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SUTTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1990

SUTTER YOUTH ORGANIZATION BUILDING, BUTTEHOUSE & ACACIA
SUTTER, CALIFORNIA. 6:30 P.M.

SPEAKER: JANE FOSTER CARTER, AUTHOR OF "IF THE WALLS
COULD TALK--COLUSA'S ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE."

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1333 BUTTEHOUSE ROAD, YUBA CITY AT \$12. PER PERSON. IT WILL
BE AN EXCELLENT ROAST BEEF DINNER.

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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 April Dinner Meeting it was voted to change the By-laws to combine the memberships of the Society and the Museum.

The 1990 dues are due as of January 1, 1990.

Student/Senior 70 years of older/Library	\$7.50
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Business	\$50.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Corporate/Benefactor	\$1000.00

An index and file of all the past issues of the Bulletin may be found in the Sutter County Library and at the Community Memorial Museum.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this issue of your Bulletin you will find a revised version of your Society's by-laws. You will be asked to approve these revisions at our annual dinner meeting on April 17, 1990.

Most changes are minor and made only to clean up language and delete items previously acted on.

Major changes include:

1. Article I Sec. 1- changing the annual meeting from the 3rd Tuesday of January to the 3rd Tuesday of April. This change is suggested because the April meeting has the largest attendance.
2. Article III Sec. 5 and 6 regarding budget preparation and auditing of the Society's finances.
3. Article V Sec 2 regarding dues which are now divided between the Society and the Museum. Currently the Society is to receive 25% of dues collected.

A budget for 1990 and an audit of the Society's books are presented for your information.

Now that by-laws and finances are taken care of our next problem is membership. To recap, we have roughly 300 members. 250 are from Sutter and Yuba counties, but only 7 or so are from East Nicholas/Rio Oso areas. None are from the Pleasant Grove/Trowbridge or Robbins areas.

We need more representation from the southern part of our county.

There are lots of projects that active society members could work on to further the objectives of the Society but, like all projects, they require time, energy and some one to push them. Some of the projects suggested by members include:

1. Setting up a speaker's bureau for schools and service clubs.
2. Set up a program in cooperation with local schools involving student research and publication.
3. Work on public library accessability for research.
4. The bulletin editor would be glad to have help publishing the Bulletin.
5. Arrange workshops on making audio or video tapes of interviews and items of historical interest.

I know there are many other items that will come to mind.

Finally I'd like to thank the members of the Board and other officers for their help this past year, especially Randy Schnabel and Wanda Rankin. They and those like them have held your Society together.

Bert King

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the springtime we suddenly rediscover the world around us as the trees blossom and the flowers begin to bloom. The Museum staff would like to suggest that this year as you begin to admire the greenery around you, that you also take time out to notice the built environment that surrounds you, the houses and schools, churches and other public buildings that we all take for granted. With the coming of the Smithsonian Institution exhibit, "What Style Is It?", to the Museum in May, we would like to take this opportunity to point out some of the architectural treasures that many who live in the Yuba-Sutter area take for granted, like Sutter County's Hall of Records, Marysville's Mary Aaron Museum, and the four homes designed by Julia Morgan that still stand in Marysville and Yuba City.

The Community Memorial Museum and the Mary Aaron Museum are working together to offer several ways to learn more about our architectural heritage. A one-day symposium on local architecture will be held on May 19. The morning will be spent in the learned company of Bob Mackensen of the State Architect's Office, as he leads a walking/driving tour through parts of downtown Marysville and Yuba City. A pamphlet, sponsored by Home Savings, will be available with the tour. After the tour, symposium participants will meet at the Museum for a box lunch. After lunch, noted architectural historian Sally Woodbridge will present a slide lecture and discussion on California's architectural heritage using local as well as state-wide examples. Following the slide presentation, Sally and Bob will lead a panel discussion. The symposium is being sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities. Reservations for the symposium must be made in advance, as space is limited. The cost of the symposium is \$15.00.

In addition to the symposium, the two museums are producing a book, Worth Keeping: An Architectural History of Sutter and Yuba Counties, that focuses on 35 houses representative of the two counties. Contemporary photographs by Kenneth Calhoun combine with historic photographs, newspaper articles and old advertisements to tell the pictorial history of the houses and the people who lived in them. Written archival resources, as well as oral interviews, were used to develop the narrative history that accompanies each house. An architectural profile by Bob Mackensen is provided for each house as well. In this way, the reader receives an overview of each house from its "human", historic side as well as from an architectural, structural side. Worth Keeping will make its debut on May 19, the same day as the architectural symposium.

