

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### JOHN ROBERT & JULIETTE PURKEYPILE STANLEY FAMILY

**John Robert Stanley** was born Nov. 12, 1835 in Warren Co. Tenn. He married Feb. 10, 1856 in Decatur Co., Iowa to Juliette Purkeypile a daughter or sister of Alfred of Mercer Co., Mo. She died about 1865 in Calif. perhaps at Santa Rosa. He married again to Miss True. His third wife was Miss Price. He had four children. He was Justice of the Peace in Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif. where he lived for many years. He was also a Lawyer and postmaster. He died Feb. 15, 1911 in Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif.

1. **Alfred Ozias Stanley** was born May 2, 1858 in Decatur Co., Iowa, married Cora Anderson and died July 2, 1928. His Obituary in the Sacramento Bee names his wife as Alice (second wife?). His sister Minnie was not listed and probably died before 1928. He was the father of seven children though the names of only five are known now. He and sons and brother Ransom were newspapermen and even in the 1880s when he wrote his sister' Cela Studley' from Lower Lake, Calif. John Stanley referred to his sons in connection with the Bulletin Office. Later in Modoc Co. Calif., in 1888, Ransom was a printer. In 1886 Alfred lived at Big Valley, Lassen Co. Calif. He was known to the Ben Studley family of Adin, as Fred. The family of Alfred Ozias Stanley was:

- a. **Juliette Stanley** was born 1879 in Lake Co. Calif. She married W. D. Hays, a rancher of Middletown, Calif. She was yet living in 1928.
- b. **Winifred Stanley** was born April of 1880 in Lake Co. Calif. She died Dec. 11, 1901 in Lake Co. Calif. aged 21 years 8 months.
- c. **John Edwin Stanley** was born perhaps about 1882 in Lake Co. Calif. He was a rancher of Middletown and yet living in 1928.
- d. **Melmothe Stanley** was born. 1885 in Lake Co. and died there June 20, 1902. She was a poetess of promise.
- e. **Alfred Mortimer Stanley** was born Sept. 23, 1888 in Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif. He married March 23, 1909 in Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif. to Fannie Lavina Waterbury. She was yet living in Lake Co. in 1973. He was the first State Farm Director in Calif. for the State Farm Insurance Co. serving 23 years. He died May 7, 1950 in Bloomington Ill. and is Buried in Sunset Mausoleum at El Cerrito, Calif.

*[Please see my endnote. g.m.]*

2. **Ransom Heenan Stanley** was born at Pleasant Plain, Decatur Co., Iowa on June 10, 1860. He was publisher of the Surprise Valley Record in Cedarville, Modoc Co., Calif. for many years. The mother of his eldest son was Martha Alice Johnson of Napa, Calif. The mother of his other children was Christine E. Anderson who he married in Modoc Co., Calif. He died May 7, 1930 in Cedarville, Calif. and is buried there.

*[His son, Heath, ran the Cedarville paper for many years. g.m.]*

3. **Minnie Fransis Stanley** was born 1861 in Iowa or Mo. She married \_\_\_\_ Weiser and in 1911 was residing at Eldridge, Calif. She evidently died prior to 1928.

4. **Emma May Stanley** was the daughter of John' second wife, Miss True. From a letter of her father to his sister, Cela Studley, in Adin, Calif. It seems that Emma spent the summer, or part of it, with Cela and possibly with relatives in Lakeview, Ore. Emma later named a son Colvin, perhaps

for her Colvin relatives of Lakeview. She was born 1869 and married Frank Russell who was a hardware salesman. She died a widow, Oct.1936, at Sacramento, Calif. Her children:

- a. **Stanley Russell** still living 1936.
- b. **Colvin Russell** died by 1936.
- c. **Mabel Russell** died by 1936, single.

**The 1860 census of Iowa shows the family of John R. Stanley at Pleasant Plain in Decatur Co. P.O. Nine Eagles July 1860 p94**

John R. Stanley	24	grocer	Tenn.
Julliette	20		Mo.
Alfred	3		Iowa
Ransom H.	1/12		Iowa

Also residing with this family was the family of Olive Estes, Wm., James, N.?, John B., and Sarah H. They were neighbors to his brother, Ozias L. Stanley, and family.

