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### Wright Barn

The barn on Archer road was built prior to 1900. The mortised and pegged walls were set on sandstone hauled from Ono. The lumber was provided by the Woodfill Mill. The original roof was shakes and the roof beams are 12X12 hand-hewn with dove-tail joints. The builder was probably Mr. Peterson, the father of Amy Jones. The barn was built for the Ludwig Ranch that sold the property to John Wright. John sold a mining claim to purchase the ranch. The roof was changed to corrugated iron purchased in San Francisco in 1922. The iron was purchased at a bargain because it was salt water damaged.

John Presley Wright was born on June 14, 1832 in Kentucky and helped drive a herd of cattle to California in 1852. He worked at the Washington Mine in French Gulch for thirteen years. This period was interrupted by service in Company I, 7<sup>th</sup> California Infantry Regiment (1864-66) where he was assigned to Fort Whipple, Arizona Territory.

John married Hannah Bentley Stoddard on June 16, 1868. She was born on July 23, 1848 in Illinois and arrived in California in 1854. They were married by Reverend William Kidder who was also in the 7<sup>th</sup> California Infantry Regiment. They had twelve children all born on the South Fork of Clear Creek where John mined and had a small lumber mill. In 1900 they purchased the Ludwig Place about two miles from Igo.

At the death of Hannah the ranch passed to her four sons, Thomas, Frank, Arch and "Tude" (Harvey). When Arch died his widow sold  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the ranch. The remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  passed to Hannah Gray, daughter Retta Wright Rust on the death of the remaining three brothers. The barn and ranch are now the property of Judy Gray but are being sold.







CONTINENTAL MINE: gold, lode mine in Sections 7 and 18 Township 31 North Range 6 West MDM about four miles northwest of Igo. Contained a six-stamp mill in the 1880s. The mine was also a producer of silver. Also known as the Mabel C. Mine



The January 2019 Newsletter contains three articles: 1) Foster Road, 2) Buell Road (the William Herbert Buell Family), and 3) Stockel Road (the Charles Stockel Family).

## Foster Road

Foster Road runs westward from its junction with Gas Point Road. It is named for William David Foster son of Johannis Forster who along with his old brother, Jacob Forster, settled in Shasta County in the 1850s.

Jacob Foster was born on August 25, 1828 in the Kingdom of Bavaria. He was the son of Martin Forster and immigrated to the United States prior to 1850. He married Adaline Hartung, born in 1829 in Darmstadt, Germany, while he was living in Saint Louis, Missouri. Saint Louis at the time had its own German language newspapers and had a large German population. The family moved to Shasta County sometime between 1852 and 1853 (their daughter Adeline was born in 1852 in Missouri and Mary was born in California in 1853). In the Americanization process sometime after 1859 the "r" was dropped from the name to become Foster. (One source states that Jacob came to California in 1849 and returned to Missouri in 1851 then returned with the family in 1853.)

In 1859 Jacob purchased 240 acres from Isaac Boggs in what is today the city of Cottonwood. He built the Forster Hotel on other land for which he received preemption rights to 40 acres in 1861. In 1872 the Cottonwood Post Office was moved from Tehama County north across Cottonwood Creek to the Forster Hotel. The hotel was well known for its bar, billiard saloon, and dining room. In 1883 the hotel was sold and in 1885 destroyed in a fire.

In 1872 Jacob deeded 100 feet of land to the California and Oregon Railroad for use as a depot. The town of Cottonwood grew around the hotel and depot. Jacob left Cottonwood for Texas about 1884 with a second wife Ida, twenty-five years his junior. He died on August 10, 1901 in Tarrant County, Texas. He left a will that should Ida and their son Jacob precede him in death the estate would fall to his daughter, Mary (Foster) Hatch of Shasta County.

Jacob by his first wife Adeline had seven children, five of which lived to be adults associated with Shasta County. No record was found for the first child born in 1849 but Mary was again used in 1853 for the name of the third child. She may have died in infancy as did the fourth child, John Foster born in 1856 (the name John being reused in 1857). The second child, Adeline Foster was born on December 31, 1852 in Missouri. She came west with her family and on September 2, 1879 married Henry Grant Bosenko. She died on April 7, 1900 but the name carries on through our current sheriff Tom Bosenko.

The third child was Mary Foster born on April 27, 1853 in California. She married J.R. Hatch (1837-1902) on March 10, 1872. She seems to have resided in Tehama County and died in Red Bluff on June 8, 1890. The couple had at least five children.

