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25. In 1882, Samuel Hamilton was registered as a voter in Salinas, California. (“California Great Registers, 1866-1910,” database, Family Search (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VTXN-2NY: 26 November 2014), Samuel Hamilton, 1882; citing Voter Registration, Salinas No 2, Monterey, California, United States, county clerk offices, California; FHL microfilm 1,434,237.).


27. Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 18, Number 66, 7 November 1883. Patent to Pacific Slope Inventors. Washington, November 6th. — Patents were issued to-day to the following named Pacific Slope inventors. Samuel Hamilton, Salinas, thrashing machine.


29. San Francisco Call, Volume 72, Number 92, 31 August 1892. The following patents were to-day granted to Pacific Coast inventors: California

30. Salinas Weekly Index 18 Oct 1888. Salinas City vs. HAMILTON -- The condemnation suit of Salinas City vs. Samuel HAMILTON was tried in the Superior Court here yesterday before the following 9 jurymen: John KALER, D. COY, M. SCHMECHEL, H.J. TOLLETT, Jud PARSONS, Wm. BARLOW, S. HORTON, A.J. ADCOCK and A. METCALF. N.A.DORN was counsel for the City and the defendant was represented by T. BEEMAN and J. E. RICHARDS. The land sought to be taken by the City is 14 feet frontage on Main street and 130 feet deep on the north side of Central Avenue at its junction with Main street and the same quantity of land on the south side of the Avenue, in order to make it a uniform width of 75 feet. After hearing the testimony and listening to the arguments of counsel the jury fixed the price to paid by the City as follows: South side of Avenue, $95 per foot fronting on Main street, and $105 per foot on the north side, which, under all the circumstances, is considered a fair price.
October 28th, 1888 Hamilton awarded $400.00 for the property and reimbursed $41.00

31. Newspaper published in: Salinas Thursday, 31 Mar 1892. Samuel HAMILTON, a former resident of Salinas and owner of HAMILTON’s corner at the intersection of Central Avenue with Main Street, but now a farmer living between King City and San Lucas, was in town greeting his old friends last week.

32. San Francisco Call, Volume 86, Number 151, 29 October 1899. Home Gatherings.

33. San Jose City Directory Including Santa Clara County ... F.M. Husted, 1890 - Monterey County (Calif.)...Hamilton, S. Farmer, Monterey County-San Lucas, (He is the only Hamilton Listed)


35. San Francisco Chronicle, 8 June 1890, page 8. Monterey County.

36. The article mention of “Mr. Alsop” is a reference to Samuel Alsop, who in 1873, began a shallow well drilling business with the digging of shallow domestic wells to supply additional water to the residents of Salinas. Sam Alsop’s well-drilling business in Salinas was later taken over by his son Roy Alsop, followed by Roy Alsop Jr. The Roy Alsop Pump & Drilling Company remains in business today on Abbott Street in Salinas, owned and operated by Steve Allison.

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41. On October 10, 1892 Samuel Hamilton registered as a voter in the township of King City, California. ("California Great Registers, 1866-1910," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VT6S-WPN: 26 November 2014), Samuel Hamilton, 10 Oct 1892; citing Voter Registration, King City, Monterey, California, United States, county clerk offices, California; FHL microfilm 977,080.)

42. San Jose City Directory Including Santa Clara County ... F.M. Husted, 1892 - Monterey County King City - (Calif.) Hamilton Samuel, farmer ; Hamilton Thomas, S. farmer ; Hamilton WJ, farmer; Hamilton, George, clerk.

43. San Francisco Call, Volume 86, Number 151, 29 October 1899. Home Gatherings.

44. On July 2, 1896 Samuel Hamilton registered as a voter in the township of King City, California. ("California Great Registers, 1866-1910," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VT6S-LXB: 26 November 2014), Samuel Hamilton, 02 Jul 1896; citing Voter Registration, San Lucas, Monterey, California, United States, county clerk offices, California; FHL microfilm 977,080.)

