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Identifying a Pioneer in the Family

Clues for Possible Pioneers

01

Check census records for birthplace of head of family and children. You may notice a move after 1849 out west

02

Check census records for the occupation of the head of household. Look for farmers, miners, and railroad workers.

03

Review agriculture schedules to identify how much land they had.

1850 Census

- First federal census that listed all members of a household
- The earliest census that recorded the 49ers
- Occupation was listed
 - Look for miner, prospector
 - Don't discount other occupations – many profited from the miners and set up businesses such as shops and hotels.
 - Many women worked as schoolteachers

1850 United States Federal Census for Jas Wiswell

California > El Dorado > Coloma

		John Wilson	22	"	"			Norway				"
4	44	Lot Jones	23	"	"			Ill.				"
		Sandy Turner	29	"	"			"				"
		Stephen J. Henderson	24	"	"	500		Q.				"
	5	L. S. Bennett	33	"	Hotel Keeper	1,000		Mo.				"
		Matilda "	23	f				Q.				"
		John H. "	1	m.				Iowa				"
		Chas. "	7	"				"				"
		Emely "	4	f				"				"
		Pious Sapington	21	m	Hotel			Mo.				"
		Israel Breeden	18	"	Miner			Canada				"
		Logan Bernard	15	"	"			Iowa				"
		Jas B. Mitchell	30	"	Farmer	500		Vt.				"
		Jas. Wiswell	63	"	Miner	6,000		Mass.				"



1850 Census, Coloma, California
(Ancestry.com)

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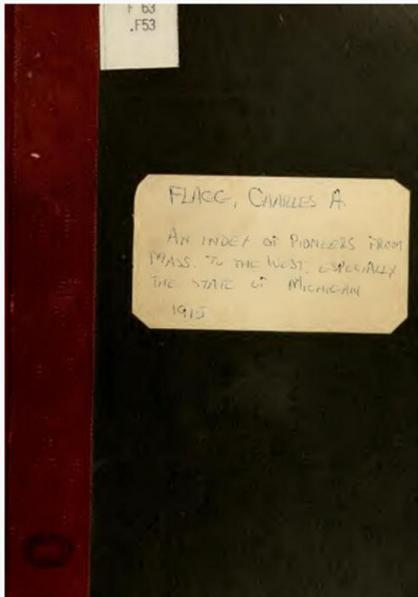
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- ABBE, Theodore C., set. Mich., 1832. Berrien Hist., 306.
- ABBEY, Shubal, b. Granby, 1793; set. O., 1815. Midland, 333.
- ABBOTT, Aaron, of New Braintree, set. N. Y., 1803. Lenawee Hist. II, 202.
- Maria, b. 1797; m. 1814 Daniel Walker of Vt., Pa. and Mich. Jackson Port., 787; Jackson Hist., 873.
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- ADAMS, Charles, set. Vt., 1834? Washtenaw Hist., 939.
- Charles F., b. Salisbury, 1827, set. Canada, 1829, Ill., 1859, Mich., 1863. Lake Huron, 150.
- Daniel, b. Cambridge, 1768; set. N. H. Berrien Port., 915.
- Ebenezer, b. Quincy, 1760? set. N. Y. Macomb Hist., 787.
- George W., b. Lenox, 1832; set. Mich., 1874. Jackson Hist., 787.
- Isaac, set. N. Y., 1810? Macomb Hist., 489.
- Isaac O., b. Newburyport; set. Mich., 1836. Berrien Hist., 272, 275.
- James, set. Mich., 1840. Clinton Past, 266.
- John, set. N. H., 1805? Macomb Hist., 687.
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- Prudence, m. 1810? Eliab Ellison of N. Y. Ionia Port., 263.
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- ADAMS, Sylvia, b. Barre, 1812; m. Heary Foster of Vt. N. Y. and Mich. Jackson Hist., 628.
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- AIKEN, Hannah, m. 1822 Amasa D. Chapman of N. Y. Oakland Biog., 433.
- ALBEE, Zattue, set. Vt., O., 1826. Grand Rapids City, 502.
- ALDEN, Elisha, set. N. Y., 1810? Kent, 647.
- Hiram, b. Ashfield, 1792; set. N. Y. Mich., 1824. Branch Port., 506, 618.
- Pliny, b. Ashfield, 1787; set. N. Y. Branch Port., 600.
- ALDRICH, Abram, Sr., b. Upton, 1775; set. N. Y., Mich., 1832. Branch Port., 300; Branch Twent., 674.
- Chad, b. 1768; set. N. Y. Lenawee Hist. II, 85, 167.
- Daniel, set. Mich., 1833. Calhoun, 163.
- Deborah, b. 1775; m. Arthur Power of N. Y. Oakland Port., 891.
- Eunice, m. 1795? John Morton of N. Y. and Mich. Lenawee Port., 580.
- Hosea, of Uxbridge; set. N. Y., 1800? Hillsdale Hist., 238.
- Jabez, b. Northbridge, 1795? set. N. Y., 1807, Mich., 1833. Lenawee Hist. II, 269.
- Leonard, set. N. Y., 1800? Genesee Port., 714.
- Mercy A., b. Cheshire, 1808; m. 1831 William Dunbar of Mich. Monroe, 355.
- Savel, set. N. Y., Mich., 1835. Clinton Past, 300.
- Seth, b. Berkshire Co., 1804; set. Mich., 1833. Macomb Hist., 688.
- ALDRIDGE, Eunice, m. 1810? John Morton of N. Y. and Mich. Hillsdale Port., 655.

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- ALGER, Benajah, set. N. Y., Mich., 1842. Genesee Port., 282.
- Josiah, b. 1782; set. N. Y., 1793, Mich., 1823. Genesee Hist., facing 282.
- ALLARD, John P., set. Mich., 1836. Kalamazoo Hist., 960.
- ALLEN, Artemus, b. 1800; set. N. Y., 1813, Mich., 1836. Branch Port., 289.
- Damarius, set. Mich., 1835. Cass Twent., 364.
- David P., b. 1810; set. N. Y., 1835, Mich., 1867. Isabella, 188; Saginaw Hist., 916 and Saginaw Port., 684.
- E. W., b. Salem, 1853; set. Mich., 1850. Upper P., 427.
- George W., set. Mich., 1832. Lenawee Port., 230.
- Sally, of Cheshire; m. 1812 Charles Pratt of Mass., N. Y. and Mich. Lenawee Hist. II, 483.
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- Lucius, b. 1817; set. O., Mich., 1865. Hillsdale Port., 552.
- Thomas W., b. Conway, 1798; set. N. Y., 1823, Mich., 1856. Lenawee Hist. II, 355.
- ALMY, Peleg, b. Westport, 1781; set. N. Y., Kent, 1591.
- ALYORD, Josiah, set. N. Y., 1815, Mich., 1834. Ionia Port., 457.
- Justus, set. N. Y., O.; d. 1868. Isabella, 382.
- N. C., set. Mich., 1835. Wayne Chron., 75.
- AMES, — b. near Petersham, 1794; set. N. H., Mich., 1837. Lenawee Port., 583.
- Charles, b. Petersham, 1799; set. Ala., N. Y., Mich., 1833. Lenawee Port., 986.
- Ezra, b. Petersham, 1813; set. Mich., 1833. Lenawee Port., 1015.
- Jotham, b. Framingham, 1756; set. N. H., Lenawee Hist. I, 450.
- Louisa, b. Petersham, 1796; m. 1819, Alpheus Pratt of N. Y. and Mich. Lenawee Hist. I, 406.
- Mason, set. O., 1850? Kent, 1304.
- Philena, m. 1825? Otis Mallory of N. Y. Genesee Port., 441.
- AMES, William B., b. Petersham, 1808; set. N. H., 1816, N. Y., 1831, Mich., 1833. Lenawee Hist. I, 449.
- AMSDEN, Anna, b. 1784; m. Ami Whitney of N. Y. Hillsdale Port., 193.
- Isaac, set. N. Y., 1800? Washtenaw Past, 182.
- Philena, m. 1820? Loren Moore of N. Y. and Mich. Washtenaw Hist., 1021.
- Polly, b. Conway, 1792; m. George Brockway of N. Y. Hillsdale Port., 558.
- Timothy, b. Dover, 1808; set. Mich., 1837. Washtenaw Hist., 493.
- ANDERSON, Anna, m. 1825? John Webb, Jr. of N. Y. Genesee Port., 899.
- Elizabeth, of Deerfield; m. 1813 Dennis Cooley of Mich. Macomb Hist., 517.
- James, b. Blandford, 1790; set. N. Y., Mich. Hillsdale Port., 295, 548.
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- ANDRESS, Betsey, b. Essex Co.; m. William Knowlton of Vt. and O. Branch Port., 470.
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- Horace, b. New Ashford, 1815; set. Mich., 1835. St. Clair, 119.
- APTHORP, Alden, set. O., 1840. Mecosta, 349.
- ARCHER, Betsey, b. Springfield, 1780; m. Henry Beebe of N. Y. Macomb Hist., 787.
- ARMES, Lydia, m. 1800? John Bush of Vt. Newaygo, 285.
- ARMS, Clarissa, (Mrs. James B.) b. Palmer, 1802. Washtenaw Hist., 689.
- Etiza, b. Conway, m. 1st, 1830? Ichabod S. Nelson; m. 2d, Ruled D. Cregs. Cass Twent., 609.
- Israel, set. Mich., 1827. Washtenaw Past, 805.
- James B., b. S. Deerfield, 1801; set. Mich., 1834. Washtenaw Hist., 493, 689, 1451.
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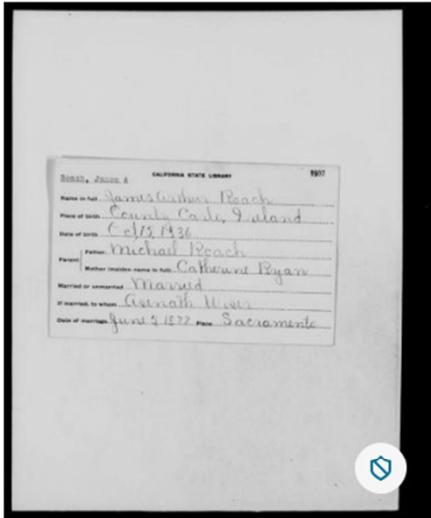
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 Mother's Name **Catherine Ryan**
 Spouse's Name **Asenath Wiser**
 Marriage Date **5 Jun 1877**

