

Ranches of Bodega Bay

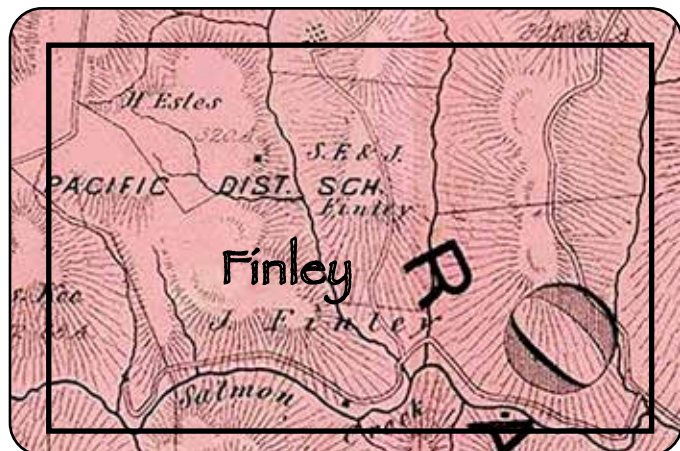
John Finley - Bodega Township

John Finley, born: 5 June 1823 Orange County Illinois, died: 29 Nov 1910 Graton, Sonoma County California, married: Keziah Head 5 Sep 1844 Lawrence Arkansas (she was born: 14 Jan 1828 Tennessee, died: 8 Nov 1903 Graton, Sonoma County California) children: Samuel Emanuel 1846, James William 1848, John Jay 1850, Henry Head 1852, Nancy Caroline 1854, Finetta 1858, Elizabeth Finetta 1858, James Preston 1860, Marendra 1860, Jefferson Davis 1862, Andrew Jackson 1863, William David 1866, Martha 1868, Alice Wesley 1870

Parents

Samuel Finley
1790–1835

Martha Downing
1788–1832



John Findley

Arkansas, County Marriages Index

Name:	John Findley
Age:	21
Birth Year:	abt 1823
Residence:	Lawrence, Arkansas
Spouse's name:	Kizziah Head
Spouse's Age:	16
Spouse's Residence:	Lawrence, Arkansas
Marriage Date:	5 Sep 1844
Marriage County:	Lawrence

John Finley

BIRTH 5 JUN 1823 • Orange Co, IN

DEATH 29 NOV 1910 • Graton, Sonoma Co, CA ·

When John Finley was born on June 5, 1823, his father, Samuel, was 33 and his mother, Martha, was 35. He married Keziah Head on September 5, 1844, in Lawrence, Arkansas. They had 14 children in 24 years. He died on November 29, 1910, in Graton, California, having lived a long life of 87 years, and was buried in Sebastopol, California.

John Findley

1850 United States Federal Census

Name: John Findley
[John Findley]

Birth Year: abt 1825

Birthplace: Indiana

Home in 1850: District 6, Bates, Missouri,

Occupation: Farmer

Industry: Agriculture

Real Estate: 200

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Findley	25
	Kesia Findley	25
	Samuel Findley	5
	John Findley	0

John Finley

California, Voter Registers

Name: John Finley

Age: 44

Birth Year: abt 1822

Birth Place: Indiana

Residence Year: 1866

Residence Place: Sonoma, California, USA

John Finley

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: John Finley

Birth Year: abt 1825

Birthplace: Indiana

Home in 1870: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Occupation: Dairying

Personal Estate Value: 6000

Real Estate Value: 11500

Inferred Spouse: Kezick Finley

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Finley	11
	Jefferson Finley	9
	Jackson Finley	7
	William Finley	5
	John Finley	45
	Kezick Finley	42
	Samuel Finley	23
	John Finley	19
	Henry Finley	17
	Nancy Finley	15
	Elisabeth Finley	13

John Findley

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: John Findley

Birth Year: abt 1813

Birth Place: Indiana

Home in 1860: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Post Office: Smiths Ranch

