

**Lafayette, Contra Costa Co, P O 11 miles s of Martinez**  
Hammett George W & Co, flour manufacturers  
Shreeve Benjamin, postmaster and general merchandise  
Thompson P, blacksmith

**Lagunita, Inyo Co, P O 75 miles s of Independence**

Bridger James postmaster and hotel (Indian Wells)  
Girard P, hotel (Little Lake)

**Lake Bigler. (See Tahoe City)**

**Lake City, Modoc Co, P O**

Benton S S, liquor saloon  
Bowmer John C, attorney at law, notary public  
Hall A, liquor saloon  
Hays P W, general merchandise  
Kile P M, lumber dealer  
King H A, groceries and provisions  
Parrott & Wood, blacksmiths and wagon makers  
Stephens William, hotel  
Weilmunster & Fulcher brewery (Surprise Valley)  
Wimer, Bucher & Co, flour manufacturers  
Wood James M, postmaster

**Lake City, Nevada Co, P O address, North Columbia, 12 miles n e of Nevada City**

Black William, blacksmith and wagon maker  
Creagan James, lumber manufacturer  
PAINE, PHILANDER A, hotel  
Waldron William, general merchandise

**Lake County. Organized in 1861. Bounded**

north by Mendocino, northeast by Colusa and Yolo, south by Napa, and southwest and west by Sonoma and Mendocino. Area 972 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$1,919,110. County seat, Lakeport. Principal towns: Bartlett's Springs, Guenoc, Kelseytown, Knoville, Lower Lake, Middletown and Upper Lake. Resources, agricultural, pastoral and mineral, the latter of an extraordinary character. The county occupies an elevated plateau of the Coast Mountains, being surrounded and interlaced by high hills, interspersed with pleasant valleys, and cut by deep and precipitous cañons. The name is derived from Clear Lake, a beautiful sheet of fresh water, about thirty miles in length, with an irregular outline, giving it a width of from two to twelve miles. This lake receives numerous small streams flowing from the surrounding mountains, and is the source of Cache Creek, which carries its waters through the fertile plains of Yolo to the Sacramento river. The valley of the lake, as well as the numerous smaller ones of the county, are very productive, and the hills afford extensive pasturage. Grain and fruits of all kinds are grown in considerable quantities, but the raising of stock and the products of the dairy and flock, constitute the chief interest of the farming community. In minerals the county is highly favored. Borax Lake is a small pond, covering about 300 acres, in the southeastern part of the valley, near the bank of Clear Lake, and in its waters, and in the mud which forms the bed, the useful mineral from which it takes its name was formerly obtained in large quantities; but the rise in the water of Clear Lake, and flooding the works, also the great yield of the borax fields of Nevada rendered the mining here unprofitable, and operations have ceased. But other wealth has been developed on the property. Quicksilver was found in the sulphurous beds of the locality, and two furnaces for volatilizing and refining the metal, have been erected and are producing, in October, 1874, from twelve to fifteen flasks per day. The property of the Company is evidently of great value, although borax mining, for which it was obtained, has proven a failure. It comprises some 4,000 acres of land, extending nine miles along the bank of Clear Lake, and upon it are extensive sulphur beds seemingly inexhaustible, and from which upwards of 500 tons are shipped annually. To this resource is now added the vast beds of quicksilver deposits, as the metal does not appear to be in veins, which promise to develop into important mines. Quicksilver mining, however, is not a new interest in Lake County, as it has been successfully prosecuted since 1861, during which year, and for several years thereafter, a quicksilver excitement prevailed, and veins of cinnabar were found throughout the region, including Lake, Colusa, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties in the north, and other counties of the Monte Diablo Coast Range of the south. This excitement is revived, and work is more energetically

and more intelligently prosecuted in 1874. At Knoville, 18 miles southeast of Lower Lake, are the oldest works, and here a large and important village has grown up. The Redington Q. M. Co. and the California Q. M. Co. are the principal companies here, and their product exceeds that of any one locality in the State. The other quicksilver mines of the county are almost without number, and rapidly increasing. The hot and medicinal springs of Lake county constitute an important feature and a valuable resource. Bartlett's, Harblins', Adam's, Anderson's and other springs are greatly sought by invalids and tourists, and enjoy a deserved popularity. Romantic mountain scenery, healthy climate, and an abundance of game for the hardy sportsman add to the attractions of visitors. Several railroad projects to connect the county with the cities of the State are discussed, and one or more will probably be constructed ere another year.

Officers: E. M. Paul, County Judge; Wright Mathews, Clerk, Recorder and Auditor; A. E. Noel, District Attorney; J. C. W. Ingram, Sheriff and Tax Collector; J. W. Everett, Treasurer; Hiram Allen, Assessor; George Tucker, Surveyor; John O'Shea, Coroner and Public Administrator; Louis Wallace, Superintendent Public Schools.

**Lake Tahoe. (See Tahoe City, Placer Co)**

**Lake Valley, Eldorado Co, P O 61 miles n e of Placerville**

Froelich D D, attorney at law  
Hughs E G, cooper  
Laphan H W, hotel and steamboat proprietor  
McCombe Freeman, hotel  
Meyers George, hotel  
Powers Cyrus, butcher  
Ramsay L L, cooper  
Small J W, hotel  
Swain H C, hotel  
Woodburn Robert, postmaster and lumber manufacturer

**Lakeport, Lake Co, P O and county seat,** is pleasantly situated on the west bank of Clear Lake. The place is reached from San Francisco via Calistoga, thence by stage sixty-five miles, over which route a tri-weekly mail is carried. It is also connected by stage and mail with Cloverdale, in Sonoma county. The lands of the valley and surrounding hills contributory to Lakeport are well adapted to agriculture and grazing, furnishing a constant and increasing resource; but the distance from market and the absence of railroad communication, are great drawbacks to the producers. The developments of quicksilver mining in Lake county has added greatly to the business of the county seat. Steamers ply upon the lake, having a profitable business in carrying freight and in the pleasure excursions of tourists who visit this pleasant resort seeking health and pleasure, boating, fishing, and duck shooting on the lake, and deer, bear and quail shooting in the hills. One newspaper, the *Lake County Bee*, is published weekly.

Alter Isaac, silk grower  
BACCUS J B, proprietor Lake County Bee  
Bank of Lake, F D Tunis, Cashier  
Barry Edward, contractor and carpenter  
Barton Ogle Rev, clergyman  
Bruton J J Rev, clergyman  
Carley S Mrs, milliner and dress maker  
Chapman S V, hotel  
Cohn & Charnack, general merchandise  
Cook & McConathy, general merchandise  
Compton H N, wagon maker  
Cooper C A, principal Lakeport Academy  
Crawford Woods, attorney at law  
Crumpton H J, physician  
Downes J S, physician  
Eakles J C, liquor saloon  
Farmers' Savings Bank, J W Mackall, cashier  
Greene W W, hotel  
Gully W T Rev, clergyman  
Hammeck R J, livery stable  
Hildreth H, superintendent Borax Works  
Kennedy R, contractor and justice of the peace  
Knowlton C V, painter  
LAKE COUNTY BEE, J B Baccus, proprietor  
Lakeport Flouring Mill, J D Adams, superintendent  
League J N, general merchandise  
Levy A, general merchandise  
Mackall J W, druggist  
Mantz John, tinsmith

ATINA INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hartford, lost over \$3,000,000 in the Chicago Fire, and paid in full, dollar for dollar.