



CAPTAIN STEPHEN SMITH

Grantee of the Rancho Bodega.

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# Captain Stephen Smith

son of Giles Smith & Ruth Howland

**Captain Stephen Smith**, born: 15 Dec 1788 Dartmouth Massachusetts, died: 18 Nov 1855 San Francisco California, married: Manuela Torres 1843 (she was born: 1828 Peru, died: 1871 San Francisco California, (children: Stephen Manuel 1843, Manuelita 1848, Juana 1848, Ruth 1860) Tomas 1838, William 1843 w/ Tsupu, James 1852

## Parents

**Giles Smith**  
1762–1826

**Ruth Howland**



**Captain Stephen Smith's  
Bodega Hotel - 1852**

## Family Members

### Spouse

**Manuela Torres Smith Curtis**  
1828–1871 (m. 1843)

### Children

**Stephen Manuel Smith**  
1843–1924

**Manuelita Smith English**  
1846–1942

**Juana Jane Smith**  
1848–1852

**Ruth Smith**      **James Smith**  
1850–1851      1852–

### Captain Stephen Smith's Adobe



*Mansion erected by Captain Stephen Smith  
On Rancho Bodega - Site of Bodega, 1848-1851  
- 1843 - (South of both forts)*

## Stephen Smith

**BIRTH** 15 DEC 1788 • Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA

**DEATH** 19 NOV 1855 • San Francisco, San Francisco, California

## Mexican Land Grants in Sonoma County

#	Square leagues granted by Mexico	Acres confirmed by US	Grantee	Date Approved
01 German	5	17,580	Ernesto Rufus	06/1846
02 Muniz	4 <b>Manuella Smith's brother</b>	17,761	Manuel Torres	03/1846
03 Bodega	8	35,488	Esteban Smith	04/1846
04 Estero Americano	2	8,849	E. Manuel McIntosh	05/1840

## Stephen Smith California, Spanish Land Records

Name:	Stephen Smith
Residence Place:	Sonoma, California, USA
Name of Grant:	Bodega
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## Manuel Torres California, Spanish Land Records

Name:	Manuel Torres
Residence Year:	1845
Residence Place:	Sonoma, California, USA
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## HISTORY OF SONOMA COUNTY

Rancho Bodega, eight leagues, 35,487.53 acres, in Bodega and Ocean townships. Granted by Micheltorena September 14, 1844, to Stephen Smith and confirmed to Stephen Smith and Manuela Torres Smith July 5, 1853.

Rancho Blucher, six leagues, 22,976.66 acres, in Analy township, Sonoma county. Granted October 14, 1844, by Micheltorena to Juan Vioget, confirmed January 26, 1857, to Stephen Smith.

## HISTORY OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Stephen Smith and Manuela T. Curtis, claimants for Bodega, eight square leagues, in Sonoma county (situated in Bodega and Ocean townships), granted September 14, 1844, by Manuel Micheltorena to Stephen Smith; claim filed February 9, 1852, confirmed by the Commission February 21, 1853, by the District Court July 5, 1855, and appeal dismissed April 2, 1857; containing 35,487.53 acres. Patented. Vide page 4, App. Hoffman's Reports, Vol. 1.

Stephen Smith, claimant for Blucher, six square leagues in Sonoma county (situated in Analy township), granted October 14, 1844, by Manuel Micheltorena to Juan Vioget; claim filed February 9, 1852; confirmed by the Commission October 31, 1854, by the District Court January 26, 1857, and appeal dismissed November 24, 1856; containing 22,976.66 acres. Vide page 4, Appendix Hoffman's Reports, Vol. 1.

Manuel Torres, claimant for Muniz, four square leagues in Mendocino county (now Sonoma, situated in Ocean and Salt Point townships), granted December 4, 1845, by Pio Pico to Manuel Torres; claim filed February 17, 1852; confirmed by the Commission December 27, 1853, by the District Court, October 17, 1855, and appeal dismissed May 7, 1857; containing 17,760.75 acres. Patented. Vide page 7, Appendix Hoffman's Reports, Vol. 1.

Dec. 10, 1849. 50-3w 2 9tw  
**CAUTION** to Squatters and Others.—The undersigned hereby cautions the public in general against squatting or trespassing upon his farms: one, of eight leagues, known as the ranch of Bodega, and the other known as ranch of Vioget, both lying between and near to the Russian river, the Estero-Americano and McIntosh ranch. Therefore all persons are hereby cautioned against trespassing in any manner upon said farms under the penalty of suffering to the full extent of the law. 2-4tw 50-2w\*  
**STEPHEN SMITH.**

At Santa Cruz he took on lumber for the building of his mills. At San Francisco he took on James Hudspeth, Nathaniel Coombs, John Daubenbiss, (who later built a saw mill and a grist mill in Soquel, Santa Cruz) and Alexander Copeland.



by the name of Stephen Smith, master of a bark called the "George and Henry," came to this coast on a trading expedition. He hailed from Massachusetts, of which State he was a native, and brought with him a cargo of sugar, syrup, tobacco, cotton and other cloths, besides whatever else could be disposed of readily in the California market at that time, receiving in return for these a cargo of hides, horns and tallow. While lying in the bay of San Francisco, he doubtless saw the Russians as they came there for the purpose of sailing to Sitka, and of course heard all about the country and the improvements which they had left behind. It is also more than likely that he took a cruise up that way for the purpose of spying out the land, and doubtless cast his anchor and furled his sails in the quiet and secure harbor of Bodega bay. He then evidently went ashore and visited the entire section of country immediately adjacent thereto. Here he saw the giant redwoods, and recognized the fact that in them was the lumber which generations yet unborn would use in the construction of homes. Nearly all the lumber then consumed on this coast was imported from the Sandwich Islands, and the establishment of a sawmill here, within five miles of a splendid shipping point, which was within twenty-four hours sail of San Francisco bay, would certainly be laying the foundation for a princely fortune. He also conceived the idea of constructing a grist-mill in connection with his sawmill. He then hied himself away to the Atlantic seaboard with his head full of his great project. At least two years were consumed in this trip. While in Baltimore, having disposed of his cargo of hides, tallow, etc., he purchased a complete outfit for a steam grist and sawmill, also a cargo of assorted merchandise. He then set sail for California. On his way out he stopped at Pieta, Peru, where he was united in marriage with Donna Manuella Torres, a lady of remarkable refinement and intellect, and at that time sixteen years of age. It is *apropos* to remark here that Captain Smith was sixty-one years of age at the time of his marriage with Donna Manuella. This was his second marriage, his first wife having died some years previous. In Baltimore, he engaged one Henry Hagler as ship's carpenter. While at Pieta he engaged the services of William A. Streeter as engineer in his new mill. At Valparaiso he secured the services of David D. Dutton, now of Vacaville, Solano county, for the purpose of constructing his mill. He also somewhere on the trip obtained the services of Philip Crawley and a man named Bridges. On the 27th of March, 1843, Captain Smith weighed anchor in the harbor of Pieta, setting sail for California. He brought also with him from Pieta his wife's mother, Mrs. Minunga Torres, and her brother, Manuel Torres, now a resident of Martinez, Contra Costa county. They reached Monterey about the middle of April following. Here the vessel was entered at the custom house. He then sailed for Santa Cruz, at which place lumber was purchased and taken on board for the construction of the mill building. He then came to San Francisco bay and anchored off Clark's Point. While here he engaged

the the services of James Hudspeth, now of Green valley, Analy township, Sonoma county, Alexander Copeland, now in the southern part of the State, Nathaniel Coombs, lately of Napa county, but now deceased, and John Daubinbiss, now of Santa Cruz county. These men went on board of the ship, and all set sail for Bodega bay, where he arrived sometime in the month of September, 1843. Upon his arrival here a new difficulty arose. Bidwell, Sutter's agent, refused Smith the privilege of landing and of establishing his mill on any part of the land which had been previously occupied by the Russians, and over which, as Sutter's agent, he supposed he had dominion. But the hardy old tar was not to be thwarted in his enterprise after waiting two long years for its fulfillment. Therefore he took his men and began at once to get out timber for his mill buildings. When Bidwell protested, the captain informed him that he proposed to proceed with his enterprise, and warned him not to interfere. Bidwell at once returned to New Helvetia, and reported to Sutter what had occurred. E. V. Sutter, son of Captain John A. Sutter, is our authority for the above statements; but in justice to Captain Smith we will say, that the Mexican government did not at that time, nor has it at any time since, recognized the Russian claim, nor that of Sutter, to the tract in question; and knowing this, Captain Smith was not doing an unrighteous deed when he took semi-forcible possession of the land. That the Mexican government approved of his course is certainly substantiated by the fact that it granted him eight leagues of the same territory a few years later. Captain Smith, in all his dealings with men, was characterized as the soul of honor, hence was incapable of committing any high-handed crimes.

We will now take a glance at this pioneer steam grist and saw mill during its course of construction, that we may get a clear idea of its machinery and capacities. It was situated at the foot of a hill, on the brow of which grew the very initial trees of the great redwood belt, and was nearly one mile, in a northwesterly direction from the present site of the town of Bodega Corners. An excavation about five feet deep and thirty by fifty feet was made. In the bottom of this a well was dug, for the purpose of furnishing the water supply to the boilers, which were of the most simple pattern known. They were three in number, each being thirty-six feet in length, and two and one-half feet in diameter. They were single-flue boilers, having three openings, all in one end, one through which the water entered the boiler, near the bottom, one through which the steam passed to the engine, near the top, and the large "man hole" in the centre of the end which was fastened down with bolts, nuts and packing. These three boilers were arranged in a row, with a furnace of masonry around them, the fire being built under, not in them, and the heat passed around and not through them, as at the present time. We know nothing of the style of the engine used, but it was doubtless one of the low-pressure stationary



class, so common thirty years ago. The mill contained one run of burs, with a probable capacity of ten barrels of flour per day. These burs were very peculiar in their composition, being made of small pieces of granite, united with a very tenacious and enduring cement; were about four feet in diameter and one and one-half feet in thickness, and encircled by two strong bands of iron. The saw was what is known among mill-men as a "sash" saw, *i. e.*, one which is operated in a perpendicular position, similar to what they now call a "Mully" saw. It did not do the work nearly as fast as a circular saw, but it was far ahead of the old methods, either in a pit or with water or wind power. All this machinery which we have just described was nicely housed in a building erected of the lumber purchased by the Captain at Santa Cruz. Of course there were several other appliances which we have not thought necessary to describe in detail, such as flour bolts, log carriages, etc., but as far as it went, and for its capacity, the mill was complete in every respect. As stated above it was located at the foot of a bald hill, on the brow of which huge redwoods grew. As soon as Captain Smith landed he set men to work at cutting logs at this point, and as fast as chopped they were rolled down to the mill. This style of conveying logs from the woods to the mill was adhered to as long as Capt. Smith had the establishment. Upon the completion of the mill, and when it was found that all of its machinery worked to a charm, invitations were issued to the people of the surrounding country. Men of every nationality were there to see the marvelous machine put into operation. It was probably the first steam engine that quite a large portion of those present had ever witnessed in operation. Let us contemplate that throng for a moment. Here we see the "ranchero," with his broad "sombbrero" overshadowing him completely, his red bandana kerchief tied loosely about his neck, his bosom and arms bared to the sun, his broad-checked pantaloons showing out in bold relief, mounted on a fiery, half-tamed "caballo de silla." By his side, mounted also on just as wild a steed, is the "vaquero," with "sombbrero" for his head, kerchief for his neck, "serrapa" thrown loosely about his shoulders, his horse caparisoned as befitting a man in his position, his long "lariata" hanging in graceful coils from his saddle-horn, with mammoth spurs dangling from his heels, the bells of which chimed harmoniously with the mellifluous hum of the conversation, and the rowels of which served to designate the standing of the wearer in the community. Then there was the old-time soldier, with a dress-parade air about his every look and action; and the grant-holders were there, and the Alcaldes, and all the the dignitaries within reach of the invitation. It was a grand holiday occasion for all, a day of sight-seeing not soon to be forgotten. Everything being in readiness, the hopper was filled with wheat brought from a neighboring ranch. The steam is turned on slowly, and the ponderous fly-wheel commences to revolve. The entire mass of machinery begins to vibrate with the power