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Parent { Father Michael Roach
Mother (maiden name in full) Catherine Ryan

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If married, to whom Asenath Wiser

Date of marriage June 5, 1877 Place Sacramento

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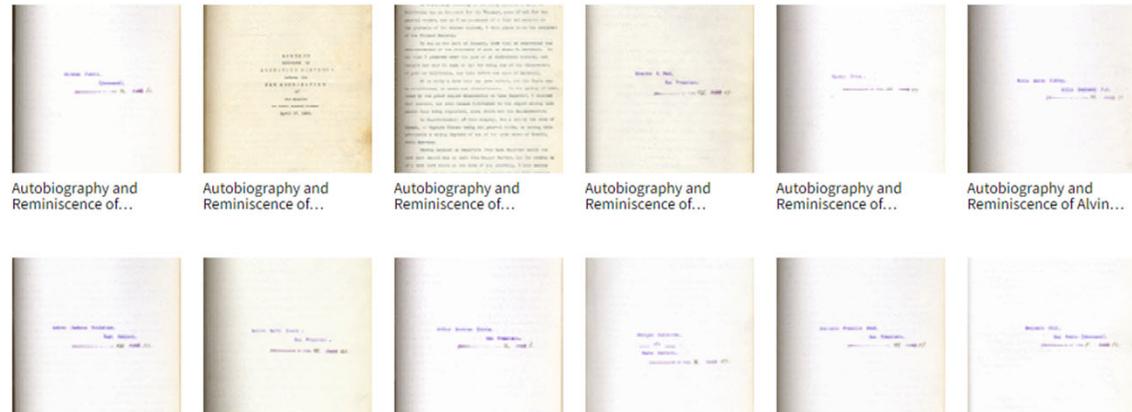
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Pioneers of the Prairie

LAFFEY, STEPHEN — born ca 1830 in Ireland, died 1913. His wife, Bridget, born ca 1830 in Ireland, died March 21, 1901. They are buried at Keokuk, Iowa. They came to St. Albans Township in 1848. They were farmers living west of West Point. Children: 1- a daughter born 1862, 2- John, born 1863, 3- Stephen, born 1866, 4- Daisy, born 1870, 5- Mary, born 1871, married Thomas Cavanaugh, 6- Thomas J., born 1872, died 1943. All the children were born in St. Albans Township. They were farmers and members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point.

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California Gold Rush

History

- On 24 Jan. 1848, James W. Marshall found gold at Sutter's Mill in Coloma, California.
- This news helped influence approximately 300,000 people to come to California to find their fortune.
- Many people travelled in 1849 and were referred to as "The Forty-Niners" or "The Argonauts"



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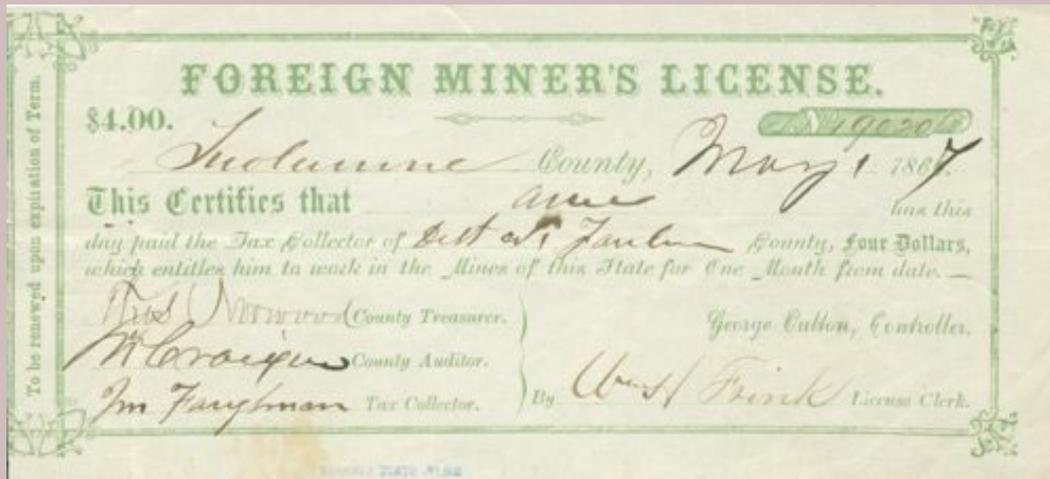
- Passed in 1850, this legislation taxed all foreign miners (non-U.S. citizens) that sought to mine in the state of California
- Miners were charged \$20/month
- The act was repealed in 1851 and replaced by the Foreign Miners' License Act of 1852, which charged \$4/month
- Records are kept at the California State Library

