, née Knapp.

Abigail Knapp was born 11 September 1782 in Jefferson Valley, New York and died 5 October 1857 aged 75. She is buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Westchester County, New York. Her last words were *I am done*.

Daniel and Jane's first child, Sara<sup>3</sup> Jane, was born in New Orleans in 1837. This date coincides with the death there of his older brother Thomas of *yellow fever* in September of that year. Thomas's illness and death may have been the reason Daniel and his wife were in Louisiana. According to Stellman's biography of Sam Brannan, Sam was also in New Orleans at that time. He had gone into business with his brother Thomas but is said to have left soon after Thomas's death. There is no mention of Daniel also being in New Orleans then. However, that omission is not very significant as Daniel is not mentioned at all in the book, apart from being named early on as one of Sam Brannan's siblings.



Records indicate that Daniel and his family were essentially based in New York. However, Daniel next turns up in the 1850 Census for Sacramento. He went there with his wife and children around 1849 and worked for S. Brannan & Co. Daniel's youngest brother Sam Brannan, ever the entrepreneur, had established a general goods store in Sacramento to service the needs of the hoards of would-be prospectors converging on the area.

Supposed photograph of Jane Emily Brannan, née Hall 1818–1914

Scoundrel's Tale, The Samuel Brannan Papers by William Bagley, p. 304:

While in Rio de Janeiro on 27 July 1849, John Brannan reported that he had spoken with a Captain Doty who "saw my brother Daniel five days ago", but Daniel K. Brannan did not arrive in California until the next year. "Daniel & Jane has arrived here. They came without a dollar to help themselves & they quarrel like cats & dogs", John Brannan wrote. "Jane made all the apology."<sup>9</sup> Brannan & Co. Employed Daniel in 1851 as an agent at 43 Front Street, Sacramento.<sup>10</sup> John Brannan complained that Daniel was "half-crazsy (*sic*)," and there were

hard feelings between Ann Eliza Brannan [Sam Brannan's wife] and the couple, for "Eliza would not have them in the house."<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> John Brannan to Mary F. Brannan, 26 June 1850. John Brannan Papers
<sup>10</sup> Ottley, ed., *John A Sutter, Jr; Statement*, 119
<sup>11</sup> John Brannan to Mary F. Brannan 29 July 1850, John Brannan Papers

Living near Daniel Brannan in Sacramento in 1850 was Lemuel P. Crane. He was also from New York. It was probably in Sacramento that Lemuel met Daniel's daughter Sara Jane. They were married in San Francisco in 1852 when she was just fifteen years old.

Around the mid-1850s Daniel Brannan returned to New York with his family. Lemuel Crane and his young wife Sara Jane had left for New York some time earlier—possibly about April 1854 when Sara became pregnant.

The Census of the Inhabitants in the Second Election District of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward of Brooklyn in the County of Kings taken on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1855 appears as follows:

12 D. H. Brannen	42 m		The.	1	The Scafaring .
Lane "	96 Z	Anie	Muljorth	1	1/2
Jarah Crane	18 %	Chil	La.	1	1
L.P. "	33 m		Sarotoga	1	1 Lenginer bury.
L.E. "	3/2 2		Kings		1/10
Anthon Emily	16 F		Neuboch	1	3/2
Daniel "	13 m	11	n		1/1
Abigail	11 7	11	11		1/m
Allice Dolan	24 L.	scrot	cheland		5 serving

The Census indicated that the Brannan family had been in New York three months and the Cranes, who lived in the same household, about a year when the Census was taken. Sarah and L. P. Crane's daughter, L. 'Lita' E. Crane, is aged 5 months and was born in Kings County, Brooklyn. The census taker's use of ditto marks incorrectly identifies the family name of Emily, age 16, Daniel, age 13 and Abigail, age 11, as Crane. They are, of course, the children of Daniel and Jane Brannan along with Sarah (or Sara) who had married Lemuel P. Crane in 1852.

In the 1860 Census for New York we find Jane Brannan, née Hall, aged 39 with her two youngest children, Daniel H., aged 18, and Abigail L., aged 16. Living in the same household were possibly Jane's two unmarried sisters, Caroline Hall, aged 45 and Sarah Hall aged 30. The Crane family was also residing in New York in the 1860 Census, with Jane's younger sister, Emily, now 21, living with them.

By 1867 Emily was back in California teaching music at a girl's school in Napa and in November of that year married James<sup>7</sup> Douglass Saunders. The Crane family did not return to California until the late 1870s. They are found in the 1880 Census living with Emily<sup>3</sup> Brannan Saunders and her family in San Francisco.

Exactly when or why  $\text{Emily}^3$  returned to California is not known, nor how she travelled there. Louis J. Stellman in his biography of Sam Brannan says on p.174:

In 1863 Sam bought more land in Napa Valley. He now owned more than two thousand acres. He made gifts of town lots to his nieces and nephews; on each he built a dwelling house of rococo, almost Byzantine design. They were square and surrounded by porches of arched scrollwork.

Perhaps Emily<sup>3</sup> was one of the recipients of her uncle's largesse. If not, then she had cousins in Napa, according to Stellman, who did receive a town lot in Napa Valley from Sam Brannan. For Emily, in her mid-20s and unmarried, the prospect of making a new life for herself in California might have been an attractive proposition. In late 1869 or early 1870 Emily was visiting with her sister in New York. The 1870 Census for New York, taken in January 1870, shows Emily Saunders with her child William<sup>7</sup> H., age two in the Crane household. Actually, William was born 12 December 1868 so he was really only thirteen months old at the time of the Census. Emily probably travelled to and from New York on the Transcontinental Railway which was completed in May 1869.

By July 1870 Emily had returned home as evidenced in the 1870 Census for San Francisco, taken on 9 July, which lists Emily, her husband James D. Saunders and son William H. Saunders.

**Daniel<sup>2</sup> K. Brannan died 7 July 1859** on board ship in the South Pacific. He is said to have succumbed to *dysentery*.

Daniel Brannan's death was reported some months later in the *Sacramento Union*, p. 2, col. 4 on 28 October 1859:

DEATH OF AN OLD SACRAMENTAN. — By the latest news from the coast of China, intelligence has been received of the death, by dysentery, of Capt. D. K. Brannan, formerly of Sacramento. He died on the 7th of July last, on board the bark San Juan, bound for Amoy, from Bangkok, China, where he had been engaged as Captain, trading with the natives. He had been engaged in the trade successfully for several years. Deceased leaves a sister (Mrs. Badlam), in this city, and a brother (Sam Brannan), resident in San Francisco. His wife and children have resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., for about six years. He will be remembered by many of our old residents.

Five months later ...



John Brown 1800–1859 2 December 1859

**John Brown** the abolitionist was hanged. On October 16, 1859 he got together with 5 blacks and 16 whites and raided the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia). Brown was wounded, quickly captured and moved to Charlestown, Virginia, where he was tried and convicted for treason. His execution escalated tensions which led to secession and the Civil War a year later. **Jane Emily Brannan**, née Hall, died in Brooklyn, New York on 10 April 1914 at the very advanced age of 95 years, ten months and five days.

She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Her passing was reported in the *New York Times*, p. 11, col. 6 the next day:

Mrs. JANE EMILY HALL BRANNAN, widow of Daniel Brannan, an old-time sea Captain, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abigail L. Barnitz, 449 Third Street, Brooklyn. Mrs. Brannan was born ninety-six years ago in old Greenwich Village, and during the gold fever in 1849 she accompanied her husband to California.

*The Brooklyn Daily Eagle* also published a lengthy obituary on 10 April 1914, the very day she died:

#### Jane Emily Hall Brannan.

Mrs. Jane Emily Hall Brannan, the widow of Captain Daniel Brannan, a well-known sea rover in his day, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abigail L. Barnitz, 449 Third street. Mrs. Brannan was in her 96th year, and her children and grandchildren had planned a great celebration upon her birthday, which would have occurred Mrs. Brannan was born in in June. Old Greenwich Village, New York City, and had always resided in in 1818, She went with her hus-New York. band to California during the gold fever, in 1849, sailing around the Horn, and in the Far West made many Several relatives reside in friends. San Francisco now. Up to the end Mrs. Brannan retained all her faculties. She was widely read, and could s events of the day with any She had always been a Jefferdiscuss one. sonian Democrat, and was a staunch aumirer of President Wilson. Frank Barnitz, a grandson, is assistant secretary of the Consolidated Gas Company of New York. The funeral serv-ices will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Barnitz, and the interment will be in Greenwood.



Jane Emily Brannan's tombstone at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York

1 PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF NEW YORK Department of Health of The City of New York OF BUREAU OF RECORDS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 2 111 Registered r pl FULL NAME CIN 86 20 124 4 COLOR OR BACZ 15 DATE OF DEATH SINGLE y. 20 10 ., 191.4 bru (bro DATE OF BIRTH <sup>16</sup> I hereby certify that the foregoing particulars (Nos. 1 to 14 inclusive) are correct as near (Day) (Year) (Mot 1 day,.....hrs or.....min.? G S 1912, that death occurred on the date stated above at A., and that a) Trade, profession, or articular kind of work.... (b) General nature of industry, husiness or establishment in which employed (or employer). the cause of death was as follows: n. S. State or country) How long in U.S. (if of for (<sup>9</sup><sub>B</sub>)<sup>H</sup> 95 NAME OF Contributor BIRTHPLAC S US N NAM Ce 2 duratio 13 BIRTHPLACE Se u. hand this. 1D day of Afres 191 4 Witness my al INFORMATION req ed in deaths in hosp hern 4 M. D. Signature rmer or residence } ----4 Address 61 was disease contracted, if not at place of death? 17.PLACE OF BURIAL DATE OF BL april 191 4 menund 10 APR 11 1914 18 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS ED Human Bra 246

Jane Emily Hall Brannan's death certificate

16 January 1920 **Prohibition in the United States** was a nationwide Constitutional ban on the sale, production, importation, and transportation of alcoholic beverages that remained in place from 1920 to 1933. While it was the 18thAmendment that established Prohibition, it was the Volstead Act (passed on October 28, 1919) that clarified the law. On December 5, 1933, the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. This Amendment repealed the 18th Amendment, making alcohol once again legal. This was the first and only time in U.S. history that an Amendment has been repealed.

