

Showing the character of lands returned by \_\_\_\_\_ County Surveyor, and agent of the State, as the property of the State of California, under the act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, entitled "an Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States, to reclaim the Swamp Lands, within their limits."

State of California, County of \_\_\_\_\_

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We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ residents of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, in the vicinity of the lands hereinafter described, lying in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, State of California, and who resided in the vicinity of said lands when they were surveyed by the United States Deputy Surveyor, being duly sworn, depose and say, that we are well acquainted with the mode and manner of surveying and marking the public lands; that we have made a personal examination on the ground of each of the several tracts hereinafter described, to wit:

And from such personal examination on the ground, have ascertained, and know, and hereby make oath, that the greater part of each one of the quarter-quarter sections of the foregoing tracts was, on the twenty-eight day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty, swamp and overflowed land made unfit thereby for cultivation, and was in fact unfit for cultivation without necessary drains and levees to reclaim the same; and so remained until the necessary drains and levees were made thereon about the year \_\_\_\_\_. That said lands were made unfit for cultivation by reason of the overflow of \_\_\_\_\_

In such manner that no crop could be raised thereon, by reason of its overflowed and swampy condition; that they were not shallow lakes or ponds, which by natural causes became dry, and such was the character thereof on the twenty-eighth day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty, the day of the passage of the grant; and, further, that we have no interest, direct or indirect, present or prospective, in the issue, or any parcel of the land herein described, save and except \_\_\_\_\_

We further depose and say, that this affidavit is not made by the assistants to the United States Deputy Surveyor, who made the survey of the lands above described, but made by us, because \_\_\_\_\_

described and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and sixty \_\_\_\_\_; and I hereby certify that the deponents are persons of respectability and of the vicinity of the lands hereinbefore described.

Swamp & Overflowed Lands

AFFIDAVIT.

[ C -- No. 1. ]

.....  
County Surveyor,  
And Agent of State for selection of Swamp Lands.

..... County

*Prof. D. Little*

*Prof. Walker*

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Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hollister observed "There seems to be quite a combination against the school teacher I find, only a few scholars go to school, was in to Smiths, children said she was an old — something don't know what, Mrs Hoffman (I think it was) says she says that nigger was no blabber than we are.

May 17/66 <sup>Somewhere</sup> says he heard that Hoffman sent word to Miss Walker not to come into his home

May 10<sup>th</sup> Professor Doolittle, present Mr Robinson Mrs Bush Miss Walker & myself, says he is a Geologist & Mineralogist that he can & will show us where there is a gold mine of great wealth where a great many will become wealthy — it is 250 miles a little south of east from here on this side of the Gulf. There is plenty of Gold there and no danger in going with 10 or 15 men well armed. The mines near here are worthless (or <sup>not worth much</sup> there is a little gold but not much <sup>he says</sup> to Mr Robinson "you will not meet with great success in your <sup>present</sup> enterprise ~~at present~~ Can describe the place through this woman (Mrs Bush)

May 16<sup>th</sup> present same Mr Doolittle introduced the subject spoke very highly of the richness of these mines did not like to see so much gold lying there of no use when it might do so much good &c. I said "you are very enthusiastic" he answered "I am enthusiastic"

May 10/66

because I know they are rich, they are inexhaustible  
 The crossings are rich in gold, they are ledge mines, the  
 placers are not extensive, they are here & there a mile or  
 so apart & are good. They are only two miles from  
 water (The Gulf I understood) In forming a party, I go  
 better take some Indians than Mexicans they can talk  
 the dialect, Can you describe the place to us? It is very  
 difficult because so many places resemble each other but  
 a Geologist would know easily know it.

There is a great abundance of wood near the mines, but  
 not much water is about two miles, less than more, water  
 can be had by digging

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> parent Mr & Mrs B Miss W. & J.