**1870 census p 58 Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif.**

J. R. Stanley	38	saloon keeper	Tenn
Emma	1		Calif
Mrs. Nancy True	46		Tenn.
James	13		Mo.
Jackson	11		Mo.

This is J. R.'s mother-in-law and her family, Emma's mother I don't understand this.

**1880 census June 18 Lake Co. Calif.**

John R, Stanley	42	Post Master	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.
Minnie	17		Mo.	Mo.	Mo. dau
Heenan	19		Mo.	Mo.	Mo. son
Emma Stanley	11	at school	Calif.	Iowa	Tenn.

residing with her grandmother Mrs. Nancy True June 16

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Alfred O. Stanley	23		Iowa	Mo.	Mo.
Cora	21		Texas	Mass.	Ala wife
Juliett	1		Calif.	Iowa	Tex dau
Winifred	2/12 (April)		Calif.	Iowa	Tex dau

The following letter was written by John R. to his sister Ce1a Studley; there is no date but it was probably written about 1880.

Esteemed Sister

Your letter was received some time since but I have been too busy to write or do anything but attend to settle suits. That young Acres or Akers was always counted a very nice young man I knew him since he bornd & remember the night he was bornd our mother waited on his mother when he was bornd. I suppose Emma writes for Sarah regarding her father as they roost together now all are well. excuse my delay & when I get home from the city I will write you an old fashion letter. But now close as ever

Your wellwishing Brother

J. R. Stanley

Note:

Our mother = Margaret Heather Stanley:

Akers was born in Decatur Co. Iowa where the Stanleys lived and where Margaret died in 1857.

Letter of John R. Stanley to  
his sister Cela Studley

Lower Lake Calif.  
March 24th 1872

Mrs. C.J. Studley

Dear Sister I received your kind letter sometime since but as I was very unwell at the time & ever since till a few days ago I put off answering it with others, & when I get able to write I find myself so much indebt I went to work answering letters, & I have not got through yet, but I will not put yours off till the last & this is such a beautiful day. & Sunday & I am here all alone & very lonesom when Sunday comes I of course think of more of my past life friends aquantances & brothers and sisters and all tho

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world as well as my misspent life, my mind goes back to boy hood scenes & pleasant pleasures & Passtimes as well as lingering on the difficulties mis management & misfortunes of my ill fated life But C.J. excuse me. I sometimes snible for the litteras department & probley let my self be carried away by my own Ideas. I am hapy to say to you I feele quite differant to what I did when I wrote to before I feel quite well now. Tho my face is swollen yet, tho my apetite is good, I feel as if I may yet live to see all, but I did not when I wrote before, I have had a serious time this winter but I will not bother with my misfortunes. I will change off on to something else, we have had a very wet dreary' winter here, tho the vegetation is forward. People down in the Vallies are begining to talk about haying. & vegetables are coming into market pretty liveley now & we have had some two weeks of warm weather today the thermomiter stands about 60 in the shade. My children was all well the last time I heard from them, Mother Purkeypile was up to see me this winter I very often get letters from Columbus & Carrie and occasionally from Oliver. What does father say of C.C.'s wife. I think she must be a good woman & I would like to see her. I got a very long and interesting letter from Patsy Hughes, ex-Sweeten. she gave me all the purticulars of our kinfolks who are dead & them that alive. I know it would be of interest to Aunt Betsey to hear of them but they hardley ever

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write to me & I do not know where to address them letters you will find some mistakes in this letter as I am in the P.O. working & have to get up every few minutes to wait on some one. Please excuse them, hoping this may find you all well after my kind regards to yourself & family I am ever your

Well wishing brother  
J.R. Stanley

Note:

My children- Alfred, Ransom, Minnie & Emma, evidently they lived with relatives or boarded in a school some where, possibly at Napa, Calif. ?