The fifth child was John Henry Foster born in Shasta on August 30 1857. He attended Heald Business College in San Francisco learning telegraphy. Besides working eighteen years for the railroad in both California and Oregon, he organized the firm of Becker and Foster in Cottonwood. The merchandise store purchased the stock of William Knowlton. The store was rebuilt twice due to fires in 1903 and 1908 and is still standing. He married Anna Philopine Reiser who was born in 1862 in Red Bluff. Her parents were Ellis Reiser (1828-1903) and Adeline Wilhelmina Kuehn (1833-1872) both of Germany. John and Anna had six children including Ellis J. Foster who operated a creamery in Cottonwood. John died on January 16, 1937.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Child was Charles Foster born in 1859 in Cottonwood. He died on September 3, 1919 in Marysville, California. The seventh child was Joseph Arthur Foster was born at Cottonwood on September 27, 1860, and died in Butte County on July 31, 1949.

Jacob's younger brother, Johannis Forster initially settled near his brother close to Ludwig's Bridge. He also Americanized his name by dropping the "r" from Forster and using John as his given

name. On September 2, 1857 John married Mary Kiefaber, who was born in Bavaria in 1832 and arrived in Shasta County in 1855. The family moved to Shasta in 1867.

John and Mary had nine children: Anna Josephine Foster born in February 28, 1857 married Louis Behrie. She died in Cottonwood on November 19, 1935. The second child was Jacob Foster born on July 17, 1858 and died on May 10, 1922 in Shasta County. The third child was Francis Foster born November 15, 1860 in Shasta. She married Charles H. Montox in 1881 and died in Marysville on November 18, 1944. The fourth child, John Foster was born on April 22, 1862 and died in childhood in 1869. The fifth child was Martin Foster born on January 10, 1866. He married Mary L. Foster (born 1875) in 1900. Martin died at French Gulch on February 5, 1949.

The seventh child was Mary Foster born about 1872. She married William Heffelfinger in 1895 and died about 1930. The eighth child was Josephine Foster born September 1, 1874 and died on April 16, 1946 in Shasta County. The ninth child was Louis Foster born April 2, 1876. He and Jeremiah Ford operated the saloon at Whiskytown for a few years before 1928. He died in French Gulch in 1930.

Foster Road is named after the 6<sup>th</sup> child, William David Foster. He was born on January 4, 1869 and when young started working for the Larkin Ranch in Trinity County. At one point his pay was in breeding stock of which he created a large herd. In conjunction with his brother-in-law, Walter Clarke, he opened up a butcher shop in French Gulch to supply meat to the miners. In 1909 he went into partnership with Dr. George Grotefend to form the Trinity Farm and Cattle Company. The company developed into the largest cattle operation in Northwestern California. The main ranch at Trinity Center was 2500 acres and was used for summer range. There was an additional summer range of 1800 acres in the Trinity Alps. Winter range was provided by the 4,200 acre ranch in the Bald Hills. Week long cattle drives were part of the routine winter and summer until 1949. From 1950 to 1959 trucks were used to transfer cattle. The drives ended in 1959 when Trinity Lake inundated the main ranch. Foster Road served the 4,200 acre Bald Hills ranch.

On December 21, 1898, William Foster married Mary Luella "Pansy" Clarke in Redding. They had five children: William Clarke Foster (1900-1973), Charles Milton Foster (1902-1982), Joseph Melvin Foster (1907-1984), Louis Harvey Foster (1909-1991) and George Wilber Foster (1912-2005).

#### Buell Road (William Herbert Buell Family)

Nola Shoup a long time resident of Ono stated that a member of the Buell family had told her they had a horse ranch on what is now Buell Road up until World War II. They stated that they used to breed and run race horses. Buell Road was not present on the 1906 Ono map but it is known that there were a number of race courses in the local area: one on Taylor's Ranch, one on McAulliffe's Ranch, Bell's race course, Cottonwood race course and Canon House race course. Buell Road runs northward following the ridge on the west bank of Eagle Creek and dead ends in a basin large enough for a racecourse (it is now part of the Mac Ranch).

William Herbert Buell arrived in Ono prior to 1920. He was the son of Oliver William Buell and Clara M. Byers, born March 16, 1867 in Racine, Wisconsin. He married Ellen (Ella) Shinn Masters in Rathdrum, Idaho on June 23, 1889. She was the daughter of Louvina Todd (born November 7, 1846 in Paoli, Illinois) and James Shinn Masters (born January 19, 1843 in Vermilion County, Illinois), and was born at Master's Landing, Oregon on October 11, 1868. In 1900 William, Clara and four children were living in Josephine County, Oregon where William was a farmer. Around the time of the First World War William was listed as a laborer in Oroville, Butte County and it wasn't until the 1920 U.S. Census that William shows up in Ono listed as a widower. William's neighbors were listed as Ray Fowler and family, Alice Baker and family, John Miller and family, and Steve Miller and family. All of the men were working on the Hoover Tunnel or the Messelbeck Dam in 1920s.