45. Salinas Democrat Weekly. 6 April 1904 A Pioneer’s Death.


50. The Rustler King City, California Thursday, 22 August 1912, Page 1. T. S. Hamilton Dead.

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SAMUEL HAMILTON’S BLUESTOCKING DAUGHTERS


LIZETTE CARTER “LIZZIE” HAMILTON


2. The California Teacher, Volume 9, Towne & Bacon, 1871. Santa Clara County Teachers Institute, San Jose June 26 1871. The Institute met, pursuant to a call of the Superintendent, at the courthouse in San Jose and was called to order at 10 o’clock a.m. by N. Furlong, County Superintendent. W.W. Kennedy was elected Secretary pro tern. On motion, the Chair appointed J.G. Kennedy, J.B. Finch and C.W. Baker a Committee on Permanent Organization. Institute adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. The following names were registered during the sessions of the Institute: Lizzie Hamilton, Whole number enrolled 100, teachers 76.
3. Hamilton, Lizette C. assistant teacher Preparatory Department University of the Pacific. Bishop's Directory of the City of San Jose for 1876: Containing a General Register of the Names of All Residents, and a Classified Business Directory...: Also a Directory of Santa Clara, Containing a General Register ...B. C. Vandall, 1876.


11. Ray, William (2013) Steinbeck and St. Paul’s Part 1. John Steinbeck, Episcopalian: St. Paul's, Salinas Part One. The Steinbeck Review, Vol. 10, No. 2 (2013), pp. 118-140. Although each of Olive and Ernst’s children became a member of St. Paul’s, the parents waited until May 28, 1905, following the birth of their fourth child Mary, to have John, age three, and eleven-year-old Beth christened with their infant sister. Curiously, the children’s group baptism took place at the Steinbeck home rather than in the church, a statistical anomaly within parish records and Episcopal practice of the period. In the parish baptismal register, “Mary L. Martin” and “J.R. Hamilton” are listed as sponsors—the Episcopal version of godparents—for Mary, while “Eliz. Bailey” and “Thomas” Hamilton are listed as John’s sponsors, and “Eliz. Farrell” and “Will Hamilton” appear as sponsors for Beth.


18. The 1908 Blue and Gold of the University of California, Volume 34, 1907.

19. Southwest Contractor and Manufacturer, Volume 10 Number 22, 05 April 1915, Los Angeles, Ca.

(https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KY31-FMC : 23 May 2014), Mary V Farrell, Residence, Sacramento, California, United States; a third party aggregator of publicly available information.


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(https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MHQZ-6PR : accessed 1 April 2017), Margaret Farrell in household of Richard Farrell, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California, United States; citing ED 85, sheet 5B, line 51, family 116, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 104; FHL microfilm 1,820,104.


ADELIA “DESSIE” HAMILTON

1. Hamilton Dessie H Miss student Normal School residential corner Ninth and San Salvador Directory of the City of San Jose for 1876: Containing a General Register of the Names of All Residents, and a Classified Business Directory ... : Also a Directory of Santa Clara, Containing a General Register . (B. C. Vandall, 1876 - San Jose (Calif.)

2. Business Directory of the Pacific States and Territories for 1878, containing names, business, and address, of merchants, manufacturers, and professional men, county, city, state, territorial, and federal officers, and notaries public, of the principal towns of California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, and British Columbia.
United States Census, 1880, database with images, FamilySearch
(https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M6P9-CJB : 14 July 2016), Samuel Hamilton,
Castroville, Monterey, California, United States; citing enumeration district ED 53, sheet
185B, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and
Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0069; FHL microfilm 1,254,069.

4. McKenney's Pacific coast directory for 1883-1884. Giving Name, Business, and
Address of Business and Professional Men of California, Oregon, Washington, British
Columbia, Alaska, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, and New Mexico. Together
with Sketches of the Different Towns, Giving Location, Population, etc. Complete
Alphabetical Lists of 3,000 Cities and Towns. Over 35,000 Names. L.M. McKenney &
Co. San Francisco.