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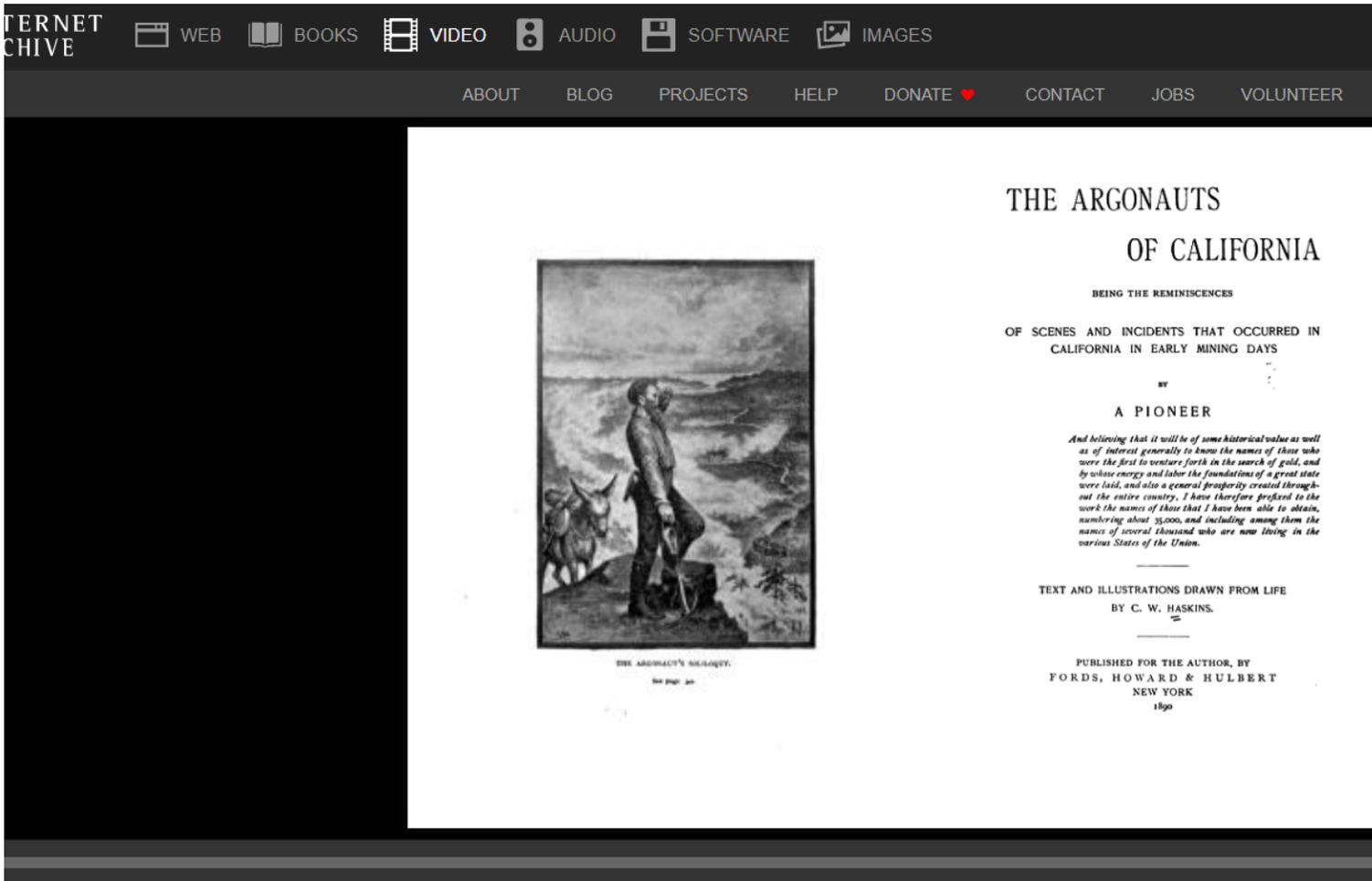
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Top Mines during the Gold Rush

- Sutter's Mill (Coloma) – January 24, 1848
- Mormon Island – February 1848
- Bidwell's Bar – July 8, 1848
- Weber's Creek – Summer 1848
- Murphy's – 1848
- Mariposa – 1849
- Rich Bar – 1850
- Comstock Lode - 1859

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NAMES OF PIONEERS.

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Mormon Pioneers



Utah Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel Database, 1847-1868

Database from the LDS Church History Library containing a compilation of names obtained from rosters and other reliable sources of individuals who immigrated to Utah during this two-decade period. Each company is listed under its captain's name, and basic information is provided including a photograph of the captain, where available. Many company pages include a list of diaries, journals, letters, and reminiscences written by company members, as well as contemporary reports about the company. The content of several thousand of those narratives has been transcribed and is included in the database.

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John Henry Brown

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Name **John Henry Brown**
Sex **Male**
Birth Date **13 Dec 1816**
Departure Date **10 Aug 1863**
Death Date **15 Mar 1891**
Event Type **Immigration**
Event Date **04 Oct 1863**
Event Place **Deseret, United States**
Company Name **Thomas E. Ricks Company**
Note **KWJN-Q2F,LZRQ-HBD,KP9B-C1H,9H5T-RCK,L7J7-2JD,KFTD-875,9388-6CS,93VQ-5WJ,KZ7P-47B,LFP2-7FY,L6G6-LCS,LDH9-5Q6,L7X1-1N3,KNS4-C83,KD35-57G**

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John Henry Brown

1818 December 13 - 1891 March 15

Thomas E. Ricks Company (1863)



John Henry Brown

1891 December 27 - 1984 March 20

Southern States Mission (1915-1917)

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John Henry Brown

Birth Date

On 1818 December 13 (Born)

Death Date

On 1891 March 15 (Died)

Gender

Male

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John, his two children Eliza and George sailed to America in 1863 on the ship Amazon.

Birth date is confirmed by Find A Grave website.

All Events **3**

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- **Born** 1818 December 13 ▼
[Date Details](#)
- **Traveled in [Thomas E. Ricks Company \(1863\)](#)** 1863 August 10 – October 4 (Age 44) [Pioneers in Company](#) ▼
Traveling Group
[Eliza Brown \(Age 16\)](#)
- **Died** 1891 March 15 (Age 72)

Media



John Henry Brown
(1818 - 1891)
Profile

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Sources

Person ^

1870 Utah Census

- [1870 Utah Census. Weber County.](#)

Saints By Sea

- ["John Henry Brown. ID: 3796", Saints By Sea.](#)

Pioneer ^

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Oregon Donation Land Claims

The screenshot shows the Oregon Secretary of State website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Meet the Secretary, About Us, Work with Us, Media Resources, Public Records Request, Financial Transparency, Contact Us, and a Stay Connected button. Below this is a header featuring a photo of Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan and the text "Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan". A secondary navigation bar includes Home, Business, Voting & Elections, State Archives (highlighted), and Audits, along with a search bar. The main content area is titled "Land Records – Federal Government" and contains a section for "Donation Land Claims (DLC)". To the left is a vertical menu with links to Archival Records, Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs), Oregon Blue Book, Records Management, Exhibits and Events, Legislative Research, and Oregon Constitution Challenge. To the right is a "Related Resources" section with links to About land records, County government land records, State government land records, and Topical research guides home. The DLC section includes a paragraph explaining the 1850 act, a paragraph about the filing of donation files, and a bulleted list of documents included in a DLC file. Below this are sections for "State Archives Resources" and "Other Resources", each with a bulleted list of links to external resources.

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Donation Land Claims (DLC)

Under terms of an 1850 act, certain white settlers and Indians of mixed blood in Oregon Territory (then including Washington), and certain settlers arriving between Dec. 1, 1850 and Dec. 1, 1853, were entitled to land. The number of acres granted (between 160 to 640) depended on the marital status of the settler and the date of settlement. Settlers were required to live on the land and cultivate it for 4 years.

The Oregon donation files for each land office (Oregon City, Roseburg and The Dalles) are filed in two numerical series. One relates to complete entries, the other to incomplete or cancelled entries. Documents in a DLC file for a completed entry include the:

- Notification of settlement, which describes the land either by legal description (township, range, section and fraction of section) or by natural features (metes and bounds), sometimes accompanied by a plat.
- Affidavit of settlement, which includes date and place of birth and, if applicable, of marriage as well as proofs of cultivation.
- Oath that the land had been used for cultivation only.
- Proof of citizenship for naturalized persons (not filmed on National Archives film M815).
- Donation certificate, which shows name of entryman, place of residence, description of land, date of patent and volume and page number of the recorded patent in the National Archives.

