• Abbreviations

Abbreviations Used on Rowland Cards

ac = acre
AG = Arroyo Grande, California
apptd by My ayunt = appointed by Monterey ayuntamiento = municipal council (also in Santa Cruz & Branciforte)
ayuntamiento = municipal council, used in pre-Statehood times
b = born or birth
Bancroft = Hubert Howe Bancroft's History of California
Bancroft says = Hubert Howe Bancroft's History of California
B.C. = Boulder Creek
bap = baptized
bkkpr = bookkeeper
Branc. = Branciforte [the Santa Cruz Pueblo of 1797]
BP = bride's parents
BR = bride's residence
Bus = business
But. = bought?
C. = (Spanish) ciudad = city
Cal. Bat. = Frémont's California Battalion
Cas. = (Spanish) casado = married
Cav = cavalry
c. e. of Sentinel = city editor of Santa Cruz Sentinel
celeb. = celebrated
ch. = children
co. = company or county
Cons. Ry. = Consolidated Railway (Pajaro Valley)
cq = question?
CQN = question?
d = died or death
D.A. = District Attorney
D.A.R. = Daughters of the American Revolution
Del. = delinquent
depth sheriff = deputy sheriff
dif. = (Spanish) difunto = dead or late
dist. = distribution, district
dlls = dollars
dtr = daughter
Ernest says = Ernest Otto, Santa Cruz journalist
ESC = East Santa Cruz
G.A.R. = Grand Army of the Republic
Geo = (typographical error) = George
G.F.A. = General Freight Agent
Go = San Diego
Grndtr = granddaughter
Gt. Reg. = Great Registers of Voters & Poll Lists
H.S. = high school
Hy = Henry
imm. = immediately; immigrated
Inf. = infantry
Inv. = investment [e.g., S.F. Inv. house]
I.O.O.F. = Independent Order of Odd Fellows
ISJRd = "I" is a typo = Old San Jose Road
JP = Justice of the Peace
JR = Jeannette Rowland
Lbr or lbr = lumber
lbrmn = lumberman
lit = litigant
lr = Leon Rowland
m = married
M = thousand (lumber, as in thousands of board-feet)
M & L Co. = mill & lumber company
M.A.M. = Moses Avery Meder (Meader)
M.E. = Methodist Episcopal Church
ment. = mentioned
mex. = Mexico/Mexican
Mntn. = mountain
Mont. = Monterey
M.P. = Marion Pokriots
My = Monterey
n or N = native of
Nr = near
NSC = New Santa Cruz Theater
NYV or NY Vols = Stevenson's Regiment of First New York Volunteers
N.Y. Pt = New Year's Point (Año Nuevo)
OA = Oakland, Calif.
P.O. or po = post office
Paj. Val. = Pajaro Valley
Pct. = precinct (civil voting district)
Pd. = Portland? ; Piedmont? ; paid
Placera = Market Place
PM = post master
prop or props. = proprietor(s)
R = Range (used w/Township & Section)
RBF = Residence of the Bride’s Father
RBM = Residence of Bride’s Mother
RBP = Residence of Bride’s Parents
RC = Rafael Castro
Riptide = Newspaper (bios attributed to:
TLM = Thomas L. McHugh)
R.R. = railroad
rs = rs = real = monetary unit: Spanish coin worth @ 12.5¢
res = residence, or resident, or resignation
S = Section (used with Township & Range)
Sallante = Rancho Zayante
Sayant = Rancho Zayante
S.B. = Santa Barbara
S.C. = Santa Cruz
Sch = school
SCHS or S.C.H.S. = Santa Cruz High School
SCMD = Santa Cruz Mining District
SCPA or SCPS = Society of California Pioneers of Santa Cruz Co.
Sent. = Santa Cruz Sentinel
SF or S.F. = San Francisco
SJ = San Jose
SJB = San Juan Bautista
SLOB = San Luis Obispo
Sons of Temp. = Sons of Temperance
SP = Southern Pacific Railroad
SPC or SPCRd = South Pacific Coast R.R., or = S.P.C. Ry. or SPCRrd
Srio. = Secretariat, or Secretario, or secretary
Stab = probably an abbreviation for Santa Barbara
Str. = steamer (ship)
Surv. = survived by
T or Twp. = Township (used w/Range & Section)
T.A.W. = [twice-a-week?] 
Ter. = Territory
T.H. = Territory of Hawaii
TLM = Thomas L. McHugh
T.O. = Territory of Oregon (before Feb. 14, 1859)
typo = typographer
UTC = Union Traction Company (street railroad)
varras = varas = 1 vara = 33.33 inches (Spanish)
viuda = widow (Spanish)
w = widow
Wx / Wx.T. = Washington / Washington Territory
Wars. = Watsonville (a typo?)
Wats. = Watsonville