If you visit the exhibit "What Style Is It?" to learn more about the basic styles of architecture, participate in the symposium to learn how to apply those basic styles and philosophies to local architecture and then read Worth Keeping to get an in-depth look at a cross section of our area architecture, spring should definitely be a time of rediscovering the world in which you live.

Jackie Lowe
Museum Director

SUTTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY-LAWS

Article. I. Meetings of Members of the Corporation

Sec. I. The Annual meeting of the members shall be held in each year at the office of the corporation or such other place as the Directors may choose in the County of Sutter, State of California. Said annual meeting shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday, in April. A quorum shall be a majority of those present entitled to vote excepting when voting an assessment, in which case a quorum shall be 3/4th of registered members.

Sec. II. General meetings shall be held on the 3rd Tuesdays of January, July, and October. A special meeting of the members maybe called at any time by the president or a majority of the Board of Directors. The method by which such meeting maybe called is as follows: On receipt of a specification in writing setting forth the date and the objects of such proposed special meeting, signed by the president or by a majority of the Board of Directors, the secretary or an assistant secretary shall prepare, sign, and mail the notices requisite for such a meeting. At least three days prior to the date fixed for the holding of any special meeting of members, written notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be mailed to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. No business not mentioned in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

Article. II. Directors.

Sec. I. A Board of Directors shall be chosen biennially, in odd years, by the members at their annual meeting. Their term of office shall be for two years. The number of directors shall be eleven.

Sec. 2. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine. Notice of meetings shall be required by mail, phone, or in person.

Sec. 3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors maybe called by the president at any time by means of written notice by mail or phone of the time, place, and purpose thereof to each director as the president in his discretion shall deem sufficient, but action taken at any such meeting shall not be invalidated for want of notice if such notice be waived.

Sec. 4. A majority of the Board of Directors or a majority of officers plus one director shall be a quorum.

Sec. 5. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment made by a quorum of the remaining directors. Each person so elected to fill a vacancy shall remain a director until his successor shall have been elected by

the members, who may make such election at their next biennial meeting or at any special meeting duly called for such purpose.

Sec. 6. If and when the directors shall severally consent in writing to any action to be taken by the corporation, such action shall be valid corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 7. The Board of Directors shall elect a president and a vice-president from its own group and shall select a secretary and a treasurer who may or may not be a member of the Board of Directors, but who shall be members of the corporation. The term of office shall be two years.

Article III Officers.

Sec. 1. The president shall be selected by and from the membership of the Board of Directors. He shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. He shall preside over all meetings of the Board and of the members. He shall have general and active management of the business of the corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees and shall have the general powers and duties usually vested in the office of president of a corporation.

Sec. 2. The vice-president shall be chosen from the membership of the Board of Directors. He shall perform the duties and exercise the power of the president during the absence or disability of the president.

Sec. 3. The secretary shall attend all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors and shall preserve in the books of the corporation true minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings. He shall give all the notices required by statute, the by-laws, or resolution. He shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Directors. The minutes of the previous years are to be placed in the Community Memorial Museum for permanent safe keeping.

Sec. 4. The treasurer shall have custody of all corporate funds and securities and shall keep in books belonging to the corporation full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements; he shall deposit all moneys, securities and other valuable effects in the name of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the president and directors at the regular meetings of the

board and whenever requested by them, an account of all his transactions as treasurer and of the financial conditions of the corporation, and shall keep in force, a bond in form, amount and with a surety or securities satisfactory to the board, conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the restoration to the corporation in case of his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money, and property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the corporation.

Sec. 5. The treasurer shall prepare an annual budget. The budget shall be presented to the membership.

Sec. 6. The president shall appoint an annual audit committee of three from the membership. The Board of Directors shall approve said committee.

Article IV. Execution of Instruments

Sec. 1. All checks, drafts and orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the corporation and shall be countersigned by such agents or officers as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate for that purpose.

Sec. 2. When the execution of any contract, conveyance or other instrument has been authorized without specification of the execution officers, the president or vice-president and the secretary may execute the same in the name and behalf of this corporation and may affix the corporate seal thereto. The Board of Directors shall have power to designate the officers and agents who shall have authority to execute and instrument in the behalf of this corporation.

Article V. Membership and Dues

Sec. 1. Any person who is a resident of the United States may become a member by paying regular dues. Any organization, firm or corporation may become a sustaining member. Dues shall be payable on the first day of January for each year. Dues shall be made payable to the Community Memorial Museum, which shall give a receipts to the payee.