State Archives Resources

- Oregon Donation Land Files, 1851-1903 (National Archives (NARA) microfilm M815)
- Oregon Donation Land Claims, vol. I-V, 1851-1903 (Reference Library publication)
- Oregon Donation Land Claim File Index (Reference Library publication)
- Oregon Donation Land Claim Abstracts (NARA microfilm M145)
- Washington Donation Land Claims, 1851-1903 (NARA microfilm M203)

Other Resources

- [Oregon Donation Land Claim Index](#) (Genealogical Forum of Oregon)

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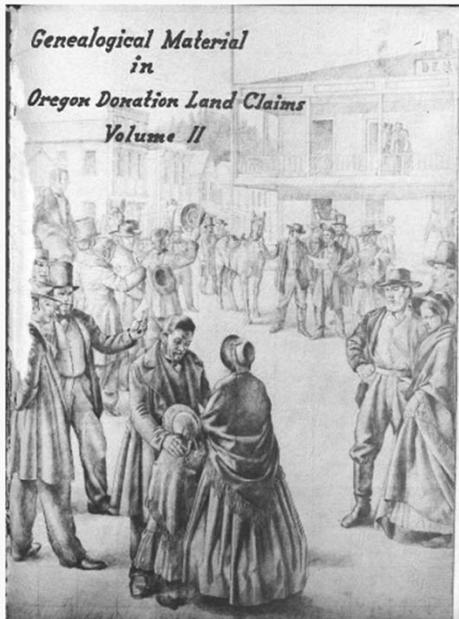
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McCumber	Harvey & w	RB	1139	78		
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<p>No. 2720 McCAIN, James, Polk Co; b 1799, Hamilton Co Oh; Arr. Ore. 20 Sept 1851; SC 12 Dec 1852; m Sarah Ann, 1823, Butler Co, Oh. Aff: Andrew Davidson, Daniel Rowel, John L. (S) Martin, Jackson Eads.</p> <p>No. 2721 ROWEL, Daniel, Polk Co; b 1827, Hampshire, England; Arr. Ore. 28 Sept 1850; SC 6 July 1851; m Pollina (Pallina) 6 Feb 1851, Polk Co, Ore. T. Apr. 1852 Yamhill Co, Ore. T. applied for citizenship stating he came to U.S. a minor under 18 yrs. Cit. aff: Henry Bird, Joseph R. Young, Nathan Connor, John Miller. Cit. cert. by Ahlo S. Watt, Clk. of Dist. Court, Yamhill Co. Neighbors were Isaac Ball, Paris and James McCain. 6 Feb 1864 James McCain, J. B. Lyron & Daniel Lyron signed Oath of Allegiance as purchasers of c. Aff: Wm. H. McKune (MA), Isaac Ball, Elias Buel, Henry W. Eads I. (J) W. Goodell, surveyor.</p>	<p>Daniel Murphy, Michael (X) Coyle. S. D. Snowden, surveyor.</p> <p>No. 2729 DE GOBIN (X), John Baptist Petit, Marion Co; b 1808, Canada; SC 20 Jan 1845; m Margaret V. 23 Aug 1841, "at St. Paul on the Willamette", Marion Co, Ore. T. (The following m record taken from St. Paul Church records by Rev. James L. Maxwell, Pastor, Mar. 1958 - "This 23 of Aug 1841 Jean Baptiste Bogin formerly of St. Michel Grand Maska, Canada & now farmer of this place, son of Antoine Gobin and Angelique Gaucher of Canada contracted marriage with Marguerite Vanier natural dau. of the late Joseph Vanier & of Marguerite Lagulvoise. Witnesses: Jean Baptiste Foupin, step-father of the bride & Joseph Delard, friend of the groom." signed by F. N. Blanchot, Pastor). Declared intention to become cit. 10 Sept 1851, U.S. Dist Court Marion Co, Ore. T., L. F. Grover, Clk - cert. #241. Cit. awarded 6 Nov 1854, Geo. H. Williams, Judge, E. J. Harding, Clk & James W. Nesmith, Marshall. Aff: Robert Newell, John Gnigras (MA).</p>
<p>No. 2728 CLERY (CLARY, CLAREY, CAREY) (X), Peter, Marion Co; b 1827/8, Ireland; Arr. Ore. 31 Dec 1849; SC 20 Apr/May 1851. Dec. intention of becoming cit. 28 May 1851 U. S. Dist. Court, Marion Co, Ore. T., I. N. Gilbert, Clk. Cit. awarded 22 Sept 1856 same court. Neighbors were Hugh Cosgrove & Dr. James Shields. Aff: Etienne Peltier, Michel (X) Laforte,</p>	<p>No. 2730 WISNER (X), John T., Linn Co; b 1800, Onondaga Co, N. Y.; Arr. Ore. 15 Oct 1852; SC 22 Nov 1852; m Betsey (Elizabeth) 28 June 1826, Wayne Co, N. Y. Aff: Dillon Hoskins, James (X) Wisner, Elias Forgey, Washington Crabree, J. P. Linn Co.</p> <p>No. 2731 PATTEN, William H., Linn Co; b 1812, Beaver Co, Pa; Arr. Ore. Oct 1852; SC 11 July 1854; m Elizabeth Ann 19 Jan 1854, Ore. T. 3 Dec 1863 Jonathan Keeney signed Oath of Allegiance as purchaser of c. 26 Feb 1864 Jonathan Keeney & Thomas M. Read wrote land office as present owners of Wm. Patton & Watkins claims. Aff: Daniel B. Putmaa, Wm. H. Lutshaw, John R. Wilson, E. F. Wyatt.</p> <p>No. 2732 PROBSTEL (PROEBSTEL), Wendel (Wyndee), Clackamas Co; b 1821, Prussia; Arr. Ore. 1 Sept 1852; SC 15 Nov 1852; m Jane 25/27 Dec 1847, New Orleans, La. Cit. awarded 16 Feb 1852 Clay Co. Circuit Court stating he has resided in U. S. at least 5 yrs & state of Mo. 2 yrs next preceeding application. Boundary adj. with Joshua Delay, dec. (by adm. H. H. Delay). Aff: Frederick Proebstel; John J. S. (X) Sullivan, Henry H. (X) Muck, Joshua Delay, Lewis Love.</p>
<p>No. 2726 OLDS, Martin, Yamhill Co; b 1799, Berkshire Co, Mass; Arr. Ore. 25 Sept 1851; SC 24 Nov 1852; m Temperance 15 Nov 1823 Huron Co, Oh. 2 Feb 1864 James H. Olds signed Oath of Allegiance as purchaser of c. Aff: James W. Cook (MA for 1830), Eli Perkins, Felix G. Dorris, James Johnson, Abijah S. (L) Hendrix.</p> <p>No. 2727 CHAMNESS, Israel, Marion Co; b 1810, Chatham Co, N. C.; SC 30 Oct 1847; m Catharine, Sept 1850, Linn Co, Ore. T. Letter from Joseph Davis (not dated) to Surveyor General states.. "the wife of Israel Chamness (the one that crossed the plains with him) d on the c that he has proven up & the heirs consider themselves entitled to her interest in said c". Cert. was given to Israel Chamness & wife Catharine. 29 Dec 1863 Willis Dunagan signed Oath of Allegiance as purchaser of c. Aff: Calvin (X) Neal, Isaac Cook.</p>	<p>No. 2733 CARSON (X), George W., Benton Co; b 1808, Va./N. C.; Arr. Ore. 20 Sept 1853; SC 1 Dec 1854; m Nancy 1/10 Oct 1829, Hendricks Co, Ind. 24 Feb 1855 aff from Elisha Wadsworth states ". . . knows tract of land claimed by John Andrews & described in his notification #2477 & abt. last of Nov 1854 said Andrews gave up peaceable possession to Geo. W. Carson & abandoned c & moved (he) thinks to the Umpqua Valley." Aff: Benj. Hyland, Isaiah G. Murray, Shelden B. Fargo.</p> <p>No. 2734 MOORE (X), Amy, Linn Co; b 1812, N. C.; Arr. Ore. 20 Oct 1847; SC 25 Aug 1853; m David Moore 28 Jan 1826, Campbell Co, Tenn. He d Feb 1831. 5 Sept 1857 states she "has been a widow 24 yrs." 13 Feb 1864 Henry A. Davis signed Oath of Allegiance as present owner of c. Aff: John Moore, Thomas (X) Lawson, John Wilson, John A. Wilson.</p>
<p>No. 2728 CLERY (CLARY, CLAREY, CAREY) (X), Peter, Marion Co; b 1827/8, Ireland; Arr. Ore. 31 Dec 1849; SC 20 Apr/May 1851. Dec. intention of becoming cit. 28 May 1851 U. S. Dist. Court, Marion Co, Ore. T., I. N. Gilbert, Clk. Cit. awarded 22 Sept 1856 same court. Neighbors were Hugh Cosgrove & Dr. James Shields. Aff: Etienne Peltier, Michel (X) Laforte,</p>	<p>No. 2735 GENOIS, Bernard, Polk Co; b 15 Mar 1820, St. Jabo, De Cuba, "of American parentage". SC 17 Apr 1852 19 Feb 1864 Thomas B. Wait signed Oath of Allegiance as</p>



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Homesteading Ancestors

The Homestead Act

- Signed in 1862, this law allowed any American (or immigrant pursuing the citizenship process) to purchase up to 160 acres of federal land.
- The law was not fully repealed until 1986, when it expired in Alaska. All previous states had repealed the law by 1976.
- Buyer was required to live on the land for five years and perform necessary upkeep and additions.
 - Civil War Union veterans could use time served in military towards the residency requirement.
 - Settlers could also acquire the land title if they lived on the land for 6 months and paid the government \$1.25 per acre.

