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CAPITOLA — The Meadows family has been in pictures for more than 50 years.

Tillman Meadows, a former movie projectionist and later movie projector salesman, opened a photography store in Stockton in 1945 with his wife Eleanor.

They later sold the business to their son Greg and daughter-in-law Marlene and moved to Santa Cruz. In 30 years, the business has grown from three to 45 employees and now three stores with the opening of Meadows

Camera/Video at 810 Bay Ave., Capitola.

The new store is co-managed by the third generation, Michelle Meadows and her fiance, Marc Garibaldi.

The family has wanted to open a store in the Santa Cruz area for more than 10 years. Greg and Marlene Meadows divide their time between the Central Valley and Santa Cruz. The younger family members live here full time, Garibaldi said.

The store features a full line of camera and video equipment and supplies, optical equipment and one-hour photo processing, he said.

The Meadows's collection of 400 antique cameras are on display.