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The Reinking Album

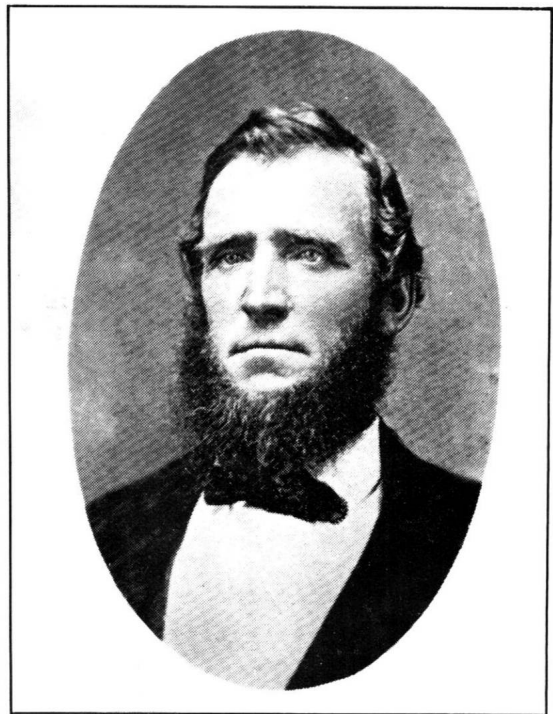
Recently we were loaned a collection of photographs belonging to Mrs. Grace Haupt Reinking. John and Betty Snyder visited Grace, now living at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, the Ernest Locatellis, in Boulder Creek, near Santa Cruz, and



LOUIS FREDERICK HAUPT

1849-1929

Father of Grace Reinking. From a tintype.



JOHN BARKER: 1826 - 1890

Grandfather of Grace Haupt Reinking

recorded an interview with Grace. She discussed the pictures, one by one, and added a number of her memories evoked by the discussion. We copied many of the pictures and they and the tape are now a part of our archives. In this issue we show a sampling of these pictures, for the enjoyment of our readers. We have another motive in mind, however. We hope this will stimulate our readers to look over their old pictures to see if there are some of interest to the Society and its members, that could be given to the Society, or loaned so that copies can be made for the archives.

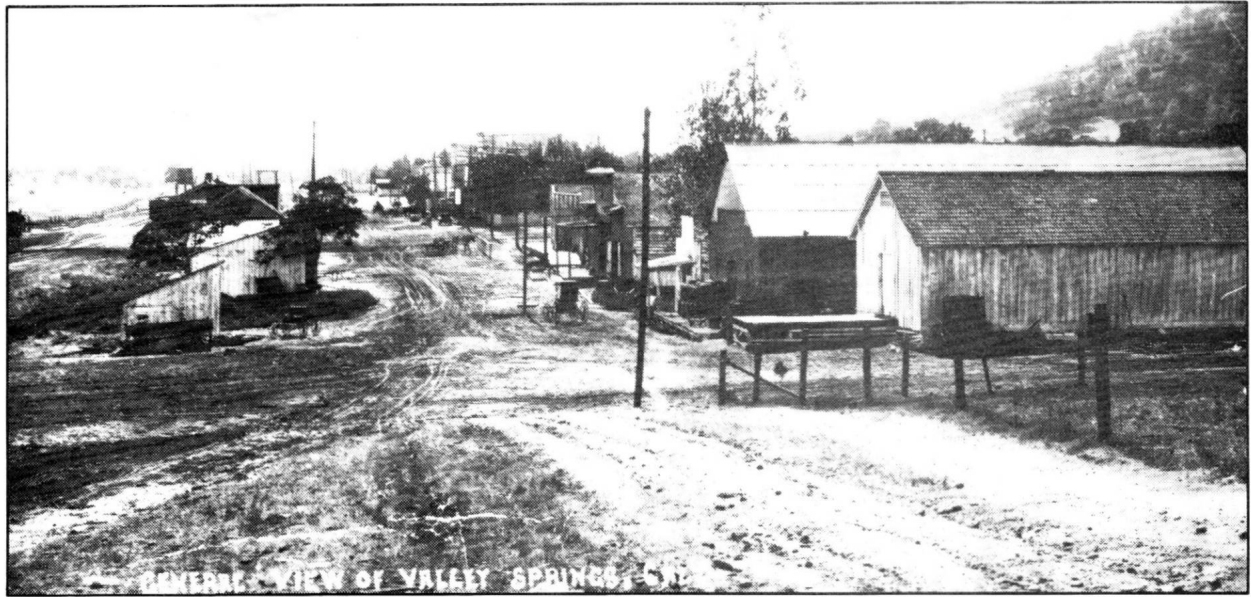
In order to place the pictures in proper perspective, we have added a few remarks here about Grace Reinking's family and the community.