Scollittle asked us each separately if we would go we all  
 said yes, he asked Miss W. if she would go if the medium went  
 & she said yes. He said better take no more such as ourselves  
 but take 3 or 4 Indians for servants & guides. It is so very  
 rich that we would be perfectly insured for a little while, &  
 for that reason better not have any more in the party.  
 The Gold is right on the surface, needs no blasting picks & bar  
 only, can see pieces as large as <sup>the end of</sup> this ladies finger. Two miles  
 from there is placer mines rich but mixed with other minerals &  
 dirt. I think you will not go in 1 month nor in 2 months but  
 in the 3<sup>d</sup> month. He took hold of my hand & said I think  
 you will go. He has no doubt he can lead us there.

an influence previously had taken my arm & hand  
 and ~~took the middle~~ <sup>motioned that it was not well</sup> that I wrote too much on that  
 it was caused by writing. Mr B asked Scollittle & he said at  
 first nothing was the matter with it, but then said that

May

Hoffman says none of the Californians will not send their children because Miss Walker said she had sat at the table with these Californians & she thought a nigger was as good as they were & she had as lives eat with a nigger as with them.

Hoffman heard of it as coming from Mrs Robinson & he went in and asked her & she said that not only did Miss Walker say so but Mrs Bush also.

May

Miss Walker says she did not say any such thing but did say

June 1<sup>st</sup> Hollister says he saw Pendleton & Miss Walker meet & P. passed her without noticing her.

Hollister says they say he sent word to her not to call on him.

Bob Israel said before H & myself that Mrs <sup>Pendleton</sup> ~~Pendleton~~ <sup>tells all</sup> round town that she stopped her from going into her house as she was coming in to the gate.

Bob Israel says that Lyons was the only one who took away

his children because Miss W. took the stewardess into the school. Hoffman took his away because Mrs Robinson told such a lie & he Hoffman believed it.

The whole affair is a desec move, it is in perfect character with desec principles to attack a defenseless woman had it been a man they would not have dared act so. Pennington, Lyons, Cassidy & other desec.

and yet at our marriage the whole town turned out to do us honor Pennington at the head (I think) fired the canon and came in to the cake and bench at the reception that night on our arrival from Spring valley 10 o'clock at night.

Hoffman, Pennington  
Mrs. Robinson's lies and  
Miss Walker

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

passed a resolution unanimously that Miss Walker be dismissed for the season that a majority of the heads of families refuse to send their children to her any longer. In doing this the Trustees have no hesitation in saying that they find no fault with Miss Walker or her mode of teaching, and in their opinion she has been as successful or more so than a majority of the teachers employed (or something to this effect)

I did my best to put the "nigger" on the record but they would not agree to it, they admitted it was a scetch more from the start or at least Israel said he <sup>believed</sup> ~~believed~~ it was, and Hoffman did not object to it though he would say nothing. They both admitted that nothing would have occurred had it not been for the lies of Mrs Robinson, the d-d old wife, But Bob says only two parties took their children out of school on account of her taking the Stewardess into school (one was Lyons the other was ) but the others all left when Mrs Robinson

told them that she thought the nigger was just as good & a good deal whiter than many of them (the Californians)

Miss Walker said no such thing but when Mrs Robinson (the paragon of virtue who is said to have run away with Robinson when he had a wife & two children <sup>both tells this</sup> and on the desert had 15 Indians ravish her) was taunting her about the nigger calling her an amalgamationist &c &c she says, if color is the criterion I don't see why you should object for you eat with the Californians & many of them are darker than the Stewards.

Pennington refuses to recognize her, <sup>since she eat with the Stewards</sup> passed her in the street without noticing her, the miserable dirty coward he would dare not do it to a man. He, it is said & I presume <sup>it</sup> is true, forbids his wife to associate with her.



1866

June 17<sup>th</sup> How do you Mr Morse. I have come to communicate with you  
you are engaged in mining in Lower Cal<sup>a</sup> before 18 months  
you will be floored my name is J. Forbes died about 2 weeks  
ago in upper California. Met with you in San Francisco, on the  
wharves when you were showing some of your ores. I never was in  
Lower California. Your mines are about 60 or 80 to 120 miles  
below here. They will floor you sure within 18 months.

June 17/66

Professors of J. Forbes  
Mines will floor you  
in 18 mos.

I don't know who  
he is.

