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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 Community Memorial Museum Association. Editors are Sharyl Simmons and Phyllis Smith. Payment of annual membership dues 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 always accepted (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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## Exhibits

- *Simple Objects: An Excavation* has been on display since late September. If you haven't been in to see it yet, you still have time as the last day is December 1st. *Simple Objects* is a collaboration between Stephanie Taylor, and artist who was born in Chico, and Christy Heron-Clark, a writer who was born and raised in Paradise. Her family lost two homes in the Camp Fire. They went to Paradise twice to make what they call 'contemporary archaeological digs.'

They created the exhibit to answer this question: What makes an object resonate, objects that no longer have a value, except as memory?

Christy comes to the project from the past – her memories and emotions. Stephanie comes to the project in the present reality.

The exhibit is a fascinating combination of artifacts recovered from the property and artwork. It speaks to the resilience of people in the face of adversity.

- Following a break for the holidays, we will open *In the Fields of the North / En los campos del norte*. This is a traveling exhibit that we are renting from a fantastic company, Exhibit Envoy. Here is how they describe the exhibit:

Traveling with migrant workers as the fruit and harvest season moves from the Mexican border north to Washington state, *In the Fields of the North / En los campos del norte* reveals the stories of contemporary migrant farm workers on the West Coast. The exhibition attempts to shed light on some basic questions: How much do we know about the lives of the people who feed us? Where do they live? How does it feel to do some of the hardest repetitive labor imaginable? And, what answers do farm workers themselves have to end their poverty and endless migration?

*In the Fields of the North* is a series of evocative photographs accompanied by moving oral narratives - **fully translated into both English and Spanish** - that take visitors into the contemporary world of migrant farm workers. Photographer and journalist David Bacon has spent over three decades documenting the lives of migrant workers and organizing with United Farm Workers, and this documentation has been used by FIOB and CRLA to advocate for the rights of migrants and farm workers.

## Events

The 40th Annual **Trees and Traditions** is right around the corner - December 7th is the big day! If you haven't bought tickets yet, there is still time. Just call us and pay over the phone, or purchase them online ([www.suttercountymuseum.org/events](http://www.suttercountymuseum.org/events)). We'll have your tickets for you at the door.

The event is going to be really fantastic this year. Jonathan Karrant is joining us one last time to croon and swoon us into the holiday spirit. The French Whisk is catering, we'll have wine from regional wineries and beer from Sierra Nevada Brewing, and we can't wait for you to see the decorations! Add all this to our newly renovated building, and it's going to be one amazing party!

Please note, ticket prices have gone up a little - \$60 for individuals, or \$110 for a pair. We appreciate your support!

Don't forget about our **Children's Holiday Open House**, set for Sunday December 15th. We'll have Santa, stories, crafts, cookies and hot cocoa. Drop in any time between 1 and 3pm with the little ones; they'll be sure to have a great time!

## News

In September we had our first meeting with Brent Johnson Design to create a Master Plan for our exhibits. We gathered a group of community members and museum stakeholders to discuss the history of the Yuba-Sutter community, what stories need to be told in the museum, and what the common thread that binds those stories together is. We had a great time, and are excited to share more with you as we move forward with this project!

## Renew your membership today!

Funds from membership directly support the work we do here, including taking care of our collections and offering stellar education programming.

Not a member? Consider joining today! And don't forget, a membership is a great gift!

**For more information, visit**  
[www.suttercountymuseum.org](http://www.suttercountymuseum.org)  
**or stop by the Museum**



# Dr. Edward V. Jacobs – Meridian Physician and Farmer

*This biography of Dr. E. V. Jacobs was originally printed in The Rambler, Lou Eichler's long-lived column in the Appeal-Democrat, on June 26, 1929.*

Dr. E. V. Jacobs is a physician who has a business head on his shoulders and who is a business farmer. He located in Meridian years ago and remained right there. He has been a success and is enjoying life these days, he and Mrs. Jacobs doing a lot of traveling during the past few years.

Dr. Jacobs came west from Missouri with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Jacobs, when he was but two years of age, having been born in 1862. The family crossed the plains by ox team and the father worked in the railroad shops in Sacramento for two years before renting a farm in Sutter County.