imparted to it by the mighty agent curbed and bound in the iron boilers. All is motion, and the hum and whir of machinery is added to the babel of tongues, while amid exclamations of surprise and delight the grain is sent through the swirling burs into the bolts, and at length is reproduced before their wondering gaze as "flor de harina"—fine, white flour. Then a monster redwood log is placed upon the carriage, and the saw put in motion; slowly but surely it whips its way through it, and the outside slab is thrown aside. The log is passed back, and again approaches the saw. This time a beautiful plank is produced. Again and again is the operation repeated until, in a marvelously short period of time, the whole log is reduced to boards of different widths and thicknesses. While this is being done and admired by all, the first bags of flour have been sent to the house near by and converted into most excellent and nutritious bread. A beeve has been slaughtered, abundance of venison is at hand, and a sumptuous repast has been prepared, to which all are now invited to betake themselves. After the feast comes the toasts. The health and prosperity of the enterprising Yankee host is drank in many an overflowing bumper. After dinner speeches were indulged in, and General M. G. Vallejo being there, and being the head and front of the native Californians present, was called upon to make some observations. In this speech he remarked that there were those present who would see more steam engines in the beautiful and fertile valleys of California than there would be soldiers. Surely was he endowed with prophetic power! He now has the satisfaction and pleasure of knowing how truly this remark has been verified. The repast and the sequent festivities over the company of sight-seers disperse, either to their homes or to some neighboring rancho, where a grand fandango is indulged in till the gray dawn steals upward over the far-away Sierras.

The sketch of the pioneer mill of Sonoma county would be incomplete without following it through the devious windings of the road it has traveled to the present time. Capt. Smith continued to operate it until the year 1850. During this time he sawed a vast amount of lumber, drawing it a distance of five or six miles to Bodega bay for shipment, some of which he exported to the Sandwich Islands, while he exchanged lumber for the tract of land known as the "Blucher" rancho. In Nov. 1849 he laid aside the sash saw and placed in its stead a circular saw. In 1850 Capt. Smith leased the entire tract of timber land on the Bodega rancho to Messrs. Hanks & Mudge for the term of ninety-nine years, for the sum of fifty thousand dollars. They took the saw out of the old building, and with new engines to run it, put it in a mill situated further up in the heart of the redwoods. After locating at different points most convenient to the timber, the mill was eventually taken to Mendocino county. In 1854 the Smith mill building was destroyed by fire, and it was never rebuilt, its projector and sustainer soon after being called to pass the dark river. One of the boilers does duty at the

present time as a "heater" at Duncan's mill. The visitor of to-day at the old mill site finds the excavation and the well of water in it; two of the old boilers lie mouldering and rusting on the ground in the excavation, while willow trees have grown up beside them to the height of twenty-five feet. At the end of the boilers one of the burs lies slowly but surely crumbling back to mother earth; time and weather have eaten great holes in it, and the surface that once was able to withstand the steeled edge of the millwright's pick is now as soft as sandstone. One of the iron bands which surrounded it in its day of strength and glory has rusted until it has parted and dropped away from the stone, while the other is fast going to decay. Curiosity-seekers are ever and anon taking pieces of the granite and cement, and soon nothing will be left to tell of it. On the bank lies the smoke-stack, while here and there stands a post used in the foundation. A few logs which were brought to the mill thirty years ago, but which were never sawed, still lie where they were placed in that long ago time, mute reminders of what was, and what is, links uniting the strange historical past with the living present. To Sonoma county, therefore, is the honor due of the introduction of this great element of wealth and progress.

General Vallejo thus describes that memorable visit: "I distinctly remember having predicted on that occasion that before many years there would be more steam-engines than soldiers in California. The successors of Smith have not only proved the truth of my words, but have almost verified the remark of my compatriot, General Jose Castro, at Monterey, that 'the North Americans were so enterprising a people that if it were proposed, they were quite capable of changing the color of the stars.' Castro's discourse was made with no sympathy for the North American, since it was well known that he was no friend to either Government or citizens; yet I believe that if General Castro had lived until to-day, he would unite with me in praise of that intelligent nation which opens her doors to the industrious citizens of the whole world, under the standard of true liberty."

Up to this time there had been twenty-three grants of land confirmed to their original owners inside the boundaries of Sonoma county. Of these the largest was the Petaluma grant, situated mostly in what is now known as Vallejo and Sonoma townships. It included all that vast tract, comprising at least seventy-five thousand acres, which lay between Sonoma creek on the east, San Pablo bay on the south, and Petaluma creek on the west, possessing the most fertile soil in the county, if not in the entire State. Every acre of it was tillable, and might have been most easily enclosed. The tract is now assessed for not less than three millions of dollars. It was originally granted to General M. G. Vallejo. Of the foreigners who had acquired land up to the period now under treatment, among the most notable were Jacob P. Leese, Henry D. Fitch, Juan P. Cooper, John Wilson and Mark West. Leese, Fitch and Cooper were brothers-in-law of General Vallejo. The site



whereon now stands the county seat—the flourishing town of Santa Rosa—was granted to Mrs. Carrillo, the mother of the well-known Julio Carrillo, who is still a resident of that city; while the country lying between Santa Rosa and Sebastopol, in Analy township, was the property of Joaquin Carrillo, a brother of Mrs. Vallejo. The Bodega ranch, which contained thirty-five thousand four hundred and eighty-seven acres, was granted to Captain Stephen Smith, who is described as “a remarkable man, and was a fine type of the pioneer—honest, hospitable and generous to a fault.” Captain Juan B. Cooper, another sailor, received the “El Molino,” or Mill ranch, so named from a mill which he had erected on it in 1834, but which was washed away by a freshet in 1840-41; Manuel Torres got the Munez ranch; and the Rancho de Herman, in the northwest of the county, was granted to a number of Teutons, where they appropriately named the stream running through their property the Valhalla. Jasper O’Farrel exchanged a ranch in Marin county for the Cañada de Jonive, situated in Analy township; and acquired, by purchase or otherwise, from McIntosh, the tract in Bodega township known as the Estero Americano. Mark West received six thousand six hundred and sixty-three acres, between the two streams now called Mark West creek and Santa Rosa creek.

In another portion of our work will be found a fuller record of these Spanish grants. The above named are sufficient to note in this place. Says Mr. Robert Thompson “The total number of acres included in all the grants in the county was four hundred thousand, one hundred and forty-three, just less than one-half its whole area as now bounded, which is estimated at eight hundred and fifty thousand acres. All the valleys we have elsewhere described were covered by grants without an exception. The public land all lay in the low hills, on the border of the valleys, and in the mountains. Fortunately for the future welfare of the county, these grants were subdivided and sold in small tracts at a very early day. The titles to most of them were settled without much dispute or delay; and the subdivided lands were purchased by industrious and enterprising farmers, who have since lived upon and improved them. They have converted the long-horned worthless Spanish cattle into the short-horn, and the mustang horse into the thorough-bred, and the pastures of this worthless stock into homes of beauty and teeming abundance. With one exception all the grants have been sold in small tracts, and that is the Cotate ranch, on the plain between Petaluma and Santa Rosa. This tract belongs to an estate, and under the will can not be divided until the youngest child comes of age. This is the largest farm in the county, the railroad passing through it for six miles. The dairy is supplied with the milk of two hundred and fifty cows; there are five hundred head of cattle on the place, and ten thousand head of sheep; each cow averages daily one pound and a quarter of butter during the season, and the sheep shear an average of six pounds of wool each.”



the purpose well. They raised quite a crop of barley. It was harvested and threshed in the month of July. The following description of the *modus operandi* of threshing the grain is copied from the diary mentioned above: "A corral is constructed of poles driven in the ground in a circle. Several cart-loads of barley are then drawn in and placed within the corral. Forty or fifty horses are then turned into the corral, and driven around at a furious rate of speed. As soon as the grain is tramped out of the upper layer the straw is thrown out, and the process repeated until the bottom is reached. The grain is then removed, and carefully cleaned by hand."

During the year 1851 several new-comers put in an appearance, and the opening of the Spring of 1852 saw the greater portion of the land near the Port taken up by renters. Of these but few remain in that section now, and their names have passed into oblivion. In fact, no name but a nick-name was known for many of them. Of those mentioned above, Mr. Cheeney still resides near this Port, a genial old gentleman, with whom it is a pleasure to meet and talk of the early days. James E. Fowler is now a retired merchant, living a life of leisure upon a handsome competence gained in this township. His beautiful home is located at Valley Ford. He, too, is a most estimable and pleasant gentleman.

The first warehouse at the Port, at the head of the bay, was built by Capt. Smith, in 1848. This was a small building, and was erected rather for the purposes of a freight-house than a store-house. It was only sixteen by twenty. The next warehouse was built in October, 1851, by the Suffolk Company. It was twenty-four by eighteen, with ten feet studding. This company also constructed a boat at this time in which to ferry their potatoes over the creek mentioned above. This creek has its debouchure just north of the point where the landing was at the head of the bay. This boat was a sort of a lighter, thirty-six feet long by ten feet wide, and one foot deep. In 1852, Samuel Potter built a warehouse thirty by sixty feet in dimensions. During the same year Stephen Smith, a nephew of the captain, and Mr. Cheeney erected a warehouse forty by twenty-five. This building is still standing. The first store was built at this point in 1853 by Donald McDonald. It was a small affair, with its foundation extending into the bay, causing the whole building to stand over water at high tide. It was reached by a platform extending from the main land. The building is still standing, but in a most dilapidated condition. In the same year or the next, Jasper O'Farrell built a warehouse fifty by one hundred. In 1858, James Stumpf erected a warehouse which was sixty by eighty; and during the same year Tyler Curtis constructed one, which was forty by one hundred and fifty. In 1852, Captain Smith erected the buildings for a hotel and bowling alley. In 1860, Tyler Curtis erected the last building ever put up there. It was a warehouse, thirty by eighty. After this the glory of Bodega port departed forever. It began to go into decay, and at the present time there is no more

We now pass on to the year 1851. On the 20th of February of that year Stephen L. Fowler arrived at Capt. Smith's, and we will quote from his diary. From that we get a great many glimpses at the private and public life of the captain. Mr. Fowler says: "We walk from Bodega port to Capt. Smith's, a distance of about five miles. He has a very pretty valley to live in. The most of the buildings were erected by the Russians. The old captain is very hospitable. He has been here about eight years. He has quite a great deal of poultry, a number of hogs, and a great many cattle." He next gives us a glimpse at the domestic economy of the Smith household: "They have coffee about sunrise, at ten o'clock, breakfast, and dinner at dark. This is a Spanish custom." He next pays a visit to the mill: "We walked to the Bodega Steam Saw-mill, where we were kindly treated. We took dinner, and they showed us through the mill. They put the saw in motion, and explained what we did not understand. There are a number of buildings near the mill. The place is called 'Mount Pleasant.' I think it very appropriately named, as it is a very pleasant place."