Mother Purkepile was his former mother-in-law, mother of his first wife Juliette. Columbus & Carrie were his brother and his new wife.

Oliver was another brother.

Patsy Hughes, ex Sweeten probably a cousin, John's mother Margaret Heather, had a sister, Betsey, and Patsy.

His father was Alfred Mure Stanley.

Letter of John R. Stanley  
to Cela Studley Jan. 15, 1874

Lower Lake Cal.  
Esteemed Sister

Your welcome messenger of 29th ultims was received last week & read with much pleasant to know that all was well I delayed answerin till now thinking I might have something or interest to write you but failing as you will see. You speak of six inches of snow we can beat that. Snow fell in the streets here to the depth of 15 inches in Nov. but did not lay long. We had a nice time since Christmas up to ten o'clock yesterday when rain commenced to fall slowly at first but getting faster & harder till now it is poring down & has been without intermission since it commenced the creeks are blooming full & still rising this mail day from Calistoga but I dont look for any stage today, but we have plenty of fish. they come up out of the lake in little streames & we capture them by the sack full and they are the best I ever seen in fresh water & I have been fixing to move a house but the rain stoped me & I have not been to dinner & you know that I am cross, the fellow on my right finger & this ole pen make bad writing, then Fred has come in asking a dog questions so I will quit till after dinner, I went in & looked at the store & its leaking in on it & everthing is wet so I will waite & go to the hotel get supper. Such is bachelor's fare I got a letter from Columbus with a likeness of his whole family last month. I have been looking for them out here, but he writes that can not fix to get here this winter, Newt is with him is coming out too.

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Mrs. Horse Allen lives 20 miles from here & was not married the

last account I had of her I went to mary her but when I ask her, she says git out you son of a Caynine, that made me mad & I could not have any woman talk that way to me, would you Jane but about them papers I hant got any good story papers on hand I had just sent the last of them to Nancy Ellen Merritt. but I will send you weekleys & dailys as I get them, I am agent for several papers I have more sent to me at one time than I can read; I am sorry to hear of stock dieing, but its no more than I expected when I see so much snow here we had a dry, Christmas. I might have enjoyed it better but about two years ago I quit drinking anything stronger than Coffee. & have kept my pleage like a little man. & expect to till I find something better than is kept here, So I could not join in with the merry formarly every party there is some drinks & rough talk & not infrequently a little nock down, which dont suit John Well C.J. I am proud to say but almost ashamed to after so near giveing up; that I weigh 181½ pounds. So much for Dr. Wilson of N.Y. tho I cough some. Yet & am troubled with heart disease & wost of all with lazyness if I dont go to work in my mines in the Spring I think of goeing down on the Bay where I can get a hundred dollars a month. I was offered that but could not stand the fog there. but I have got to take chances on it for there is but little doing here & I should have not stayed this long only for my pour health but its about 1, O'clock & I am terrable hungrey, so give my kind regards all accept for yourself while I close as ever your wayward brother

J.R. Stanley

this item it has rained ever since I wrote this no mail went out yet on account of bad roads and high water.

note: Fred = John's son Alfred O.

Columbus, likeness of his family, photo of his brother Columbus and family.

Newt = another brother, Alfred Newton Stanley.

Letter of John R. Stanley  
to Cela Studley

Lower Lake, Cal.                      May 12, 1878  
C.J. Studley

Esteemed Sister Yours of 21st was duly received the past week & its contents read & fully apreciatede Am glad to hear from you all once again. & especially to hear that all were well, and am grateful to have it to say that me & mine are all well & doing reasonablely well. I do not appreciate your snow storm. But Easter Sunday generaly brings her storms, we have had an unusual wet winter but not at all cold. Vegetation growed finely all winter but stock fared badley on account of feed being eat off so short last summer & the long continued wet weather. Fred was down from the ranch yesterday he is shearing the sheep. Heenan is working in the Bulletin Office. Emma is going to school.

