

## Ranches of Bodega Bay

David Knowles - Ocean Township, brother of Joseph Knowles

**David Chapin Knowles**, born: 25 Jan 1830 Fayette Kennebec County, Maine, died: 29 Jul 1915 Petaluma Sonoma County California, buried: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn, Sebastopol Sonoma County California, married: Marinda Menefee (she was born: 6 Oct 1832 Kentucky, died: 123 Apr 899 Bodega California, buried: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn, Sebastopol, Sonoma County California) children: Joseph Edwin 1867, Dorothy (Park) 1870, Lavinia 1871

### Parents

**David Knowles**  
1788-1871

**Lydia Shaw**  
1788-1834

### Spouse & Children

**Marinda Menefee**  
1832-1899

**Joseph Edwin Knowles**  
1867-1950

**Dorothy Park**  
1870-

**Lavinia Knowles**  
1871-1945

### David C Knowles Civil War Draft Registrations Records

Name: David C Knowles

Birth Year: abt 1831

Place of birth: Maine

Age on 1 July 1863: 32

Marital status: Unmarried (Single)

Residence: Bodega, California

## David Chaplin Knowles

BIRTH 25 JAN 1830 • Maine, USA

DEATH 29 JULY 1915 • Petaluma, Sonoma County, California,

When David Chaplin Knowles was born on January 25, 1830, in Maine, his father, David, was 41 and his mother, Lydia, was 41. He had one son and two daughters with Marinda Meniffee between 1867 and 1871. He died on July 29, 1915, in Petaluma, California, having lived a long life of 85 years, and was buried in Sebastopol, California.

## David C Knowles in the 1860 United States Federal Census

Name: David C Knowles  
 Birth Year: abt 1832  
 Birth Place: Maine  
 Home in 1860: Bodega, Sonoma, California  
 Post Office: Smiths Ranch  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Personal Estate Value: 1000

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Joseph Knowles	45
	Rebecca Knowles	38
	Wm H Knowles	17
	Mary J Knowles	12
	Louisa M Knowles	10
	David J Knowles	6
	Sarah E Knowles	4
	Alice Knowles	1
	David C Knowles	28
	Martha E Crandall	28
	James Salvage	20

## David C. Knowles in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: David C. Knowles  
 Birth Date: Abt 1830  
 Birthplace: Maine  
 Home in 1880: Ocean, Sonoma, California,  
 Father's Birthplace: Maine  
 Mother's Birthplace: Maine  
 Occupation: Farmer

Household Members:	Name	Age
	David C. Knowles	50
	Winnela Knowles	47
	Joseph Knowles	13
	Dora Knowles	11
	Vivian Knowles	9
	Sarah Menniffe	49

## David C Knowles in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: David C Knowles  
 Birth Year: abt 1830  
 Birthplace: Maine  
 Home in 1870: Bodega, Sonoma, California  
 Post Office: Duncans Mills  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Personal Estate Value: 2550  
 Real Estate Value: 7320

Household Members:	Name	Age
	David C Knowles	40
	Marinda Knowles	38
	Joseph E Knowles	2
	Dora E Knowles	6/12
	John W Manafee	27
	Nancy Manafee	42
	John Blair	49

## David C Knowles in the 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: David C Knowles  
 Birth Date: Jan 1830  
 Birthplace: Maine  
 Home in 1900: San Rafael, Marin, California  
 Marital status: Widowed  
 Occupation: Dairy Farmer

## David C Knowles in the 1910 United States Federal Census

Name: David C Knowles  
 Birth Year: abt 1830  
 Birthplace: Maine  
 Home in 1910: Petaluma, Sonoma, California  
 Street: Keokuk St  
 Relation to Head of House: Father-in-law  
 Marital status: Widowed

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William T Park	44
	Dorothy Park	40
	Wayne N Park	9
	David C Knowles	80

## David C Knowles

California, Death Index

Name: David C Knowles  
Birth Year: abt 1830  
Death Date: 29 Jul 1915  
Age at Death: 85  
Death Place: Sonoma, California, USA

## David Chaplin Knowles

Newspapers.com Obituary Index

Name: David Chaplin Knowles  
Residence Place: Sonoma county  
Death Place: 617 Keokuk street  
Obituary Date: 30 Jul 1915  
Obituary Place: Petaluma, California  
Spouse: [Marinda I. Muirfee](#)

## Winnela Knowles

1880 United States Federal Census

Name: Winnela Knowles  
[\[Marinda Knowles\]](#)  
Birth Date: Abt 1833  
Birthplace: Kentucky  
Home in 1880: Ocean, Sonoma, California,  
Relation to Head of House: Wife  
Marital status: Married  
Spouse's name: David C. Knowles  
Father's Birthplace: Kentucky  
Mother's Birthplace: Virginia  
Occupation: Keeping House

## Marinda Knowles

Find A Grave Index

Name: Marinda Knowles  
Birth Date: 6 Oct 1832  
Death Date: 23 Apr 1899  
Cemetery: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery  
Burial Place: Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California  
Spouse: [David C. Knowles](#)

## Marinda Meniffee

BIRTH 6 OCTOBER 1832 · Kentucky  
DEATH 23 APRIL 1899

When Marinda Menefee was born on October 6, 1832, in Kentucky, her father, William, was 29, and her mother, Eliza, was 27. She had one son and two daughters with David Chaplin Knowles between 1867 and 1871. She died on April 23, 1899, in Sonoma, California, at the age of 66, and was buried in Sebastopol, California.

# David C. Knowles

## Find A Grave Index

Name: David C. Knowles

Birth Date: 25 Jan 1830

Death Date: 29 Jul 1915

Death Place: Petaluma, Sonoma County,  
California

Cemetery: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn  
Cemetery

Burial or Cremation  
Place: Sebastopol, Sonoma County,  
California



# PIONEER OF COUNTY IS DEAD

Death called David Chaplin Knowles at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Park, at 617 Keokuk street, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The pioneer had been in the shadow of death for days and had been unconscious.

The late Mr. Knowles was widely known in Sonoma county, where he had resided the greater part of his useful well spent life.

He was a man of broad views, courteous manner and possessed a high character. The deceased was a native of Maine and had attained the age of 85 years last January. He was among the brave citizens who turned their faces toward the golden west in the early days, arriving here in 1852. After his arrival he engaged in mining.

Tiring of mining he left for Santa Rosa where he engaged in business with the late Thomas B. Hood in saddle and harness making. After disposing of the business he went north and purchased a ranch on the Russian river, which he successfully conducted for more than forty years.

Mr. Knowles was married to Miss Marinda I. Menefee, who died seventeen years ago. The pioneer is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. T. Park and Mrs. C. W. Stumbaugh of this city, and a son, Joseph Knowles, who resides in Oklahoma. Mrs. Phil Varner, formerly of this city, now of Santa Rosa, is a niece of the deceased.