Dr. Felix P. Wierzbicki, a Polish physician and author, came to California in 1847 as hospital steward on board the Loo Cboo. He died December 26, 1860, and was buried at Lone Mountain Cemetery in the Chain Plot, Tier 3, Grave 55. His book, "California as It is and as It may be, or, A Guide to the Gold Region," has been recently reprinted by the Grabhorn Press, with a most interesting introduction by Dr. George Lyman. This was the first book in the English language to be printed in California. The first "criticism" of this book of sixty pages was written by Ferdinand Ewer for the Pacific News. When young Ferdinand Ewer arrived in San Francisco, September 16, 1849, it was difficult for him, a graduate of Harvard, to find employment. For a while he drafted maps for City Surveyor W. M. Eddy. But at the same time he was gathering news items for the press which led to his connection with the Pacific News, first as a reporter, then as editor. In his diary, Ferdinand Ewer describes San Francisco as "an odd little village of a few hundred shanties and tents around the plaza, very lively, much business, very dusty, very rough, with a couple of hundred ships in the harbor at anchor." Ewer Place, off Mason Street, was named for him. His father, Peter F. Ewer, had made a sketch of San Francisco as it seemed to him early in 1849, when there were thirty vessels and one steamer in the bay at anchor, and only one pier. This sketch was preserved by the son with his diary and scrapbook ("Life of Ferdinand C. Ewer" by Henry Raub Wagner); he probably did not sign the sketch until 1861, when he copied the diary from the original notes.

The preface to the first edition of Dr. Wierzbicki's book on California was dated September 30, 1849. The preface to the second edition, with some added pages, was dated December 30, of the same year. The printing was done by Washington Bartlett, No. 8 Clay Street. This was the Washington Bartlett who published the Journal of Commerce in 1850, and who did the state printing for the first California legislature. Years later he was elected mayor of San Francisco; but probably his most notable achievement was the publication of Dr. Wierzbicki's book in 1849, the first book in the English language to be printed in the State of California.
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That's why San Francisco's Lone Mountain looks much as it has for the past 80 years - and why its aura of serene isolation is deceiving. The campus begins along Turk Street with a pair of cedar-shaded lawns separated by three flights of stairs modeled on Rome's historic Spanish Steps. At the top of the 448-foot hill is a mock-Gothic academic building erected in 1932 for the San Francisco College of Women. But the college founded by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart no longer exists: It is part of the 10,000-student University of San Francisco, which has its main campus one block from Lone Mountain, the Most Revered of San Francisco's Hill / Ann Clark Hart | SFPLhc | SUTRO | CGS. Records from tombstones in Laurel Hill Cemetery, 1853-1927 | SFPLhc. Masonic Cemetery, alphabetic list of individuals transferred from Masonic Cemetery | SFPLhc | FHL | CGS. Epitaphs from Mission San Francisco de Asis Cemetery (Mission Dolores) / D.A.R. California | SFPLhc | CGS. Chinese and the early settlement of San Francisco, Includes Departures and arrivals of ships between Hong Kong and California, 1848-1855. | FHL. Chinese in San Francisco, Various materials on the history of the Chinese in San Francisco. | FHL. Settlement and early land records of San Francisco, Notes on locations of property owned by Chinese immigrants and others. | Lone Mountain is a historic hill in west-central San Francisco, California and the site of the private University of San Francisco (USF) Lone Mountain Campus, which in turn was previously the San Francisco Lone Mountain College for Women. It was once the location of Lone Mountain Cemetery, a complex encompassing the Laurel Hill, Calvary, Masonic, and Odd Fellows Cemeteries. Lone Mountain by Ann Clark Hart, unknown edition | Internet Archive Open Library Book Donations 300 Funston Avenue San Francisco, CA 94118. Better World Books. Benefits of donating. When you donate a physical book to the Internet Archive, your book will enjoy