Daniel<sup>2</sup> Brannan and Jane Emily Hall had four children:

A. Sara<sup>3</sup> Jane Brannan was born 30 March 1837 in New Orleans. She married Lemuel Payne Crane on 29 June 1852 in San Francisco. She was only 15 years old. Lemuel was born 23 August 1822 making him some 13 years older.

Lemuel P. Crane died 30 January 1904 in San Francisco aged 82 of *chronic bronchitis* and exhaustion. He was buried at Cypress Lawn Cemetery. His death was reported in the *San Francisco Call*, p. 9, col. 7 on 1 February 1904:

CRANE-In this city, January 30, 1904, Lemuel P. Crane, beloved husband of Sara J. Crane, and father of Frank, Irving and Douglas Crane, Mrs. C. W. Lang, Mrs. J. Todd, Mrs. H. C. Donnels and Mrs. J. H. Marshall, a native of New York, aged 80 years 5 months and 7 days. IFThe funeral services will take place Monday afternoon, February 1, 1904, at 1 o'clock, at the parlors of Halsted & Co., 946 Mission street. Interment private.

**Sara<sup>3</sup> Jane Crane**, née Brannan, died 13 February 1910 aged 72 years, ten months and fourteen days. The cause of death was stated on her Death Certificate as *mitral insufficiency and aortic stenosis*. She was buried at Cypress Lawn Cemetery. Her death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, p. 13, col. 4 the next day:

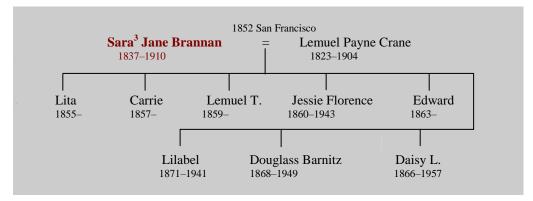
CRANE - February 13, Sarah J. Crane, widow of the late Lemuel P. Crane, and mother of L. Frank, Everett Irving and Douglas B. Crane, Mrs. C. W. Lang, Mrs. Joseph Todd, Mrs. H. C. Donnels and Mrs. Joseph Marshail. (New York papers please copy). Funeral Tuesday, February 15, at 11 o'clock, from her late residence, 900 Ashbury street. Interment private.

Note: It is not known who L. Frank Crane and Mrs. C.W. Lang are as they are not listed anywhere amongst Sara Jane Crane's children.

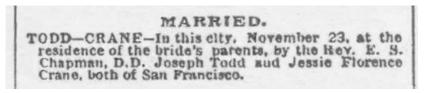


Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo County, California

Sara<sup>3</sup> and Lemuel Crane are reported in the 1900 Census to have had nine children, with seven still living. Various census records provide the names of eight of their children. The name of the ninth child is not known and perhaps was born and died between census takings.



- i. Lita<sup>4</sup> Crane was born about January 1855 in New York. She married Benjamin McKinley on 3 October 1878 in New York.
- ii. Carrie<sup>4</sup> Crane was born 1857.
- iii. Lemuel<sup>4</sup> T. Crane was born 1859.
- iv. Jessie<sup>4</sup> Florence Crane was born 11 October 1860 in New York and died 5 May 1943 in Alameda, California. She married Joseph Todd on 23 November 1887. He was born about 1850 in England and died 29 September 1925. Their marriage was announced in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 6, col. 7 of 27 November 1887:

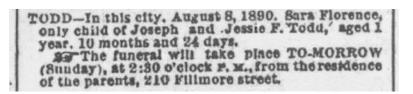


Jessie<sup>4</sup> Florence Todd, née Crane, died 5 May 1943. Her death was announced in the *Oakland Tribune*, p. 31, col. 4 the next day:

TODD-In Oakland, May 5, 1943, Jessie Flofence Todd, wife of the late Joseph Todd, mother of J. Russell Todd and the late Florence Todd, sister of Mrs. Daisy Donnels and Douglass B. Crane; a native of New York City. Friends are invited to attend the services Friday afternoon. May 7, at 2 o'clock, at the chapel of Albert Brown Co., 3476 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland. Interment, Mt. View Cemetery.

Jessie<sup>4</sup> Crane and Joseph Todd had two children:

a. Sara<sup>5</sup> Florence Todd was born 15 September 1888 and died 8 August 1890. Her death was noted in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 8, col. 7 the following day:

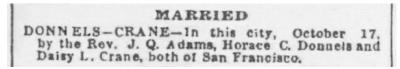


 Joseph<sup>5</sup> Russell Todd was born 24 June 1894 in San Francisco, died 12 August 1959.

Joseph Jusse

Joseph Russell Todd WWI Draft Registration Card

- v. Edward<sup>4</sup> Irwin Crane was born 1863. The Census records for Sara and Lemuel's fifth child vary with respect to his name. The 1870 Census calls him Irwin, the 1880 Census has him as Edward I. and the 1900 census as Edwin S. To add to the confusion his father's death notice called him Irving and on his mother's he is Everett Irving.
- vi. Daisy<sup>4</sup> L. Crane was born in 1866. On 17 October 1892 she married Horace Carson Donnels in San Francisco. He was born about 1868. Their marriage was reported in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 7, col. 7 on 23 October:



Daisy<sup>4</sup> Crane and Horace Donnels had one child, Carson<sup>5</sup> Donnels, who died prior to 1942.

*Note incorrect Christian name*  $\Psi$ 

Horace Carson Donnels died 27 February 1942. His death was reported in the *San Rafael Independent* the same day:

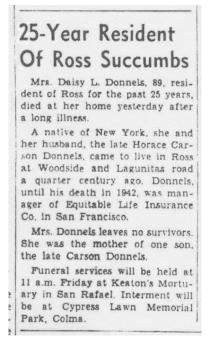
Horace C. Donnels, Ross resident for 15 years, died today at his home at the age of 74 years. A retired insurance agent Donnels is survived by his widow, Mrs. Daisy L. Donnels. He was the father of the late Carson Donnels and the brother of the late Albert T. Donnels. He was an active member in the Marin Lodge, F. & A. M. and Islam Temple of the Shriñe. Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Monday from Keaton's Mortuary. San Rafael. Interment will be private.

Hugh C. Donnels

Daisy<sup>4</sup> L. Donnels, née Crane, died 7 December 1954. *The Marin Independent Journal* carried a notice of her death, p. 8, col. 8, and an obituary, p. 8, col. 4 the following day:

DONNELS -- In Ross, Dec. 7, 1954. Daisy L. Donnels, beloved wife of the late Horace Carson Donnels, mother of the late Carson Donnels, a native of New Yorks, aged 89 years.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Friday, Dec. 10. at 11 a.m. at Keaton's Mortuary, San Rafael. Interment Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma. (12/8-9)



 vii. Douglass<sup>4</sup> Barnitz Crane was born 13 May 1868 in New York City. On 9 March 1896 he married Georgia Moffatt Wightman. She was born 17 August 1875.

Conglass Par

Douglass Barnitz Crane 1921 Passport Application

A biography on Douglass Crane was published in *California and Californians* edited by Rockwell D. Hunt, (San Francisco: Lewis Publishing Co., 1926), Vol. V, pp. 506–508:

**DOUGLASS BARNITZ CRANE** is a representative of the modern epoch of San Francisco's long famed position as a court of the world's commerce. He has had and still has a notable part in guiding the commerce through the Golden gate to and from some of the most romantic regions of the globe. Those most familiar with the facts and figures in maritime circles say that Mr. Crane is San Francisco's largest shipper to and from the South Sea Islands. He has given over twenty years of his life to that business, and through it has amassed a substantial fortune.

Mr. Crane is a son of a Californian Forty-niner, and has himself lived in California since boyhood. He was born in New York City. The Crane family is of English origin, some of its members belonging to the nobility, and settled in New York in the earliest Colonial period. Lemuel Payne Crane, father of Douglass B., was born in Saratoga, New York, in 1823. Coming to California in 1849 by way of the Isthmus of Panama, he was a pioneer druggist in San Francisco, where he continued his business until 1852. The physicians then ordered him to Havana on account of his the health of his wife, and from Cuba he returned to New York and for about twenty years carried on the profession of dentistry. The spell of California had been upon him all these years and finally, in 1877, he returned to San Francisco, leaving his family to follow at a later date, and for a number of years was associated with the old Central Pacific, now the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. He died in 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Lemuel Payne Crane married [Sara] Jane Brannan in San Francisco in 1852. She was a cousin [*should read NIECE*] of that historic character in the early affairs of San Francisco, Samuel Brannan, publisher of San Francisco's first newspaper and one of the leaders of the Vigilantes. Sara Jane Brannan was born in New Orleans in 1837. Her father, **Captain Daniel Brannan**, was a sea captain and he and his family were visiting New Orleans when his daughter Sara was born. Captain Brannan finally became admiral of the Siamese Navy and was lost at sea. Mrs. Sara Jane Crane died in San Francisco in 1910.

In 1880 Douglass B. Crane came west with his mother to join his father in San Francisco. While a student at the Boy's High School, now named Lowell High School, he took the civil service examination, and standing highest on the list, was offered a position in the post office, but declined it until after he had graduated in 1885. He then was made a clerk in the city department of the old post office at the corner of Washington and Battery streets, and three months later was promoted to the foreign registry department, where he remained for seven years.

His business experience from the first has kept him in touch with those great currents of trade and communication leading through San Francisco to the outer world. After leaving the post office he was for fourteen years cashier of the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company, owned by the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad Companies, and joined eventually with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and Mr. Crane remained another years as cashier of the combined companies.