Eligibility

- Adults 21 years and older
 - Single women
 - Former enslaved people
 - (1868 – 14th Amendment was passed)
 - Immigrants
 - 1st papers required (declaration of intention)

The Process

- Go to the local land office.
- Pay a small filing fee (\$10)
- Live on the land and grow crops for 5 years.
- After the 5-year term, applicant files for the patent (land title). Pay the last fee (about \$8).
- If approved, patent was awarded to applicant.







The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. *1*
Application *1*

Whereas, there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Brownville Nebraska, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto the claim of Daniel Freeman has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the South half of the North West quarter and ^{the} North East quarter of the North West quarter and the South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section twenty six in Township four North of Range five East in the District of lands formerly subject to sale at Brownville now Beatrice Nebraska - containing one hundred and sixty acres

Homestead Certificate 1, Daniel Freeman

What's in the Land Entry Case File?

- Final Certificate
- Final Receiver's Receipt
- Testimony of Claimant
- Testimony of Witness
- Final Homestead Affidavit
- Application and accompanying affidavits

Which States Did NOT Have Homesteads?

- Original 13 colonies
 - Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia
- Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia

Items From the Junction Union,

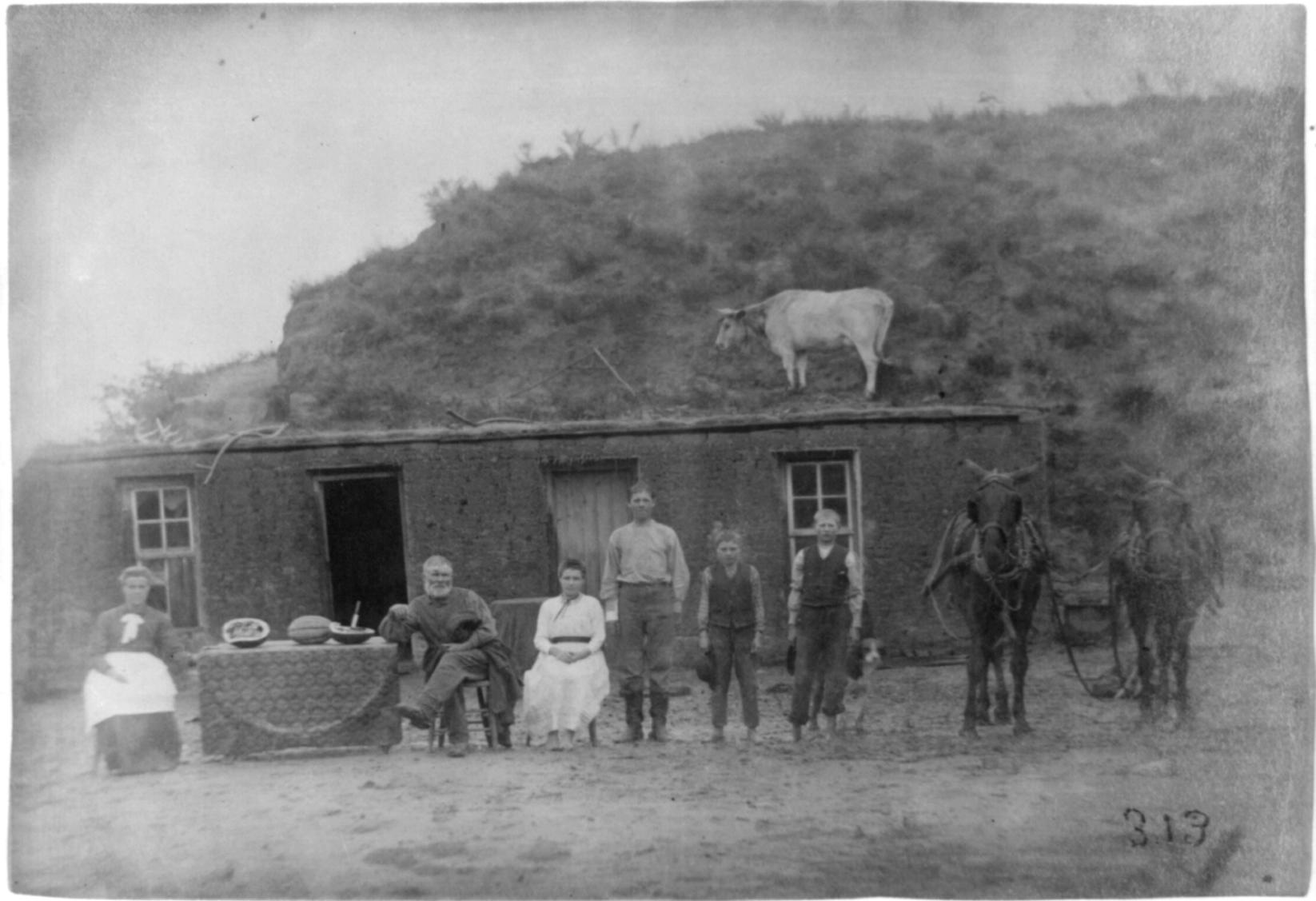
Emigration is beginning to pour into Western Kansas. The benefits of the Homestead Act are already being felt in this portion of the State. Come on, emigrants and home-seekers, this is the best country in the West.

The cattle and other stock in this county are getting excessively fat.— There is no better stock raising country in the world than Kansas. In this branch of industry is a mine of inexhaustible wealth. Our farmers are becoming aware of this fact and are acting accordingly.

The Topeka Tribune – 5 July 1862
(Newspapers.com)

Life on the Prairie

- Fierce winds and fires
- Grasshopper infestation
- Severe droughts
- The lack of trees forced many of the early settlers to create their houses out of sod.
- Settlers had to supply their own farming tools.
- It was common for settlers to give up their land claim or declare bankruptcy.



Sod house in Custer County, Nebraska (Library of Congress)

Homestead Acts

- Southern Homestead Act of 1866
 - Included and encouraged African Americans to obtain a homestead
- Timber Culture Act of 1873
 - Claimant required to plant trees
 - No residency requirement
- Kinkaid Amendment (1904)
 - 640 acres to new homesteaders in western Nebraska
- Enlarged Homestead Act (1909)
 - Doubled acreage from 160 to 320 acres in marginal areas
- National Stock-Raising Homestead Act (1916)
 - Granted 640 acres for ranching purposes

Clues for Possible Homesteading

01

Check census records for birthplace of head of family and children. You may notice a move shortly after 1862 out west.

02

Check census records for the occupation of the head of household. Look for farmers that owned property.

03

Review agriculture schedules to identify if the family had 160 acres (full portion) or 80 acres (half portion).

- Early 20th century, you may see a higher acreage (320-640 acres).

1880 United States Federal Census for JohnVadra
 Nebraska > Fillmore > Geneva > 327

Street	House No	Dwelling	Family No	Name	Race	Sex	Age	Birth Mon	Relationship	Single	Married	Widow/Di	Married C	Occupation	Months U	Sick	Blind	Deaf and	Idiotic	In sane	Disabled	Attended	Cannot re	Cannot w	Birthplace	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
				— Saml	W	M	13		Son	1				Helps on farm								1			Ill	Penn	Ma
				— Satie	W	F	8		Daughter													1			Ill	Penn	Ma
				— Ruby	W	F	5		Daughter													1			Ill	Penn	Ma
				— Maudie	W	F	1		Daughter																Ill	Penn	Ma
	45	45		Vadra John	W	M	49			1				Printer											NY	(Canada)	NY
				— Louisa	W	F	45		Wife		1			Keeping House											NY	NY	NY
				— Arthur L	W	M	13		Son	1				Helps on farm											Sowa	NY	NY
				— Jennie J	W	F	11		Daughter	1				At School											Sowa	NY	NY



