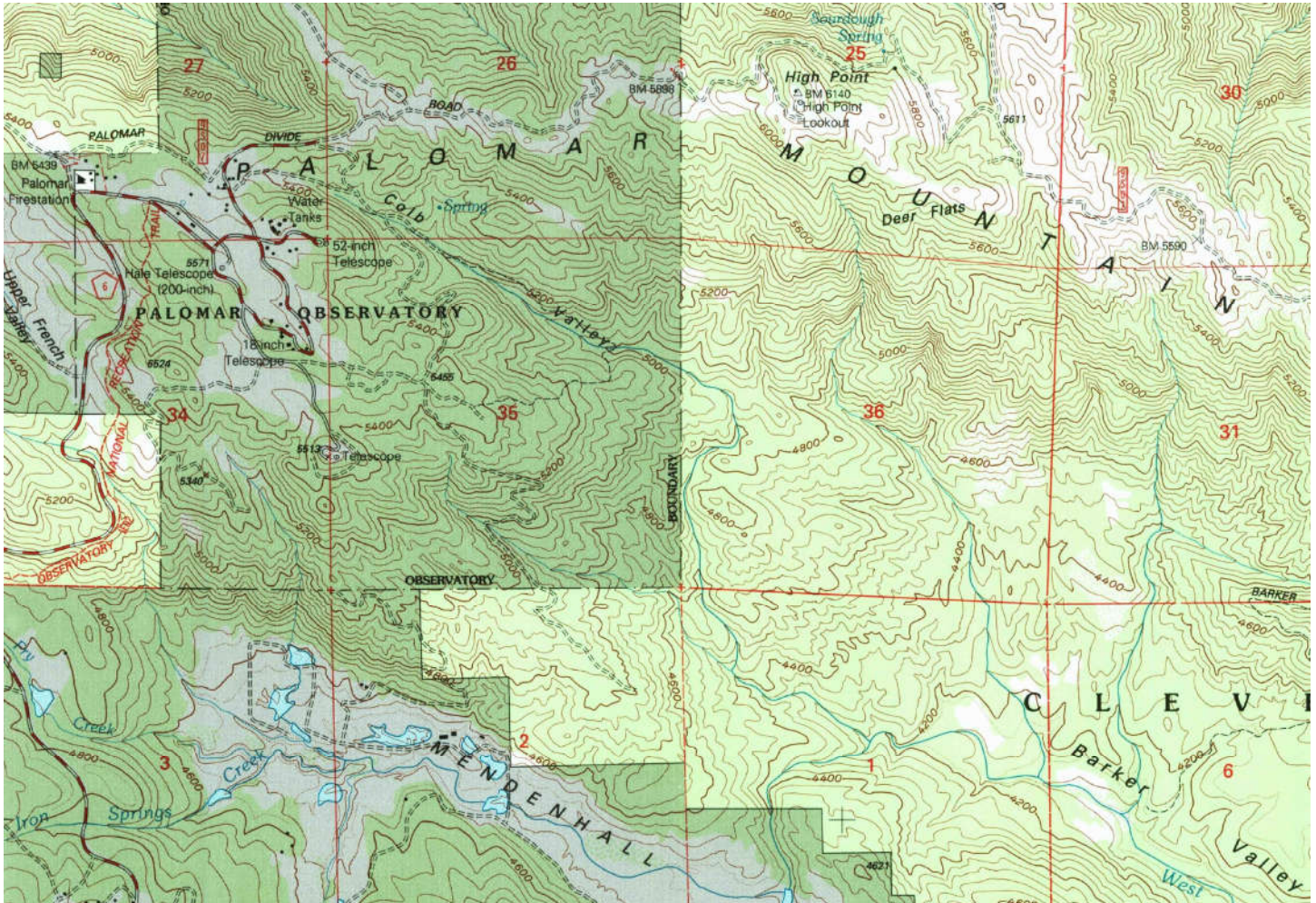


# William Jasper Kolb and Colb Valley on Palomar Mountain

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Misspelled as Colb Valley and located adjacent to the Observatory, William Jasper Kolb and family settled and lived in Colb Valley on Palomar Mountain for a few years. If he did file for a homestead there, he never proved up on it because the land patents there are recorded to others [9].



**Colb Valley in middle of 1997 U.S.G.S. Palomar Observatory Quadrangle map**

The Palomar map in Catherine Wood's 1937 book *Palomar from teepee to telescope* spells it correctly as Kolb Valley [18]. The Colb spelling error predates her book and is perpetuated by the United States Geological Survey. The 1903 U.S.G.S. Ramona Quadrangle map spells it incorrectly as Colb Valley. The 1938 U.S. Department of the Interior General Land Office map *Township No. 9 South, Range No. 1 East, San Bernardino Meridian, California* spells the creek incorrectly as Colb Creek. The 1939 U.S.G.S Palomar Mountain map spells it incorrectly as Colb Valley. And so on.