The above name of Mount Pleasant is probably the writer's translation of the name "Buena Vista," which was applied to a high hill in the neighborhood of the Smith Ranch, and being a stranger he probably supposed it to apply to the entire immediate section. He remarks, further on: "Near Captain Smith's there is a brook where salmon are caught during their season. We saw here a Russian dog, said to be forty years old. The captain's nephew (Stephen Smith) has charge of the ranch. The captain is about to start a tannery." On the 23d of June, 1851, the contract for the woodwork on the adobe house, which now stands there, was let to Stephen L. Fowler and one of his partners, Mr. Hedges. An extract from the diary of that date says: "To-day Hedges and myself (S. L. Fowler) rode to Capt. Smith's, to make arrangements about doing some carpenter work. We contracted to do the work of an adobe house, 27x70 feet. We have two floors to lay, ceil it overhead, partitions to run to make six rooms, twelve windows to case, besides casing doors and hanging them, and putting in and trimming a front door, and ceiling under the piazza. We are to be boarded and to receive \$450 for the job." While at work on this contract and boarding at the house he gives us another glimpse at the internal management of the domestic affairs of the family; also, a bill-of-fare for one day: "We eat four meals a day. At sunrise we have a most excellent cup of coffee, with bread and butter; at ten o'clock we have breakfast, which consists of coffee, soup, meat, vegetables, and bread; at one o'clock we have a lunch of roast beef, bread, etc., and at six o'clock we have dinner, which consists of about the same as the breakfast, except the coffee. We can have a cup of tea any time during the evening, and brandy and water when we wish. We do not eat with the family, as they have much company, and the table is generally full." On the 5th day of August, 1851, we find the following entry: "We



had a very good dinner to-day, it being Mrs. Smith's birthday. We had roast turkey and pig, with plenty of vegetables and a good pudding. To-night the ladies came into the building, and the children danced several Spanish dances to the music of a guitar. James (E. Fowler) declaimed 'Richard the Third,' and, with singing, etc., we passed the evening very pleasantly. There were several bottles of wine sent in by the captain and Mrs. Smith." Being sixteen at the time of her marriage in 1843; she was born August 5, 1827. Two days later, on the 7th, we find the following entry: 'To-day the captain has given us the dimensions of the two buildings he wants built for his tannery. One is twenty-four feet square, and ten feet studding; the other is twenty-four by fifty feet, and two stories high." For this contract they were to receive four hundred and fifty dollars. We find that a man by the name of Watson was the tanner; that he had a birthday, when the boys got a little jolly. It was doubtless in this tannery that the first real leather was made in Sonoma county by the American process of tanning. Of course the Russians tanned leather in their way, and probably made a good article, too. After them, and using their appliances, came Major Ernest Rufus. Cyrus Alexander, of Alexander valley, is reputed to have tanned some leather in a crude way. It would therefore seem that to Capt. Smith belongs the honor of establishing the first successful tannery in the county. This tannery afterwards passed into the hands of James Stewart. After him came a man by the name of Henry Lane. The building was destroyed by fire in 1868, after doing duty for seventeen years.

Capt. Stephen Smith was one of nature's noblemen. He was generous to a fault, large and warm-hearted, kindly disposed, and a man against whom none can say aught, and those who knew him never tire of sounding his praises. It is said that all strangers were welcome within his gates, and that he was offended if a man seemed in haste to leave. It is related of him that a man once came there sick, and remained two weeks. At the end of that time he was well and ready to go on his way. It being yet early in the morning, the Captain had not arisen; the man gave ten dollars to the Captain's son. When the Captain came out of his room the money was duly handed to him, with an account of whence it came. The Captain forthwith flew into a rage, and ordered the young man to mount the fleetest horse on the ranch, overtake the departing stranger, and return his money to him. His house was a veritable hospital, to which all the afflicted in the vicinity could come for treatment, without price and without money. Senora Minungo Torres, the Captain's mother-in-law, was an excellent doctress and nurse, and it is to her skill and attention that many a man owes his life. She would undergo any hardship in carrying out her great mission of love, and it was nothing else than a mission of love with her, as she would never receive any remuneration for her services, and would work as faithfully with a dying Indian as with any one of her own nationality.



*The foregoing "Last will and Testament" of  
Captain Stephen Smith, Deceased was this  
26th day of May A.D. 1856.*

*H. M. B. Monahan, Recorder.  
By Joel Miller, Deputy.*

Thomas, s. Levy (s. Jonathan and Pheby) and Silvester [Selvester, C.R.3.] (d. Thomas Allen and Mary), Sept. 18, 1759.

Thomas, s. Abraham and Zerviah, 30th, 1 mo. 1783, C.R.3.

Thomas, s. Eliashib and Alice, July 6, 1785.

Thomas, s. Giles and Ruth, 9th [dup. 12th], 12 mo. 1790, C.R.3.

Thomas, ch. Samuel and Phebe, 24th, 9 mo. 1801, C.R.3.

Smith, Capt. Stephen

-1855

[Born in Massachusetts, (resident of Bodega, - sailed from Baltimore several years, - 12 years a resident of California), died in San Francisco. Died or buried Nov. 16, 1855, aged 68 years]

Buried in Lone Mountain cemetery, San Francisco, Cal.

## Stephen Smith

### California, Wills and Probate Records

Name: Stephen Smith

Will Date: 7 Aug 1854

Probate Place: Sonoma, California, USA

Inferred Death Year: 19 Nov 1855

Inferred Death Place: California, USA

**DEATH OF CAPT. SMITH.**—Capt. Stephen Smith, one of the pioneers to this State, and for some years past a resident of Bodega-port, in this county, died at the residence of Mr. James Bowman, in San Francisco on Friday, the 16th inst. By the many deeds of benevolence, open-handed hospitality, kindness of heart and public spirit, displayed during his residence among us, he had won the love and esteem of an extensive circle of acquaintances who now mourn his departure as a public loss.

Capt. Smith was a native of Dartmouth, Mass., where he was born in the year 1786, making him 69 years of age.

## Cpt Stephen Smith

### Find A Grave Index

Name: Cpt Stephen Smith

Birth Date: 12 Dec 1788

Birth Place: Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts

Death Date: 19 Nov 1855

Death Place: San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

Spouse: [Manuela Smith Curtis](#)

Children: [Manuelita English](#)

[Ruth Smith](#)

[Juana Jane Smith](#)

[Stephen Manuel Smith](#)

## CPT Stephen Smith

### BIRTH

12 Dec 1788

Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, USA

### DEATH

19 Nov 1855 (aged 66)

San Francisco, San Francisco County, California, USA

### BURIAL

Cremated, Other, Specifically: Relocated from Laurel Hill previously Lone Mountain to the Laurel Mound mass grave at Cypress Lawn

## Captain Stephen Smith's Will - 7 Aug 1854

Know all by these presents that I, Stephen Smith, of Bodega in the County of Sonoma, in the State of California, being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory, but being mindful of the frailty and uncertainty of life and desirous of settling my worldly affairs - Do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills or codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

First, I do hereby constitute and appoint my Beloved wife, Manuella J. Smith Executrix, and Captain William J. Richardson, of Sausalito and James Wilson Esquire of San Francisco, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby directing my said Executrix and Executors to pay all my just debts, my funeral Expenses and to execute and perform the duties enjoined upon them in this my last Will and Testament.

Second - After the said payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses from the assets of my Estate, first to be taken by my said Executrix and Executors and applied for that purpose, it is my Will and I do hereby make the following disposition of my Estate - Viz -

I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved Wife Manuella J. Smith my house and household furniture at Bodega to have and to use during the term of her natural life - also one third part of the Rancho or farm at Bodega - and one third part of all the Stock of Cattle, Horses, mules, sheep, hogs or other stock of every kind and description of which I may die seized & possessed - (Except what may be applied by my said Executrix and Executors in the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as aforesaid,) or to which I may be entitled at the time of my decease - to have and to hold to her the said Manuella J. Smith during the term of her natural life with remainder thereof to my children legitimate heirs of her body, to have and to hold to them in their own right share and share alike.

Third - It is my Will, and I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to my children, by the said Manuella viz Stephen Smith Manuella Smith James Smith and such other child or children as may hereafter be born to me of my said Wife Manuella J. Smith the remaining three thirds of my said Rancho of Bodega, to be equally divided between



them to have and to hold to them, my said Children by my said Wife Annabella, and to their heirs absolutely in their own right, and in the event of the death of any of my said Children without issue then the share or shares of such deceased child or children to be inherited and descend to the brothers and sisters of such deceased child or children of the full blood, to the exclusion of those of my children of the half blood. Fourth - It is my will and I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto my eldest Son, (by my former wife,) St. Henry Smith one half of one square league of land Spanish measurement to be set off to and assigned to him by my said Executrix and Executors from my Rancho known and called the Bluecher Rancho which I purchased from Don Juan Vioget which said half league of land is to be of average quality of the land of said Bluecher Rancho - to have and to hold to him the said St. Henry Smith his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof for ever. Fifth - It is my will and I do hereby direct my said Executrix and Executors to set out for the use of my second son Giles Smith one half of one square league of land from my said Bluecher Rancho, of average quality of the land of said Rancho which said half league of land, Spanish measurement, shall be for the use and occupation of the said Giles Smith or the rents & profits thereof for his personal benefit during his natural life, but the full title thereof not to be in him so that he may or can sell, alien, transfer, dispose of or squander the same in any way whatever. If my said son Giles Smith shall get married and become the parent of legitimate children, at his decease the said one half league of land to descend to his child or children in full property. But in the event of the decease of my said son Giles Smith without legitimate issue then and in that event the said one half league of land so set out of said Bluecher Rancho for his use, shall, at his decease, be equally divided between his brothers St. Henry Smith and his two sisters Ellen Morrison and Elvira Pond to be held by them share & share alike or by their heirs & legal representatives. Sixth - It is my will and I do hereby direct my Executrix and Executors to set put for the use of my Daughter Ellen Morrison one half of one square league of land, Spanish measurement, from my said



Blucher Rancho of average quality which said half league of land shall be for her own personal use occupation and benefit if she choose so to use occupy and enjoy it - on the said Ellen may lease the same for a term not exceeding three years at any one time taking the rents and profits thereof to her own personal use & benefit during the term of her natural life - but the said Ellen neither by herself nor by joining with her husband shall ever have or hold full title to said half league of land so as to sell transfer alienate or dispose of the same - at the decease of my said Daughter Ellen, the legitimate children of her body shall and may take, have and hold the said half league of land, so set out to the use of said Ellen for her lifetime in full property and in equal shares - Seventh - It is further my will and I do hereby direct my said Executrix and my Executors to set out for the use of my daughter Elvira Pond one half of one square league of land, of average quality of the land of the said Blucher Rancho for her own personal use and benefit during her lifetime, which she the said Elvira may occupy and enjoy if she choose so to do - or she may lease the said half league of land for a term not exceeding three years at any one time taking the rents and profits thereof to her own personal use and benefit during the term of her natural life - But the said Elvira, neither by herself nor by joining with her husband, shall ever have or hold full title to said half league of land so as to sell alienate or transfer the same to any other person in full property - and at the decease of my said daughter Elvira the legitimate children of her body shall and may take and hold the said half league of land so set out for her benefit during her lifetime, in equal shares and in full property - Eighth - It is further my will, and I do hereby direct my said Executrix and Executors to set out one square League of land from my said Blucher Rancho which said League of land, Spanish measurement, and of fair average quality of the land of said Blucher Rancho I give devise and bequeath to my grand children born in lawful wedlock and who may be in life at the time of my decease. Intending herein by this Eighth clause of this my last Will & Testament to embrace each one and all of my