1880 U.S. Census – Geneva, Fillmore County, Nebraska (Ancestry.com)

OF THE PERSON WHO CONDUCTS THIS FARM.				ACRES OF LAND.					
THE NAME.				YEVUEL.		IMPROVED.		UNIMPROVED.	
				Owner.	Rents for fixed money rental.	Rents for shares of products.	Tilled, including fallow and grain in rotation, (whether pasture or meadow.)	Permanent meadows, permanent pastures, orchards, vineyards.	Woodland and forest.
1	2	3	4	No.	No.	No.	No.		
Phinick	Sam'l		1	210			210		
Vodra	John	1		80			80		
Burt	James	1		1			1		
Hosack	William	1		3			3		
McMahon	Jesse		1	6			1		
	Robert	1		125			35		



1880 Agriculture Schedule – Geneva, Fillmore County, Nebraska (Ancestry.com)

U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908

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Match all terms exactly

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Last Name

Birth **Day** **Month** **Year** **Location**
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Any Event City, County, State, Count

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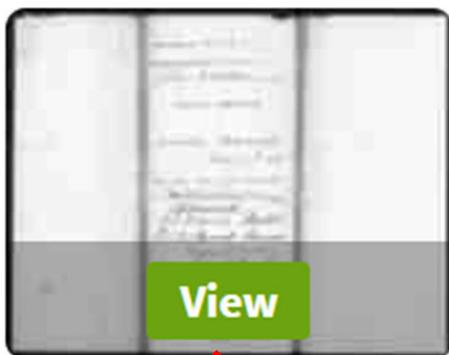
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John N Vodra

in the U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908



-  Add or update information
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Name: John N Vodra

Final Certificate Date: 11 Oct 1878

Homestead Place: Nebraska, USA

Land Office: Nebraska City; Lincoln

Section: 22

Township: 7 North

Range: 3 West

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Immigrant Origins

- Immigrants were required to have already filed their first papers (declaration of intention) in order to apply for a homestead.
- Many land entry case files contain copies of the naturalization papers that were filed by the applicant.
- Applications also list details about an ancestor's birthplace.
 - Pre-1906 naturalization records often list the name of the country with no specifics on county or townland.



Certificate of Citizenship of Michael McConlin, 1890

U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908

Wyoming > Buffalo > 1892 > 57 North, 86 West

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HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT

Under Section 2294, Revised Statutes, for settlers who cannot appear at the District Land Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Court

For Sheridan County, Wyo.

August 2nd, 1889.

I, Martha Wallace, of Sheridan County Wyoming

having filed my Homestead Application No. 222, do solemnly swear that I am a

Widow over 21 years of age the head of a family that I was born in Ireland, and moved to this country with my parents when a small child and I married a Naturalized Citizen of the United States that on October 30, 1886 she made Oath of Allegiance No. 4172 - Cheyenne series - alleg. statement October 18, 1886, that she has resided on said land since October 18, 1886 and that she intends to claim the benefit of said time,

that said application No. 222 is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation;

that said entry is made for my exclusive use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; that myself and children are

now residing on the land I desire to enter, and that I have made a bona fide improvement and settlement thereon; that said settlement was commenced October 18, 1886

that my improvements consist of A log Dwelling, Fencing, Ditching, &c.

Affidavit of Martha Wallace (1889)

Military Service

- Veterans who served in the Union during the Civil War were eligible to apply for a homestead and use their military service towards the 5-year residency requirement.
- Soldier's Discharge records are included as proof as service.
 - Information includes regiment information, where enlisted or drafted, occupation, birth date and birthplace.

SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE.



To all Whom it May Concern:

Know Ye, That John N Vodra
 a Third Class Musician of Captain Company
 () 35th Regiment of New York Volunteers,
 who was enrolled on the sixteenth day of September One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Sixty one to serve Two years, or during
 the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States, this
sixteenth day of August 1862, at Leespepper Va
 by reason of An Act of Congress 8th 1862, to muster Regimental
Bands out of U.S. Service (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)
 Said John N. Vodra was born in Lewis Co
 in the State of New York is 31 years of age, Five feet
five inches high, Light complexion, Black eyes, Brown hair,
 and by occupation, when enrolled, a Painter

Given at Leespepper Va this sixteenth day of
August 1862
N. B. Lord
 Col
 Commanding the Regiment.
 35th N. Y.

State of Nebraska, } Geneva Feb., Oct 1st 1878
Fillmore County.

I, the undersigned, J. Jensen Co. Clerk do hereby certify
 that the above is a correct and true copy of the original.

J. Jensen County Clerk
J. W. Muntz
 Deputy

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Soldier's Discharge Certificate, Land Entry Case File of John Vodra (Ancestry.com)

African American Homesteaders

- 6 Primary Homesteading Communities
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 - Empire, Wyoming
 - Dearfield, Colorado
 - Blackdom, New Mexico

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Staking their Claim: Black Homesteaders' Successful Quest for Land

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Six Black Homesteader Communities in the Great Plains

It is hereby certified that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2201, Revised Statutes of the United States, ... has made payment in full of ... Section 28

Township 26 N., Range 60 W., 6th pr. Meridian,

<https://www.nps.gov/home/black-homesteading-in-america.htm>

Railroad Workers



Central Pacific Railroad

- Irish immigrants first started working for the Central Pacific railroad.
- The initial work was not inspirational to workers and wages were low. Many Irish immigrants walked off the job.
- Chinese immigrant labor was primarily used instead.



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Background Incorporated in 1861 as the Central Pacific Rail Road, Central Pacific was a class 1 railroad operating in Northern California, Nevada and Utah. On July 1, 1862, President Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act, which provided funding and land grants to Central Pacific for the construction of the Western part of the Transcontinental Railroad. After breaking ground on January 8, 1863 in Sacramento, California, Central Pacific constructed the railroad over the Sierra Nevada mountain range and met the Union Pacific Railroad at Promontory, Utah in 1869, completing the first Transcontinental Railroad.

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C. P. R. R. *Division No 3*

PAY ROLL, NO. *29*, for month of *February* 186*3*

Received from C. CROCKER, Contractor, Central Pacific Railroad Company, the Sums set opposite our respective names, for services performed, during the month of *February* 186*3*

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.	No. Absent Days	Per Diem	Total Amount	Rate per diem.	TOTAL	SIGNATURES.
<i>P. Dolan</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>1495</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>1345</i>	<i>P. Dolan</i>
<i>W. Kearsday</i>	<i>Op. Gunster</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>154</i>			<i>1232</i>	<i>P. to Kearsday</i>
<i>Am. Kelly</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>12 1/4</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>1293</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>780</i>	<i>Michael Kelly</i>
<i>W. Mc Dermot</i>	<i>Gunster</i>	<i>13 1/2</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>1809</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>1684</i>	<i>James W. Dermott</i>
<i>B. Mansette</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>13 1/4</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>713</i>	<i>1410</i>	<i>Mansette</i>
						<i>6451</i>	
<i>M. L. Sullivan</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>1035</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>960</i>	<i>M. L. Sullivan</i>
<i>D. Riley</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>1610</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>1235</i>	<i>D. Riley</i>
<i>W. Hickey</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>1322</i>	<i>262</i>	<i>1060</i>	<i>W. Hickey</i>
<i>R. Gilmore</i>	<i>Gunster</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>1742</i>	<i>713</i>	<i>1039</i>	<i>R. Gilmore</i>
<i>G. Gibbs</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>8 3/4</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>1005</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>930</i>	<i>G. Gibbs</i>
<i>G. Schneider</i>	<i>Coak</i>	<i>34 3/4</i>	<i>166</i>			<i>5768</i>	<i>Thomas Shilton</i>
<i>James Law</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>26 1/4</i>	<i>293</i>			<i>7572</i>	<i>James Law</i>
<i>W. Christy</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>36 1/4</i>	<i>115</i>			<i>4169</i>	<i>W. Christy</i>

Pay Roll, Central Pacific Railroad Company,
Feb. 1863 (Ancestry.com)

Union Pacific Railroad

- Employees included
 - Irish immigrants
 - Former veteran soldiers (Confederate and Union)
 - Convicts from eastern prisons
 - Mormons living near the railroad route in Utah territory
- Work involved digging, grading, and laying track for long hours.
- Workers were paid three dollars a day. They were provided with food and lodging.



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Ogden Standard Examiner newspaper was located in Ogden, Utah.

