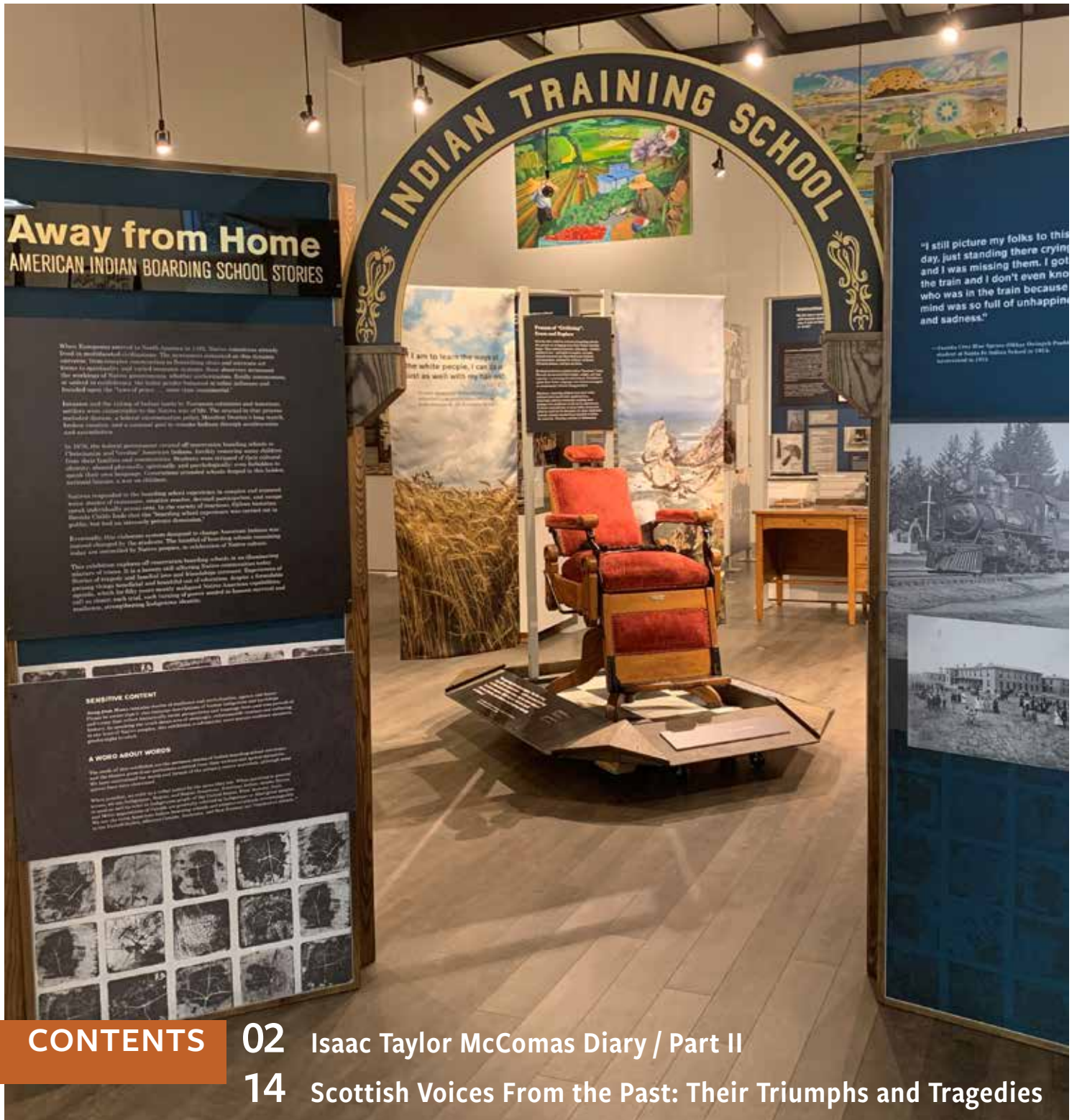


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Our Mission

The Sutter County Museum shares local stories to strengthen community bonds, to inspire celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, and to demonstrate how understanding the past prepares us for the future.

About the Bulletin

The **Bulletin** is published quarterly by the Sutter County Museum Association. This fiscal year, the Association is publishing three editions due to the financial ramifications of the pandemic. Editors are Sharyl Simmons and Phyllis Smith. Renewal of annual membership provides you with a subscription to the **Bulletin**.

Museum Association

The Association is a 501(c)(3) organization that fundraises and supports the operation of the Museum.

Applications to join are available on the Museum's website. If you are interested in history and want to do something meaningful for our community, please consider applying! New applicants to the Association are approved by a vote of the full Association. Members serve for 4-year terms.

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Due to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, Sutter County has been forced to scale back services across the County. As a result, the Sutter County Museum is severely affected by the decrease with our professional museum staff positions going from 2.5 full-time employees to 1.5 full-time employees. This has a significant impact on our capacity to provide services to the community and operate the Museum. Our public hours are now:

Wednesdays – Fridays from 9am-5pm
Saturdays from 12-4pm

While we will work hard to remain open for every advertised hour, low staffing levels will likely result in occasional unexpected closures. Please feel free to call the Museum at 530-822-7141 on the day of your visit to ensure it is open.

Please also review our website at suttercountymuseum.org for full information on current services provided. Some services have decreased or will not currently be offered based on the capacity available to provide these services to the community. Museum staff and our dedicated volunteers also appreciate your patience with a potentially delayed response time due to low staffing levels.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, and we are still committed to using available resources to continue bringing free engaging exhibits and free educational programs to the Yuba-Sutter community and beyond.

We could not operate the Museum without all of you and feel very grateful for your ongoing support. If you are interested in helping out the Museum during this time, please consider increasing your membership level or a donation to the Sutter County Museum Association, a nonprofit organization. Donations raised by the Museum Association support our traveling exhibits, free educational programs, and more: suttercountymuseum.org/support.



AWAY FROM HOME ON DISPLAY AT THE SUTTER COUNTY MUSEUM.

Exhibits

- ***Away From Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories*** is on display until August 10th.
- ***Away From Home*** examines an important and often unknown period of American history. Beginning in the 1870s and up until the 1930s, the U.S. government attempted to educate and assimilate American Indians into “civilized” society by placing children – of all ages and from hundreds of diverse cultures – in distant boarding schools. Many were forcibly taken from their families and stripped of their cultures, even forbidden to speak their own language amongst themselves. Children often went years without family contact, and these events have a lasting impact on Native communities today. This exhibit explores off-reservation boarding schools through a variety of voices with photographs, interviews, and objects.
- This exhibition was adapted from the permanent exhibition of the same title, organized by the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. Both exhibits were supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is brought to you by Mid-America Arts Alliance, The National Endowment for the Arts, and The Chickasaw Nation.

- The annual **2025 Sutter Buttes Calendar** exhibit will be on display this August, with the reception on August 23rd from 6:00-8:00pm.

The exhibit celebrates and shares the work of photographers chosen for inclusion in the 2025 Sutter Buttes Calendar.

Events

Save the Dates! We have two big events that we want to share:

- **Trees & Traditions: Winter Wonderland** will take place on Friday, December 6th. Save the date and join us for the Museum's annual fundraiser featuring festive food & drinks, local music, and, of course, holiday trees and traditions.
- The **Sutter County Museum's 50th Anniversary** will be celebrated in April of 2025. Join us for a celebration of 50 years of the Museum on the weekend of April 25th-27th. Exact event date and time to be announced. More information will be available as the date approaches!

