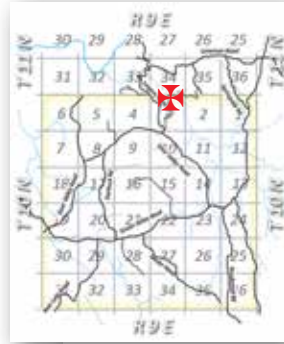


### Dunker

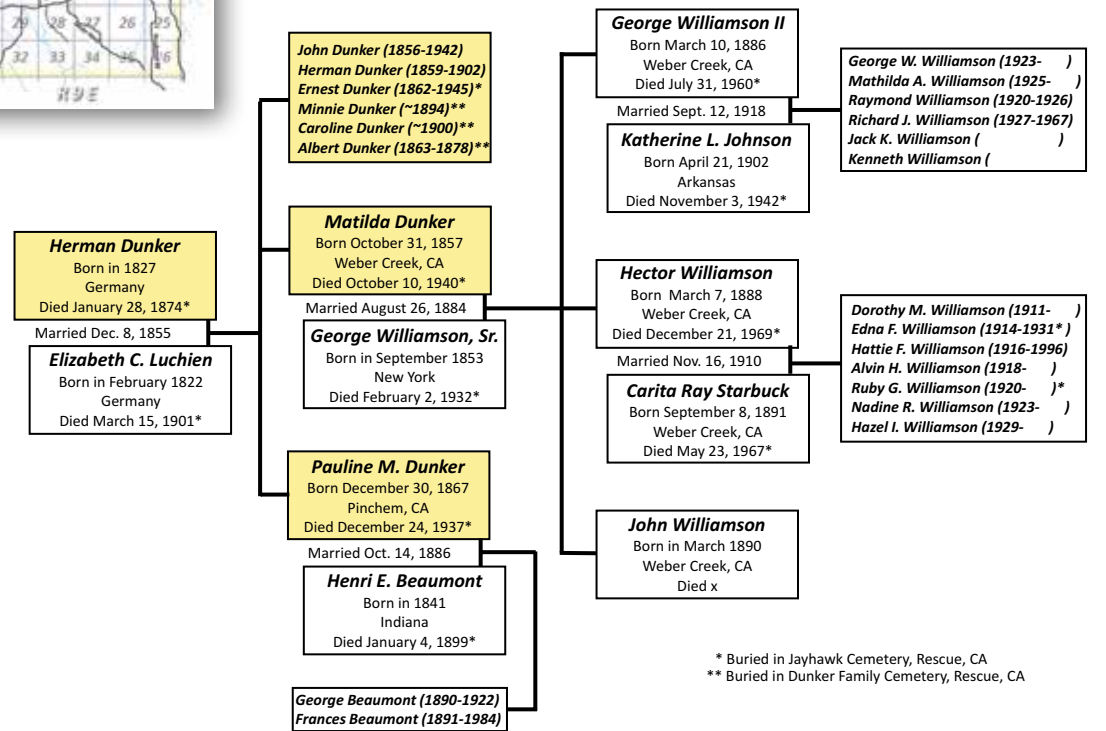
Herman Dunker was a bachelor when he left Germany in 1848 for America. Herman staked out a claim on Weber Creek near the confluence with Pinchem Creek. He built a cabin on a hill above the creek near where he later built a house. Herman often traveled to San Francisco to exchange gold nuggets for supplies. He went there, not because he couldn't exchange his gold anywhere else, but to enjoy the lifestyle of the big city. City visits were a form of holiday for him. On one of his trips to San Francisco, he met Elizabeth Caroline Luchien. After three days of courting they were married, and she returned with him to his cabin near Pinchem.



A friendship developed between Herman and Louis Kloepfer. Louis and his wife, Elizabeth, lived in Pinchem, but Louis' claim was on Weber Creek. Each day Louis would pass the Dunker cabin on the way to his claim. Since he and Dunker were both from Germany, they often talked about their homeland. The new Mrs. Dunker would often visit Mrs. Kloepfer when she visited Pinchem for supplies.

Herman built a new house for his wife and family in about 1867. As the gold became harder to find, Herman began developing a gravel pit on Pinchem Creek. He worked the pit for many years. In the late 1870s, while working the pit, a slide trapped him and he was killed.

### Dunker Family Tree



\* Buried in Jayhawk Cemetery, Rescue, CA  
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