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**Nedjo Spaich, Mrs. Judy Barr,  
Noelle Chesini, & Brian Huffman**

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The **News Bulletin** is published quarterly by the Society in Yuba City, California. The annual membership dues includes receiving the **News Bulletin** and the Museum's **Muse News**. At the April 1987 Annual Dinner Meeting it was voted to change the By-laws to combine the memberships of the Society and the Museum.

The 1996 dues are payable as of January 1, 1996.

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## President's Thoughts

I look forward with enthusiastic joy as Summer 1996 unfolds before my senses. The five senses - hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling and tasting - with which we are blessed play a very important part in enjoying the Summer season.

As a youth here in the then "Peach Bowl of the World," the following thoughts come to mind:

Hearing - the empty cans at the cannery tinkling on the cable-driven can line and the steam whistle at the boiler house;

Seeing - the Sierra Buttes always visible (there wasn't smog in those days), beckoning the family to come, come to my green pastures and cool, clean trout streams;

Feeling - the perspiration exuding and dripping from my forehead, stinging my eyes and salting my mouth;

Smelling - the aroma of ripening cling peaches and the Swede cannery fieldman forcefully instilling in my mind that when you could begin smelling the peaches, wait seven days before you picked them - and *not* before;

Tasting - the wholesome goodness of a ripe Loadel peach - fuzz and all.

My good friends, we make history on the face of our great county each day we are around. Let us with joy use our skills to enhance the recording of today's history in order that those to come may be proud that we preserved the God-given Nature which blesses our Sutter County.

See you under the olive trees in the Memorial Park for the fun July 16th evening potluck picnic and informative seminar by Rosemarie Mossinger, a talented speaker and author. Then, as the evening permits, you can share your stories regarding *your* Summer Senses!

My best regards,

Bruce Harter



## More Life Members!

After receiving his April Bulletin, Ray Frye stopped by the Museum to let everyone know he and Lena were both still alive although they were not among those listed as Life Members. Our apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Frye.

## Director's Report

I am most pleased to have been selected as the Museum's new Director/Curator. I am looking forward to continuing in the same direction the Museum has taken under Jackie's talented leadership and to maintaining the same high standards of excellence that have made our museum a shining example in the field of small museums. I think that the most important function of our institution is that we bring an awareness of our community's identity to the people who live here. Through the study of local history, we can learn who we were, how we got to be who we are now and feel a pride and investment in our own community.

The Museum will present another aspect of the history of our community when, following the Japanese-American exhibit which closes September 1, we present an exhibit on the East Indian immigrants and their culture in our area. Look for that exhibit late in September, with more information to be forthcoming.

The pace of activities at the Museum will be slowed just a little until the empty Assistant Curator's position is filled. However, I am pleased that I can provide a continuity without any major loss of impetus. I'm looking for the Museum's next ten years to be just as productive as the last ten, which I had the privilege to share with Jackie Lowe. We will look ahead to new heights of achievement, and, with the support of each and every one of you, we will accomplish wonderful things for the Museum and the community we serve.

Julie Stark  
Museum Director



## Help - Help - Help

The Museum received a request from Bob Grossman for photographs of the old Sunset Pumping Plant at the end of Paseo Road in Live Oak. It was built in 1920. The old units were replaced in the early 1960s, subsequently dismantled and scrapped out. In 1920, the district was the Sutter Butte Canal Company, later the Sutter Extension Water District, and now part of the Joint Water Board with headquarters in Gridley.

His interest is in large, old electrical machinery, particularly motors. He is trying to find pictures of the original pumps and switchgear. He advises the photos he's seeking may not exist since neither the Sutter Extension District nor the Joint Water Board have them. He has contacted the families of former operators as well as local libraries and the Gridley Herald, etc.

If you can help Mr. Grossman, write to him at 6615 Cooper Street, Felton, CA 95018.

## Letter From the Editors

First, we want to welcome our student writers to the Society. Every year at the Annual Meeting in April we meet wonderful fourth grade students -- the winners of the Judith Barr Fairbanks Memorial Essay Contest. We hope they continue their writing and their interest in local history.

Carol Withington was our speaker in January. She has graciously contributed an article concerning George Oheyer, Sr., highlighting his efforts with the Anti-Debris Association. Carol has agreed to do other articles for us, including one about Mr. Stabler. We look forward to her submissions.

Don Burtis, our April speaker, has written about the Winship family in Sutter County. He stated the article "...is basically limited to family members to the fourth generation who were born and grew up in the Sutter County area." Don also will be contributing future articles.

Our July speaker has written a book. With this track record, I hope we can find a speaker for the October meeting! If you're called upon, no, you don't have to also write an article for the Bulletin. Of course, you can if you want!

The October Bulletin will focus on the southeast portion of Sutter County. Ruby Romovich has already submitted an article and is a great help in accumulating information. We plan to feature another Nicolaus-area house among other items.

In January you will be reading about the 1939 "Pageant of the Pacific" at Treasure Island. Hardy McFarland, Myrtle Newcomb and Evelyn Quigg are three of the people who will be sharing

their experiences. We have some leads on other people who attended and yes, we will be making contact! Do you have a memory to share about this event? What impressed you most? Who did you go with and how did you get there? Where did you stay? Call Linda (673-2721) or Sharyl (674-7741) or do what Hardy did -- send us your story at P.O. Box 1004, Yuba City, CA 95992.

The theme for the April 1997 Bulletin is "Entertainment." There are several items we know we want to cover, but are certainly open to suggestions! Who has a story about one of the dance places that were so popular years ago? There were several located in Sutter County. Contact us with information concerning what you did for entertainment before television took over everyone's life.

We are still accumulating information on our newest "Honorary Member" so there is a delay in telling you about her.

If you have ideas for a story, information to share or names of people for us to contact, write or call us. We use the WordPerfect computer program, if you have information you would like to submit on disk. If you send us information, be sure to include your name, address and telephone number so we can contact you if we have questions, etc.