William and Ellen had five children: Clara Louvina Buell born May 23, 1890 in Houser, Idaho; Guy Oliver Buell, born May 31, 1892 in Houser, Idaho; Ray Wellington Buell, born January 31, 1894 in Rathdrum, Idaho; Leslie James Buell, born April 19, 1896 in Dryden, Idaho; and, Ethel Edith Buell, born April 23, 1900 in Salem, Oregon. The Couple divorced on July 20, 1908. Ellen or Ella died in Gila County, Arizona shortly after relocating there in 1918 while William married Clara Delia Wilcox or Willcox born in California in 1876 shortly after the divorce. On the 1920 United States Census William is listed as a widower and no other names were listed on his Ono property. By 1910 Ella had married Samuel Messenger born about 1861 in Oregon who was overseer of a fruit farm. Ella had custody of Guy, Ray, Leslie and Ethel. In the 1940 U. S. Census William was living with Clara in Ono and she seems to be the daughter of Edward Willcox (1831 Pennsylvania) and Lucinda Willcox (1835 Indiana). William died in 1944 and Clara survived until 1971.

The oldest child Clara Louvina Buell appears to have left the household prior to 1910. She appears married to Alfred Edward Mason (born 1881 in Scotland) on his 1918 draft registration. Alfred was listed as a manager of a machine company in San Francisco but the couple had divorced by 1930 after having a son also named Alfred. Clara appears to have become a cosmetologist and remained in San Francisco. Clara later married a man named Cuneo and died in 1989.

Guy Oliver Buell was listed as a farm laborer for his stepfather Samuel Messenger in Douglas County, Oregon on the 1910 U.S. Census. On the draft registration of 1917 Guy was listed as a farmer in Douglas County, Oregon with a wife and two children. On the 1920 U. S. Census Guy is in Josephine County, Oregon with a wife Katherin (Catherine Phillips) born in Nebraska about 1896. Listed with Katherin and Guy are three children: Betty born about 1914 in Oregon, Guy William born about 1916 in Oregon and Charles born about 1920 in Oregon. The couple appear have broken up prior to 1930 as Guy is working as a mechanic in San Francisco with a new wife Minnie Joseph born about 1899 in New York and two step children Emmett age 9 born in California and Walter age 6 born in California. Minnie has previously married James E. Matthews in 1919 in Los Angeles. In 1940 Minnie and Guy were farming in Sonoma County. Some time after or during World War II Guy and Minnie moved to Shasta County. Minnie died in 1982 and Guy Oliver died in 1984 and both are buried at Lawncrest Cemetery in Redding.

Ray Wellington Buell was also listed on the 1910 U.S. Census as a farm laborer for his stepfather Samuel Messenger in Douglas County, Oregon. On the draft registration of 1917 Ray was listed as unemployed but by 1920 was listed as a partner on a farm with Chauncey Samuel Messenger. In 1920 also living on the farm was Ray's sister Ethel (Briggs) and her daughter Ellen (born in Oregon 1920). On the 1930 U.S. Census Ray was working as a laborer in a sawmill in Josephine County, Oregon and was married to Gladys Buell age 28 born in Oregon. The World War II draft registration listed Ray and Gladys as living in Lake County and working for the Abbott Mine in Colusa County (a quicksilver mine). Ray died in 1942 in Colusa County.

Leslie J. Buell was living with Samuel Messenger in the 1910 U. S. Census but in 1920 he was living with his older sister Clara and Alfred Edward Mason in San Francisco where he worked as a machinist. Some time after 1923 and before 1928 Leslie returned to Oregon. Leslie had married Rosemond Lee Tuttle born 1900 in Oregon. Rosemond was the daughter of Warren Loyd Tuttle born 1869 in Oregon and Madeline Tuttle born 1866 in Iowa. Rosemond and Leslie had two children: Leslie James born 1923 in San Francisco (died 2009 in Oregon) and Jerry Lee born 1928 in Oregon (died 2010 in Oregon). On the 1930 Leslie was working as a road worker in Oregon and in 1940 as a logger in Oregon. Leslie died in 1981 in Josephine County, Oregon.