On March 9, 1896, Mr Crane had married Georgia Moffatt Wightman, a native daughter of San Francisco. Her father, John Wightman, Jr., was long a notable figure in San Francisco shipping circles. Coming from Belfast, Ireland to California in 1862, he entered the mercantile business at San Francisco and later broadened the scope of his enterprise to include trade connections with the South Sea Islands. He maintained trading stations in the Samoan, Tongan, Fiji and Gilbert Islands. His station in the Gilberts was at Butaritari, the commercial center of the group, and it was here in 1889 that his friend, the noted writer, Robert Louis Stevenson, spent

some time during his six months' cruise on one of Mr. Wightman's schooners, the "Equator", starting from Honolulu, which voyage is described by Mr. Stevenson in his "South Sea Tales". Mr Wightman had a personal letter from Stevenson in which he praised the little vessel and told of his enjoyment of the voyage. The letter was framed and hung on the walls of the San Francisco office until destroyed by the great fire. Mr Wightman by 1895 had sold all of his South Sea Island stations and thereafter confined his business to importing and exporting under the name John Wightman Jr., with head offices in San Francisco. He was one of the charter members of the old Merchant Exchange. His business brought him a wonderful diversity of experience, All his life he maintained an extraordinarily wide circle of friends and was a man of personal charm and popularity. He died in 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane have one daughter, Georgia Doris, who is the wife of Victor Maxwell, a young business man of San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have a son, Victor Crane Maxwell.

It was in 1904 that Mr. Crane joined his father-in-law in the importing and exporting business under the name of Wightman & Crane. Following the death of Mr. Wightman, Mr. Crane bought the interests of the Wightman estate in this business and assumed the full ownership, although continuing his transactions under the old firm name. His business comprises a great volume of traffic import and export to Australia, New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, including Fanning Island, Washington Island, Samoa, the Fiji, Tahiti, Cook and Gilbert Islands. To these far away regions he sends many ship loads of luxuries and necessities and brings back cargoes of copra, cocoa beans, pearl shells and other products from the south side of the Equator. He is a director of the Burns-Philp Company, Incorporated, a branch of the largest trading firm throughout Australia. Mr. Crane's office is at 149 California Street, San Francisco. Some of the significance and extent of his business affairs are conveyed in the language of a writer for the "Shipping Register" of San Francisco, who said not long ago, referring to Mr. Crane's business:

"When he enters into his office he leaves San Francisco and enters a world of blue seas and skies, of atolls and waving palms, of dark skinned natives and pearling schooners, of leaf-thatched huts and resident traders."

Mr. Crane has made two trips through Australia, New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, one in 1914 and another in 1922. On the latter he was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mrs. Crane when in Samoa saw the house where she had lived as a little child while her father conducted a station there.

Mr. Crane in Masonry is a member of the Past Masters Association, was a Masonic inspector for ten years, was the third master of Richmond Lodge No. 375, A.F. and A.M.; is a member of California Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar; belongs to all of the San Francisco bodies of the Scottish Rite and Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

Note: Douglass Barnitz Crane's mother, [Sara<sup>3</sup>] Jane Brannan, was Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan's niece, not his cousin. She was the daughter of Sam's brother Daniel<sup>2</sup> Brannan.



Mahatma Gandhi 1869–1948

#### 30 January 1948

Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated at the Birla House, New Delhi. He was outside on the steps with some of his family and followers when Nathuram Godse, a militant Hindu nationalist, approached and shot him three times in the chest at close range. Gandhi died a few hours later. He was 78 years old. Douglass<sup>4</sup> Barnitz Crane died 13 April 1949 in San Francisco. His death Certificate stated the cause of death was *arteriosclerotic Parkinson's disease*. It also noted that his hip had been fractured three months earlier. He died in Notre Dame Hospital, San Francisco and was buried at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. A notice of his death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, p. 19, col. 6 on 20 April:

CRANE-In this city, April 13 1949, Douglass Barnitz Crane, beloved husband of Georgia Molfatt Wightman Crane father of Doris Crane Maxwell, grandfather of Douglass Crane Maxwell, and the late Lt. Victor Crane Maxwell, Private services were held Tuesday, April 19 at Gray's, Divisadero St. at Post. Interment, Cypress Lawn Memorial Park.

Georgia Wightman Crane died 22 December 1953. Her death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, p.19, col. 7 on 24 December:

**CRANE**—In San Francisco, Dec. 22, 1953, Georgia Wightman Crane, beloved wife of the late Douglass Barnitz Crane, loving mother of Doris Crane Maxwell, grandmother of Douglass Crane Maxwell and the late Lieutenant Victor Crane Maxwell, U.S. A.A.F.

ight mantopage

Georgia Moffatt Wightman Crane 1920 Passport Application



Georgia Moffatt Wightman Crane 1875–1953 1920 Passport photo

Douglass Barnitz Crane 1868–1949 1921 Passport photo



Douglass<sup>4</sup> Barnitz Crane and his wife Georgia Moffatt Crane, née Wightman, had one daughter:

 a. Georgia<sup>5</sup> Doris Crane was born 31 May 1899 in Los Angeles and died 23 September 1974. She married Victor Thomas Maxwell. He was born 17 August 1898 and died 9 July 1973. The last child of Sara<sup>3</sup> Jane Brannan and Lemuel P, Crane:

viii. Lilabel<sup>4</sup> Crane was born 1 April 1871 in New York and died 11 March 1941 in Marin, California. She married Joseph Henry Marshall on 23 August 1893. He was born 30 April 1868 in Nantucket, Massachusetts and died 12 August 1959 in California. The marriage was announced in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 10, col. 5 on 2 September 1893:

MARSHALL-CRANE-In this city, August 23. 1893, by the Rev. C. O. Brown, Joseph Henry Marshall and Lilabel Crane, both of San Francisco.

Lilabel<sup>4</sup> Crane Marshall died 11 March 1941. Her death was reported in the *San Rafael Independent* on p. 2 the same day:

> Mrs. Lilabel Marshall Resident of Ross for the past 25 years, Mrs Lilabel C. Marshall died this morning at the residence following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Marshall leaves her widower, Joseph H. Marshall, San Francisco hardware company employee; a daughter, Mrs. Gordon Swett; one sister, Mrs. Jessie Todd and two brothers, H. C. Donnels and Douglas B. Crane. She was a native of New York.

The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. John's Church in Ross, followed by private interment.

Arrangements are by Keaton's Mortuary, San Rafael

Note; H.C. Donnels was actually Lilibel's brother-in-law, husband of her sister Daisy Crane (1866–1957).

Joseph H. Marshall died 12 August 1959. His obituary appeared in the *Marin Independent Journal* p. 6, col. 5, the next day along with a notice of his death:

MARSHALL—In Ross, Aug. 12, 1959, Joseph H. Masshall. beloved husband of the late Lilabel Crans Marshall, father of Mrs. W. Gordon Swett, grandfather of Martha and Marshall Swett, brother of Mrs. E. Raymond Clure and the late Anna Marshall and William Marshall; a native of California, aged 91; a member of Marin Lodge 191, F. and A. M., Commonwealth Club of California, Islam Temple of San Francisco, Marin Chapter 102 Royal Arch Masons of California and Knight Templar Golden Gate Commandery 16.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Saturday, Aug. 15, 1959, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Ross; friends may call at Keaton's, Fifth and E street, Ban Rafael; entombment private. (8 13-14)

Deph Henry Marshare Joseph Henry Marshall

US Sons of American Revolution Membership Application – 1921

Joseph Marshall's obituary accompanied his death notice in the *Marin Independent Journal:* 



Lilabel<sup>4</sup> Crane and Joseph Marshall had one daughter:

 a. Miriam<sup>5</sup> S. Marshall was born 16 December 1913 in San Francisco. She married Dr. Walter Gordon Swett, a dentist. He was born 28 July 1902 in Tiburon, Marin County, California.

#### January 1959

**Fidel Castro** took control of Cuba in a revolution and ruled for 49 years creating a one-party state and became a central figure in the Cold War. He was born Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz on 13 August 1926 and died 25 November 2016. After the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista's forces with his comrade Che Guevara and brother Raul Castro he assumed the position as Prime Minister from 1929 to 1976 and then as President from 1976 to 2008.



Fidel Castro 1926–2016

In 1960 Walter was caught drink-driving. The incident was reported in the *Daily Independent Journal, San Rafael* on 6 October 1960:

#### Intoxicated Driver Draws Fine Of \$263

Ross dentist Walter Gordon Swett. 57, paid \$263 fine and drew six months probation yesterday in Marin Municipal Court for his first drunken driving conviction.

Judge Harold J. Haley also restricted the dentist's driving privilege for the next 90 days. Dr. Swett pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated along Highway 101 last March 14.

Dr. Walter Gordon Swett died 25 April 1963 in Ross, Marin County. His death was announced in the *Daily Independent Journal, San Rafael* the next day:

> SWETT-In Ross, April 25, 1963, Dr. Walter Gordon Swett, D.D.S., husband of Miriam Swett, father of Martha and Marshall Swett, brother of Dr. William F. Swett, M.D., of San Francisco. A native of Tiburon, California, aged 60 years. A member of the Marin Shrine Club, a veteran of World War I and II, Associated Sportsmen of California, Marin County Dental Society, California and American Dental Assn., Richmond Rod and Gun Club. Friends are invited to attend the funeral Saturday, April 27,

> the funeral Saturday, April 27, 1963, at 11 a.m. at Keaton's Mortuary, 1022 E Street, San Rafael, Inurnment private. (4/26)

Miriam<sup>5</sup> S. Marshall and Dr. Walter Gordon Swett had two children:

(i) Martha<sup>6</sup> Swett was born 19 July 1946 in Marin, California and died as a result of an accidental shooting on 15 October 1966. The incident was reported in the Daily Independent Journal, San Rafael on 17 October 1966:

### **Ross Woman Dies Of** Gun Wound

Twenty - year - old Martha Swett of Ross was shot to death in a hunting accident Saturday afternoon in the Russian River area of western Sonoma County. The fatal shot apparently was fired by 16-year-old Scott Lang of 33 Poplar Avenue, Ross.