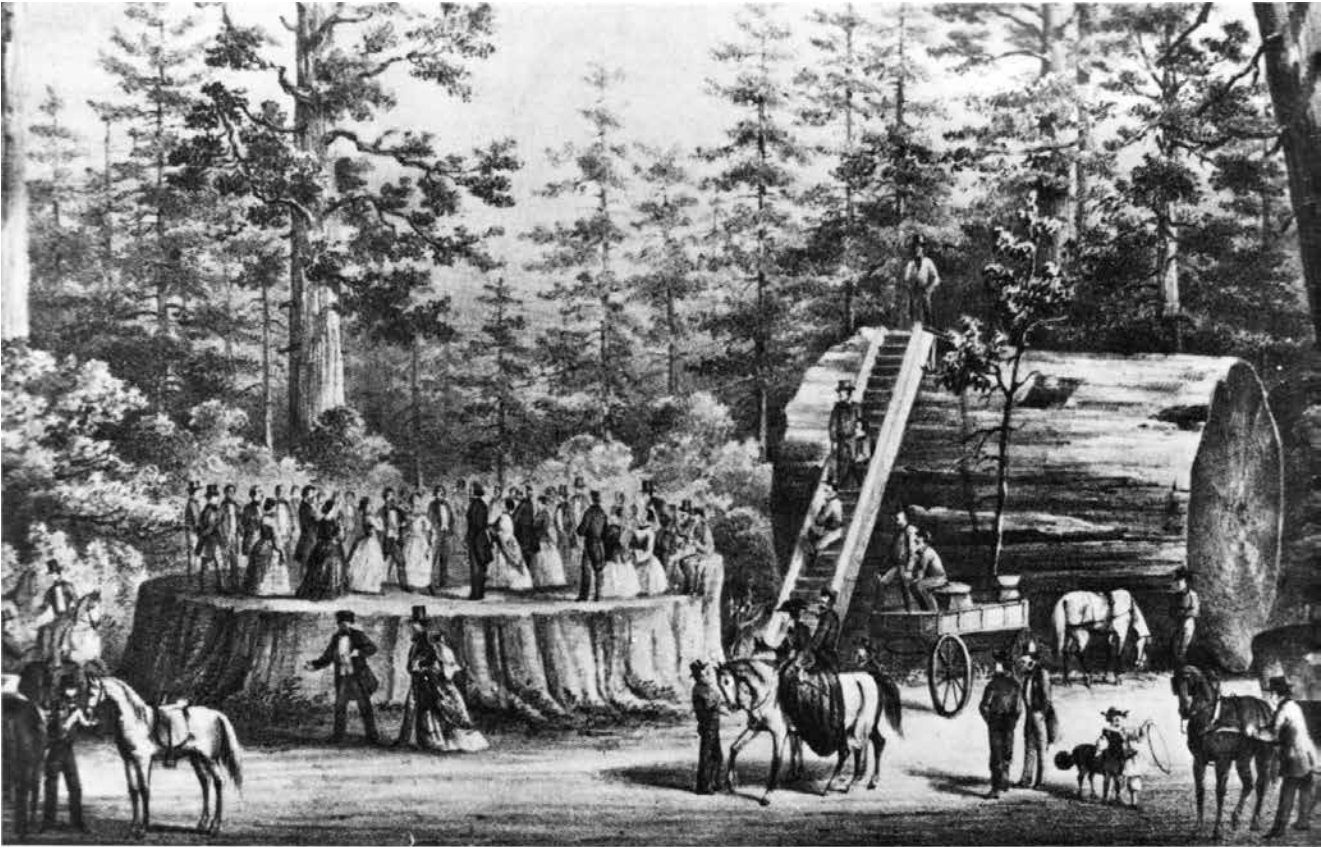
To learn more about the Museum's exhibits, events, and projects, visit our website at www.suttercountymuseum.org. Sign up for our e-Newsletter by scrolling to the bottom of the page to receive monthly updates.

Isaac Taylor McComas Diary

Part II: 1857 – 1858

We met Isaac McComas through his diary in the Winter 2024 Bulletin. McComas came to California from Maryland to strike it rich in the gold fields. He quickly realized that his talent lay elsewhere and settled in Marysville in 1854. As a skilled mason, he found work the day he arrived and worked continuously throughout his eleven-year stay in California. Fortunately for us, he began a diary when he left Maryland and continued it throughout his life. We are printing an annotated version of his years in Marysville in the Bulletin.

Through his eyes, we see Marysville as it grew from a village of tents to a city of brick buildings. As a tee-totaler, he applied his non-work life to fraternal organizations, joining a fire company, and participating in the activities a growing city could offer.



THE CALAVERAS BIG TREE FELLED IN 1857. THE IMAGE SHOWS A PARTY OF 32 DANCING ON THE PLANED STUMP.

1857

One of the largest trees in California is in Calaveras County and called the Big Tree and has long since bowed his head in the dust, yet it measures 112 feet in circumference at the base and is supposed to have been standing 450 feet in height.¹ Particulars given by the Rev. E. Merchant of the M E Church.

Jan. 1, 1857

I am still in Marysville and have been here most three years and still in partners with Mr. McDonald.² I settled up my account and I think I made about three thousand dollars last year. Went to sing at evening prayer meeting.

Jan. 11, 1857

My partner was married today³ by Rev. Wallsworth.⁴



JAMES MCDONALD'S VAULT IN THE MARYSVILLE CITY CEMETERY. CONSTRUCTED IN 1871 AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, HE JOINED HER THERE IN 1913.

¹ The tree was felled by using pump augers and chisels, as no saw was big enough to take it down. It became a focal point and was roofed with canvas and cedar boughs. The stump was planed smooth and used for dances and other public functions.

² James B. McDonald, a native of Kentucky.

³ James B. McDonald married Ellen M. Trego of Yuba City.

⁴ Reverend E. B. Wallsworth.

Jan. 17, 1857

The snow is very deep in the mountains from four to twenty feet deep. It is very pleasant here. Valley grass is quite green. I bought a lot on C St. for \$100.00. It was sold for taxes. I redeemed it.

Jan. 31, 1857

I arched over Mr. Linger's grave today in the Catholic burying ground.

Feb. 2, 1857

I was drawn as a Grand Juror and had to appear at the Court House at 10 o'clock. On Feb. third, we dwelled mostly on Webster⁵ and his two colleagues now in jail for stealing a horse and an attempted highway robbery. In the evening, I went to class.

Feb. 5, 1857

Sat on jury from 10 to 3. We visited the Hospital and found it in good order. We visited and examined Webster and Shelly and Frank and found some counterfeit money. Also Mr. Hudson appeared before us and made some disclosures about a gang of Highwaymen now in jail, but we were successful in getting a good clue on them.

Feb. 8, 1857

Warren and I took Miss Wingham and Miss Susan Germill on a very pleasant walk to the Graveyard. Webster and his two colleagues were found guilty.

Feb. 18, 1857

The river is within 7 feet of being as high as it was in 1854. I finished repairing my privy.⁶ It rained up to a foot or so. Mack⁷ and I rode over to Yuba City to see Mr. Hudson⁸ about building him a house. He gave us the job @ \$17.00 per thousand. Evening I went to the debating society⁹ and they elected me President. I commenced my well today at \$1.25 per foot.

Feb. 26, 1857

Weather very muddy and wet. Our sidewalks this winter mostly are paved which is a great improvement to the city of Marysville.

Mar. 2, 1857

We started Mr. Hanson's home in Yuba City today. Our work for \$17.00 per thousand. We have to pay \$1.50 a load to have the bricks hauled. We topped out the house in Yuba City. It has about

40,000 bricks in it. I collected some money in Yuba City and saw a horse race. About 200 people present. I was up all last night setting a range at the Merchants Hotel. I was reelected president of the Filometheon¹⁰ Society.

Mar. 16, 1857

Today is election day for mayor and city offices. I voted the peoples ticket¹¹ with but two exceptions. I was initiated last night in the Corinthian Lodge¹² of the Masonic Order. I was very much pleased with them. We commenced to take out the first story of Mr. J. C. Fall's store today. We will remodel it with pressed brick and iron frames on 1st.

Mar. 21, 1857

I visited the Masons and then went to the debating team society of which I am their President. The subject was Spiritualism. I don't like it.

Apr. 1, 1857

I went to the fire company meet and stopped at Cowbell Pond.

Apr. 15, 1857

I went to Oroville and set a range for Mr. Fagan in the Empire Hotel.¹³ I went by stage a distance

⁵ James Webster. In the *Chico Weekly*, he was identified as an escaped convict known in prison as Rattlesnake Dick.

⁶ Outhouse.

⁷ James B. McDonald.

⁸ There is significant confusion about the name, as later McComas identifies him as Mr. Hanson.

⁹ Young Men's Debating Society.

¹⁰ Probably Philomathean Society. This evidently was a local debating society.

¹¹ People's Ticket candidates won for Recorder, Treasurer, Marshal, and Clerk while Democrats carried the Mayor and Assessor. The Council was split with six from each party elected. The *Marysville Daily Herald* claimed this as evidence that the local voters elected based on character rather than party.

¹² Corinthian Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M. was organized in December 1854 and the charter issued in 1855 as Corinthian Lodge, No. 69. It consolidated with the Marysville Lodge, No. 9 in 1874. At that point, it became known as Corinthian Lodge, No. 9.

¹³ Located on Montgomery Street, between Myers and Downer in Oroville.

of 30 or 40 miles through very pretty farms. It was a very pretty ride and a little town of about 6,000 people in a vast mining country. We laid about 2,000 brick in the Court House. I have a strong notion to come and start my business here. All the buildings are framed.



BUTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Apr. 20, 1857

I rode all day after my two oxen I lost on the other side of Feather River but did not find them, then I started quite early to go to Wilton Ponds about 13 miles and finally found my oxen and got home with them at 9 o'clock.

¹⁴ Probably Captain J. A. Bayley, a riverboat captain.

¹⁵ John T. McCarty.

Apr. 24, 1857

In Oroville trying to make arrangements with Mr. McConnell to burn and make brick at \$7.50 per thousand in the yard. He wants \$8.00. No bargain yet. He has engaged 400,000 bricks. The contract is in Mr. Hessing's hands.

Apr. 28, 1857

I made a bargain with the butcher to furnish us with beef for 15¢ and pork for 16¢ per pound. I bought 52 cords of wood for \$5.50 per cord.

