

CAPTAIN GEORGE WATKINS

He came to San Francisco in 1851 as master of a ship. His crew deserted him to go to the mines and he decided to remain here himself and sent his ship home to Liverpool in charge of another man. He remained in San Francisco until the next year when he came to Redwood City where there was then only a rude landing and he built the first frame building erected on the present site of the town. The dwelling was built on the west side of Main Street, and the town formed around him. He was just north of School House Lane, near today's Main and Middlefield.

Captain Watkins moved after a short while from Redwood City to Pomponio Creek where he purchased and moved onto a farm in which he resided for many years. He came to Redwood City originally with a brother William and together they built the large home of Senator Horace Hawes. At the age of 78 years George Watkins moved to San Diego where he passed away at the age of 85 years. Captain Watkins was an uncle of George and Henry Gilbert; Watkins left a sister who was Mrs. Alex Monroe of King's Mountain in San Mateo County.

Captain Watkins is buried in plot 113J in Union Cemetery. Also buried in that plot are George Watkins junior who died in 1881, William Watkins who died in 1921, and Ann Watkins who died in 1886.



*Captain George Watkins
grave stone.*