Minnie is doing her sowteen of cooking & I am, very proud to say that she is improving very much in her general demeanor & I have hopes of making quite a bright girl as she is learning very fast. Though her head has healed again. & she has been discharging bloody secretions from the left ear the past week. I am truly mad since I have found out that most or her disease & waywardness has been caused by ill treatment, by those unprincipled fiends who I paid to take care of her I am grateful that she is now under my own protection (let them houl)

Well Jane I hope you will excuse me for not writing a more interesting letter. But just imagine myself encumbered with half dozen lettle offices & twenty thousand questions to answer daily. nine in family to feed. besides being A committe on Way & Means for support to see what my chances are for sociability & comfort. 7 I have about letters to answer between this& tomarrow night I have got behind by being called away from business & it seems hard to ketch up again. I will send you the Bulletin which will give you the balance of the news with kind regards to all.

I am as ever Your well wishing Brother.

J.R. Stanley

note:

Fred, Heenan, Minnie and Emma = children of John

Heenan was later publisher of the Surprise Valley Record in Cedarville Modoc Co., Calif

John's obituary shows in the Lake County Bee, Lakeport, Lake County, Calif. Thursday Feb. 16, 1911  
p.1, col.2

### **John R. Stanley Passes Away.**

John R. Stanley, father of A. O. Stanley, died at the home of his son at Middletown on Wednesday evening shortly after 6 o'clock. Mr. Stanley had been ill several weeks and his death was not unexpected.

He was a pioneer resident of this County and was prominently identified with its early history. He was aged 74 years. His remains were interred in Middletown Cemetery.

### **Letter of John R. Stanley to Cela Studley**

Lower Lake  
July 4th, 1881

Mrs. C. J. Studley                      Esteemed Sister      Your kind favor of 25<sup>th</sup>  
of May but I think it must been June in place of May. I handed

your letter & Emmas to Mr. Hills to Sarah & Emma as I received it just as I was on the eve of starting to the mountains. Sarah is very much pleased at the prospects of finding her long lost father & ask me to tender her thanks to you for writing is almost in the notuin of going up there this summer Jane whils I was out in the mountains I got bit by a rattle

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snake in the right fore finger last Friday a week ago. & that accounts for my bad writing. I was 8 miles from anywhere when the sarpent tackled me but fortuneately only a few hundred yards from camp. I broke for camp used up a paper of Soda & A quart whiskey mighty quik but the night did not pass so quikly it was a long night next morning I made my way to Bartlett Springs where I found ample remedies & subugated the poison though my arm hurts me yet. & it is my right too. I think my head would have got al right if I could have stayed out another week. & what misfortune I may meet before I write you again is more than I can tell now but 'it looks

*[Please see my endnote on this. g.m.]*

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as if something must hapen, for I alway have some miserable stuff to write about my ailments the weather is terable hot today & we have nothing in our town today to celebrate the 4th they have a celebration at Lakeport & everbody is gone up thare. The sad news of the President being assasinated seems to cast A gloom over this cornmunity & from which I predict bad results.

Our crops are about one half what was expected & but little doing. If I dont get better off the probabilities are that I may start for a hoter region than Texas soon but thats more of my stuff. The boys are still off at work

Them Stonebrakers went from Kelseyville in this County, they were counted as nice folks except some little things the boy I dont know

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much about. but young Akers was well liked here. I alway thought Old Stonebraker gains property pretty fast. but I must be carefull what I say as I am threatened with a libel suit, which I will be only to glad to have and opertunity to prove more than I said so you see I am not much scared. Young Stonebraker I think is at work teaming up in Big Valley I hant seen for two or 3 Mos. Newt's Lucy is doing well am glad to hear of it. Send them my regards & your next give me his address. Think Father sold out too soon for Cattle will be higher this fall. when you ascertain that Estes name please let me know with an apology for this letter & kind regards for all I close as ever your wellwishing Brother.

J.R. Stanley

note: Emma was John's youngest daughter.

Newt & Lucy, brother and his young bride of nearly two years Big Valley in Modoc Co. where Cela herself

lived at Adin

Father: A.M. Stanley

Estes surname- in 1860 an Estes family was residing with John and family in Decatur Co., Iowa.