May 5, 1857

I went to the Court House as a witness for the price of wood last summer for Captain Bayley.¹⁴ Was at the kiln all day. I worked on Brown Lee's house on D St. next to O. H. Pearson's stables. McDonald and I had a little trouble about some business affairs, he wanted a deed for the lot I sold him and I would not give him until a settlement was made between us.

May 14, 1857

I took a receipt from Mr. McDonald for \$1,771.88 on half of which I gave of my portion of the lot next to Lawyer McCarty's¹⁵ on D St. The lot is valued at \$1,000.00 and I am very pleased with the bargain. I am about to make a trade on my corner for Mr. Kimball's house on 6th. The value is \$1,600.00.

May 18, 1857

Mr. J. Kimball and I traded, and I am to give my script up which is now with the interest of \$1,900. We take even for a house and a lot on 5th St. next to the corner of F Street and it is now renting for \$40.00 per month and taxes \$40.00 annually. Times are very hard in Marysville, I have not rented my house on D St. It has been standing about 3 months. I settled up with Mr. Fall today \$1,090.00 coming to us. He gave a note for \$50.00 for 35 days.

May 21, 1857

I got my script today and paid it over and got the deed for the lot on D St. and house. We had quite a fire this evening on the corner of Front and A St. It burned more than 20 houses.¹⁶

May 24, 1857

Mr. Williams and I went to Bear River at Mr. Crabtree's Ranch to see Mr. Wheeler the Baptist Minister. We heard him preach. We brought him up and he preached at City Hall. Miss Lannie and I took a walk to the ice cream saloon. We started Mr. Owens and his two partners two houses on Virgin Alley.

June 1, 1857

Mac and Rabe were taken with Colemorbis¹⁷ this evening, very bad. Col. Watkins agreed to keep my house on 5th St. at \$40.00 per month.

June 3, 1857

I am going to board with the family that is in my house @ \$10.00 per week. I get \$50 for the house for a month. Gave in my papers today. The assessment

is about \$4.00 on the hundred and I have in my house on D for \$20.00.

June 10, 1857

The comet¹⁸ is the topic of conversation now. I went prospecting – no luck.

June 16, 1857

We received the vigilants¹⁹ of San Francisco today. They were here about 7 o'clock. They were guests of Yubas. All of the company turned out. We (Yuruka)²⁰ gave the vigilantes their breakfast this morning at the Watch Cher House and all had a very lovely time. I figured on the bridge that crosses Yuba.

June 23, 1857

Mr. Lord²¹ was buried today by the Masons, Firemen, and Oddfellow's. He had a very large turnout for a funeral.

July 1, 1857

We started a granary for Mr. Stephen across the Feather River near Yuba City. We'll buy the brick in Yuba City for \$9.00 delivered.

July 4, 1857

Most of the people went out to the park from Marysville for the 4th of July fireworks.

July 25, 1857

The temperature stood at 108 degrees in the shade. I got a job to figure out on the corner of 1st and D St. Money is very hard to collect.

July 30, 1857

Our arrangements to set a price on brick workers all fell through on account of D. Wimpler.

¹⁶ As reported in the *Marysville Daily Appeal*, the fire broke out in a house on the corner of A & First Streets. The strong southwesterly wind caused the fire to spread. The houses, being constructed of wood with cloth linings, burned quickly. Twenty-four wooden buildings and one small brick building were destroyed, their value set at about \$6,500. The paper then tells who owned the houses and businesses and how much each owner lost: "The loss of Cupid Blue, a colored man, is about \$400. Total loss of buildings and property about \$10,000." Cupid Blue was one of the founders of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

¹⁷ Cholera morbus is an old term for severe gastroenteritis that usually occurred in the summer or autumn.

¹⁸ Astronomers predicted the appearance relatively soon of a visible comet (probably Donati's comet, which appeared in 1858) and from this came the prediction, from a source never pinned down, that a comet would strike Earth on June 13, 1857 and destroy it. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.'s poem *The Comet*, written in 1832, was republished in newspapers across the United States. By June 14, life was carrying on, and newspapers were eager to point out how silly the entire episode was.

¹⁹ The Vigilant Engine Fire Co. No. 9 of San Francisco visited Marysville for several days.

²⁰ Eureka.

²¹ Luther Laird, 1824-1857. He was a native of Kentucky.

Aug. 4, 1857

I went before the Supervisors and asked for a duplicate of price of script that I got \$44.00 granted, I bought \$21.00 of script from Moxley at 55¢. We started the foundation wall for the bridge across the Yuba River.

Aug. 6, 1857

We finished the foundation at the bridge on the other side of the Yuba. We are selling brick from 8 to 10 dollars per thousand. I commenced a job for Mr. Low and Brothers bankers. James O'Hara²² died last night.

Aug. 10, 1857

We built a brick foundation wall on this side of the river at the bridge.²³ Last night I sat up with Mr. Elder's²⁴ family, they all being sick. I sold script today at 55¢ on the dollar.

Aug. 15, 1857

They are going to have about 60,000 more brick laid at the bridge.

Aug. 17, 1857

Mr. Steele the contractor is getting fine with the bridge. We get lots of cantaloupes, watermelons, and peaches where we work near the bridge.

Aug. 28, 1857

We are getting \$14.00 per day laying brick on the Yuba Bridge. We will finish the bridge tomorrow. I received from Baltimore about the death of my dear Grandmother. She died July 12. I visited Lodge.

Sept. 4, 1857

Today is our state election and there is lots of excitement.

Sept. 13, 1857

Mr. Smith former sexton was baptized today in Feather River. We are starting to raise the fourth

story of the United States Hotel. We are paid \$9.00 per day. I commenced to set and take down four mantle pieces, two are marble and two are iron at Mr. Falls house.²⁵



FALL-CHEIM HOUSE.

Sept. 23, 1857

I worked all day at Mr. Fall's store and I measured up the foundation on the walls of the bridge. Number of bricks: 77,585. Price per thousand \$14.00 amounting to \$1086.19. I bought 4 shares in the L.F.V. Marysville Railroad²⁶ at \$500 per share. Paid in all \$2,000.

Sept. 25, 1857

We are hoisting up the brick on the U. S. Hotel with horsepower.

Sept. 29, 1857

Tomorrow morning I will set fire to the largest kiln of brick that was ever burnt in or around Marysville.

²² He was 45 years old. No other information known.

²³ Bridge across the Yuba River. It was completed in the fall of 1857. The *Chico Enterprise-Record* stated that it was said to be "very firmly built." It lasted less than a year. In May 1858, the current undermined the pier on the south side, and half of the bridge collapsed. The collapsed portion was cut away at the middle support in order to save the north side. The paper reported that the shock produced by the fall of the bridge broke the telegraph wire on the Marysville side.

²⁴ Probably T. B. Elder, a merchant in Marysville.

²⁵ This is the Fall-Cheim house on 7th Street in Marysville.

²⁶ He is likely referring to the California Central Railroad Co., organized in 1857 with J. C. Fall as President.

Oct. 17, 1857

I have been setting up with the yard hands all day and we burnt 63 holes 18,500 per hole. The full amount this season we made 1,237,000 bricks.

Oct. 19, 1857

I paid my taxes and Mac together. My city \$85.47, county \$82.89.

Oct. 20, 1857

Mr. Steele²⁷ and I got the public school house. The brick 43,000. We agreed to do it for \$5,600 and digging and grading. We do it for \$13 per thousand. I joined Yuba Lodge²⁸ this evening.

Oct. 23, 1857

We started the colored church (Baptist)²⁹ on the corner of High and 6th. We furnished the brick and laid them for \$1,782.00. About 17,000 bricks.

Nov. 7, 1857

Worked all day for Mr. Ramears³⁰ on D St. remodeling one of his stores.

