

Cal. Ms. (Gold Discovery)

Wimmer's children first
found gold
where
Wimmer

in 1847 Capt. Sutter

employed Peter S. Wimmer
a Skilled Mill-wright to build
a mill on the South Fork of
the American River to cut
pine lumber. the place selected
is now called Coloma

a man by the name of J. W.
Marshall was employed to
superintend the labours in
making a dam and digging
the foundation for the mill
under the direction of Mr. Wimmer
after a ditch or tail race
had been dug to carry off the
waist water from the mill
Mr. Wimmer's children was
playing along the bank
when they picked up some
yellow pebbles of a rarer kind
taking them in to their mother
to look at. and when the

Cal. Ms. Clark's (Wm. S.) Statement, Ms.

(used)

men came in to dinner
She showed them to her
Husband and he showed them
into Marshall and with that
information him and his
Indian labors could pick up
more of the yellow pebbles which
he Marshall pronounced
worthless. The author of
the annals of San Francisco
gobbled up Marshall's
name on speculation
the children of Peter
& Wimmer being too
small to be lionized
Peter & Wimmer and
family crossed the plains
in 1846.

Wm S. C. Clark

on the corner of Scott and Pierce streets.

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W. W. Allen, an attorney-at-law, publishes a statement to the effect that the honor of first discovering gold in California belongs not alone to Marshall, but also, and in even a greater degree, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Wimmer, who were at the time also stopping at Sutter's Mill, Mr. Wimmer being engaged in building the same, while his wife did the cooking for the party. According to this statement Marshall pronounced the shining particles which were plentifully visible in the mill sluice to be base metal, and but for Wimmer would have taken no notice of them. Mrs. Wimmer tested the first nugget found by boiling it in her soap kettle, the same piece of metal being now in Mr. Allen's possession. The Wimmers came to California in 1846 and entered Sutter's employment, but owing to a subsequent quarrel with him and Marshall their share in the great discovery has been systematically belittled.

Consul Berton's Condition.

A private telegram from Yuma, Arizona, yesterday, informed the friends of Mr. Berton

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