5. California State Gazetteer and Business Directory. R.L. Polk & Co., 1888, 1890 and
1893.

6. The Southern Pacific Coast Directory 1888-1889, Being a Business Directory of San
Francisco, Central and Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Southern

7. San Jose City Directory including Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.
Giving Name, Occupation, And Residence of All Adult Persons in The Three Counties.
F. M. Husted, San Francisco. 1892.

8. Ibid

1893.

10. Salinas Weekly Index Thursday, 09 March 1893. M.J. BURKE is fitting up the
Hamilton building, corner of Main street and Central avenue, for a hardware store which
he will open in a few days.


13. The Salinas Valley Rustler, King City, California Friday, 05 April 1907. Vol. 6, No. 50, Page 1.

MARY LOUISE “MOLLIE” HAMILTON


2. Daniel C. Martin. History and biographical record of Monterey and San Benito Counties: and history of the State of California : containing biographies of well-known citizens of the past and present by Guinn, J. M. (James Miller), 1834-1918; Leese, Jacob R. Monterey County; Tinkham, George H. (George Henry), b. 1849. Story of San Benito County Published 1910


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5. Marin County Tocsin. Volume 32, Number 21, 7 November 1908.

6. Daniel C. Martin. History and biographical record of Monterey and San Benito Counties : and history of the State of California : containing biographies of well-known citizens of the past and present by Guinn, J. M. (James Miller), 1834-1918; Leese, Jacob R. Monterey County; Tinkham, George H. (George Henry), b. 1849. Story of San Benito County Published 1910


8. The Record-Union (Sacramento, California) 28 Jan 1898, Friday William J. Martin Will Become the Business Manager of the “Call.”


10. Marin Journal, Volume 43, Number 7, 01 May 1902.


12. Lompoc Journal, Number 49, 19 April 1913. Death of a Pioneer:


17. Sausalito News, Volume 36, Number 19, 8 May 1920.


   **EUNICE B. HAMILTON**


2. Annual Reports of the Condition of Common Schools in the County of Monterey State of California from July 1, 1879 - June 30, 1892.

3. Within the section titled “Names and Residences of Pupils” Eunice B. Hamilton, of Salinas, listed among Middle Class of students. Catalogue of the State Normal School at San Jose, California for the ... Catalogue of the State Normal School at San Jose, California with Announcements for the School Year Ending May 31st 1883.

4. Hollister Free Lance, *Miss Euna Hamilton, Teacher In The Salinas Schools, And Her Brother Have Leased A Portion Of The San Lorenzo Ranch, Near Kings City, And Are Preparing To Put In A Crop.* (17 December 1886).
5. Teachers in Salinas are spending their vacations as follows: Miss Una Hamilton, with her sister, Mrs. "W. J. Martin, in San Francisco (Pacific Educational Journal Educational Publishing Company, 1887)

6. Eunice B. Hamilton employed as the fifth grade teacher in Salinas. Salinas Weekly Index, 5 Apr 1888.

7. Fall of 1888, Enna Hamilton was teaching school in a one room school house named “Bernabe” in King City (Addresses and Proceedings - National Education Association of the United States 1888).

8. Salinas Weekly Index 13 Dec 1888. The “San Lucas Lyceum,” has been organized with the following named officers: President, Dr. MORSE; Vice-President, Mrs. John KERNS; Chorister, Mrs. J.W. WALSH; Secretary, Miss E.B. HAMILTON; Treasurer, W. BEEBE.

9. Salinas Weekly Index 27 Dec 1888. San Lucas & Vicinity -- from last Thursday's 'Settler' -- San Lucas Parlor, No. 115, N.S.G.W., has elected new officers as follows: President, W.H. QUIVEY; First Vice-President, R.R. DIAZ; Second Vice-President, P. NARVAEZ; Third Vice-President, S.A. RICHARDSON; M., T.S. SOBERANES; Recording Secretary, J.A. TRESCONY; Financial Secretary, W.A. BEEBE.