Gustavus and Mary Ann Schaefer Haupt came from Westphalia, Germany, to Missouri and then to California in the 1850's. They settled up on the bench now known as Toyon, above Double Springs. Here they raised nine children, including Louis Frederick Haupt. (See "Las Calaveras", April, 1968).

Another pioneer family lived nearby. John and Mary Barker, natives of Manchester, England, also came to Calaveras County in early days. Their daughter, Mary Alice, married Louis Haupt. The Haupts had five children, Alma (Moller-Gann), Grace (Oscar Reinking), Jessie (Ralph Reinking), Norman "Buck", and Frederick "Fritz".

In early days, the Late ranch was the principal one in the Valley Springs area. The stage and the teams came up from the Stockton area, past North America House (Rancho Calaveras) into the valley, past Lates and Pattee's Place, and then up through Moun-

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VALLEY SPRINGS

There are still a number of us left that remember those roads full of mud holes in the winter and axle-deep in dust in summer.



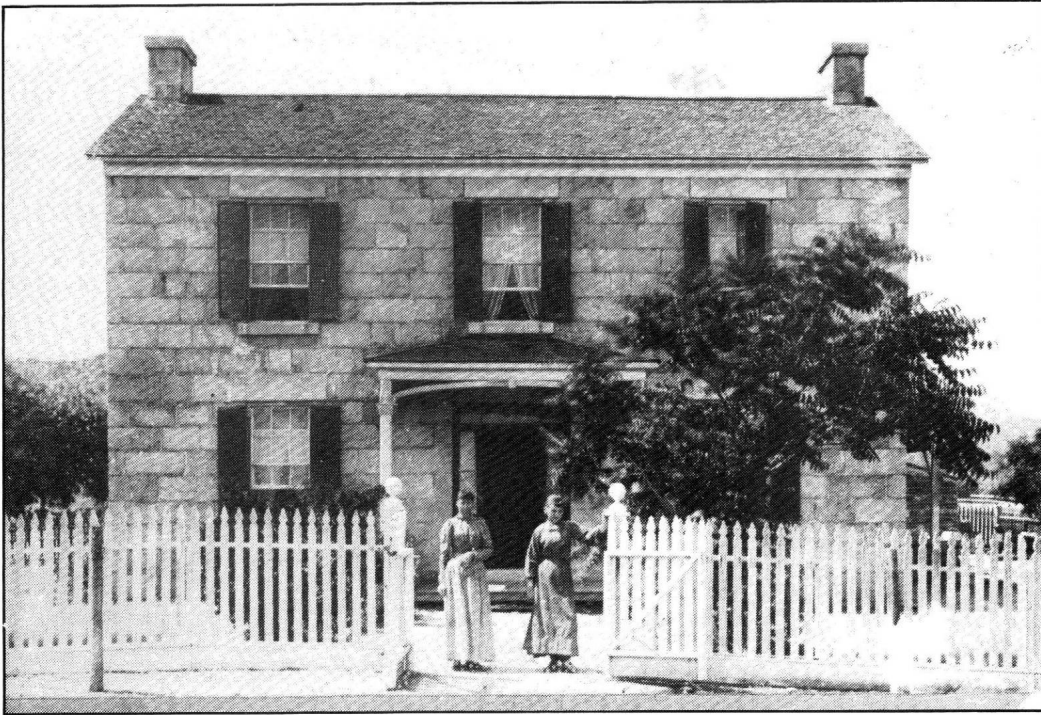
THE FINLEY CABIN

The bachelors R.S. Finley and Cord Moller (Sr.) spent a lot of their time prospecting on Bear Mountain, and lived in this cabin. They often, along with Alma Haupt, provided the music for local dances.



DAVID AND JANE YOUNG

Brother and sister, these Scots who were good friends of the John Barkers, came to Calaveras County in early days. Humble and friendly, they were very well liked by their neighbors. Jane was blinded, shortly after she arrived here by a tragic encounter with poison oak. The Youngs lived near Double Springs.



THE LATE HOME
 This splendid home, built in 1860 by William Watt, a Scot, from stone quarried nearby, predated the town of Valley Springs by a quarter of a century. It is still a prominent landmark. Here we see Libby Late and one of the Reinking girls, snapped about the turn of the century.