Utah, U.S., Select Union Pacific Railroad Personnel Records, 1890-1965

Union Station Ledger

James Henry Mc Bride *May 17 1888*
 Age *23* Married or *Single* *single* Height *5' 11"* Weight *150* Color of Eyes *Brown*
 Color of Hair *dark* Complexion _____ Physical Defects _____
 In case of accident refer to *D V Mc Bride Winnemucca Nevada*
 _____ 190 _____ as Switch Fireman. *May 8 1888* 190 _____ M. as Main Line
 Fireman. *Feb 4 1898* 190 _____ as Switch Engineer. *Sept 16 1898* 190 _____ as Main Line
 Engineer. *Oct 1 1899* 190 _____ Full Pay.

EXAMINATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, ETC.

<i>Nov 11</i>	<i>1897</i>	<i>Failed on standard rule examination</i>
<i>" 10</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" " Locomotive</i>
<i>Dec 26</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Passed examination on time card & standard rules</i>
<i>June 10</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" Loco. "</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>1901</i>	<i>Discharged Running by Eglon with light Eng 2142 and meeting No 2 on main line June 5-01</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Reinstated Order J.S.N. See letter Sept 21-01 attch'd to pers rec'd</i>

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Union Station Ledger, James Henry McBride (1888)

Manuscript Collections at American Ancestors

Charles Newton Kimball Papers (Mss 184)

- Researched the Lunney family from County Fermanagh that went to Leadville, Colorado

John J. Lunney married Mary Jane Sharkey in Charleston, Massachusetts on 1 Jan. 1883. They moved to Leadville, Colorado in 1887. John was a partner in three mines. Two of the mines were named after counties in Ireland – Fermanagh (his birthplace) and Tyrone (his wife’s birthplace)

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JOHN J. LUNNEY
 B. 1854 Co FERMANAGH, IRELAND
 D. 9/18/94 Leadville - CONSUMPTION

MARRIED MARY JANE SHARKEY 1/1/83 BOSTON
 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, CHARLESTOWN
 Rev. James Supple WITNESSES Robert Blake AGNES O'DAY
 OCCUPATIONS: JOHN - Clerk - MARY - NONE
 MARY B. 4/10/52 CHARLESTOWN D 4/18/25 W. SOMMERVILLE - STONEKEEP
 MOVED TO LEADVILLE IN 1887 LIVED AT 405 E 6th
 NO OCCUPATION

1888 LIVES AT 700 E 6th Grocer
 1889 SAME
 1890 SAME ADDRESS, MINER
 1891 SAME

PARTNER IN 3 MINES
 1/22/89 GOLDEN WOODEN
 8/16/91 TYRONE
 7/26/91 FERMANAGH

CHILDREN
 ELLEN B. 10/4/83 CHARLESTOWN MARRIED HENRY B 1/1/87 CHARLESTOWN
 D 4/1/30 EVANSTON D 11/10/18 BOSTON
 JOHN JAMES B 6/25/90 LEADVILLE ISABELLE B. 12/31/92 LEADVILLE
 D 10/30/51 SOMERVILLE D. 2/24/66 CALIFORNIA

9/18/94 Buried from Church of the Annunciation 9/22/94
 9:00 AM HOUSE Notice Heard Down
 9:30 AM CHURCH 9/19/94

Notes of Charles Newton Kimball about John J. Lunney, Mss 184

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STATE OF COLORADO, } ss.
 County of Lake

By R. C. Coffey Recorder. Deputy.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Stephen Connors, John Lunney
and John T. Joyce the undersigned, on this 19th day
of January 1889, located and claimed, and by these presents do locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in compliance with
 the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with local customs, laws and regulations, 1500
 linear feet and horizontal measurement on the Golden Wonder Lode, vein, ledge or deposit, along the vein thereof, with all its dips, angles
 and variations, as allowed by law, together with 150 feet on the each side and 700 feet on the
each side of the middle of said vein at the surface, so far as can be determined from present developments; and all veins, lodes, ledges or
 deposits and surface ground within the lines of said claim, 700 feet running S 63° E from centre of discovery shaft, and
800 feet running N 63° W from centre of discovery shaft, said discovery shaft being situate upon said lode, vein, ledge or
 deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in California Mining District, County of Lake
 and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:
 Beginning at corner No. 1. S. E. Cor. a pine post being also N. E. Cor. No. 1
J. King lode, whence bears N 32° E Arkansas Peak also S 57° E
a high point name unknown. Thence N 27° E 300 ft to N. E.
Cor. No. 2, a pine post. Thence N 63° W. 750 ft to E. Side centre
stake a pine post 1500 ft to N. W. Cor. No. 3, a pine post Thence
S 27° W. 300 ft to S. W. Cor. No. 4, a pine post same as Cor. No. 4
J. King lode. Thence S 63° E 750 ft to west side centre
stake a pine post 1500 ft to place of beginning
Var 15° E. This claim is situate, lying and being in
Big English Gulch Lake County Colorado.

Said lode was discovered on the 19 day
of January A. D. 1889.

Attest:
John T. Joyce
John Lunney
Stephen Connors

Date of Location, Jan 19th A. D. 1889.
 Date of Certificate, Jan 21st A. D. 1889.

Filed for Record the 22nd day of January A. D. 1889, at 12 o'clock P. M.
Edwin Dyer Recorder.

Lake County, Colorado Land Deed of John Lunney (1889)

Louise Redfern Pells Papers (Mss 436)

- Researched the death of Bernard McDonald and came across the coroner's inquest file into his death.
- Bernard was a miner in Butte, Montana who died on the job.

head was of diamond instead of pearl.

MET A VIOLENT DEATH.

Body of Bernard McDonald Brought to Brockton for Burial.

The body of Bernard McDonald was brought here yesterday from Butte City by an undertaker of that city, Charles W. Lattimer, and the funeral was held this morning from the home of his brother, James McDonald, 12 Madison avenue. Mr. McDonald was killed in going down a mine in Butte City, and his sad end was regretted by hundreds of friends whom he had made in the west, and by those who knew him in this city before he left here. He was going down the well of a mine when something attracted him, and he stuck his head out. The back part of his head was crushed by the shaft and he was drawn out of the basket and thrown to the bottom of the well, a distance of 250 feet.

Funeral services were held in Butte City and there was a large gathering which showed the regard in which the deceased was held. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters there, of the Mine Workers' and Mine and Carpenters' union, and these organizations sent delegations to the depot with the body.

The funeral this morning was held from the home of his brother, James McDonald at 8:30 o'clock, with requiem mass at St. Patrick's church at 9, celebrated by Rev. E. L. McClure.

The floral tributes included a cross from Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald and family; wreath, Mrs. John Nathan and children; mound from niece and nephew, Mary and Thomas Nathan. The pallbearers were Michael Hill, Philip Brady, Frank Nathan, Patrick McDonald, Henry Smith and Patrick Leonard. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery.

MUNICIPAL FACTS

THE BROCKTON TIMES, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1900.

DR. PERKINS' BRIDE

Miss Allie Louise Keith Wedded Last Night.

A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY

Church and Home Crowded with Friends of the Happy Pair.

Out of the gloom and moisture, into an atmosphere of music and light and floral garniture, hundreds of persons of this city and representatives from other places found a cheerful change as they entered the South Congregational church last evening and established themselves in the attractive environment that was appropriate for the wedding of Miss Allie Louise Keith and Dr. Charles Ernest Perkins, which took place there at 8 o'clock. All that art could do had been accomplished by decorator and musicians, and the event, uniting as it did two popular young people of most enviable social position, was worthy of the best efforts of all who were called in to display their skill.

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MUNICIPAL FACTS.

Statistics of Interest to Brockton Tax-payers.

Comparing the city of Brockton with

been one of the most favored young women of this place, being the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Preston B. Keith, and with every advantage given by social position, a delightful personality and attractive looks. She has been the leader of the younger set in Campello, and has always been conspicuous and welcome in society in this city and other places.

Dr. Perkins has been a practicing dentist on Main street for a number of years, and has the hearty friendship of those who know him. He has always been foremost in entertainments of the Commercial club and belongs to several branches of the Masonic fraternity. It was an expected sequence that these two should have been remembered with a vast number of presents of great value and of considerable rarity. The new home of the young couple is a gift from the bride's parents, and there were many other presentations that showed the spirit of the donors. The bride gave her maid of honor a beautiful brooch of pearls and the bridesmaids were presented with dragon rings with pearl heads. The ushers were remembered by the women with scarfpins of rose gold and pearl heads, and the best man given a similar pin, except that the head was of diamond instead of pearl.

