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Santa Barbara, California 93105  
October 22, 1985

FROM: Benjamin Briggs Ward, Jr. Great Grandson of Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs and Grandson of Rev. Samuel Lawrence and wife, Mrs. Irene Briggs Ward.

A few facts in the life of Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs assembled from Family Records by Mrs. Benjamin B. Ward, Jr. (Elizabeth C.)

Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs was over 35 years of age before he decided to become a Doctor of Medicine. This decision was made after the death of his first wife, Abby Crane Briggs in Santa Paula, California, 13 July 1862. They had come to California to visit Dr. Briggs' brothers and sisters who lived in various locations in California and who were successful owners of farming land.

Dr. Briggs and his daughter, Irene Crane Briggs, who was 9 years old, returned to their home in Sharon, Medina County, Ohio. His occupation was in horticulture-farming enterprises. In Oct. 4, 1859-June 26, 1860, he had patented an "Improved apparatus for laying Drain Tiles".

Dr. Briggs went to Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1865 he went to Heidelberg, Germany and Paris, France to continue his medical studies. He was accompanied by his daughter, Irene Crane Briggs and her cousin, Louise M. Crane, daughter of his oldest sister, Louise Briggs Crane.

On his return, he had a medical practice in Crawfordsville, Indiana for about 13 years. His daughter, Irene Crane Briggs (20 years) and Samuel Lawrence Ward (23 years) became engaged to be married 11 May 1873. Mr. Ward had graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1873, Phi Beta Kappa. They were married in Center Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana 1 August 1876. Rev. Samuel Lawrence Ward had graduated from Union Theological Seminary. They went to Persia as missionaries of the Presbyterian Church, 1876 and served until 1897, with time in the United States on furlough.

Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs (age 53 years) in the early 1880's after a long practice in Crawfordsville, Indiana, settled in La Cañada Valley. He wished to devote himself to horticulture pursuits and establish a health resort.

The La Crescenta Presbyterian Church was organized in his home, The Terrace, 7 December 1885. His daughter and husband, home on furlough, were visiting him. Rev. Mr. Samuel Lawrence Ward (age 35 years) was appointed by Los Angeles Presbytery to be chairman of the Committee. Dr. Briggs' wife, Caroline Adelia Crane Briggs and daughter, Irene Briggs Ward (age 32 years) are listed as Charter Members.

Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs died 15 February 1893 at the age of 65 years, 8 months, 13 days.



# YUBA LODGE, NO. 39, F. & A. M.

*Marysville, Cal. January 4<sup>th</sup> 1865.*

This is to Certify, That Bro. R. R. Briggs,

has, by the payment of Fifty Dollars, become a

**LIFE MEMBER OF THIS LODGE,**

and is hereafter Exempt from Dues.



*A. M. Shields* W. M.

*L. B. Ayer* Secretary.

YUBA LODGE, NO. 39, F. & A. M.

RECEIPT FOR DUES.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

1864

Received from Bro. B. B. Briggs

Two

Dollars, for account of Dues

to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1864

S. B. Ayer, Secretary.

**From:** Jo Anne jsadler818@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Eureka!  
**Date:** October 1, 2021 at 11:54 AM  
**To:** Trudy tlindaman@gmail.com

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Hi Trudy:

Now that I am working on the series of letters I am really trying to nail down the timeline of Dr. Briggs' life and when he left CA for the second time. He was still in Marysville in January 1865 when he applied to become a lifetime member of the Marysville Masons and was leaving NY for Germany in April 1865. So I found him, arriving at the Port of NY on February 11, 1865 from Greytown, Nicaragua on the steamer Golden Rule, no departure date noted, appears to be traveling by himself, 38, born NY. Greytown was another departure point instead of crossing the Isthmus of Panama.

I also found the passenger list for the Ocean Queen, arriving at the Port of NY on May 30, 1863 with Maria Haskell who had left San Francisco with three children on April 23, 1863 bound for Aspinall, Panama.