GEORGE LATE

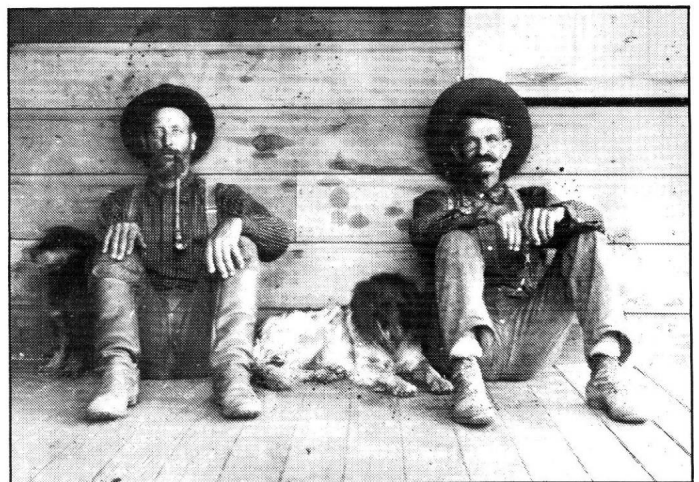
The first settlers in the Valley Springs area, the Lates reared a family of five sons (John, Miller, Oscar, George and Ira) and a daughter (Elizabeth "Libby") on their ranch.

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tain Gate to the higher towns. The town didn't come into existence until 1885 when the railroad was built. There was a way station and stage stop at Mountain Gate (Spring Valley), and the Double Springs ranch and Haupt ranch were next on the road up to the Mother Lode. After being established by the railroad, Valley Springs flourished and has steadily grown to its present size.

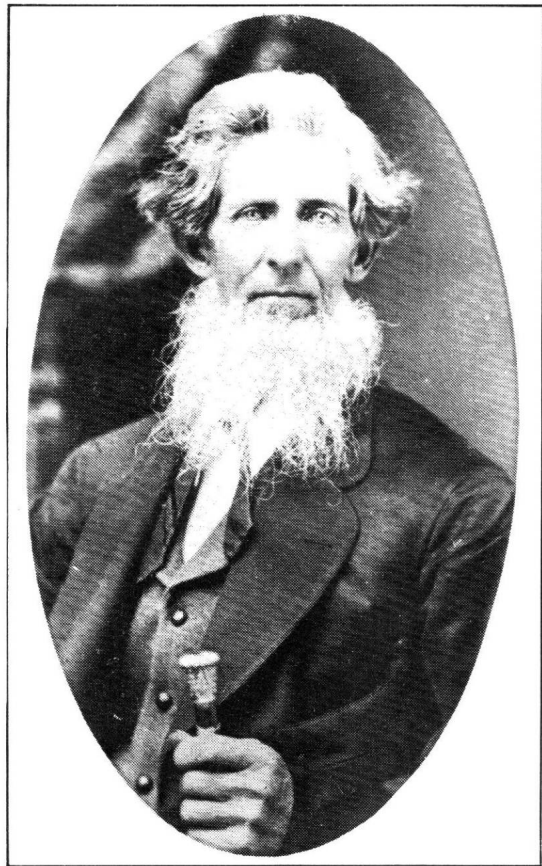
Grace grew up on the Haupt ranch, and spent summers at their

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NO LOITERING

Perry Lamb (right), son of Warren Lamb, Valley Springs pioneer, enjoys a relaxing conversation with a friend.



JOHANN WILDERMUTH

Another early-day rancher and his wife, Elizabeth, settled near Watertown, north of Valley Springs, on the old stage road from Campo Seco up to the interior towns. This fine structure, built by William Watts, was recently restored by East Bay Water Company.



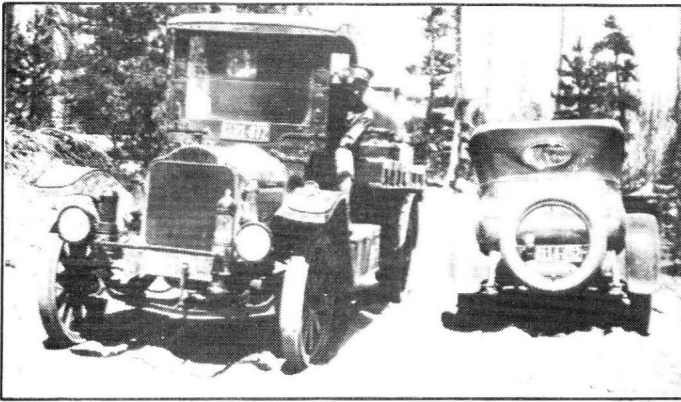
BILLIE STEFFLER

He was county treasurer for many years.