Linda Leone  
Sharyl Simmons



## Memorial Contributions

In Memory of **Charles Bendel**

M/M Fred Boone  
Joyce Dukes

In Memory of **Adrienne Bowen**

Doug & Jean Goss  
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In Memory of **Manley Brayton**

Mary Gillis

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In Memory of **John Changaris**

Ken & Vivian Calhoun

In Memory of **Sadie Drew**

Randy & Shirley Schnabel

In Memory of **Clarisse Hall**

Jim & Lucile (Carlson) Hall

In Memory of **Euna Proper Hall**

Caroline Ringler

In Memory of **Montez Hamilton**

Ken & Vivian Calhoun  
Carolyn M. Oswald

In Memory of **Angela Hauss**

M/M Robert T. Coats

In Memory of **Robert Heisch**

Sam & Becky Anderson  
Bob & Katie Bryant  
Ken & Vivian Calhoun  
Wallace & Dealla Crother  
Carolyn M. Oswald  
Roger & Janis Stillwell

In Memory of **Grace & Sandy Henry**

Joe Benatar, Dennis Wolfe &  
Employees of Fidelity Natl.  
Title Insurance Company

In Memory of **Chester Lee**

Wilbur & Georgia Green

In Memory of **Robert H. LeFevre**

Evelyn & Harold Quigg

In Memory of **Joseph Micheli**

Virginia Filter & Family

In Memory of **Mary Fran Nicholson**

Marion & Christina Church  
M/M Robert T. Coats

In Memory of **Ruth Parker**

Judith Barr

In Memory of **Clarence Poole**

M/M Robert T. Coats

In Memory of **Leslie Poole**

Connie Cary

In Memory of **Redford Prindiville**

Woodrow & Dorothy Jang

In Memory of **Theresa Putman**

Linda Leone  
M/M Bob Masera  
Orlin & Johanna Schuler  
Sharyl Simmons  
Harry & Bernice Wilson

In Memory of **Dorothy Rominger**

Everett & Liz Berry

In Memory of **Rue Seagren**  
Jim & Bobby Howard

Memory of **Wilma Williams**  
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In Memory of **Edgar Stanton III**  
James, Frances & Blythe Gentry

In Memory of **Jeanie Stuart Zaniroli**  
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In Memory of **Bill Thomas, Sr.**  
Bill & Betty Arnett  
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Caroline Ringler  
Orlin & Johanna Schuler

### **In Honor Of...**

In the April Bulletin, we listed a donation to the Museum "In Memory of" Mary Lou Aberasturi. It should have stated that a donation was made "*In Honor of Mary Lou Aberasturi*" by the Laureate Delta Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

In Memory of **Edith Wapple**  
Joe Benatar & Fidelity Natl.  
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Robert & Betty Coats  
M/M Bob Masera



## **Where Does Your Contribution Go?**

The above list of contributions contains gifts to both the Community Memorial Museum and the Sutter County Historical Society.

Monies contributed to the Museum go to the designated Museum funds, i.e., the Trust Fund or specific bequests.

Unless otherwise specified, the donations to the Historical Society go into the Agricultural Addition Building Fund of the Society. Plans are progressing for the addition to the Museum.

Donations specified for general use go into the Society's General Fund. These monies are used to help pay the Society's annual insurance premium, post office box rental, Bulletin printing and mailing expenses and other operating expenses.

All donations are greatly appreciated and help keep the Historical Society a viable entity in the community.

# Historical Society News

## July Meeting

The July meeting of the Sutter County Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, July 16, in the Howard Harter Memorial Park located behind the Community Memorial Museum (1333 Butte House Road) in Yuba City. We will once again have a pot luck dinner under the trees. The Society will provide paper goods, eating utensils and drinks. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share -- main dish, salad or dessert. We will start dishing up at 6:30 p.m. with the program to follow.

To continue our outdoor theme, we have arranged for Rosemarie Mossinger, author of Woodleaf Legacy, to be our speaker. She will tell some of the funny stories she encountered while doing her research. If you have already purchased a copy of her book, bring it with you that night and she will sign it. Copies are available in the Museum gift store; there will also be copies available if you would like to purchase one that night.

As always, our meetings are open to the public; you do not have to be a member to attend -- so bring a dish and a friend and join us!



## Thank You Gift

Are you going to visit an out-of-the-area family this summer? Do you have out-of-the area family planning to visit you? Do you need a hostess gift? Is there a new baby in the family? Doing early Christmas shopping? Why not share the most prominent topographical feature of Sutter County and give one of the Historical Society's Sutter Buttes ornaments? The cost is just \$7.00 each and it does make a one-of-a-kind gift which represents our area. Call Linda (673-2721) or stop by the Museum and ask about them at the front desk. You get a unique gift and help support the Society.



## Honorary Members

Were you or someone you know born in Sutter County ninety or more years ago? Those are the qualifications to become an Honorary Member of the Historical Society; the person does not have to currently reside in Sutter County. If you have an "Honorary Member" for us, call Linda (673-2721) or drop us a note at P.O. Box 1004, Yuba City, CA 95992.



## Judith Barr Fairbanks Memorial Essay Contest

The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County and the Sutter County Historical Society were co-sponsors of the sixth annual Judith Barr Fairbanks Essay Contest which was open to all fourth grade students in Sutter County. The contest was created to honor Judith Barr Fairbanks, a fourth grade teacher at King Avenue School, who believed very strongly in the importance of involving our children in local history.

The topic of the essay was a "letter home" from the immigrant or migrant who had arrived in the Sutter County area during the 1840s, 50s or 60s. The letter was to describe how the area looked or relate experiences since arriving here.

Brian Huffman, Nedjo Spaich and Noelle Chesini received their awards at the Society's Annual Dinner which was held in April. Following are their essays.



**Brian Huffman**

First Place

April Lane School

Teacher: Mr. Rosecrantz

Dear Grandma and Grampa,

Long ago, after California had settled, a Mexican vaquero at lat [sic] discovered a few flakes of gold in the mountains north of Los Angeles. There were so few of these flakes, however, that they had not caused much excitement. Most Californians went on believing that their land contained very little of the yellow metal.

They were wrong. "They were real wrong!" There was more gold in California than any other part of the U.S. People had not looked for gold in the right places.

Most of California's gold was in tiny pieces. These small pieces were mixed in with the earth and rock of the foothills along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. Foothills are small hills at the base of mountains.

The Spanish and Mexican people of California seldom went into the Sierra Nevada foothills. They did not learn that gold was there. Neither did the first Americans to cross the mountains from the east. They were too tired to look. They hurried through the foothills to Marsh's rancho or Sutter's Fort.

The man who got the credit for discovering gold in California was a carpenter named James W. Marshall. Marshall came to California from Oregon in 1845. He helped raise the Bear Flag Revolt at Sonoma. During the war with Mexico, he marched to Los Angeles with Fremont's California Battalion. After the war was over he went to work at

Sutter's Fort.