- The following programme was rendered at the San Lucas Lyceum last Friday evening:
  Song, by Mesdames KERNS, KEEF, MORSE, WALSH and Dr. MORSE
  Select reading, by Mrs. WALSH Song, "The Shaking of the Hand," Mesdames WALSH, KERNS, MORSE and Dr. MORSE "Roast Pig," select reading by Dr. MORSE
  Solo, "Then You'll Remember Me," E.T. HARRIS "La Cica," by Miss E.B. HAMILTON
  "The Famine," select reading from "Hiawatha," by Mrs. J. KERNS.

10 Salinas Weekly Index; Apr. 11, 1889 -- List of Teachers -- Employed in the Schools of Monterey County for the Spring Term, 1889, With Post office Addresses -- School -- Teacher -- Post Office
Bernabe -- Miss Euna B. HAMILTON -- Kings City

11. Salinas Weekly Index Thursday, 26 Feb 1891, Miss Euna HAMILTON, teacher of the Warm Spring school, visited her sister, Miss Dessie HAMILTON, in Salinas last Saturday, returning Monday.

12. Miss Euna B. HAMILTON, after a portion of her vacation spent with her sister, Miss Dessie HAMILTON, left Sunday to resume her school duties in Deep Well district. (Salinas Weekly Index Thursday, 4 Aug 1892).

13. Salinas Weekly Index Thursday, Aug. 25, 1892. List of Teachers of the Schools of Monterey County for the Fall Term, 1892, with Post-office Addresses: Deep Well -- Miss E.B. HAMILTON; Chualar.


OLIVE BLANCHE HAMILTON

1. The Pacific school journal by California. Dept. of Public Instruction; California. State Board of Education; Lyser, Albert Volume v.10:1 (April 1886). Monterey County. — The Monterey County Teachers' Institute meets at Salinas April 13th, and continues four days. Miss Ollie Hamilton has commenced her third term of school in the Barnahe district.

2. Salinas Weekly Index; Apr. 11, 1889. List of Teachers -- Employed in the Schools of Monterey County for the Spring Term, 1889, With Post office Addresses -- School -- Teacher -- Post Office Bernabe -- Miss Euna B. HAMILTON -- Kings City Fair View -- Miss Olive B. HAMILTON – Gonzales
3. Salinas Weekly Index, 7 Jun 1888. STRIENING/MILLER--Married at the residence of the bride's parents, in Salinas City, June 3, by Rev. J. SIMONDS; John M. STRIENING [transcriber's note: name spelled 2 ways], of San Francisco, and Carrie E. MILLER, of Salinas. [The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. S. MILLER, Auditor of Monterey county and the fortunate winner of the prize is a most estimable young business man of the metropolis. The wedding ceremony was strictly private and took place at 12:30p.m. Mr. M.J. STRIENING, brother of the groom, and Miss Ollie HAMILTON, an intimate friend of the bride, "stood up" with the happy couple on the auspicious occasion. After dinner the newly wedded pair took the 2 o' clock train for Santa Cruz where they intended to remain a few days and then proceed to San Francisco, their future home. The 'Index' acknowledges the receipt of a generous supply of wedding cake and wishes Mr. STRIENING and his fair young bride good health, good fortune and unbounded happiness.

Valjean, Nelson (1975). John Steinbeck the Errant Knight: An intimate biography of his California years. The boy Steinbeck was a familiar figure to Mrs. Carrie Streining, the city librarian (in Salinas),” writes Nelson Valjean in John Steinbeck the Errant Knight: An intimate biography of his California years..


7. St. Mark’s Church Registry

8. St. Mark’s Church Registry
9. Salinas Weekly Index, Thursday, 1 Jan 1891. On December 24, 1890. Ernst Steinbeck and Miss Olive Hamilton, both of King City were married in Oakland, California.

10. JE Steinbeck has been transferred to the Paso Robles mill and JC Brown will go to the same place to act as head miller (Pacific Coast Notes, October 7, 1892, THE WEEKLY NORTHWESTERN MILLER page 517 The Northwestern Miller, Volume 34, Miller Publishing Company, 1892)

11. Salinas Weekly Index Thursday, 10 Nov 1892. King City Items -- from last Saturday's 'Settler' -- In a few days Mr. & Mrs. J.E. STEINBECK leave King City to make their future home in Paso Robles. For a long time they have [illeg] among the most popular of our people, [illeg] there is universal regret at their departure.