Nov. 10, 1857

I collected \$200.00 of Mr. Remears³¹ and \$350.00 of W. R. Hayson of the colored church. Bro. Hapgood³² and I took a walk across the bridge.³³ It is all finished and beautiful. We finished up the square of the colored church. But we had quite

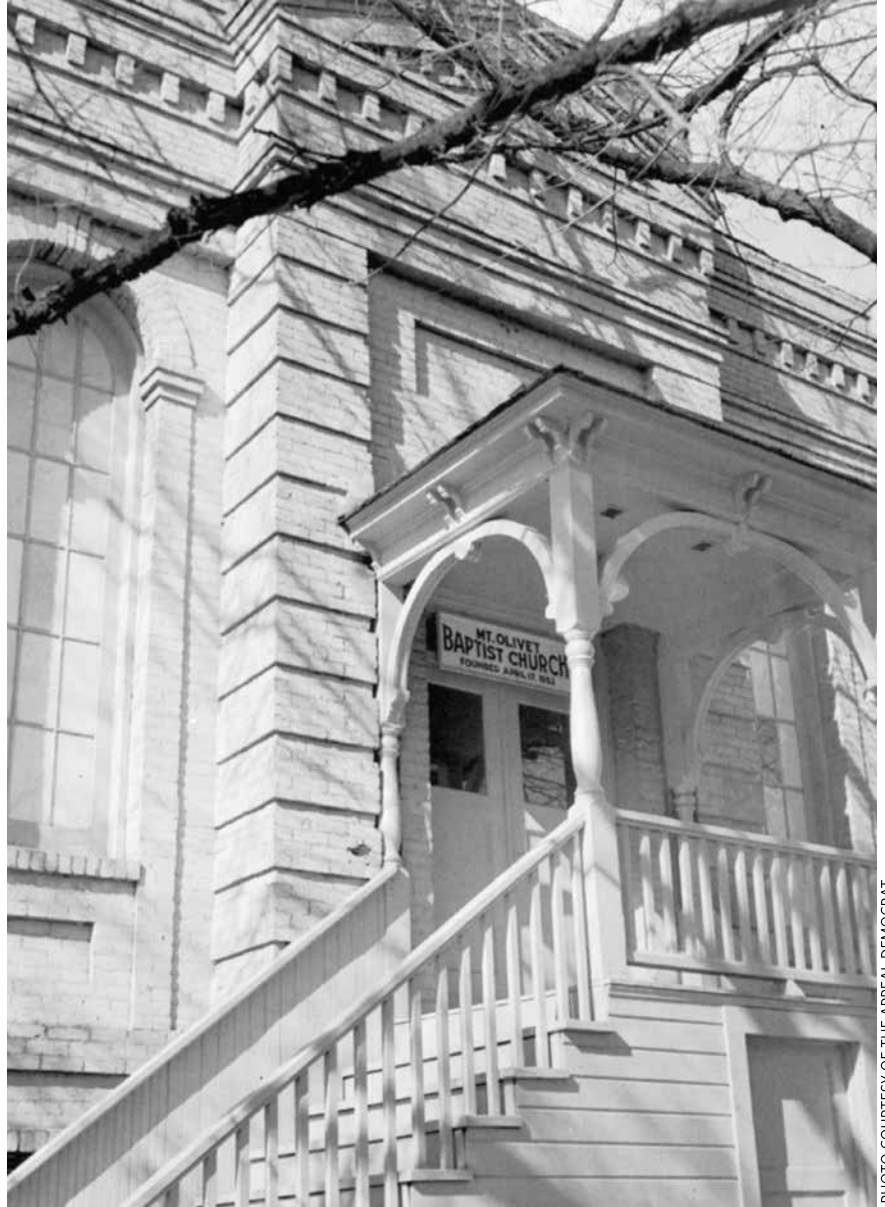


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MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH, THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN MARYSVILLE. THE CHURCH'S BASEMENT HOUSED THE FIRST SCHOOL IN MARYSVILLE FOR BLACK CHILDREN – THE THIRD IN THE STATE THAT OBTAINED GOVERNMENT FUNDING. WHILE SOME CITIES IN CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED THEIR SCHOOLS EARLIER, SCHOOL SEGREGATION DID NOT LEGALLY END UNTIL 1880.

²⁷ John A. Steele ultimately submitted a bill for \$6,000 for the construction.

²⁸ Yuba Lodge, No. 39, F. & A. M established in 1853. McComas seemed to join every Masonic lodge in the vicinity.

²⁹ Mount Olivet Baptist Church, organized in 1856. The first services were held in the new building in 1857 with the Rev. Charles Satchell as pastor.

³⁰ Ramirez.

³¹ Ramirez.

³² Probably Charles Hapgood, later Postmaster of Marysville.

³³ The ill-fated Yuba Bridge.

a cave in at the privy vault, but we were able to get out of the way.

Nov. 14, 1857

I bought a watch from Mr. Baldwin for \$47.00 and collected on the bridge \$256.20.

Nov. 24, 1857

Today I am 28 years old and am happy to say that I am well and doing good but not married yet. I visited the Oriental Lodge.³⁴

Dec. 6, 1857

Mr. Stone³⁵ our Baptist Minister preached in City Hall.

Dec. 15, 1857

I bought a lot joining my house on 5th and D St. 40 by 80 for \$400. I borrowed the amount and paid 3% per month. I got my ring today. Mr. Gillmore made it for me out of the gold that I mined in 1854 while in the mountains. He did not charge me one cent for making it.

Dec. 22, 1857

Mr. Low³⁶ the banker was married today.

Dec. 25, 1857

I went to the Episcopal Church and spent a pleasant day.

Dec. 31, 1857

Worked for Mr. Ramears³⁷ on D St.

This is the last day of the year, and I am very happy to find myself so well. I've met so many lovely people.



FRANK FERDINAND LOW, MARYSVILLE BANKER
AND LATER GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

1858

Jan. 1, 1858

I am still living in Marysville and boarding with Mr. Sherman on D St. I collected the balance on the U.S. Hotel and gave a note to L. Smith for \$35.00 for wood at the rate of 3% per month. We received a note for

³⁴ Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Oriental Lodge No. 45. Lodge formed in 1855. The Odd Fellow's Hall was at the corner of 3rd & D Streets in Marysville.

³⁵ Rev. O. B. Stone preached in City Hall from March 1854 until it was destroyed by fire in May of the same year. There were no regular services until 1860 when services were held in the Court House until 1862 and a brick church building was erected on the corner of 8th & E Streets.

³⁶ Frank Ferdinand Low, Marysville banker, married Mollie Creed. He later served as U. S. House of Representative from California's at-large district from June 3, 1862 to March 3, 1863. He served as ninth Governor of California from December 1863 to December 1867. Yosemite National Park and the University of California were established during his administration. He was the United States Minister to China during the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant from September 1869 to July 1874.

³⁷ Ramirez.



MARYSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT THE CORNER OF 7TH & B STREETS.

the balance on the colored church (Baptist)³⁸ for \$685.00.

Jan. 17, 1858

Mr. Stone our Baptist minister preached for us in the City Hall and for the colored folk in the evening. I started a privy for Mr. McDuffy at the El Dorado³⁹ and a job on 1st Street.

Jan. 27, 1858

We topped out the School House today – a fine building.

Jan. 30, 1858

I received two letters from Brother Jacob. One contained a draft on Wells Fargo and Co. for \$513.58. Money that I paid into a building association while I was in Baltimore. I agreed to buy Mr. Paine's⁴⁰ brick yard for \$1,000.00 and I paid \$200 on it. Times are very hard.⁴¹

Feb. 13, 1858

Leward and Bowen are doing the brick work of the Station House.

We set a boiler for Mr. Hisey at the soap factory.⁴² Stayed in and read about the war in Mexico.⁴³ I figured up the brick work and plastering of the Yuba Court House. It amounted to 283,854 brick and 2,131 yards of plastering. And that only covers half of the opening. We also did a job for Mr. Gingell and Taylor on High St. and Second fixing the wall that fell down. I paid \$300.00 to Mr. Paine today for those lots to make brick on. I have paid

³⁸ McComas specifies Baptist, as there was also an African Methodist Episcopal Church, which began in 1854.

³⁹ A saloon.

⁴⁰ Sumner Paine.

⁴¹ The financial Panic of 1857 affected every aspect of the economy. It was felt most strongly in the industrialized north. Because of the telegraph, for the first time, news of the economic downturn spread rapidly, leading to runs on banks and a generalized financial downturn.

⁴² Jonathan Hisey, a native of Virginia, had a soap factory on 4th St. near A St.

⁴³ Known as the War of Reform, this was a civil conflict between liberals and conservatives. After the overthrow of the dictatorship of Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna (yes, the Santa Anna of the Alamo), the new constitution attempted to limit the political power of the executive branch, as well as the political, economic, and cultural power of the Catholic Church. The resulting conflict lasted until 1860.

him \$500.00 and still owe him \$500.00. The Court House of Yuba⁴⁴ was awarded to Mr. Deardorff, a carpenter.

Mar. 2, 1858

I fitted up my room on D St. and moved in it. It is an addition that I have just finished and I rented my house on F and Fifth to Mr. Selby to commence the fifteenth of March for \$40 per month. I promised to build an addition. I am raising a story on my house on the corner of 5th and F St. It will cost me about \$817.00 all told.

Mar. 16, 1858

Worked all day at the graveyard. A Democrat Mayor was elected.

Mar. 29, 1858

We agreed to build a stable for O. H. Pierson⁴⁵ and wait one year for the money @ 2% per month. Our part amounts to \$133.00. Read more about the war with Mexico. Galvin was hung today.⁴⁶ He was caught in our back yard. I saw him before he was taken down. He looked very bad and a great many strangers came to see him hung. We have removed our Hall to the Gingell block on Second street. I bought a horse at Oaktown for \$88.00 to work in the brick

machine. We finished work at the School House and the committee examined it and are ready to report favorably. I rode across Feather River to see some wood at \$5.75 a cord.