By that time several families had settled along the Sacramento River near the fort. They wanted lumber for houses, barns, fences, wagons and many other things. Few pine trees grew in the area of Sacramento Valley. We would have to go into the foothills to find pine trees that we could cut down for logs. We would have to make iron saws with big teeth for cutting the logs lengthwise into boards. When winter came, we had to quit and go home.

Sincerely yours,  
Brian



**Nedjo Spaich**  
Second Place  
Nuestro School  
Mrs. Sharma

April 1, 1849

Dear Family,

It's been hard since I left from New England. Now I am in California. I got here on March 17th. In the Sierra it snowed very much. That's why it took the extra months to get here. Many people have died. We brought a lot of food, in fact, we have food left over. I have met John Sutter. The party and I are at his fort. We're staying there; the fort is pretty big. John is a nice person. I have not had time to gold mine. I promise I'll come back with gold to support our family. I work as a blacksmith at the fort. It is a hard job. It has rained about every day since I got here. We stay inside while the women cook. We still hunt for our food. Well, I don't hunt, I just work. The party decided to take the Oregon Trail. At Fort Laramie there were many Redskins. They shot arrows at the fort, but none of the arrows hit our people. The prices to buy things are very much money, probably because of the gold rush. I miss you! Not one of the Redskins have horses. Californios are still here, even after the war. I wish I could have brought you and the kids with me. The food is great. We have corn bread, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables. I will supposedly come back in April 1850, well I'll be leaving about then. It will be a lot easier, because the Sierra and Rockies come first not last. California is so much different than Maine. There are so many dunes in Maine, there are a lot of mountains here. There's green grass all around. I had faith coming here. I can't wait to see you when I get home, and please take care of each other. I love you very much! I am homesick. Eleven months on horse back or wagon or just walking can tire you out.  
**P.S.** Hope for the best and "I love you." Did I already say that?  
**P.P.S.** I have made many friends. I hope I'll find gold. The prices are very high here. I bought a pack for \$4.00. I could get it cheaper in Maine. People are gold mining. I

might gold mine later in the month. There are so many people here. The worst months crossing the Rocky Mountains was in November. That's when so many people died and wagons broke. People just gave up. We passed through San Francisco to get supplies and other things. Children play many games. I can teach our children how to play them. Two of our horses died. I hate to tell you this last, but they died from having no water in the Sierras! I cried a lot because the horses had helped me get through on the trip. We picked up a dying old man. We took him to Sutter's Fort with us and fed him. He's dead now. I bless you and hope for the best for you.

Love,  
XOXOX Your Beloved Hubby,  
Nedjo



Noelle Chesini  
Third Place  
Winship School  
Teacher: Mrs. Jelavich

1848  
California

Dear Grandma,

I am doing great. We are going to move. Dad found some gold and fool's gold. He knew when it was gold and fool's gold. Daddy found about fifty dollars.

We are living in a tent until our cabin is good enough to move into. There are log walls but the roof is not on it yet.

It is summer here. Thank goodness it isn't winter. It has been hot lately. I think it has been over a hundred degrees. How is it back home? I wish you were here. I am sort of scared out here in the woods.

I made a rag doll for my little sister, Annie. I made it out of a mop head and some old rags. She is pretty like you. Tell Grandpa I said Hi. Our chickens are healthy. But a couple of our cows have died. Our donkey is still alive. He helps dad work.

Where we live there are pretty trees and a stream where we get fresh water. That is all I can tell you right now. I have to go. Bye.

P.S. I will write back.

Love,  
Emma

## Students Win State Fair Booth Contest

Winners were announced in the art and poetry contests for the Sutter County State Fair booth. A total of 675 students in 16 schools in Sutter County participated. Students in grades kindergarten through sixth submitted artistic renderings of the Sutter Buttes, while seventh through twelfth graders wrote poems about the Sutter Buttes. The theme of this year's booth is "When I See the Buttes, I Know I'm Home."

Award presentations for winners were made at the Sutter County Board of supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 28. The best drawing and poem from each grade level will become part of the State Fair booth display. Entries were judged by a team of volunteers from the local chapter of California Retired Teachers.

Winners for the drawing contest are:

Kindergarten: Best Over All - Ashlyn Baroni of Nuestro School; 1st Place - Monet LeValley-Garcia of Nuestro School; 2nd Place - Taylor Smith of Nuestro School; 3rd Place - Christine Garcia of Barry School; Honorable Mention - Hailey Messick of Nuestro School.

First Grade: Best Over All - Joshua Parks of Barry School; 1st Place - Zachary Baroni of Nuestro School; 2nd Place - Aaron Driggers of King Avenue School; 3rd Place - Haley Williams of Nuestro School; Honorable Mention - Felisitas Medina of King Avenue School.

Second Grade: Best Over All - Heather Jenkins of Robbins School; 1st Place - Sarah Rosas of Brittan School; 2nd Place - Brittany Vogel of St. Isidore's School; 3rd Place - Nolan Brown of Brittan School; Honorable Mention -

Jonathan Hicks of Brittan School.

Third Grade: Best Over All - Marissa Magee of Faith Christian School; 1st Place - Melissa Crafts of Brittan School; 2nd Place - Abbie Heinrich of Faith Christian School; 3rd Place - Kristen Baral of Faith Christian School; Honorable Mention - Tobe Brown of Faith Christian School.

Fourth Grade: Best Over All - Tiffany Frost of First Lutheran School; 1st Place - Xavier Morash of Park Avenue School; 2nd Place - Chad Ziegenmeyer of Brittan School; 3rd Place - Nancy Griego of Robbins School; Honorable Mention - Emily Seeman of First Lutheran School.

Fifth Grade: Best Over All - Jonathan Bryson of Robbins School; 1st Place - Taryn Machado of April Lane School; 2nd Place - Joshua Jones of Brittan School; 3rd Place - Justin Waits of First Lutheran School; Honorable Mention - Nicole Renee Cope of April Lane School.

Sixth Grade: Best Over All - Beth Fulwider of Andros Karperos School; 1st Place - Nicole Gist of Andros Karperos School; 2nd Place - Holly Stricker of Barry School; 3rd Place - Cara Lanier of Barry School; Honorable Mention - George Alvarez of Andros Karperos School.

