Sea Captain William Thompson and Charles Cole Arrive

Captain William Burdett Thompson began ranching at Bridgeport in 1849. He came to Bridgeport after his crew abandoned ship in San Francisco bay and went to the gold fields. In 1843 Thompson had married Mary Ann Russell in Middlesex County, England.

In 1850 William and Mary Ann had a daughter named Fannie. Thompson died of unknown causes in 1853 and is buried at Bridgeport—the first burial in what now is known as the Kneebone Cemetery. Before his death, William requested that Charles Cole, who had arrived in the area in 1850 and was working for him, marry his widow Mary Ann, and they did marry in 1854. Daughter Fannie died in 1856 and is buried also at Bridgeport. Charles and Mary Ann’s children were Mary Ann, Fannie, Margaret Ann, Charles Russell, and Victoria Marie Amelia (married Andrew Kneebone). Wife Mary Ann died in 1900 and Charles in 1916. Both are buried at Bridgeport. The Cole ranch had grown from 160 to 1040 acres.
Descendants of Mary Ann Russell

Generation 1

1. **Mary Ann Russell** was born in 1818. She died in 1900. She married (1) **William Burdette Thompson** in 1843 in Middlesex County, England. He was born in 1809 in England. He died in 1853 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. She married (2) **Charles Jurden Cole** in 1854 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. He was born in 1831 in England. He died on 24 May 1916 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA.

   William Burdette Thompson and Mary Ann Russell had the following child:
   
   i. **Fannie Thompson** was born in 1850 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. She died in 1856 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA.

Charles Jurden Cole and Mary Ann Russell had the following children:

   i. **Mary Ann Cole** was born on 27 Nov 1854 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. She died on 15 Oct 1937 in Nevada City, Nevada, California, USA.

      Notes for Mary Ann Cole:
      Buried Nevada City

   ii. **Fannie Cole** was born on 11 Nov 1857 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. She died on 15 Nov 1952 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, USA.

      Notes for Fannie Cole:
      Buried Nevada City

   iii. **Margaret Ann Cole** was born in 1858 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. She died before 1870.

2. iv. **Charles Russell Cole** was born on 12 Jul 1860 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. He died on 28 Nov 1921 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, USA. He married Jennie F Clark on 19 Jun 1892.

   v. **Victoria Marie Amelia Cole** was born on 11 Jan 1862 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. She died on 15 Mar 1930 in Spenceville. She married Andrew Reed Kneebone on 29 Mar 1887 in Marysville, Yuba, California, USA. He was born on 07 Nov 1860 in England. He died on 25 Feb 1934.

Generation 2

2. **Charles Russell Cole** (Mary Ann Russell) was born on 12 Jul 1860 in Bridgeport, Nevada, California, USA. He died on 28 Nov 1921 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, USA. He married Jennie F Clark on 19 Jun 1892.

   Notes for Charles Russell Cole:
   Buried Grass Valley

   Charles Russell Cole and Jennie F Clark had the following child:

   i. **Rowland W Cole** was born in 1891. He died in 1906.