May 7, 1858

We finished Dr. Rice's job on 5th. The Court House in Yuba City has finally been settled and Mr. Deardoff will build it. I expect to give my figures.

May 10, 1858

McDonald and I are making arrangements to dissolve partnership. I will buy him out. The settlement of our School House was bought up this evening before the City Counsel and left to a committee.

May 15, 1858

I gave in my bid on a pavilion, a building to be erected on Cartes⁴⁷ Square. We finished Mr. Dinklas⁴⁸ job on E St. and we commenced two other jobs one for Judge Bliss⁴⁹ and a job for Mr. Williams and Co. We have a very good brick collection today. I paid \$185.00 for wood.

May 24, 1858

I started a job at the Marysville Mill for Mr. Williams⁵⁰ and company.

May 29, 1858

McDonald and I have been settling up all day. We settled up all our notes and divided all. The bridge across Yuba River was washed out today. Damage was over \$10,000. Lots of people were lost and washed away.

June 3, 1858

We started work for Reynolds Brothers Bankers.⁵¹ The work we are doing for him at Peaxsly⁵² Building on the corner of High and Third. I gave my note to Mr. Deardorff for \$555.00 at 2½% per month.

June 11, 1858

The Fraizer River⁵³ gold excitement is still raging in this place as well as all parts of California. I would like to be going myself but can't. The gold discovery is real big news. Thousands are leaving California. The supposition is that it will hurt the county and country for a year or so. Thousands are leaving all together. I would love to go but I am too busy. Fraizer River excitement is very bad at present for anything doing here.

June 29, 1858

Feather River Bridge Toll House

⁴⁴ Sutter County Courthouse in Yuba City.

⁴⁵ Besides his stable, Pierson ran an auction house selling everything from flowers to furniture.

⁴⁶ John Galvin was convicted of killing Jacob Bilbee (or Bilsby as newspapers were as creative spellers as McComas) during a fight. The *Daily Express* estimated 2,000 people attended the execution. Galvin was born in Massachusetts and was about 35 years old.

⁴⁷ Cortez Square was located between 5th & 6th Streets where the current Courthouse is now.

⁴⁸ Possibly Denckla & Bro., a flour and grain store.

⁴⁹ Simeon M. Bliss, County Judge and later elected District Judge.

⁵⁰ S. G. Williams. The business was located at 2nd & F Streets.

⁵¹ G. A., C. H., and R. J. Reynolds' bank was originally on 1st St. between D & High Streets, but they moved to 142 3rd St. between D & High Streets.

⁵² Could be Seymour Pixley.

⁵³ Fraser River Gold Rush in the newly declared colony of British Columbia, Canada.

caught fire at noon today and burnt down but we saved the bridge.

July 6, 1858

We finished the work on First street for Low Brothers, the bankers. This evening I went to the Lodge⁵⁴ installation of officers and I was installed as secretary. Officers as followers – N. G. Hudson, V. G. George Merritt, Rec. Sec. B. F. McLott, Treasure Jas. L. Daily.

July 13, 1858

I am now permanent secretary of the lodge.

July 27, 1858

I got a job today for McNess and Dougherty⁵⁵ – a Saloon on the corner of C and 5th. Went to a sing after I came back and had ice cream.

Aug. 8, 1858

I went to Camp meeting today out by the Buttes. Then to Christeys Minstrels.⁵⁶ Times are quite busy now on account of the fair next Monday.

Aug. 23, 1858

The great fair⁵⁷ opened today and the town is full of people and quite a number of amusements. Such as Sir and Theatres Minisbruk and co.

Aug. 27, 1858

Our fire co. buried one of its members this morning Lemuel Page⁵⁸ and another member⁵⁹ of the

company got stabbed and is expected to die any minute. The company feels very bad about it. I got ready to build a yard wall for Mr. Moxley⁶⁰ on 5th. and Maiden Lane. I did a job at the Haun⁶¹ house today for Col. Thompson and figured up the brick work for the California Stage company. It will be the largest stage stable in California. It will take 488,551 brick without the openings, I am figuring at about \$18.50 per thousand.

Sept. 14, 1858

Worked all day on the toll house at Yuba Bridge. And fixed the range at the Merchants Hotel. We got a house to build for Judge Bliss. The works amount to \$1,229.00 that being \$14.00 per thousand.

Sept. 22, 1858

We worked all day on a job for Con. Hatch (lawyer)⁶² and commenced a privy at the Baptist Church. Judge Bliss' house is about one fourth mile from town on Feather River. His house is very large, 38 by 40 feet.

Sept. 25, 1858

Worked all day on Judge Bliss' house and was quite busy. We have about 140,000 brick to lay at \$14.00 per thousand.

Sept. 27, 1858

The laying of the Atlantic cable telegraph was celebrated today.⁶³ The turnout of the citizens and

⁵⁴ It's unclear which lodge he is referring to as he seemed to join them all.

⁵⁵ Together they opened Magnolia Branch in 1858. This partnership didn't last long, as a short time later, Harry Dougherty partnered with Ab Johnston and opened the Union Saloon while McNess continued to operate the Magnolia. In 1861, McNess resigned from the local rifle company rather than take an oath to support the Union cause during the war. Conjecture would lead the reader to believe that their split may have been at least partly based on political views.

⁵⁶ George Christy's Minstrels, a traveling show presenting a farce entitled Misfortunes of Dulcimer Swipes with George Christy as Swipes.

⁵⁷ State Fair. McComas built the brick Pavilion in Cortez Square, but it was expanded with wooden additions for the fair.

⁵⁸ His funeral announcement listed him as Samuel Page.

⁵⁹ This was Edward Snowwhite who was stabbed by a confectioner named David Sands from Sacramento. Evidently Sands had the exclusive license to sell ice cream at the fair, and Snowwhite put up an ice cream stand right next to his. There was an altercation, and Snowwhite died from his wounds. We could not find the result of the inquisition, but Sands confectionary in Sacramento was selling fruitcake in December.

⁶⁰ Charles G. Moxley.

⁶¹ Henry Peter Haun was a judge, a farmer and U. S. Senator from California completing David C. Broderick's term following his death in a duel in 1859. Haun served as the first County Judge in Yuba County from 1851 to 1854. He died in Marysville on June 6, 1860, a few days after returning from Washington, D. C.

⁶² Francis L. Hatch, District Attorney.

⁶³ Businesses closed, cannons fired, bands played and there was a procession from City Hall to the pavilion in Cortez Square where *God Save the Queen* and the *Marseillaise Hymn* were sung. There was an "elegant and pathetic prayer"

companies was very great as well as the torch light procession at night. All went well and in good order.

Sept. 28, 1858

We had quite a large fire last night. Four large houses on the corner of A and 2nd St. gone. One house belonged to Pinkham.

Oct. 6, 1858

I got a house to build for a wagon maker on E St. The comet⁶⁴ appears every evening and looking very pretty. Its distance from this earth is estimated at 51,900,000 miles at 9 o'clock in the evening. Finished Moxley's two story on D St. and got it up very quick.

Oct. 19, 1858

We admitted an ancient Odd Fellow by deposit of card in our Lodge.

Oct. 26, 1858

I saw Mr. Read⁶⁵ this evening and he gave me a house to build on the corner of C and 4th. I got \$940.00 for doing the brick work.

Oct. 29, 1858

We finished up Judge Bliss' house today. I'm boarding at the Fashion⁶⁶ while Mrs. Read's house is being finished. We paved the two sidewalks around the Haun house and today also a pavement for the Public School Commissioners on the corner of 4th and E St.

Nov. 27, 1858

I put a pump in my house and a very good one. It will cost me \$78.00. We settled up with Judge Bliss for \$1,550.00 at 2% per month. I bought today at \$2.75 a cord⁶⁷ and hauled it. I figured up the amount of brick for the city's water works building. It measured 627,763 bricks. Some work for Dr. D. W. C. Rice. Our Choral Harmonica Society gave the first concert in a very full Theatre.

Dec. 10, 1858

I made a bargain with Mr. Potts to cut all the wood we want for \$2.00 per cord and he will haul it for \$2.00 a cord and fifty cents for standing. Good wood delivered is selling for \$6.00 per cord. I put in my bid on the water works this afternoon for \$16,300.00. I also put in my bid on the brick sewer to be on B St. at \$3.85 per running foot.

Dec. 24, 1858

Today is Christmas Eve and everybody is making preparations for tomorrow. I bought me a very nice coat for \$24.00.

Dec. 25, 1858 Christmas Day

I spent most of the day at home. This is the fifth Christmas that I have spent in Marysville. It was joyful but for me quiet.

Dec. 27, 1858

We do not expect to build the water works as they want us to sign a contract to have it finished by the first of June and we won't do it.

Dec. 30, 1858

We topped out Smiths and Stanwood's house. I did not work today because I have several biles⁶⁸ on my neck and finger.