The poetry contest winners were:

Seventh Grade: Best Over All - Joshua Flores of Gray Avenue School; 1st Place - Ina Mueller of Brittan School; 2nd Place - Shawnee Thayer of Brittan School; 3rd Place - Joyce McPherrin of Brittan School; Honorable Mention - Leanne Hendy of Brittan School.

Eighth Grade: Best Over All - Aaron Buck of Brittan School; 1st Place - Sidney Draper of Brittan School; 2nd Place - Norma Durfee of Brittan School; 3rd Place - Lyndsey Wiles of Brittan School; Honorable Mention - Starla Hasting of Meridian School.

Tenth Grade: Best Over All - Raj Rajer of Sutter High School; 1st Place - Andrea Hubbard of Sutter High School; 2nd Place - Dean Young of Sutter High School; 3rd Place - Tim Cross of Sutter High School; Honorable Mention - Erik Davey of Sutter High School.



### **Fourth of July Celebration**

The Independent Order of Good Templars celebrated the Fourth of July by holding a picnic at the Buttes. Carriages of every description were wending their way and as the day was propitious for enjoyment, everybody made a point of enjoying it to the best of their ability.

The grounds are exactly fitted for picnic parties with their "sly little nooks" where each party may find a shade for themselves if so desired. Esquire Hamlin presided as chairman and opened the ceremonies of the day with some very pleasant and appropriate remarks. The opening ode was "Peace Forever To These Walls," but the other one, was sung followed by a prayer by the Chaplin. The oration was able and eloquent in delivery - the Rev. Anthony being orator. Spirited music by the band followed the oration, and then we listened to the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Judge Hurlburt. More music and then dinner. We would tell you all about the dinner, but like Mr. Mills, of Sacramento, in order to do it justice, we should need commence earlier in the day. The Rev. McDonald made some happy hits and offered to assist his friends in all laudable undertakings. The ceremonies of the day were concluded by Mr. Wilbur raising a couple of "hips" which set the whole crowd, men, women and children to "hurrayng" and thus ended a very pleasant and delightful day. Independence Forever.  
Sutter County Sentinal - 6 July 1867

### **The Fourth of July at Sutter City**

A salute of anvils ushered in the day at Sutter City, and at an early hour a large crowd assembled to spend the day and enjoy the programme prepared by the committee.

The first feature was climbing the greased pole, prize \$2.50, won by a son of Mrs. Dobler. A wheelbarrow race followed with prizes of \$5, \$3, \$1.50, won by Dick Hullsman, Owen Gee and R. Switzer. A greased pig then kept the audience interested until captured by Sam Dannenburg. A free for all half mile dash then took place with four starters, won by Gus Kellar's horse. The day closed with a ball in the evening. The Sutter City Coronet Band furnished creditable music during the day.  
Sutter County Farmer - 12 July 1889

# George Ohleyer - A Celebration of His Life

by  
Carol Withington

A great flood occurred in Sutter and Yuba Counties on January 11, 1862. The waters of the Yuba and Feather Rivers rose six inches higher than ever before. Farmers and merchants moved everything perishable beyond the threat of danger.

According to local newspapers, the situation from Marysville westward was described as "one sheet of water that seemed to stretch from F Street to Yuba City, where the Sutter County Court House stood on a slight rise of water." The papers further added that "there appeared to be no dry land to the foothills of the Coast Range. The shining expanse was dotted with trees, seemingly floating on the water."

The loss of stock was great largely due to the fact that few cattle escaped except those able to reach the Buttes, whereupon the cold weather nipped the grass, causing a large number to die from starvation.

Among the many farmers who suffered heavy losses due to this flood was George Ohleyer Sr., one of the most dynamic individuals of the area. It is a tribute to his life that we celebrate.

Ohleyer was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France in October of 1830. He came to Ohio with his parents when he was five years old. In 1852, he came across the plains to California where he was engaged in mining in Sierra, Plumas and Yuba Counties.

In 1855 he returned to Ohio and on September 25, married Ellen Guthrie. The following year the young couple

came to San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal. From there they continued their journey by river boat to Sacramento, then by stage to Marysville and Oregon House in the Yuba County foothills where Ohleyer was involved in a business. During the harvest season of 1859, he engaged in contract threshing northeast of Marysville.

For about six years, Ohleyer also maintained a fruit orchard on a ranch on the Yuba River. In 1865 he purchased land three miles west of Yuba City, adding to this acreage until he owned 960 acres of choice valley land. In 1878, he built a home on this ranch where he resided until his death.

In 1882, in company with several others, Ohleyer consolidated the old Sutter County Farmer, which he edited until 1890. He was among the first members of the California Press Association and later became an honorary member of the Sacramento Valley Press League.

Ohleyer, who was considered to be a "most vigorous writer," began a gallant fight against hydraulic mining, a form of gold mining in which high banks of earth and gravel were washed and removed into sluiceways and flumes by great blasts of water under high pressure. Water pressure, ranging from 100 to 500 feet in height, caused vast amounts of debris or "tailings" to be washed down into the streams and rivers.

By 1876, mining by this method had attained great dimensions. The surface of the country was undergoing

dramatic changes. Streams were diverted from their obstructed channels. These channels were choked with sediment, the waters "heavy and black with mud."

Debris gradually filled in the river beds causing the water to rise higher each season, necessitating the raising of the levees and the construction of additional ones.

During this time, Ohleyer began to see the great danger to the Sacramento Valley caused by hydraulic mining. He immediately commenced to "battle the foe" not only in his newspaper, but by the formation of an Anti-Debris Association where he served as manager. In addition, he made five trips to Washington, D.C. in the interests of the valley pertaining to hydraulic mining.

The Anti-Debris Association later became a statewide group which pointed out major issues concerning the effects of hydraulic mining. Rivers which once consisted of clear streams of water running in well-defined channels were now choked with debris or "slickins" consisting of sand, clay and small stones. These river channels were now overflowing onto adjacent lands.

During the ensuing years, numerous suits by irate farmers were carried through the State Courts, but not much headway was made. By the summer of 1883, the Sacramento Valley Anti-Debris Association began preparing the famous injunction suit of Col. Edward Woodruff, owner of the Woodruff Block in Marysville and two tracts of land in Yuba County, versus the North Bloomfield Gravel Mining Co. and others in the United States Circuit Court.