Sec. 2. The amount of the dues shall be set by mutual agreement between the corporation and the Community Memorial Museum Commission. A division of the dues between the corporation and the Community Memorial Museum will be executed annually by mutual agreement between The Board of Directors of the corporation and the Community Memorial Museum. Actual payment to the

corporation shall be arranged by the President of the corporation and the President of the Community Memorial Museum Commission or their agents for mutual convenience and necessity.

Article VI Amendment of By-Laws

Sec. 1. These by-laws may be amended, altered, changed, added to or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of members entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of the members if notice of the proposed amendments, alteration, change, addition, or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting, or by unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Directors if the amendment, alteration, change, addition or repeal be proposed at a regular or special meeting of the Board and adopted at a subsequent regular meeting; provided, that any by-laws made by the vote of the Board of Directors as herein provided may be amended, changed, altered, added to or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members entitled to vote at a regular meeting of the membership; also provided, however, that no change of the date of the annual meeting of members shall be made within thirty (30) days next before the day on which said meeting is to be held, unless consented to in writing, or by resolution adopted at a meeting by all members entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Revised and amended 2/90

CONTRIBUTION TO THE AG BLDG FUND AND TRUST FUND

Howard & Ruth Anthony	In memory of Christopher Hoon
Orlin & Johanna Schuler	In memory of Edward DaCosse
Bert & Shirley King	In memory of Jan Tyson
Randolph & Shirley Schnabel	In memory of Lois Neilson
Mr & Mrs L. Schmidl	In memory of Michael Raedy
Jack & Helen Heenan	In memory of Roy E. Duffy
Wanda Rankin	In memory of John K. Onstott
Mrs. E. Hanlon Brown	In memory of John K. Onstott
Ed & Jean Gustin	In memory of Lawrence Vernon Trexler
James, Frances & Blythe Gentry	In memory of Ann Leach
Delma Davis Reick	In memory of Ruth Folsom
Barry & Donna Brockman McMaster	In memory of Kenny Onstott
Fidelity Natl. Title Co	
Joe Benatar & Daniel Hewitt	In memory of Gene Law
Constance Cary	In memory of Clifford Anderson
Constance Cary	In memory of Rowena Piner
Caroline Ringler	In memory of Rowena Piner
Wanda Rankin	In memory of Rowena Piner
Mr & Mrs Dick Brandt	In memory of Rowena Piner
Louie, Betty Schmidl & Family	In memory of Mary Brady
James, Frances & Blythe Gentry	In memory of M. Leroy Barber
Wanda Rankin	In memory of Evelyn Eden
James, Frances & Blythe Gentry	In memory of Evelyn Eden
Constance Cary	In memory of Margaret Daundiver
Walt & Jane Ullrey	In memory of Vic Prarat
Dick & Cuba Scriven	In honor of Ray Frye's 80th Birthday
Dick & Cuba Scriven	In honor of Bob & Louise Mendenhall's 50th wedding anniversary
Bob & Katie Bryant	In memory of Frances Misqueuz
Bruce & Gini Harter	In memory of William S. Sawle
Helen Harris	In memory of Alton Harris
Leila Winship	In memory of Evelyn Eden
Norman & Loadel Piner	In memory of Evelyn Eden
Norman & Loadel Piner	In memory of Victor Prarat
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Anthony	In memory of Willie Dann
Bogue Country Club	In memory of Rowena Piner
Joe & Ellie McCarron	In memory of Rowena Piner

Jim & Bobby Howard & Family
George & Dottie Post
Frank & Sue Gilpatric
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Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bryant
Woodrow & Dorothy Jang
Kathleen & Luella Briick
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Wayne & Margaret Phillips
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Joseph Richards
Mrs. R.I. Nicholson
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Hall
Jim & Bobby Howard & Family
James & Judy Barr
George & Dottie Post
Roy & Stella Anderson
Bob & Katherine Bryant
Bob & Katie Bryant
Jim & Alberta Folsom Gilpatric
George Yoshimoto

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In memory of Kenny Onstott
In memory of Ruth E. Folsom

THE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE IS A CONTINUATION OF THE NOYES CEMETERY/NOYES GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ARTICLE BY ANALENA STOHLMAN SEARS THAT WAS STARTED IN THE JANUARY 1990 BULLETIN.

OUR NATURE HIKE IN THE BUTTES ON MARCH 10TH WAS A SUCCESS IN SPITE OF THE RAIN, AND THE ONE ON MARCH 31ST IS A SELL OUT. NOW WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BUS TOUR AROUND THE BUTTES ON APRIL 7TH. THERE ARE STILL VACANCIES SO IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO SEND THEM TO THE MUSEUM WITH THEIR \$7. TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION. THEN THERE IS OUR ANNUAL DINNER MEETING TO SIGN UP FOR. THE INFORMATION FOR THAT IS ON THE COVER OF THIS ISSUE .