Dec. 31, 1858

I was out today trying to collect some money, but I did not succeed. Times are a little dull at present, but prospects are very good. We have about 160,000 brick on hand and selling them at the kiln for \$1.25 per hundred and laying them for 14 and 15 dollars per thousand.

To be continued.

by Rev. Mr. Cooper, a poem written and read by John Rollin Ridge, and an extended oratory by the Honorable E. D. Wheeler.

⁶⁴ Donati's Comet was one of the brightest of the century. It was the first comet to be photographed. Abraham Lincoln, then a Senate candidate, watched from the porch of his hotel in Jonesboro, Illinois the night before his third debate with Stephen Douglas.

⁶⁵ Robert Read & Brother. Also at that corner, they had a hay yard, a stable, a blacksmith's shop, and a grocery store.

⁶⁶ Fashion Restaurant and Boarding Establishment located on D St. opposite the California Stage Office (in the Brumagim building). The establishment was owned and operated by Lyell & Burns.

⁶⁷ A cord of wood measures 8 feet long, 4 feet high, and 4 feet wide, with the wood arranged so pieces are parallel, touching and compact.

⁶⁸ Possibly boils, also known as furuncles. When there is a cluster, it is known as a carbuncle.

Scottish Voices From The Past: Their Triumphs and Tragedies

By Carol Withington

*Editor's Note:
Carol Withington
is inspired again.
This is the first in
a series regarding
the roles that
families of Scottish
heritage played in
our community.
Luckily for us,
when Carol gets
inspired, she offers
us the fruits of her
research.*

Scottish roots run deep in Yuba and Sutter Counties. From as early as 1853, a trickling of over two dozen men and women began to arrive in the area. Many first settled in such states as Vermont, Louisiana, and Michigan before making their way to California. Some arrived from Scotland and lived in the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia and Ontario before their trek to their final destination.

Upon arrival, a few sought their fortunes in mining, while others found work on local farms or utilized their skills as blacksmiths, plumbers, and tinsmiths. Interestingly, these Scottish immigrants were among the first non-Spanish speaking inhabitants during the Gold Rush era. And although most of these settlers purchased farmland in the area, some family members eventually became involved in community affairs and other professions such as teachers, lawyers, and businessmen. Let's begin with one of the most prominent Scottish families by the name of McRae.

McRAE AND SON GROCERY STORE

In 1910, area consumers must have been in awe as they observed the window at the McRae & Son Grocery Store, located at the corner of Second and B Streets in Yuba City. Hill Brothers Coffee cans along with a large axe, the symbol of the Woodmen of the World, a fraternal benefit society headquartered at the store, were featured in a large display. Signs also proclaimed that "W. O. W. use Hills Brothers Coffee."

As customers entered the store, the old cast iron coffee grinders were no longer working. Hill Brothers Coffee was now vacuum-packed! However, there was still a wide variety of goods available from staples such as flour, sugar, tea, and spices to hardware. Until its closing in the late 1930s, this family-owned store was known for its quality products and friendly service. It became one of the most respected businesses in Yuba City. But all of this would never have happened if a Scotsman by the name of Roderick McRae did not settle in Sutter County.



McRAE & SON GROCERY STORE WITH WOODMEN OF THE WORLD DISPLAY ALONG WITH HILLS BROTHERS COFFEE. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE DISPLAY ARE SMALL CHAIRS AND TABLES, AN AX EMBEDDED IN A LOG, THREE CRYSTAL GLASSES OF LIQUID, AN AWARD RIBBON, AND A LARGE TROPHY.

RODERICK McRAE

Roderick McRae was born in 1836 in Scotland, and when he was 15 years old, his family settled in Ontario, Canada. Little is known of his teenage years, but he was later employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad Company where he served in many capacities until he became an engineer. During this time, he married Isabella Finlayson, also from Scotland, and in 1856 Alexander A. was added to the family. Six years later, the McRaes arrived in California where Roderick was able to purchase a ranch near Pleasant Grove in Sutter County.

While the Central Pacific Railroad was in the process of construction, Roderick reportedly had charge of the first engine ever to steam up in Sacramento. Sadly, his valuable experiences with railroad companies would eventually be his undoing. During a collision at Antelope, Roderick was so badly scalded that he never recovered from his injuries. He died in 1875 at the age of 39 and is buried in the Sacramento City Cemetery. Fortunately, his survivors had the ranch in Pleasant Grove and a nineteen-year-old son to help maintain it.

ALEXANDER ARTHUR McRAE

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on May 16, 1856, Alexander completed his early education in the public schools of Sacramento.

He was for some time an invalid and, ironically, being outdoors and taking charge of the family farm benefitted his health. Also endowed with a “superior” musical talent, he specialized in music during his youth and later became a popular teacher of wind and reed instruments.

Over the years, Alexander purchased additional land and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. In addition to farming, Alexander conducted a mercantile trade as junior member of the firm of Goode & McRae in Pleasant Grove.

In 1882, he married Anna M. McCoy, a native of Meridian. The couple had three children including Arthur Roderick, born in 1884; Hazel B., born in 1885; and Jack Wilson, born in 1889. Due to his popularity and business expertise, Alexander was elected Sutter County Assessor and served for twelve consecutive years. But tragedy occurred in the McRae family during the month of June in 1895.

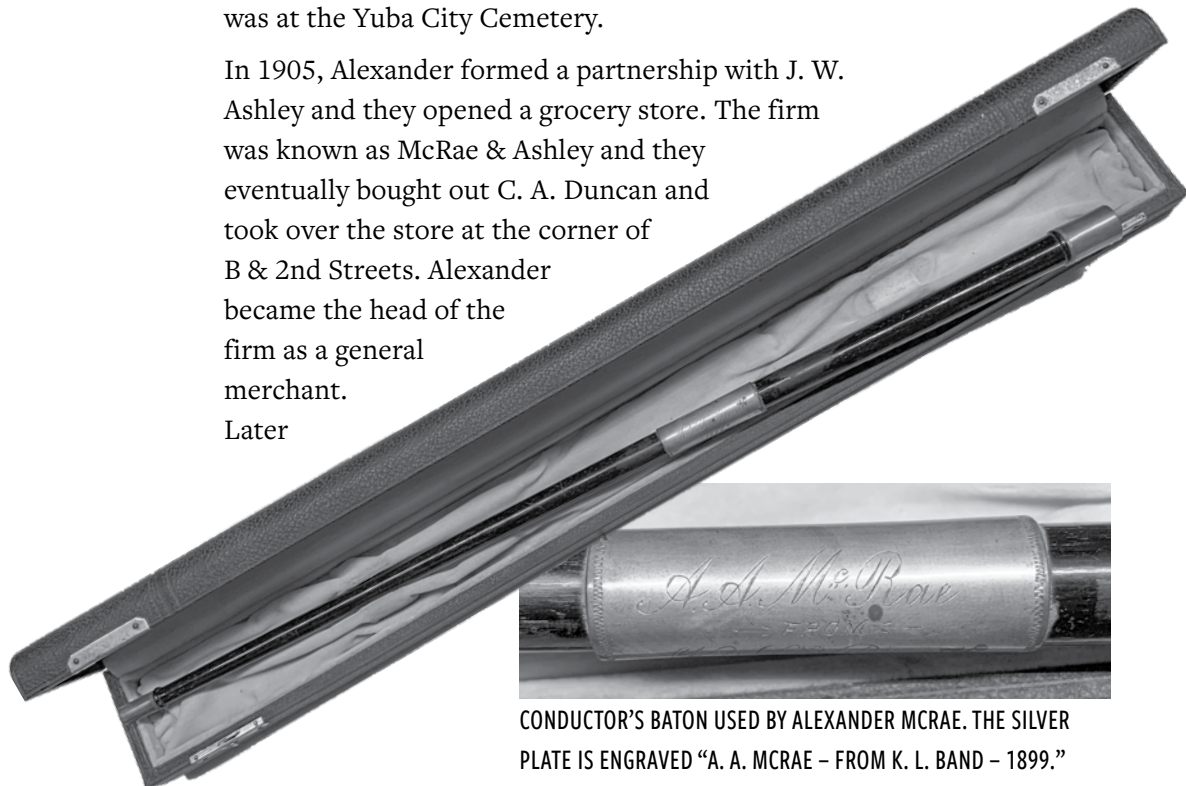
A SMALL VOICE IS SILENCED

It must have shocked everyone when they read in local newspapers that Hazel B., daughter of Alexander and Anna, had died at the young age of 9. She was ill for a month, and the illness was described as “a complicated fever and brain trouble.” It is possible her untimely death was due to encephalitis.

According to the *Sutter Independent* and the *Marysville Appeal* newspapers, the funeral services took place at the M. E. Church, North in Yuba City. Both Rev. A. Sanders of the Christian Church and Rev. A. C. Duncan of the M. E. Church conducted the services. The pallbearers were “six little misses, from eight to nine years of age,” friends of Hazel who were all dressed in white. They were Estelle Wilson, Anna Schuessler, Blanche Van Arsdale, Hazel Chism, Nellie Strange, and Ivadell Bevens. As one can imagine, the church was described as “beautifully draped,” and the floral offerings were many. Interment was at the Yuba City Cemetery.