Grand Children so born and who may be in life at the time of my decease, to have and to hold said League of Land in their own right in full property share & share alike as tenants in common until such time as partition may be made between them of said league of land according to the laws of California. Ninth It is further my Will and I do hereby direct my said Executrix and Executors that after the payment of all my just debts, my funeral expenses, the expenses of executing this my last Will and Testament and the assignment of one third part of my stock of Cattle, horses, mules, sheep, hogs and other personal property to my blessed wife Manuella T. Smith as is herein before provided in the second article of this my last Will and Testament then my said Executrix and Executors shall set over and assign to my son Stephens Smith, my Daughter Manuella Smith, my son James Smith and such other child or children as may hereafter be born to me of the body of my said wife Manuella, all the residue & remainder of my stock of Cattle, horses, mules, sheep, hogs and other personal property of every kind, name and description of which I may die seized and possessed, and I do hereby give and devise and to my said children begotten by me of the body of my said wife Manuella T. Smith all the residue & remainder of said personal property to furnish & provide the means for the suitable and proper education of my said last mentioned children. Tenth In the foregoing provisions of this my last Will and Testament making disposition of my property I have, as I believe, still left and undisposed of, by the foregoing provisions of this Will, Three square Leagues of Land past and parcel of my Blucher Rancho. It is my present purpose and design to sell and dispose of the same or parts and parcels thereof in my life time for the purpose of raising means to pay off debts and discharging liabilities subsisting against me. In the event however of my failing or omitting to sell or dispose of the said Three Leagues of Land or of any part thereof unsold at the time of my decease then and in that event it is my Will and I do hereby direct my said Executrix and my Executors to sell the said Three leagues of land or whatever residue thereof may be unsold at the time of my decease and after the payment of my just debts and liabilities and



funeral expenses and the expenses of settlement of my estate to divide the proceeds arising from such sale as follows viz- One third part to my beloved Wife Hannah T Smith, the other two thirds to distribute equally to all my children living at the time of my decease, and if any of my children shall die before me leaving a child or children such child or children shall take by representation the share the deceased parent of such child or children would have been entitled to if living. But it is further my Will and I do hereby expressly order and direct my Executrix and my Executors before making any distribution as herein last provided to require, demand, collect and receive from my said children A. Henry Smith, Giles Smith, Ellen Morrison and her husband, Elvira Bond and her husband, the repayment to my estate all sums of money by me advanced for them or on their account and all sums due me for goods and chattels sold to them or to either or any of them of which debts and demands and accounts full memoranda will be found upon my book of accounts and by notes, bills and other evidences of indebtedness among my papers hereby requiring my said Executrix and Executors to reserve and detain from the property herein before given devised and bequeathed or to be set out for the use of each of any of my said children as herein before mentioned a sufficient amount to balance and liquidate any and all such claims against any and each of my said last mentioned children, This said last clause is not to be construed so as to make my said daughters Ellen & Elvira chargeable for advances made to them for their education and support before their Marriage.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and I do hereby publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in presence of the Witnesses who at my request and in my presence and in the presence of each other have signed and attested the same this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four -  
Stephen Smith (Sgt)



Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said  
Stephen Smith as and for his last Will and Testa-  
ment, in presence of us, who in his presence, and in  
the presence of each other, and at his request, have  
subscribed our names as witnesses hereto on the day  
and year last above written viz on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
August A.D. 1854

Saml Merritt  
H. P. Hoyt  
Henry Baker

State of California

County of San Francisco ss On this seventh day of  
August 1854 personally appeared before me E. V. Joice  
a notary Public in & for said County Stephen Smith to  
me known to be the person described in & who executed  
the foregoing Will and who acknowledged the same  
Executed by him as his free & voluntary act & Deed  
for the uses and purposes therein mentioned

Witness my hand & official  
Seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1854



E. V. Joice  
Notary Public

Matter of the Probate

of the last Will & Testament  
of Capt Stephen Smith  
Deceased

} In the Probate Court  
of Sonoma County,  
California January Term A.D. 1856.

Henry Baker being first duly sworn  
on his solemn Oath states that he was acquainted with  
Capt Stephen Smith Deceased during his lifetime,  
he knew him in the year A.D. 1854 and that he (Deed)  
was in his sixty eighth year of his age, and on being  
presented with a paper produced by the Court stated that  
it was the last Will and Testament of said Capt Stephen  
Smith Deed, and that he saw Capt Stephen Smith Deed  
Sign & Execute the said Will and that he witnessed  
heard the Will read, and that he subscribed his  
name as an attesting witness to said Will and at



the request of Capt. Stephen Smith Deed in his presence and that the Will was executed in the presence of three other persons, two of whom Samuel Merritt & H. P. Hoyt signed the Will as attesting witnesses in the presence and at his Capt. Stephen Smith's request, Affiant further states that Capt. Stephen Smith Deceased at the time of his Executing said Will was of sound mind and was under no undue influence or compulsion to sign & execute said Will and was not under any fraudulent misrepresentation and that said Will was signed & Executed on the (7<sup>th</sup>) seventh of August Eighteen hundred and fifty four A.D. 1854  
Subscribed & sworn to Henry Baker

in open Court

attest H. M. C. Menefee Clerk of the Probate Court.

State of California {  
County of Sonoma

Be it remembered that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1856, the within depositions and proof were taken in open Court before me W. Churchman Probate Judge in and for said County said witnesses having been first sworn according to law and I do hereby certify that it was then and there proven to the satisfaction of the Court & the Court do find that the instrument in writing to which this is attached, said instrument bearing date the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1854, signed & sealed by Stephen Smith and witnessed by Samuel Merritt & H. P. Hoyt & Henry Baker is the last Will and testament of said Stephen Smith late of said County deceased and it was further then & there proven to the satisfaction of the Court & the Court do find that said Stephen Smith Deceased was at the time of executing said instrument of sound and disposing mind and not under restraint undue influence or fraudulent representation

Seal  
2  
1856

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said Probate Court to be hereunto affixed at the Court House in Santa Rosa this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1856,  
W. Churchman Probate Judge

Attest H. M. C. Menefee Clerk of Sonoma County & Probate Clerk of the Probate Court

## Eleanor Smith

1st wife of Captain Stephen Smith

**Eleanor Smith**, born: 1795 Maryland, died: 183? Maryland, married: Captain Stephen Smith 1810 Maryland, children: Elvira (Pond) 1810, Stephen Henry 1816, Ellen (Morison) 1819, Giles 1832

### Eleanor Smith

BIRTH 1795

DEATH

**Marriage** Eleanor Smith  
1795–

📍 ? Baltimore, Maryland, USA

#### Spouse



**Captain Stephen Smith**  
1788-1855

#### Spouse & Children

**Captain Stephen Smith**  
1788–1855

**Elvira Smith**  
1810–

**Stephen Henry Smith**  
1816–1863

**Ellen Smith**  
1819–

**Giles Smith**  
1832–

Eleanor Smith was born in 1795. She married Captain Stephen Smith in Baltimore, Maryland. They had four children during their marriage. Elvira Smith 1810, Stephen Henry Smith 1816, Ellen Smith 1819 & Giles Smith 1832

my children of the half blood. Fourth - It is my will and I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto my eldest Son, (by my former wife,) S. Henry Smith one half of one square league of land Spanish measurement to be set off to and assigned to him by my said Executrix and Executors from my Rancho known and called the Blucher Rancho which I purchased from Don Juan Vioget which



## Giles Smith

son of Captain Stephen Smith & Eleanor Smith

### Giles Smith

in the California State Census, 1852

Name: Giles Smith

Birth Place: Maryland

Estimated birth year: abt 1832

Age: 20

Residence County: Sonoma

### Parents

**Captain Stephen Smith**

1788-1855

**Eleanor Smith**

1795-

use and behoof for ever. Fifth It is my will and I do hereby direct my said Executrix and Executors to set out for the use of my Second Son Giles Smith one half of one square League of land from my said Blucher Rancho, of average quality of the land of said Rancho which said half league of land, Spanish measurement, shall be for the use and occupation of the said Giles Smith or the rents & profits thereof for his personal benefit during his natural life, but the full title thereof not to be in him so that he may or can sell, alien, transfer, dispose of or squander the same in any way whatever. If my said son Giles Smith shall get married and become the parent of legitimate children, at his decease the said one half league of land to descend to his child or children in full property, but in the event of the decease of my said son Giles Smith without legitimate issue then and in that event the said one half League of land so set out of said Blucher Rancho for his use, shall, at his decease, be equally divided between his brethren, Henry Smith and his two sisters Ellen Morrison and Elvira Pond to be held by them share & share alike or by their heirs &

in the presence of each other have signed and attested the same this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four -  
Stephen Smith *But*

## Elvira (Smith) Pond

daughter of Captain Stephen Smith & Eleanor Smith

### Elvira Pond General Land Office Records

Name: Elvira Pond

Issue Date: 19 Jun 1858

Place: Marin, California

Meridian: Mount Diablo Mer

Township: 005.0n Rancho Blucher

Range: 009.0W by Inheritance

Aliquots: ENTIRE SECTION

Section: 007

Record Type: Patent

#### Parents

**Captain Stephen Smith**

1788–1855

**Eleanor Smith**

1795–1820

#### Spouse & Children

**Mr Pond**

**Giles Smith Pond**

1830–

**Stanley Smith Pond**

1831–

In 1854, Captain Stephen Smith granted in his will 1/2 league of land in the Rancho Blucher to each of his children with Eleanor; Elvira, Stephen Henry, Ellen & Giles.

decease, be equally divided between his brother Henry Smith and his two sisters Ellen Morison and Elvira Pond to be held by them share & share alike or by their heirs & legal representatives. Sixth It is my Will and I do hereby direct my Executors and Executors to set put for the use of my Daughter Ellen Morison one half of one square league of land, Spanish measurement, from my said

## Elvira Smith

**BIRTH** 1810

**DEATH** Unknown



When Elvira Smith was born in 1810, her father, Captain, was 22, and her mother, Eleanor, was 15. She had two sons with Mr Pond between 1830 and 1831. She had five brothers and two sisters.

last provided to require, demand, collect and receive from my said children S. Henry Smith, Giles Smith, Ellen Morison and her husband, Elvira Pond and her husband, the repayment to my estate all sums of money by me advanced for them or on their account and all sums due me for goods and chattels sold to them or to either or any of them of which debts and demands and accounts full memoranda will be found upon my book of accounts and by notes, bills and

Seventh. It is further my will and I do hereby direct my said Executrix and my Executors to set out for the use of my daughter Elvira Pond one half of one square league of land, of average quality of the land of the said Blucher Ranch for her own personal use and benefit during her lifetime, which she the said Elvira may occupy and enjoy if she choose so to do or she may lease the said half league of land for a term not exceeding three years at any one time taking the rents and profits thereof to her own personal use and benefit during the term of her natural life. But the said Elvira, neither by herself nor by joining with her husband, shall ever have or hold full title to said half league of land so as to sell a lifetime or transfer the same to any other person in full property and at the decease of my said daughter Elvira the legitimate children of her body shall and may take and hold the said half league of land so set out for her benefit during her lifetime, in equal shares and in full support

in the presence of each other have signed and attested the same this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four -  
Stephen Smith *Pat*



# Stephen Henry Smith

son of Captain Stephen Smith & Eleanor Smith

## S H Smith

in the California State Census, 1852

Name: S H Smith

Birth Place: Maryland

Estimated birth year: abt 1817

Age: 35

Residence County: Sonoma

## Parents

**Captain Stephen Smith**

1788–1855

**Eleanor Smith**

1795–1820

## Marriage

1841 • Valparaíso, Valparaiso, Chile

**Mary Higginson**

(1819–1900)

Wharfinger is a person who is the keeper or owner of a wharf. The wharfinger is responsible for goods delivered to the wharf and is responsible for day-to-day activities including keeping tide tables and resolving disputes. The term is rarely used; today a wharfinger is usually called a "harbormaster".