12. San Jose Mercury Herald (San Jose, California) • 11-01-1920 • Page [9]. Great Republican Victory at Polls Tomorrow.


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3. The California Teacher: A Journal of School and Home Education, and Organ of the Department of Public Instruction. Volume 8 Towne & Bacon, 1870,

4. Within the Monterey County Teacher's Institute program for the 1888 convention, held in Salinas City, September 25-28, Euna Hamilton is listed as part of the Introduction and Exhibit Committee, and Olive Hamilton among the Entertainment Committee. Within the Monterey County Teacher's Institute program for the 1889 convention, held in Monterey, September 30-October 4, Olive B. Hamilton was listed as participant from King City. Within the Monterey County Teacher's Institute program for the 1890 convention, held in Salinas City, September 22-26, Euna Hamilton is listed as part of the Question Committee. Within the Monterey County Teacher's Institute program for the 1891 convention, held in Salinas City, September 21-25, Euna Hamilton is among the list of participating schoolteachers. Within the Monterey County Teacher's Institute program for the 1892 convention, held in Pacific Grove, September 26-30, Euna Hamilton is listed among the Introduction Committee.

BEYOND THE MONTEREY COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

1. Education in California: Leaders, Organizations & Accomplishments of the First 100 Years) The Pacific School and Home Journal, published monthly from 1877 to 1883, contained many interesting discussions of educational topics and scholarly articles of value to teachers. The California Teacher and Journal of Home Education, published monthly from 1883 to 1887 printed and owned by the Lynch Publishing Company of San Francisco was the official organ. Another change occurred in February 1887 when the Pacific Educational Journal was given the contract by the state. This publication, which contained much educational material of great value, was the official organ until June of 1896 when the Overland Monthly was chosen by the State Board of Education in its program the schools of all official actions. The Overland Monthly, instead of making the educational material part of its regular format, printed a separate sixteen-page supplement each month.
CHAPTER 6

OLIVE HAMILTON’S ENCHANTMENT


THE BLUE LAWS OF PACIFIC GROVE


John Steinbeck is known for giving a voice to the migrant workers of the Great Depression. Read our guide to learn more about this extremely difficult time. The great John Steinbeck is best known for his works set during the Great Depression, particularly those that focused on migrant workers. The Grapes of Wrath, a winner of the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize, and Of Mice and Men are two of his well-known works that are set during this highly stressful period. These books will teach anyone who reads them about the Great Depression, especially how it affected migrant workers. Through his works, Steinbeck was able to give a voice to the overlooked. Bust of John Steinbeck © Marco/Flickr. When It Rains, It Pours. John Steinbeck was a celebrated American writer famous for his novel, The Grapes of Wrath. Read on for detailed information about his childhood, profile, career and timeline. John Steinbeck was a famous American author known for his novels of rustic settings, like 'Of Mice and Men', 'Tortilla Flat', 'The Grapes of Wrath', and 'East of Eden', amongst several others. This talented writer has inked as many as sixteen novels amongst a total of twenty-seven publications. Another novel by John, 'The Moon Is Down', published in 1942, describing a resistance movement held in Northern Europe, became quite popular with readers. The book was adapted into a movie, and it was presupposed that the resistance was being held in Norway, against the Nazis. John Steinbeck had two sons; Thomas Steinbeck and John Steinbeck IV. John (IV) died on January 7, 1991 immediately after having surgery on a ruptured disc. What is John Steinbeck's full name? John Ernst Steinbeck. Did John Steinbeck have any kids? He had two children: First was Thomas Steinbeck and next was John Steinbeck IV. Where was John Steinbeck born? John Ernst Steinbeck (Jr.) was the third of four children and the only son born (1902, Salinas, California) to County Treasurer John Ernst Steinbeck and former schoolteacher Olive Hamilton Steinbeck. What is a good book for literature discussion? Of Mice and Men or really anything by John Steinbeck.