

William C. Asher, one of the venerable pioneers of this coast, was born in Madison county, Kentucky, December 19, 1816. In 1830 he removed from his native State to Missouri, which place continued to be his home until 1849, In May of that year, on the second day of the month, he started overland for California, traveling with ox teams like the other emigrants that made their way across the plains and mountains at that period. He entered the Golden State by the Lassen route, and the first dinner He took in California was where Senator Stanford's vineyard is now located. He visited Shasta county, Sacramento, and other points, and arrived in Nevada City on the last day of 1849. In the fall of 1850 He engaged in mining, and the following spring began teaming. From that he turned his attention to the hotel business. His hotel was burned in 1852. Not discouraged, however, he bought another the same week of the fire, and conducted the business until 1853, when he sold out. About that time he was appointed Under Sheriff of Nevada county, and served as such till 1855.

In 1856 he was reappointed to the same position, serving under William Butterfield until 1858. He also acted as jailer, and at one time came near being killed by one of his prisoners who struck him on the head with a bar of iron. He subsequently served as jailor for Sheriff Boing. In 1859 Mr. Asher left Nevada City for South Yuba river Bridge, where he remained until 1869, and while there came near losing his life by a premature explosion in blasting rock. Next we find him at San Joaquin,

engaged in building a levee, he then returned to South

River Bridge. Since 1870 he has been a resident of Hollister, San Benito county, and during these years has been variously occupied; served as Road Supervisor two years and as Constable two years; was engaged in the poultry business from 1874 till 1877. He was then called on to nurse some diphtheria cases, and was engaged in nursing until 1880. He then turned his attention to ranching, and at times also nursed some. In 1887 He was elected Justice of the Peace for the city of Hollister, and is now occupying this position.

Mr. Asher is unmarried.

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