## Stephen H Smith

City Directories

Name: Stephen H Smith

Residence Year: 1861

Street address: 864 Mission

Residence Place: San Francisco, California, USA

Occupation: Wharfinger

Smith S. H. Superintendent Greenwich Dock Warehouse. dwl 864 Mission

Smith Stephen H. wharfinger, dwl 864 Mission

from my said Children Stephen Henry Smith, Giles Smith, Ellen Morison and her husband, Edwin Bond and her husband, the repayment to my estate all sums of money by me advanced for them or on their account and all sums due me for goods and chattels sold to them or to either or any of them of which debts and demands and accounts full memoranda will be found upon my book of accounts and by notes, bills and

When Stephen Henry Smith was born in 1816 in Baltimore, Maryland, his father, Captain, was 28 and his mother, Eleanor, was 21. He married Mary Higginson in 1841 in Valparaíso, Valparaiso, Chile. They had seven children in 12 years. He died in 1863 in Bodega, California, at the age of 47.



## Spouse & Children

**Mary Higginson**  
1819–1900

**Eleanor "Nonie" L  
Smith**  
1843–1925

**Mary Smith**  
1846–1890

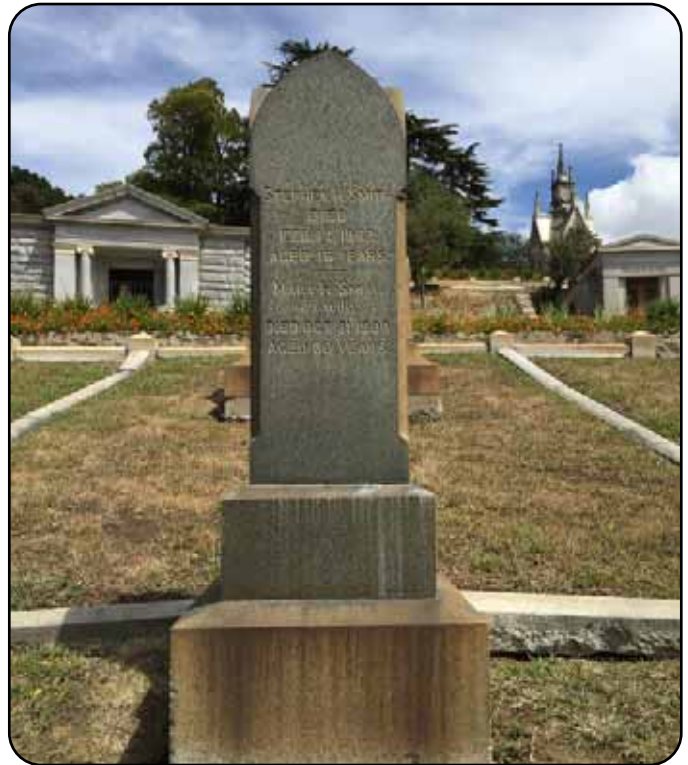
**Caroline Smith**  
1848–1903

**Charles Higginson  
Smith**  
1851–1890

**Henry A Smith**  
1854–1910

**Georgerina Smith**  
1855–1920

**Sophie Smith**  
–1904



## Stephen H. Smith

Find A Grave Index

Name:	Stephen H. Smith
Birth Date:	1817
Death Date:	14 Feb 1863
Cemetery:	Mountain View Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Oakland, Alameda County, California
Spouse:	<a href="#">Mary H. Smith</a>
Children:	<a href="#">Sophie Zeile</a> <a href="#">Carolina de Santa Marina</a> <a href="#">Quica H. Smith</a> <a href="#">Charles H. Smith</a> <a href="#">Georgina Carolina Hopkins</a> <a href="#">Eleanor Freeborn</a>

## Stephen Henry Smith

**BIRTH** 1816 • Baltimore, Maryland, USA

**DEATH** 1863 • Bodega, California

## Ellen (Smith) Morison

daughter of Captain Stephen Smith & Eleanor Smith

### Ellen Smith

in the California State Census, 1852

Name: Ellen Smith

Birth Place: Chile

Estimated birth year: abt 1843

Age: 9

Residence County: Sonoma

### Spouse & Children

**Samuel Adams Morison**

1818–1893

**James Henry Morison**

1851–

**William Channing  
Morison**

1855–1931

**Wallace Morison**

1861–1957

### Parents

**Captain Stephen Smith**

1788–1855

**Eleanor Smith**

1795–1820

decease, be equally divided between his brother, Henry Smith and his two sisters Ellen Morison and Elvira Pond to be held by them share & share alike or by their heirs & legal representatives. Sixth— It is my will and I do hereby direct my Executor and Executors to set put for the use of my Daughter Ellen Morison one half of one square league of land, Spanish measurement, from my said

## Ellen Smith

**BIRTH** 1819 • Baltimore, Maryland, USA

**DEATH** Unknown

When Ellen Smith was born in 1819 in Baltimore, Maryland, her father, Captain, was 31, and her mother, Eleanor, was 24. She lost her mother when she was only one year old. She had five brothers and two sisters.



## Ellen Morrison

in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: Ellen Morrison

Birth Year: abt 1826

Birthplace: Maryland

Home in 1870: San Francisco, California

Inferred Children: [James Morrison](#)  
[William Morrison](#)  
[Wallace Morrison](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Samuel Morrison</a>	52
	<a href="#">Ellen Morrison</a>	44
	<a href="#">James Morrison</a>	19
	<a href="#">William Morrison</a>	15
	<a href="#">Wallace Morrison</a>	8
	<a href="#">Susan Smith</a>	63
	<a href="#">Elizabeth Foss</a>	53

## Ellen S. Morison

in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: Ellen S. Morison

Birth Date: Abt 1821

Birthplace: Maryland

Home in 1880: Oakland, Alameda, California,

House Number: 865 Filbert Street

Spouse's name: Samuel A. Morison

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Virginia

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Samuel A. Morison</a>	61
	<a href="#">Ellen S. Morison</a>	59
	<a href="#">James H. Morison</a>	29
	<a href="#">William C. Morison</a>	25
	<a href="#">Wallace Morison</a>	18

1609. Samuel-Adams<sup>6</sup> [1039] (Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>); moved to San Francisco, Cal., in 1849, where he now res. He married, Nov. 9, 1847, Ellen Smith, of Bodega, Cal., born June 6, 1820.

### CHILDREN.

### Samuel Adams Morison

1610. James-Henry, b. Jan. 20, 1851.

1611. William-C., b. Jan. 11, 1855.

1612. Wallace, b. Dec. 29, 1861.

Blucker Rancho of average quality which said half league of land shall be for her own personal use occupation and benefit if she choose so to use occupy and enjoy it or the said Ellen may lease the same for a term not exceeding three years at any one time taking the rents and profits thereof to her own personal use & benefit during the term of her natural life - but the said Ellen neither by herself nor by joining with her husband shall ever have or hold full title to said half league of land so as to sell transfer alienate or dispose of the same - at the decease of my said Daughter Ellen, the legitimate children of her body shall and may take, have and hold the said half league of land, so set out to the use of said Ellen for her lifetime in full property and in equal shares.

# Rancho Bodega & Rancho Blucher Land Records

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		PRIVATE CLAIMS		BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT						General Land Office Records	
<b>Names On Document</b>		<b>Miscellaneous Information</b>									
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		Mineral Reservations:		No							
		Tribe:		---							
		Militia:		---							
		State In Favor Of:		---							
		Authority:		March 3, 1851: Grant-Spanish/Mexican (9 Stat. 631)							
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# 1858 Deed for Rancho Blucher

Filed and to  
Gen. General  
June 19. 1858

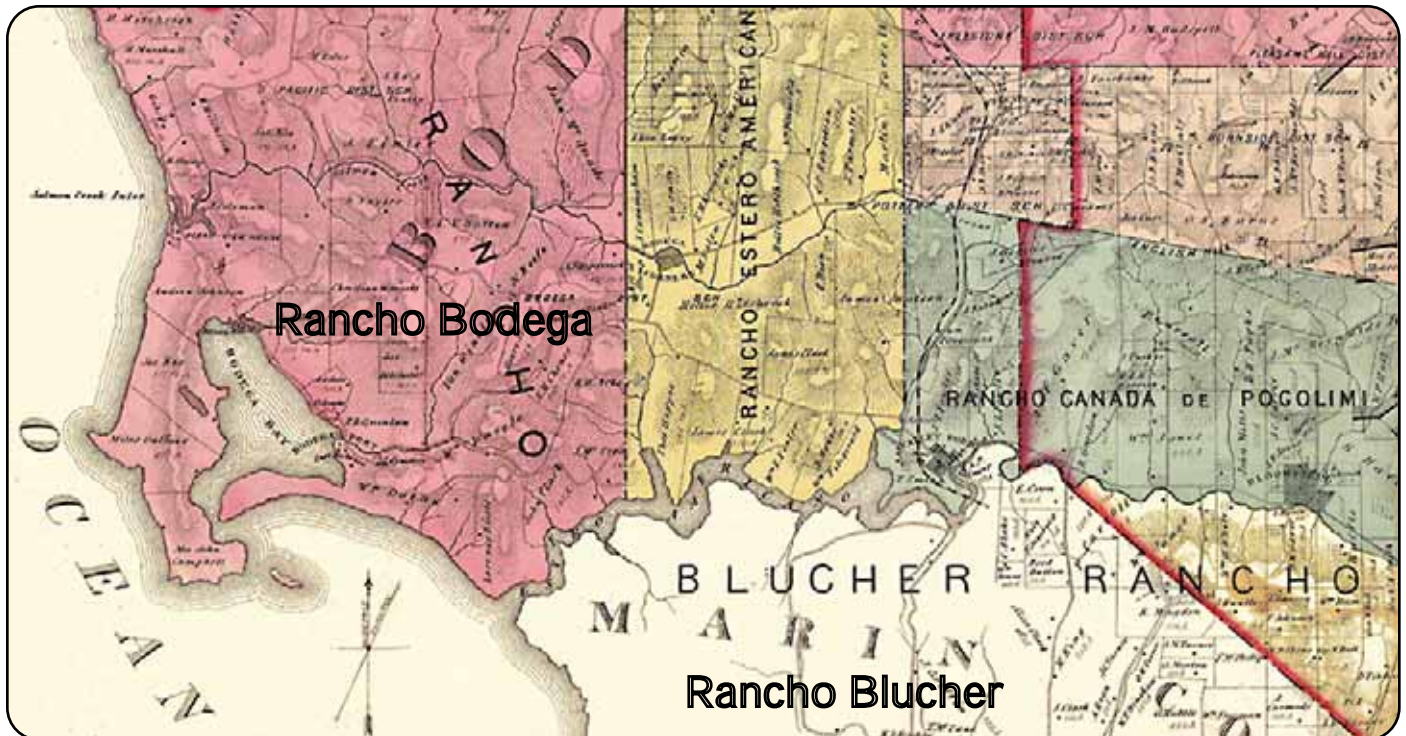
## United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come bearing  
Whereas it appears from a duly authenticated  
manuscript filed in the General Land Office of  
The United States, that pursuant to the provisions  
of the Act of Congress, approved the third day  
of March one thousand eight hundred and  
fifty one, entitled "An Act to ascertain and  
settle the private land claims in the State  
of California," Stephen Smith, as claimant filed  
his petition, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852, with the  
Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land  
claims in the State of California, sitting as a  
Board in the City of San Francisco, in which  
petition he claimed the information aforesaid title to  
a tract of land lying in the vicinity of the Amer-  
ican Hotel, (Hotel Americano) containing six acres  
or more, as a grant or square begun; and claim-  
ing founded on a Mexican grant, made in  
1844, by Minor Archuleta, and confirmed  
by the Departmental Assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
June 1845. And whereas the Board of Land  
Commissioners aforesaid, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
October 1854, rendered a decree in said case,  
which decree or decision was caused to appear  
before the District Court of the United States for the  
Northern District of California, by which on  
the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1857, a decree was  
rendered, as follows

District Court of the United States  
Northern District of California

## Rancho Blucher

Jean Vioget to Captain Stephen Smith to Eleanor Smith's children



### HISTORY OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Stephen Smith, claimant for Blucher, six square leagues in Sonoma county (situated in Analy township), granted October 14, 1844, by Manuel Michel-torena to Juan Vioget; claim filed February 9, 1852; confirmed by the Commission October 31, 1854, by the District Court January 26, 1857, and appeal dismissed November 24, 1856; containing 22,976.66 acres. Vide page 4, Appendix Hoffman's Reports, Vol. 1.

