

# BOWLAND & CRAIG

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F. P. (Felding Peters) Bowland was born in 1833 or 1834 in Missouri. In 1866 he was a drug store clerk in San Bernardino, perhaps with Dr. Peacock, with whom he later became partners around 1868.

CITY PHARMACY  
 BOWLAND & CRAIG.  
 DRUGGISTS AND APOTHECARIANS

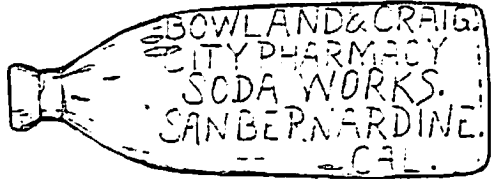
Opposite Post Office, San Bernardino, Cal.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, Surgical Instruments, and all the various articles of a Drug Store. Also, Sole Agents for the California and American Patent Soda Works, San Bernardino, Cal.

CITY PHARMACY SODA WORKS  
 SODA WATER, SASSAPARILLA, MINERAL WATER, ETC.  
 220 North 2nd Street, San Bernardino, California

Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, was the birthplace of Dr. William Craig (born Jan. 2, 1818). He received his medical degree in March, 1849 from the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and after practicing a short time in Ohio moved to Indiana where he was a druggist and stationer for five years, as well as a practicing physician. He then returned to Muncie and engaged in the drug and book business and in manufacturing "Craig's Baking Powder and Flavoring Extracts."

In the fall of 1870 he sold out and came to California and located where the city of Riverside now stands. He died at his home in Crafton on July 25, 1903.



From 1873 through 1876 Bowland & Craig were in the pharmacy business together. Prior to 1873 Bowland had been in business for himself (1871-73) and before that partners with Dr. J. C. Peacock, one of San Bernardino's earliest physicians. The firm was known as Peacock & Bowland.

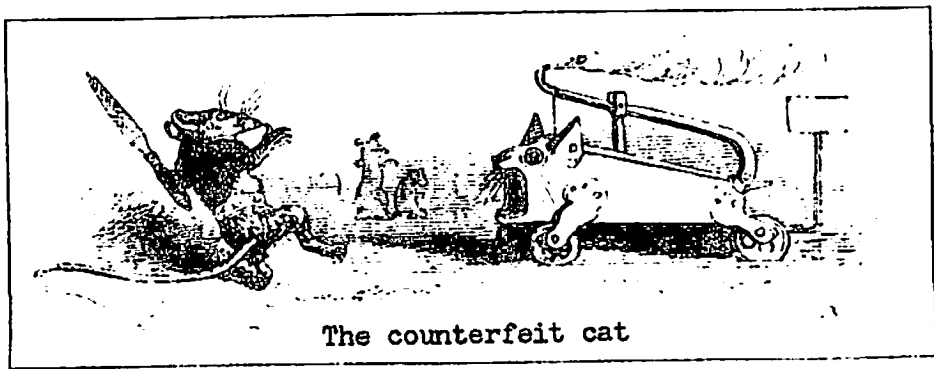


Sketch of Aqua colored bottle (7 1/4 inches High) used by the firm.

First mention of the soda works comes from the San Bernardino Argus dated December 21, 1874: "Bowland & Craig have put up and started in operation a soda machine which is the largest and most complete this side of San Francisco." The ad accompanying the article gives particulars about the drug store merchandise and the various soda drinks available from the fountain (1875).

In 1877 Dr. William Fox was successor to Dr. Craig in the drug and apothecary business probably because in 1876 Dr. Craig returned to Riverside and the hotel he had established in 1880.

Bowland must have liked the soda business because in 1879 he was advertising again in the San Bernardino Daily Times. However, in this instance as F. P. Bowland, proprietor of the Crystal Soda Factory. Soda, Sarsaparilla, Mineral Waters. Corner 2nd and "D." (Editor's Note: We wish to thank both Ms. Rosewitz, member of our society, and the San Bernardino County Historical Bottle Club, for permission to reprint the above article, which appeared in the June, 1977 issue of Bottle Nooz).



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