Miss Swett, daughter of Mrs. Miriam M. Swett of Lagunitas Road, had gone to Trosper Lodge outside Cazadero with her boy friend, Rudy Valera, 23, of Oakland; her brother. Marshall Swett, 16; Phillip Fitzhugh, and Scott Lang, all of Ross.

walking with Valera along a creek at 2:30 p.m. when they heard a shot. Miss Swett gasped, raised her hands to her chest. and fell.



Martha Swett Lubbock High School 1963

Coroner Andrew Johanson said the shooting was accidental. The bullet was apparently fired by Lang, who had been shooting at some pigeons on a hillside overlooking the creek where the couple were walking.

Miss Swett, a student at California College of Arts and Crafts According to the Sonoma in Oakland, was taken to Healds-County coroner's report she was burg General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 3:45 p.m.

Martha's funeral was announced in the Daily Independent Journal, San Rafael on 18 October 1966:

### MARTHA SWETT

Funeral for 20-year-old Martha Swett of Ross, shot to death in a hunting accident Saturday in the Russian River area of Sonoma County, will be tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Keaton's Mortuary, San Rafael.

Miss Swett, daughter of Mrs. Miriam M. Swett of Lagunitas Road, had traveled to Trosper Lodge near Cazadero with four friends Saturday. She was shot accidentally while walking along a creek.

(ii) Marshall<sup>6</sup> Gordon Swett was born 8 March 1950. He married Patricia Marie Campana on 8 June 1974 in Reno, Nevada. She was born 1 August 1952.

Miriam<sup>5</sup> Swett, née Marshall, the granddaughter of Sara<sup>3</sup> Jane Brannan Crane and daughter of Joseph H. Marshall, died Monday, 19 September 1983.

The following day *The Marin Independent Journal*, p. A4, col. 4-5, printed an obituary.

#### Miriam M. Swett

Miriam M. Swett of Ross died Monday at Ross General Hospital after a short illness.

She was a lifelong resident of Ross. She was 69.

Mrs. Swett attended Katharine Branson School in Ross and Mills College in Oakland.

She donated money to many charitable organizations in Marin County and elsewhere, including the Marin Wildlife Center, the California Marine Mammal Center, Greenpeace, Save the Whales and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

She also donated money to Ross churches and schools.

Her parents settled in Ross in 1906 after having a home built for them. Her late husband, Dr. Walter Gordon Swett, died 21 years ago.

Her late husband's great-grandfather was an education activist in California. A school, John Swett School, is named after him in San Francisco.

Mrs. Swett is survived by a son, Marshall G. Swett of Novato, and two grandchildren.

A private funeral service will be held.

Burial will be in Mount Tamalpais Cemetery in San Rafael.

The family prefers donations to the American Cancer Society.

#### Continuing with the children of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Brannan and Jane Emily Hall ...

- B. Emily<sup>3</sup> C. Brannan was born 1839 in New York and died 27 May 1902 in San Francisco. Often referred to as Emma, she married James<sup>7</sup> Douglass Saunders in Napa City in 1867.
  - → See Chapter 8: James<sup>7</sup> Douglass Saunders for a full account of Emily's married life, children and death in 1902.
- C. Daniel<sup>3</sup> Hall Brannan, born 1842. He enlisted in Company D, New York Infantry on 28 March 1864 and was mustered out on 1 September 1865 in Charleston, South Carolina. In the 1880 Census Daniel is found in the State *Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane* in Middleton, New York. His condition was described as *dementia* which he had suffered for four months. It is thought he died 25 October 1912 in New York.
- D. Abigail<sup>3</sup> Louise Brannan was born on 14 July 1844 in New York and died 11 June 1927. She married the Rev. McClintic Rosenmiller Barnitz, a clergyman, about 1870. He was born 16 June 1832 in Newville, Pennsylvania and died 6 January 1896 in New York. His great, great grandfather, John Leonard Barnitz, came from Falkenstein, Germany about 1737 and settled in Pennsylvania.



According to the 1900 Census Abigail<sup>3</sup> and McClintic Barnitz had a total of eight children of which five were still living at the date of the Census. The names of six of their children are known.

 Frank<sup>4</sup> Raymond Barnitz was born 15 February 1871 in Chelsea, Massachusetts and died 6 May 1944. Frank married Bertha Deyo on 22 November 1911 in New Jersey. Bertha was the daughter of Silas and Ruth Deyo, both of New York.

Their marriage was announced in the *New York Times* on 25 November 1911:



1924 Passport Application

Frank and Bertha were in their late 30s when married and there were no children. Bertha was born about 1873 and died 12 October 1951. Both are buried at Green-Wood Cemetery. Frank's death notice appeared in *The New York Times* on 7 May 1944:

l	BARNITZ-Frank R., on May 6, beloved hus-
1	band of Bertha Deyo and brother of Jennie
1	Louise Barnitz. Service at the Fairchild
1	Chapel, Franklin Ave. at 12th St., Garden
	City, Tuesday at 10:30 A. M.

ii. Emma<sup>4</sup> May Barnitz was born 1875 (Ref: 1910 Census under Herbert Osborn) and married Herbert Osborn on 26 June 1893. They don't appear to have had any children. Emma died mysteriously in Miami, Florida on 17 January 1915. Her death was the subject of a lengthy *New York Times* article on 19 January, p. 9, col. 5:

#### MRS H. OSBORN DROWNED

### Brooklyn Woman disappeared in Night from Yacht at Miami, Fla.

Special to The New York Times MIAMI. Fla., Jan. 18 – The Coroner's jury today investigating the death of Mrs Herbert Osborn, who disappeared from her yacht *La Vidette* in the Miami River early Sunday morning and whose dead body clad in night garments was found on the shore of Biscayne Bay Sunday afternoon, returned a verdict that she was drowned, but refused to say whether she committed suicide.

Coroner Combs said he and the jury were firmly convinced that it was a case of suicide, but had no evidence in support of this or any other theory.

The testimony showed that she went aboard the yacht at 10.30 o'clock Saturday night. She was not seen again alive after she retired. Herbert Osborn, her husband, went to New York Friday night, leaving his wife in charge of the crew.

Herbert Osborn, who is a tea merchant and a Government tea tester, with offices at 93 Front Street, left yesterday for Miami to take charge of his wife's body. The first news he received of her death was a telegram from the captain of the yacht, *La Vidette*, on which he sailed with his wife from this city last Fall.

Mr and Mrs Osborn left New York on Oct. 9 on their yacht and cruised to Florida in hopes that the voyage would greatly benefit Mrs Osborn, who had been ill for some time with a complication of diseases. Mr Osborn was with his wife until last Friday, when he left Miami for this city, and he intended returning as soon as he had completed certain business. The Osborn's home is at 286 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, where Mrs. Osborn was well known. She was a sister of F. R. Barnitz, Assistant Secretary of the Consolidated Gas Company.

One of the relatives said yesterday that the family believe that she fell overboard accidentally. It is said that all her letters since she has been away have been most cheerful and nothing in them indicated that she might commit suicide.

On 20 January 1915 a death notice for Emma May Osborn was published in *The New York Times*, p. 9, col. 7:

OSBORN Em	ma May,	wife of	Herbert	Os-
born and				
late McClir				
Miami, Flo	rida, on	Jan. 17,	Funeral	pri-
vate.				

iii. George<sup>4</sup> Deitz Barnitz was born 19 August 1875 in Brooklyn, New York. He was a detective with the New York Police Dept. He married first to Ella McAveney. She was born in Ireland on 29 August1875 and died 31 March 1914 in Kings, New York. They had five children: a. Ann<sup>5</sup> Gertrude Barnitz was born 15 November 1894 in New York and died September 1973 in Smithtown, New York.

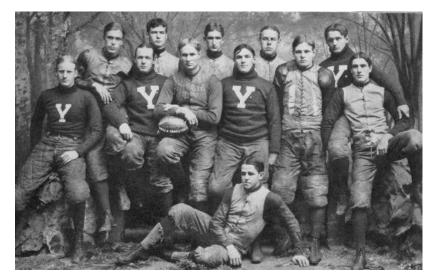


1921 Passport Application

She married Charles Augustus Heckscher de Saulles about 1924 in Philadelphia. He was born 22 November 1876 in Orange, New Jersey and died 17 July 1962. Charles was the son of Arthur Brice de Saulles (1840–1917) and Catherine Margaret Heckscher (1840–1928). Charles was first married to Louise Margaret Hoch on 20 September 1905. She was born 15 October 1882 and died 23 August 1923.



Charles A. H. de Saulles & Ann G. Barnitz 1921 Passport Application pictures before they were married



Charles de Saulles was captain of the 1896 Yale Football Team. He is thought to be second on the left in the front row.

Kailis AHR Lande

Charles A. H. de Saulles 1921 Passport Application

b. George<sup>5</sup> Paul Barnitz was born 1 June 1897 in Brooklyn, New York and died 3 March 1960. He Married Florence Evans in 1928. She was born 3 February 1897 in Pennsylvania and died April 1976 in Brooklyn, New York.

c. Helen<sup>5</sup> Barnitz was born 1900 in New York. She married Dr. Menelaus Basil Petrides on 5 February 1920. He was born 19 March 1889 in Kirk Kilisse, Turkey and died 12 October 1949. He arrived in New York via Greece on 16 August 1911 and was naturalized on 28 December 1916. He was a dentist.

Helen died 17 April 1922 in Brooklyn. Her death was announced in *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle* on 19 April:

PETRIDES-On April 17, 1922, at 271 Parkside ave., Flatbush, HELEN M., beloved wife of Dr. M. Petrides and daughter of George D. Barnitz, Funeral Thursday, April 20, at 2 p.m.

d. Dolores<sup>5</sup> Barnitz was born 8 September 1903. She married Sgt. Thomas Frederick Kane on 7 November 1921. He was born 2 April 1892 and died 1937. Their marriage was announced on 18 November in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*:

#### KANE-BARNITZ.

Miss Dolores Barnitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Barnitz of 449 3d st., was married on Tuesday last to Sgt. Thomas D. Kane of the 106th Machine Gun Corps, at St. Francis Navier's Church. The Rev. Father Scully officiated. A luncheon followed the ceremony at the Montauk Club, after which Mr. and Mrs. Kane departed for the Adirondacks on their honeymoon. When they return they will live at Long Beach.

