William Pajaro King

First White Child Born in Valley As if it was not interesting world's leading tragedienne, mak- Even Bernhardt's own stories of

enough that William Pajaro King ing a stage tour of this country her life make no direct mention the Pajaro Valley-Oct. 14, 1852 King said the great actress was -and probably in Santa Cruz the sister of his father, Kingsley grandparents. county, there is a sidelight to his King, who was born in New York life, almost as interesting, reveal-state of Canadian parents. Kings- at the Angel Island immigration ed in an interview published in the ley King came to California in station, told the Bulletin reporter

great Sarah Bernhardt, then the ter grew up.

King, without boasting about it, family is believed to have moved said he was the nephew of the to Rochester, Iowa, where the sis-

> Her real name was Sarah, but King. the town remembered her by the nickname "Sal" after she ran away at the age of 16.

This part of the story was confirmed, according to the Bulletin, by a Fred Finefield, of Rochester, son of another King sister and therefore Pajaro King's cousin.

The biographies of Bernhardt's life are obscure up to the time she was 16, and was winning prizes in dramatic school in 23, 1940, sponsored by the Native France. Finefield said the girl had Sons of the Golden West. The Canadian parents, before she ran

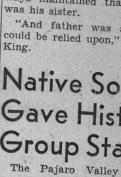
of the names of her parents and

San Francisco Bulletin, Feb. 1, 1851, when his sister would have his father, Kingsley King, had always maintained that Bernhardt was his sister.

"And father was a man who could be relied upon," said Pajaro

Native Sons Group Start

The Pajaro Valley Historical association was organized April first meeting was called by a committee of that organization, of which Jarvis McGowan was chairman





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