Occupation: Stock Raiser

Personal Estate Value: 4000

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Findley	47
	Kisiah Findley	33
	Samuel Findley	13
	John Findley	10
	Henry Findley	8
	Nancy Findley	6
	Elizabeth Findley	4
	James P Findley	8/12

Spouse & Children

Keziah Head
1828–1903

**Samuel Emanuel
Finley**
1846–1917

James William Finley
1848–1850

John Jay Finley
1850–1931

Henry Head Finley
1852–1918

Nancy Caroline Keithly
1854–1953

Finetta Head
1858–1887

Elizabeth Finetta Finley
1858–1887

James Preston Finley
1860–1934

Marenda A Finley
1860–1860

Jefferson Davis Finley
1862–1918

Andrew Jackson Finley
1863–1929

William David Finley
1866–1890

Martha E Finley
1868–1868

Alvin Wesley Finley
1870–1950

John Finley of Indiana wed Keziah Head of Tennessee on 5 Sep 1844, in Pine Ridge, Montgomery County, Arkansas. A story in the family by Samuel Emanuel Finley's daughter Grace says he was 6 years old when he crossed the plains with his parents. They were once surrounded by the Indians and kept prisoners two days and nights. Finally one man escaped, stole a horse from the Indians and went to a fort and brought the Cavalry to their rescue. Daughter Nancy is the first California born child in May 1854. John was 88 years of age and his death was 29 Nov 1910.

John Finley in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	John Finley
Birth Date:	Abt 1824
Birthplace:	Indiana
Home in 1880:	Bodega, Sonoma, California,
Spouse's name:	Kisiah Finley
Father's Birthplace:	Kentucky
Mother's Birthplace:	Kentucky
Occupation:	Dairyman

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Finley	56
	Kisiah Finley	54
	John Finley	30
	Henry Finley	28
	Elizabeth F. Finley	24
	James Finley	20
	Jefferson Finley	17
	Jackson Finley	16
	William Finley	14
	Alvin Finley	10
	John Finley	12

John Finley

in the 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: John Finley
Birth Date: Jun 1823
Birthplace: Indiana
Home in 1900: Bodega, Sonoma, California
Marriage Year: 1844
Father's Birthplace: Illinois
Mother's Birthplace: Ireland
Occupation: Farmer
House Owned or Rented: O
Home Free or Mortgaged: F
Farm or House: F

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Finley	76
	John Finley	50
	Henry H Finley	48
	Carolina Keithley	46
	Clarence Head	49
	Lula M Head	17
	Robert Head	14