Eyes that would look right through you  
features rather irregular rather a nice person  
black hair very nice person, good pleasant looking  
lady

a black pillar between <sup>them</sup> E & M as impenetrable  
as iron to flesh

June 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs & Mr B. & Frank

by Broomley

Genial elderly lady pleasant looking cap with ruffles & spectacles medium sized.

another fine looking oval face, dark hair, dark eyes, round full arms, followed by a tall dark looking man who wanted to say something to me not very pleasant, seems to be following the lady but she don't like him.

June 17

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Fairchild says the next President will be one of these three  
Thad. Stevens, Gen<sup>l</sup> Banks or Gov. Sprague.

Says the next party who elect their President will be a new  
party called the "Democratic Republicans" - composed of all Union  
men - not radicals - so as to take in the old Union Democrats  
He says Johnson is doing right &c

I wrote too much that the muscle was hardening & con-<sup>3</sup>  
tracting that I must exercise it more &c.

one influence said there were a large quantity  
of snakes between Miss M & me little black & white snakes  
signifying friends & enemies some in the disguise of friends  
but dont touch them, dont probe them, or they will bite  
you, you must go very straight, or they will bite you,

July 6/66 On the hill going down into Spring Valley via Mission  
Road I fr w a & we ~~to~~ scaled the c b a k

We didn't wish to get me into trouble by The  
Cal were so embittered against her that I had been  
very kind, was grateful this proved that I was not selfish  
and did not wish to make trouble for me.

I said I didn't fear any trouble didn't think they thought much about it, looked forward  
to the time when we could leave here & go to a decent place. Missed her very much & enjoyed so  
much those pleasant evenings should have gone often but was ashamed to, she was always glad to see  
me it had become a habit to expect me & would have been glad to have seen me often didn't  
think when she first came that she could possibly stay here but a few months, but she had  
now altered her mind.

I said I think we can make our own happiness without going outside

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> We Bush Mrs B & myself had been talking to day that it would be a good idea to get Soolittle to influence Robinson to show us the mine &c. And to night we happened to be sitting in there when Mr Bush asked Dr R if he thought there was gold in the direction of Soolittes mine & what made him think so &c. Immediately the Dr was thrown about up & down & jerked around violently. We then sat up & formed a circle & then motions continued & he talked some I reckon I think, but went no farther. After some time Mrs B. was influenced by Soolittes who said he had tried to influence Dr R, but could not succeed, would try again tomorrow P.M. alone & get a Mr Baldwin to help him.

But he was very anxious to have the lady go he would take care of her it would not be a hard trip for her. She was in much better health now than she had been, no disease now, but not well, her organs very tender & liable to disease, but she has followed my directions, thrown Physis to the dogs & rides horseback. Bush then says he does not like to leave his store alone, Soolittle breaks out with, what is your miserable paltry store compared to what you will find down there. But Bush says if we should not succeed in finding it, Soolittle answers I will swear



while I never did before even in court, on my honor  
which has never been impeached, that I will take you there  
if this medium goes. If she does not I will do my best but  
you must not censure me if I fail.

He had never tried to influence a man never had influenced any  
body but this medium.

Bush spoke of the Cholera, he said if it comes here  
I will preside for you all a sure one.

Bush said, if the medium should die on the  
trip, he says I will take care of her, she is not going to die  
till she dies of old age. Bush says she has not got a safe  
home, he says she never rides out without my seeing her  
on some part of her side. Bush says did you see her  
when she was thrown off, he says yes but it didn't hurt her  
did it. It was done to give her confidence & make  
her more cautious.

Aug 19/66  
Prophecy

Get some books

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1866 Circle at Mr Bushes, Mr & Mrs Bush  
Dr Robinson & myself.

Adams called, said he was always around when we had a circle, said our circle was good enough, but he was annoyed by so much scratching, take alum and scatter it about and a solution of it would cure fleabites.

Mag<sup>Bromley?</sup> called & prophesied, Frank Osborn (who was sitting on the sofa) would get into a quarrel with a tall man about a triple, and about two years from now would try to murder him & would be sent to prison for life, wouldn't tell who, but the man lived here & he knew him now. Bush asked if it was Porter, which made the medium, give a sudden start & refuse to answer.

