

History of a Place Called Rescue

Engesser

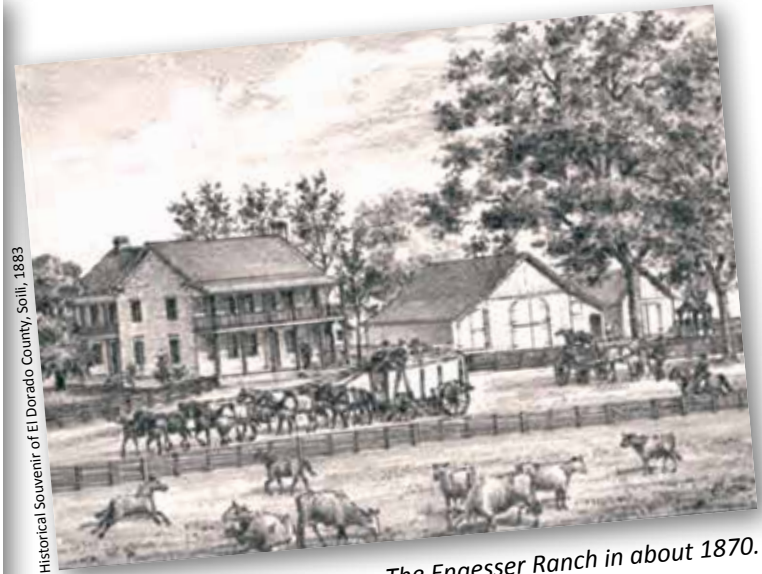
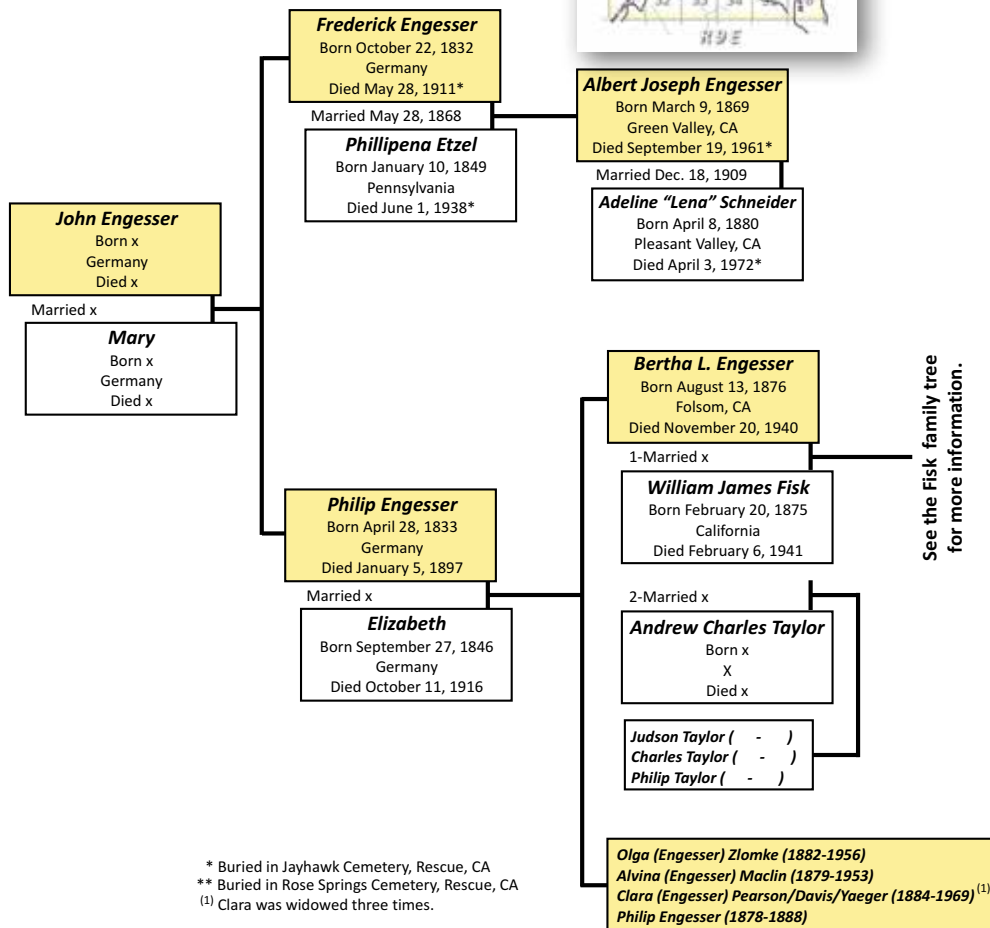
Frederick Engesser was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on October 22, 1832. He immigrated to America in about 1853, settling in Pennsylvania for a while. He traveled to California in 1855. He began mining in Bidwell Bar on the American River, and in the fall of that year,

moved to Coloma, where he mined until 1863. He then began hauling freight to the mines in Nevada.

On May 28, 1868, Fred married Phillipena Etzel, daughter of Conrad Etzel, of Pinchem. On June 17, 1868, they purchased 500 acres of land and Green Valley House from William and Stephen Willets for \$3,000. In 1870, Engesser added 160 acres to the ranch, and in 1876, another 120 acres.



Engesser Family Tree



Historical Souvenir of El Dorado County, Soli., 1883

The Engesser Ranch in about 1870.