The baby became a boy and the boy began work as a telegraph messenger in Sacramento and on farms around Meridian. Jim Jones and John Colclasure were among those for whom he worked as a farm hand. Later on he became their family doctor.

When he decided to become a doctor he went to the Missouri medical college, now Washington University, for four years. On his return Louis Tarke loaned him the money to buy his medical case and a horse and buggy, and he went to work. Soon he was the physician of all the families in the river district above and below Meridian, and on both sides of the river. It was 1884 when he retired from all but the railroad work and emergency cases.

In his career as a physician he brought into the world most of those middle aged and young people who are natives of the district. In some families, he officiated at the births of as many as ten of their children in that time.

But gradually, after paying the debts incurred in getting his education and starting in his profession, he invested in farm properties and these finally became so extensive that he had to give up medicine to look after them. He has ranches scattered all around the San Joaquin. He is growing grain, corn, rice, melons and all sorts of garden stuff, and has more than 300 acres in prunes. He has alfalfa on one ranch near Meridian, but it is leased to others who conduct the Gomes dairy on it. He estimates that he has about 2000 acres of land being cultivated and he handles it all, excepting the dairy.



DR. EDWARD VORIECE JACOBS & FRIENDS

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Dr. Jacobs is of the opinion that no good man can afford to farm on a small scale. If he is a good man, he is worth more than can be made off a small place and should not be tied down to the actual hard work required on such a farm. A good man should have a large farm and run it as a business, with competent help to do the manual labor.

But too many men are afraid to take a change, he said. They are afraid of a mortgage and interest rates.

While he was working as a messenger boy in Sacramento he began saving for a rainy day by putting his savings in the Dime Savings Bank at Fifth and J Streets, an important institution in those days.

Later, after he had gotten his start, he began keeping fast horses, of which he was a great admirer. He owned Dr. J., which had a record of 2.6½. His horses raced against those of Dave Knight of Marysville, Col. Park Henshaw of Chico, and others. Bill Harkey used to act as a judge of the races in those days. Dr. Jacobs always had the best horses money could buy, and the best equipment that was obtainable for his profession.

His father had a chance to homestead 160 acres in what is now a central location in Sacramento but turned it down as not attractive. He was a mechanic and did not care to become a farmer.

Mrs. Jacobs was formerly Hannah Thornbrough, whose father was one of the early pioneers of the Meridian district. She became the bride of the doctor in 1886 and moved into her present home as a bride. It had just been built by the doctor, and he had another building nearby in which he conducted a drug store, which continued until recent years.

The newly married pair took no honeymoon trip then, she told the Rambler, because the doctor was still busy getting his start in the world. "But we have had many honeymoon trips since," she said. The house is attractively situated near the river with wide lawns and beautiful shade and ornamental trees and shrubs. The big fig and walnut trees protect the house from the scorching sun in summer and make it comfortable. It is 18 degrees cooler inside than outside on a hot day. It is a real home inside - one to which those to belong delight to return, and in which they like to remain.

Mrs. Jacobs has the government patent to the ranch

below Meridian that was taken up by her father, Edward F. Thornbrough, in the '50s. It has had no other owners.

For a long time, Mrs. Jacobs has been a leader in the women's clubs of Yuba and Sutter. She has been president of the Bi-Counties Federation. She was a state delegate to the national federation at San Antonio a short time ago. She is still an official of the northern district of the state federation. The Wednesday Afternoon club was formed at a meeting in her home 14 years ago and she has been its president several times.

Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs had one child, a son Voriece, of who they were immensely proud, but on a visit to Sacramento when he was 12 years old he contracted typhoid fever and died. They have never really recovered from that blow.



VORIECE JACOBS

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Dr. Jacobs' grandmother, Mary Taylor, was a descendent of President Zachary Taylor.

John Bransford, who was at one time sheriff of Plumas county, later going to Salt Lake City and becoming mayor of that city, wrote to Dr. Jacobs about 20 years ago saying: "Little did we know when passing through

Salt Lake City in 1867 by ox team that you'd now be practicing medicine on the banks of the Sacramento River and I would be mayor of this great city." The two were youngsters on the trip. Another Bransford who was on the same trip, was mayor of Red Bluff and gave the doctor a reception on his visit there some time ago.