Palomar Mountain was known as Smith Mountain for many years after the 1868 murder of Joseph Smith at his ranch on the east side of Palomar Mountain. In a column entitled “San Diego County Gazetteer” by John Davidson in the San Diego Tribune-Sun [2]:

In the notes of the late W.J. Fink we find: “William J. Kolb was a giant in strength. He lived to be more than 90 years old. He lived on Smith (Palomar) before my time. [Winbert Fink arrived on Palomar Mountain in 1895 [11].] I was well acquainted with one of his sons, John, and knew the other, Amos. They told a story about Bill. He was so strong they promised him a drink of whisky if he would lift the barrel and drink out of the bung hole. He lifted it to his knees and got his drink. This was down in Warner’s store. Another time they challenged him to fell an immense tree within a certain time. He won the wager.” ... The late L.B. Hunsicker says “Colb valley was so known in 1900.”

**BIRTH -- October 27, 1825:** William Jasper Kolb was born in Georgia to James Carl Kolb and Rebecca Boren Kolb, likely on October 27, 1825.

**1811 or 1813 or 1815 birth year:** Voter registrations for William Jasper Kolb on May 16, 1890, and September 3, 1892, list his age as 78, which correspond to birth years of 1811 or 1813, which seems unlikely. His age in the 1880 U.S. Census is listed as 64 on June 8, 1880; he would turn 65 in October 1880, so that corresponds to an 1815 birth year.

**1818, 1819, 1820 birth year:** His age in the 1860 U.S. Census is listed as 41 on July 13, 1860; he would turn 42 in October 1860, so that corresponds to an 1818 birth year. His age in an 1864 enlistment record is listed as 44 on February 15, 1864; he would turn 45 in October 1866, so that corresponds to an 1819 birth year. His age in an 1866 voter registration is listed as 46 on June 23, 1866; he would turn 47 in October 1866, so that corresponds to an 1819 birth year. His birth month/year was recorded as October 1819 in the 1900 U.S. Census. His age in the 1910 U.S. Census is listed as 90 on April 16, 1910; he would turn 91 in October 1910, so that corresponds to an 1819 birth year. His age in the 1902 voter register for San Diego County is 82, so that corresponds to an 1820 birth year.

**1825 birth year:** The Chandler/Marsh Family Tree on ancestry.com gives his birthdate as October 27, 1825, with no supporting reference. His age in the 1850 U.S. Census is listed as 25 on October 5, 1850; he would be 25 or 26 that month which corresponds to an 1824 or 1825 birth year.





William Jasper Kolb's father **James Carl Kolb** was born in Georgia on January 4, 1802; he died in Rainbow, California on May 7, 1885, and is buried in the Kolb Cemetery in Temecula, California (left).

William Jasper Kolb's mother **Rebecca Boren** was born in Tennessee on May 15, 1807. James Carl Kolb married Rebecca Boren (May 15, 1807 – June 9, 1868), probably in 1823, and they had ten children.

William Jasper Kolb was their first born. His age in the 1850 U.S. Census is listed as 25 on October 5, 1850; he would be 25 or 26 that month which corresponds to an 1824 or 1825 birth year. This is

one or two years after his parents' probable marriage year of 1823, when his mother would have been sixteen years old.

Perhaps 1825 is the correct birth year for William Jasper Kolb.

**1850 Census, Texas:** In the 1850 U.S. Census enumerated on October 5, 1850, James (Carl) Kolb (age 55, carpenter, born in Georgia) and his wife Rebeca (age 37, born in Tennessee) are living in Precinct Number 6, Cass County, Texas with eight children: W. (William Jasper) Kolb, age 25, farmer, J.F. (Jonathan Franklin), age 19, A.C. (Almedia Catherine), age 17, L.A. (Lousia A.), age 14, E.R. (Rebecca Ellen "Elender"), age 12, J.R. (Richard James), age 10, Isaac (Isaac McDonald), age 8, and Susan, age 2.

### **William Jasper Kolb's siblings:**

**Mary Ann Amandy Kolb** (born in Georgia on October 15, 1827; died in Texas City, Galveston County Texas in 1906)

**James M. Kolb** (born in Georgia on January 4, 1829; died in Georgia on January 15, 1829)



**Jonathan Franklin Kolb** (born in Troup, Georgia on March 4, 1831; died in Rainbow, California on September 9, 1896)



**Almeda Catherine Kolb**, c1900 (born in Georgia on May 24, 1833; died in Arkansas City, Arkansas on January 20, 1916)

**Lousia A. Kolb** (born in Georgia on July 9, 1835; died in Kern, California on September 27, 1917)



**Rebecca Ellen 'Elander' Kolb** (born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on October 11, 1837; died in Downey, California on February 17, 1916)

**Richard James David Kolb** (born in Bowie, Texas on May 14, 1841; died in San Saba County, Texas on October 5, 1932)



**Isaac McDonald Kolb** (born in Lampasas, Texas on December 22, 1842; died in Vernal, Utah on May 30, 1908)

**James "Bird" Kolb** (born in Texas in 1845; died in Jackson County, Texas in 1863)

**Susan or Susanah Kolb** (born in Cass County, Texas in 1848; died sometime after the 1860 U.S. Census)

**1852 Marriage:** William Jasper Kolb married **Rhoda Ann Lusk** on June 24, 1852, in Cass County, Texas.



**Rhoda Ann Lusk, c1910**

Rhoda Ann Lusk was born in Alabama on October 31, 1835, to John Lusk (1803-) and Sarah Ann Nichols (born in Alabama on June 22, 1815 – died in San Luis Rey, California on October 10, 1874).