Col. Woodruff permitted his name to be used as a non-resident, as required

by law. Hearings began in July of 1883. Six months later, the Sawyer Decision was handed down which perpetually enjoined hydraulic mining operations in California.

A variety of demonstrations took place throughout the valley. According to newspaper accounts, strong men wept, bells pealed, whistles blew, bonfires blazed on every corner and cannons roared.

Real estate advanced 100 percent in value, and from every section of the state came press notices congratulating the farmers upon the attainment of their right to defend their homes, farms and families.

Ohleyer used his newspaper to describe his feelings on this momentous day as he stated:

This is cause for rejoicing, as well by the mountain dwellers as by the valley residents. A new era will draw on both sections. Enterprise will develop whatever of good lies hidden in mountain and valley, and the rights of all will be guarded and respected. The agricultural capabilities of the mountain regions are very great, to the development of which the Sutter Farmer will be an industrious co-worker. Let the mountain press lead the way.

Ohleyer continued working for the anti-debris cause and the improvement of the waters in the state by being placed on the executive committee of the State Anti-Debris Association. He served as a member of the State Legislature from 1886-88 for Sutter and Yuba Counties and also was a representative during the Constitutional Convention of 1879.

In addition, Ohleyer served his community as Commissioner of Levee District No. 1 and as a Supervisor for

Sutter County for several years. He also served as a trustee of the Normal School in Chico. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Cooperative Union of Yuba City, where he served as president for many years. He still retained an interest in agricultural pursuits, however; holding offices in the Yuba City Grange and serving as lecturer for the State Grange.

Ohleyer died on August 15, 1896 at his home. A blood clot had formed in his heart which may have resulted from an earlier amputation of his leg. In a tribute paid him in the Sacramento Bee, George Ohleyer was described as Sacramento Valley's "sturdiest friend." He was a man that always argued that the safety of the country, particularly California, lay in the protection of her farming interests, rather than in her gold mines. Ohleyer believed that "mining brought but temporary prosperity while agriculture was the backbone of commerce and would last for all time."

Ohleyer was also described in the Sacramento paper as "a warrior in the walk of peace, as brave as any knight

who ever battled amid the horrors of war." "He would stand up before a Gattling gun in defense of a principle," the paper continued, "and yet he had a heart as soft as a child's."

The Sacramento Bee painted Ohleyer as "Rugged -- sturdy -- every inch as honest as he looked unswerving as a devoted friend to the right; an outspoken and an irreproachable enemy to the wrong." The newspaper noted that Ohleyer left behind a name that "ought to endure, if virtue counts for anything and honest worth receives its meed."

Survivors included his wife of forty-one years, daughters Annie, Mary and Ada and sons Frank, George Jr., Fred and Lewis.

By request of the family, there were no floral offerings. A sheaf of wheat rested on the casket, emblematic of the life of this man.

It has been 100 years since his death. It is now time to celebrate the many accomplishments of the life of George Ohleyer, Sr.



### Caution

A short time ago a travelling solicitor for an insurance company, in soliciting business, used the names of G. W. Carpenter and George Ohleyer as patrons of the concern. While not wishing to reflect on the company whether good, bad or indifferent, they most emphatically assert that they did not patronize the concern, don't intend to, and did not authorize the use of their names as was done.

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Isaac Augustus Winship  
1822-1887



Elizabeth Brock Winship  
1839-1921

# The Winships in Sutter County

by  
Don Burtis

The progenitor of the Winships in Sutter County and the rest of the United States was Edward Winship who was born on March 13, 1612 in England. Records show that he sailed from Harwick, England aboard the ship "Defiance" to Newe Towne in 1634 when he was 22 years old. Puritans had moved across the river from Boston and established Newe Towne in 1630. The name of Newe Towne was changed to Cambridge in 1638 in honor of Cambridge, England. Harvard University was established there in 1636, just two years after Edward arrived.

Isaac Augustus Winship was born in Boston on July 4, 1822 and was of the seventh generation of Winships in direct line beginning with the first Edward. He crossed the plains to California in 1849 during the gold rush, bringing the Winship name to Sutter County.

Isaac Augustus Winship lived in Boston until 1847, when at the age of 25 he became a soldier in the Mexican War, serving his country for 18 months. The Mexican War was fought between the United States and Mexico over territorial disagreements which had existed for a number of years. It started in 1846 and ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, by which the United States acquired from Mexico the regions of California, Nevada and Utah, most of Arizona and New Mexico, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming. As a result of this war, the United States acquired more than 525,000 square miles of territory.

Isaac Winship served as a 1st sergeant of Company L, 1st regiment,

Massachusetts Volunteers. During this campaign, Isaac Winship became acquainted with some men who had been to California and were aware of the activities of John Sutter and the development of farming in what is now the Sutter County area. The war ended and Isaac made his way back to Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained for about six months. At this time he made the decision to cross the plains to California to seek his fortune. He most certainly had been influenced by the stories he heard in the army about California as well as by the prospect of striking it rich in the gold fields. He fought in the war which resulted in California becoming a part of the United States and then decided to settle there.

When Isaac Augustus Winship arrived in California in 1849, he engaged in some mining but did not have any significant success in this venture. He moved to the Sutter County area and became a cook at the Bell House in Nicolaus, an early hotel built by James Bell. Some records indicate that his position in the hotel was as a baker. I recall hearing some of his children (my great uncles and aunts) refer to him as a cook whose specialty was baking. He remained there until 1853 when he moved to an area near the Sacramento River to engage in farming. He moved once more in 1857 to what later became known as the "Winship Ranch," where he continued to operate a successful farm until he died. Information as to how Isaac Winship acquired this 160 acre ranch is not available in county land

records or in any family records. Perhaps when the U. S. Government made the land available for settling, Isaac took advantage of the opportunity, or he may have been a squatter who claimed the land. Possibly the land had already been claimed by another party and Isaac purchased it. Not all land exchanges were recorded at this time. In any case Isaac acquired the 160 acres and the surrounding area became known as the Winship District, being named after him. He applied for a homestead patent when the United States government provided that people with established land claims in that area could receive patents. He received his patent on September 5, 1871. It gave him legal title to the Northwest quarter of Section Fourteen, in Township Fourteen North of Range one East in Sutter County containing 160 acres. Isaac Winship's ranch was located on the north side of what is now Meridian Road across the road from Winship School which was named after him.