A GIRL'S REVENGE

Pursued Parent for Years in Order to Punish Him.

CALLS HIM A BIGAMIST

Sensational Story in Which Alleged Brocktonian Figures.

In the Boston Post this morning was printed the following sensational story of local interest: The arrest of Bradley Francis Durphy, formerly of Brockton, in Eureka, Cal., a few days ago, marks the beginning of the final act in a most remarkable life drama, involving a father's early sin and the unrelenting pursuit of vengeance by his deserted daughter.

It is the story of a thrilling chase of thousands of miles across the continent and through the western states; of a war in which riches were matched against poverty, and the cunning of a middle-aged man of the world against a young and inexperienced girl.

Eighteen years ago Bradley Durphy deserted his wife and 3-year-old baby. He left them in Brockton in comparative poverty. His wife he has not seen since that time, but it was that little girl—now a beautiful woman of 21—that has caused him to be apprehended on a charge of bigamy in the far-distant western city. He is worth nearly half a million. She was forced to borrow money to pay her fare to San Francisco. Penniless, often hungry, fearing sometimes that she might be arrested for vagrancy, still the hatred for the parent whom she felt had cast shame upon her mother and sullied her own name, burned fiercely in her breast, and her indomitable will kept her on, always seeking him. Frequently she would hear of his being in a certain city, and, overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles, would reach there, only to find that he had hurried away.

Yet there are those who knew Bradley Durphy in his younger years who assert that he was not wholly to blame.

When a boy of 19 he married Margaret E. Bosworth of Halifax, a woman some 20 years his senior. The union was not a happy one. The Bosworths of Halifax were well-to-do and considered aristocratic, while young Durphy had only his handsome boyish face and pleasant manners to recommend him.

The marriage was bitterly opposed by the brothers of the bride, nor were they ever friendly to their brother-in-law. Disagreements arose, and life lost its happiness for the young husband. So one morning he took the few little things he valued and left his home, never to return.

For a while the wife sought to locate him, but her efforts were in vain, and finally, giving up all hope, she devoted herself to the care of her little daughter.

The child had been named Mildred Frances, after her father, and as she grew older she came to look more and

The Brockton Times, 10 Oct. 1900, Mss 436

CORONER'S REGISTER Inquest

CORONER'S DESCRIPTION OF BODY AND PERSONAL EFFECTS, AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

Sex Male Age 25 Height 5'7 1/2" Color of Hair Black Kind of Eyes Black Complexion Co.
 Color of Moustache or Beard Black Description of Personal Effects None Nativity American Kind of Clothes Co.
 Disposition of Personal Effects } No effects taken by Acting Coroner
 Disposition of Remains Shipped to Rockton, Mass.
 I, the undersigned, Coroner of Silver Bow County, Montana, do hereby certify that I have made an examination of Bernard McDonald and of his personal effects, and the foregoing statement of same is true.
G. L. Nichols

JURORS' VERDICT

STATE OF MONTANA, }
 County of Silver Bow, } ss.

In the matter of an Inquest, held at Butte Silver Bow County
 day of Oct. A. D. 1900, before G. L. Nichols, J. P. and Acting Coroner
 on the dead body of Bernard McDonald, we, the undersigned Jurors, after hearing the testimony of all needful inquiries, do hereby return the following verdict:

That the deceased Bernard McDonald came to his death at the Smokehouse lode in corner of Broadway and Wyoming streets, City of Butte, Silver Bow County, State of Montana, on October 1st 1900, by falling from a loaded bucket being hoisted to surface. No blame is attached to the owners of the property.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Roy Jones REAL Thos. Cuddy REAL John Ross
A. C. Whitchee REAL Mac Johnson REAL B. B. Gallag

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Verdict rendered at the above-named Inquest.
G. L. Nichols

Coroner's Verdict, Death of Bernard McDonald, Mss 436

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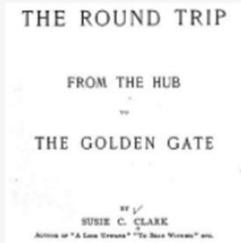
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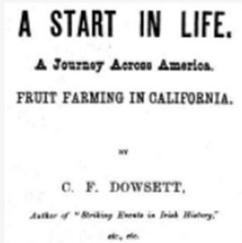
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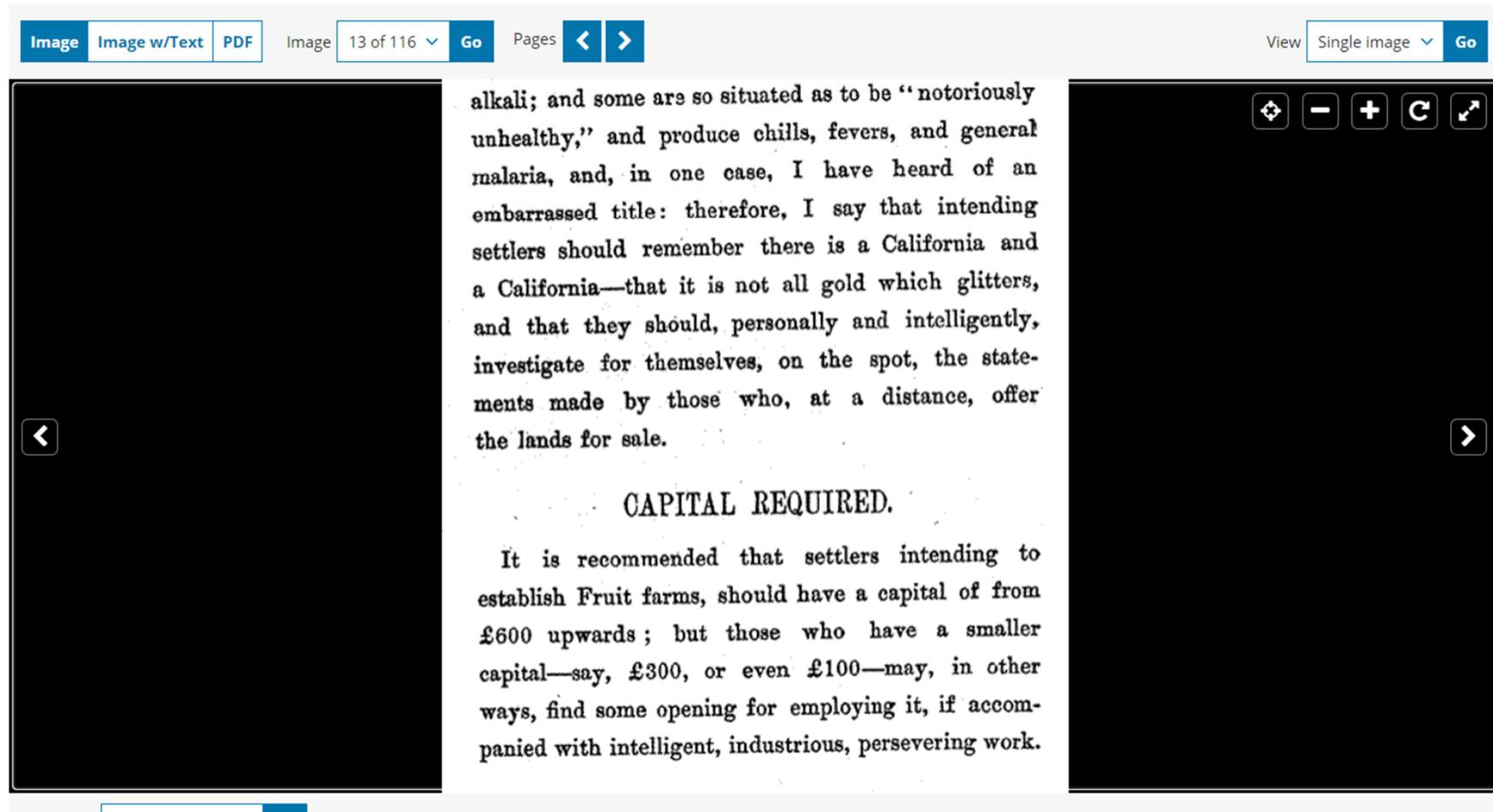
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