

Biography

ARGONAUTS and PIONEERS

Amos Wells Mansfield

Amos Wells Mansfield (Grandpa) born on shores of Lake Champlain in 1807. Descended from same family as Lord Mansfield, the English scholar. Family had grant to land that is now the state of Vermont. Mt. Mansfield named after family, also, city of Mansfield in Ohio.

Sarah Mansfield (Grandma) was Sarah Milliman born in New York in 1808. Her people came from Holland. They moved to Joliet, Ohio, where my father was born in 1835. (Curnell Horry Mansfield)

They moved to Illinois, from where they started to California in the spring of 1852. They came with a large company of sixty prairie schooners, which assembled at Council Bluffs, Missouri. Took almost a year to make the trip.

They had lots of trouble with the Indians. Killed some of the party and stole their livestock.

Curnell Horry Mansfield, now 17 years old, drove an ox-team all the way from Council Bluffs to Los Angeles. Party divided at Salt Lake. Those taking northern routes suffered terribly and many died. Mansfields stayed in Los Angeles first winter, then went to Monterey, where they hauled the material and helped build the lighthouse.

They then settled in the Pajaro valley; where they were prosperous farmers; raising grain, fruit, and livestock.

Grandpa Mansfield retired to Watsonville, where he died in 1882 at the age of seventy five. Grandma died in 1883 at the age of seventy five.

CALIFORNIANA

Cornell Harry Mansfield and Mendocino Plaskett were married after he moved into Monterey County and met the Plasketts at their coast ranch. They raised eleven children, of whom nine are still living. *(not married)*

He amassed quite a fortune as a cattleman and farmer and died in the Bardin Hospital July 27, 1906 at the age of seventy-one. Mr. Mansfield was a member of the G.A.R., being a veteran of the Civil War. I can remember his epaulets, musket, and bayonet.

Mrs. Mansfield is still living at the old family home near King City. *(she is still the same)*

A beautiful granite column from Scotland marks Mr. Mansfield's place in the old pioneer cemetery on the home ranch.

*Cemetery - 4 or 5 miles south of King City
towards Hunter Liggett, near by.*

*Byron & Plaskett
Cornell Harry Mansfield married my grand -
father Mendocino Plaskett - so she was my*