Blucher Rancho of average quality which said half league of land shall be for her own personal use occupation and benefit if she choose so to use occupy and enjoy it or the said Ellen may lease the same for a term not exceeding three years at any one time taking the rents and profits thereof to her own personal use & benefit during the term of her natural life - but the said Ellen neither by herself nor by joining with her husband shall ever have or hold full title to said half league of land so as to sell transfer alienate or dispose of the same - at the decease of my said Daughter Ellen, the legitimate children





**Rancho Blucher** was a 26,759-acre Mexican land grant in present day Marin and Sonoma County, California given in 1844 by Governor Manuel Micheltorena to Jean Jacques Vioget. The rancho is named for the Prussian field marshal Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher. The grant extended along the coast from Estero Americano on the north and to Estero de San Antonio on the south.

Jean Jacques Vioget was a Swiss sailor and surveyor, who came to California in 1837. He made the first survey and map of Yerba Buena (which later was named San Francisco) in 1839. He worked for John Sutter. After applying to Governor Juan B. Alvarado for a tract of land in northern Marin, Vioget received a provisional grant in 1842. Governor Micheltorena awarded Vioget full rights to Rancho Blucher in 1844. After his marriage to Maria Benarides de Vasques in 1847, **Vioget sold Rancho**

**Blucher to Captain Stephen Smith, grantee of Rancho Bodega directly to the north.**

With the cession of California to the United States following the Mexican-American War, the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo provided that the land grants would be honored. As required by the Land Act of 1851, **a claim for Rancho Blucher was filed with the Public Land Commission in 1852, and the grant was patented to Stephen Smith in 1858.**

When Captain Smith died in San Francisco in 1855, and he owned the six square league Rancho Blucher, and with his wife, Manuela Torres, the eight square league Rancho Bodega. Smith had three children (Stephen Manual Smith, Manuelita Garcia Smith and James B. Smith) by Manuela Torres. Smith had four children (Stephen Henry Smith, Giles Smith, Ellen Morison and Elvira Pond) by a former marriage to Eleanor Smith.

my children of the half blood. Fourth It is my will and I do hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my eldest son, (by my former wife,) **Stephen Henry Smith** one half of one square league of land Spanish measurement to be set off to and assigned to him by my said Executors and Executors from my Rancho known and called the **Blucher Rancho** which I purchased from Don Juan Vioget which



Manuela Torres Smith Curtis  
1828-1871



## Manuela Torres Smith

wife of Captain Stephen Smith

**Manuela Torres Smith**, born: 1828 Piura Peru, died: 25 Feb 1871 San Francisco, married1: Captain Stephen Smith 5 Mar 1843 Peru (he was born: 15 Dec 1788 Dartmouth, Bristol County Massachusetts, died: 16 Nov 1855 San Francisco (at the home of James Bowman from England), buried: Lone Mountain Cemetery (cremated) children: Stephen Manuel 1843, Manuelita 1846, Jan 1848, Ruth 1850 James 1852) married2: Tyler Curtis 15 Dec 1856 Bodega Township, Sonoma County California, (he was born: 29 Jan 1832 Hanover, Virginia, died: 22 Apr 1875 New York City, New York) children: Mary Carter 1858, Theresa Parrish 1859, Josephine Amelia 1862, Maria Henrietta 1865

### Children

**Stephen Manuel Smith**  
1843–1924

**Manuelita Smith English**  
1846–1942

**Juana Jane Smith**  
1848–1852

**Ruth Smith**      **James Smith**  
1850–1851      1852–

### Tylo Curtis

in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: Tylo Curtis

Birth Year: abt 1830

Birthplace: Virginia

Home in 1870: San Francisco, California

Occupation: Retired Mercht

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Tylo Curtis	40
	Manislea Curtis	40
	S M Smith	26
	M C Curtis	12
	S A Curtis	10
	Josephine Curtis	8
	Margaret Buckle	25
	B Mcgeary	25
	Cath Buons	
	J Yan	30

### Spouse & Children

**John Tyler Curtis**  
1832–1875

**Mary Carter Curtis**  
1858–1873

**Theresa Parrish "Ceta" Curtis**  
1859–1939

**Josephine Amelia Curtis**  
1862–1947

**Maria Henrietta Curtis**  
1865–1867



## Manuela T Smith

### California Marriage Records

Name: Manuela T Smith

Event Type: Marriage

Marriage Date: 15 Dec 1856

Marriage Place: Sonoma, California, USA

Spouse: [Tyler Curtis](#)

### 1856 Marriage Contract: Tyler Curtis & Manuela Torres Smith

This Indenture, made and entered into this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, and between Tyler Curtis of the City and County of San Francisco and State of California, of the first part, and Mariuella T. Smith, Widow of Stephen Smith, late of Bodega in the County of Sonoma and State aforesaid, witnesseth; that whereas a marriage is intended to be solemnized between the said parties of the first and second parts, and the said party of the second part is possessed of certain property consisting of an undivided interest of one half more or less of in and to that certain tract of land or rancho known as the Bodega Rancho, situated in said County of Sonoma and State aforesaid, containing eight leagues more or less, and being the same Rancho owned and occupied by the said Stephen at the time of his death; and also certain personal property consisting of Sheep, Cattle and horses, and the tools



and fixtures belonging to a certain Farmery situated on said Rancho, and also all the household and kitchen furniture, beds, bedsteads and bedding in the house now occupied by the said party of the second part, of the value of about six thousand Dollars.

Now therefore, in consideration of the promises and in consideration of the sum of one Dollar, in hand paid by the party of the first

part to the party of the second part, and in consideration of the further sum of One Dollar, in hand paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. It is hereby understood, agreed and determined, by and between the parties of the first and second parts respectively, that all the property real and personal of the said party of the second part hereinbefore mentioned, and every part and parcel thereof, and also any property real or personal of the said party of the second part not hereinbefore mentioned, shall be and remain the sole and separate property of the said party of the second part, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for ever, with full and complete power and authority by the said party of the second part, to keep manage and control the said property, and every part and parcel thereof as she may think right and proper. And it is further agreed and understood by the parties, that one half the increase of all the Stock, horses, cattle, and sheep owned by the said party of the second part, and one half

by the said party of the second part, and one half of all the rents, issues and profits of any and all real estate owned and possessed by her, shall be and remain and continue her separate property, with the like power to keep, manage, control and dispose of the same.

And it is further understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that the remainder of the increase of said stock, and of the rents, issues and profits of said real estate, shall be and remain the common property of the parties of the first and second parts.

And it is further understood and agreed that Mrs. Torres, the mother of the said party of the second part, shall have the right, at the discretion of the said <sup>part</sup> of the second part to live in and remain as a member of the family of the parties of the first and second parts, and

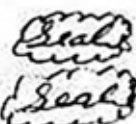
be supported <sup>only</sup> of their common property. And it is further understood and agreed that Stephen Smith, Manuela Smith and James Smith; Minor children of the said party of the second part by her former marriage with the said Stephen Smith Deceased, shall have the right to reside with the parties of the first and second parts, as members of their family, until said children shall arrive at majority.

In witness whereof the parties of the first and second parts have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.



In presence of  
J. G. Wickersham

Tyler Curtis  
Mannula T. Smith



State of California  
County of Sonoma } Before me J. G.  
Wickersham a Notary Public in and for said  
County personally appeared Tyler Curtis and  
and Mannula T. Smith personally known  
to me to be the individuals described  
in, and who executed the foregoing in-  
strument, and who acknowledged  
to me that they executed the same, freely  
and voluntarily and for the uses and  
purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my  
Notarial Seal this 15th day of  
December in the year of our Lord  
One thousand eight hundred and  
fifty-six.

J. G. Wickersham  
Notary Public.

Presented for record by Wm Ross.  
Dec 15th 1856, at 5 o'clock P.M.  
and recorded January  
24th 1857, at 3 o'clock P.M.  
H. W. C. Menefee, Recorder  
by Joel Miller, Deputy.

## Manuela Smith

### in the 1850 United States Federal Census

Name:	Manuela Smith	
Birth Year:	abt 1824	
Birthplace:	Peru	
Home in 1850:	Sonoma, California, USA	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	Mary Forris	60
	Stephen Smith	61
	Manuela Smith	26
	Stephen Smith	6
	Manuela Smith	4
	Jane Smith	2
	Ruth Smith	0
	Stephen Smith	20
	Skenner	35
	Carpenter	30
	Mary De La Crays	38
	William Kees	28
	Noble	25
	Sanford	22
	Smith	30

## Manuela Curtis

### in the 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	Manuela Curtis	
Birth Year:	abt 1831	
Home in 1860:	Bodega, Sonoma, California	
Post Office:	Smiths Ranch	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	Tyler Curtis	34
	Manuela Curtis	29
	Mary C Curtis	2
	Anna T Curtis	9
	Stephen M Smith	16
	Manueleta T Smith	14
	James B Smith	8
	Manuel Toras	9
	Mary Dupray	50
	Juan Dupray	40
	Lavona Dupray	60
	John Dupray	30
	Martin Dupray	28
	Rosia Dupray	12

## Manuela T. Curtis

### California, Private Land Claim Dockets

Name: Manuela T. Curtis

Record Date: 21 Feb 1853

Record Place: California, USA

Docket Number: 055

## Manuela T Smith

### California Marriage Records

Name: Manuela T Smith

Event Type: Marriage

Marriage Date: 15 Dec 1856

Marriage Place: Sonoma, California, USA

Spouse: Tyler Curtis

## Manislea Curtis

### in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Manislea Curtis	
Age in 1870:	40	
Birthplace:	Peru	
Post Office:	San Francisco	
Occupation:	Keeping House	
Inferred Spouse:	Tylo Curtis	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	Tylo Curtis	40
	Manislea Curtis	40
	S M Smith	26
	M C Curtis	12
	S A Curtis	10
	Josephine Curtis	8
	Margaret Buckle	25
	B Mcgeary	25
	Cath Buons	
	J Yan	30