Note: The above should read Sgt. Thomas **F**. Kane

 e. Frank<sup>5</sup> Raymond Barnitz was born 4 August 1907 in Kings, New York and died 5 June 1992 in Naples, Florida. He married Pauline E. Moon. She was born 1 October 1905 in New York and died 21 May1986 in Naples, Florida,

Ella McAvaney Barnitz died 31 March 1914 in Kings, New York. George then married Anna Elizabeth Evans on 23 June 1915 She was born 5 February 1881 and died 1957. She had arrived in America from England in 1910 (Ref. 1920 Federal Census). Anna was a trained nurse and in 1919 she travelled to England to attend to her sick father and brothers.

Anna Elizabell Barindy.

Anne Elizabeth Barnitz 1919 Passport Application

George<sup>4</sup> Deitz Barnitz died Wednesday, 8 June 1927. His funeral notice appeared in *The New York Times* on the 11<sup>th</sup> :

#### **Ex-Detective Barnitz Buried**

Funeral services for George D. Barnitz, retired first grade detective and former member of the Bomb Squad, who died at his home, 99 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, early Wednesday, were held yesterday at the Fairchild Funeral Chapel, 86 Lefferts Place. The Rev. Howard Dean French, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, officiated. The pallbearers were former Police Inspector Thomas J. Tunney, John Whiting, Charles A. O'Neil and Edward J. Caddell. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

George was buried at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn along with other members of the Brannan and Barnitz family.



Entrance to Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York



George<sup>4</sup> D. Barnitz, who was only 51 when he died of heart disease, had achieved a formidable reputation as a police officer as evidenced in the lengthy obituary published in The New York Times the day after his death:

### G.D. BARNITZ, FOILER OF WAR PLOTS, DEAD Detective, Who Helped Form Police Bomb Squad, Known Internationally for Work.

INTELLIGENCE MAN IN WAR

Seized Radicals About to Blow Up St. Patrick's Cathedral-Joined Force in 1896, Quit in 1919.

George Deitz Barnitz, 51 years old, whose work as a specialist on the old bomb squad of the New York Police Department became internationally known, died of heart disease yester-

Department became internationally known, died of heart disease yester-day at his home, 99 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn. Mr. Barnitz joined the police force in 1896 and served, except for a leave of absence dur-ing the World War, until 1919 when he relifed to form a detective agency of his own. Much of his work was of a secret nature the value of which was rec-ognized by the Police Department, but which did not become known to the public. His confidential opera-tions which prevented crime were regarded by his associates as far more important to public welfare than some of his more noted ex-ploits-such as the capture of plot-ters who had planned to bomb St. Patrick's Cathedral, investigations and arrest of wartime radicals who planned to set ships afire and the in-vestigation of dynamiting during the subway strike in 1916. The capture of radicals who in-tended to explode a bomb in St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1915 directed public attention to Barnitz and the work of the bomb squad. Barnitz was playing the part of an usher when the two plotters, accompanied by an undercover detective, entered the cathedral. He waited until they were ready to light the fuse and then seized them with the aid of his co-worker. Detective Amedo Pullgnano, who had gained the confidence of the Bresci gang of anarchists. Barnitz was appointed to the Police Department by Theodore Roosevelt, who was then Commissioner. He was second in command and helped to organize the bomb squad, under direction of Commissioner Arthur Woods.

<text><text><text><text><text>

#### 1936 Olympic Games

Jesse Owens (1913–1980), the son of a sharecropper and grandson of a slave, achieved what no American Olympian before had accomplished by winning four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. Owens shattered Hitler's belief that the German *Aryan* people were the dominant race. He was not, as some have suggested, snubbed by Hitler.



 iv. Evelyn<sup>4</sup> Barnitz was born February 1878 and died 14 December 1937.
 She married Christian Francis Rosborg. He was born 7 May 1878 in New York and died 25 November 1952 in London, England.

Christian Francis Rosborg WWII Draft Registration Card

v Jennie<sup>4</sup> Louise Barnitz was born 9 November 1885 in Brooklyn, New York and died 29 October 1970 in Stamford, Connecticut.

Jenne Louis Bair

Jenny Louise Barnitz 1922 Passport Application

vi. Jane<sup>4</sup> L. Barnitz was born 1890.

**McClintic Rosenmiller Barnitz died 6 January 1896** and was buried at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. His Death Certificate, procured by researcher Sharon Hodges, stated that he was 63 years, six months and twenty days old when he died.

**Abigail<sup>3</sup> Louise Barnitz died in Brooklyn, NY on 11 June 1927** aged 82 years, ten months and 28 days. She was buried at Green-Wood Cemetery. Abigail's death was reported in the *New York Times*, p. E9, col. 3, the following day:

BARNITZ-Abigail Louise, on June 11, her residence, 160 Lincoln Place, Brook-lyn, beloved mother of Mrs. Evelyn B. Ros-borg, Jennie Louise, Frank Raymond and the late George D. Barnitz, Services at the Sixth Avenue Methodist Church, 8th St. and 6th Av., Funeral Tuesday, June 14, at 2 Episcopal Brooklyn. P. M. interment Greenwood Cemetery.

According to Abigail's death certificate issued by the State of New York, Department of Health of the City of New York, Bureau of Records, she died primarily as a result of a *Sarcoma* on her left arm. A *sarcoma* is a malignant tumour. There were also contributory causes associated with her liver and glands.

25-2698-26-B, 14 H I PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF NEW YORK Department of Health of The City of New York 1.200 BUREAU OF RECORDS BOROUGH OF .. NDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ital or other place other te TISEX ALL AND CONTROL OF A FULL NAME. 11 mare 15 DATE OF DEATH 1 (Day) 192 What. (Mosth) (Year) 6 DATE OF BIRTH e can be ascertained, and I further certify that ended the deceased from 19251925on the 112 day of 1927, that I last saw 1927, on the 112 day of 1927, , 1854 (Year A DE Contación de Tes (Day If LESS that to 1 day ..... ...hrs 192 7 2 - P.M. aliy min.7 that death occurred on the date stated above at 2 and that the cause of death was as follows: Man in duration yrs. 6 ds. mos Me tatatini Contributory. tera er 14 yrs. 3 PARFNTS duration ds. 13 PIRTHPLACE Witness my hand this // day of June 192.7 14 Special INFORMATION tions and in deaths of non-resi M. D. Signature Former or isual Residence} 8 Address 16 FILED 17 PLACE OF BURIAL termeter Freen June 192,2\_ a sa wild C 18 UNDERTAKER 7 Can 0725 P.T. ma



Barnitz tombstone in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York

4. Captain John<sup>2</sup> Brannan was born 19 July 1812. He married Mary French Pike. She was born 25 December 1812 in Salisbury, Massachusetts. In his later years John played a major role in the complex entrepreneurial affairs of his brother Samuel Brannan.

*History of the San Francisco Bay Region* by Bailey Millard, Vol. III, published by The American Historical Society, 1924, pp. 180–181 provides a brief biography of John Brannan.

**JOHN BRANNAN.** The late Captain John Brannan was a California pioneer who was a fine example of the old-time New England seafaring man, and he was one of the sterling, well-known and highly honoured citizens of California at the time of his death, which occurred in the year 1862.

Captain Brannan was born in Saco, Maine, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 1812, a son of Capt. Thomas Brannan, who was another of the sturdy men who "went to the sea in ships" and who became captain of old-time sailing vessels that went forth from the New England Coast. The subject of this memoir was the second in a family of six children, and all of the others likewise are deceased, namely: Mary Ann, Samuel, Daniel K., Thomas, Jr., and Nancy.

Capt. John Brannan gained very limited educational discipline of regular order, but his alert mind and abounding self-reliance enabled him to profit fully from the lessons gained in connection with the practical duties and responsibilities of life, and he became a man of broad outlook and mature judgement. When he was but thirteen years of age he ran away from home and shipped as cabin boy on a sailing vessel, and with the passing years he became an authority in connection with practical navigation affairs. Within his career he visited leading seaports in all sections of the world, and became captain of vessels. It was in the '40s that Captain Brannan came to San Francisco and established a permanent residence in California. His family later came from Maine and joined him in the home which he established in San Francisco, the family having made the journey by the way of the Isthmus of panama and having landed in San Francisco at the point where the present Bush and Sansom streets cross. Captain Brannan was in command of the first steamboat to be placed in commission between San Francisco and Sacramento, and he continued his active association with navigation interests here until the '50s, when he became manager of the business interests of his brother Samuel, who was at that time one of the leading capitalists and most influential citizens of San Francisco. The alliance continued until 1862, when Captain Brannan set forth on a voyage to China, for the benefit of his health, which had become much enfeebled. Three days prior to the arrival of the vessel in its Chinese port Captain Brannan died on shipboard, and the steamer "Washington" thereafter brought his mortal remains back to San Francisco for burial. Before coming to this state the captain had become affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and in San Francisco he became one of the early members of California Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. His widow, whose maiden name was Mary French Pike and who was a native of Massachusetts, survived him a number of years and who was a resident of San Francisco at the time of her death. They became the parents of two children: John Elias is deceased; and Sophie Pike Brannan became the wife of Robert Haight and still maintains her home in San Francisco, her two children being Robert Fletcher and Elizabeth, the latter of whom is the wife of Waldemar Young, a scenario writer for Laskey and they reside in Hollywood. Robert Fletcher is in the paper manufacturing business in San Francisco. He married Miss May Roberts, of Oakland, a daughter of one of the old pioneer family of Roberts of Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Haight are the parents of two children, Stanton Roberts Haight and Dorothy.