The passenger lists indicates a 'Susan' Haskell, age 9. This was probably Irene as she was too old to be one of Maria's children, I believe. Her first child, Burnett was born around 1857/58.

Jo Anne



**Oath of Allegiance.**

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*New York,*

*186*

18. 8. 64

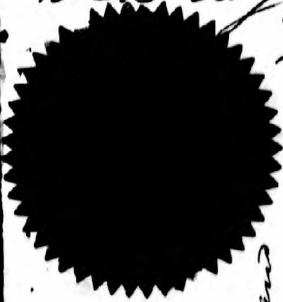
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I Benjamin B. Briggs do solemnly swear  
and truly swear that I am a Citizen of the  
United States, having been born in Bristol  
Ontario County State of New York  
Known to keep me

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1865

Forbillion

To help me End  
Notary Public Benjamin B. Briggs



Age 37 years  
Stature 5 feet 10  
Forehead High  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Straight

Irene B. Briggs age 11 daughter  
Lillian B. Briggs age 15 niece

Medium  
Round  
Brown  
Fair  
Good

To be kept

Complete  
True

I J. P. V. Hall of New York do swear  
that I am acquainted with Benjamin  
B. Briggs and have always understood  
and believed him to be an American  
Citizen as set forth in the foregoing  
Affidavit  
Known to keep me

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Forbillion

Notary Public J. P. V. Hall



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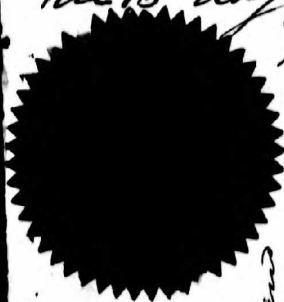
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Age 37 years  
Stature 5 feet 10  
Forehead High  
Eyes Blue  
Mouth Straight  
Mouth Medium  
Chin Round  
Hair Brown  
Complexion Fair  
Face oval

To be accompanied

by daughter

age 11 years and

in presence of

*[Signature]*

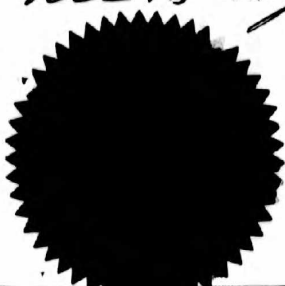
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Notary Public

Notary Public P. J. Hall

To help me End



# OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

AND TO

Support the Constitution of the United States.

DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

*I Benjamin B Briggs* do solemnly  
*swear* that I will support, protect, and defend  
the Constitution and Government of the United States against all  
enemies, whether domestic or foreign and that I will bear true faith,  
allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or law of  
any State Convention, or Legislature, to the contrary notwithstanding;  
and further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge, and pur-  
pose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and further,  
that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be  
required of me by law. So help me God. *Benj. B. Briggs*

*Given* and subscribed, this 13 day  
of *April* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five

*before me*  
*Geo. H. Allen*  
Notary Public





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To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

DESCRIPTION

Age, 37 Years  
Stature, 5 Feet 10 Inches Eng.  
Forehead, high  
Eyes, blue  
Nose, straight  
Mouth, medium  
Chin, round  
Hair, brown  
Complexion, fair  
Face, oval

Signature of the Bearer  
B. B. Briggs

No 18864.

The Undersigned, <sup>Acting</sup> Secretary of State of the  
United States of America. hereby request all whom  
it may concern to permit safely and freely to pass  
Benjamin J. Briggs  
accompanied by his Daughter (minor)  
a Citizen of the United States. and in  
case of need to give him all lawful Aid and  
Protection



Given under my hand and  
the impression of the Seal of  
the DEPARTMENT OF STATE, at the  
City of Washington the 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of April A.D. 1865,  
in the 89<sup>th</sup> Year of the Independence  
of these United States.