# Manuela Smith Curtis

## Find A Grave Index

Name:	Manuela Smith Curtis
Birth Date:	5 Aug 1828
Birth Place:	Piura, Piura, Peru
Death Date:	25 Feb 1871
Death Place:	San Francisco, San Francisco County, California
Cemetery:	Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Colma, San Mateo County, California
Mother:	<a href="#">Maria Garcia Torres</a>
Spouse:	<a href="#">John Tyler Curtis</a>
Children:	<a href="#">Theresa Parrish Beck</a> <a href="#">Mary Carter Curtis</a> <a href="#">Manuelita English</a> <a href="#">Ruth Smith</a> <a href="#">Juana Jane Smith</a> <a href="#">Maria Henrietta Curtis</a> <a href="#">Stephen Manuel Smith</a> <a href="#">Josephine Amelia Thomason</a>

**James Smith**  
1852-



# Manuela T Curtis

## California Death Records

Name:	Manuela T Curtis
Death Age:	42
Event Type:	Death
Birth Date:	abt 1829
Death Date:	25 Feb 1871
Death Place:	San Francisco, California

**CURTIS**

**In San Francisco Feb. 25, Manuela T. Curtis, consort of Tyler Curtis, a native of California, aged 42 yrs. 6 mos. 19 days Funeral from St. Mary's Cathedral Bull. Feb. 25**

# Manuela *Torres* Smith Curtis

<b>BIRTH</b>	5 Aug 1828 Piura, Piura, Peru
<b>DEATH</b>	25 Feb 1871 (aged 42) San Francisco, San Francisco County, California, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery</u> Colma, San Mateo County, California, USA
<b>PLOT</b>	R1-38-14



Stephen Manuel Smith  
1843-1924



## Stephen Manuel Smith

son of Captain Stephen Smith & Manuela Torres

**Stephen Manuel Smith**, born: Dec 1843 Bodega, Sonoma County California, died: 13 Nov 1924 San Francisco California, buried: Cypress Lawn, Colma CA, married: Ada Patrick 1880 San Francisco California (she was born: 1862, died: 1948 Lake County California, buried: Cypress Lawn, Colma CA) children: Ada 1881, Ella 1885

### Parents

**Capt Stephen Smith**  
1788–1855

**Manuela Torres Smith**  
**Curtis**  
1828–1871

### Spouse & Children

**Adah { Ada } Lita Patrick**  
1862–1948

**Adah {Ada} F. Smith**  
1881–1973

**Ella Juenita Smith**  
1885–1975

## Stephen M Smith

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: Stephen M Smith  
Birth Year: abt 1844  
Birth Place: California  
Home in 1860: Bodega, Sonoma, California  
Post Office: Smiths Ranch

## Stephen Smith

in the 1850 United States Federal Census

Name: Stephen Smith  
Birth Year: abt 1844  
Birthplace: California  
Home in 1850: Sonoma, California, USA

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Mary Forris	60
	Stephen Smith	61
	Manuela Smith	26
	Stephen Smith	6
	Manuela Smith	4
	Jane Smith	2
	Ruth Smith	0
	Stephen Smith	20
	Skenner	35
	Carpenter	30
	Mary De La Crays	38
	William Kees	28
	Noble	25
	Sanford	22
	Smith	30

## Stephen Manuel Smith

BIRTH 25 DEC 1843 • Sonoma County, California, |  
DEATH 13 NOV 1924 • San Francisco , California, |

## Stephen M Smith

### 1860 United States Federal Census

Name: Stephen M Smith

Birth Year: abt 1844

Birth Place: California

Home in 1860: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Post Office: Smiths Ranch

Occupation: At College

Attended School: Yes

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Tyler Curtis	34
	Manuela Curtis	29
	Mary C Curtis	2
	Anna T Curtis	9
	Stephen M Smith	16
	Manueleta T Smith	14
	James B Smith	8
	Manuel Toras	9
	Mary Dupray	50
	Juan Dupray	40
	Lavona Dupray	60
	John Dupray	30
	Martin Dupray	28
	Rosia Dupray	12

## S M Smith

### in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: S M Smith

Birth Year: abt 1844

Birthplace: California

Home in 1870: San Francisco, California

Post Office: San Francisco

Occupation: Clk Leather Store

Personal Estate Value: 300

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Tylo Curtis	40
	Manislea Curtis	40
	S M Smith	26
	M C Curtis	12
	S A Curtis	10
	Josephine Curtis	8
	Margaret Buckle	25
	B Mcgeary	25
	Cath Buons	
	J Yan	30

## Stephen Manuel Smith

### California, Voter Registers

Name: Stephen Manuel Smith

Age: 45

Birth Year: abt 1843

Birth Place: California

Residence Year: 1888

Residence Address: 804 Van Ness

Residence Place: San Francisco, California, USA

## Stephen Manuel Smith

**BIRTH** 25 Dec 1843  
Sonoma County, California, USA

**DEATH** 13 Nov 1924 (aged 80)  
San Francisco, San Francisco County, California, USA

**BURIAL** Cypress Lawn Memorial Park  
Colma, San Mateo County, California, USA



## Stephen Smith

1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	Stephen Smith										
Birth Date:	Dec 1843										
Birthplace:	California										
Home in 1900:	Redwood, Santa Clara, California										
Spouse's name:	Adah Smith										
Marriage Year:	1880										
Father's Birthplace:	Massachusetts										
Mother's Birthplace:	Peru										
Occupation:	Com Traveler										
House Owned or Rented:	O										
Home Free or Mortgaged:	F										
Farm or House:	H										
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Adah Smith	38										
Adah Lita Smith	18										
Ella Jua Smith	14										

## Stephen M Smith

in the 1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	Stephen M Smith												
Birth Year:	abt 1844												
Birthplace:	California												
Home in 1910:	San Francisco California												
House Number:	3152 Clay Street												
Spouse's name:	Adah Smith												
Father's Birthplace:	Massachuetts												
Mother's Birthplace:	Peru												
Occupation:	Com Transfer												
Industry:	Leather												
Home Owned or Rented:	Own												
Home Free or Mortgaged:	Free												
Farm or House:	House												
Years Married:	30												
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Ella J Smith	Un												
Berta Roche	15												

## Adah { Ada } Lita Patrick

BIRTH JAN 1862 • San Francisco, California

DEATH 27 JUL 1948 • Clear Lake, California, USA

Adah { Ada } Lita Patrick was born in January 1862 in San Francisco, California, the daughter of Mr. Patrick. She married Stephen Manuel Smith in 1880. They had two children during their marriage. She died on July 27, 1948, at the age of 86, and was buried in Colma, California.

## S M Smith

in the 1920 United States Federal Census

Name: S M Smith

Birth Year: abt 1845

Birthplace: California

Home in 1920: San Francisco California

Street: Clay St

Relation to Head of House: Father-in-law

Spouse's name: Adah Smith

Father's Birthplace: Massachusetts

Mother's Birthplace: Peru

Occupation: Com Traveler

Industry: Leather

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">M L Rose</a>	38
	<a href="#">Ella Juenita Rose</a>	30
	<a href="#">Patrica E Rose</a>	6
	<a href="#">S M Smith</a>	75
	<a href="#">Adah Smith</a>	60

## Stephen M Smith

California, Death Index

Name: Stephen M Smith

Birth Year: abt 1844

Death Date: 13 Nov 1924

Age at Death: 80

Death Place: San Francisco, California

## Stephen Manuel Smith

Find A Grave Index

Name: Stephen Manuel Smith

Birth Date: 25 Dec 1843

Birth Place: Sonoma County, California

Death Date: 13 Nov 1924

Death Place: San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

Cemetery: Cypress Lawn Memorial Park

Burial or Cremation Place: Colma, San Mateo County, California

Father: [Stephen Smith](#)

Mother: [Manuela Smith Curtis](#)

Spouse: [Adah Lita Smith](#)

Children: [Adah F. Sprague](#)  
[Ella Juenita Rose](#)

## Adah Smith

1930 United States Federal Census

Name: Adah Smith

Birth Year: abt 1870

Birthplace: California

Marital status: Widowed

Relation to Head of House: Mother-in-law

Home in 1930: San Francisco, California

House Number: 2898 Jackson St.

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Maurice L Rose</a>	44
	<a href="#">Ella Rose</a>	37
	<a href="#">Patricia Rose</a>	16
	<a href="#">Adah Smith</a>	60
	<a href="#">Joe Ang</a>	

## Adah Lita Smith

Find A Grave Index

Name: Adah Lita Smith

Birth Date: Jan 1862

Death Date: 1948

Cemetery: Cypress Lawn Memorial Park

Burial or Cremation Place: Colma, San Mateo County, California

Spouse: [Stephen Manuel Smith](#)

Children: [Adah F. Sprague](#)  
[Ella Juenita Rose](#)





Captain Smith - 47





Captain Smith - 48



## Manuelita Smith English

daughter of Captain Stephen Smith & Manuela Torres

**Manuelita Smith**, born: 6 Jun 1846 Bodega, Sonoma County California, died: 19 Apr 1942 Contra Costa County California, buried: Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland California, married: John English, children: Frederick 1872, Genevieve 1874, John Jr. 1876, Ada 1878, Stephen Jr., 1886. Robert 1891

### Manuela Smith

1850 United States Federal Census

Name:	Manuela Smith	
Birth Year:	abt 1846	
Birthplace:	California	
Home in 1850:	Sonoma, California, USA	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	Mary Forris	60
	Stephen Smith	61
	Manuela Smith	26
	Stephen Smith	6
	Manuela Smith	4
	Jane Smith	2
	Ruth Smith	0
	Stephen Smith	20
	Skenner	35
	Carpenter	30
	Mary De La Crays	38
	William Kees	28

