

brother took the trail the next day, and came upon the Indians dividing the spoil they had got from his cabin, and there were several of them killed on the spot, perhaps fifteen or twenty. S.W. Shaw has a little picture of the first house ever constructed in the bay. Right back of this house we cut down a fir tree, to get out some shingles to roof it with. We tried to split it in eight feet lengths, but did not succeed, and then we tried four-foot lengths and could not split it, and then two feet, and it would not split. When Leidy went up there to build a fort on Humboldt Bay, and barracks, ^{he saw this tree, and} the same idea struck him, and they say his soldiers worked away for a long time at this tree, but could not split it. There were a lot of splinters, but no shingles. I measured a large red wood tree which stood there, and found it eight feet in circumference. This was on Clear Creek, a little stream that empties into the bay, about a mile above Eureka. Our town was settled entirely by those who came in overland.

I crossing over the ridge between Humboldt Bay and Trinity River, on the 4th day of August, it was so cold that water froze solid in a tin cup. The snow never melted on some of these peaks of the Trinity Mountains. There never had been any Spanish people there, and we were the first white people that had been among the Indians.