Robert Haight was a brother of Henry Huntly Haight, who was governor of California from 1868 to 1872. Sophia P. Brannan was a native of Maine and came to California in 1851. She is a member of Ivy Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and of Crescent Court, Order of the Eastern Star. **John<sup>2</sup> Brannan died 8 March 1862** on board ship. His body was eventually buried in the Masonic Cemetery in San Francisco. His death and funeral notices were reported in the *Daily Alta California* (San Francisco, CA) on 22 and 24 April 1862 respectively:

> DEATH OF AN OLD CALIFORNIAN.—Captain John E Brannan, brother of Samuel Brannan, of this city, died, March 8th, on board the ship Washington, which arrived at this port last evening. The deceased left here for China, some months ago, for the benefit of his health. Notice of the funeral will appear to-taorrow.

DIED.

The funeral of Captain JOHN BRANNAN will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., from his late residence, No. 130 Second street. Friends are respectfully isvited to attend without further notice.

Following his death, his wife Mary composed a moving eulogy:

My husband. Ne'er shall these arms again enfold thee Ne'er shall I look within those starry eyes Ne'er shall my heart against thy true heart throbbing Feel that its rest is won and cease these sighs As day by day goes by with wings aweary Finding me lone beside my twilight health In tear wet palms I lay my head How Weary life is since now denied me all I would on earth Mary

Mary French Brannan died 19 November 1897 and was buried alongside her husband at the Masonic Cemetery in San Francisco. Her death was reported in the *San Francisco Morning Call* on 20 November:

> BRANNAN-In this city, November 19, 1897, Mary F., widow of the late Captain John Brannao, mother of J. E. Brannan and Mrs. S. P. Haight, and sister of Elias Pike, a native of Massachusetts, aged 85 years and 11 months. By Funeral services will be held at the residence of her son, 1014 Page street, TO-MOR-ROW (Sunday), at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment private. P.ease omit flowers.

Capt. John<sup>2</sup> Brannan and Mary French Pike had two children:

A. Sophia<sup>3</sup> Pike Brannan was born 17 September 1851 in Maine. She married Robert Fletcher Haight Sr. on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1869, the younger brother of Henry H. Haight, one time governor of California. Robert was born 15 February 1842 in Elmira, New York and died 11 November 1925. Their marriage was announced in the *San Francisco Morning Call*, p. 3, col. 4 two days later:



Robert Fletcher Haight Sr. died 11 November 1925 in San Francisco. His passing was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on 13 November:

HAIGHT-In this	city. Nove	mber 11, 192	25.
Robert Haight.	loving father	of Robert	F.
Haight and Mrs.	Elizabeth H	laight Young,	
native of Roches	ter, N. Y.,	aged 88 years.	1
Friends are in			
services today (1	riday) at 1	:30 p. m. at 1	he
new chapel of G	anther Bros.	& Felder, 18	65
Manket st. at	Duboce ave.	Interment p	ri-
vate,			

Sophia<sup>3</sup> Pike Brannan Height died 22 January 1937 in San Francisco. Her death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on 24 January:

HAIGHT-In this city, sanuary 22, 1037, Sophie P. Haight, loving mother of Robert F. Haight and Mrs. Waldemar Young; a native of Maine, aged 85 years.

Sophia<sup>3</sup> Pike Brannan and Robert Fletcher Haight Sr. had two children:

 Robert<sup>4</sup> Fletcher Haight Jr. born 21 May 1869. He married May Roberts. She was born 31 May 1876 and died 5 January 1961.
 Robert Fletcher Haight Jr. died 22 September 1942. His death was reported in the *San Francisco Examiner* the following day:

> HAIGHT-In this city, September 22, 1942. Robert Fletcher Haight, husband of Mrs. May R. Haight, father of Lieut, Stanton R. Haight, U. S. N. R., and Dorothy H. Bentley, brother of Mrs. Waldemar Young of Los Angeles. Friends are invited to attend the funeral service at 2 p. m. Thursday, September 24. at Gray s. Divisadero St. at Post. Interment private.

Robert<sup>4</sup> Fletcher Haight Jr. and May Roberts had two children:

 a. Stanton<sup>5</sup> Roberts Haight was born 22 April 1904 in San Francisco and died 13 January 1994. He married Lois Riley about 1944. She was born 10 June 1903 in Lone Valley, California and died 28 February 1994.

- b. Dorothy<sup>5</sup> Haight was born 11 October 1913 and died 21 July 1980. She married Albert Francis Bush (1916–1976) on 3 January 1945.
- Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Haight was born 29 June 1872. She was first married on 15 May 1898 first to Joseph Dwight Strong Jr., a prominent landscape and portrait artist. Joseph was born 6 September 1853, making him nearly 20 years her senior.

It was Joseph Strong who painted the portrait of Elizabeth's great uncle Sam Brannan in 1882.  $\rightarrow$  See further on



Joseph D. Strong 1853–1899

Elizabeth was his second wife. In 1879 Joseph married Isobel Osbourne whose mother had married Robert Louis Stevenson. While in the South Sea Islands with the Stevensons, Joseph had an affair with a Samoan girl which resulted in his divorce from Isobel and rejection by Stevenson. In 1898 Joseph returned to San Francisco and three years later married Elizabeth Haight. He died ten months later on 5 April 1899 aged 46. His death was announced in a number of newspapers throughout America including the *New York Tribune* on Thursday, 6 April:

#### JOSEPH D. STRONG.

San Francisco, April 5.-Joseph D. Strong, the artist, died here to-day from the effects of an operation. Mr. Strong was born in Connecticut forty-five years ago. His parents came to California in his early youth, and it was here that he had his first instruction in art. He went around the world painting the portraits of many celebrities. Mr. Strong was twice married, his first wife being the daughter of Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, She died after giving birth to a boy, who is now in New-York being educated. Mr. Strong's second wife was a niece of ex-Governor Haight. The second marriage took place about a year ago. Joseph D. Strong, Artist and Clubman, Passes Away.



Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Haight's second husband was Waldemar Young whom she married in 1912. He was born 1 July 1878 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Waldemar was the grandson of the Mormon leader Brigham Young and became one of the most colourful and successful scenarists of his day and was admired in Hollywood for his ability to embellish screenplays with lyrical moods and historical perspectives.



Waldemar Young 1878–1938 San Francisco Call, 1903

Their marriage was announced in *the San Francisco Call* on 16 September 1912:

	CONTRACTOR STREET, MARKET STREET, STRE
	Service Read by Col- Mate of Bridegroom
and librett also widely ary and ne ried Saturd 206 Edge heights. T Arch Perr bridegroom Only near friends att couple left mony for 5 spend thein Mrs. Your Strong, w painter gal tion. She i fornia fami the late Go Robert Hai Young h paper work his college	r Young, dramatic critic ist, and Mrs. Bessie Strong, known in the local liter- wspaper world, were mar- ay at the home of the bride, wood avenue, Parnassus he service was read by Rev. in, a college mate of the at Stanford university. relatives and intimate ended the wedding and the immediately after the cere- santa Cruz, where they will honeymoon. Is was the widow of Joseph hose fame as a portrait ned for him a wide reputa- s a member of an old Cali- ly and a granddaughter of vernor Haight and sister of ght. as been engaged in news- tand literary efforts since days. He is a member of an and Family clubs.

Waldemar Young died 30 August 1938 in Hollywood, Los Angeles. His passing was announced in *The Idaho Statesman* on Thursday, 1 September 1939:



Waldemar Young 1878–1938 c.1930

Waldemar

Waldemar Young WWI Draft Registration Card

# DEATH CLAIMS Film Writer

HOLLYWOOD (P) — Waldemar Young, who wrote the scenarios for pictures like "Test Pilot," "Desire," "Peter Ibbetson" and "The Plainsman," died Tuesday of pneumonia at the age of 59. He was a grandson of Brigham Young pioneer Latter Day Saints church leader.

He came to Hollywood in 1917 from San Francisco, where he had been a newspaper columnist. He was born and educated in Salt Lake, Utah, and later attended Stanford university where he played football.

His survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Haight Young, his mother, Agnes, and two brothers, Mahonri, a sculptor, and Winfield Scott Young.

Young was employed at various times by nearly all of the studios and his salary of \$4000 a week made him one of the highest paid scenarists.

Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Haight Young died 20 October 1961 aged 89. She was buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery. Her death was announced in a San Francisco newspaper a week later:

> Elizabeth H. Young Elizabeth Haight Young, member of a pioneer San Francisco family and wife of the late Waldemar Young, died in Hollywood last week, it was learned here yesterday. Mrs. Young, on et ime Chronicle feature writer, had lived in Southern California

> lived in Southern California many years. Her late husband, who died in 1938, also was a Chronicle staff member before moving to Los Angeles in the early twenties to write for the movies.

Young wrote many plays for the Bohemian Grove encampment and was a founder of the Hollywood Writers Club.

Mrs. Young's first husband was the artist, Joseph Strong, a stepson of Robert Louis Stevenson. She married Young in 1912, some years after Strong's death.

B. John<sup>3</sup> Elias Brannan was born 1847 in New York and died 9 May 1918. He married Carrie Augusta Sheldon in 1877. She was born 14 August 1857 in New York and died 27 January 1938. John died 9 May 1918 in San Francisco. His death was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on 11 May:

BRANNAN-In this city. May 9. 1918. at his late residence, 1034 Page st., John E. Brannan, loving husband of C. Augusta Brannan, and father of Mrs. Louis Fischbeck and Sophie M. Brannan, a native of Brooklyn. N. Y. (New York Times and Sun please copy.) Funeral and interment strictly private. Remains at Gray's, Geary and Divisadero.

