

On the butt of the flag pole was an inscribed plate of heavy brass - weather beaten and hard to decipher, but still legible enough for me to learn from it that a party from one of Drake's fleet had penetrated to this point in June, 1579, and erected the flag staff and claimed the land in the name of Queen Elizabeth, of course the pole is not the original one.

but one of more recent times, set up by the U.S.A. government which preserves the ancient relic. At one time the descendants of the Spaniards who then held California, were bitterly opposed to the preservation of the relic, and used to destroy the flag pole, until the government adopted stern measures to put an end to the practice.

In Bodega it is advisable not to show too marked a pride in English or things English for even now the inhabitants harbour bitter feelings against our country and still dream of another "Spanish Conquest".