In 1905, Alexander formed a partnership with J. W. Ashley and they opened a grocery store. The firm was known as McRae & Ashley and they eventually bought out C. A. Duncan and took over the store at the corner of B & 2nd Streets. Alexander became the head of the firm as a general merchant.

Later



CONDUCTOR'S BATON USED BY ALEXANDER MCRAE. THE SILVER PLATE IS ENGRAVED "A. A. MCRAE - FROM K. L. BAND - 1899."

when Ashley sold his interest to McRae, the mercantile store of McRae & Son was established, and a thriving business ensued.

Over the years, Alexander was widely known throughout the area as a talented musician who was the instructor and manager of the Marysville Independent band. His sons Arthur and Jack were equally talented. And then another voice was silenced.

A COLUSA COUNTY TRAGEDY

On July 12, 1917, the *Independent-Herald* newspaper headline read: McRae Killed in Auto Accident. The horrible event occurred in Colusa County five miles from Stony Ford.¹ According to the newspaper account, the accident took place on Sunday when “A. A. McRae, a well-known local businessman was killed and C. E. Masten also a local businessman was badly injured in the overturning of a Ford auto which Masten was driving.”

The newspaper also related the men had spent the day fishing on the north fork of Stony Creek and were returning to Cook’s Springs with a “good catch” when the accident occurred. A witness reported that “Masten was driving down the grade slowly when he last saw the ‘machine.’”

Alexander was 61 years old at the time and was remembered and respected as a “good citizen, kind father and husband, an estimable gentleman and a conscientious businessman.” Survivors included his widow Anna; sons Arthur Roderick, associated with the firm in the Yuba City business; and Jack Wilson, a leader of the Second Regiment Band at the Presidio. Besides his widow and sons, he was survived by his mother Isabella McRae of Pleasant Grove, four sisters and one brother, Roderick McRae, also of Pleasant Grove, and two grandchildren, Oscar and Hazel.

All the business houses of Yuba City were closed during the afternoon until after the funeral out of respect to the departed. According to the *Sutter Independent*, the services were held in the Masonic Hall under the auspices of Enterprise Lodge, No. 70, F. & A. M. and were perhaps “the most largely attended of any ever held in the county.”

Among the those paying respects were representatives of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, the Marysville band, and the Marysville Local of the Federation of Musicians. Interment was in the Yuba City Cemetery.

ARTHUR RODERICK MCRAE

Over the next months, Arthur maintained the family grocery business while his brother Jack was stationed in Rio Linda as a member of the National Guard. Arthur, who married Cecile Sanborn of Pennington in 1907, was the father of Oscar and Hazel. As a graduate with honors from the Boston Conservatory of Music, he delighted the local communities as a member of the Marysville band and local orchestra. In addition, he

¹ Now called Stonyford.

enjoyed hunting during the Fall season. The month of October 1917 would be his last.

ANOTHER VOICE SILENCED

On November 1, 1917, the *Sutter Independent* headline read: Arthur McRae Follows Father to Grave. He contracted a cold a month before while hunting, which later developed into more serious lung trouble and resulted in his death. Sadly, he died at the home of his mother, Anna McRae, on B Street in Yuba City.

Arthur was born at Pleasant Grove on March 17, 1884. The family later moved to Yuba City where he was educated in the public schools. He also attended Marysville High School for a short time. In addition to his job at the McRae & Son mercantile store, Arthur was a member of the Marysville Local No. 178, American Federation of Musicians; the Marysville Lodge, B. P. O. E.; and Shamrock Camp, Woodmen of the World of Yuba City. He also maintained memberships in the Marysville Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Empire Motor Club of Marysville.

Arthur was only 33 at the time of his untimely death. He was buried in the Yuba City Cemetery just a few short months after his father Alexander.

JACK WILSON MCRAE – THE ROAMING MCRAE

Jack Wilson McRae was born in Yuba City on June 16, 1889. After completing his early studies at the local grammar school, he attended Marysville High School. Jack then decided to work in various stores throughout California, but his love of music remained uppermost in his mind.

According to Peter Delay's book, *History of Yuba and Sutter Counties*, in 1915, at the age of 26, Jack had his first experience in conducting a band. In the meantime, he had also joined the National Guard so never knew when he might be called to duty. A year later, he went to Quincy, where he taught band for six months. His time in Quincy was cut short when he was called to the Mexican border for service in the Guard. His musical talent resulted in his participation in the band.

Although 1917 was full of sorrow for the family, for a brief time in October the family celebrated when Jack married Hazel Sadorus Brown on October 25. They married in Oroville in Hazel's grandparents' home. A native of Marysville, Hazel had deep roots in Yuba County. Her father Joseph Brown first came to California in 1849 during the Gold Rush era. Shortly after the wedding, Jack enlisted in the United States Army, where his ability to conduct bands was utilized. In fact, he formed a total of eight bands beginning at the Presidio in San Francisco. Whether Hazel was allowed to be with him is unknown; however, following World War I, Jack went to Bisbee, Arizona, where he reportedly conducted the "best band" in the whole state. During this time, Hazel may have joined him, as



J. WILSON MCRAE, CIRCA 1950.

it appears that Jack was out of the Army.

For a short time, the McRaes lived in San Francisco where Jack worked in theaters, and he conducted the orchestras. Hazel must have enjoyed this “assignment,” as she loved dramatics. Who knows? She may have even gotten a small role in one of the plays.

In 1922, the couple returned to the area where Jack took charge of the Marysville Municipal Band. In addition, he also became the music instructor at Yuba City High School. Jack’s success as a band leader was greatly appreciated by both the public and his colleagues. He undoubtedly was born with that natural musical talent that both his father and brother also possessed. It served him well throughout his life.

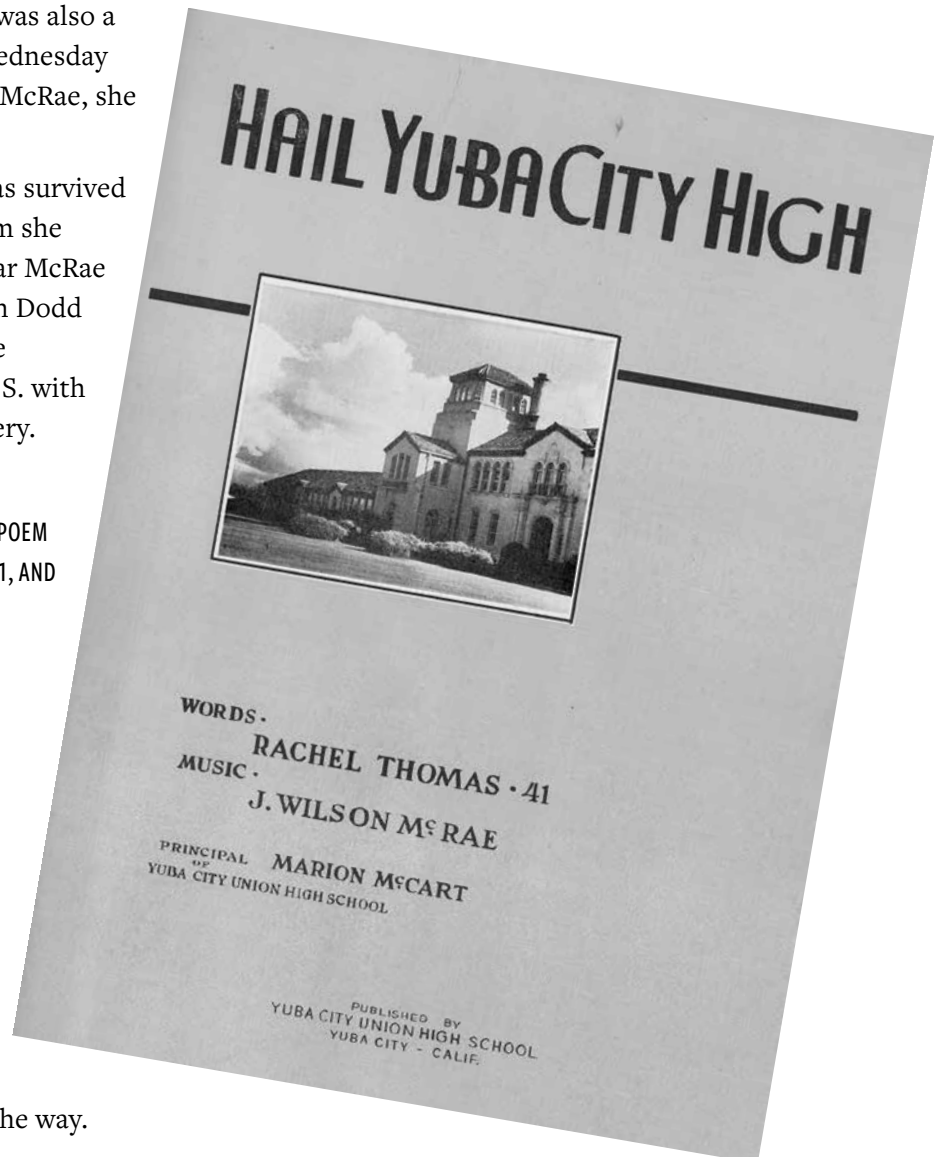
During the 1930s, Anna McRae moved from Yuba City to Marysville where she resided with her son Jack and Hazel, her daughter-in-law. On April 28, 1940, Anna passed away at the age of 80. Her funeral was attended by a “large concourse” of both family and friends. Anna resided in the community all her life. She served a term as Worthy Matron of Fidelity Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and was also a charter member of the Yuba City Wednesday Club. As the widow of Alexander A. McRae, she and her family were widely known.

