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# CIRCUIT RIDER

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**JOSEPH BOSTON HAD  
MANY INTERESTS**

Although American pioneers of Santa Cruz regarded Joseph Boston as one of their home town merchants he was equally active in Monterey. In Santa Cruz he had as partners E. L. Williams and Edmund Jones. In his Monterey store he had as partner John Morrison and, after Morrison's death in 1854, his partner was Thomas Day. In Sacramento Boston had an interest in a store run by A. J. Donzel.

The adobe which housed the Boston store in Monterey still exists, known as the Casa del Oro, at Scott and Oliver streets. It is in the process of being restored by the State Park Commission.

The old building was given a number of years ago to the state of California by the Misses L. M. and V. Jacks, and at present the district offices of the state park commission are in part of the property, although not in the original building.

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## **MONTEREY STORE NOW STATE PROPERTY**

The present plan is to restore the adobe to its original lines. It was built by Thomas O. Larkin and in the 1850s was occupied by the firm of Joseph Boston & Co. One of the employes was David Jacks, the father of the donors of the building to the state.

Mrs. Amelie Kneass, curator of the Stevenson house in Monterey, has acquired a bit of information about the Casa del Oro to add to other data she has gathered in preparation to its being opened as a state historic monument.

In Salinas recently, in the Monterey county court house, Mrs. Kneass found a record of the will and probate proceedings of John Morrison. It had been signed September 11, 1854, when he was 29 years old. He died the following day in San Francisco.

The terms of the will gave "to my wel loved friend David Jacks all my wordly goods, including my interest as general partner in the form of Joseph Boston & Co., doing business in the City of Monterey."

As executor Morrison named "my friend Briscoe G. Baldwin, U.S. Army at Monterey."

The will was signed by two witnesses, Joseph Boston and A. J. Donzel, and also present was David Jacks. When the will was filed for probate Joseph Boston testified as a witness that Morrison had been of sound mind at the time of the signing.

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