John<sup>3</sup> Elias Brannan and Carrie Augusta Sheldon had two children:

- i. Alice<sup>4</sup> Brannan was born about 1877 and died 12 November 1944.
- Sophie<sup>4</sup> (sometimes Sophia) Pike Marston Brannan was born 11 December 1879 and died 16 March 1960 in San Francisco. She became a well-known artist as evidenced by the following website: www.sullivangoss.com/sophie\_marston\_brannan/

Sophie<sup>4</sup> Brannan died 16 March 1960. Her death was reported in The *San Francisco Examiner* on 18 March:

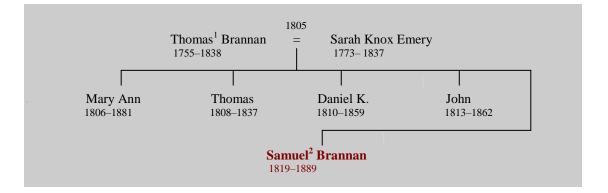
BRANNAN-March 16 1960. Sophia Brannan. Private services WEIP C Halsted & Co., 112 Sutter Street. Interment, Woodlawn Memorial Park

5. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Brannan was born 2 March 1819 in Saco, Maine and was the youngest child of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Brannan and his second wife Sarah Knox Emery. Thomas was 64 years old when Sam was born. At the age of 14 he left home to live

with his sister Mary Ann and her husband Alexander Badlam. Sam Brannan was one of California's most celebrated citizens. Several biographies exist. Most are *fictionalised* versions and as such the accuracy of alleged events in these books is questionable. The most historically accurate account of Sam Brannan's life is Will Bagley's *Scoundrel's Tale: the Samuel Brannan Papers*, published in 1999 by Utah University Press.



Sam Brannan c.1853





Numerous websites on the Internet provide a background to his family and describe the adventurous and entrepreneurial life which brought him so much wealth, fame and notoriety

The various autobiographies and some of the websites detail his involvement with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) otherwise referred to as the Mormon

Church and describe his epic six-month voyage on the *Brooklyn* from New York to San Francisco.

An adventurer, a shrewd land speculator, a ruthless businessman and a habitual womaniser, he became one of the most powerful men in California and that State's first millionaire. He was said to be pugnacious, aggressive and for many of his latter years, ended the day drunk. Sam Brannan no doubt accumulated a wide circle of influential friends but he probably made many enemies along the way. The historian Hubert Hugh Bancroft asserts that Brannan probably did more for San Francisco than was contributed by the combined efforts of scores of better men. Bancroft describes Brannan as shrewd in his dealings, as famous for his acts of charity and open-handed liberality as for his enterprise, giving also frequent proofs of personal bravery.

His wife, Ann Eliza Corwin, whom he had married in 1844 in New York, divorced him in 1870 as a result of his frequent dalliances and drunkenness. The divorce settlement was the beginning of his financial ruin.

One of Sam Brannan's dalliances was with the notorious Irish actress and dancer Lola Montez upon whom he lavished a fortune while she was all the rage in San Francisco.

Lola Montez was born Maria Dolores Eliza Rosanna Gilbert in Grange, County Sligo, Ireland on 17

February 1821. In 1837 the 16-year-old Eliza eloped with Lieutenant Thomas James. They separated after five years and she moved to the Continent where she began her stage career under the name Lola Montez and achieved fame as a 'Spanish' dancer and courtesan. In Munich she became the mistress of King Ludwig I of Bavaria who made her Countess of Lansfield.

In 1851 Lola moved to the United States, settling in San Francisco where her performances and romantic affairs created a sensation. Four years later she departed for a tour of Australia to entertain miners at the gold diggings during the gold-rush of the 1850s. In 1856 she was back in San Francisco. Rapidly aging and showing the tertiary effects of Syphilis she died 17 January 1861 in New York and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Lola Montez 1821–1861

Sam's alleged first marriage to Hattie Hatch as outlined in both Stellman and Scott's fictionalised biographies is generally disputed. Scott also insinuates that Brannan had an affair with his niece Sarah Badlam who had married the lawyer Joseph Winans.

Despite his dysfunctional personal life and his faults, which appear to be many, these factors were largely overshadowed by his impressive accomplishments for he left his mark on the history of California in general and San Francisco in particular.

Some of the biographies about his turbulent life are fictionalized versions full of contradictions, legend, myth, and in some cases, outright invention. Will Bagley's book, detailed below, is a reliable and accurate account of Sam Brannan's life and times. Other versions available are:



Sam Brannan 1819–1889

Scoundrel's Tale: the Samuel Brannan Papers, by Will Bagley Sam Brannan, Builder of San Francisco, a biography by Louis J. Stellman Samuel Brannan and the Golden Fleece, a biography by Reva Scott Empire Builder, Sam Brannan, a biography by Bob and Jan Young

The websites below are but four examples of what is available on-line:

www.inn-california.com/Articles/biographic/sam**brannan**.html http://www.orsonprattbrown.com/CJB/-CaptainJamesBrown/samuelbrannan1819-1889/samuel-brannan.html http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/goldrush/peopleevents/p\_brannan.html In 2003 Time Frame Films produced a documentary by Scott Tiffany of Sam Brannan's epic sea voyage in 1846 from New York City to San Francisco. On board the ship *Brooklyn* were a clan of Mormon families totalling nearly 250 men, women and children. The film is titled: *Forgotten Voyage, the Mormon Sea Trek that sparked the Gold Rush.* 

Regardless of Stellman's highly imaginative biography, his summery of Sam Brannan in the dust jacket of his book probably fairly sums up the man:

More was done by Sam Brannan than, perhaps, by any other man to organise the historic vigilance committees which restored order and law to crime-terrorized San Francisco. His influence on western America's history was colossal; his deeds formed a pageant of spectacularly important events from the day he brought a shipload of Mormons to sleepy, Latin Indian Yerba Buena Cove (later to become San Francisco) three years before the Gold Rush.

Brannan printed San Francisco's first newspaper ... performed its first marriage ceremony ... preached its first Protestant sermon ... prompted its first school ... and started the first store in the Sacramento Valley. which furnished materials for historic Sutter's Mill, where the first gold, which led to the stampede of '49, was found. He was the state's first millionaire and made it one of the world's great wine-growing regions.

He built railroads, established a curative spa, opened a bank and issued his own currency. Brannan's activities extended to Mexico, where he aided materially in overthrowing the French "protectorate" by a lavish purchase of revolutionist bonds and by organising an army ... to reinforce the patriot Benito Juarez's untrained and tattered peon forces.

Drink and domestic troubles checked Sam Brannan's upward curve at last. But even at the close, aged, poor, partially paralysed, he nevertheless wangled a fortune out of a grateful Mexican government in satisfaction of his claims for vast lands south of the Rio Grande which he had tried to colonize. He then returned to San Francisco, wiped out his debts, entertained his cronies with a splendour reminiscent of old days, and died in the arms of a boarding house woman.

Sam Brannan married Ann Eliza Corwin in 1844. She was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1823 in Litchfield, Connecticut and was the daughter of a wealthy Mormon widow.



Sam Brannan at the height of his prosperity



Ann Eliza Corwin Brannan 1823–1916

Sam Brannan and Ann Eliza Corwin had at least four children about whom we know only very little. The following website provides some information: www.svn.net/artguy/brannantext.htm

Samuel<sup>3</sup> Brannan Jr. was born 17 October 1845 and died 3 December 1931. A. An obituary was published the following day in the San Diego Sun:

### Son Of California's First Millionaire And Founder Of Sacramento, Dies Here

The varying fortunes of the Brannan family provide one of the most interesting tales of early California history. Mr. Brannan, is sur-born Nov. 17, 1844, in New York, came around the Horn with his father and mother when less than diately became a power in San San Diego, ending his years in ley-Woolman parlors.

and was first leader of the San Francisco vigilantes and served on San Francisco's first city council. He was first publisher of the California Star, and as its editor, one day ran into Portsmouth Square waving a "gold extra" and a bottle of gold nuggets, the first news of the great discovery. At nine years of age, young Brannan and his three sisters were taken to Europe by their mother, and he was educated at Geneva as a mineralogist. He spent 40 years

The eldest son of Sam Brannan. California's first millionaire and empire builder, was dead here to-day at 87. Named after his father, one of the leading figures of the state's early history, he is the late Bam-uel L. Brannan, who died Thurs-day at the home of Mrs. J. E. Cassin, 3595 Texas-st, where he had lived for the past four years. Mr. Brannan will be burled by the side of his father in Mt. Hope cemetery here. The varying fortunes of the vault until a ploneer saw to its burial in Mt. Hope.

A bachelor, Mr. Brannan is sur-vived by a nephew, Philip Schuyler of San Francisco, and a broth-er-in-law, Hugo Vischer of Berk-eley. Funeral services will be held

Samuel was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in San Diego alongside his father.



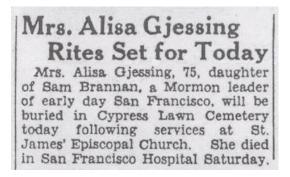
- Adelaide<sup>3</sup> Brannan, born November 1848. B.
- Fanny<sup>3</sup> Kemble Brannan, born October 1850. She married Howard Schuyler C. of New York City in 1875. He was born 11 December 1844 and died 3 December 1883 in Davos-Platz, Switzerland.
- Don<sup>3</sup> Francisco Brannan was born July 1854 and died 15 February 1856, aged D. two years and seven months. His death was announced in the San Francisco subscription weekly newspaper The Wide West on 24 February:

In this city, Feb. 15th, Don FRANCISCO BRANNAN, son of Hon. Samuel Brannan, aged 2 years and 7 months.

His remains were also said to be in Winans Vault. Stellman in his biography of Sam Brannan incorrectly places this child's birth around 1852 and death in 1854.

Alisa<sup>3</sup> 'Lesa' Brannan was born 1855. She married Erland Gjessing on 14 E. August 1894. Their marriage was announced in the San Francisco Call on 20 August.

Lesa Gjessing died 21 February 1931. The *San Francisco Chronicle*, p. 7, col. 5, carried a report of her death:

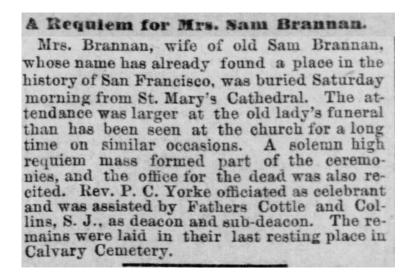


F. There is one other possible child: Patrick<sup>3</sup>, the infant son who was interred at Winan's Vault.

000

Years after Sam's acrimonious and very expensive divorce from Ann Eliza he married the widow Carmelita Carmen de Llaguno on 25 March 1882 in Tucson, Arizona. She left him a year later, fed up with his drunken behaviour and disenchanted that he was no longer the prosperous man he once was.