John Finley

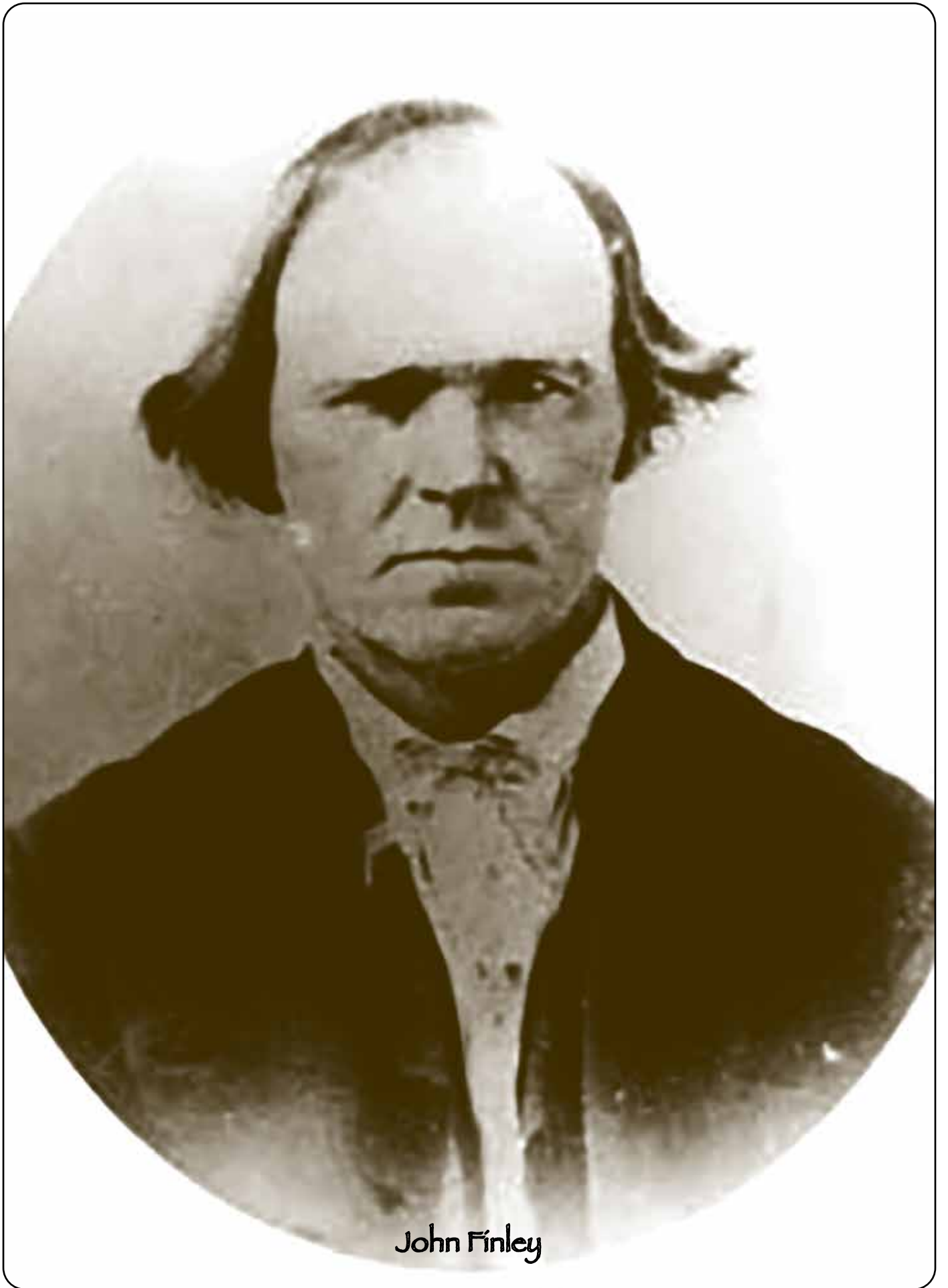
1910 United States Federal Census

Name: John Finley
Birth Year: abt 1823
Birthplace: Indiana
Home in 1910: Analy, Sonoma, California
Street: Gurnville Road
Marital status: Widowed
Father's Birthplace: Kentucky
Mother's Birthplace: Kentucky
Occupation: Farmer

Industry: Fruit

Employer, Employee or Other:	Employer				
Home Owned or Rented:	Own				
Home Free or Mortgaged:	Free				
Farm or House:	Farm				
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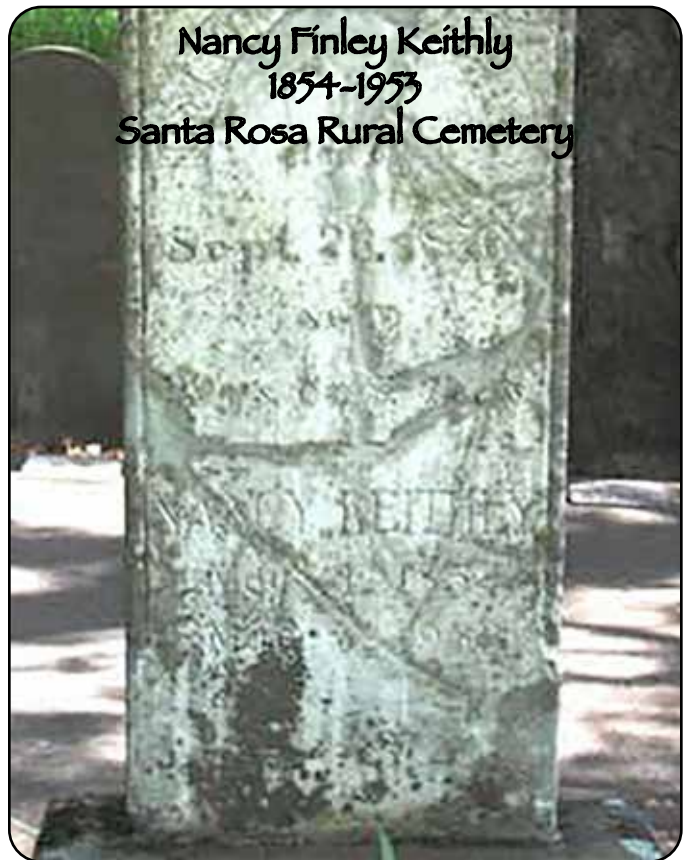