In addition to her son Jack, Anna was survived by several nieces and nephews whom she reared as well as grandchildren Oscar McRae and Hazel Carr and a great-grandson Dodd Carr of Redwood City. Services were conducted by Fidelity Chapter, O. E. S. with internment at the Yuba City Cemetery.

SHEET MUSIC FOR ALL HAIL YUBA CITY HIGH. THE POEM WAS WRITTEN BY RACHEL THOMAS, CLASS OF 1941, AND SET TO MUSIC IN 1946 BY J. WILSON MCRAE.

THE MUSIC ENDED

On December 1, 1973, Jack Wilson McRae died at the age of 84. A conductor, composer, and musical director, Jack had laid his baton down years before, but the memories of his talents still lingered in the communities of Marysville and Yuba City and beyond. Who knows how many young people he encouraged along the way.



Music was Jack’s life, and he shared his passion with the community.

CONCLUSION

A McRae Way sign in Yuba City was named for Alexander Arthur (A. A.) McRae. However, it symbolizes more than one person. McRae Way represents a family beginning in 1862 when Roderick first arrived in Sutter County. Yes, the McRaes endured many tragedies along the way, but their love of family and music were the enduring themes throughout their lives.

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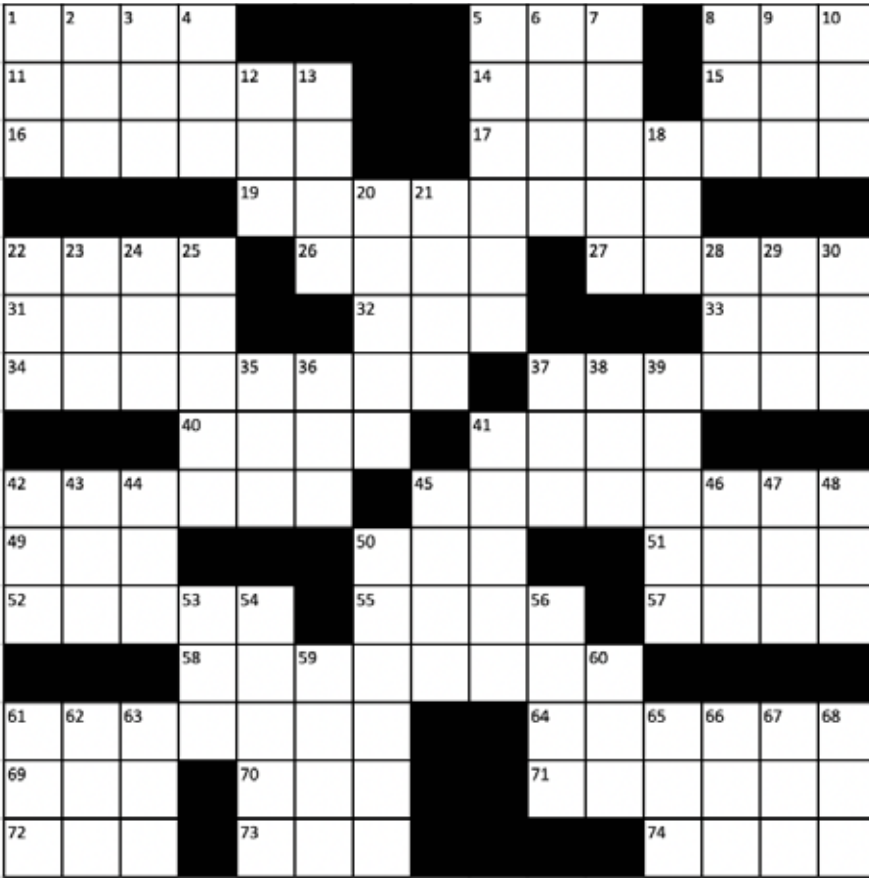
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Local Namesakes

by Molly Bloom



ACROSS

1. ___ the river and through the woods
5. Man without chivalry
8. Ante up
11. Its name means "Bear River"
14. It often follows a visit to an OR
15. Bruins great Bobby
16. Region of Southern China
17. Track
19. Named for a local Nisenan village, it was founded by Samuel Brannan, Pierson Redding, and Henry Cheever
22. Tears
26. Buy low, ___ high
27. What you sit in, or 19-across, and formerly 34-across, for 58-across
31. Smith or West
32. Blimey!
33. Jar lip
34. Named for Mr. Allgeier
37. Piles up, as blocks
40. Property right
41. Apple virtual assistant
42. Originally named "South Butte"
45. Named for being 1/4 mile west of the Mount Diablo _____ of the United States survey
49. Artist Yoko
50. Near the ground

51. Eggshell color
52. Maintained a horse's hoofs
55. Away from the wind
57. Bug spray additive
58. Loc. for 11-, 19-, 34-, 42-, 45-, and 61-across
61. It takes its name from a species of tree
64. A parkway and park in 19- and 58-across named for a famed peach family
69. Imitate
70. Sra., in France
71. It has no English rhyme
72. Goat god
73. Stat for a DH
74. Red light action

DOWN

1. Lord of the Rings monster
2. By way of
3. A long time
4. Spoil, as food
5. Round shape
6. Trendy berry
7. Air passages
8. Violin and cello need
9. Long period
10. Make an attempt
12. Type of sauce or bean
13. Burden

18. Watch closely
20. "We've Only Just ____" by The Carpenters
21. Draft beers, maybe
22. Vied for office
23. Forest played him (dictator ____ Amin)
24. Org. for a candidate
25. Young salmon
28. Curve part
29. Half of a social media app
30. Text message
35. It can be white or of omission
36. Carrier Lingus
37. Patrick Stewart or Alec Guinness
38. Three prefix
39. Abetted partner
41. Gutter
42. Sig. of distress
43. Durham sch.
44. In addition
45. Double agent
46. ___-T of Law and Order: SVU
47. "___ you not entertained?"
48. Almond or pecan
50. Potato pancakes
53. Common nationality suffix
54. Italian church
56. Sound calling back
59. Force down
60. Canoe's paddle
61. Swimmer's length in a pool
62. Hoppy beverage
63. S. American country
65. Dorm floor mgrs.
66. AC/DC hit
67. Self-importance
68. Number for a gym

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March 1 - June 25, 2024

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Membership Information

Our members are vital to the success of the Museum. The funds we raise from your membership help us to properly care for our collection, bring in traveling exhibits, and provide educational programs.

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There are many ways to donate to the Museum:

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Narinder Sufi
Development Officer

With over 20 years of experience in public service, Narinder has mostly worked in libraries; however, in her previous roles, she also managed museum and archive operations for a local authority. She has a master's degree from Thames Valley University in London in Library Information Management.

In her previous role with Butte County, she brought in about \$18 million through various grants and partnerships to help develop many programs, collections, digital upgrades, and infrastructure improvements. She is passionate about the role that libraries and museums play in the local community to enhance education, information, and cultural opportunities. Narinder is thrilled to be a part of the Museum and Library teams. She lives in Yuba City and visits museums and libraries with her family. Narinder is looking forward to working with everyone here in Sutter County.



Daisy Beltran
Office Assistant

Daisy Beltran has vast experience in customer service, and she enjoys helping and communicating with the public. As a new member to this team, she hopes to offer a welcoming environment to Museum visitors and a smooth, stress-free experience to Ettl Hall renters. Daisy is a full-time student, currently attending Yuba College and studying social and behavioral sciences, and she will be transferring this coming Fall to CSU Sacramento. She is excited to take on her new role here as Office Assistant and looks forward to working with the Sutter County Museum team.



Emily Dominguez
Museum Aide - College Internship

Emily Dominguez worked at the Sutter County Museum last summer as an intern on the Black History of Yuba-Sutter project, where she conducted research and worked on community outreach. She is back this summer to plan and run Fun Fridays in the Garden and other educational programming events! Emily is a percussionist and is currently a student at the University of Redlands, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. A native of Yuba-Sutter, she is also a former Miss Teen Yuba-Sutter and has taught percussion and drums to students in the community.



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