Said Dr Robinson would go to San Francisco and in about 5 months return & make this his future residence. - would make money in mining or developing a mine, nearer 100 than 40 miles from here, the first year would suffer great privation, but after that would be successful & be independent. Would marry a Sonoranian, become deeply in love, would get stuck, take it hard to late in life.

Morse would always continue in the same business, would make a few thousands in the gold mines below. I observed that is comfortable & he says yes but when you get that

You will think a few thousands more would  
be still more comfortable and it takes more  
to support a family.

Mr Bush will have more money than either  
of us, he will not make it in any new mines  
but from certificates of mining stock that he now  
has.

San Diego will become quite a fair sized  
place but it wont be built where we think it  
will, not here, not at New Town, but at the  
Playa. "I own a lot at the Playa" Dont sell it,  
The Rail road will be here in San Diego in 1871

Aug 30/66

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1866 Mr Bush & I called up to see Dr Robinson, he was sitting at his table with Hollister, we all sat around the table Hollister's hands were moved off then mine, and after being there  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour I think the table tipped and answered questions. Dr Robinson asked the questions they placed me on same side with Mr Hollister and the table seemed to tip easier.

It said I would be a seeing medium and it would take about 4 months and to become one I should sit with Mr Hollister not with Bush, Mrs B. nor Dr R. but it would be no harm to me to sit in other circles or with Mrs Bush.

Mr Hollister & I should sit about an hour at a time in the day or night, would make no difference, twice a week.

It said Hollister would make a writing medium and would develop in about 2 months, would each develop by sitting together opposite sides of the table.

It said Dr Robinson would greatly improve in mediumship, & had considerable curative powers in Fevers, Rheumatism & pains in the head.

It said Mr Bush would never become a medium of any kind.

The Dr inquired if they could <sup>not</sup> answer yes, will you? yes, to night, yes in five minutes yes, we waited a long time & inquired again & the table tipped yes. Then the Drs hand was moved over and pushed Bush's hands off the table, then Hollister

Then inquired if Morse was the rapping medium  
table tipped yes. Then after the questions the  
hands were placed on again; finally the table  
answered that rapping was a failure to night.

Dr then inquired if they would give their  
name, yes, by the alphabet, & they spelt out  
after fooling the Dr. several times A. P. I do  
then fooled him again, when the Dr says "what  
does this mean did you come in to this circle  
& interfere with it, tell me honestly, yes  
Well will you leave? No, Well will you say  
good night yes, & thus it ended.

It said I would have no manifestations in a  
circle with Mrs Bush because she would gather it all.  
said it could tip the table in the light as well  
as the dark.

Aug 31/66

San Diego Sept. 2<sup>d</sup> Present, Mr Bush, Mr Robinson Mrs Bush  
Miss Walker & myself.

Bozette said he had measured the distance and it is exactly  
189 miles. We could bring away Gold enough  
from the Placer mines to get Machinery on to the  
Quartz mine. We could take the wagon via  
San Antonio & La Grulla to Santa Caterina.

Sept 3<sup>d</sup> do present.

Mrs. Bush was Clairvoyant - saw the road, a rain storm  
& slippery hill, an Indian behind a rock pointing  
a Gun at us (she acted as if she was very much frightened)  
but she described the party - we six - as stopping and  
then the Indian ran away down into a deep ravine,  
we camped there that night. Then saw a fine  
road like a turnpike road, saw a camp near  
the mine with a white man in it sick lying  
down and two Indians all talking English  
they came, by their tracks from a great river  
not the way we came - our party consists of  
six one of them being an Indian. They are  
very near the Gold mine but have not dug  
any holes. I can see the gold it looks like  
lead in shape which is cut from bullets when melted  
it is about 30 deep (3 feet) in the ground.