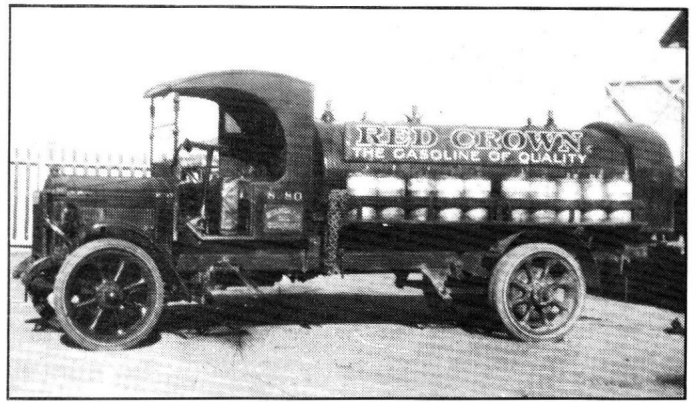
THE JOSEPH HUBERTY FAMILY

Joseph A. Huberty ran a way station on the main road at Mountain Gate at the site of the residence of Mrs. Lula Reinking. It was a stage stop and a convenient stopping place for freight teams. Here he poses with his wife (Frances Fritts Huberty) and their children. Alice is on Joseph's right, and Joe on his left. To Alice's right is Hilda, holding her doll. In front is little Maud, and Elzetta is in her mother's arms. There are a number of descendants of this well-known family living and working in Calaveras County.



FRITZ HAUPT ON THE JOB

A friend, passing in that snappy roadster, takes a picture of Fritz delivering oil and gasoline to customers in the high country.



THE STANDARD OIL TRUCK

Well kept up by driver Fritz Haupt, this efficient truck delivered Standard Oil products all over the county from Oscar Reinking's Valley Springs garage.



THE FRANK COVARRUBIA CHILDREN

This picture was taken at Hodson in 1917, when Frank worked at the Royal Mine. From right to left are Ralph, Amando, Rachel, and Arnold. The house is one of the few left in the Hodson area. Rumors of renewed mining activity at Hodson prompt us to print this picture.

Gift of Ralph Covarrubia

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IN MEMORIAM

Dorris L. Faulk

John P. Lemue

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summer range up near Blue Mountain. She was educated in Calaveras schools, including the recently organized high school at the new Masons and Odd Fellows Hall at San Andreas. Then she took a business course at Stockton and worked for awhile in the San Francisco area. But like many another Calaveran, she hankered for the foothills, and so returned to take a job working for the County Assessor, William N. Nuner, at \$50 a month. The Assessor's office in those days consisted of Mr. Nuner, his assistant, Jules Agostini, and two other girls besides Grace. They worked for six months out of the year. The rest of the time, Grace substituted for girls in the other county offices. Then, on March 24th, 1915, she married Oscar Reinking, and moved to Valley Springs. For the next sixty years, she lived here, and for a large part of that time, helped her husband run a garage and also an ice cream parlor.



JOHN PEIRANO LEMUE
1891 - 1978

The Society, on last March 3rd, lost one of its valued members, when John P. Lemue passed away at the age of eighty-six years.

Mild in manner, as he was, he did not, perhaps, impress people at first meeting. But when one reviews his record of achievement, and especially when one had worked with him on numerous projects, one could not fail to be immensely impressed with this quiet but quite remarkable man.

John had an encyclopaedic knowledge of Angels Camp, its people and its history. His memory of the people whom he had known over his lifetime was boundless. And he was always very happy to share this fund of information with those of us working on Society projects. In fact, he and his talented wife, Ruth, participated in many fine Society programs over the years.

A member of endless committees, John also served as our president, and as vice-president. For a busy person, his attendance at our meetings was very high. We all miss his presence very much, and are grateful that we had his interest and support for those years.

We do not have space here to record his many activities, affiliations, memberships, and other associations. They have been recorded elsewhere. It should be noted, however, that he served for 42 years on the Angels City Council, and was a candidate for reelection when he died. He was Mayor of Angels Camp for twenty-eight years. He was responsible for the popular Angels museum being kept in operation. He will also be remembered for the fact that he earned his living from 1917 to 1946 by operating the well known Angels Hotel.

Few persons have spent so much of their time for so many years as did John Lemue for the benefit of his fellow man, and for his community. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have known and worked with him.