PROPOSED BUDGET

BULLETIN MAILING	\$200.00
POST OFFICE BOX RENT	30.00
INSURANCE	500.00
CONFERENCE OF CAL. HIST. SOC. DUES	30.00
MARCH FONG EU - FEE	5.00
STAMPS	50.00
INCIDENTALS	25.00
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	\$840.00

HISTORY - FRANK GILPATRIC, Sheriff

FRANK GILPATRIC was born in the year 1864 at Noyesburg, Sutter County, on the 160 acre farm owned by his parents, Anna E. and George Gilpatric.

Frank made his home with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Proper of O'Banion Corners from the time he was four (4) years old until his young adult years. As a boy he helped his uncle on the Proper ranch. He was a fun-loving fellow which trait he kept alive all of his life. As one of the eligible young men in the vicinity of O'Banion Cornerd, he met and married Miss Mattie Adams, sister of Miss Annabelle (Mrs. Bert Ullrey) Adams.

Mr. Gilpatric moved to Spokane, Washington, with his wife and two sons', George and Frank, Jr. There he became a civic-minded, popular and well-liked citizen; campaigned for the office of Sheriff in the county in which he resided, won the election and was re-elected for several terms.

Mrs. Gilpatric was afflicted with crippling arthritis due to the extreme cold weather in the north-west which forced her to return to Sutter County, leaving her husband behind with his official duties as Sheriff. Mattie and Frank were soon divorced and she, with her good friend and life-long companion, Miss Maggie Boone, moved to Auburn, California.

George and Frank, Jr. frequented Spokane often, sometimes staying with their father over long periods. They each met and married young women from that city.

George Gilpatric served in the military in France during World War I and was reported missing in action.

News from Europe was a long time coming to the west coast during those years. Upon receiving the sad news and notifying family and friends, a family gathering was in progress at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Farmer (Lena Proper) at Terra Buena when George suddenly appeared walking up the road from the Northern Electric train stop. Tears turned to laughter and much rejoicing. He reported that the worst that had happened to him was that he had been over-come by the noxious gas used in warfare.

George worked for the Standard Oil Company locally and later on he was transferred to Vacaville, where he made a home with his family for all of his lifetime.

Frank is a well-known orchadist and Yuba-Sutter businessman. In this year (1976) he is in partnership with one of his sons' in the oil business: Phillips' 66.

Frank and his wife, the former Cecilia Shafer, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 30, 1973, when their four children honored them at a Golden Wedding party at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Gilpatric of Yuba City.

I - George Gilpatric

1863

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* 12/1/1842

+ 1868

Anna E. Cilley

* 1864
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II - Frank

Anna Elizabeth

Frank Gilpatric

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Mattie Coats

III

1. George

2. Frank, Jr.

George Gilpatric

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* 1974
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+ Genevieve Melcher

IV - 1. Patricia

1923

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Cecilia Shafer

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- IV -
1. Annette (Mrs. Stamford E. Cooley - Yreka)
 2. Shirley (Mrs. Lloyd E. Smith - Watsonville)
 3. James F.
 4. Frank Lee

CHARLES HENRY STOHLMAN - HISTORY

An energetic, progressive and successful rancher in the Noyesburg area was Charles Henry Stohlman, another of the many Germans! who made good in California. Mr. Stohlman was born in the village of Klosterbauerschaft #14, south of Hamburg, Germany, May 1st, 1863, the son of Anna Marie Luise (Voss) and Kasper Heinrich Stohlmann. Both parents lived and died in the Fatherland.

Charles Henry Stohlman left his homeland behind and came to America when he was 20 years old. He sailed from Hamburg to New York on a cattle ship. The voyage was long and trecherous since the ship encountered severe storms all across the Atlantic. His uncle Henry (Johann Heinrich) Stohlmann of the Long Bridge Stohlmanns! came to America in 1858. It was to his uncle's home and that of his aunt, Mrs. Peter Frederick Tarke where he came to work as a farm-hand and laborer, although he had served his apprenticeship as a baker in Germany before he was 18 years old.

Charles was a hard worker. He divided his time between the ranch of his aunt and uncle where he learned the American way of farming. He, among other young immigrants! and the Chinese coolies, built the rockwall fences so prevalent in the West Butte-Noyesburg area in the early days. Alot of these rockwall fences still stand.

In 1887 he leased a section of the Tarke ranch and farmed it to grain. A few years later he was able to purchase 360 acres of farm and tule land adjoining the Allen S. Noyes property at Noyesburg, 5 miles north of West Butte. It was not until about 1927 that he purchased an additional 120 acres of the former Noyes property.

