

Alameda, CA

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What a thrill to search for Patchen, CA on the internet and find your wonderful website! Nice to know that Patchen has not become just another ghost town.

I own a copy of John V. Young's book "Ghost Towns of the Santa Cruz Mountains" so much of the history in your website was familiar to me. There is one error in the book and your information that I would like to correct or at least make a little clearer.

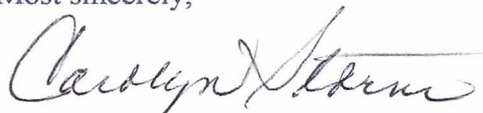
My great grandfather was Alexander Scott a brother of the Charles L. A. Scott who lived for many years in Patchen. Mr. Young's book states that the Edgemont Hotel was operated by Mr. & Mrs. L. N. Scott. L. N. Scott was Louisa Nutter Scott, Charles's wife. It is quite possible, if they owned the property it might have been in her name. I have always meant to search the land records, but haven't yet found the time. Anyway, they were not Mr. & Mrs. L. N. Scott, but Mr. & Mrs. Charles. L. A. Scott.

I certainly do not expect you to change any information in your website! There is probably no one else around who would know the above information. Charles and Louisa never had children. I just wanted to share this information with you.

Charles Scott was born to Edward Trevor Scott and Louisa Schlechter in Germany and came to America when he was about 32 years old. He died in Patchen in 1907 at the age of 67 and is buried in the Los Gatos Cemetery. Louisa Nutter was born in West Virginia and came to California when she was about 12 years old. After Charles's death she moved to Saratoga where she was manager of the Saratoga Inn for many years. Judging by some photographs when my grandparents were married I believe they might have spent their honeymoon at the Saratoga Inn. Louisa was quite active in civic affairs and at one time was president of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce. She died in Saratoga in 1939 at the age of 79.

Thank you for such a superb website. It was a joy to peruse it. Perhaps I can visit your Christmas Tree Farm this year with my grandchildren. We haven't cut our own tree on a farm for years, since their father was a little tyke. I bet they would love the experience.

Most sincerely,



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