

Jose Maria Amador

Jose Maria Amador was born in 1794 at Mission Dolores. When he was very young there were no schools. His mother was his teacher.

He was the first person to settle in the valley and also the first business man. A group of the Indians began working with him making plows, blankets, and harnesses. They chose to work in the area called Dublin in 1826 because it was out of reach of pirates.

He built an adobe and outbuildings on the corner of Dublin Blvd. and San Ramon Road near Alamilla Springs. In 1834 he received title to rancho San Ramon.

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. In what year was Jose Amador born? _____

2. Why was Jose's mother his teacher? _____

3. What did he do in the valley? _____

4. Who helped him? _____

5. Where was his adobe located? _____

Michael Murray

Michael Murray came from Elfin County, Ireland. Michael came to America with his friend Jeremiah Fallon. Jeremiah married Michael's sister, Eleanor. They all came west together and settled in Mission San Jose.

It was in Mission San Jose that Murray finally married. Both Fallon and Murray decided to buy land in what is now Dublin. As you know, Fallon bought land to the south of what is now 580. Murray bought his land a bit north of that. Both men farmed their land. They raised sheep and cattle and grew hay and grain.

In 1853 the county of Alameda was created and divided into five townships. The largest one was named after Michael Murray. In 1853 his house became the voting place for the Aug. 1 election. In 1856 he and Fallon helped to build a school and Old St. Raymond's Church.

In 1860 and 1861 Murray served as a county supervisor for Alameda County.

After his wife died, Michael sold his property to John Green and moved to San Francisco.

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. What did Murray do on his farm? _____

2. What was his house used for in 1853? _____

3. What did Murray do in 1860 and 1861? _____

4. Where did he move after his wife died? _____

Jeremiah Fallon

Jeremiah Fallon was born in 1815 at Elfin County, Ireland. Times were difficult in Ireland, so Jeremiah and his family came to America. He first lived in New Orleans. In 1833 he married Eleanor.

Jeremiah and Eleanor decided to move out west on a wagon train. First, the Fallons went to Mission San Jose. During the Gold Rush, Jeremiah went to the mines but didn't have much luck.

In 1850 they decided to leave Mission San Jose and find a place to settle down and raise their family. They ended up in Dublin. They bought 1,000 acres of land from Jose Maria Amador. The land was south of what is now 580. Jeremiah built his home and started farming.

Fallon donated land for the original Murray School and half the land for Old St. Raymond's Cemetery. He also donated \$30 dollars toward the construction of Old St. Raymond's Church.

Jeremiah Fallon died in 1864 at the age of 49.

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. In what year was Jeremiah born? _____

2. Who did Jeremiah buy land from? _____

3. Where was their land located? _____

4. What did Jeremiah donate land for? _____

John Green

John Green was born in Ireland. At the age of 29 he came to America and lived in New York. He worked in drugstore. In 1857 he decided to move to California.

At first, he lived in what is now Oakland. He ran his own grocery store. He grew tired of Oakland and he loaded up an oxcart and went over the hill to Dublin. He liked what he saw and decided to stay. He set up a tent on a piece of land that was owned by Michael Murray. In 1860, when Murray moved to San Francisco, John Green bought Murray's property for \$6,000.

Green built a store and a hotel at the corner of Dublin Blvd. and Donlon Way. It is still standing today in use. He became Dublin's first business man. His store was located at a crossroads where stagecoaches from Oakland and Martinez stopped to change horses and let the passengers rest. His store carried flour and sugar in barrels, molasses and kerosene in jugs, overalls, lamps, tools, yardage, beans, rice, and many other goods. He also owned and farmed land north of Livermore and had a store there.

Mr. Green also trained race horses and had his own race track south of Highway 50. Besides all of this, he served as postmaster and an Alameda County Supervisor from 1863 to 1866 and again 1877 to 1882.

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. Where was John Green's store located? _____

2. Who did John Green buy the land from and how much did it cost? _____

3. What are some things you could buy at a green's store? _____

4. What are some of the other jobs John Green Held? _____

James Dougherty

James Dougherty came to Dublin from Tennessee after several years in Sacramento operating a store. He sold his business and moved to Dublin. The land was good for farming and Amador was selling his land. Mr. Dougherty and a partner bought 10,000 acres from Amador. They paid \$22,000. By 1876 Dougherty was the second largest landholder in Alameda County and was a member of the County Board of Supervisors.

He also built a hotel. He did not make enough money from the hotel to pay his taxes on the land he owned. Dougherty rented land to others who raised wheat on it.

The post office was established on Feb. 15, 1860. It was called Dougherty Station until 1896 when the name was shortened to Dougherty. That name stuck until Feb. 29, 1908, when it was changed to Dublin.

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. Who did he buy the land from? _____

2. How many acres did he buy and how much did he pay for it? _____

3. What did he do with his land? _____

4. What was the post office named the first time? _____
