

# A List of HUCA Lumber Mills and Lumber Yards of Redwood City.

By Jim Monroe

## 1. Sampson Mill

Sampson Mill was near the top of Corte Madera Canyon, near Skyline, called Mountain Mill. Kings Mt.

They produced Shingles, and were hauled up out by Pack Mule ,  
Later Bought out by Hanson Ackerson.

- David Winslow Sampson Born 1829 , Maine, Died Feb. 21, 1906, 77 yrs, plot 168
  - First Married Sarah A. Cole Dec.15, 1865 Born 1830 Maine Died Aug. 18, 1869 30 yrs
  - Two Babys Born
    - Fannie E. Died Sept. 22,1868 8 mo.
    - Freddy Died Aug. 2, 1869 10 Days
  - Second Marriage Elizabeth E. White July 12, 1875, Born 1834 , Died Nov. 28, 1918, 84 yrs , plot 168
- David's Brother George Lyman Sampson , Born 1830 Maine , Died Oct. 22, 1901 , 71 yrs

## 2. Saunders Mill

- Ambrose Saunders , Born 1826 Maine , Died Jan. 1 ,1886 60 yrs , a lumberman , plot 188
- Joshua N. Saunders , Born June 19, 1836 Maine, Died Jan. 7, 1886, 50 yrs , a lumberman , plot 167
  - His wife: Susan

Their last two Mills were down Tunitas Rd. After their Death Susan ran it for a while then sold ,1892.

## 3. Pharis Mills / Land

- Sheldon Purdy Pharis , Born March 22, 1828 , New York , Died Mar. 1, 1884 , 55yrs , Plot 146

Came to Calif. chopped shingles, started his business of buying Lumber land and mills, on Kings Mt.  
Became known as the "Shingle King" , Never married, Lived on Star Hill Rd.

Donated the School House on Star Hill Rd, Known as Pharis School.

Note , the building is still there, but has residents that have remodeled.

My Aunt Delia Munro Mac Pherson was a school teacher there until it shut down.

Some of the Library books were moved to The Munro Ranch, Star Hill Rd.

So when the Ranch was sold in 1950 I have the Books and the Pharis Library Stamp.

## 4. Gilberts Mill / land

- Franklin Calvin Gilbert , Born New York , Died May 10, 1915 ,78 yrs , plot 112  
Water Power saw mill lumberman in the bottom of Corte Madera Creek , Gilbert property.
  - First marriage Susan Misamore
  - Second Marriage Mary Ganoung
  - They had four Children
    - The last Girl ELLA GILBERT , Born 1878 , Died 1956 , 78 yrs. , buried Alta Mesa
      - Married George H. Leary , Born 1864 , Died 1916 , 52 yrs , plot 87  
George was a Redwood City House painter.
- Franklin's Brother Steven Beers Gilbert , Born 1826 New York , Died Feb. 4, 1892 , 66 yrs , plot 114
  - Married Annie Watkins , Born 1843 England , Died Jan. 23, 1915 , 72 yrs , plot 114
  - They had Six Children  
Steven was a trained Surveyor which helped correct some of the logging land problems, on Kings Mt.

**NOTE: I am related to the Gilberts and Watkins.**

- Capt. George Watkins had four children , two boys and two girls.
  - Annie Watkins Gilbert
  - Emma Watkins Married John White 1869. They bought the Mathew Starr Ranch.  
John White died 1871  
Emma held the ranch and Married Alexander James Munro 1873, First Congregational Church Redwood City.  
They had six children Angus ,Roland, Delia, Aleck, Sheldon, Bell.  
All the children went to the Pharis school.  
All the Boys worked in the Kings Mt. saw mills.