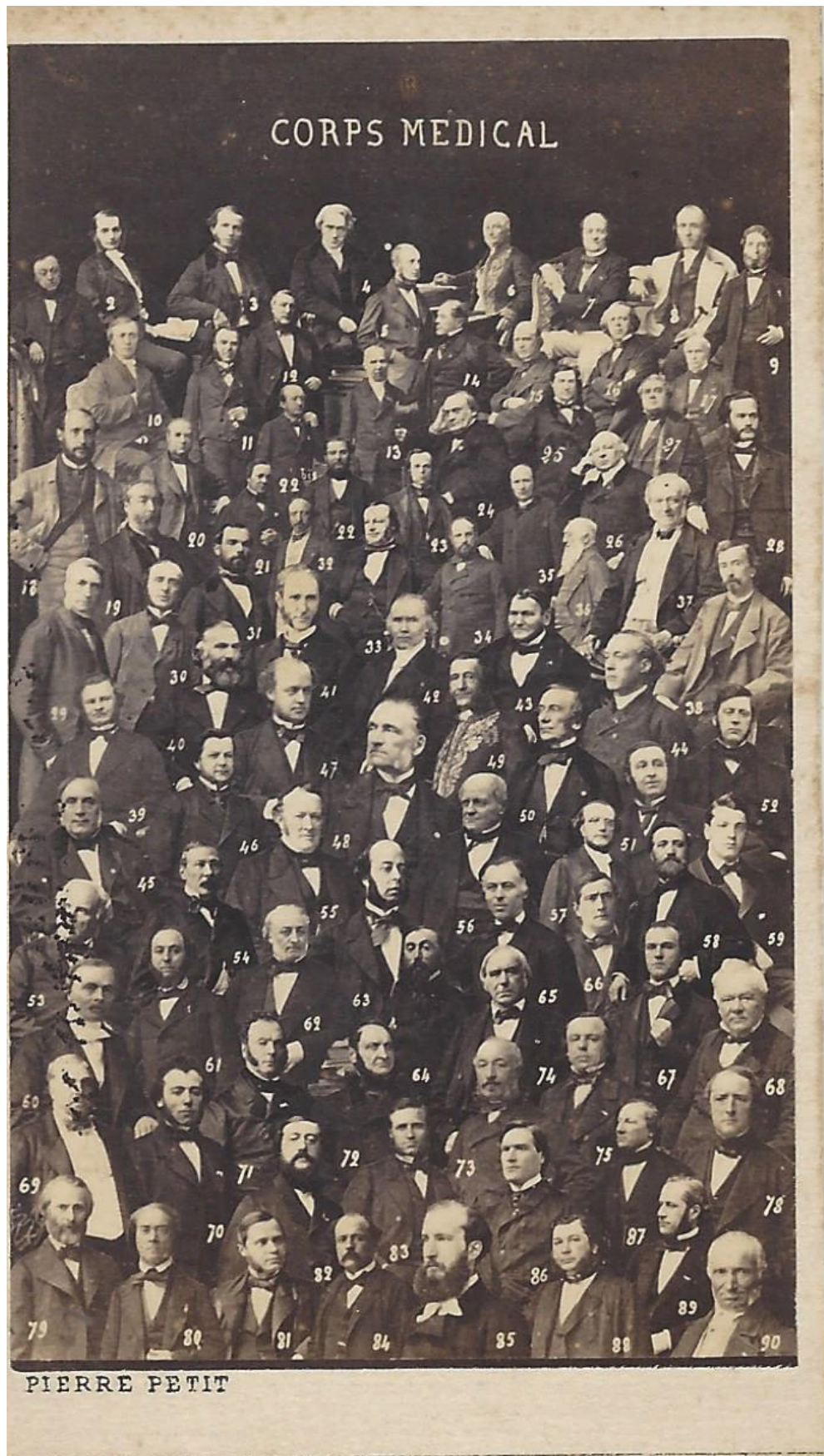
P. W. Sewall



Teutonia



1866 Paris  
Benjamin Bennett Briggs, number 31



Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

SESSION 1868-'69.

Admit Benjamin B. Briggs

LECTURES

ON

THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

Austin Flint,

M. D., Professor.



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