### Spouse & Children

#### Manuelita Smith

1846–1942

#### Frederick B English

1872–1935

#### Genevieve English

1874–1949

#### John M English Jr

1876–1901

#### Ada E English

1878–1950

#### Stephen English

1886–1954

#### Robert Ross English

1891–1984

## Manuelita *Smith* English

### BIRTH

6 Jun 1846

Bodega, Sonoma County, California, USA

### DEATH

19 Apr 1942 (aged 95)

Contra Costa County, California, USA

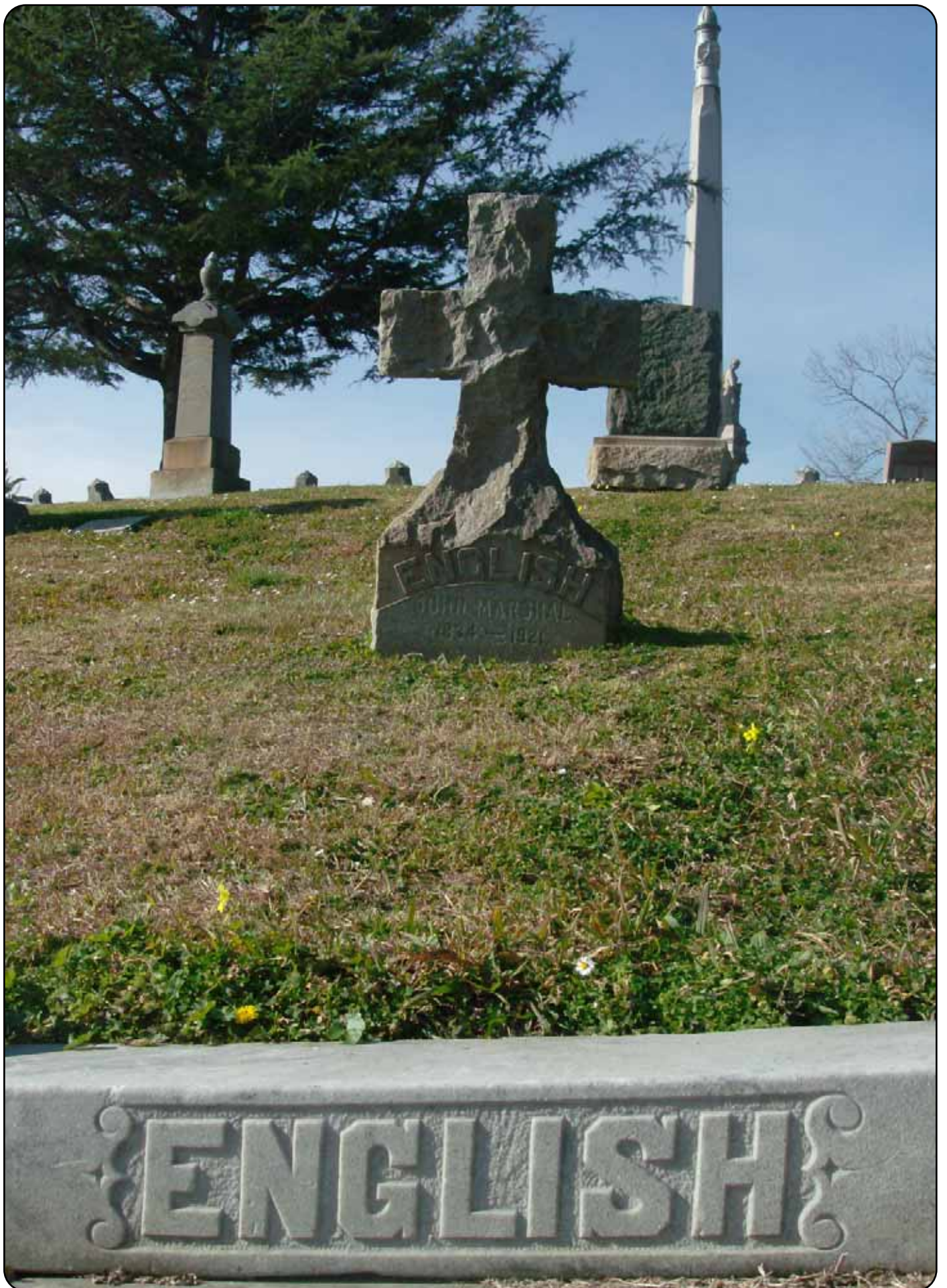
### BURIAL

Mountain View Cemetery

Oakland, Alameda County, California, USA

### PLOT

31, Lot 21



Captain Smith - 50



## Manuelita English

### Find A Grave Index

Name:	Manuelita English
Birth Date:	6 Jun 1846
Birth Place:	Bodega, Sonoma County, California
Death Date:	19 Apr 1942
Death Place:	Contra Costa County, California
Cemetery:	Mountain View Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Oakland, Alameda County, California
Father:	<a href="#">Stephen Smith</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Manuela Smith Curtis</a>
Spouse:	<a href="#">John Marshall English</a>
Children:	<a href="#">Genevieve Irwin</a> <a href="#">Stephen English</a> <a href="#">Frederick B English</a> <a href="#">John M English</a>

## John M. English Dies in Oakland

John Marshall English, California pioneer, of 384 Bellevue av., Oakland, died at his home yesterday at the age of 87 years.

English crossed the plains in 1852 and has had a picturesque career in various parts of the State. He has lived in Oakland since 1882. Prior to that time he engaged in farming.

He was a brother of the late Warren D. English, former Congressman, and of William D. English, former Harbor Commissioner of San Francisco.

English is survived by a widow, Mrs. Manuelita English, by four sons, George, Stephen and Robert of Oakland and Fred B. of Klamath Falls, and by two daughters, Mrs. John Irwin, wife of Lieutenant Commander Irwin of the United States navy, and Mrs. John R. Fern of Oakland.

Funeral services will be held on Friday from the residence.

## Manuelita English

### California, Death Index

Name:	Manuelita English [Manuelita Smith]
Birth Date:	6 Jun 1846
Birth Place:	California
Death Date:	19 Apr 1942
Death Place:	Contra Costa
Mother's Maiden Name:	Torres
Father's Surname:	Smith

## John Marshall English

### Find A Grave Index

Name:	John Marshall English
Birth Date:	17 Feb 1834
Birth Place:	Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland
Death Date:	8 Nov 1921
Cemetery:	Mountain View Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Oakland, Alameda County, California
Father:	<a href="#">John Marshall English</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Ann Maria Rawlins</a>
Spouse:	<a href="#">Manuelita English</a>

## Manuelita Smith

BIRTH 6 JUN 1846 • California

DEATH 19 APR 1942 • Contra Costa

## Juana Jane Smith

daughter of Captain Stephen Smith & Manuela Torres

**Jane Smith**, born: 1848 Bodega, Sonoma County California, died: 9 May 1852 Bodega, Sonoma County California, buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma CA

### Family Members

#### Spouse

**Manuela Torres Smith Curtis**  
1828–1871 (m. 1843)

#### Children

**Stephen Manuel Smith**  
1843–1924

**Manuelita Smith English**  
1846–1942

**Juana Jane Smith**  
1848–1852

**Ruth Smith**  
1850–1851

**James Smith**  
1852–

#### Parents

**Capt Stephen Smith**  
1788–1855

**Manuela Torres Smith Curtis**  
1828–1871

### Juana Jane Smith

#### Find A Grave Index

Name:	Juana Jane Smith
Birth Date:	1848
Birth Place:	Bodega, Sonoma County, California
Death Date:	9 May 1852
Death Place:	Bodega, Sonoma County, California
Cemetery:	Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Colma, San Mateo County, California
Father:	Stephen Smith
Mother:	Manuela Smith Curtis

## Juana Jane Smith

<b>BIRTH</b>	1848 Bodega, Sonoma County, California, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	9 May 1852 (aged 3–4) Bodega, Sonoma County, California, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery</u> Colma, San Mateo County, California, USA
<b>PLOT</b>	R1-38-14



## Ruth Smith

daughter of Captain Stephen Smith & Manuela Torres

**Ruth Smith**, born: Jun 1850 Bodega, Sonoma County California, died: 29 May 1851 Bodega, Sonoma County California, buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma CA

### Family Members

#### Spouse

**Manuela Torres Smith Curtis**  
1828–1871 (m. 1843)

#### Children

**Stephen Manuel Smith**  
1843–1924

**Manuelita Smith English**  
1846–1942

**Juana Jane Smith**  
1848–1852

**Ruth Smith**  
1850–1851

**James Smith**  
1852–

#### Parents

**Capt Stephen Smith**  
1788–1855

**Manuela Torres Smith  
Curtis**  
1828–1871

### Ruth Smith

#### Find A Grave Index

Name:	Ruth Smith
Birth Date:	Jun 1850
Birth Place:	Bodega, Sonoma County, California
Death Date:	29 May 1851
Death Place:	Bodega, Sonoma County, California
Cemetery:	Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Colma, San Mateo County, California
Father:	Stephen Smith
Mother:	Manuela Smith Curtis

## Ruth Smith

<b>BIRTH</b>	Jun 1850 Bodega, Sonoma County, California, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	29 May 1851 (aged 10–11 months) Bodega, Sonoma County, California, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery</u> Colma, San Mateo County, California, USA
<b>PLOT</b>	R1-38-14

**James B. Smith**  
son of Captain Stephen Smith & Manuela Torres

**Parents**

**Capt Stephen Smith**  
1788–1855

**Manuela Torres Smith  
Curtis**  
1828–1871

**James B Smith**

in the 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	James B Smith	
Birth Year:	abt 1852	
Birth Place:	California	
Home in 1860:	Bodega, Sonoma, California	
Post Office:	Smiths Ranch	
Attended School:	Yes	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	Tyler Curtis	34
	Manuela Curtis	29

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***A CALIFORNIA LAND SUIT.***

**FINAL DECISION CONFIRMING THE TITLE OF  
BODEGA FARMERS TO 35,487 ACRES  
IN SONOMA COUNTY.**

*From the San Francisco Bulletin, Feb. 22.*

A final decision was rendered last Wednesday in the Twenty-second District Court in the great Bodega Ranch case, confirming title in favor of the occupants. The contest, which has been conducted with marked ability on both sides, has attracted much attention in Sonoma County, not only because of the great value of the property involved in the case, but on account of the large number of farmers interested, who purchased the land in question in good faith and by their prudence and industry have added material wealth to that section of the State.

The history of the actions is as follows: On the 14th of February, 1875, B. B. Newman, an attorney of this city, commenced proceedings on behalf of R. W. Acker et al. against James B. Smith, to quiet title to the Bodega Ranch, consisting of 35,487 acres. The next day the defendant commenced an action of ejectment against the plaintiffs, some 40 in number, to recover possession of the same ranch. The latter suit was first tried in October, 1875, and Judge W. O. Wallace rendered judgment in favor of the defendant Acker and others. The case went to the Supreme Court, and on the 25th of June, 1877, that tribunal affirmed the judgment of the lower court.

The original suit of Acker et al. against Smith, to quiet title came up for trial on Wednesday before Judge Wallace, and final decree was entered in favor of the plaintiffs, thus setting at rest all fear of being despoiled of their homestead lands.

It appears from the testimony, which is very voluminous, and principally documentary, that on the 14th of September, 1844, the Mexican Government made to Capt. Stephen Smith a grant of the Bodega Ranch, embracing eight leagues. Smith was then married, and James B. Smith is the youngest of three children of that marriage. In April, 1846, the Department Assembly of the Mexican nation confirmed the grant, but no judicial possession was ever given Capt. Smith under Mexican authority. As soon as the grant was made in 1844, Capt. Smith took possession of the land and continued to live upon it with his wife and family until his death, which occurred in San Francisco in November, 1855. Capt. Smith left surviving a wife, Manuela T. Smith, and three infant children, namely: Stephen M. Smith, Manuela Smith, and James B. Smith, the latter then three years of age. By his will, dated Aug. 9, 1854, he bequeathed his wife a life estate in one-third of the ranch, and the other two-thirds to his three children, share and share alike, and upon the death of his wife the one-third of the ranch in which she had a life estate was to be divided equally among the children. With these conditions existing the Legislature of California, on the 13th of April, 1861, passed an act authorizing Tyler Curtis, who had married the widow of Capt. Smith, as guardian of the three infants above named, to sell all their right, title, and interest in the Bodega Ranch, and upon such sales being reported to the Probate Court of Sonoma County, and upon the confirmation of the sales by that court, the guardian was to deliver deeds to the purchasers upon their compliance with the terms of sales.

On July 26, 1861, Manuela T. Curtis and Tyler Curtis signed and swore to a petition for the appointment of Tyler Curtis as guardian of the estate of James B. Smith and Manuela Smith, and on the 30th of that month the petition was filed in the Probate Court. Upon Tyler Curtis giving bonds, on the 30th of July, letters of guardianship were duly issued to him. On the 11th of February, 1862, Curtis presented to the Probate Court a report of sales of Bodega Ranch under the act of the Legislature, and such proceedings were duly had that the court confirmed all sales made by Curtis as guardian. These purchasers were the plaintiffs in the suit just decided. The result has caused great rejoicing at Bodega.