On May 1st, 1892, Mr. Stohlman married Miss Anna Elizabeth Gilpatric, a talented and well-known young lady of the community. They were married at a quiet, home wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen S. Noyes. To this union were born four (4) children:

Claude, who died in infancy
Alta Marie (Mrs. Willard W. Welter)
Allen J. (deceased)
Analena Charlotte (Mrs. Arthur G. Sears)

Mr. Stohlman possessed a rare gift - that of a "dowser". A "dowser" is someone who is skilled at witching wells for water. To put it another way, he was able to discover a subterranean stream by means of a willow twig, bare of leaves and cut in a Y. By holding the willow twig firmly - one side of the Y in each hand and walking slowly over the land he could feel the twig tug backwards in his hands, thus indicating there was water at that exact spot. He "witched" for his own wells and for everyone around who needed a well dug on their property. He never failed.

Mr. Stohlman "witched" 13 wells on his 320 acre ranch. With water plentiful he went into the business of raising alfalfa seed. There was a large demand for the seed from Mr. Stohlman's fields because it was weed seed free. He was very particular that no foreign particles got into his alfalfa patches. He harvested his own crops by means of a stationery threshing machine. He finally abandoned the alfalfa seed venture and planted his farmland to wheat and barley. He also operated a dairy at one time and raised a few cattle and hogs.

About 1925/1926 Mr. Stohlman sold the tuleland to Lloyd Wilbur of Yuba City for the purpose of a gun club. Mr. Wilbur built a small house that was used for a club at the lower end of the Stohlman property. At this writing the entire former Noyes and Stohlman property is now in the possession of Jeanne M. and Roger Wilbur of Colusa.

The Stohlmans' first home burned to the ground in the spring of 1908, when their baby daughter was six months' old. Mr. Stohlman immediately bought the Allen S. Noyes home which had been vacant for 4 years and moved his family into it the very day of the fire. He then engaged Manwell's Moving Company of Marysville to move the Noyes home from its location on the east side of the West Butte road, a quarter mile north, to his property, directly across the road from the Noyes Grammar School.

It took Manwell's crew, willing neighbors, Mr. Stohlman and a 12-horse team to move the 2-story structure to it's new location. The job was accomplished in 30 days' and Mr. Stohlman always boasted about the fact that not a window or a dish were broken during the entire move. Mr. and Mrs. Stohlman lived in the former Noyes house all the rest of their lives together. Mr. Stohlman sold the house and property in 1944.

Mrs. Stohlman was for many years the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Noyes School District. She played the organ and the piano and sang at the church services at West Butte. Mr. Stohlman was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) of Marysville. His political affiliation was Republican. Mrs. Stohlman's Democratic.

Mrs. Stohlman was a member of the Christian Church of Marysville. Mr. Stohlman, born and baptized a Lutheran in Germany, joined the Luthern Church in Yuba City when the first Luthern church was erected there in the mid-1930's. As a contributor to the building fund he was given the honor of ringing the church bell the first day services were held.

Mrs. Stohlman passed away at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco, March 14, 1932, following a long illness. She was 63. Mr. Stohlman died three days' before his 87th birthday anniversary in 1950, at Sacramento, California. He was laid to rest on May 1st, the day he would have been 87 years old. Both are buried in the family plot at Noyes Cemetery.

BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON and ROBERT K. STEVENSON - HISTORY

The STEVENSON brothers, Ben and Bob, are the only two early settlers to the Noyesburg-West Butte area known to have come across the plains by ox team. Their trip began in Missouri. It took approximately four (4) months to make the journey. They first settled in Cold Springs and later at Ousley's Bar, Yuba County, where they engaged in mining. The year was 1850.

BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON was the younger of the two and from all accounts seems to have been the most energetic, successful and community-minded. He was born in Madison County, Missouri, in 1830. When he arrived in California in 1850 he went directly to the gold country in Yuba County and mined there until 1853. In that year he returned to Madison County and married Miss Sarah Ann Compton. Mr. Stevenson and his bride returned to Ousley's Bar in 1854, coming across the plains once again. They lived in different mining camps in Yuba County for a year and then moved to Oroville, Butte County. There he engaged in mining for eleven (11) years.

Death over-took Mrs. Stevenson June 14, 1866, leaving him with three (3) small children. Father and children then moved to Sutter County where he took up a homestead patent on 203 acres of land at Noyesburg.

Benjamin returned to Missouri in 1870 and married Miss Louisa Jane Counts. With his second wife he returned to his home at Noyesburg. To this marriage were born three (3) children.