It should be noted that many parcels of lands in Sutter County were settled before government patents were available to the settlers. Many early pioneers simply became squatters on the land and in some cases may have sold their claim to another party or simply abandoned it to go elsewhere. A number did file pre-emption claims that gave them some legal rights to the property along with the fact that they were in possession of it. California became a state in 1850, however it was a number of years later that legal land ownership was established by virtue of the homestead patent.

The property south of the school has more recently been referred to as the Winship Ranch because it was farmed for

some time by Oliver Winship, a son of Isaac, and also by Foster Winship, a son of Oliver. This property could be referred to as the Smith Ranch. It was owned by Mr. Smith, who married the mother of Oliver's wife Eliza. The ranch was left to Mrs. Smith. She left a life Estate in the ranch to Oliver and Eliza which was later passed on to her grandchildren. It was on this ranch that the seven living children of Isaac Winship started the tradition of a yearly picnic, always well attended by the many descendants. No wonder so many might think of it as the original Winship ranch.

Some of the early records seem to indicate that the Winship ranch was in Colusa County because the mailing address was Grand Island Post Office which was in Colusa County. The mail was rowed across the Sacramento River where it was picked up and delivered to the families that lived in the Winship District of Sutter County.

The Sutter County Recorder's Office recorded that Isaac Augustus Winship was married to Miss Elizabeth Brock on February 5, 1854 at the house of W. & L. Perdue in Butte Township by J. B. Hurlburt, Justice of the Peace. Family records indicate they were married on the 4th of February, but the Sutter County Recorder's records show February 5 as the date of the wedding and it was recorded on April 18th, 1854. Which date is correct? Who cares? A family story tells that Isaac "kidnapped" Elizabeth and carried her away on a big black horse. If this is true, then he obviously carried her off to the Perdue house where they were married. If my math is correct, she was 14 and Isaac was 31. Most of her family had the impression she was 15 at the time they

were married, an impression Elizabeth may have helped create, but she was really only 14 years and 5 months of age based on her birthdate and marriage date. Isaac and Elizabeth were one of the earliest married couples to settle on the Sacramento River in western Sutter County.

Elizabeth Brock was born in Missouri on November 13, 1839. Family records indicate that she and her brother, John Brock, left their mother and younger sister in Missouri and accompanied another family on a wagon train that came to California in 1853. They were in search of their father, Daniel Brock, born January 10, 1810, who had come to California in 1849. They finally located him in Humboldt County. Arrangements were made for Elizabeth to stay with a family in the Butte Township area of Sutter County, but her brother returned with his father to Humboldt County. Very little information is known about the mother of Elizabeth Brock. Family history says she died of grief over the absence of her two oldest children, Elizabeth and John. It is known that the youngest daughter, Emma Louise Brock, also came to California by covered wagon to stay first with her sister Elizabeth and then to join her father in Humboldt county. There she met and married an Indian fighter and scout for the U. S. Army, Stephen Fleming. Both the first and maiden name of Mrs. Daniel Brock remain unknown to her descendants. On a trip to Missouri, I tried to find records regarding the Daniel Brock family that would give me a clue to the name of my great great grandmother, Mrs. Brock. I found no information. I did discover an old book in the Trenton, Missouri library that listed

the early day pioneers of the Trenton area and found the name of Daniel Brock included. Daniel Brock, the father of Elizabeth, died on February 25, 1894 in Sutter County at the age of 83 and is buried at Meridian.

In the mid 1860's, Sarah Anna Winship, Isaac's sister, came to California from Massachusetts and married Colonel George Hager, Colusa banker. Their daughter, Alice, married a Mr. Tubbs. They lived in San Francisco. The Tubbs family was associated with the Tubbs Cordage Company and was one of the largest manufacturers of hemp rope.

Isaac Winship operated a successful farm, growing a variety of crops, as well as raising stock. He maintained a sizable family orchard with a variety of fruit and nut trees as well as a small vineyard. He was a charter member of the Meridian Odd Fellows Lodge No. 212 and during his membership served in the highest position in the lodge. He was also elected as a Justice of the Peace of Sutter Township for several terms. Isaac Winship died at age 65 on October 12, 1887 at his ranch near Meridian. He is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Meridian. Elizabeth Winship kept the ranch in operation until December of 1911 when she sold it to the Alameda Sugar Beet Company. She then moved to the Bogue District near Yuba City and lived with her daughter Mable (Mrs. Seely Cook) until her death in 1921. The Cook home was located on what is now Jones Road and was one of only two houses located between Lincoln Road and Teesdale Road at that time. The Cook home was torn down a couple of years ago and a new home was built on its location. The other house referred to

was the Andreason home which is still in existence. I remember that the Cook Ranch extended west to Phillips Road, south to Teesdale Road and was covered with peaches. Lincrest School is located on property that was once part of the Seely and Mable Cook peach orchard. Seely Jr. and his wife Willa built a home across Jones Road from the old Cook home. This is where Willa presently resides.

Isaac and Elizabeth had a total of eight children and thus had a primary interest in establishing a school district. The fifth of their eight children was born in 1863, undoubtedly causing Isaac to be a primary instigator in the establishment of a new school district. He was one of the first board members when the district was established. The school, which was built close by the ranch, was named Winship School. There is a record of the existence of the Winship School in 1863, but it may have originated earlier. It's interesting to note that Mrs. Isaac Winship (Elizabeth) served as a member of the Winship Board of Trustees in 1888. That speaks well for a lady who reportedly could not read or write when she got married but was later taught by her husband. In 1888, the three member Board of Winship School consisted entirely of female trustees. Mrs. Winship and the other members may have been the first women to serve on a school board in Sutter County.

The children of Isaac and Elizabeth attended Winship School as did their grandchildren who were the sons and daughters of their son Oliver and his wife Eliza.

The children of Isaac and Elizabeth Brock Winship were all born at the Winship Ranch. They were Francis,

Charles, Edwin, Anna, Ada, William, Oliver and Mable. They all attended Winship School and lived long lives, except William who died at the age of one in 1867. According to family recollection, he was buried at the Winship Ranch under a fig tree in the family orchard. Home burials in rural California areas were not uncommon at this time. There is no record of this grave having ever been moved and its exact location is now unknown.

Francis Cinderella Winship, eldest child of Isaac and Elizabeth, was born November 22, 1854 and best known by her many nieces and nephews as Aunt Fanny. She married four times; to Jacob Saffell in 1874, Charles J. Mullett, John Gamsby and John C. Ahlf. She was the mother of seven children. Three of them died very young. Her surviving children included Lillian Maud Saffell, Benjamine Mullett, Amy Mullett and J. Frank Gamsby.

