

## **Charles Albert Keena**



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1860-1921

In his obituary, the editor of the local paper called Charlie Keena “one of the finest men in Placer County,” Charlie Keena helped develop the Auburn Racetrack where he raced thoroughbred trotting and harness racing horses. Most of his life he owned a livery stable and was known for owning the finest teams in the county. Charlie served as Sheriff during the infamous crime of the murder of the Weber family by their son Adolph. Many thought that it was Charlie who solved the case. He was an early advocate of forensic techniques. He was active in the trial and was one of the law enforcement men to take Adolph Weber to Folsom Prison for hanging. He would later serve as County Supervisor, County Assessor and County Tax Collector. He was married to “Fannie” Dependener, the sister of “Big Dip,” noted constable and Sheriff.

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