Of the Counts-Stevenson union the children were Daniel Stevenson, Sr., a long-time and well-known resident of Yuba City; Frank Stevenson and Louisa Stevenson Emory. Five grandchildren survive at this writing: Louisa Emory's son and daughter and three of Daniel Stevenson, Sr.'s: Irminna Rudge Palmer, for many year the Sutter County Librarian; Daniel Stevenson, Jr. and Claire Stevenson, both well-known businessmen of Yuba City.

Amelia Stevenson Burch, who later became Mrs. Lohman, is a half-sister to the above-mentioned Stevenson children.

ROBERT K. STEVENSON, brother of Benjamin, was born in Catawba County, North Carolina, in the year 1823. His parents moved to Missouri when he was three years old. In the east he followed farming until 1850 when he came to California with his brother. He first went to Ousley's Bar in Yuba County but later moved.

to Placer County but only stayed there a short time before moving on to Downieville to try his luck . Less than a year following that move he returned to Missouri to bring his wife and two children, aged three and five, to California.

Robert and his family arrived at Ousley's Bar in September 1852 where he and his family lived for two years. In 1854 he moved his family to West Butte in which area he took up land. Later he joined a partnership in Benjamin's farming venture at Noyesburg.

HARRY A. BURCH - HISTORY

This energetic and successful young man was born at Noyesburg, September 18, 1887, the son of Amelia (Stevenson) and Charles W. Burch. Following the death of his father in 1909, the Burch family moved to Marysville where Harry attended Marysville High School and went on to Chico State Normal from which school he received his teaching credentials. He taught at Leesville, Loyalton, Lincoln, Roseville, Gridley and Dunsmuir. He was also the Superintendent of Schools at one time and a member of the Board of Education.

Coupled with his teaching career he successfully operated a warehouse in Marysville from which he shipped fruits, vegetables, poultry, eggs, hay and grain.

Mr. Burch was married to Miss Marguerite Hawn, a native of Hollister, California, in 1912. They had two daughters: Evelyn and Helen.

Amelia (Stevenson) and Charles W. Burch had three other children: Frank, now deceased, who had a long career with the Yuba City Post Office. He passed away in 1955. A daughter, Augusta, whose whereabouts is not known and Charles W. (Charlie) of Marysville.

Amelia Stevenson Burch was the daughter of Benjamin F. Stevenson's first marriage to Sarah Ann Compton.

ANDREW G. WESTERVELT

Andrew G. Westervelt was born in 1827. From where he came is not known or how long he lived in Sutter County. He married an Indian girl and to her and Mr. Westervelt was born a daughter, Amanda Amelia. He was a resident of Noyesburg at the time of his wife's death. His half-orphaned daughter, then a small child, was reared by the A. S. Noyes'.

Mr. Westervelt was a sturdy pioneer and one of the county's renoun hunters and trappers.

He died on April 7th, 1872, at the age of 45 years. His death was accidental. As he was getting out of his boat, after having been on the slough waters, his gun discharged, severing an artery and he bled to death. Amanda was approximately 10 years old at the time of her father's death.

ARTHUR DESSEAU STEWART - HISTORY

Arthur Desseau (Dess) Stewart was a native Californian, having been born at Brownsville, Yuba County, where he made his home until coming to the Noyesburg-West Butte area, about 1880.

Mr. Stewart was a fine, hard working, conscientious member of the community and was interested in farming and the raising of livestock. He also worked seasonally for his friends and neighbors.

"Dess", as he was known to his friends, asked for the hand of Amanda Amelia Westervelt and was given permission to marry the foster-daughter of the Allen S. Noyes'. "Mandy" and "Dess" made their home at West Butte for all of their married lives.

To them were born five (5) children:

Gertrude (Mrs. Ralph Charge)
Alvin
Oscar
James
Ernest

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart's fourth child, James A. Stewart, a handsome, dark complexioned young man of 18 years, was thrown from his high spirited horse while riding on the "Pass Road". The fall broke his neck. He died instantly. His untimely death took him from his loved ones in the year 1907.

CHARLES C. IMMENDORFER - HISTORY

Charles C. Immendorfer, his wife Catherine and daughters! Lena and Louisa, were long-time residents of Noyesburg. The Immendorfer family came to Sutter County from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, around 1880.

Lena and Louisa were then young ladies. They were lured to the west side of the Buttes by their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kennel, of Yuba City. Apparently Mary and Chris Kennel were quite wealthy since it is reported that they held mortgages on any number of ranches in Sutter County. Times were not good around 1880 and they were forced to foreclose on property at Noyesburg and elsewhere so they invited their nieces to come to California, Noyesburg in particular, and if the girls! would do so they (the Kennels!) would give them ranch property there and other lots at Sutter City.

