

Joseph Hamblin Hallett

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Captain Joseph Hallett passed away in King City, California on October 23, 1907. He was born in Yarmouth, Massachusetts and was educated in that state. He was old enough to enlist when the Civil War started. He joined the Navy and was rapidly promoted to become the captain of the USS Kingfisher. Joseph's parents back in Yarmouth, Massachusetts were Mathews and Eliza Hallett.

Joseph Hallett came to the Town of Woodside after completing his military time and settled in Woodside. Joseph married Nancy Logan and the couple produced 5



*The First Congregational Church
which stood at the northwest
corner of Jefferson and Middlefield*

sons and 1 daughter. The sons were Edward M., George C., Joseph H., Harry E., and Phillip. The daughter was Ella who became Mrs. J. R. Cleveland of Santa Cruz, California.

Nancy Logan Hallett died in June 1924 and services were held in the First Congregational Church at Jefferson and Middlefield in Redwood City.

Joseph H. Hallett Jr. married Miss Eva DeBenedetti, a very popular Redwood City girl.

Harry E. Hallett along with his wife, Dorothy started a market called "Portola Market". It was located at 398 Broadway. Those of us who have been in Redwood City for many years remember the wooden sidewalks through which you could see Redwood Creek flowing. I also remember very good meat from the butcher shop which was the Hallett's primary emphasis.

Buried in plot 135N in Union Cemetery are: Nancy Logan Hallett, 1924, Hallett infant, 1905, Joseph H. Hallett, 1907, and Louisa Florence Hallett, 1905.