The quartz vein is very near here. We saw  
I think the day before some placer mines but not  
so rich. The quartz vein is about 2 miles  
from the Gulf and half a mile from a spring of  
water. We could this man had been robbed  
by the Indians

Sept 2/66

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 66

Evolutionists, Osborne, Bush Mrs B & myself table after a long time, 2 hours I think, tipped & assumed questions but lied shamefully. Afterwards Mrs B sat up & was influenced by one who scolded us roundly for ridiculing & laughing at the spirits who had come to tip. The table said they, the physical force <sup>spirits</sup> mediums were nearest the earth & more gross & they led out of mischief & from our actions were no better when they left than when they came. &c Then a Yankee came along, then Bromley, who made us a speech in a new character about the bible &c said the bible was a good book for those who were not yet sufficiently enlightened, that Christ was a good man &c &c Frank asked him if he could say in the name of God that all this was true she held up her hands and looked up reverently & said I swear by the God of

that what I say is the truth  
Bromley then said he was ready to take his old occupation to prophecy - that the prospects of San Diego were not as flattering now as many supposed, yet in five years it will be an extensive city that the Playa will be the principal place but New Town will become quite a place it will be (and dont laugh at me) like New York.



and Brooklyn on a small scale why says I "I own  
a lot at La Playa" "then don't sell it".

How about this new road will that make business  
yes it will bring emigrants & wake you folks  
up you have all been asleep, it will be some  
benefit to the place. What will make the principal  
business at La Playa, "the China trade"

Then I think I will stick here, yes stick just  
as long as you can get a piece of bread to eat.  
for in 5 years there will be a rail road here  
and an extensive city.

Oct 30/66  
The man Frank is to guard with now lives in  
San Diego, in the town, and is a tall man, but I  
shant tell who it is.

I inquired if Lower Cal<sup>a</sup> would ever belong to the U.S.  
he says yes but not for a long time, 8 or 10 years.

Bark inquired about the prospecting party said they  
would come back poorer than they went didn't  
go to the right place no good mines near the coast  
they will bring back rich specimens but, where  
will they get them? he answered I have known such  
things brought and there are different ways of getting them  
but they will find mines so many that they will not  
know what to take & they will be too poor to work them.

What about President Johnson? "The least said about  
him the better he is a dead duck they will not  
hang him but he will not be re elected, he can  
not be in a more ignominious position than now

Nov 4/66 Mrs W & I Ensworth came spoke a little, said he wasn't  
much used to women & couldn't do much through this medium

I asked first who it was, he says don't you know me?  
Rubbed his knee <sup>as if in pain</sup>, said that was what killed him, I asked if he lived in  
San Diego said yes here in this house I then asked if it was  
Ensworth he said yes & that he came to talk with me  
When he first came he put his thumbs in his vest in Ensworth's  
old style. We were very far from thinking of Ensworth.  
once I attempted to kiss Mary when I was fished back & he  
said you wouldn't kiss me you must think you were kissing  
somebody else. I asked him if he often came back to look  
at the old place, he said yes and that there had been great improvements  
since he left it.

Oct 23/66

Oct. 22<sup>d</sup> Mr + Mrs Horatio + self. Doolittle says  
the prospecting party are too far now to the South + too  
far East have always kept too far East, they went  
within 30 or 40 miles + then turn to the right, they  
would have to come a long way back on their trail  
before they could turn off at the right place, they  
cant go over from where they are. They are  
finding gold, but not much will not find  
any of any amount they keep too near the coast.

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1867

at my house present Mr & Mrs Bush (Dr Robinson myself & Wife.

Stephen Perkins said he was not dead but had left the body in a trance in Geneva N.Y. often did so very unpleasant as it was involuntary never saw spirits would like to have us write to him at Geneva N.Y. wanted to know if we had any good doctors here that could cure him

Doollittle came along, was very glad indeed (enthusiastic) to see Robinson urged us to go on the expedition, he would take care of the medicine "get ready to go & I will see that she is ready" when you are". We showed him some ore from the San Pedro mine (Hawk's) he picked out one specimen which he said was good Gold & Silver more Gold than Silver said would pay to work better than store keeping. I then showed him a piece of the rich slag (supposed by us to be rich resembling the (Dr Ayer piece) ah! this he says is rich Gold Silver & some copper, if you can find a mine of this, work it". I asked him if he didn't think this piece had been smelted, said no he thought not I told him I thought it had, but he thought not. But none of this he says is to be compared to my mines.

If the medicine goes to San Francisco she won't stay long for if she gets a touch of her old complaint she will be soon back again.