In the 1850 U.S. Census, Rhoda Ann Lusk was living with her parents in Cass County, Texas.

**1860 Census, Arkansas:** In the 1860 U.S. Census enumerated in the Cove Township, Polk County, Arkansas on July 13, 1860, William Kalb (Kolb), age 41, farmer born in Georgia was living with Rhoda, age 25, born in Alabama and children: Sarah, age 6; Belsora (Bellzoria Clementine), age 3; Richard T. (Richard Thomas), age 2; and William A. (William Amos), age 5 months (thus born in 1860).

**1864 Confederate Army, Texas:** There's a record for William Kolb, Private, age 44, enlisting in the Confederate Army at Lampasas, Texas on February 15, 1864, and mustered out at Salt Creek, Texas on March 5, 1864, serving for 23 days.



## William Jasper Kolb and Rhoda Ann Lusk's first children:

**Sarah Ann** (born in Cass County, Texas on October 29, 1853; death unknown)

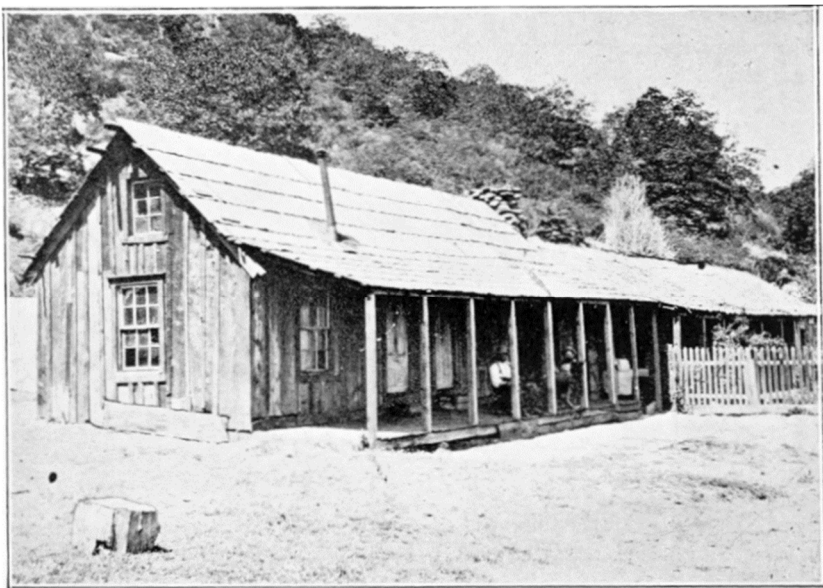
**Bellzoria 'Bell' Clementine Kolb** (born in Cass County, Texas on October 22, 1854; died in San Bernardino County, California on March 9, 1942, and buried in Temecula Cemetery).



Bellzoria Clementine Kolb married Joseph Burrell 'Burl' Freeman (March 17, 1839 -- May 3, 1918). Burl Freeman was born in Arkansas and was living in Texas by age 7. Burl Freeman started a family with Bellzoria Kolb in Texas in 1865, and their children were born in Texas through 1882. Burl Freeman came to San Diego at some point, perhaps without his wife and family.

Edward Davis writes [19]:

John Place had first settled on what later became the Mendenhall Ranch (on Palomar Mountain). Place was one of the drivers on the Butterfield stages. Burl Freeman bought out Place and lived on the ranch until about 1868 when he sold out to Mendenhall ...



**John Place house on Palomar Mountain where Burl Freeman lived**, Mary Mendenhall Knox photo

Burl Freeman was farming in Monument City (Tijuana River Valley) in San Diego County in 1869 when he registered to vote.

The 1900 U.S. Census records Burl Freeman and Bellzoria Kolb living in Fallbrook.

**Richard Thomas or Thompson Kolb** (born in Cass County, Texas on August 1 or 2, 1857; died in San Angelo, Texas on June 1, 1940, and buried in San Angelo, Texas)

**William Amos Kolb** (born in Polk County, Arkansas on January 12, 1860; died in Riverside, California on October 3, 1942, and buried in Temecula Cemetery).



A 1942 newspaper item on William Amos Kolb's graveside services said he was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and when a small boy moved with his parents to Texas, and then came in a covered wagon with his parents, brothers and sisters to California, settling near Warners Hot Springs [8].

