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- ¹¹1848 1. In the summer John Rose discovers gold on the main Yuba River, 1 mile below Englebright Dam, the place became known as Rose's Bar.
2. June, Jonas Spect was the first to discover gold on Deer Creek, near Rough and Ready.
- 1849 William B. Thompson arrives in the Yuba area, does some gold mining, and eventually starts a ranch in the Bridgeport area.
- 1850 1. Charles J. Cole comes to the Bridgeport area at the age of 19. He went to work for William Thompson.
2. Mary Ann Russell marries William Thompson.
3. William and Mary Ann have a daughter named Fanny.
- 1851 1. Yuba County is divided into two new Counties, Placer and Nevada, on April 25. Sierra County was created in 1852.
2. March 1, James Knowlton, Yankee Jim, hung on the old Bridgeport Bridge for stealing a band of mules, a 3 day trial found him guilty.
3. David and Jane Wood's daughter, Ellen, marries Joseph Jasper on September 24, at Downieville, Sierra County.
- 1852 1. David and Jane Wood's daughter, Amanda, marries George Fagg on June 9, at Downieville, Sierra County.
2. David and Jane Wood's son Oscar, died in December, burial location is unknown.
- 1853 1. California State Legislature passes the Turnpike or Toll Road bill. This allowed the Counties' Board of Supervisors to issue licenses and set toll rates for private Companies. Allowing those companies to build and maintain their roads through tolls they collected.
2. William Thompson becomes ill and dies. He is buried in the Family Kneebone Cemetery. Thompson asked Charles Cole to marry his wife, Mary Ann.
- 1854 1. Mary Ann Thompson and Charles J. Cole marry.
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2. On November 27, Charles and Mary Ann Cole have a daughter, they name her Mary Ann.
 3. David and Jane Wood arrive at Bridgeport.
- 1855
1. David and Jane Wood's daughter, Isabella, died in February. Burial location unknown.
 2. A group of investors meet at David Wood's home at Point Defiance to discuss forming a new company, so as to be able to collect tolls on their road and bridge. It was decided that they would need \$40,000 capital. Those present voted to raise the money by issuing 400 shares at \$100 per share. The company would be known as the Virginia Turnpike Company. David Wood was elected President, T. W. M. Thompson, Secretary and N. W. Clark, Treasurer. (Book 1 of Corporations)
 3. November 24, we the undersigned, notice hereby declare our intentions to organize a company for the construction of a Turnpike Road in the County of Nevada in pursuance of the provisions of an Act of Legislature passed May 12, 1853 entitled: "An Act to Authorize the Formation of Corporations for the Construction of Plank or Turnpike Roads", commencing at a point on the road running from the lower crossing of Deer Creek to French Corral one quarter of a mile south of the Scotchman's or Half-Way House, thence by the most practicable route by way of French Corral, and Sweetland to the Town of San Juan. A meeting of subscribers will be held at the house of D. J. Wood at Point Defiance on Saturday, the 24th at 2 o'clock PM for the purpose of a preliminary organization of said company. (Nevada Democrat, November 14, 1855)
 4. A motion by the president, David Wood, appointed N. W. Clark to employ a surveyor and have the road surveyed and locate the most suitable route as soon as practical. (Book 1 of Corporations)
- 1856
1. On January 10, 1856, Charles J. Cole together with C. Booth and Andrew Johnson claimed the water rights on Kentucky Creek about 1 1/4 mile above its confluence with the South Yuba, and dug a 3000 foot ditch down to a flat on the South Yuba for mining purposes.
 2. The Virginia Turnpike Company, David J. Wood, president passed a resolution to borrow \$3,000 in the form of a promissory note. The interest to be 3% per month for the first ten (10) months and 2% per month payable on demand after 3 years from the date of July 19, 1856. The promissory note is in the name of A. H. Wilder. The mortgage was destroyed by the Nevada (Nevada City) fire of July 19, 1856. The Virginia Turnpike Company was willing to execute a new mortgage. It was recorded January 13, 1857. (Mortgages 1-606)

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3. Final organization, by-laws and certificate of the Virginia Turnpike Company filed January 25. (Book 1 of Corporations pgs 9-14).
4. February 28, at a meeting called by the Directors they approved Jay Johnson's survey of the proposed turnpike. (Book 1 of Corporations pgs 7-8)
5. Fannie Thompson dies of unknown illness at the age of six. She is buried in the Kneebone Family Cemetery.
6. The Virginia Turnpike Company goes before the Board of Supervisors to request a license to charge tolls on their road. The request was granted for one year. The rates were set as follows:

6 mules, oxen or horses with loaded wagon	\$3.50	
each animal over 6	.25	
4-horses, -oxen, -mule coaches	3.00	
4-horses, -oxen, -mule with loaded wagons	3.00	empty \$1.50
2-horse buggy	2.00	
man on horse	.50	
footman	.25	
cattle, mules, horses loose, each	.25	
hogs, sheep per head	.12 1/2	

7. October 20, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors establish voting precincts. One was established at David J. Wood's home at Point Defiance. He was the Precinct Inspector. (Supervisor Minutes BK1-20.)
- 1857 November 28, Charles and Mary Ann Cole have a daughter, they name her Fanny.
- 1858 1. April 10, David J. Wood of Bridgeport leases a sawmill 1 1/4 miles south of Forrest City, Sierra County on the South Fork of Oregon Creek from Asa B. Clark of Forrest City. (Deed BKC-375, Sierra County Recorder, Downieville California.)
2. September 20, Asa B. Clark of Forrest City deeds to David J. Wood of Bridgeport for \$5000 a sawmill on the South Fork of Oregon Creek 1 1/4 miles south of Forrest City, Sierra County. (Deed BKC-375 Sierra County Recorder, Downieville, California)
 3. David Wood gets a Quit Claim Deed for 74.15 acres from P. W. Wilson for \$250 located 1/2 mile east of Forest City along the south fork of Oregon Creek in Sierra County. (Deed BKC-196, Sierra County records, Downieville, CA.)
- 1859 1. Silver discovered at the Comstock Lode, Utah Territory. Increased traffic across

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Wood's crossing at Bridgeport leading to the Henness Pass Road, the northern mines and Gold Hill, Nevada (Virginia City, NV).

2. On October 10, David Wood and Thomas Freeman, of Freeman's Crossing on the Middle Yuba River, left North San Juan and traveled the Henness Pass Road to see if a more direct and practical route could be found from Marysville to Gold Hill, Utah territory. Their return route was through a canyon north of Gold Hill through Steamboat Valley. This reduced the original route through Carson City by 15 miles, Gold Hill to North San Juan, 92 miles, Marysville, 128 miles. This made the Henness Pass the shortest route from Marysville to Gold Hill.
(San Juan Hydraulic Press, October 22, 1859, pg 2 - Column 2)

- 1860 1. The census of 1860 shows the following people living in the Cole and Wood homes.

<u>Cole home</u>		Birthplace
Charles J. Cole	28	England
Mary Ann	42	England
Mary Ann	5	California
Fanny	2	California
Margaret Ann	1	California
Samuel Donald	22	Servant Scotland
Bridget Flarity	22	Servant Scotland

<u>Wood home</u>		Birthplace
D. J. Wood	50	Virginia
Jane D. Wood	56	Virginia
N. W. Clark	29	Virginia
W. R. Tonson	42	Maine
Thomas Orstom	69	Kentucky

(1860 Census tape pgs 425 to 439, Doris Foley Historical Research Library)

2. November 7, Andrew Reed Kneebone is born in Gwennap, Cornwall, England.
 3. On July 12, Charles and Mary Ann Cole have a son; they name him Charles Russell.
- 1861 1. April 21, the Coles apply for a California Homestead for married persons on their \pm 160 acre. Ranch, ranch house, barn and other outbuildings do not exceed \$5,000 (Declaration of Homestead for married persons BK1-195)
2. In June, Samuel David Wood, David and Jane's son, marries Catherine Dodge in San Francisco.

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3. The Virginia Turnpike Company Board of Directors pass a resolution to borrow \$7,200 in the form of a promissory note in the name of J. M. and N. R. Greely. The interest was to be 2% per month beginning September 30. The full payment was due after 8 months. Filed October 1, 1861 (Mortgages 4-194)
 4. October 12, George Fagg deeds to David J. Wood for \$2,000 all that property in North San Juan lying on the south side of Main Street between the lots owned by R. Ramer and Sperling, and running back to the street parallel with Main Street. Recorded October 16, 1861 (Deed 9-122)
 5. Heavy rains fall in the high Sierra and Yuba watersheds. On December 9, the South Yuba was 26 feet above the low water mark. (Nevada Democrat, December 10)
- 1862
1. January 4, the bridge at Wood's Crossing at Bridgeport is washed away.
 2. David Wood has his sawmill at Forest City start cutting timbers for a new bridge at Bridgeport, which was probably completed in the summer.
 3. January 11, Charles and Mary Ann Cole have a daughter, they name her Victoria Marie Amelia
 4. On October 19, the McMillan party with ten wagons arrived at Bridgeport. Charles J. Cole has the wagons placed end to end in the covered bridge. Because of heavy rains, their stock was placed in the barn and the families stayed in the Cole's Home/Hotel. After three days, the storm broke, the party packed up and left for Marysville, where they settled.
 5. On October 29, Samuel and Catherine Wood have a son; they named him David J. Wood, II.
 6. Charles J. Cole has \pm 160 acres, a home, barn, fencing and fixtures \$1,000, 6 cows, 9 head young stock \$210, 2 mares, 3 colts \$115, 1 wagon, 4 tons of hay \$120 and a small water ditch \$150. Taxable property \$1,595 taxes \$34.29 (1862 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 372)
 7. Fagg George Residence French Corral, money note and mortgage \$8650. Taxable property \$8,650 taxes \$185.97 (1862 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 427)
 8. Wood, D. J. house and lot on the north side of Main Street, North San Juan, bounded on the east by the house and lot of Mr. Sperling and on the west by the house and lot of Stanley Johnson \$1500. House and lot at Bridgeport known as the residence of D. J. Wood \$1,000, 4 teams \$5,000, 2 wagons \$100, 3 yoke of oxen \$300, 4 cows \$100.