Robinson said business required that he should go

to San Francisco & DeWitt says I have no objection for  
you will have time to go up & return before it is time  
to go on the expedition.

Dr Robinson took a piece of ore from his pocket  
and asked him what it was & he says it is copper

Dr R says a friend wrote to him from S.F. that a  
medium there told where he was that is said that he was  
south of San Diego but on this side of the line (which  
was a mistake) & that there were very rich mines east of  
from him & within 12 months he would make  
\$100,000 out of them. The same medium or  
spirit (I forgot which) told a friend to buy a certain piece  
of land (which he did for \$100<sup>00</sup>) for it would become very  
valuable & it is now worth several hundred thousand.

July 6/67

July 17/68  
We had a sitting at Mrs. Wrights Bush & Mrs. Mary & S. had not sat for several months.

Wagoner came along first his salutation was "you are a set of d-d fools" dont I tell you the R.R. is coming here in 4 years - it is coming from Fort Yuma and not from San Bernadino, hold on to what land you have; in 18 months it will sell for six times what it is worth now. Congress will not grant lands to the R.R. at this session, but the R.R. will be here in 4 years. We asked him who Compton was. He says, you think he is drowned dont you, well he is not, he is about 50 miles from here in an old hut covered with grass, he is very sick, he will die, there is a very old Indian with him, his feet are badly swollen, very bad.

Doolittle next came, glad to see us, <sup>pleas</sup> that we were glad to see him, talked about where he lived that his travel was like thought so similar surroundings usually had around them what they desired to have & I showed him some San Pedro rock said it was not rich it would pay but would not make us rich appeared to have come from about 60 feet deep, thought there was plenty of such rock, but if we could only see the rock from the Doolittle mines, that was rock which would make us all rich, would give us all the money we could want, He wanted us to get it because he thought we would use it in the good cause - we would be generous because we would get it so easily & not in a grasping way. It was not too late to prove him on his test yet, I told him we were all ashamed that we had not attended to it. Mr. Bush asked him about the R.R. said he did not know

any thing about futurity & when urged by Mr. Bush  
to give his opinion, said he thought it looked as if  
one might come here some time, I said if we had  
your mine we might build one, yes he answers,  
you might build one from here to the mine & ship  
the ore if you wanted to for there is enough of it.

He said the air is full of spirits around us  
and they are all from inhabitants of the earth, there  
are no such things as spirits or devils that were not  
once on the earth, as men & women.

Metal everywhere attracts him therefore  
he can go where it is.

There is no snow between here and  
the Coolitt mines.

That we never placed to see his mine  
Mr. D. said afterwards she never had such a good  
influence since she has been in San Diego & says to talk  
I showed him some San Diego had said it was not true  
it would pay but would not make as good appearance to  
have come from about 20 feet deep, thought there was  
of such work, but if we could only see the rock for the  
Coolitt mines, that was good, but would make well  
rich, would give us all the money we could want,  
He wanted us to get it because he thought we would see  
it in the good case - we would be generous because  
we would get it so easily & not in a painful way, I was  
great but had to have him or his best get, I told him we  
were all astonished that we had not attended to it.  
Mr. Bush asked him about the M. D. said he did not know

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1868

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Give some test here to give faith

If Heuck goes when we wish to  
Robin can take him one side one time  
I another

Shall we take Mr Heuck along a first  
rate prospector

- 2 Ladies Horses gentle easy & fast walking  
 2 Pack Mules  
 2 Indians when  
 1 Tent

More Cash Robin & Hawks

Down for 8 for 1 month

240 lbs Bread or Flour &c

We never thought very seriously of making the trip, though some of us were willing to make the trial to see what would come of it.

Chris + Lino Zelbert says one can go to Santa Catarina in a wagon only a days travel from La Grulla

Jesus Mason Horse

Little Bayo

Lopez Gray

Black Mare

Martinez Horse

Memo  
 of trip to  
 Santa Catarina

Bush  
Morse  
Weed  
Robinson  
Martin  
Heuck  
Washoe - who knows the }  
Country well }  
Hollister  
Huntington  
Murray  
Vetiger