John Finley

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Keziah Head Finley



Nancy Keithly, 98, Was County's Oldest Native

Mrs. Nancy Keithly, who was Sonoma County's oldest native resident is dead.

The 98-year-old native daughter, who spent her last year at Stone's Rest Home, 115 South Davis St., will be buried in the family plot of Santa Rosa's Rural Cemetery following 2 p.m. services tomorrow at Welti Funeral Parlors, Dr. Helen Wade officiating.

Mrs. Keithly died Thursday at Santa Rosa General Hospital after a one-week illness.

THE ONLY surviving member of the Finley family of Bodega. Mrs. Keithly was born on English Hill May 4, 1854. English Hill is located between Valley Ford and Bodega and was part of Bloomfield Township in Mrs. Keithly's youth.

Her father, John Finley, moved to Coleman Valley and later to a ranch on the north side of Salmon Creek, where the children grew to adulthood.

In February, 1875, Mrs. Keithly school teacher and a Confederate married Calvin Keithly, a Bodega veteran of the Civil War.



MRS. NANCY KEITHLY

The Keithlys later moved to Santa Rosa where Mr. Keithly taught a few months at Davis School until failing health forced his retirement. Mrs. Keithly moved back to her old home after her husband died in 1876.

MRS. KEITHLY lived most of her life at Bodega on the 408-acre cattle ranch which had belonged to her father. When her father died in 1910 the ranch was transferred to her brother, Henry. When he died in 1919, it went to Mrs. Keithly. The ranch is now managed by Mrs. Keithly's nephew, Robert Head.

In addition to the nephew, Mrs. Keithly is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Clara Tarwater, Alpine Valley; grandchildren, Vernon Keith Tarwater, Tujunga; Frances C. Tarwater, Santa Rosa; Glen Tarwater, Fairfax; Mrs. Clarence Shaffer, Healdsburg, and Sherman Tarwater, Palo Alto; a niece, Mrs. E. McKune, Santa Rosa, and 8 great grandchildren.

Keziah Head

BIRTH 14 JAN 1828 • TN, USA

DEATH 8 NOV 1903 • Graton, Sonoma Co, CA

When Keziah Head was born on January 14, 1828, in Tennessee, her father, Manuel, was 23, and her mother, Prunetta, was 23. She married John D Finley on September 5, 1844. They had 14 children in 24 years. She died on November 8, 1903, in Graton, California, having lived a long life of 75 years, and was buried in Sebastopol, California.

John D. Finley

BIRTH 5 Jun 1823
Orange County, Indiana, USA

DEATH 28 Nov 1910 (aged 87)
Bodega, Sonoma County, California, USA

BURIAL [Spring Hill Cemetery](#)
Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California



John D. Finley

Find A Grave Index

Name:	John D. Finley
Birth Date:	5 Jun 1823
Birth Place:	Orange County, Indiana
Death Date:	28 Nov 1910
Death Place:	Bodega, Sonoma County, California
Cemetery:	Spring Hill Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California
Spouse:	Keziah Finley

John Finley

California, Death Index

Name:	John Finley
Birth Year:	abt 1822
Death Date:	28 Nov 1910
Age at Death:	88
Death Place:	Sonoma, California, USA