An interview with William Amos Kolb's son Joseph Merrill Kolb (February 27, 1891 – May 31, 1973) said [3]:

Amos Kolb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kolb, had come in 1860 from Texas and settled on Smith Mountain (Palomar). There they had farmed some, grown corn and a few hogs. ...

The year 1860 is incorrect; they came west in 1865. The Idyllwild Town Crier published a column on William Amos Kolb's family (incorrectly using the middle initial 'A' for his father William Jasper Kolb, which is corrected in the following) [5]:

W.J. Kolb came to Southern California from Texas in the 1860's. W.J. first settled on Smith Mountain (Mt. Palomar today) but he didn't like the cold, snowy winters so he left his homestead and moved to what is known as Kolb Valley. This is located just west of Dodge Valley ... From Highway 70 you take a dirt road to the east, more or less, to Kolb Valley. W.J. Kolb's son, Amos, a surveyor, homesteaded and bought land from the Indians where Woodchuck is today. ...

A 160-acre homestead for William Amos Kolb was recorded on September 14, 1911, which is located off Highway 79 about ten miles east of Temecula at Woodchuck Road below Vail Lake [4,6,9]. William Amos Kolb traded a black bull to the Indians for the land there [4,6]. William Amos Kolb married Margaret A. Melia (June 25, 1872 – August 31, 1951).

**Isaac Monroe Kolb** (born in Arkansas on April 22, 1865; died July 6, 1896)

**1865, Wagon Train to California:** William Jasper Kolb and his father James Carl, his brothers Jonathan Franklin and Isaac McDonald, and his brother-in-law Henry Haugh Hufstutler (January 5, 1826 – January 4, 1910) who was married to William’s sister Rebecca Ellen “Elender” Kolb (October 11, 1837 – February 7, 1917), and their families came west from Texas in a wagon train accompanying the Captain Jack Cole wagon train, signing on with oaths of allegiance to the wagon train at Franklin, Texas on August 19-20, 1865 [12,13].

The Cole wagon train started in Burleson County, Texas, then through Williamson, Travis, Burnet, Lampasas and San Saba Counties picking up families along the way, with finally 27 wagons in the Cole wagon train [12]. The wagons arrived in the Temecula area around Christmas, 1865, where it seems most of the Kolbs departed according to later census and voting records [1,13]. The wagon train would have arrived at its destination in Los Nietos township (Downey), California by New Years Day 1866 [13].

William Jasper Kolb’s mother Rebecca Boren evidently stayed behind in Texas since she died there on June 9, 1869.

Looking at earlier U.S. Census and San Diego voting registers, it is difficult to verify living locations of known Palomar Mountain residents because most were tallied off mountain in the Agua Caliente Township, the Warners Rancho District, San Felipe, and San Luis Rey.

William Jasper Kolb’s father James Kolb, occupation hatter, registered to vote in the Agua Caliente township on June 12, 1869. In the 1880 U.S. Census, J. M. Kolb, age 77, widowed, a farmer born in Georgia, was living in the San Luis Rey Township. James Carl Kolb died in Rainbow, California on May 7, 1885, and is buried in Kolb Cemetery, Temecula.

William Jasper Kolb’s brother Jonathan Franklin Kolb was enumerated in the 1870 U.S. Census living in the Warner’s Rancho District with his wife Frances Elizabeth Naler and children. They were enumerated in the Pala Township in the 1880 U.S. Census. Jonathan Franklin Kolb died in Riverside County on September 9, 1896, and is buried in the Kolb Cemetery in Temecula.

William Jasper Kolb’s brother Isaac McDonald Kolb registered to vote in the Agua Caliente township on June 12, 1869. In the 1870 U.S. Census he was living in the Warner’s Rancho District with his wife Margaret and children, and in the 1880 U.S. Census he was living in the San Luis Rey township. He moved out of the area by 1887, dying in Vernal, Utah on June 1, 1908, where he is buried.





**Rebecca Ellen “Elender” Kolb and her husband Henry Haugh Hufstutler, undated**

William Jasper Kolb’s sister Rebecca and her husband Henry Hufstutler continued living around the Downey area where the wagon train ended; he died in 1910, and she died in 1917.