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Taxable property \$8,000 taxes \$172 (1862 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 427)

9. Virginia Turnpike Co. a certain toll road known as the Virginia Turnpike commencing at Smith's old saw mill in the Rough and Ready township and terminating at Allison's hotel in the Bridgeport township including bridge, toll house and all appurtenances \$30,000. Taxable property \$30,000 taxes \$645 (1862 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 427)
10. The Virginia Turnpike Company applies for a license renewal December 1 for the Bridgeport bridge. The license was renewed for one year and prices were set as follows:

8 horse, mule or oxen team up/down	\$6.00
6 horse, mule or oxen team up/down	5.50
4 horse, mule or oxen team up/down	4.00
2 horse, mule or oxen team up/down	2.50
1 horse, mule or oxen team up/down	1.75
2 horse buggy each way	1.50
1 horse buggy each way	1.00
horseman	.50
footman	.25
loose stock per head	.10
hogs and sheep	.05

(Board of Supervisors Minutes Bk-1-492)

- 1863 1. July 3, David J. Wood to A. L. Greeley for \$1,000 that lot in North San Juan lying on the south side of Main Street between the lots owned by R. Ramer and Sperling, and running back to the street parallel with Main Street.
Recorded July 25, 1863 (Deed 12-642)
2. Wood, D. J. Toll road known as the Virginia Turnpike commencing at the Anthony House in the Rough and Ready township and running to French Corral, including bridge \$25,000 and dwelling house at Bridgeport \$1,000, horses, mules and wagons \$5,000. Taxable property \$31,000 taxes \$719.20
(1863 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 481)
3. Wood, D. J. house and lot on the north side of Main Street in North San Juan west of and adjacent to the store of Sperling \$1100. Taxable property \$1,100 taxes \$25.52
(1863 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 118)
- 1864 1. January 7, the Virginia Turnpike Company, Board of Directors pass a resolution to borrow \$30,983.56 in the form of a promissory note in the name of David J. Wood. Thirty days after the date the value is received, the Board promises to pay

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David J. Wood the sum \$30,983.56 at 2 1/2% interest per month from the date until paid. Principle and interest is payable at Bridgeport, Payable monthly. Note signed by Samuel D. Wood, treasurer. Written in the margin of the mortgage is I, David J. Wood by my attorney in fact, George Fagg hereby release the property and franchised privileges and easements of the Virginia Turnpike Company set forth and specified in the record of this mortgage pages 205 - 209, David J. Wood by George Fagg his attorney, in fact. (Mortgages 5-205)

Page 206 of mortgage, that turnpike road leading from North San Juan to Deer Creek near the Anthony House, also, that other road leading from French Corral to Bowers Ranch and known as the Point Defiance Road together with a toll house and bridge. George Fagg, Secretary, Virginia Turnpike Company. S. D. Wood, Treasurer, Virginia Turnpike Company

2. Virginia Turnpike, D. J. Wood, President, toll road commencing at the Anthony House and terminating at Allison Ranch in Bridgeport township, including bridge, toll house and all improvements \$25,000. Taxable property \$25,000 taxes \$677.50 (1864 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 115)
 3. Wood, D. J. & Company house and lot in French Corral known as the old store of Derby and Bass \$800, 2 horses, wagon, 2 mules \$500, stock of groceries and various supplies on hand and solvent book accounts \$5100. Taxable property \$6,400 taxes \$173.44 (1864 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 116)
 4. George Fagg, house and lot at French Corral west of and adjacent to the residence of J. D. McMurry \$300. Money secured by a note and mortgage \$7600. Taxable property \$7,900 taxes \$214.09 (1864 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 84)
 5. Wood, D. J. House and lot at Bridgeport known as the residence of David J. Wood, 4 mules and horse teams, 5 horses, 3 yoke of oxen and 1 cow. Taxable property \$6,400 taxes \$173.44 (1864 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 116)
 6. Cole, C. J. house and improvements on the South Yuba River and water ditch at Bridgeport \$1,350, 2 horses, 9 cows, 9 stock cattle and hogs, 7 1/2 tons of hay \$400. Taxable property \$1,750 taxes \$47.25 (1864 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 275)
- 1865 1. February 7, Virginia Turnpike Company applies for a license to collect tolls on their bridge across the South Yuba River. The request was granted for 1 year ending the first Monday of February. The tolls were set as follows:

10 horses, mules, oxen up	\$3.25	down	\$2.25
8 horses, mules, oxen up	3.00	down	2.00

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6 horses, mules, oxen up	2.50		down	1.75
4 horses, mules, oxen up	2.00		down	1.50
2 horses, mules, oxen up	1.50		down	1.00
2 horse and buggy	1.50			
1 horse and buggy	1.00			
horseman	.50			
footman	.25			
loose stock per head	.10			
hogs and sheep	.05			

(Board of Supervisors Minutes BK 2-143)

2. March 10, James Simpson files suit against the Virginia Turnpike Company for \$15,041.66. The Virginia Turnpike Company was unable to meet its obligation of \$15,041.66. The 14th District Court orders the Virginia Turnpike Company to be turned over to Nevada County Sheriff, Charles Kent, to be offered at public auction. (Judgments BK3-637, 1861-1865) (Doris Foley Historical Research Library)

3. March 11, David Wood gives his son-in-law, George Fagg, Power of Attorney over his affairs (Power of Attorney BK1-371)

4. August 10, C. F. Browning deeds to Joseph Trimmer the property known as the "Grape Vine Ravine" Ranch for \$600. The ranch was also known as the "Dead Fall" ranch. The ranch is \pm 80 acres. Recorded September 10, 1871 (Deed 39-506)

5. Wood, D. J. and company, house and lot at French Corral known as the Fagg store \$800. House and lot at French Corral east of and adjacent to the residence of P. Buckley \$350. Money on hand \$85, secured by a note and solvent debts \$2,540, 1 mule \$50. Taxable property \$3,840 taxes \$94.08 (1865 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg. 121)

6. Cole, C. J. improvements on land, hotel on the South side of the South Yuba River at Woods Crossing \$1,600, 4 horses, 6 cows, 10 young cattle, 3 hogs, 1 wagon, hay baler, furniture and money on hand \$910. Taxable property \$2,510 taxes \$61.49 (1865 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 214)

7. Virginia Turnpike Company Toll road commencing at the Anthony House in the Rough and Ready township and terminating at the Allison Ranch in the Bridgeport township, including bridges and all appurtenances \$15,000. Taxable property \$15,000 taxes \$367.50 (1865 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 380)

8. Wood, D. J. house and lot at Wood's Crossing on the South Yuba River Bridgeport Township. Taxable property \$420 taxes \$10.29 (1865 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 380)

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9. Fagg, George residence at Bridgeport, money secured by note and mortgage \$7,500. Taxable property \$7,500 taxes \$183.75 (1865 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 89)
- 1866 1. On February 15, the Virginia Turnpike Company applied for a license renewal across the bridge at Bridgeport. The license was approved for one year from the first Monday of February. The toll rates were set as follows:
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| 10 horse, mule, oxen team up | \$3.75 | down | \$2.75 |
| 8 horse, mule, oxen team up | 3.00 | down | 2.00 |
| 6 horse, mule, oxen team up | 2.50 | down | 1.75 |
| 4 horse, mule, oxen team up | 2.00 | down | 1.50 |
| 2 horse, mule, oxen team up | 1.25 | down | 1.00 |
| 1 horse, mule, oxen either way | | | .75 |
| horseman | | | .50 |
| footman | | | .25 |
| loose stock per head | | | .10 |
| hogs and sheep per head | | | .05 |
- (Board of Supervisors Minutes BK2-253)
2. June 18, Charles Kent, Nevada County sheriff deeds to Nirus Cadwallader the property of the Virginia Turnpike Company. The judgment was rendered by the 14th District Court, March 28, 1865 in favor of James Simpson against the Virginia Turnpike Company for \$15,041.66 plus 2 1/2% interest per month and \$16.50 in Costs. The auction ordered by the Court was held in front of the Nevada County Court House. Nirus Cadwallader was the highest bidder at \$16,466.00. Recorded July 19, 1866 (Deed 25-11.)
3. Cole, C. J. improvements on a tract of land on the South bank of the South Yuba River at Wood's Crossing, consisting of hotel, fencing and fixtures \$1,600, 4 horses \$250, 5 cows \$125, 7 young cattle \$70, hogs \$15, wagon \$70, hay and barley \$130, solvent debt \$50, furniture \$250, money on hand \$40, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$2,600 taxes \$51.70 includes dog tax (1863 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 233)
4. Wood, D. J. house and lot at Bridgeport, Wood's Crossing \$400, 1 horse, 1 mule and 2 cows \$185. Taxable property \$585 taxes \$11.40 (1866 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 86)
5. Fagg, George house and lot at French Corral known as the Fagg Store \$800. House and lot located opposite W. Glaister \$400. Money secured by a note and mortgage, Sierra County \$1,800, money secured by notes \$7,800, 1 mule and buggy \$125, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$10,925 taxes \$213.03

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(1866 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 52)

6. Virginia Turnpike Company toll road commencing at the Anthony House in the Rough and Ready Township and terminating at the Allison Ranch in the Bridgeport Township, including bridges and all appurtenances \$12,000. Taxable property \$12,000 taxes \$234 (1866 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 376)
- 1867
1. Fagg, George house and lot at French Corral used as a store and dwelling house. Lot adjoining Parshley and Evans \$800. Money secured by a note of \$6,000, mule and cow \$100, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$6,900 taxes \$122.75 includes \$1 dog tax (1867 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 16)
 2. Virginia Turnpike Co. toll road commencing at the Anthony House in the Rough and Ready Township and terminating at the Allison Ranch in the Bridgeport Township including bridges and all appurtenances \$10,000. Taxable property \$10,000 taxes \$175 (1867 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 40)
 3. Wood, D. J. house and lot at Wood's Crossing \$400, 1 cow \$30. Taxable property \$430 taxes \$7.53 (1867 Assessment roll Bridgeport pg 42)
 4. Cole, C. J. hotel and improvements on a tract of land at Wood's Crossing on the South Yuba River \$1230, household furniture \$250, money on hand \$45, 7 cows \$200, 4 horses and wagon \$300, 7 hogs, 2 yearlings and 3 two year old \$75, 1 male dog. Taxable property \$2,100 taxes \$36.75 includes \$1 dog tax (1867 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 167)
- 1868
1. Fagg, George house and lot in French Corral and adjoining the Parshley and Evans saloon \$700, horse and buggy \$250, 1 cow \$50, 1 male dog \$1, money secured by note \$6,000. Taxable property \$7,000 taxes \$123.50 includes \$1 dog tax (1868 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 18)
 2. Wood, D. J. house and lot at Wood's Crossing Bridgeport Township \$400. Taxable property \$400 taxes \$7 (1868 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 48)
 3. Cole, C. J. house and improvements possessing title to a tract of land at Wood's Crossing on the South side of the South Yuba River \$1000, household furniture \$200, 2 teams of horses and wagon \$300, 7 cows \$200, 5 yearling \$50, 6 hogs \$30, 1 two year old \$20, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$1,800 taxes \$32.50 includes \$1 dog tax (1868 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 25)
 4. Virginia Turnpike Company toll road starting at the Anthony House, Rough and Ready and ending at Allison's Ranch, Bridgeport township including bridge and appurtenances \$8,000. Taxable property \$8,000 taxes \$140

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(1868 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 109)

5. The Wood family moves to Wheatland, Yuba County, California.
- 1869
1. January 4, D. J. Wood deeds to J.M. C. Jasper of Yuba County and S. D. Wood of Virginia City, Nevada for \$500 that property known as the Virginia Turnpike Company consisting of a toll road commencing at Anthony House in Rough and Ready Township terminating at French Corral in Bridgeport Township. Including bridge, improvements, a mule, cart, harness, wheel barrel, picks, drills and all other tools. Recorded January 5, 1869 (Deed 32-456)
 2. Cole, C. J. house and improvements land at Wood's Crossing on the South Yuba River \$1,200, 3 horses, colt and wagon \$250, 8 cows \$240, 9 young cattle \$110, 9 hogs \$30, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$1,830 taxes \$36.77 includes \$1 dog tax (1869 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 153)
 3. Fagg, George house and lot in French Corral east of and adjoining the saloon of Parshley and Evans \$200. Taxable property \$200 taxes \$3.80 (1869 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 18)
 4. Virginia Turnpike Co. commencing at the Anthony House in the Rough and Ready Township and terminating at French Corral in the Bridgeport Township, including dwelling house at the crossing of the South Yuba River \$8,000. Taxable property \$8,000 taxes \$152 (1869 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 109)
- 1870
1. October 1, the Central Pacific Railroad Company deeds to Charles Smith for \$400 the W1/2 of sect 27 twp 17NR7E 320 acres. Recorded August 25, 1897 (Deed 86-38)
 2. The 1870 Census shows the following Cole family members living at Bridgeport

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
C. J. Cole	38	England
Mary Ann	52	England
Mary Ann	15	California
Fanny	12	California
Charles Russell	10	California
Victoria Marie	8	California

(Doris Foley Historical Research Library, 1870 Census Tape, Rough and Ready pg 330)

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3. C. J. Cole House, improvements and property title to a tract of land at Wood's Crossing on the South Yuba River \$1,000, household furniture \$200, 3 horses \$150, 8 cows \$240, 6-2 year old cows \$120, 7 yearlings \$70, 1 bull \$30, hogs \$30, 1 wagon \$40, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$1,880 taxes \$38.80 includes \$1 dog tax (1870 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 128)
 4. Virginia Turnpike Toll road, T. W. M. Thompson agent, commencing at the Anthony House in the Rough and Ready Township and terminating at French Corral in the Bridgeport Township including bridge and appurtenances, also a house at the crossing on the South Yuba River \$8000. Taxable property \$8,000 taxes \$160 (1870 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 62)
- 1871
1. On January 21, Ellen Jasper, wife of George Fagg died in Wheatland and was buried in Wheatland.
 2. September 12, Joseph Trimmer deeds to Charles and Susan Smith for \$1,100 the property known as the "Grape Vine" or Dead Fall Ranch \pm 80 acres and is about 1/2 mile west of French Corral on the road to Bridgeport. The adjoining property is the Dr. Salisbury Ranch. Recorded September 12, 1871
Note: This property was donated to the South Yuba River State Park in 2001 from the Cranston family.
 3. September 12, Charles and Susan Smith acquire a mortgage from Joseph Trimmer for \$375. The promissory note is payable in one year at 1 1/2% interest. Recorded September 12, 1871 (Mortgage 11-193)
 4. Cole, C. J. Rough and Ready Township title to a tract of land at Wood's Crossing on the South Yuba River \$800, house, household furniture \$200, watch \$20, 12 sheep \$18, 7 hogs \$20, wine \$120, 4 horses and wagon \$190, 1 bull \$25, 3 yearlings \$30, 13 cows \$390, 2 male dogs \$2. Taxable property \$1,813 taxes \$40.08 includes \$2 dog tax (1871 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 71)
 5. Virginia Turnpike Co. T. W. M. Thompson, Agent. Toll road commencing at the Anthony House in the Rough and Ready Township and crossing the South Yuba River at Wood's Crossing and terminating at French Corral in the Bridgeport Township \$8,000. Taxable property \$8,000 taxes \$168 (1871 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 378)
 6. Cooley Caleb a tract of land at Point Defiance at the junction of the North and South Yuba River \$50, improvements \$50, money at interest secured by a note \$200, 2 horses \$60, 3 cows \$90, 2 yearling \$20, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$470 taxes \$9.87 includes \$1 dog tax and a .97 special school tax for French Corral (1871-72 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 64)

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7. Cooley and Company mining claim at Point Defiance at the confluence of the North and South Yuba Rivers \$100, improvements \$50, water ditch from the South Yuba River \$150. Taxable property \$300 taxes \$6.30 includes a .60 cent special school tax for French Corral (1871-72 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 65)

- 1872 1. March 7, Joseph Jasper for the Virginia Turnpike Company requests from the Board of Supervisors a license renewal to collect tolls on their bridge at Bridgeport. The request was granted for 1 year from the first Monday of February 1872. The rates were set as follows:

10 animals up	\$3.00	down	2.50
8 animals up	2.50	down	1.75
6 animals up	2.00	down	1.50
4 animals up	1.50	down	1.00
2 animals up	1.00	down	.75
2 horse and buggy either way	.75		
1 horse and buggy either way	.50		
1 horse and rider	.25		
footman	.10		
loose stock per head	.08		
hogs and sheep per head	.03		

(Board of Supervisor Minutes BK 3-48)

2. C. J. Cole possession of land on the South Yuba River adjoining the lands of Mrs. Rapp on the south and bounded on the east by the Excelsior Ditch on the north by the South Yuba River and on the west by the lands of Fulweiler. The assessed values are 600 acres \$200, improvements \$1,300, 1 wagon \$40, 3 half-breed horses \$100, 1 colt \$5, 11 mixed cows \$330, 7 cows \$35, 14 stock cattle \$225, sow and pigs \$20, growing hay \$20, furniture \$200, 300 gallons of wine \$90, poultry \$20, gun \$10. Taxable property \$2,625 taxes \$42 (1872 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready #3819)
3. Caleb Cooley Possession title to a tract of land at Point Defiance at the junction of the North and South Yuba Rivers \$225, 1 half-breed horse \$50, 1 Spanish horse \$15, 1 colt \$15, 3 cows \$120, 3 calves \$15, poultry \$5, shotgun \$5. Taxable property \$450 taxes \$7.20 (1872 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #3108)
4. Cooley and Company Possession title to mining claim at Point Defiance at the junction of the North and South Yuba Rivers known as Point Defiance. Water ditch conveying water from the South Yuba River to the above claim 3/4 miles above. Taxable property \$300 taxes \$4.80 (1872 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #3109)

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5. Smith, Charles lot on the Bridgeport to French Corral Road and known as the "Dead Fall" \$50, improvements \$150, 1 American cow \$40, 4 hogs \$20, poultry \$10. Taxable property \$270 taxes \$4.32 (1872 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #3388)
- 1873
1. On January 2, Nirus Cadwallader provides a mortgage to R. M. Hunt and T. W. Sigourney to purchase the Virginia Turnpike Company for \$5,000 (Hunt \$4,000; Sigourney \$1,000). The same day, R. M. Hunt and T. W. Sigourney mortgage to Samuel Wood and J. M. C. Jasper for \$5,000 all rights, titles and interest to that certain toll road running from the Anthony House by way of the covered bridge at Bridgeport, known as the Virginia Turnpike. Interest is to be 1 1/2% per month. (Mortgages 12-175, 12-177)
 2. Cooley, Caleb land on the south side of the road at Bridgeport, formerly owned by David Wood \$150, improvements \$250, land at Point Defiance at the confluence of the North and South Yuba Rivers \$100, 1 wagon \$45, 2 horses \$80, 1 Spanish horse \$15, 2 American cows 480, 1 calf \$5, 1 stock cattle \$20, 2 hogs \$5, furniture \$25, 12 poultry \$5. Taxable property \$810 taxes \$15.39 (1873 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 9)
 3. Cole, C. J. land ± 600 acres on the South bank of the South Yuba River at the crossing of the Marysville and San Juan Road \$800, 1 horse barn \$200, 2 wagons \$125, 2 sets of harnesses \$20, 3 half-breed horses \$100, 1 colt \$10, 5 mixed cows \$150, 1 calf \$5, 27 stock cattle \$400, 42 common sheep \$84, 8 hogs \$15, furniture \$100, 300 gal of wine \$90, 48 poultry \$20, firearm \$10. Taxable property \$2,254 taxes \$42.82 (1873 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 6)
 4. Virginia Turnpike Co., Joseph Jasper Agent, toll road and bridge known as the Virginia Turnpike in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships and crossing the South Yuba River at Bridgeport \$8,000. Taxable property \$8,000 taxes \$152 (1873 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #68)
 5. Cooley and Company a mining claim at Point Defiance at the confluences of the South and North Yuba Rivers \$150. Water ditch from the South Yuba River \$150. Taxable property \$300 taxes \$5.70 (1873 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #9)
 6. Smith, Charles land situated on the west side of the road from Bridgeport to French Corral and known as the Dead Fall \$50, improvements \$150, 1 Spanish horse \$25, 2 American cows \$80, 2 calves \$10, 2 hogs \$30, 12 poultry \$5. Taxable property \$350 taxes \$6.65 (1873 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #353)

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- 1874
1. Cole, C. J. land on the South Yuba at Bridgeport at the crossing of the Marysville and San Juan road sect 33 twp 17N R7E 160 acres \$400, improvements \$500. Water right and ditch commencing at a point on Kentucky Creek about ½ mile above its mouth running in a northerly direction 1/2 mile in length. Capacity 100 inches \$100, 3 wagons \$200, harness \$25, farming utensils \$15, half-breed horse \$100, 1 colt \$10, 10 mixed cows \$200, 10 calves \$50, 9 stock cattle \$80, 2 common goats \$5, 30 common sheep \$60, 7 hogs \$15, furniture \$100, wine \$40, 60 poultry \$25, firearm \$10. Taxable property \$1,935 taxes \$34.83 (1874 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready #1969)
 2. Virginia Turnpike Company, Joseph Jasper Agent, toll road and bridge known as the Virginia Turnpike in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships and crossing the South Yuba River at Bridgeport \$8,000. Taxable property \$8,000 taxes \$144 (1874 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #2629)
 3. Cooley Caleb land at Bridgeport on the south side of the Bridgeport to French Corral Road \$150, improvements \$250, mining claim at Point Defiance where the North and South Yuba Rivers come together \$100, water ditch from the South Yuba River \$100, 2 High-breed horses \$60, 3 American cows \$120, 2 calves \$10, 1 stock cattle \$10, furniture \$50, 24 poultry \$10. Taxable property \$875 taxes \$15.75 (1874 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #2279)
 4. Smith, Charles land on the south side of Bridgeport to French Corral Road and known as the “Dead Fall” \$50, improvements \$150, 2 American cows \$60, 3 stock cattle \$55, 2 hogs \$25, 24 poultry \$10. Taxable property \$350 taxes \$6.30 (1874 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #2573)
- 1875
1. On April 14, 1875, Charles Smith claimed the water rights to “Negro Spring” being in E1/2 of NW1/4 sect 27 twp 17 NR7E, 1/4 mile west of the “Grade House” owned by C. Smith. Recorded April 14, 1875 (Water rights 1-86)
 2. On November 14, David Wood died at Wheatland where he is buried.
 3. November 1, the U.S. General Land office in Marysville accepts a certificate of registration, number 5991, for the ownership to Caleb Cooley for the N1/2 of NW1/4 and NW1/4 of the NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E, 120 acres. Recorded May 14, 1877 (Patents 1-367)
 4. Cole, Charles J. Possession of N1/2 of SE1/4 and NE1/4 of SW1/4 and S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E, 160 acres \$400, improvements \$500. Water right and ditch on the above land from Kentucky Creek and conveying water over the above ranch. Capacity 200 inches \$100, 2 wagons \$200, harness \$25, half-breed horse \$100, 1 colt \$15, 7 mixed cows \$200, 7 calves \$35, 18 stock cattle \$200, 32 common

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sheep \$70, 18 hogs \$30 furniture \$100, wine \$20, 60 poultry \$25, firearm \$10.
Taxable property \$2,030 taxes \$34.57
(1875 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready # 42)

5. Virginia Turnpike Co., Joseph Jasper Agent, toll road known as the Virginia Turnpike in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships and crossing the South Yuba River at Bridgeport \$8,000, money on hand \$50, 1 cart \$20, 1 mule \$30. Taxable property \$8,100 taxes \$185.90 (Assessment rolls Bridgeport #2479)
 6. Smith, Charles land on the French Corral to Bridgeport Road and known as the "Dead Fall" containing \pm 160 acres \$100, improvements \$250, 2 American cows \$60, 3 stock cattle \$40, hogs \$25, 1 male dog \$1. Taxable property \$475 taxes \$8.20 includes \$1 dog tax (1875 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #2422)
 7. Cooley Caleb N1/2 of NW1/4, NW1/4 of NW1/4, S1/2 of NE 1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E \pm 160 acres \$200, improvements \$250, water ditch from French Corral Ravine \$100, 1 wagon \$50, 2 High-breed horses \$80, 4 American cows \$100 4 calves \$20, 2 stock cattle \$15, 4 hogs \$25, 24 poultry \$10. Taxable property \$850 taxes \$14.75 (1875 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #2127)
 8. Cooley and Company mining claim at Point Defiance \$100, improvements \$50, water ditch from the South Yuba river \$100. Taxable property \$250 taxes \$4.25 (1875 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #2128)
- 1876
1. May 9, Samuel Wood obtains a promissory note from T. J. Talbot. The promissory note reads as follows: \$4,000 at 1% per month, \$1,000 on or before October 1, 1876, \$1,500 on or before October 1, 1877 the remainder October 1, 1878. The interest is to be paid on October 1 of each year. (Mortgage 4-238) Loan paid in full January 3, (Satisfaction of Mortgage 1-593)
 2. On May 14, J. M. C. Jasper deeds to Samuel Wood for \$4,000 his interest in the Virginia Turnpike Company. (Deed 51-330.)
 3. June 10, Ole Helgeson grants to Charles J. Cole for \$400 the described property, E1/2 of SE1/4, E1/2 of NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16 N R7E containing 160 acres. Recorded January 10, 1877 (Deed 50-632)
 4. September 12, Charles and Susan Smith obtain a mortgage from Richard Neville for \$375.56. A promissory note was payable in 1 year at 1 1/2% per month. Interest to be paid in gold coin. Recorded August 1, 1887 (Mortgages 15-22)
 5. Cole, Charles J. US patent to land situated as follows N1/2 of SE1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 and S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E, 160 acres \$250,

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- improvements \$800. A water ditch for irrigating purposes commencing on Kentucky Creek 1/2 mile southwest from Bridgeport and conveying water to the orchard of C. J. Cole \$100, 2 wagons \$175, harness \$25, half-breed horse \$100, 1 colt \$20, 7 American cows \$210, 7 calves \$35, 17 stock cattle \$200, 44 common sheep \$90, 20 lambs \$10, 13 hogs \$30, 2 watches \$25, furniture \$150, wines \$20, 60 poultry \$25, 1 firearm \$10. Taxable property \$2,275 taxes \$43.22 (1876 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready #43)
6. Helgerson Ole assessed to C. J. Cole, land about 3/4 miles south east of the Bridgeport crossing on the South Yuba River \$400. Bounded on the north by the Excelsior Ditch, on the south by the land of Hiram Rathburn, on the east by vacant land and on the west by Mrs. Rapp. Taxable property \$400 taxes \$7.60 (1876 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready #112)
 7. Cooley, Caleb land at the N1/2 of NW1/4, NW1/4 of NW1/4, S1/2 of S1/2 of NW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± \$400, improvements \$400, water ditch from French Corral Ravine \$100, 1 American cow \$30, 1 colt \$5, 5 American cows \$100, 3 calves \$15, 5 stock cattle \$75, 20 hogs \$100, 24 poultry \$10. Taxable property \$1,235 taxes \$23.46 (1876 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #1408)
 8. Cooley and Company the property description and assessments are the same as 1875. (1876 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #1409)
 9. Virginia Turnpike Company toll road and bridge in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships \$8,000, money on hand \$50, 1 cart \$20, 1 mule \$30. Taxable property \$8,100 taxes \$153.90 (1876 Assessment rolls Bridgeport #1754)
- 1877
1. On May 12, Caleb Cooley claimed water rights on French Corral Ravine “about a half mile up the road from (Charles) Smith’s house” and brought water down to Bridgeport using a ditch, which was also used by Captain Coffey on his claim, and by the Virginia Turnpike Company to put down dust. Recorded May 12, 1877 (Water rights 1-151)
 2. On May 15, Charles J. Cole claimed water rights on the South Yuba River about 1 1/4 miles above Bridgeport, and dug a ditch down the south side of the river to Bridgeport for mining, manufacturing and irrigation purposes. Recorded May 17, 1877 (Water rights 1-153)
 3. May 30, Jane Wood, Amanda Fagg and Samuel Wood deeds to Caleb Cooley the home of David Wood (deceased) on the north side and adjacent to the covered bridge at Bridgeport. On October 1, 1872 an agreement between David Wood and Caleb Cooley set the sale price at \$400. The sale includes the water rights on the water

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ditch from French Corral Ravine and water rights from a spring (Negro) on the NE1/4 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E. Recorded June 2, 1877 (Deed 53-379)

4. On June 7, Caleb Cooley claimed water rights on the South Yuba River about 1 1/2 miles above Bridgeport and dug a ditch 2 feet wide and 2 feet deep down the north side of the river to Bridgeport for irrigation and mining purposes. This is now Buttermilk Bend Trail. (Water rights 1-210)
5. The U.S. General Land office, Maysville accepts a certificate of registration Number 5992 for the ownership of the described property to Charles J. Cole and Caleb Cooley. S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E containing 80 acres. Recorded May 14, 1877 (Patents 1-365)
6. The U.S. General Land office, Marysville, accepts a certificate of registration Number 5990 for the ownership of Charles J. Cole and Caleb Cooley. N1/2 of SE1/4 and NE 1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E containing 120 acres. Recorded May 14, 1877 (Patents 1-366)
7. Charles J. Cole grants to Caleb Cooley for \$1 all of my right, title and interest in the property described, N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E. My interest in the property is my undivided 1/2 granted to Cole and Cooley by the General Land office. Patent dated November 1875, Certificate No. 5992; Recorded May 14, 1877 (Deed 52-340)
8. Caleb Cooley grants to Charles J. Cole for \$1 all of my right, title and interest in the property described, S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E. My interest in the property is my undivided 1/2 granted to Cole and Cooley by the General Land office. Patent dated November 1875, Certificate No. 5992; Recorded May 14, 1877 (Deed 52-340)
9. Charles and Susan Smith sign a homestead agreement on the property known as the "Grade House" E1/2 of NW1/4, E1/2 of SW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E. The cost value of the property is \$1,500 in gold coin, August 28, 1877. Recorded August 29, 1877 (Homestead 4-123)
10. Cole, C. J. US Patent S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/2 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 40 acres \$100, improvements \$800, US Patent N1/2 of SE1/4 and NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 120 acres \$300, E1/2 of NE1/4 and E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E 160 acres \$400. Water ditch for irrigating purposes commencing at Kentucky Flat Creek 1/2 mile SW from Bridgeport and conveying water to the orchard of C. J. Cole \$100. 2 wagons \$150, harness \$25, 4 Spanish horses \$100, 10 mixed cows \$250, 6 calves \$25, 15 stock cattle \$150, 50 common sheep \$100, 6 lambs \$5, 15 hogs \$30, 2 tons hay \$25, 2 sewing machines \$40, 2 watches \$25, furniture \$100, musical instruments

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\$10, 100 gals wine \$20, 60 poultry \$25, fire arm \$10. Taxable property \$2,790 taxes \$53.01 (1877 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready, pg 11)

11. Cooley C. land near the junction of the South and Main Yuba Rivers, sect 33 twp 17NR7E 160 acres \$400. Irrigation ditch taking water from French Corral Ravine to Bridgeport 1/4 mile in length \$100, improvements \$400, 1 American horse \$50, 1 colt \$10, 3 American cows \$75, 1 calf \$5, 7 stock cattle \$70, 17 hogs \$85, 1 sewing machine \$50, 24 poultry \$10. Taxable property \$1,255 taxes \$23.84 (1877 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 9)
 12. Cooley and Company mining claims at Point Defiance, bounded on the west by the North Yuba River and south by the South Yuba River \$100. Water ditch conducting water from the South Yuba River to the above claims \$100, Improvements \$50. Taxable property \$250 taxes \$4.75 (1877 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 9)
 13. Virginia Turnpike, G. H. Graves Agent, toll road and bridge known as the Virginia Turnpike in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships \$8,000. Money on hand \$150. Taxable property \$8,150 taxes \$154.85 (1877 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 61)
 14. Smith, Charles land on the Bridgeport grade at a place known as "Dead Fall" ± 160 acres \$100, improvements \$250, 3 American cows \$75, 3 calves \$15, 5 hogs \$35, 24 poultry \$10. Taxable property \$485 taxes \$9.22 (1877 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 54)
 15. December 21, Central Pacific Railroad Company deeds to Charles J. Cole for \$400 lot 4 of the NW1/4, SW1/4 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres. Recorded December 16, 1877 (Deed 54-36)
- 1878
1. March 16, C. J. Cole et al files a mining claim on 40 acres divided into two identical 20 acre parcels on N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E. The claim shall be known as the "Five Star" claim. Recorded April 1, 1878 (Mining claims 1-344)
 2. Caleb Cooley et al files a mining claim on 40 acres divided into two identical 20 acre parcels. Described as follows SE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E. The claim shall be known as the "Big Bend" claim. Recorded April 1, 1878 (Mining claims 7-344)
 3. May 28, Charles J. Cole and Gideon H. Graves file a placer mining claim on 40 acres, divided into two identical 20 acre parcels at the W1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 and SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4 and SW1/4 of NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E. The claim shall be known as the "Five Star" claim. Recorded May 19, 1878 (Mining claims 7-367)

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4. Cole, C. J. Patent to S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4, N1/2 of NE1/4 and NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 160 acres \$400, E1/2 of SE1/4 and NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E 240 acres \$600, improvements \$800, W1/2 of SW1/4 and W1/2 of NW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E 160 acres \$400. Water ditch for irrigation purposes commencing at Kentucky Flat Creek 1/2 miles south west from Bridgeport and conveying water to the above land \$200. Money on hand \$100, 2 wagons \$100, harness \$20, farm utensils \$10, 4 half-bred horses \$100, 10 mixed cows \$200, 9 calves \$40, 10 stock cattle \$100, 60 common sheep \$90, 40 lambs \$20, 17 hogs \$40, 100 lbs of wool \$10, sewing machine \$35, 2 watches \$20, furniture \$100, music instrument \$5, firearm \$10. Taxable property \$3,400 taxes \$64.60 (1878 Assessment rolls, Rough and Ready pg 11)
 5. Virginia Turnpike Co., G. H. Graves Agent, toll road known as the Virginia Turnpike in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships crossing the South Yuba River at Bridgeport \$8,000. 1 wagon \$50, 1 American horse \$100. Taxable property \$8,150 taxes \$154.85 (1878 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 69)
 6. Cooley and Company mining claim at Point Defiance at the confluence of the North and South Yuba Rivers \$100, water ditch from the South Yuba River \$150, improvements \$50. Taxable property \$300 taxes \$5.70 (1878 Assessment rolls pg 8)
 7. Charles Smith land on the Bridgeport grade at a place called "Dead Fall" ± 160 acres \$100, improvements \$250, 3 American cows \$75. Taxable property taxes \$9.21 (1878 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 60)
 8. Cooley, Caleb patent N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4, NW1/2 of NE1/4, N1/2 of NW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 160 acres \$400, 2 water ditches one from French Corral Ravine and one from South Yuba River \$200, 1 American horse \$40, 1 colt \$20, 3 American cows \$60, 3 calves \$30, 6 stock cattle \$100, 50 sheep \$75, 10 lambs \$5, 12 poultry \$5. Taxable property \$1,500 taxes \$28.50 (1878 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 8)
- 1879
1. Caleb Cooley et al to Charles J. Cole whereas Charles J. Cole and Caleb Cooley made a joint entry under the preemption laws of the U.S. for the S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E, said land was by U.S. Patent deed dated May 14, 1877. Caleb Cooley granted Charles J. Cole the S1/2 of S1/2 of the NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E. Charles J. Cole granted Caleb Cooley the N1/2 of S1/2 of the NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E. Recorded March 19, 1879 (Deed 57-125)
 2. Cole, C. J. S portion of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 47 acres \$120, improvements \$600, N1/2 of SE1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 120 acres \$300, improvements \$50, W1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$400, improvement \$50, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 80 acres

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- \$200, improvements \$50, agent for the “5 Star” mine N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$200, water ditch from Kentucky Flat Creek \$200, 2 wagons \$20, 10 stock cattle \$100, 50 sheep \$70, 10 lambs \$5, 20 hogs \$30, 1 sewing machine \$20, 2 watches \$20, furniture \$100, 2 musical instruments \$50, 50 poultry \$25, 1 firearm \$10. Taxable property \$3,420 taxes \$64.98
(1879 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 13)
3. Cooley and Company Title to a mining claim known as the “Big Bend” mining claim near the mouth of Kentucky Creek being the SE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E \$200, improvements \$100. Taxable property \$300 taxes \$5.70
(1879 Assessments rolls Bridgeport pg 10)
 4. Cooley C. Patent to the N1/2 of NW1/4 and NW1/4 of SE1/4 and the north side of N 1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 157 acres \$400. Possession rights to NE1/4 of NE1/4 40 acres, improvements \$400. Ditch from French Corral Ravine 1 3/4 miles in length \$100. A ditch from the South Yuba River 2 miles in length \$200. 1 American horse \$50, 5 American cows \$200, 5 calves \$25, 3 stock cattle \$30, 10 common sheep \$20, 5 hogs \$20, poultry \$10. Taxable property \$1,555 taxes \$29.54. There was a \$4 poll tax included in taxes. (1879 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 10)
 5. Virginia Turnpike Company, G. H. Graves Agent, toll road and bridge in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships and crossing the South Yuba River at Bridgeport \$8,000, 1 wagon \$50. Taxable property \$8,050 taxes \$152.95
(1879 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 67)
 6. Smith, Charles land at a place called “Dead Fall” \$100, improvements \$250, 3 American cows \$75, 3 calves \$15, 15 hogs \$35, poultry \$10. Taxable property \$485 taxes \$9.21 includes a \$4 poll tax (1879 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 59)
 7. An injunction was issued by Judge Keyser of the Marysville District Court, directing the operators of the hydraulic mines to cease depositing their tailings into the channel of the Yuba River and its tributaries. Injunction was appealed, led to the Sawyer decision of 1884 restricting hydraulic mining.
- 1880 1. The July Census of 1880 shows the following Cole family members living at Bridgeport.

Name	Age	Birthplace
Charles J.	48	England
Mary A., wife	62	England
Mary A., daughter	24	California
Fannie, daughter	22	California

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Charles R., son	21	California
Victoria, daughter	18	California

(Doris Foley Historical Research Library 1880 Census tape Rough and Ready Township pg 197)

2. Cole, Charles J. patent S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 47 acres \$120, improvements \$700, Patent N1/2 of SE1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 120 acres \$300, improvements \$75, W1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$400, improvements \$50, Patent NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$400, improvements \$150, Patent E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 80 acres \$200, improvements \$50, “5 Star” mining claim N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$200, improvements \$100, water ditch from Kentucky Flat Creek \$100, 2 watches \$20, furniture \$100, 2 firearms \$20, musical instruments \$50, 1 sewing machine \$30, farm utensils \$40, machinery \$75, wagon \$100, harness \$10, 4 High-breed horses \$100, 6 cows \$120, 13 stock cattle \$130, 90 sheep \$80, poultry \$20, 6 hogs \$30. Taxable property \$3,770 taxes \$65.98 (1880 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 13)
 3. Cooley, Caleb Patent sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 120 acres \$300, N1/2 of NW1/4, NW1/4 of SE1/4, west side of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 39 acres \$370, improvements \$400, mining claim at Point Defiance known as the “Big Bend” belonging to Cooley and Company sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$200, improvements \$100, water ditch from the South Yuba River \$300, 1 American horse, 5 mixed cows \$125, 3 calves \$15, 5 stock cattle \$75, 18 sheep \$25, poultry \$10, 3 hogs \$25. Taxable property \$1,995 taxes \$34.84 (1880 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 102)
 4. Smith, Charles “Grade House” W1/2 of NW1/4 sect 17 twp 17NR7E ± 80 acres \$200, improvements \$300, NW1/4 of NE1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E 40 acres \$100, NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$100, mortgage (15-22) to Richard Neville \$350, 1 High-breed horse \$25, 3 mixed cows \$75, 3 stock cattle \$30, poultry \$5, 3 hogs \$10. Taxable property less \$350 mortgage \$495 taxes \$8.66 (1880 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 167)
 5. Virginia Turnpike Company, G. H. Graves Agent, toll road and bridge across the South Yuba River at Bridgeport in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships \$6,000, 1 wagon \$50. Taxable property \$6,050 taxes \$105.87 (1880 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 179)
- 1881 1. December 9, a decree of foreclosure was filed in the Nevada County Superior Court on mortgage 15-22, Richard Neville plaintiff and Charles and Susan Smith defendants. The sum is \$437.23 plus \$162.75 court costs and \$75 attorney fees. The

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total cost is \$675.27 at 7% interest per annum. The money is to be raised at a public auction. There is a homestead declaration on the property. Recorded August 27, 1877. (1881 book of Judgments BK1-228 Doris Foley Historical Research Library)

2. Cooley, Caleb Patent to N1/2 of NW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 80 acres \$200, NW1/4 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 40 \$100, fraction of the west side of the S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 33 acres \$330, improvements \$400, water ditch commencing opposite the mouth of the Kentucky Creek down the north side of the South Yuba River to Point Defiance, capacity 200 inches length 3/4 mile \$100, 20 sheep \$30, poultry \$10, 2 hogs \$20. Taxable property \$2,160 taxes \$36.79 (1881 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 19)

3. Smith, Charles "Grade House" W1/2 of NW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 80 acres \$200, improvements \$300, mortgage to Richard Neville dated September 12, 1876, value \$378, NW1/4 of NE1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$100, NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$100, 3 mixed cows \$60, poultry \$5. Taxable property \$385 includes a \$378 deduction for mortgage taxes \$4.50 (1881 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 87)

4. Virginia Turnpike Company property discretions and taxable property the same as 1880. (1881 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 75)

5. Cole, C. J. Patent to a portion of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 47 acres \$120, improvements \$700, Patent to N1/2 of SE1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 120 acres \$300, improvements \$75, Patent W1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$400, improvements \$50, Patent NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$150, Patent E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 80 acres \$200, improvements \$50, "5 Star Mine" N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, Sw1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$200 improvements \$100, irrigation ditch \$100, 2 watches \$20, furniture \$100, firearm \$20, 1 musical instrument \$50, sewing machine \$25, farm utensils \$40, machinery \$60, 2 wagons \$100, harness \$10, 4 High-breed horses \$100, 1 colt \$15, 6 mixed cows \$120, 10 calves \$50, 15 stock cattle \$150, 90 sheep \$90, 20 lambs \$10, poultry \$20, 10 hogs \$25. Taxable property \$3,850 taxes \$65.44 (1881 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 11)

- 1882 1. January 5, Samuel Wood owner of the Virginia Turnpike petitions the Board of Supervisors to renew his license to collect tolls. The license was granted on filing \$2,000 bond and paying a \$37 license fee. The license was for one year. The rates were set as follows:

loaded wagon 10 animals each way	\$2.50
wagon 6 animals each way	1.25

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empty wagon 4 animals each way	1.00
empty wagon 2 animals each way	.75
2 horse carriage or buggy	.50
1 horse carriage or buggy	.25
horseman	.75
footman	.10
loose stock per head	.03

(Board of Supervisor Minutes BK 3-546)

2. The Great Register of Nevada County, November 7, 1882.

(a) Joseph Kneebone, age 42, home Spenceville. Naturalized April 10, 1880, Nevada County Superior Court.

(b) Andrew Reed Kneebone, age 21, Spenceville, naturalized by father's naturalization October 7, 1882, registered.

(c) Caleb Cooley age 47, home French Corral

(d) Gideon Hand Graves age 46, home French Corral

3. On August 8, Jane Wood, David Wood's widow, died at Lincoln, Placer County. She is buried at Wheatland.

4. Smith, Charles "Grade House" E1/2 of SW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 80 acres \$157, subject to a mortgage to Richard Neville dated September 12, 1876. The W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 80 acres \$158, 2 High-breed horses \$60, 3 mixed cows \$60, poultry \$5, 5 hogs \$20. Taxable property \$460 includes mortgage deduction taxes \$8.05 (1882 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 78)

1883 January 4, S. D. Wood applies for a license renewal to collect tolls on his bridge at Bridgeport. The license was granted with a \$2,000 bond and a \$37 license fee good for one year. The rates were set as follows:

10 animals loaded wagon	\$2.50	empty	\$2.00
8 animals loaded wagon	\$2.25	empty	\$1.50
6 animals loaded wagon	\$1.75	empty	\$1.25
4 animals loaded wagon	\$1.00	empty	\$1.00
2 animals loaded wagon	\$.75	empty	\$.75
2 horse and buggy or carriage	\$.50		
1 horse and buggy or carriage	\$.25		
horseman	\$.25		
footman	\$.10		
loose stock per head	\$.03		

(Board of Supervisors minutes BK 4-160)

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- 1884 January 8, S. D. Wood applies for renewal of the license to collect tolls on his bridge at Bridgeport. The license was approved and the rates, bond and license fee all remained the same as 1883. (Board of Supervisors minutes BK 4-271)
- 1885 January 7, S. D. Wood applies for renewal of the license to collect tolls on his bridge at Bridgeport. The license was approved. The rates, bond and license fee to be the same as 1883. (Board of Supervisors minutes BK4-394)
- 1886
1. April 24, Samuel Wood obtains a promissory note from the Farmers Bank of Wheatland for \$3,500. The note read as follows: Interest 10% per annum payable every 6 months. The Virginia Turnpike was used as collateral. Recorded April 26, 1886. (Mortgages 20-594) Loan paid in full. (Satisfaction of Mortgage 2-328)
 2. July 10, Richard Neville deeds to Susan Smith for \$1 all the property on the road from French Corral to Bridgeport. The house is called the "Dead Fall" or "Grape Vine". The property was originally homesteaded (4-133) by Charles Smith in 1877. Property was sold to Richard Neville under the decree of Nevada County Superior Court December 9, 1881.
(1881 Judgment BK 1-228 Doris Foley Historical Library, Deed 67-700)
 3. Cooley C., Patent to N1/2 of NW1/4 ± 80 acres \$200, NW1/4 of NE 1/4 ± 40 acres \$100, also fraction on the north side of the S1/2 of NE1/4 33 acres \$200, improvements \$50, sect 33 twp 17NR7E. Water rights and ditch commencing at a point on the South Yuba River about 1 1/2 miles above Bridgeport and running down the north bank of the South Yuba River to a ravine about 100 yards north of the Cooley Ranch \$300. Water rights and ditch commencing at French Corral Ravine about 100 yards below the field of C. Smith and running down the north bank of the South Yuba River to Cooley's ranch \$100. Mining claim at the junction of the South Yuba River commencing at the mouth of Kentucky Creek on the South Yuba River and running down the South Yuba River to the junction of the Middle Yuba River, about 200 yards \$200. Water rights and ditch commencing opposite the mouth of Kentucky Creek and running down the north side of the South Yuba River to Point Defiance \$100. Title to S1/2 of NE1/4 80 acres \$40, E1/2 of SE1/4 80 acres \$40. improvements \$20, sect 28 twp 17NR7E. Firearm \$20, organ \$50, sewing machine \$15, wagon \$25, 2 horses \$50, 6 cows \$180, 5 stock cattle \$75, 130 sheep \$160, poultry \$10. Taxable property \$2,065 taxes \$43.47.
(1886 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 9)
 4. Charles Smith "Grade House" E1/2 of SW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 80 acres \$200, improvements \$100, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 80 acres \$200, wagon \$25, 2 High-breed horses \$40, 2 American cows \$60, 2 calves \$10, 3 hogs \$20. Taxable property \$660 taxes \$15.18 (1886 Assessment rolls pg 55)

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5. Virginia Turnpike Company toll road and bridge in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships \$3,000, franchise on road \$500.
Taxable property \$3,500 taxes \$80.50 (1886 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 6)
 6. Susan Smith files for a homestead on the property that is on the Virginia Turnpike Road to French Corral from Bridgeport about 1/4 mile below the bridge across French Corral Ravine. The property is known as the "Grape Vine" and presently known as the "Grade House". The land is described in the deed (67-100) of Richard Neville to Susan Smith dated July 10, 1886. (Homestead 5-148)
 7. C. J. Cole Patent to S portion of S1/2 of NE1/4 ± 49 acres \$120, improvements \$600, NE1/4 of SE1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 120 acres \$300, improvements \$75, Patent to W1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$200, improvements \$50, Patent to NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$400, improvement \$100, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 80 acres \$200 improvements \$50, "5 Star Mine" N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW 1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$100 improvements \$100, water ditch from Kentucky Flat Creek \$100, furniture \$100, firearm \$20, music instruments \$50, sewing machine \$15, farm utensils \$40, 2 wagons \$60, harness \$10, 4 horses \$100, 1 colt \$10, 5 cows \$150, 5 calves \$30, 5 stock cattle \$60, 100 sheep \$125, 40 lambs \$20, poultry \$15, 2 hogs \$60. Taxable property \$3,260 taxes \$74.99 (1886 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 89)
- 1887 March 29, Andrew Reed Kneebone marries Victoria Marie Cole, daughter of Charles J. and Mary Ann Cole, at Bridgeport. They lived at Andrew's Spenceville Ranch.
- 1888
1. Charles J. Cole received a General Land Patent, Certificate No 1980, giving him ownership of the designated parcel W1/2 of NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E containing 80 acres. Recorded February 7, 1888. (Patents 1-392)
 2. Charles J. Cole and G. H. Graves receive a General Land Patent for Placer mining, Mineral certificate No. 88. The mining premises are as follows: N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E containing 40 acres. Recorded February 7, 1888 (Patents 2-392)
 3. On September 21, Andrew and Victoria Kneebone have a son and name him Charles Andrew. He was born at Spenceville.
 4. Cole, C. J. Patent S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4, N1/2 of SE1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 167 acres \$675, improvements \$675, N1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$640, improvements \$50, NE1/4, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ±140 acres \$960, improvements \$150, N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E

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- + 40 acres \$140, improvements \$100, water ditch from Kentucky Flat Creek \$100, furniture 4100, firearm \$10, music instrument \$50, sewing machine \$10, farm utensils \$50, wagon \$75, harness \$15, 6 High-breed horses \$150, 7 cows \$140, 7 calves \$45, 7 stock cattle \$85, 135 sheep, 100 lambs \$25, poultry \$15, hogs \$20. Taxable property \$4,180 taxes \$100.39 (1888 Assessment Rolls Rough and Ready pg 71)
5. Cole, C. R. Homestead claim SE1/4 of NW1/4, N12 of SW1/4 and SW1/4 of SW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E 160 acres \$110. Taxable property \$110 taxes \$2.31 (1888 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 71)
 6. Virginia Turnpike, G. H. Graves Agent, toll road and bridge on the South Yuba River in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships \$3500. Taxable property \$3,500 taxes \$85.35 paid by the Farmers Bank of Wheatland on a mortgage dated April 24, 1886 for \$3,500. Mortgages 20-595 (1888 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 52)
- 1890
1. On February 17, Andrew and Victoria Kneebone have a second son, named Joseph Russell, who was born at Bridgeport, home at Spenceville.
 2. C. R. Cole SE1/4 of NW1/4 N1/2 of SW1/4 SW1/4 of SW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E 160 acres \$80. Taxable property \$80 taxes \$2.70 (1890 Assessment Rolls Rough and Ready pg 76)
 3. C. J. Cole S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 N1/2 of SE1/4 NE1/4 of SW1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 167 acres, \$420, improvements \$675, W1/2 of NW1/4 W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E 160 acres, \$400, improvements \$50, NE1/4 E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E 240 acres, \$620, improvements \$150, W1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4 SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 16NR7E 40 acres \$140, improvements \$100, wagons \$75, harness \$15, 4 horses \$100, 6 cows \$120, 4 calves \$20, 10 cattle \$100, 150 sheep \$225, 50 lambs \$25, Poultry \$20. Taxable property \$3,545 taxes \$86.85 (1890 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 77)
 4. Cooley, Caleb S1/2 of NE1/4, E1/2 of NE1/4, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 28 twp 17NR7E ±160 acres \$400, improvements \$100, W1/2 of NW1/4 ± 80 acres \$240, NW1/2 of NE1/4 ± 40 acres \$120, N1/2 of S1/2 of NE 1/4 ± 33 acres \$100, improvements \$400 sect 33 twp 17NR7E, mining claim across from the mouth of Kentucky Flat Creek and running down the north side of the South Yuba River 200 yards \$200, water ditch and rights from French Corral Ravine \$100, music instruments \$50, sewing machine \$15, 2 horses \$40, 2 colts \$20, 3 cows \$75, 1 stock cattle \$10, 90 sheep \$135, poultry \$5. Taxable property \$1,990 taxes \$48.75 (1890 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 10)
 5. Virginia Turnpike, G. H. Graves Agent, toll bridge on the South Yuba River in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships and known as the Virginia Turnpike \$3,000, road franchise \$500. There was a \$3,500 deduction because of a \$3500 mortgage with the Farmers Bank of Wheatland

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(1890 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 57)

6. Farmers Bank, Virginia Turnpike holds mortgage on the Virginia Turnpike for \$3,500 they paid the taxes. Taxable property \$3,500 taxes \$85.75
(1890 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 57)
- 1891
1. March 7, Caleb and Josephine H. Cooley acquire a mortgage from William A. Hudson for \$400 to purchase the described property. N1/2 of NW1/4, NW1/4 of NE1/4 and N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E. Payment of \$400 at 10% interest per annum. Payable semi-annually principle and interest until paid in full. Recorded March 9, 1891 (Mortgages 24-561)
 2. March 31, Caleb Cooley dies of Typhoid Fever.
- 1892
1. The great Register of Nevada County listed the following characteristics:
 - (a) Andrew Reed Kneebone, age 31, height 5'6", light complexion, gray eyes, light hair.
 - (b) Joseph Kneebone, age 54, height 5'7", light complexion blue eyes, light hair.
 - (c) Charles Jurden Cole, age 61, height 5'4 1/2", light complexion, brown eyes, light hair.
 - (d) Gideon Hand Graves, age 60, height 5'5", light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair.
 - (e) Charles R. Cole, age 32, height 5'8 1/2", light complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair(Doris Foley Historical Research Library)
 2. On June 19, Charles Russell Cole, son of Charles J. and Mary Ann Cole, marries Jennie Francis Clark and moves to Grass Valley.
 3. The U. S. General Land office, Marysville, accepts an application No. 3791 and a Homestead Certificate No. 2041 from Charles R. Cole for the ownership of the described property SE 1/4 of NW 1/4; N 1/2 of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 sect 34 twp 17N R7E, 160 acres. Recorded July 20, 1892 (Patents 3-143)
 4. Charles R. Cole grants to Charles J. Cole for the sum of \$320 the property acquired under the U. S. Patent certificate No. 2041 described above. Recorded July 20 1892 (Deed 77-664)
 5. On September 13, Andrew and Victoria Kneebone have a third son, named Alfred Alexander. He was also born at Spenceville.

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- 1895
1. On February 5, Andrew and Victoria Kneebone have their fourth son, name Johnithan James Budd, born at Spenceville.
 2. December 11, Josephine H. Cooley acquires a mortgage from George H. Witteran for \$300 for the following land N1/2 of NW1/4, NW1/4 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E, 120 acres, and N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E, 47 acres. (This property was originally acquired from William A Hudson mortgage 24-561, 1891.) All water rights and ditches owned and possessed by the mortgage. This mortgage is subject to a conveyance as follows, one year with or without grace payable to the order of George A Witteran \$300 with interest of 1% per month. Recorded December 23, 1895 (Mortgage 28-136)
- 1897
1. January 19, Charles Smith deeds to Henry Carrey for \$107.50 in gold coin land containing ± 86 acres. See deed for description. Recorded January 19, 1897 (Deed 89-116)
 2. June 15, Andrew and Victoria Kneebone have fifth son, William Henry, born at Spenceville.
- 1898
1. Charles Smith died January 2.
(Probate Tape 1134 Doris Foley Historical Research Library)
 2. Central Pacific Railroad Company grants to Charles J. Cole for \$350 the property described as follows: S 1/2 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, S 1/2 of SW 1/4 and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 sect 33 twp 17N R7E containing 280 acres. Recorded November 25, 1898 (Deed 86-76)
- 1899
1. The Virginia Turnpike Company sold to the State of California for non-payment of State and County taxes for the tax year of 1898. There was a 5 year redemption period to July 1, 1900. Assessed value \$2,500. Amount of taxes levied \$60, County \$48.80, State \$11.20 and penalties \$8. Recorded July 31, 1899 (Certificate of Sale 8-252)
 2. May 2, the Farmers Bank of Wheatland agrees to loan S. D. Wood the sum of \$1,400. He assigns a toll road extending from Bridgeport Township across the South Yuba River at Bridgeport and leading to Marysville. Said road about 4 miles in length and known as the Virginia Turnpike Company. The promissory note reads as follows, Wheatland, California, May 2, 1899. One year after date of value received and promise to pay The Farmers Bank of Wheatland \$1,400, interest at 8% per annum. If it is not paid the interest will be added to the principle at the same rate. Recorded May 14, 1897 (Mortgage 30-86)

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3. The Farmers Bank of Wheatland Vs S. D. Wood, Nora Whiting and the Virginia Turnpike Company foreclose on the Mortgage 30-86 The loan was for \$1,400 at 8% per annum. (Actions 2-94)
- 1900
1. January 9, Samuel Wood goes before the Board of Supervisors to petition the board to renew his license on his bridge at Bridgeport. The request was granted and the rates are for 1 year and are to remain the same as January 5, 1882.
 2. On September 15, Mary Ann Cole, wife of Charles J. Cole, died at Bridgeport and is buried in the Kneebone Family Cemetery. She was 82 years, 2 mos. 9 days. (The Morning Union, September 16, 1900.)
 3. December 22, G. H. Graves grants to Charles J. Cole for consideration of services by the Grantee for his care, shelter and maintenance. I convey to Charles J. Cole all of my undivided 1/2 of the "Five Star Mine" on the South Yuba River. N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17N R7E 40 acres. The Placer mining Patent between Cole and Graves. Mineral certificate No. 88. Recorded February 7, 1888, Recorded January 14, 1901 (Deed 93-583)
 4. Virginia Turnpike Company toll road and bridge across the South Yuba River. The toll road is in the Rough and Ready and Bridgeport townships \$2,000, franchise on the road \$500. There is a \$1,400 mortgage held by the Farmer Bank of Wheatland. There is s \$1,400 deduction on taxable property. Taxable property \$1,100 taxes \$28.60 (1900 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 48)
 5. Cooley, Caleb Mrs. N1/2 of NW1/4 of NE1/4, N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 153 acres \$400, improvements \$400, Mortgage (28-136) held by G. G. Witteran S1/2 of NE1/4, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 28 twp 17NR7E ± 160 acres \$250, improvements \$50, water rights and ditch from French Corral Ravine, water rights and ditch from the South Yuba River \$50, Patent S1/2 of SW1/4, W1/2 of SE1/4 sect 28 twp 17NR7E ± 160 acres \$250, musical instrument \$50, machinery \$15, 4 horses \$80, 2 cows \$40, 5 stock cattle \$50, poultry \$5.
Taxable property \$1,750 taxes \$45.50 (1900 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 7)
 6. Smith, Charles SW1.4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E ± 160 acres \$240, improvements \$100, furniture \$20, wagon \$30, 2 horses \$80, 2 cows \$40.
Taxable property \$510 taxes \$13.26 (1900 Assessment rolls Bridgeport pg 43)
 7. Cole, C. J. S1/2, S1/2 of NW1/4, S1/2 of NE1/4 less ±33 acres sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 447 acres \$770, improvements \$450, W1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$240, NE1/4, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 240 acres \$600, improvements \$150, N1/2 of SW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of

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- NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E ± 160 acres \$240, water rights and ditch from Kentucky Flat Creek \$100, furniture \$50, watch \$5, firearm \$5, musical instruments \$25, machinery \$10, farm utensils \$20, 3 wagons \$100, harness \$15, 4 horses \$80, 3 cows \$60, 3 calves \$15, 27 stock cattle \$270, 40 sheep \$40, 40 lambs \$25, poultry \$15, wine press \$5, hay press \$10, 50 gallon wine \$10. Taxable property \$3,410 taxes \$88.66 (1900 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready pg 86)
- 1901 1. April 9, the Virginia Turnpike Toll Road, formally owned and operated by Samuel D. Wood, is to be declared a free public highway of Nevada County. The said road is declared open to the public. (Supervisors minutes BK 6-696)
2. June 17, the estate of Charles Smith the inventory and appraisal of the estate is \$1,315. It is ordered that the whole estate to be assigned to Susan Smith, the wife of Charles Smith. The property of the estate is SW1/4, NW1/4 sect 27 twp 17NR7E excepting ± 80 acres conveyed to Henry Carrey. Personal property 1 buggy, 1 wagon, 3 sets of harness, 4 horses, 5 head of cattle, 1 hay press (Deed)
- 1905 On March 18, Samuel David Wood died in Berkeley, Ca. and is buried at Wheatland.
- 1908 1. January 12, Susan Neil Smith died.
(Probate tape 1727 Doris Foley Historical Research Library)
2. On October 8, Amanda Fagg, David Wood's daughter, died in Lincoln, Placer County, and is buried in Lincoln.
- 1915 Cole, C. J. S1/2 of S1/2 of NW1/4, S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 440 acres \$770, improvements \$450, W1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 40 acres \$400, N1/2 of NE1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E 100 acres \$500, improvements \$100, N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$100, W1/2 of SW1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E ± 160 acres \$240, water rights and ditch \$100, furniture \$50, musical instruments \$25, machinery \$10, farm utensils \$20, 3 wagons \$100, harness \$15, 3 cows \$60, 28 stock cattle \$425, 40 sheep \$80, poultry \$15, 3 calves \$20. Taxable property \$2,900 taxes \$59.60 (1915 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready, Pleasant Valley pg 92)
- 1916 1. On May 24, Charles J. Cole died at his home at Bridgeport. He is buried in the Kneebone Family Cemetery. He was 85 year old. Victoria Marie Amelia Kneebone became the administrator of his will. The property was divided as follows: Victoria Marie Kneebone, 1/3; Charles Russell Cole, 1/6; Fanny Cole 1/6; and Mary

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Ann was mentally deficient and Victoria was appointed to administer her 1/3 portion of the estate. (Doris Foley Historical Research Library, Probate tape drawer 7, roll 101, file 2348, The Morning Union, May 25, 1916 pg 8 col 4)

2. The probate value of the Cole estate was as follows: 65 head of cattle \$2,000, household furniture \$100, 1 wagon \$35, 1 buggy \$75, real estate 1,000 acres \$6,000, total estate does not exceed \$8,210.
 3. Cole, C. J land assessments and personal property the same as 1915. (1916 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready, Pleasant Valley pg 91)
 4. Alfred Kneebone and his brother Charles are living at the Bridgeport home. 1916 (Precinct Register Anthony House Precinct, Doris Foley Historical Research Library)
- 1918
1. February 2, Charles Kneebone, the first son of Andrew and Victoria Kneebone, marries Barbara Ehman.
 2. June 2, David I. Wood II, son of Samuel Wood (deceased) died in Santa Barbara. Burial location unknown.
 3. November 29, Alfred Kneebone marries Lucy Moyier of French Corral.
 4. November 8, William Henry, the fifth son of Andrew and Victoria Kneebone, dies in San Diego of Pneumonia while in the military. He is the only son of Andrew and Victoria Kneebone to be buried in the Kneebone Cemetery.
 5. Alfred Kneebone and his brother Charles and wife Barbara are living at Bridgeport home. (1918 Precinct Register, Anthony House Precinct, Doris Foley Historical Research Library)
- 1919
1. On August 17, the Bridgeport House, early home of Charles J. and Mary Ann Cole, was destroyed by fire. Alfred A. Kneebone and family were living there at the time. They lost everything. (The Morning Union, August 19.)
 2. On November 8, Alfred and his wife, Lucy, had a daughter, named Lucille Victoria. Since the house had just burned, she lived at the Cooley home on the north side of the South Yuba River, which was the early home of David I. and Jane Wood.
- 1920
1. Charles Russell Cole and wife Jennie deed to Victoria Marie Kneebone his undivided 1/6 of the Charles Cole estate, excluding 7 acres. Recorded June 23, 1920 (Deed 130-226)

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2. Alfred Kneebone and wife Lucy are living at the Bridgeport home. Charles and Barbara Kneebone move from ranch. (Precinct Register, Anthony House Precinct, Doris Foley Historical Research Library)
- 1921
1. On November 28, Charles Russell Cole, the son of the late Charles J. and Mary Ann Cole, died and is buried in Grass Valley. Age 61 years, 5 mos., 16 days. (The Morning Union, November 29, 1921.)
 2. On March 14, Fanny Cole Mitchell deeds to Victoria Marie Kneebone of Spenceville her undivided 1/6 of the Charles Cole Estate, excluding 7 acres. (Deed 132-42)
 3. Victoria Marie Kneebone has control of the Cole Ranch since she is administrator of Mary Ann Cole's 1/3 undivided share of the Charles Cole estate.
- 1923
- June 12, James Budd Kneebone, the fourth son of Andrew and Victoria Kneebone, marries Barbara Pisani.
- 1925
- On November 6, Alfred and Lucy Kneebone had a second daughter, her name was Alfrieda Marie.
- 1927
1. June 12, Alfred Kneebone, farmer of the lower end of the county has acquired a natural swimming pool on the South Yuba River at Bridgeport. It is 12 miles from Grass Valley on the Rough and Ready Road and has built up a resort nearby. A newly constructed road leads to the pool. Bath houses, showers and swimming equipment have been placed along side the pool, while a banquet hall and dance pavilion are located nearby. All the buildings are lighted by electricity. An opening will be held next Sunday, June 19, with a dance day and night and a beef barbecue. (The Morning Union, June 12, 1927 pg 2 col 3.)
 2. Cole, C. J. estate, Mrs. Andrew Kneebone agent, Spenceville, California S1/2 of S1/2 of NW1/4, S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E ± 440 acres \$770, improvements \$900, W1/2 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E ± 160 acres \$240, SE1/4 of NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 40 acres \$400, N1/2 of NE1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4, E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E ± 200 acres \$500, N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E ± 40 acres \$100, water rights and ditch \$100, 2 gas stations \$200, bath houses and other buildings \$150, 10 cows \$350, 2 calves \$20, 5 stock cattle \$75, 30 sheep \$120. Taxable property \$3,925 taxes \$17.52 (1927 Assessment rolls Rough and Ready, Pleasant Valley pg 99)
- 1928
1. May 10, Bridgeport Resort opens early in June. Al Kneebone of Bridgeport Resort was in Grass Valley for a short time, and while he was here announced that he will

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hold opening ceremonies for his place in the forepart of June. Mr. Kneebone announced June 3 as a possible date for his opening, but said that it depends on the condition of the Yuba River. Extensive repairs to the dance platform, bath houses and other buildings at Bridgeport are nearly complete. Considerable damage was caused by the high water during the heavy flood last winter, and this is nearly all repaired.

As an opening day feature Mr. Kneebone is planning a huge camp stew and invites all the surrounding country to attend. (The Morning Union, May 9, 1928, pg 2 col 5.)

2. May 30, Bridgeport will have opening day Sunday June 3. Alfred Kneebone, who operates the Bridgeport Swimming Resort on the Yuba River, announces the second annual opening of the resort for next Sunday, June 3. An appropriate opening day program will be carried out and the public of the surrounding country is given a cordial invitation to attend. Mr. Kneebone has engaged a 2 piece orchestra to play. (The Morning Union, May 30, 1928, pg 2 col 2.)
- 1929
1. May 25, Alfred Kneebone opens his dancing season and one of the best orchestras in the county will provide the music. New Accommodations have been arranged. Dancers have an improved dance floor, better parking spaces and convenient restrooms. Increased numbers are taking advantage of the decreased flow of the stream and the picnic area. (The Morning Union, May 25, 1929 pg 7 col 2)
 2. October 29, Fanny Cole Mitchell deeds to Victoria Marie Kneebone her 1/6 interest of 7 acres. Sect 33 twp 17N R7E. Recorded January 22, 1931. (OR 5-460)
 3. October 29, Mary Ann Cole deeds to Victoria Marie Kneebone her 1/3 interest of 7 acres. Sect 33 twp 17N R7E Recorded January 22, 1931. (OR5-461)
 4. October 29, Ella Jackson formally Ella Cole, wife of Charles Russell Cole deceased, deeds to Victoria Marie Kneebone her 1/6 interest of 7 acres. Sect 33 twp 17N R7E. Recorded January 22, 1931. (OR 5-461)
- 1930
1. On March 30, Victoria Marie Amelia Kneebone died at Spenceville and is buried at the Kneebone Family Cemetery. Victoria had no will. The Court appointed her husband Andrew Reed Kneebone as administrator. The property was divided as follows: Andrew Reed Kneebone 1/3, Charles A. Kneebone 1/6, Joseph R. Kneebone 1/6, Alfred A. Kneebone 1/6, and James B. Kneebone 1/6. (Doris Foley Historical Research Library, Probate drawer 8 roll 139 file 3278, The Morning Union, March 16, 1930.)
 2. June 20, no formal opening has been announced by Alfred Kneebone because of muddy conditions of the water. The picnic grounds and dance floor are in full operation. Kneebone believes that the mining operations will cease with lower flows

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around the first of July then he can announce the opening of the swimming pool. There will be a crew of men to clean the silt and deposits from the shores and rocks with the coming of clear water. They expect to have the swim hole in excellent condition for mid-summer. (The Morning Union, June 20, 1930, pg 7 col 1)

3. July 4, Bridgeport Resort will have plenty of swimming water. Alfred Kneebone has announced that the days of clear water through the swimming pool on the South Yuba River at Bridgeport has brought the resort back to its old time popularity. This favorite spot is the retreat for hundreds on hot days. The usual camping will continue in addition to swimming. Accommodations can be made for overnight parties in the cabins electrically lighted. (The Morning Union, July 4, 1930, pg 3 col 2)
- 1931
1. Alfred Kneebone starts paying taxes on ranch. Kneebone, A. R. S1/2, S1/2 of NW1/4 and S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 440 acres \$770, improvements \$900, W1/2 of NW1/4 and W1/2 of SW1/4 sect 3 twp 16NR7E 160 acres \$240, SE1/4 of NE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E 40 acres \$400, N1/2 of NE1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 and E1/2 of SE1/4 sect 4 twp 16NR7E 200 acres \$500, N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4 and SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E 40 acres \$100, W1/2 of SW1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 and SE1/4 of NW1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E 160 acres \$240, N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 sect 33 twp 17NR7E 7 acres \$20. Water rights and ditch \$100, bath houses and other building sect 34 twp 17NR7E \$200, gas station \$150, 1930 Chevrolet truck \$190, farm utensils \$25, 10 cows \$350, 5 stock cattle \$75, 60 sheep \$180 poultry \$25, 2 hogs \$20. Taxable property \$4,485 taxes \$179.40 (1931 Assessment Rolls Rough and Ready Pleasant Valley pg 90)
 2. April 30, Alfred Kneebone's attorney, Oscar Winburn, files an action in the Northern District of the United States District Courts at Sacramento. The action is based on the muddying of the waters of the South Yuba River by Bonanza Gold Mines Corporation and the Omega Hill Mining Corporation. The complaint cites the history of the resort including the year of 1930, which it allegedly, fail to show a profit. Alfred hopes to recover \$2,500 from loss of profits in 1930 and \$22,500 for the value of the resort rendered useless by the assorted continual pollution of the river. (The Morning Union, May 1, 1931, pg 3 col 2)
 3. A deputy U. S. Marshall served injunction papers to the Omega Mining Company and others. The action was bought by Alfred April 30, 1931. The suit was filed because the mining operation polluted the waters of the South Yuba River where Alfred Kneebone ran a swim resort. The injunction will have the effect of closing operations until the suit is settled. (The Morning Union, June 27, 1931 pg 1)
 4. May 10, spider bite on arm puts Al Kneebone in Hospital. "Alfred Kneebone resident of Bridgeport and swimming resort proprietor entered the Jones Memorial Hospital yesterday (May 9) with a badly infected arm. Kneebone was bitten earlier in the week

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- presumably by a spider and paid little attention to the bite, until his arm commenced to swell rapidly. Dr. Reed is attending Kneebone.”
(The Morning Union May 10, 1931)
- 1934 On February 25, Andrew Reed Kneebone, husband of the late Victoria Marie Kneebone, died in Grass Valley, age 73. He is buried at the Kneebone Family Cemetery. (The Morning Union, February 27, 1934 pg 6 col 1)
- 1937 1. June, Lucille Victoria Kneebone, Alfred and Lucy’s daughter graduated from Mount Saint Mary’s High School in Grass Valley.
2. On October 15, Mary Ann Cole, the first daughter of the late Charles J. and Mary Ann Cole died. She was a patient at the Nevada County Hospital for the past 12 years, she was 84 years, 10 mos., 11 days. (The Morning Union, October 16, 1937.)
- 1939 December 20, 1939, the United States of America commenced an action in District Court of the Northern Division entitled the United States of America, Plaintiff Vs 128.14 acres of land, situated in the Counties of Nevada and Yuba, et al., defendants Alfred Kneebone and Capitol Company number 4175 W.
(Doris Foley Historical Research Library, Probate drawers, file 4501)
- 1942 On September 21, the United States of America commenced an action in the District Court of the United States of America entitled. The United States of America, plaintiff Vs ± 228.91 acres of land in the county of Nevada, Alfred Kneebone et al Defendant, numbered 4537. By the said action the United States of America seeks to condemn certain easements and rights of the ± 228.91 acres for the purpose of building and maintaining a dam, to be known as the Narrows Dam.
(Doris Foley Historical Research Library, Probate drawer 8, file 4501.)
- 1943 On May 18, prior to the death of Alfred Kneebone, Alfred and Lucy Kneebone made an offer to sell and convey to the United States of America the easements and rights and privileges on the land and premises. The District Court agreed to deposit the sum of \$22,500 and shall be paid to the partitioned as the Administrator of the estate of Alfred Kneebone as just compensation for the taking the rights, easements and privileges of the land.
(Doris Foley Historical Research Library, Probate drawer 8, roll, 4501.)
- 1944 1. On December 21, Joseph Russell, Charles Andrew and James Budd Kneebone, sons of the late Andrew and Victoria Kneebone, deed to Alfred Kneebone their 1/6 shares of the Victoria Marie Kneebone estate. The transaction was recorded March 29, 1945.

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2. United States Vs 128.14 acres in Nevada County and Yuba County, Capitol Company and Alfred A. and Lucy J. Kneebone, et al preliminary Judgment of February 14, 1944 and amended June 3, 1944 awarding Capitol Company \$1,944.30 and Alfred A. and Lucy J. Kneebone \$75 property described as follows:

Nevada County

Parcel 1 portion of NW1/4, sect 4 twp 16NR7E \pm 8.97 acres; Parcel 2 SW1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE1/4; SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NE1/4; portion of N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4, sect 33 twp 17NR7E \pm 51.21 acres.

Parcel 3 SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4; SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4; W1/2 of NW 1/4 of NW1/4, sect 33 twp 17NR7E \pm 37.95 acres.

Yuba and Nevada County

Parcel 4 W1/2 of SW1/4 of SW1/4; NE1/4 of SW1/4 of SW1/4 sect 28 twp 17NR7E \pm 30.01 acres. Recorded April 16, 1948 (OR 130-43)

3. Alfred A. and Lucy J. Kneebone deeds to Capitol Company that portion of N1/2 of S 1/2 of NE1/4, sect 33 twp 17NR7E \pm 7 acres
- 1945
1. On February 19, Alfred Kneebone, the third son and owner of the Bridgeport Ranch died suddenly. He was 52 yr., 5 mos., 5 days. He was buried in Grass Valley. (The Morning Union, February 21, 1945.)
 2. The Bridgeport Ranch of Alfred and Lucy Kneebone consists of the following property. S1/2,S1/2 of NW1/4 and S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4, sect 33 twp 17NR7E 440 acres \$1,100, improvements \$1,000, W1/2 of NW1/4 and W1/2 of SW1/4, sect 3 twp 16NR7E, 160 acres \$320, SE1/4 of NE 1/4, sect 4 twp 16NR7E 40 acres \$500, N1/2 of NE1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 and E1/2 of SE 1/4, sect 4 twp 16NR7E 200 acres \$600, N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4 and SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4, sect 34 twp 17NR7E 40 acres; \$120, W1/2 of SW1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4 and SE1/4 of NW1/4, sect 34 twp 17NR7E 160 acres \$320, water rights and ditch \$100. Total 1040 acres. Gas pump and 4 oil tanks \$60, gas station \$150, bath houses and other buildings in sect 34 twp 17NR7E \$100, personal property \$350. Taxable property \$4,720 taxes \$154.92(1945 Assessment Rolls vol 4 Pleasant Valley pg 60)
- 1946
1. On March 27, the United States of America Plaintiff Vs \pm 228.91 acres of land in Nevada County, Lucy Kneebone individually and as Administrator of the Alfred Kneebone estate as defendant is awarded \$22,500 as agreed in 1943. (Deed July 18, 1947. Official Record, OR 118-449 through 452.)
 2. When Lucy signed the final judgment the following conditions exist. The permissive use and occupancy to be at the sole risk of the said defendant, her heirs, successors and assigns the United States of America shall not be liable for any loss or damage to

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crops, livestock, property or persons caused to the owner, tenant, occupant or any other person or persons by operations of the United States of America, its Agency, officers or employees, or by inundation of the land.

- 1948 December 29, Lucy Kneebone leases the Kneebone Ranch to Edward P. Alvarado, excluding the house and yard around the house. The lease was for \$1,200 per year. (OR 139-75)
- 1951 1. August 10, Lucy Kneebone grants to Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. White, the Kneebone Ranch. (OR 165-309)
2. The property is described as follows - Charles N. White
NE1/4 of SW1/4, N1/2 of SE1/4, S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4, sect 33 twp 17NR7E 160 acres; Parcel of land N1/2 of S1/2 of NE1//4, sect 33 twp 17NR7E 16.9 acres; W1/2 of SW1/4, NE1/4 of SW1/4, SE1/4 of NW1/4, N1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4, SE 1/4 of NW1/4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4, sect 34 twp 17NR7E 200 acres; NE1/4-E1/2 of SE1/4, sect 4 twp 16NR7E 240.77 acres; Lot 4 SW1/4 of NW1/4, W1/2 of SW1/4, sect 3 twp 16NR7E 160 acres. Total \pm 777.67 acres
Taxable property taxes (1951 Assessment Rolls Rough and Ready pg)
- 1956 May 28, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. White grants to Mr. and Mrs. Evan K. Harrison, the Kneebone Ranch. It was at this time the second farm house was taken down and the new house started.
(Permit No. 963 dated August 3, 1956 effective 1955 home 1322 sq. ft.)
- 1958 April 4, Mr. & Mrs. Evan K. Harrison grants to Melvin K. and Carrie R. Maish, the Kneebone Ranch. (OR 244-315)
- 1964 July 21, Melvin and Carrie Maish grants to Mr. and Mrs. Jack J. Cowan, the Kneebone Ranch, except approximately 3 acres on the northwest corner of the Ranch, SE 1/4-NW 1/4 sect 34 twp 17NR7E. (OR 361-81)
- 1966 1. June, Jack and Janet Cowan grants to Robert S. Spitzer, the Kneebone Ranch. (Or 402-393.)
2. June 22, Robert S. Spitzer in the articles of incorporation form the Bridgeport-Ponderosa Corporation with three directors, Gillman Y. Murry, Robert S. Spitzer and Eugene R. Mastin. They generated 7500 shares with no par value. (OR 403-84)
- 1972 June 28, Nevada County files a judgment to condemn 2 acres of land at Bridgeport. The County paid \$7,500 to Eugene R. Mastin, Robert Spitzer, and the Bridgeport-Ponderosa a general Partnership (BK100-77). The county will build a 24

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foot road from Pleasant Valley Road to the covered bridge, block the road at the monuments, abandon the road to the Cemetery (Virginia Turnpike) and provide parking. (OR 691-621)

1973 - 86 Property was obtained by Sequoia Challenge Inc. in the Bridgeport area from Bridgeport-Ponderosa Inc. and private individuals. The State of California purchased these lands from Sequoia Challenge. The deeds are on file at the Bridgeport Ranger Station.