These two young ladies accepted the invitation and in company of their parents left Philadelphia and came to Noyesburg to make their home.

Charles Immendorfer farmed the land. In later years some of the acreage was planted to almonds. The house in which the family lived was located at the very base of the lower portion of the Sutter Buttes on the south of a small valley that had no name. The house and other buildings were surrounded by tall trees and isolated from close neighbors.

Theodore Vetter made his home with the Immendorfers' for many, many years and helped Mr. Immendorfer with the farming and chores. "Ted", as he was called by his neighbors, was not a direct relative of the family Immendorfer but a relative of a relative. He remained a bachelor all of his life. After the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Immendorfer, and Louisa sold her portion of the ranch property to her brother-in-law, Theodore Vetter moved to Sutter City where he made his home until his death in 1955. He is buried at the Noyes Cemetery in the Immendorfer-Counts family plot but there isn't a headstone or a marker to indicate he lays at rest there.

Louisa never married. After she sold her portion of the property to Henry Counts about 1920, she moved to Sutter City where she lived until her death in 1923.

HENRY COUNTS - HISTORY

When a young man HENRY COUNTS came to Noyesburg, Sutter County, from Missouri. His aunt, Louisa Jane (Mrs. Benjamin F. Stevenson), had already lived at Noyesburg since 1870. Henry was approximately 25 years old at the time of his arrival at the Stevenson ranch. He worked on his uncle Ben's ranch and did other seasonal work on the ranches of the local residents.

It was at Noyesburg he met, and fell in love, with Miss Lena Immendorfer, whose property bordered the Stevenson property on the south. Henry and Lena were married in 1890. Mr. Counts farmed the land and that

of his wife's sister, Louisa Immendorfer. He also raised sheep and planted almond trees on the property.

A son, Sylvester U. Counts and a daughter Gladys C. (Mrs. Edward Davis of Gridley) blessed the Counts home. Both Sylvester and Gladys graduated from Noyes Grammar School. Their father, Henry, served on the Board of Trustees of the Noyes School District.

Henry Counts passed away in 1931. Mrs. Counts in 1937 and Sylvester died in 1973. All are buried in the family plot at the Noyes Cemetery.

MICHAEL KEENAN - HISTORY

"Mike" Keenan was a late arrival to the community of Noyesburg. Little is known of this man. He was born in 1853 of Irish extraction. Where he and his family lived before coming to The Buttes is unknown.

The Stevenson Estate was settled in 1899, following the death of Louisa Jane (Counts) Stevenson. The property was sold to the highest bidder and the highest bidder was no other than Mrs. Ella (Jones) Hoke who purchased the hill and ranch lands for \$5,278.00 - a 203 acre parcel - more or less. The records show that Ella (Jones) and William F. Hoke sold a portion of the former Stevenson holdings to Michael Keenan in August 1904 (Book B of Deeds - Page 184) as they did to Allen S. Wisner who had homesteaded a small acreage in the same vicinity some years previously.

It is assumed, then, that Michael Keenan and his family at that time, came to Noyesburg to make their home around 1904.

Mr. Keenan was one of the largest sheep raising men in the area. He not only had the biggest flock of fine sheep around, he also had the biggest 'flock' of children - nine in all: Mary (Mrs. Armstrong of Durham) Johnnie (who married one of Noyes Grammar School teachers, Donnella Hawn); Anna (who became a Nun); "Mike" (farmer and sheepman); Rex, Lulu, Eleanor, Dorothy and Alice, all of whom attended school at Noyesburg.

Mr. Keenan's wife, Mary, was 25 years his junior. "Mike" suffered the loss of one arm sometime during his younger years. This handicap did not deter him from being a successful farmer and sheepman. He was a sturdy-built man of ruddy complexion and sandy-colored hair.

Mrs. Keenan passed away in January 1919, following a bout with the 1918 "flu" epidemic that took the lives of over 70,000 people in the United States. She was 41. The Keenan's youngest child, Alice, was an infant at the time of her Mother's death.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Keenan moved his family to Durham. He died in 1929.

ALLEN S. WISNER - HISTORY

Allen S. Wisner was not one of the early arrivals at Noyesburg. Following Mr. Wisner's stint in the Civil War (1861/1865), he came west to California in 1873 and homesteaded 160 acres at the foot of the Buttes. After the turn of the century he bought a small parcel of land from Ella Jones Hoke, said parcel having formerly been owned by Benjamin F. and Robert K. Stevenson. He mined and farmed his land. Whether he was successful at either venture is not known.

