Edward Fitzgerald Beale - He was a lieutenant in the Navy, an anti-British spy, Mexican War veteran, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for California/Nevada, Surveyor General of California, Brig. General in the California State Militia, and Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

Paschal Bequette - Descended from early French fur trapper, served in the Blackhawk War (1832), married the Wisconsin governor’s daughter, Sacramento merchant during the gold rush, receiver of public money and pension agent in San Francisco, and early pioneer of Tulare County.

Johann Bruss (John Bruce) - German immigrant to Butte County, son of one of Napoleon’s bodyguard, mined on the Feather River, homesteaded on Humboldt Road, raised nine children.

Byron O. Clark - Early nurseryman in Altadena, married the daughter of Calistoga/Anaheim pioneer, Benjamin Franklin Kellogg, led a group of immigrants from So. California to Hawaii, former agricultural commissioner of Hawaii, pioneer developer of pineapple industry on Oahu, retired to Paradise.


Alfred A. Nickerson - Descended from long line of New England sea captains and commercial traders, nephew of an owner of Santa Fe Railroad, San Francisco capitalist, Paradise ridge land speculator, owner of an irrigation ditch off west branch of Feather River (pre-1914 water right).

Dodridge Proctor - Born in the Cherokee Nation to New England missionaries, postmaster and merchant of Wisconsin, husband of mid-wife, merchant and grocer in early Paradise, railroad freight agent in early Santa Fe Springs.

Yee Fung Cheung - Chinese immigrant, opened pharmacy in gold rush town of Fiddletown, herbal doctor to the mining towns, owned second store in Sacramento, once treated Jane Stanford when summoned by their Chinese cook, left four generations of descendants in California.