Ethel Edith Buell was living with her step-father Samuel Messenger in Douglas County, Oregon in 1910. In 1916 Ethel married a man named Briggs who was born in Minnesota but by 1920 she had returned to he step-father's farm. In about 1916 Ethel had a daughter named Ellen Briggs born in Oregon. In 1930 Ethel and Ellen were lodgers in the home of Norris King Davis in San Francisco. By 1940 Ethel was married to Colonel Norris King Davis a farm machinery contractor and living in Napa County. Norris was known to have gone to France in 1918 in the 52<sup>nd</sup>

Ammunition Train (Railroad) of the Coast Artillery Corps and returned in 1919 as a major with the 64<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment (Anti-aircraft) of the Coast Artillery Corps. Col. Davis was born in California in 1878 and died in Napa in 1954. The Colonel had previously been married to Theresa M. Morgan. Ethel appears to have remarried in 1959 to George A. Proctor. Ethel died in 1977 and is buried in Napa County.

### Stockel Road (The Charles Stockel Family)

Stockel Road runs off Lower Gas Point Road westward to what was the Stockel Ranch. Charles Stockel was born on 24 November 1855 in Germany and was married to Louisa Peters born about 1858 in Germany. The family came to the United States in 1880 (1880 on the 1910 U. S. Census and 1884 on the 1900 U.S. Census) and settled in Anderson and opened up a butcher shop in Cottonwood. Charles was naturalized at the Shasta County Superior Court on 24 September 1890. He must have filed his intent to become a United States citizen to register for a homestead as in 1892 he received a homestead patent for 78.69 acres described as lot/tract 1 and 2 of section 4, Township 29 North Range 4 West MDM near Gas Point Road. In 1896 Charles was registered as a butcher in Cottonwood. In 1900 he was listed as a retail butcher in Anderson and in 1910 as owning his own butcher shop. Charles died on 4 December 1917 and was buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery. Louisa survived until 1933 and was also buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery. It should be noted that in researching the family the family name was also given as Stoekel and the name may have been Americanized over time.

Charles and Louisa had four children of which three survived to adulthood: Fred Alfred 1883, Elizabeth 1886 and William 1889. Fred Alfred was born on 24 January 1883 in San Francisco and used variously Fred and Alfred on documents. His birthdate would make the immigration most likely 1880 and the arrival in Shasta County around 1884. In 1910 Alfred was listed as a telegraph operator for the railroad but on his draft registration of 1918 he was listed as a merchant in Cottonwood. In 1920 Fred was listed as a retail machinist in Cottonwood and in 1930 and 1942 an insurance agent associated with New York Life Insurance Company. Alfred died in 1977 and is buried in the cottonwood Cemetery.

In 1942 Alfred is list as being married to Fannie F. Stoekel. Fannie is Fannie Fredricia Stoddard born in 1879 in California. Fannie was the daughter John R. Stoddard (born 1836 in Illinois) and Inez Fredericia Tourtellotte who in 1880 were farming in Trinity County. Fannie died in 1964 and is buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery. In the 1930 U. S. Census the couple were living with John Emsley Stoddard born in 1876 in Trinity County who was listed as a brother-in-law and stockman in Cottonwood.

The second child was listed as Lizzie in the 1900 U. S. Census but it appears her legal name was Elizabeth. Elizabeth was born on 14 August 1886 and appears to have been married prior to 1910. Elizabeth married Harry Elmer Abernathy born in 1882 in Trinity County. Harry was the son of George Asberry Abernathy (born 1839 in Illinois; died 1913 and buried in the Shasta Masonic Cemetery) and Rebecca Catherine Boswell born in 1852 in Missouri ( died 1928 and buried in the Shasta Masonic Cemetery). Harry and Elizabeth had a son George Abernathy born in 1912 in Trinity County and was known to have been a bookkeeper in Tehama County for 89 years. George died in 2002 and was buried in the



Cottonwood Cemetery. Harry died in 1952 and Elizabeth in 1956 and both are buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

The last child was William Stockel was born in Cottonwood on January 20, 1889. On the 1910 U. S. Census he was listed as a butcher in his father's shop. In the 1917 draft registration he was listed as a farmer and stock raiser employed by his father. In 1930 William is listed as a laborer on the Ranch owned by sisters Alice Gilmore born about 1898 and Stella M. Stockle born about 1888 in Massachusetts. William's wife Stella and Alice were nieces of John Gilligan who operated a ranch at Igo in 1920. Stella died in 1935 and was buried in the Gilligan family plot at Oak Hill Cemetery in Red Bluff. In 1940/1942 William was listed as a widowed farmer living on Gas Point Road as a stock raiser. In 1940 William was living with Mildred McCurry a housekeeper and John Stoddard. William died in 1945 and was buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery.