

SOME EARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN SETTLERS
IN THE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY



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INTRODUCTION

This small finding aid is offered in observance of Black History month, with the thought that history is people doing things, from panning gold to governing a country. The settlers noted in these pages were cooks, bricklayers, *vaqueros*, barbers, *rancheros*, miners, seamstresses, *pobladores* —a cross-section of Santa Clara Valley life.

A reading elicits questions: of the "slaves," how many stayed on in this capacity and for how long? Of those having only a first name in 1852, when and how did they later select a surname? How many stayed on and made a life for themselves here?

Of the individuals, one wonders: who was 'Maria Beteetee' of Georgia, who did she marry and whose ancestress is she? And the Wilkison family with their three little sons—did these children grow up in San Jose and leave descendants here? The well-traveled John Diselvy, born in the West Indies and latterly a resident of China—did he like California well enough to stay, or did he move on, leaving only one small memory in our records?

Edith Smith

First *Padron*

The earliest recorded African presence in the Santa Clara Valley is found in the list of first settlers (1777). The following five *pobladores* were all noted as Mulatto:

Basques, Tiburcio Joseph	25 ¹
Tapia, Philipe	42
Romero, Joseph	35
Azebes, Maria Petra	17
Amesquita, Manuel	21

Records in 1850

The Federal Census of 1850 was lost. A survey of extant public records from that year reveals no racial annotation, so it is not possible to tell from these records—tax list, court cases, etc.—who was of African origin and who was not. One primary source—a church record—yields only two names of African-Americans.

The Minute Book of the Baptist Church bears the following entry, dated June 1850: "[We] extend the right hand of fellowship to our colored brother Thomas and colored sister Anna...." Both Thomas and Anna were admitted by letter from High Point. It would appear that High Point was in Moniteau County, Missouri.

Records in 1852

The California State Census of 1852 for Santa Clara County is a somewhat frustrating document. It was done by Sheriff John Yontz, whose handwriting was almost indecipherable. Sheriff Yontz apparently had the returns copied before handing them in, for the writing on the original record bears no resemblance to that of Mr. Yontz. That copy was then water-damaged, and in the 1930s the Daughters of the American Revolution made a typescript of the copy; it is from this typescript that the list here presented was abstracted.

At some point in this census's troubled history—probably during the first transcription—the copyist chose to scramble the order, with historically tragic results. The normal ordered procedure for the census-taker was to walk along a street or road, enumerate each dwelling or business structure, and list by name and other data each occupant. In later years, researchers could thus determine family, business, and neighborly relationships with a fair degree of certainty. While this procedure was probably followed by Sheriff Yontz, the end result of the two transcriptions and the scrambled effort at indexing is a hodge-podge of entries, with all relationships forever destroyed.

In addition, there is some confusion as to terminology in racial annotation. The standard usage of the time was 'N' for 'Negro' and 'M' for 'Mulatto'; this census-taker used instead 'B' (Black) and 'C' (Colored). Thus, the totals *per* county are expressed in 'N' and 'M,' but individuals are identified by 'B' or 'C.' Only one person bears the notation

¹ Possibly a.k.a. Vasques, Joseph Tiburcio. *The Story of San Jose*, p. 6. O. O. Winthur (CHS Quarterly V XIV No. 1, March 1935).

'M' within the body of the census—a little girl, nine years old, Maria Beteetee, who came to California from Georgia.

The Federal Census of 1860

P. B. Tully, the census-taker of 1860, made his rounds in the summer. By this year the County of Santa Clara had been subdivided into townships: Gilroy, San Jose, Alivso, Fremont, Redwood, and Santa Clara. As Mr. Tully traveled the rural areas he was moved to note, on page 223, that "The principal enemies of the farmer throughout this county are the squirrels."

Space was provided on the enumeration schedules for notation of each resident's race. Thus, Native Americans are noted as "Ind."; Chinese by "China" and sometimes, by noting the subject's name as 'John Chinaman.' Sometimes, the notation 'Mongolian' appears. African-Americans were noted as 'B,' Black, or 'M,' Mulatto. This census, in contrast with that of 1852, includes only three individuals bearing only a first name: a little girl, Anna (10 years) from Missouri, Jennie (50 years), and Nat (28 years). Anna may have lived with the Liggard family in or near Gilroy; Jennie and Nat lived with J. C. Smith, a merchant in Redwood Township. Another child living alone within a local family is Beecher Stowe (7 years), born in California and living with Samuel Henderson, a Justice of the Peace from Kentucky. There appears to be one interracial couple, living in or near Santa Clara: Frank D. and Susan Dolbeer.

Distinct family groups were: William and Harriet Smith, a young couple with one child; Alfred and Rebecca White, with three; A. W. and Mary A. Smith, with five; and the four-member Robert Wise family. The largest shared household was composed of George and Martha Chester with two small children, four children with the surname of Cooker, and a couple, Aaron and Jane Black.

1852 Census
Negroes in Santa Clara County

Name	Desiq.	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace	Residence	Page	Remarks
Beteetee, Maria	M	9	F	Farmer		Georgia	112	
Bond, Kersey	C	40	M	Laborer	North Carolina	Missouri	85	
Brown, William	B	20	M	Farmer	Virginia	Missouri	134	
Diselvy, John	C	22	M	Cook	West Indies	China	66	
Ellis, James	B	27	M	Barber	Ocean [sic]		91	
Falack, Moses	C	46	M	Laborer	South Carolina	Pennsylvania	60	
Foster, Richard	B	30	M	Barber	Virginia	Tennessee	72	
Freeland, Thomas	B	34	M	Laborer	New Jersey	New York	72	
Hall, Henry	B		M	Bricklayer	Virginia	New York	110	
Hanison, Nathan	C	19	M	Farmer	Kentucky	Missouri	152	Also B. O. Hanison, 53, of Missouri, but noted as 'MW'
Harmons, Henry	B	23	M	Farmer	Missouri	Missouri	134	
Hul [sic], Thomas	C	31	M	Cook	Baltimore, MD	New York	120	
Johnston, Theodore	B	25	M	Coo,	New York	New York	74	
Jordan, Herman	B	21	M	Laborer		Texas	171	
Lewis, David	B	36	M	Merchant	Ohio	Indiana	97	
Lewis, John	B	25	M	Cook	Canada	New York	57	
Macy, Joseph	C	44	M	Restaurant	Baltimore, MD	New York	118	
Mitchell, John	B		M	Cook	Boston, MA	Boston, MA	107	
Mitchell, Joseph	B	22	M	Farmer	Louisiana	Texas	168	
Smith, William	C	30	M	Cook	New York	New York	113	Perhaps lived at hotel owned by J. Band and Lucy A. Phillips of Illinois
Talbot, Harry	B	30	M	Farmer	California [sic]	California [sic]	111	Perhaps lived with Mathew Talbot of MO. 'Calif.' as birthplace is probably an error.
Talbot, James	B	30	M	Farmer	Kentucky	Missouri	111	
Thomas, Betsy	C	40	F	Slave	Kentucky	Kentucky	153	Perhaps lived with family of Dr. J. W. and Mrs. Mary A. Langhorn of Missouri
Valentine, Lewis	C	19	M	Farmer	New York	New York	126	
Washington, Frederick	B	41	M	Steward	New York	Massachusetts	173	
Watkins, John	B	24	M	Farmer	Missouri	Missouri	76	
Wilkison, Clayman	B	29	M	Laborer	Kentucky	Missouri	76	
Wilkison, George	B	8	M		Missouri	Missouri	76	
Wilkison, John	B	5	M		Missouri	Missouri	76	
Wilkison, Sarah	B	24	F		Kentucky	Missouri	76	
Wilkison, Clark	B	3	M		Missouri	Missouri	76	
Amanda	C	38	F	Farmer	North Carolina	Louisiana	102	
Angeline	C	14	F	Farmer	Indiana	Indiana	154	
Caroline	C	9	F	Farmer		Texas	102	
Charles	C	22	M	Cook		Missouri	112	Perhaps lived with the family of H. H. and Mark Clarkson of Missouri
Charlotte	C	24	F	Slave	Missouri	Missouri	153	
Clem	C	34	M	Slave	Missouri	Missouri	155	Perhaps lived with James Findlay of Missouri
David	B	24	M	Laborer	Kentucky	Kentucky	89	
George	C	24	M	Laborer	Tennessee	Missouri	131	Perhaps lived with family of Edwin and Elizabeth Dale of Missouri
Hard	B	25	M	Slave	Kentucky	Missouri	167	Perhaps lived with Martin family of Missouri
Henry	B	18	M	Slave	Missouri	Missouri	110	Next to Elijah Overfeldt and John Trimble, farmers from Missouri
Henry	C	7	M	Slave	Missouri	Missouri	153	Perhaps lived with M. W. and Eliza Mental of Missouri

Name	Desig.	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace	Residence	Page *	Remarks
Jim	B	30	M	Laborer	Georgia	Texas	144	
Marla	B	14	F	Servant	Missouri	Missouri	116	Perhaps lived with the family of W. S. Letcher of Missouri
Mathew	C	4	M	Farmer		Texas	102	Perhaps lived with family of John and Isabella Bland of Texas
Miller	C	29	M	Servant	Missouri	Missouri	154	
Sampson	C	25	M	Slave	Missouri	Missouri	155	
Selly	B	14	F	Farmer	Missouri	Missouri	76	Perhaps lived with family of Marcus and Susan Williams, farmers from Missouri
Thomas	C	34	M	Slave	Virginia	Missouri	153	

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Name	Age	Gender	Race	Occupation	Twp. of Res.	Nativity	Page #
Asbury, James	45	M	M	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	PA	325
Asbury, Prudence	36	F	M		San Jose Twp.	VA	325
Asbury, Sarah	13	F	M		San Jose Twp.	MO	325
Berlike, Henry	40	M	B	Farm Laborer	San Jose Twp.	MO	362
Binke, Samuel	28	M	B		San Jose Twp.	MO	394
Black, Aaron	40	M	M		San Jose Twp.	NY	325
Black, Jane	30	F	M		San Jose Twp.	England	325
Blives, Samuel	25	M	B	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	MO	345
Breckenridge, Caroline	1	F	B		San Jose Twp.		308
Breckenridge, Lizzie	14	F	B		San Jose Twp.	MO	308
Brown, Elizabeth	45	F	B	Nurse	San Jose Twp.	LA	341
Brown, John	30	M	B	Farm Laborer	Alviso	NY	399
Brown, William	30	M	B	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	MO	345
Chester, Andrew	2	M	B		San Jose Twp.	CA	325
Chester, Anna	One month	F	B		San Jose Twp.	CA	325
Chester, George	27	M	M	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	PA	325
Chester, Martha	32	F	B		San Jose Twp.	TN	325
Combs, John	58	M	B	Day Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	VA	515
Combs, Martha	55	F	B		Santa Clara Twp.	KY	515
Cooper, Ellen	16	F	B		San Jose Twp.	TX	325
Cooper, Fred	7	M	B		San Jose Twp.	TX	325
Cooper, George	11	M	B		San Jose Twp.	KY	325
Cooper, Theodore	17	M	B		San Jose Twp.	TX	325
Dipes, Henry	20	M	B	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	East Indies	306
Dolbeer, Susan	40	F	B		Santa Clara Twp.	GA	492
Dole, George	28	M	B	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	MO	345
Green, Caroline	17	F	B		San Jose Twp.	TX	311
Green, Mallison	12	M	B		San Jose Twp.	TX	311
Hayes, James	30	M	M		Fremont Twp.	MA	434
Hutchison, William	19	M	M	Farm Laborer	Fremont Twp.	MO	419
Johnson, Thodon	30	M	B	Day Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	KY	515
Jones, William	40	M	B	Servant	Gilroy	KY	223
Langhorne, Betsy	46	F	B	Washwoman	San Jose Twp.		308
Langhorne, Thomas	42	M	B	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	VA	308
Lawrence, Angeline	34	F	M		Alviso	KY	412
Lawrence, Henry	38	M	M	Cook	Alviso	TN	412
Leper, Amanda	50	F	B	Washerwoman	San Jose Twp.	NC	311
Leper, Hanson	60	M	M	Laborer	San Jose Twp.	KY	311
Maxwell, Dennis	23	M	M		Fremont Twp.	KY	439
Mc_____, Bob	25	M	B	Farm Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	VA	511
Miller, Jane	18	F	M		Santa Clara Twp.	MO	475
Miller, John	30	M	B	Day Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	KY	475
Minifee, Fred	40	M	M	Day Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	VA	513b
Minifee, Joseph	60	M	B		Santa Clara Twp.		513b
Minifee, Sara	40	F	B		Santa Clara Twp.	VA	513b
Palto [sic], Mary	16	F	B		San Jose Twp.	LA	299
Powers, Rheuben [sic]	25	M	B	Farm Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	KY	511
Pringle, P_____	27	M	M	Farm Laborer	Fremont Twp.	Canada	419
Rose, Andrew	32	M	B	Farm Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	KY	511
Sanford, John	50	M	M	Day Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	KY	475
Sanford, P.	60	F	B		Santa Clara Twp.	KY	475
Sayers, Robert	40	M	B	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	MO	338
Scott, Isaac	26	M	B	Farm Laborer	Santa Clara Twp.	NC	510
Shorter, Mary	32	F	M		San Jose Twp.	TN	318
Shorter, Richard	40	M	M	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	MD	318
Smith, A. W.	52	M	M	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	DC	311
Smith, Charles	22	M	M	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	DC	311
Smith, Frances	23	F	M		San Jose Twp.	DC	311
Smith, George	16	M	M		San Jose Twp.	PA	311
Smith, Harriett	29	F	M		San Jose Twp.	PA	306
Smith, Henry	37	M	M	Servant	Gilroy	MA	239
Smith, Mary A.	53	F	M		San Jose Twp.	DC	311
Smith, Mary C.	20	F	M		San Jose Twp.	PA	311

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Smith, Willett C.	5	F	M		San Jose Twp.	CA	306
Smith, William	29	M	M	Barber	San Jose Twp.	DC	311
Smith, William A.	29	M	M	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	DC	306
Stowe, Beecher	7	M	M		Santa Clara Twp.	CA	483
Underwood, John	30	M	B		Santa Clara Twp.	TN	513b
Wagoner, Peter	35	M	B	Day Laborer	San Jose Twp.	KY	308
Wagoner, Rachel	40	F	B		San Jose Twp.	VA	308
Wallace, John	35	M	M	Farm Laborer	San Jose Twp.	West Indies	366
White, Albert L.	4	M	M		San Jose Twp.	CA	307
White, Alfred J.	30	M	M	Barber	San Jose Twp.	PA	307
White, Anna M.		F	M		San Jose Twp.	CA	307
White, Honora	8	F	M		San Jose Twp.	MA	307
White, Rebecca	29	F	M		San Jose Twp.	SC	307
Wilson, Jas.	65	M	B		Santa Clara Twp.	PA	515
Wise, Jane	10	F	B		Fremont Twp.	MO	419
Wise, Martha	5	F	B		Fremont Twp.	CA	419
Wise, Robert	50	M	B	Farm Laborer	Fremont Twp.	MO	419
Wise, Rosa	22	F	B		Fremont Twp.	MO	419
Wright, Maria	12	F	M		San Jose Twp.	NY	306
Young, Eliza G.	5	F	M		Alviso	CA	412
Young, Mary A.	7	F	M		Alviso	CA	412
_____, Anna	10	F	B	Farm Laborer	Gilroy	MO	241
_____, Jennie	50	F	B		Redwood	NC	450
_____, Nat	28	M	B		Redwood	KY	450

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Name	Age	Gender	Race	Occupation	Twp. of Res.	Nativity	Page #
Bouser, Ann E.	4 months	F	B		San Jose, Ward 2	CA	283a
Bouser, George	29	M	B	Boot Black	San Jose, Ward 2	VA	283a
Bouser, Josephine	22	F	B		San Jose, Ward 2	MA	283a
Bowen, Jennie	20	F	B	Servant	San Jose, Ward 1	PA	28
Breckinridge, David	20	M	B	Laborer	San Jose	MO	19
Breckinridge, John	20	M	B		Santa Clara	MO	76
Breckinridge, Sellie	16	F	B		Santa Clara	MO	76
Brown, Anna	12	F	B		Santa Clara	MO	4
Brown, Jane	25	F	B	Keeping House	Santa Clara	KY	4
Brown, Julia	7	F	B		Santa Clara	MO	4
Brown, Minerva	16	F	B		Santa Clara	MO	4
Brown, Robert	14	M	B		Santa Clara	MO	4
Bryant, Caroline	29	F	B		San Jose, Ward 2	NC	333a
Bryant, Charles	39	M	B	Barber	San Jose, Ward 2	England	333a
Bryant, Elizabeth	1	F	B		San Jose, Ward 2	CA	333a
Cassey, Amy H	7	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	36
Cassey, Annie B.	37	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	SC	36
Cassey, Peter W.	38	M	B	Clergyman/Teacher	San Jose, Ward 1	PA	36
Caune, Caladonia	9	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	37
Collins, Henry C.	21	M	B	Laborer	San Jose	MO	4
Combs, John	76	M	B	Boot Black	Santa Clara	VA	30
Cooper, Ann R.	52	F	B		San Jose, Ward 2	NJ	283a
Cooper, Frederick	19	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	TX	23
Cooper, Randolph	56	M	B	Whitewasher	San Jose, Ward 2	MA	283a
Davidson, Douglas	11	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	36
Davis, Jefferson	15	M	B		Alviso	Zanzibar	1
Davis, Mary E.	56	F	B		San Jose, Ward 2	MA	336
Davis, William H.	50	M	B	Janitor	San Jose, Ward 2	VA	336
Edwards, Charles	12	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
Edwards, Ida	4	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
Edwards, Julia	8	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
Edwards, Katie	5	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
Erb, Julia	20	F	B	Servant	San Jose, Ward 1	PA	28
Fleming, George	30	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	TX	23
Floyd, Ada	6	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	26
Floyd, Albert	9	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	26
Floyd, Cora	1	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	26
Floyd, Daisy	4	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	26
Floyd, Ellen	2	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	26
Floyd, James	45	M	B	Jobbing	San Jose, Ward 1	MA	26
Floyd, John	8	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	26
Floyd, Martha	29	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	MO	26
Fowler, Andrew	35	M	B	Boot Black	San Jose, Ward 2	MA	319
Galway, James	21	M	B		Fremont	CA	48
Galway, John	5	M	B		Fremont	CA	48
Galway, Mary	47	F	B	Keeping House	Fremont	AK	48
Gates, Alice	22	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	DC	68
Green, Madison	22	M	B	Laborer	San Jose, Ward 2	TX	333a
Grey, Benjamin	1	M	B		Santa Clara	CA	76
Grey, Elizabeth	30	F	B		Santa Clara	MO	76
Grey, Henry	39	M	B	Farmer	Santa Clara	KY	76
Grey, Sarah	3	F	B		Santa Clara	CA	76
Grey, William H.	5	M	B		Santa Clara	CA	76
Hazard, Peggy	86	F	B	House Servant	San Jose	CT	48
Hogan, Richard	25	M	B	Barber	San Jose, Ward 1	KY	26
Jackson, Matilda	7	F	M		Fremont	CA	41
Joseph, Henry	27	M	M	Barber	Gilroy	England	21
Joseph, Maria	21	F	M		Gilroy	NY	21
Judah, Ida	10	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	68
Lane, Benjamin	46	M	B	BARBER	San Jose, Ward 1	MD	33
Lane, Elizabeth	42	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	NY	33
Lane, Frank	7	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	Brit. Colum.	33
Lane, Harriet	3	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	OR	33

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Lane, Mary	5	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	OR	33
Laurence, Eliza J.	28	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	Can. West	66
Laurence, John G.	28	M	B	Barber	San Jose, Ward 1	TN	66
Lawrence, Angeline	37	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	KY	28
Lawrence, Henry	47	M	B	Cook	San Jose, Ward 1	TN	28
Leeper, Amanda	50	F	B		San Jose, Ward 2	NC	333a
Leeper, Harrison	50	M	B	Laborer	San Jose, Ward 2	KY	333a
Lockwood, Hermett	63	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	SC	37
Madden, Jacob	51	M	B	Laborer	San Jose	SC	8
Madden, James	25	M	B	Laborer	San Jose	AR	8
Madden, John	31	M	B	Laborer	San Jose	AR	19
Madden, Minerva	22	F	B	Keeping House	San Jose	AR	8
Maden, George	28	M	B	Farm Laborer	Fremont	AK	48
Majors, Amanda	19	F	B	Dressmaker	San Jose	TX	4
Majors, Della	37	F	B		San Jose	TN	4
Majors, Henry	16	M	B		San Jose	CA	4
Majors, William	35	M	B	Farm Laborer	San Jose	KY	4
Mallory, Thomas	22	M	M	Boot Black	San Jose, Ward 1	VA	66
Manifee, Mary	80	F	B	Keeping House	Santa Clara	VA	4
Overton, Jacob	24	M	B	Porter	San Jose, Ward 1	KY	57
Overton, Sarah	24	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	MA	57
Paris, Lewis	37	M	M	Porter	Gilroy	ME	21
Primas, Fannie	11	F	B		Fremont	CA	48
Primas, Fleming	64	M	B	Farmer	Fremont	VA	48
Primas, Fleming	3	M	B		Fremont	CA	48
Primas, Mary	5	F	B		Fremont	CA	48
Primas, Phillip	12	M	B		Fremont	CA	48
Primas, Rosetta	27	F	B		Fremont	MS	48
Purnell, Arelena	23	F	M	Ladies hair dresser	Gilroy	PA	21
Purnell, Louisa	19	F	M	Ladies hair dresser	Gilroy	NY	21
Purnell, Mary	15	F	M		Gilroy	PA	21
Purnell, William	27	M	M	Barber	Gilroy	PA	21
Randall, Ophelia	15	F	B	At home	San Jose, Ward 2	NY	336
Remes, Peter	45	M	B	Wood Chopper		Brazil	49
Rose, Julia	56	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	VA	28
Serrington, William	35	M	B	Boot Black	San Jose, Ward 2	NY	336
Sharter, Mary	37	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	KY	26
Sharter, Richard	43	M	B	No employment	San Jose, Ward 1	MD	26
Smith, David	34	M	B		Almaden	IN	30
Smith, Frank	37	M	B		Almaden	IN	30
Smith, Harriet	39	F	M		San Jose, Ward 1	PA	8
Smith, Joseph	13	M	M		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	8
Smith, Willette	15	F	M		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	8
Smith, William	39	M	M	Hair Dresser	San Jose, Ward 1	DC	8
Speights, Nahnloke	27	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	DC	68
Speights, Reding	29	M	B	Barber	San Jose, Ward 1	PA	68
Stans, James S.	15	M			San Jose, Ward 1	CA	37
Swan, Florence	19	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	KY	26
Tow, Samuel	85	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	LA	23
Venable, Charles	3	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	23
Venable, David	4	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	23
Venable, Henry	46	M	B	Jobbing	San Jose, Ward 1	GA	23
Venable, Jane	26	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	MO	23
Venable, Lillie	7 months	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	23
Venable, Rose	10	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	23
Venable, Sarah	5	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	23
Wagoner, Harriett	13	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	MO	259
Wagoner, Peter	48	M	B	Whitewasher	San Jose, Ward 1	PA	259
Wagoner, Rachel	47	F	B	Nurse	San Jose, Ward 1	NY	259
Warren, Cornelius	66	M	B	Boot Black	Fremont	MD	48
Warren, Jane	56	F	B		Fremont	VA	48
Watkins, Fanny	40	F	B		Santa Clara	VA	4
Watkins, Ryan	40	M	B	Well-borer	Santa Clara	KY	4
White, Alfred J.	39	M	B	Hair dresser	San Jose, Ward 1	PA	28
White, Annie	12	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28

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White, Elbert	14	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
White, Howard	17	M	B	Barber	San Jose, Ward 1	MA	28
White, Louisa	7	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
White, Maggie	1	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
White, Rebecca	39	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	SC	28
White, Susan	4	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
White, Willie	4	M	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28
Willson, Horace	40	M	B	Laborer	San Jose	NJ	8
Young, Agatha F.	28	F	B	Domestic Servant	San Jose, Ward 2	KY	300
Young, Jay	35	M	B	Jobber	San Jose, Ward 2	KY	300
Young, Mary Ann	16	F	B		San Jose, Ward 1	CA	28

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Bowser, George H.	Jobber	29	
Cassey, Rev. P. W.	School super intendent	37	
Cooper, Geroge	Bootblack	43	
Cooper, Randolph	Jobber	43	
Cooper, Theodore	Cook	43	
Davis, William H.	Porter	45	
Davis, Mrs. Mary E.	Boarding	45	
Duncan, John A.	Whitewasher	51	
Ferguson, James	Barber	55	
Flemenz, George	Bootblack	55	
Floyd, James	Paper hanger	57	
Hogan, Richard James	Barber	71	
Malory, Thomas	Bootblack	89	
Overton, Jacob	Worked for Sarah L. Knox	105	
Randall, Ephraim	Expressman	113	
Ripen, Henry	Barber	115	
Shurter, Mrs. R. F.	Widow	123	
Smith, William A.	Barber	125	
Speights, Rodman	Barber	125	
Venable, Henry	Laborer	133	
Wagoner, Peter	Porter	133	
Wagoner, Mrs. Rachel		133	Notation of race is missing, but she and Peter live in same house.
Warren, C.	Bootblack	135	
St. Philips Episcopal Mission	Pastor: Rev. P. W. Cassey	193	Superintendent: James Overton; Phoenixonian Hall, 3rd & San Antonio
Zion Methodist Episcopal Church	Pastor: Rev. A. Stevens	193	Corner Fourth St. & San Antonio

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Phoenixonia Institute	San Jose	1863	63	
Floyd, James	San Jose	1863	63, 176	
White, A. J.	San Jose	1863	63, 176	
Smith, J. S.	San Jose	1863	63, 176	
Marshall, S. J.	San Jose	1865	63, 176	
Cassey, Rev. Peter	San Jose	1861	63, 92	
Smith, Mrs. Wm. A.	San Jose	1865	63, 92	
Home for Aged & Infirm Colored People	Beulah	1870	71, 106	Near Oakland
Long, Sowarie	San Jose	c1855	71	
Langhorn, Mrs. _____	San Jose	c1855	71	
Parker, Mr. and Mrs. William	San Jose	c1855	92	
Davis, Mrs. Harriett	San Jose	c1855	92	
White, Mrs. _____	San Jose	c1855	92	
Thompson, Sarah	San Jose	c1849	102	First colored woman in San Jose
Williams, James	Santa Clara	1849	103	First colored person to settle in Santa Clara Co.
Smith, William	San Jose	1863	176	
Bristol, A.	San Jose	1863	176	
Logan-Toons, Mrs. Laura	San Jose	?	208	
Overton, Sarah Massey	Gilroy, San Jose	c1860	232	
Massey, Sarah	Gilroy, San Jose	c1860	232	
Overton, Jacob	San Jose	c1860	232	

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Resources in Local History

1. The Antioch Baptist Church
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2. Black History Library
Frank Sybert African American Community Services Agency
304B North Sixth Street
San Jose, CA 95112
3. Northern California Center for Afro-American History and Life
5606 San Pablo Avenue
Oakland, CA 94608
Phone: (510) 658-3158

Contact: Dr. Lawrence P. Crouchett, Executive Director

4. The San Jose Historical Museum Archives
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Contact: Ms. Leslie Masunaga, Archivist

5. The Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society
City Library
2635 Homestead Road
Santa Clara, CA 95051-5387
Phone: (408) 248-8205

6. The California Room
Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
180 West San Carlos
San Jose, CA 95113
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Contact: John Kensit, Librarian. Collection of photographs and documents of the artist Edmonia Lewis.

7. The Sourisseau Academy
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San Jose State University
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