#### **Family of 1.e. Alfred Mortimer and Fannie Waterbury Stanley**

- i. **Melmoth Lavina Stanley** born Sept. 8, 1909 in Middletown, Calif. She married Lloyd Christian Emig at Calistoga, Calif. June 11, 1933. She married again Oct. 1, 1944 to Walter S. Hays at Calistoga. She was yet living in 1973. They had four children.

#### **Family of 2. Ransom Heenan and Martha Alice Johnson**

- a. **Edward Fisher Stanley** born July 24, 1884 in North Fork Cache Creek, Lake Co. Calif. His mother later married a man named \_\_\_\_ Morine. Ed married Lottie Fro Lyons Nov. 3, 1905 at Fairfield, Calif. He died May 4, 1934 at Napa, Calif.

#### **Family of 2. Ransom Heenan and Christine Anderson Stanley**

- b. **Leon Stanley** born ?, married Melba and resides in Modoc Co. Calif. at Cedarville. They had a daughter: **Doris Stanley**
- c. **Fay Stanley** married Will Ballard they had no children. She is now married to Ballard's nephew, Leland Pope they live in Modoc Co. also.
- d. **Earle Heath Stanley** born Sept. 13, 1909 in Modoc Co. Calif., married \_\_\_\_ and had: **Donna Stanley** who married. Sam Stevenson, a rancher in Surprise Valley Modoc Co. Earle and wife were Post Masters of Cedarville at one time. Sam and Donna have three daughters and one son.

#### **Family of 2.a. Edward F. and Lottie Fro Lyons Stanley**

- i. **Alice Evelyn Stanley** born July 23, 1906 at Napa, Calif. She was married Nov. 5, 1924 at Re-wood City, Calif. to Thomas Almeda Alvis and had a daughter.
- ii. **Lloyd Lee Stanley** born March 29, 1909 at Napa, Calif. He married Aug. 1, 1931 at Napa to Olive Sarah Kempton and had four children. Married Patricia Ann Hunt Jan 18, 1952 at George West, Texas and had two more children.

Several years ago Pat and I corresponded and exchanged information. She was most helpful in sending information. We met in 1970 when she came through Red Bluff.

- iii. **Clyde W. Stanley** born June 22, 1915 at Fairfield, Calif. He married Feb. 22, 1933 at Fairfield and has a son.



*Gard's Endnote: Henry Mauldin kept many binders of notes on Lake Co., Calif. He notes on the Indian Valley area a few miles east of Bartlett Springs that H. A. Bristol took up a homestead south of Catenburg but traded it to John Stanley in 1882. Catenburg refers to Henry Catenburg who Mauldin says moved into a home at the foot of the Canyon which takes his name. John Stanley was listed with 160 acres in the Bartlett Springs area in 1884. This is consistent with Edward Fisher Stanley, son of Ransom Heenan Stanley, being born in North Fork Cache Creek, Lake Co. Calif. as Cache Creek flows east from Bartlett Mtn. Toward the Catenburg area. Mauldin lists John as a notary and Justice of the Peace and as postmaster at Lower Lake from 9/3/1874 to 2/15/1881. Lower Lake is now about 40mi. from Bartlett Springs by road. I would bet this is the ranc that Fred [Alfred Ozias] was on in the letter.*

*A note in the Index to Lake Co. marriages had: "John R., 47, fm. Tn. m. Mary J. Price on 01Jan. '1884." A copy of the 1885 Copsey Map showed his house at the corner of Main St. and Middletown Road; it is now a dirt parking lot.*

*Mauldin also says the Middletown Independent was managed in 1906 by A. O. Stanley of Fair Oaks [?]. His son, A. Mortimer (Mort) Stanley became editor and publisher taking a half interest and leasing the other half from his father. My aunt, Norma Ledbetter knew she was related to Mort but didn't know how.*

*Mauldin also noted that A. O. was born in a camp wagon.*