Mr. Wisner married one of the local young ladies, Miss Olivia Priscilla Stevenson, who bore him four sons' and a daughter: Calvin, Marvin, Harvey, Everett and Ivy.

EVERETT KELLY WISNER - HISTORY

Everett Kelly Wisner, son of Olivia Priscilla and Allen S. Wisner, was born at the Wisner home in the Buttes near the community of Noyesburg, December 7, 1892. He attended Noyes Grammar School. Everett was an active and industrious young man.

He joined the military in May 1917, during World War I, and was sent to Camp Lewis, Washington, as an alternate. From there he went to Long Island, New York where he was assigned to a Supply Company in the 1st Division, 162nd Infantry. Everett sailed for overseas in December 1917.

The last word his family received from him was in July 1918. A message sent later from the military informed his family he had been killed at Chateau Thierry about July 18, 1918. Everett's brother, Calvin, arrived in Europe the day he was killed.

Father and son - Allen S. and Everett K. Wisner - are the only veterans' lying at rest at Noyes Cemetery. In years past the American Flag flew from the Wisner's gravesite most of the time. To the writer's knowledge no flags have flown there in many years.

Everett K. Wisner, a local young man who gave his life for his country, lies in the Wisner family plot without a headstone or marker to designate his grave.

A gravesite to the south of the Wisner plot is that of FRANK HARRIS, a cousin to Allen S. Wisner but nothing more is known of this gentleman.

HENRY S. GRAVES - HISTORY

Henry S. Graves was born in Connecticut February 4, 1830. He came to California with his parents when he was 3 years old.

When he was 16 years of age (1849) he engaged in mining on the South Fork of the Feather River. Some months' later, in company with four companions, he went to Sacramento where he purchased a whale boat and provisions and began a journey via the river, for the gold country. Two days' up steam a storm broke upon the travellers which caused them to abandon the whale boat at Long Bar. Undaunted, Mr. Graves again engaged in mining until 1852.

Following his gold mining venture he decided upon settling at North Butte, about 4 miles north of Noyesburg. He purchased 3,000 acres of farm and hill land and turned his attention to stock raising and farming

On January 13, 1862, he married Miss Mary Terstette. Mr. and Mrs. Graves had three sons and three daughters:

Frank Graves
Albert Graves (All deceased)
George Graves

The names of the daughters' or what became of them was not available to the writer.

The descendants' of Frank Graves are:

Cletus Graves (retired teacher - San Rafael)
Frank Graves, Jr. (Live Oak)
Jesse Graves (Mrs. Owen Powell - Live Oak)
Helen Graves (Live Oak)

The descendants' of Albert Graves:

Hope Graves (Mrs. Ansel Lamme - Marysville)
Eileen Graves (deceased)
Vern Graves (deceased)

The descendants' of George Graves:

Bernice Graves (Oroville)

All of the children of Frank, Albert and George Graves attended Noyes Grammar School.

The preceding pages cover the first pioneer settlers' to Noyesburg as far as is known to the writer of this article, their brief histories and children. There are two names appearing in the records - that of John Smith and R. D. Brown - both of whom owned parcels of land in the area and from whom Allen S. Noyes and Benjamin F. Stevenson purchased property. When either of these men came to Sutter County and settled at the Buttes is not known.

It is known that a part and parcel of the Allen S. Noyes holdings on the east side of West Butte Road was, at one time, property belonging to John Smith. John and his wife, Amelia, are remembered by one of the eldest surviving members of the Noyesburg community but it is unknown whether either of them are buried at Noyes Cemetery or, if they moved away from the area before death over took them.

B. B. Adams and family did live at Noyesburg at one time. A daughter, Gertrude is at rest there, but no other family members. The Adams family moved to another part of Sutter County.

The Ramsdell family also lived at Noyesburg at one time but later moved to Live Oak. Three members of the Ramsdell family and two of their relatives by the name of Rossner are buried at Noyes Cemetery.

Last, but not least, is Claire W. Jones and his wife Bernice (Deering) who lived on the old Benjamin F. Stevenson place following their marriage. Later they made their home at Yuba City but Clarie spent much of his time on the ranch so could almost be considered a Noyesburg resident, although he was born and grew up at West Butte. In the pages to follow mention will be made of Claire W. Jones, everyone's friend.

The following pages will cover histories of the pioneers who came to Sutter County and settled in the West Butte Area. Those men on whom no records were found will not be mentioned but their names or names of members of their family can be found in the list of names taken from the headstones at Noyes Cemetery.