

Hurleton (Boston Ranch)

The Boston ranch consists of one hundred and sixty acres, twenty of which are bottom land. It contains a fine orchard, vineyard, and garden. The location of the hotel is picturesque and pretty as can well be imagined. Beautiful shade-trees surround the place, and the walls of the house are embowered in rose bushes and many other flowering shrubs. Twenty years ago, the place was a popular resort for pleasure-seekers, its nearness to Oroville making a trip from that place delightful. A view of it is given in this book. Smith H. Hurles, proprietor of the Boston ranch and hotel, is of Irish ancestry, and was born in the town of Enniskillen, May 1, 1827. He was educated at Portora Royal College, Ireland; and when twenty years of age came to the United States and located in Boston, where he remained for seven years. He was there married to Miss Hattie Herring, a native of Portland, Maine, and shortly after they came to California in 1857. Mr. Hurles settled on the Boston ranch, and opened a public house, which has, from that time to the present, sustained a high reputation of treating guests to the best of everything. It is situated on a sunny slope on Honcut Creek, twelve miles from Oroville, and has an altitude above sea level of 1,350 feet. The post office was established in May 1880 and received the name of Hurlton. It has tri-weekly mails, and Mr. Hurles is postmaster. His family consists of his wife and four children, all of whom have a musical bent. Fannie, the eldest daughter, has been educated in the East. Richard W., Daniel F. and Annie H., are attending school at home.

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