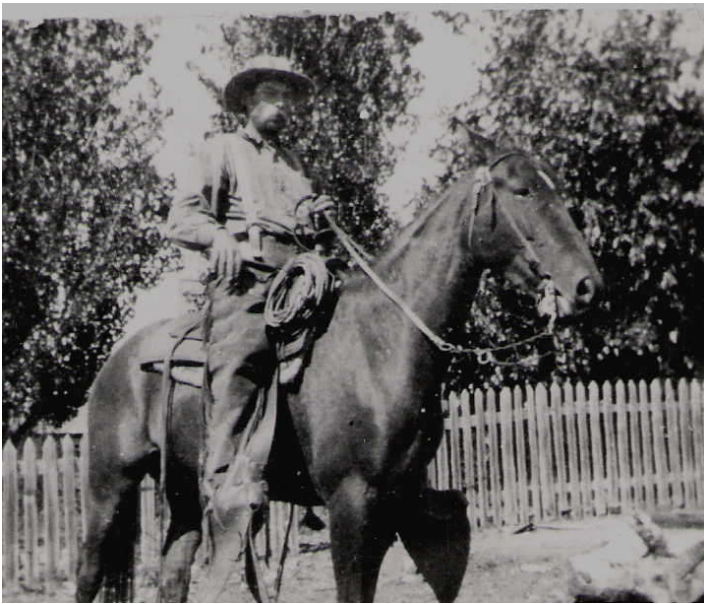
**1866, California:** William Kalb (Kolb), age 46, born in Georgia, with occupation hatter living in the Green Valley township, registered to vote on June 23, 1866. Green Valley is seventy miles south of Temecula in the Cuyamaca Mountains of San Diego County. Later the judge’s notes for the divorce of Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb and William Jasper Kolb state that the Kolbs had resided in San Diego County since December 1865, which is the month when the Cole wagon train arrived in Temecula [1].

John Place, a stage driver and early Palomar Mountain resident whose name will come up later in William Jasper Kolb’s chronology, was living in Green Valley in the July 1867 voter register. In the 1870 U.S. Census, John Place was living in the Warners Rancho District.

## **William Jasper Kolb and Rhoda Ann Lusk's next children:**

**Susan 'Susie' P. Kolb** (born in San Luis Rey on February 15, 1867; died in Hilt, Siskiyou County, California on November 7, 1902). Susie P. Kolb married her step-brother William N. Kouns in Shasta, California on October 8, 1880. He was the son of Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb's second husband Jacob Rice Kouns (born in Greenup County, Kentucky on March 6, 1835; died in Hilt, Siskiyou County, California on July 23, 1897).

**John Henry Kolb** (born in San Luis Rey on April 23 or 25, 1869; died in Belvedere, Los Angeles County on January 29, 1920, and buried in Los Angeles)



### **John Henry Kolb, undated**

John Henry Kolb of Oak Grove and Rachel Elizabeth Whitlock (December 25, 1876 – December 29, 1933) of Smith's/Palomar Mountain were granted a marriage license on January 20, 1892 [14]. Rachel Whitlock was living on Palomar Mountain with her family. Their first children were born on Palomar Mountain.

**Mathew Hubard Kolb** (born in San Luis Rey on July 4 or 9, 1871; died January 16, 1878)

**Mary Ann Kolb** (born in San Luis Rey on September 30, 1873; died in Fallbrook on November 24, 1954)



In 1887 at age 13, Mary Ann Kolb married 27-year-old Edward Hinsley in Shasta County, California, and then in 1895, married Fredrick Gudman (1859-1917, originally Peter Fredrick Guddmunsson) in Weed, Siskiyou County, California. Gudman was a heavy drinker, and when he came home drunk, he was “a demon when he was drunk” ... angry, quarrelsome, and cursing his wife [16]. On December 14, 1905, Mary Ann Kolb fled from him with her five children in a hurry after Gudman came home drunk and very quarrelsome, ranting and raving, and threatening them [16]. She left her widowed mother Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb Kouns with a neighbor, and embarked on a six week journey in the dead of a cold, snowy winter with little money and no food to take her children in a horse-drawn wagon to her brother William Amos Kolb’s small house in Temecula, arriving January 25, 1906 [16]. Mary Ann Kolb Gudman and her eldest daughter Rhoda went to work at the Pauba Ranch as cooks where she met John Luis Ludy, who was based in Rainbow [16]. Mary Ann Kolb married John Luis Ludy (1872-1945) in Riverside on June 28, 1909.

**1868, San Diego County:** On June 20, 1868, William Kolb attended a public meeting of the citizens of the Township of Agua Caliente held at Warner’s Ranch, signing a declaration to San Diego County officials about county finances [10].

**1870:** There seems to be no 1870 U.S. Census records for William Jasper Kolb or Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb. If they were living in the remote Colb Vally on Palomar Mountain at that time, they could easily have escaped the 1870 census.



**1872 Divorce:** Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb divorced William Jasper Kolb some date after August 24, 1872, according to the 18th Judicial District Court's (California County of San Diego) judge's paperwork for their divorce decree [1]. At the time William Jasper Kolb was living with an Indian woman at the Palomar Mountain farm of John Place (born in Ohio about 1823) [1,10].

The judge's notes for Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb's divorce from William Jasper Kolb states they were married on June 22, 1852 (differs from June 24<sup>th</sup> date above), and that she bore eight children, six of whom were minors and living with her: Richard Thompson (aged 10), William Amos (aged 11), Isaac Monroe (aged 7), Susan (aged 5), John Henry (aged 3), and Matthew (aged 1) [1].

Daughter Mary Ann Kolb (born in San Luis Rey on September 30, 1873) is not listed in the judge's notes; her birth date is long after divorce paperwork date of August 24, 1872, so William Jasper Kolb was probably not her father [1]. At the time of the Kolb's divorce, Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb was living in the San Luis Rey Valley, which is Mary Ann's birthplace [1].

The judge's notes for the divorce state that in or about the month of November 1871, William Jasper Kolb had carnal knowledge of Phoebe Doe, an Indian woman, whose true name was unknown to Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb and that he was cohabiting with her [1]. At the time of the Kolb's divorce, Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb and family were living in the San Luis Rey Valley, without support from her husband William Jasper Kolb, and that she had received no support from him since February 4, 1871 [1]. In her testimony, she said that she didn't know positively where he was living but to the best of her knowledge on Smith Mountain [1]. She had last seen him at her house in the San Luis Rey Valley about a year ago on June 20, 1871, saying he had come to take the children; he spent the night and left the next day, leaving no money for support [1]. She stated that prior February 1871, he was dissipated and idle, would stay away from home for more than a year at a time without providing support [1]. She said that one time he had been absent for eighteen months without letting her know "whether he was dead or alive [1]." While he was absent she provided support for herself and children by her own labor, and that her husband owned no property, real or personal [1]. She said "he would sometimes work by the month teaming or farming and when he got his wages he would spend the most of it for whiskey. He hardly ever worked for himself, and never tried to make home comfortable [1]."

Amos Ladd (1809 -- 1881), a blacksmith in San Luis Rey Valley living near Rhoda Ann Kolb, testified that he had resided in San Diego County for almost three years, and had known both Kolbs for fourteen years [1]. Ladd had married Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb's mother Sarah Ann Nichols Lusk in Texas [1]. Amos and Sarah Ladd and son Burton are recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census at Warner's Rancho. Ladd had first seen them on Smith's Mountain over two years prior, where "they had corn and pork but the children were nearly naked [1]." Ladd stated that he had known William Jasper Kolb to be absent from his family for four months at a time, and during that time all the family received from him was one hundred pounds of corn meal [1].

Amos Ladd stated that he had lived near the Kolbs in Texas and in California and never knew Kolb to provide well for his family, that he was quarrelsome in his family, and would leave his family unprovided for many months at a time [1]. Ladd stated that Rhoda Ann Kolb lived in San

Luis Rey with her family by her own industry, and that William Jasper Kolb lived on Smith Mountain [1].

Amos Ladd stated that he had seen William Jasper Kolb on Smith Mountain on July 6, 1872, when he went to summon Kolb for his wife's divorce case; Kolb was living with an Indian woman in one end of John Place's house and they were eating breakfast with John Place and his Indian woman companion when he arrived [1]. Ladd stated that Rhoda Ann Kolb was poor and made a living for herself and family by spinning, knitting and washing [1]. Ladd stated that William Jasper Kolb was a "habitual drunkard" and that when he had any money he would go to the shop and remain there until he spent it all for drink or take his wife's money she earned by washing and "spend it all for liquor and to get beastly drunk on it [1]."

Amos Ladd stated [1]:

... about two years ago last January defendant started from his home on Smith's Mountain with money a part of which his wife had earned to buy flour at Warner's Ranch for his family. When I saw him there at the Ranch the next day he was beastly drunk having spent all the money he took from home for liquor besides other money that he had collected at Julian from Nathan(?) Hubbard for whom his wife had done knitting. His money being all gone I was obliged to buy flour out of my own money to keep his family from starving.

Amos Ladd stated [1]:

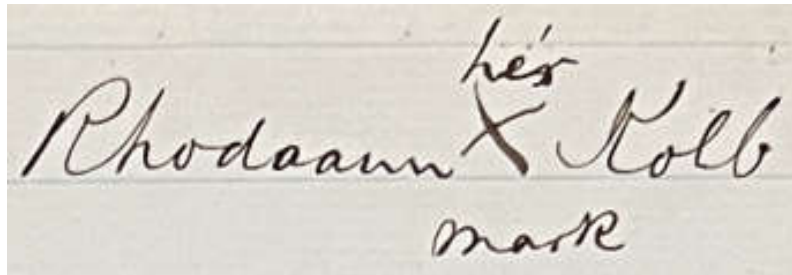
(Kolb) had a ranch of one hundred and sixty acres of land on Smith's Mountain. There were two log houses on it and about thirty acres fenced besides corrals. About three years ago he sold the ranch with all the improvements to a man by the name of Brese to pay a liquor bill of one hundred and eighty dollars. In consequence of this sale his wife and family were obliged to live in an old Indian brush tent for seven months and during this time his wife did not have a shoe on her foot. ... He could have had constant employment at good wages if he had left from drink. I have known him when his family were suffering for the necessities of life, to refuse a dollar and a half a day for work that he was well able to do. This was while they were living in the brush tent. ... I have helped to maintain defendant's family a good part of the time for the past fourteen years and I have been obliged to do so on account of (Kolb's) willful neglect of his family, and on account of his idleness and dissipation.

Sarah Ann Nichols Ladd (1815 – 1874) who was the mother of Rhoda Ann Kolb and the wife of Amos Ladd, residing in San Luis Rey, stated [1]:

(Kolb) is the most idle dissipated man I ever knew. He is so worthless his brothers won't own him and they go out of their way to shun him. ... he used

more of his wife's earnings for liquor than he earned. He would go around and collect the money that (his wife) had earned by washing and knitting and spend it for whiskey. And then come home and abuse his wife and children. ... I have known him to leave his wife three months before her confinement without any provisions in the house and stay away four months. ... He has been home one day only in about eighteen months and to the best of my knowledge he has done nothing for his family for over two years.

Rhoda Ann Kolb asked the court to order \$100 per month from him for the support of her and their children, plus a fee for her lawyer [1].

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature reads "Rhoda Ann Kolb". Above the word "Kolb", the word "his" is written in a smaller, cursive hand. Below the signature, the word "mark" is written in a similar cursive hand. The ink is dark brown or black.

**Rhoda Ann Kolb mark from her divorce papers [1]**

The judge's notes of a following Amos Ladd statement on December 3, 1872, read [1]:

... About the 27<sup>th</sup> of October I (Amos Ladd) was at Kolb's house on Smith's Mountain this county. I had some talk with Kolb; when night came I saw Kolb undress and go to bed with a squaw. I left outside the house and in the morning about day light I went to the room where Kolb and the squaw were lying. Soon after I went in Kolb got up (illegible) leaving the squaw and a child about five months old in bed. The child was nursing at the squaw's breast. Kolb said the child was his. ...



**1873 birth of John Charles ‘Juan’ Kolb:** William Jasper Kolb’s son John Charles Kolb (May 3, 1873 – April 10, 1941; birth year on gravestone should be 1873) was born in Buena Vista/Warner’s Ranch on May 3, 1873 [15]. Corpertina Kolb, the second wife of John Charles Kolb, said in an interview that John’s mother was Eliza Ida Sacoti, a San Luiseno Indian [15].

William Jasper Kolb and Eliza Ida Sacoti had two other children: Dan who died young, and Raymond/Ramon, who was “taken by white people. Man named Cook who bought hides at Pauma Valley finally took him. He was forced to herd pigs, and treated cruelly by a Mr. Scott before Mr. Cook took him. [15]” Eliza Ida Sacoti died in 1875.

In the 1880 U.S. Census, John P. Kolb, Indian race, adopted, age 5, was living with Macillum Place (Michella Guavish Place, born about 1840, married John Place about 1865, died September 4, 1898), female, Indian Race, age 42, and William (Henry) Place, Indian race, age 17 (October 2, 1862 – September 21, 1953) on the east side of Palomar Mountain near the Cook and Dyche families in the Agua Caliente Township.



John Charles Kolb married his first wife Annie (1869-1901) in 1896, and they had a child George in 1899. Annie died. In 1902, John Charles Kolb married his second wife Corpertina Foussat (July 29, 1886 – October 5, 1975) and they had several children. Corpertina’s father was Jean Baptiste Foussat (1847 -- 1896); French Valley on Palomar Mountain after brothers Hubert Foussat and Jean Baptiste Foussat who were born in France. John Charles Kolb is buried in Rincon, California.

**1880, Texas:** In the 1880 U.S. Census, enumerated on June 8, 1880, William Kolb, age 64, a laborer born in Georgia with his father born in South Carolina and his mother born in Georgia, is living as a boarder along with James Wagonner (age 21, born in Missouri with his father born in Missouri and his mother born in Kentucky) and two other boarders at the home of Joe McLean, age 27, and his mother Mary McLean in Election Precinct Number 4 in San Saba County, Texas. Enumerated in several censuses, there are many Kolbs living in San Saba County, Texas.

**1890, Smith (Palomar) Mountain:** William G. Kolb, age 78, born in Georgia, with occupation hatter, living at Smith Mountain (Palomar Mountain), registered to vote on May 16, 1890.

**1892, Rainbow:** William J. Kolb, age 78, born in Georgia, with occupation hatter, living in Vallecitos with Rainbow postoffice (which is six miles from Temecula), registered to vote on September 3, 1892.

**1895, Rainbow:** William Kolb is listed in Rainbow in the 1895 San Diego City and County Directory.

**1900, Riverside:** In the 1900 U.S. Census enumerated on June 1, 1900, eighty-year-old William J. Kolb, born in Georgia in October 1819, with mother's birthplace in Georgia and father's birthplace unknown, was a widowed inmate with occupation day laborer, unemployed for seven months, at the Riverside County Hospital on Eighth Street in Riverside, California. William J. Kolb, age 81 with a Banning California post office address registered to vote in the Banning Precinct on October 11, 1900.

**1902, San Diego:** Wm. J. Kolb, age 82, with an address of Warner is listed in the Agua Caliente Precinct in the 1902 voter register for San Diego County.

**1903, San Diego:** William Kolb is listed as an inmate at the San Diego County Hospital in the 'San Diego City and County Directory 1903' and William J. Kolb is listed with the Warner post office in the San Diego County section of that same directory.

At that time, the San Diego County Hospital and Poor Farm was located on the south side of Mission Valley where the current 163 freeway crosses <sup>[10]</sup>. The San Diego County Hospital and Poor Farm was a safety net for the indigent and offered hospital and health care for the sick and injured who had no other means of support <sup>[17]</sup>. Indigent patients were mostly men who had lost the ability to provide for themselves and did not have family able to support them; those who were able to work did chores within the facility itself or outside on the Poor Farm, which had eight acres of farm and orchard producing food for residential needs <sup>[17]</sup>. William Kolb was there at the San Diego County Hospital and Poor Farm at the same time as George V. Dyche who was his neighbor on Palomar Mountain.

**1910, Texas:** In the 1910 U.S. Census enumerated on April 16, 1910, William Kolb, age 90, was a widowed inmate at the Williamson County Farm in Justice Precinct, Williamson County, Texas. No birth states were recorded for him or for his parents. This could be him since it continues a residential pattern at county hospitals or farms. There were a lot of Kolb family and descendants living in Texas, who did not come west on the wagon train.

**William Jasper Kolb died in 1903 or thereafter.**

## Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb

At the time of Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb's 1872 divorce from William Jasper Kolb, she was living in the San Luis Rey Valley [1]. She married **Jacob Rice Kouns** (born in Greenup County, Kentucky on March 6, 1835; died in Hilt, Siskiyou County, California on July 23, 1897) in Lake County, California on September 21, 1879.

Before Jacob Rice Kouns met Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb, he was tallied in the 1870 U.S. Census on August 8<sup>th</sup> as a farm laborer living in the Los Nietos Township (Downey), Los Angeles County and married to Selina Ann Davis (1835-1875), with five children: Sarah Ann (born February 22, 1858 – February 16, 1897); William Nelson (July 10, 1859 – December 12, 1907); James Henry (February 26, 1861 – February 7, 1871); Abraham Stonewall (December 24, 1866 -- June 18, 1929); Amanda Merinda (March 12, 1870 – November 24, 1877). After the 1870 U.S. Census, Jacob Rice and Selina Davis Kouns had two more children: Elizabeth Elvira (October 4, 1871 – 1880+) and George Washington Kouns (April 20, 1874 – April 22, 1896). Jacob Rice Kouns, a farmer born in Kentucky, and living in Lakeport, Lake County California registered to vote on April 15, 1879; his wife Selina was dead by then.

Jacob Rice Kouns married Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb in Lake County, California on September 21, 1879. They had a son Jasper Kouns, born in Shasta County in January 1880; he is not recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census.

In the 1880 U.S. Census enumerated on June 9, 1880, J.R. Kouns, a farmer age 45, is living with and married to Rodia A. Kouns, age 40, in Township 5, Shasta County, California; in his household were a child from his marriage to Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb (Jasper), children from his previous marriage (William Nelson, Elizabeth Elvira, George Washington), and children from her previous marriage (Susie P. Kolb, John Henry Kolb, Mary Ann Kolb).

On October 8, 1880, Rhoda's daughter Susie P. Kolb married William Nelson Kouns, Jacob Rice Kouns' son from his first marriage, in Shasta, California.

On April 12, 1886, Jacob R. Kouns, a farmer born in Kentucky and living in North Cow Creek, Shasta County, California registered to vote. On September 29, 1892, Jacob Rice Kouns, a woodchopper born in Kentucky and living in the Cottonwood Precinct with Horn post office in Siskiyou County registered to vote.

Jacob Rice Kouns died in Hilt, Siskiyou County, California on July 23, 1897.

In the 1900 U.S. Census, widowed Rhoda A. Kouns is living in the Mountain Township in Siskiyou County, California with her grandson William Daniel Kolb (June 6, 1886 – March 21, 1927); she is recorded as having had nine children with seven alive. His parents were Daniel Kolb (who was born in Texas; uncertain relationship to Rhoda's first husband William Jasper Kolb) and Sarah Ann Kouns, daughter of Jacob Rice Kouns. In the 1910 U.S. Census, widowed Rhoda A. Kouns is living in the Fallbrook township on the county road from Rainbow to Temecula, with her daughter Mary Ann Kolb Ludy and her family.





**Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb Kouns, seated, c1910**

**Left: Daughter Bellzoria Clementine Kolb Freeman (1854-1942)**

**Center: Granddaughter Teadora 'Nora' Freeman Hufstutler (1873-1963), daughter of Bellzoria**

**Right: Great Granddaughter Viola Hufstutler Chandler (1894-1982), daughter of Teadora**



**Bellzoria Clementine Kolb Freeman Van Dusen, left**  
**Teadora 'Nora' Freeman Hufstutler, right**

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Rhoda Ann Lusk Kolb Kouns died June 4, 1914, and is buried in El Centro, Imperial County, California.



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