Lillian Maud Saffell, first child of Francis, married W. S. Hutchison and they were the parents of Lester Earl.

Benjamine Mullett, second child of Francis, married Neva Brown. They were the parents of Grace. He then married Cora Crews and they were the parents of Lawton, who married Betty Gebhart and they had three sons. Lawton later married Willie Duncan.

Amy Mullett, daughter of Francis, married Claude Brown. They were the parents of Arnold, Hanlon and Laverne. Hanlon Brown served as Sutter County Treasurer and Tax Collector for many years; prior to that he was a member of the California Highway Patrol. He was the first motorcycle patrolman between Marysville and Colusa. He married Ila McLean, daughter of Stanley McLean of

Sutter City. Their daughter Betty married William Arnett and they had two children. Amy later married Leroy Summy and they were the parents of Everett and Errol. Errol Summy, was a teacher and principal in Portola, Ferndale and West Sacramento. His paternal grandfather, George Summy, sold the major portion of the original site of Sutter City to the Sutter County Land Development and Reclamation Company that developed Sutter City. He married Myrna Howard and they were the parents of five children.

J. Frank Gamsby married Ola Anthony and they were the parents of Jay, Mary Gayle and Jeanne Belle.

Charles Belden Winship, second child of Isaac and Elizabeth was born April 9, 1856. He married Ada Stanton on Nov. 18, 1879. She was the mother of his two children, Byron and Margaret. He later married Mary A. Messick. His son, Byron, worked as a purser on a number of ships on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Margaret married John Foncesbeck and they had three children.

Edwin Winship, third child of Isaac and Elizabeth, was born March 26, 1858. He married Marie Schillig on Nov. 30, 1881. There is an interesting story that is known in the family, but is not really confirmed, that while plowing a field in his early farming days, he turned over a metal box that contained a significant amount of money. It is said that he used this money to purchase the land south of Yuba City where he ranched for many years. This ranch was located south of Winship Road which was named after him. The Edwin Winship home is still located near the corner of Winship Road and Railroad Avenue. He and Marie were the parents of seven children.

Elma, daughter of Edwin, married B. J. Herbooth. Their daughter, Jean, married Thomas Mallett and they had five children.

Edna, daughter of Edwin, married Harvey Wiseman. Their daughter Elizabeth married Richard Lawrence and had three children.

Norma, daughter of Edwin, married Robert Norman Kells who farmed prunes. Their son, Robert N. "Bob" Kells Jr. married Jean Triplett. He also farms prunes on the Kells ranch just south of Yuba City. This property was the original ranch of S. R. Chandler and was acquired from Mr. Chandler's estate by Bob's grandfather.

Edwin Gern Winship, son of Edwin, married Marie Guthrie. Edwin farmed peaches on the same ranch his father had acquired earlier. They were the parents of Meredith, Richard E. and Marilyn. Meredith married Gayle V. Morrison and they are the parents of Richard E., Linda and John A. Morrison. Richard E. married Audrey Leibing. They had no children. Marilyn was first married to William R. "Bill" Cleveland. They had one daughter, Sharon. Marilyn next married Siegfried Bauer and had a daughter named Heidi. Marilyn is presently married to Mark Smith.

Lawrence Winship, the youngest child of Edwin, worked for the First National Bank of Yuba City after he graduated from Marysville High School. He later worked as an accountant in the Bay Area.

Anna Winship, fourth child of Isaac and Elizabeth was born May 16, 1860. On December 31, 1878, she married William Caldwell, a Civil War veteran who had come to California about 1875. Their children are Bertha,

Edgar, Willie, Ethel, and Genevieve. The Caldwells owned a 160 acre ranch near Grimes in Colusa county.

Edgar lived in Grimes, was married to Isabella Smith; they had two sons named Edgar W. and David. James, a son of Edgar W. Caldwell, presently lives in this area and worked for the California State Department of Agriculture.

Willie Caldwell first married Helen Sullivan and they had three children. Willie was a veteran of World War I. His daughter, Doris, had a career in the U. S. Army retiring as a full colonel; she is now living in Arizona. Willie's other children were Raymond and Barbara. Raymond was a printer by trade and lived in the Sacramento area. Willie later married Mildred Watson and they had a daughter, Karen.

Ethel Caldwell came to Sutter City from Grimes in 1911 and lived with her cousin, Amy Brown (later Amy Summy) and her husband Claude. Ethel came to Sutter City so she could attend high school. Ethel later married Verne McPherrin of Sutter City, whose grandfather had homesteaded property there and also sold land to the Sutter County Land Development & Reclamation Co. in 1887 for the development of Sutter City. They were the parents of Robert Verne Jr. and Darwin who both served in the military during World War II. Robert Jr. married Joyce Powers and they had four children: Robert Verne III, Daralene, Maralene and Jill. Darwin married Julia Ditzler; they live in Sutter on land that was part of the property his great grandfather sold to the company.

Genevieve attended the Grand Island elementary school in Grimes,

Colusa County. William and Anna Caldwell bought a home in Sutter in 1913 and moved there so Genevieve and Ethel would be able to attend high school. Genevieve first attended the eighth grade which was down stairs in the school building. Her teacher and principal at that time was Mr. Alvin Weis, who later became a successful attorney. When the new Sutter Union High School was dedicated in 1913, Ethel and Genevieve were among the first group of students to attend classes there. One of their teachers was Stephen Hust, later known as an historian of Sutter County and California. Genevieve married Floyd Phillips "Fud" Burtis, the barber. They had three children named Evelyn, William (Bill), and Donald. Evelyn worked for many years for the Bank of America in Marysville. She is married to J. F. Monnie; they live in Lodi and have a son named Ronald. Bill was an engineer and worked for Lockheed Corporation. He is married and lives in Capitola. Donald is the only one who stayed in Sutter County. He was a teacher and principal in the Yuba Elementary and later Yuba City Unified School District for forty years, retiring in 1988. He married Beryl Vertrees and they had Eileen, Kenneth and Colleen.

Fifth of the children of Isaac Winship was Ada Winship, born March 28, 1863. She married three times; to Daniel O. Baker who was the Assessor of Colusa county, Harry Weinrich, and Thomas McDermott. Ada lived most of her life in Colusa county and was the mother of four children.

