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1860 Census (Pacific Township)

Arnold Berding, 31, native of Oldenburg, Trader. Value of real estate \$80; value of personal estate \$2500.

Also living in his household was Alfred H. Gilbert, 25, Vermont, Clerk.

Great Register of Humboldt Co, 1884

Clemens Henry Arnold Berding, 53, Germany, Merchant, local residence in Ferndale. Naturalized Sept. 5, 1859 in Humboldt County District Court; Registered to vote, May 25, 1880.

Ferndale Enterprise

May 4, 1878: Advertisement A. Berding, Main Street, Ferndale. Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, Dress Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Lamps, Chimneys, Glass, Nails, Flour, Fish, School Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Brushes, Farming Tools, Confectionery, Perfumery, Medicines, Tobacco, Cigars, etc.

July 5, 1878: Walk about Town, starting on corner of Ocean and Main, Cross Ocean to Berding's Corner: "Here Mr. Berding keeps a very fine assortment of goods of all kinds and he and his kind clerks offer them to willing customers."

Susie Baker Fountain Vol 37:261 Andy Genzoli Column dated Sept. 19, 1949

Ferndale incorporated on August 17, 1893. A. Berding received 122 votes to be elected to the town board. Joseph Shaw also received 122 votes.

Newspaper articles

Humboldt Standard, Jan. 29, 1949; Humboldt Times, Feb. 6, 1949;
San Francisco Examiner, Feb. 13, 1949; Humboldt Times, Dec. 5, 1958;
Humboldt Times, May 21, 1961.

Susie Baker Fountain, Vol 22:185-186.

Newspaper articles but source not given

February 21, 1863: On Sunday last Mr. Robert Blum, a farmer of Salmon Creek, started for this place with family. Raining and blowing so he left family at Hookton and with three men went on. Boat later found near mouth of Salmon Creek.

April 25, 1863: Body of R. Blum was found on 14th, buried on Table Bluff.

1860 Census (Eureka)

Robert Blum, 35, Tavern Keep, Hessian, value of real estate, \$1500; value of improvements, \$1000.

Blum, 25, Female, Baden

Robert Blum, 3, Male, Calif.

Lahna Blum, 1, Female, Calif. (Lena)

Ferndale Enterprise

Sept. 10, 1880: Died Robert Blum of San Francisco. Well-known in Community. Body will be brought up on the "Humboldt" for interment here. Age 23.

October 26, 1883: Married Oct. 25 at bridge's parents in Ferndale, Henry Wolf and Henrietta Blum

January 20, 1888: A. Berding selected by Supervisors as a grand juror.

Voter Register of 1875

Clemens Henry Arnold Berding, 39, Germany, Merchant, local residence at Island, naturalized June 5, 1861 (this is at odds with Great Register of 1884). Date registered March 9, 1867.

Book A, Page 103 of Marriage Licenses

Arnold Berding and Mary M. Blum, June 7, 1867

Redwood Researcher, Vol. III, No. 2, Nov. 1970

A. Berding, Mrs. J.M. Lewis, and Dr. F.A. Alford were the original members of the Ferndale Congregational Church which was organized on March 17, 1876 and dedicated July 24, 1881.

Redwood Researcher, Vol. III, No. 4, May 1971.

Militia Roll of Humboldt County for 1864: A. Berding.

Ferndale Enterprise

Oct. 18, 1878: List of premiums awarded at the Fair. Best bouquet of flowers went to Lena Blum, \$3.00; Second best for varieites in box or stand went to Mrs. A. Berding, \$5.00.

Nov. 15, 1878: Tax list clipped from Eureka Times. A. Berding, \$10,300.

February 7, 1879: Congregational Sunday School Program included solo "The Beacon Light" by Miss Blum.

Feb. 14, 1879: Miss Lena Blum has gone on a visit to Oakland.

May 2, 1879: "Just received at A. Berding's an immense stock of gents furnishing goods, dress goods, boots, shoes, hats, groceries, crockery and everything else that ends to make a full stock. Call and examine the goods."

May 9, 1879: "At a meeting of the citiznes of Pacific Township, the following delegates were elected to the Demoncratic County Convention which meets at Eureka on the 17th: A. Berding...."

August 8, 1879: "We are informed by Henry Blum, Secretary of the Rangers Baseball Club, that they will remain in the League."

Oct. 17, 1879: "A Berding has gone to San Francisco to look for fall goods."

Oct. 31, 1879: "The happiest boy in the county is Henry Blum. He has a \$90 breech-loading gun, presented to him by Mr. Berding.

Nov. 14, 1879: "A. Berding. The pioneer merchant of Ferndale has overcrowded his store with goods of every description and kind. One thing which attracts and draws customers to this establishment is the knowledge that they will be supplied with the best. He always keeps a full stock of merchandise, and is, therefore, able to sell cheap."

April 9, 1880: "Notice - To my patrons and the public. Having sold one half interest in the merchandise and business to Mr. Martin Sanders of Eureka, the business heretofore conducted by me will from this date be under the firm name of A. Berding and Co. I therefore desire to return my sincere thanks to my patrons and the public for their liberal patronage of the old and would respectfully ask a continuance of your trade for the new firm." A. Berding.

June 18, 1880: Concert-A grand concert will be given on the afternoon of July 4 in the pavilion building at the Fairgrounds by Miss Morgan assisted by Miss Lena Blum and Prof. Kausen. It will be grand and very entertaining as all who take part are thorough musicians, fully competent of giving the public a musical feast such as has never been heard in the county."

Rohn erville Herald

Oct. 2, 1889: Marriage of Lena Blum to Senator McGowan on Sept. 28, 1889.

Humboldt Times

29 Jan. 1859: Birth of a daughter to Robert Blum of Eureka.

12 April 1862: A young Indian in service to Robert Blum stole his gun. Mrs. Blum with small children tried to stop him. He was later captured.

1864 tax assessment for Mary Blum, Eureka, Lot 13, Block 6. Value of real estate listed at \$100; value of improvements, \$200.

Humboldt Times

29 August 1868: Born to wife of A. Berding of Ferndale, a daughter, Aug 22, 1868.

14 Jan. 1871: Born to wife of A. Berding of Ferndale, a son, Jan. 8, 1871.

28 Dec. 1872: Born to A Berding's wife, Dec. 25, a daughter.

29 August 1874: Ad for 5th annual fair at Ferndale, A. Berding, Treasurer.

24 July 1875: Arrivals at Mountain Glen Springs (4 miles from Eureka overlooking Eel Valley) owned by Dr. T.D. Felt for week ending July 15, A. Berding, wife and two children of Ferndale.

31 August 1875: Arrivals at Mt. Glen Springs for week, A. Berding and Miss Blum of Ferndale.

26 August 1876: Robert Blum, formerly with A. P. Flaglor in Eureka has opened a photography gallery in Ferndale.

11 Nov. 1876: Born a son to A. Berding, Oct. 30.

31 March 1877: Died March 27, Joseph Alexander Berding, 4 months and 27 days.