Carmelita Carmen Brannan, née de Llaguno died February 1889. Her funeral and burial arrangements were announced in the *Daily Alta California* on 25 February:



\* \*

6 – 24 April 1893 **The Salt Lake Temple** of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints (LDS) in Salt Lake City, Utah is dedicated after 40 years of construction. It was the fourth temple built since the Mormon exodus from Nauvoo, Illinois in 1846. The site was marked by the Mormon prophet Brigham Young, the second president of the church, on 28 July 1847, just four days after arriving in the Salt Lake Valley.

\*





This picture represents Sacramento in 1849. The rivers remained calm during the dry winter of 1848-49 and promoted a false sense of security among the new city's merchants. Sam Brannan owned and operated the City Hotel and S. Brannan & Co. which are depicted in this image.

#### City Hotel, c.1849, CSH, Eleanor McClatchy Collection



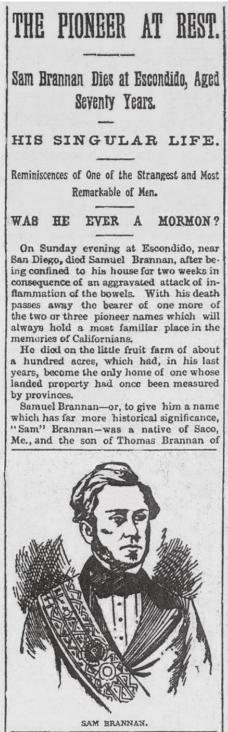
Passage of The Brooklyn from New York to Yerba Buena later named San Francisco

Sam<sup>2</sup> Brannan died on 6 May 1889 in a modest cottage on his fruit farm in Escondido, near San Diego. He was 70 years old. The following day the San Francisco Daily Examiner and the San Francisco Chronicle carried extensive obituaries on the passing of one of California's most famous citizens.

At right is reproduced a small part of Sam Brannan's obituary from the front page of *the San Francisco Daily Examiner*.

Sam Brannan, who lived a life of money and power, died penniless. Struck with inflammation of the bowels and not having money to pay doctors for treatment, he died within two weeks. No one could be found to pay for a burial. So, one of three things happened: one source claimed he lay in Oak Hill Cemetery in Escondido until money for burial at Mount Hope could be found. A second source claimed that Brannan's body waited in receiving vaults at Mount Hope for sixteen months until money was received. The third source suggested the term "receiving vault" was a euphemism for Potter's Field; that Mount Hope never had receiving vaults. Wherever he waited those sixteen months, financing finally arrived. He had practically disinherited his children (when he still had money to give); so they either refused to pay for his burial, or did not know of their father's death. His will, which left each of his three children one dollar explained:

> ... I gave their mother at the time of my divorce from her, a large fortune of over one half millions of dollars and she took charge of the children and alienated them from me and since I learned that she squandered it away in gambling and mining stocks which I am sorry to hear.

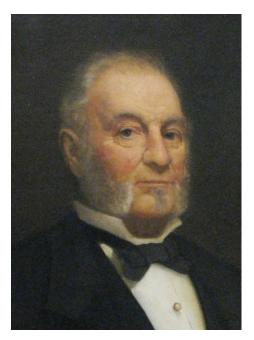


that place. He was born on the 2d of March, 1819, and was consequently seventy years, two months and three days old at his death. It was a long life, and one which almost from infancy was a succession of scenes of the most enterprising labor and effort.

A nephew, Alexander<sup>3</sup> Badlam Jr. paid the \$31 charge for Brannan's burial and sixteen dollars rent on the vault. For thirty-seven years, a two-inch wooden stake marked the grave of Sam Brannan; it was finally replaced with a new monument.



Mount Hope Cemetery Escondido, San Diego, California



Portrait of Sam Brannan painted by Joseph Strong in 1882. Crocker Museum, Sacramento

Joseph Dwight Strong (1853–1899) who painted Sam Brannan's portrait in 1882 was the husband of Elizabeth Haight, the granddaughter of Sam's older brother John Brannan.

anuel Brennan

Samuel Brannan US Passport Application dated 2 May 1856

**Ann Eliza Corwin Brannan** died on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1916 aged 93. The *San Francisco Examiner*, p. 17, col. 6 carried an obituary the day following her burial on the 12<sup>th</sup> December at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, Can Mateo County, California.



Ann Eliza Corwin Brannan 1823–1916



oOo

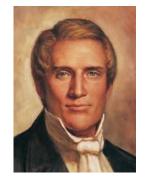


#### The Mormons ... a brief history

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, more commonly known as the Mormon Church, traces its origins to the reported visions of Joseph Smith (1805–1844) in the early 1820s while living in upstate New York. In 1823 Smith said an angel directed him to a buried book written on golden plates containing the religious history of an ancient people. Smith published what he said was a translation of these plates in March 1830 as the *Book of Mormon*, named after Mormon, the ancient prophet-historian who compiled the book, and on April 6, 1830, Smith founded the Church of Christ. In 1831, the church moved to Kirtland, Ohio and Smith began establishing an outpost in Jackson County, Missouri. In 1833, Missouri settlers expelled them from Jackson County into the nearby Clay County, where local residents took them in. Smith then began building Kirtland Temple in Lake County, Ohio.



Joseph Smith 1805–1844



Hyram Smith 1800–1844

The Kirtland era ended in 1838, after the failure of a church-sponsored bank caused widespread defections. During the fall of 1838, tensions escalated into the 1838 Mormon War with the old Missouri settlers. On October 27, the governor of Missouri ordered that the Mormons be exterminated or driven from the state. Between November and April some eight thousand displaced Mormons migrated east into Illinois.

In 1839 the Mormons converted a swampland on the banks of the Mississippi River into Nauvoo, Illinois. The city became the Church's new headquarters and gathering place. Meanwhile, Smith introduced temple ceremonies and plural marriage. In 1844, local prejudices and political tensions escalated into conflicts between Mormons and 'anti-Mormons'. On June 27, 1844, Joseph Smith and his older brother Hyrum were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois. Because Hyrum was Joseph's logical successor, their deaths caused a succession crisis, and Brigham Young (1801–1877) assumed leadership over the majority of Saints.



Brigham Young 1801–1877

For two years after Smith's death, conflicts escalated between Mormons and other Illinois residents. To prevent war, Brigham Young led the Mormon pioneers to a temporary winter quarters in Nebraska and then in 1847 to what became the Utah Territory.

#### Sam Brannan's involvement with the Mormons

Sam Brannan was born in 1819. His older sister Mary Ann had married Alexander Badlam and after moving to Boston converted to the Mormon Church. When Brannan was 14 he moved with his sister and her husband to Kirtland, Ohio. Some years later he relocated to New York City and in 1844 began printing *The Prophet* (later *The New-York Messenger*), a Latter Day Saint newspaper.

In February 1846, with the approval of church leaders, Brannan and 245 other Latter Day Saints from New York set sail aboard the ship *Brooklyn* for upper California via Cape Horn. After a stop in Honolulu, Hawaii, they landed, on July 31, 1846, at the Mexican port town of Yerba Buena, present-day San Francisco, tripling the population of the pueblo. Brannan was appointed as the first mission president of the California LDS Mission.

In June 1847, Brannan travelled overland to Green River, Wyoming, to meet with Brigham Young, the head of the LDS Church, who was leading the first contingent of Mormon pioneers across the plains to the Great Basin region. Brannan urged Young to bring the Mormon pioneers to California but Young rejected the proposal in favour of settling in what is today Utah, and Brannan returned to northern California.

Early in 1848, employees of John Sutter paid for goods in his store with gold they had found at Sutter's Mill, near Coloma, California. Brannan went to the mill and, as a representative of the LDS Church, he received the tithes of the LDS workers there from the gold they had found in their spare time.

Sam Brannan had opened more stores to sell goods to the miners and began buying land in San Francisco. At about this time, Brannan was accused of diverting church money, including collected tithes, to fund his private ventures. Brannan was elected to the first town council of San Francisco in the new U.S. territory. Brannan helped organize the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance, which functioned as a *de facto* police force. A squatter was murdered by the vigilante group and, although Brannan may not have pulled the trigger, he was considered the instigator and was subsequently disfellowshipped from the LDS Church for the vigilante violence

#### The founding of Sacramento

John Sutter, born Johan Augustus Suter, later Anglicized to Sutter, was born 23 February 1803. He was a German born Swiss pioneer of California known for establishing Sutter's Fort in the area that would eventually become Sacramento, the state's capitol. Although he became famous following the discovery of gold by his employee James W. Marshall and the mill making team at Sutter's Mill, Sutter saw his own business ventures fail during the California Gold Rush. Those of his elder son, John Augustus Sutter Jr were more successful. He died 18 June 1880 in Washington DC.

His son, John Augustus Sutter Jr. was born 25 October 1826 in Switzerland He was the founder and planner of the City of Sacramento and a U.S. Consul in Acapulco, Mexico. John died 21 September 1897 and was originally buried in Mexico but in 1964 through the efforts of family members, especially his youngest and by then only surviving daughter Ana Sutter, he was re-interred with great ceremony at historic Sacramento City Cemetery.



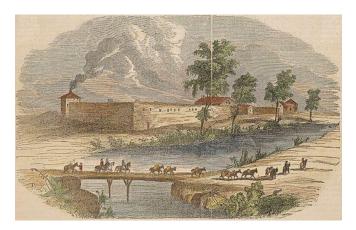
John Augustus Sutter 1803–1880



Sutter's Mill in 1850



John Augustus Sutter Jr. 1826–1897



Contemporaneous illustration of Sutter's Fort

Sutter's Fort was a 19th-century agricultural and trade colony in Mexican Alta California province. It was built in 189 and originally called New Helvetica by its builder John Sutter.



John Sutter plaque at Sutter's Fort



Grave of John A. Sutter Jr. in Sacramento Historic City Cemetery in Sacramento, California



### END of Chapter Nine

## The Brannan Family