The sixth child of Isaac Winship was William Winship, born April 24, 1867 and died August 1, 1868.

Seventh was Oliver Everett

Winship, born October 20, 1870. He married Eliza Ross in 1895. Oliver was a successful rancher who retired from active farming while yet a young man and moved to Berkeley. They were the parents of five children who attended Winship School. All of their children except Nylda, their youngest daughter, attended Sutter High School. When their son Chester began high school, he stayed with the Schyler Wadsworth family in Sutter City. When his brother and sister, Ted and Shyrlie, were attending high school, they had an automobile to use. In bad weather they would sometimes drive the car to Meridian and travel to Sutter City on the Northern Electric Railroad, getting off at the depot near where Close Lumber Co. is now located and walking to the high school. Nylda attended Berkeley High School, where her parents had moved while Ted attended the University of California.

Chester Winship graduated from Sutter High School in 1915. He passed a County Teachers examination and began his career as the teacher at Slough School in 1916. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War I as a navigator on a submarine and while stationed on the east coast married Marjorie Hartridge. They adopted their son Robert as a baby. He became a physician who practiced in the Bay area and now lives in the state of Washington. In 1919, Chester was the teacher of Winship school which his grandfather had helped to establish. In 1920 he was teacher-principal at Meridian and from 1921 to 1951 was the principal and District Superintendent of Yuba School District. Chester Winship was a dedicated educator who helped the Yuba School District through many changes

and problems. When Yuba City High School was created in 1922, there were classes located in the upstairs classrooms of the old two story school on the corner of Bridge and Plumas Streets. He oversaw the building of the brick Bridge Street School which replaced the old two story school house. In 1950, a second school (Park Avenue) was constructed in the Yuba School District while he was the Superintendent. From 1951 until he died in 1955 he served as District Superintendent of Yuba City High School.

Foster Winship, second son of Oliver, farmed the Smith/Winship ranch south of Meridian for many years and later sold real estate. He married Bernice Peterson and they were the parents of Janet and Alan. Janet married Lamar Stephenson and they had Teresa, Deborah, Stephanie, and Matthew. Janet later married Kenneth Ede. Alan married Shyrlie Burgess and they had Danny, Janine, Brian and Robert.

Desmond, better known as "Ted," third son of Oliver, was an attorney in Yuba City. He served four years as Sutter County District Attorney. He and his wife Leila are the parents of John O. Winship who worked as a Boy Scout executive, later got his law degree and is now an attorney in Yuba City and practices law in the building where his father's office was located on the corner of Second and B Streets. This was earlier the office of Lawrence Shillig who was the brother of Marie who married Edwin, who was Ted's uncle. John married Beverly Leguerra.

Shyrlie, daughter of Oliver, married Kenneth Brown and they had two children named Kenneth and Shyrlie. They lived many years in the Bay Area



and Shyrlie now lives in Red Bluff. She is the last survivor of the children of Oliver.

Nylda, daughter of Oliver, married Thomas Dee and they had two children named Dorothy and Joan. They lived in the Bay Area.

The eighth child of Isaac Winship was Mable Claire Winship, born October 20, 1878. She married Seely Cook. They were the parents of seven children: Gladys, Irlene, Cecil, Doris, Ena, June and the only son, Seely Jr.

Gladys, first child of Mable, married George Leal and they had five children named Cecil, Forrest, Elma, Allen and Elizabeth.

Irlene, second child of Mable, married John Eugene Morrison who was involved in farming and business in the Yuba City area for many years. He was also instrumental in the development of Fremont Hospital. They had two children Elizabeth and Daryl. Elizabeth "Betty," married John David Gay and had a daughter named Deanna. They lived in Tiburon, CA. Daryl, called "Skip," and his wife, Bette, were the parents of Terrie and Eugene Morrison. Daryl and his present wife, Patricia, live locally.

Cecil, third child of Mable, died of pneumonia at age 18 in 1920.

Doris, fourth child of Mable, married Daniel Stevenson. For many years he ran his service station at the southwest corner of Shasta and Bridge Streets in Yuba City. Stevenson's Service Center was called a super service station since it had two banks of gas pumps, the first of a kind in the Twin City Area. They had four children who were Diane, Colleen, Daniel and Dennis.

Ena, fifth child of Mable, married Roy Bellah and lived most of her life in the Lake Tahoe area. She had no

children.

June, sixth child of Mable, married first James Flynn and had a daughter named Kathleen. Kathleen was married several times and had a total of six children who live in various parts of the state and country. She had two children with Robert F. Ketchel, two with Frank Manriquez, and two with Steve Dillon. Her last marriage was to Delbert Denny and they have no children. June Cook Flynn later married Matthew "Mike" Mikulas who was an auto mechanic. They had Judith and Michael. Judith married Robert Eckert and lives in Southern California; they have two children. Michael married Sandra Ames and they have a son; Michael has worked locally for many years for Pepsi Cola Co.

Seely Jr., seventh child of Mable, married Willa Nyburg; they had four children: Seely III, Susan, Craig and Patricia Cook. Seely Cook III married Kathleen Prestopino. Their children are Seely and Ian. Susan married William Webb and they have children Thomas and Elizabeth. Craig and his wife Katherine have children Julia and Jonathan. Patricia and Jeffrey Callaway have a son named Tory.

I wonder if Isaac even remotely thought about what he was starting when he galloped off with Elizabeth on that big black horse. If he had done the same thing today, he would likely have been arrested, but as it is, I'm sure the above mentioned people are all glad that he did what he did!

So, on this 220th anniversary of the Fourth of July, we descendants who are living salute our ancestor Isaac Augustus Winship, Pioneer of Sutter County, on the 174th anniversary of his birth.

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# Coming Events

July

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Sutter County Historical Society Potluck in the Park  
Howard Harter Memorial Park -- 6:30 p.m.  
Program: Rosemarie Mossinger

September

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Closing of Exhibit: *The Road Not Forgotten:  
The Journey of Japanese Descendants in Butte, Colusa,  
Sutter and Yuba Counties (1889-1995)*

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Nicolaus Labor Day Parade

14 & 15 Prune Festival - Fairgrounds

Late September (Date to be announced)

Community Memorial Museum

History of East Indians in Yuba and Sutter Counties

Exhibit opens

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Mary Aaron Museum in Marysville is closed indefinitely while  
repairing damage from the January '95 storms. The Mary Aaron  
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