Bud Carson, who was played up in picture and story by a Sacramento paper recently, was another member of the party. He lives in Grass Valley. Dr. Hayes of Grass Valley was another member of the train, and the late Dr. Thos. Dobbins of Marysville was still another. A son of the latter, Dr. Julian Dobbins, is a dentist in Grass Valley.

Edward F. Thornbrough, father of Mrs. Jacobs, was a native of North Carolina and came west in 1856 during the Pike's Peak gold rush, but he did not like Pike's Peak and came on to California, mining on Honey Lake for a while and at Quincy, but without reward. His brother and he had stopped at St. Joe, Mo., and worked a year to get money to complete their trip west and got \$20 each for that year's work. They were flat broke at Quincy and walked from there to Oroville, where they chopped wood a while, but the contractor had no money and they were not paid. Then they came to Marysville and

started cutting wood on the Yuba City side of the river but heard of a big wood contract on the Sacramento, so came to Meridian, walking. This contractor was like the one at Oroville, so they went to Nevada City and worked in the mines for a while.

Coming back to Meridian and being unable to raise money to get home, they decided to buy land, getting 250 acres at \$6 an acre. They cleared it, and on the brother's death in 1880, Edward continued to farm it. He built a home on it and acquired other properties, some in Colusa county. He died 15 years ago.

He married Loretta Carner, daughter of a pioneer, and she died ten years ago. One of their daughters is Mrs. Arthur Cabeldu, whose husband died in the Yokohama earthquake a year or so ago. She lives in San Francisco now. Other are Mrs. Harry Grantley of Burlingame, Mrs. Florence Bickley of Berkeley, whose husband died a short time ago, Mrs. Laura Tomlinson of Shanghai, Mrs. Ella G. Blackmer and Mrs. Jacobs, both of Meridian. Their son is William B. Thornbrough, connected with a big oil company at Rodeo.



DR. & MRS. JACOBS' HOME

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## Isabella Dean Noyes Diary, 1919 – Part 4

Day by Day – January 1, 1919 through December 31, 1919

*These are the final months of the 1919 diary of Isabella Dean Noyes, which we have published in earlier Bulletins this year. Isabella describes life returning to normal after a summer in the mountains and lets us see how a farm family prepared for the holiday season and got ready to face another winter in the Sutter Buttes. Ranch business had to be seen to and Isabella made decisions on managing her herd of Hereford cattle. Both Isabella and Ed Noyes came down with bad colds and the influenza epidemic must have been in the back of their minds as they recovered. Downtime meant taking time to read books and a train ride into Sacramento included a trip to the movies to see the latest release. The holidays meant family gatherings at the Noyes homestead and Christmas Day saw 21 people gathered at the dinner table. The year ended with a recitation of farm work being done, a neighbor calling to see if her hogs had wandered onto the Noyes property and a simple good-bye to 1919.*

### FAMILY CONNECTIONS:

Edward A. Noyes  
married Isabella Dean (author) – 1876

### THEIR CHILDREN:

Bernice  
(Mrs. Otis W. Hill, and daughter Grace)

Abbie  
(Mrs. Antone Vagedes.  
Children – Necia & Winton)

Myrtie (Mrs. James L. Haynes)

Charles A. Noyes (Maud)

Edna (Mrs. LeRoy H. Meyer)

### Saturday, October 4, 1919

North wind went down. Had breakfast. Then began putting bedding and supplies brought from Meadow Valley away. Papa Noyes made a cage for the squirrels. Did not dare put them together for fear they would kill one another. Had stewed venison for dinner. After dinner Charlie and Maud went up to Sutter for supplies. Mother Meyer and Edna called – gave Edna a piece of venison and a large head of cabbage. Mr. Lappin certainly took the best care of everything. Lawn never looked better. Kitchen clean and neat as any woman could have kept it. Mary Whiting called on phone to see if she could come Sunday.

### Sunday, October 5, 1919

Was up early. Straightened up the house and had an early dinner and left for Live Oak. Had a very pleasant ride. Noticed many new homes being built. Finally arrived at Mr. Andrew Young's. Maud and Mother Noyes remained there while Papa Noyes and son Charlie went on to Charlie's place. We visited with Miss Young a while, then bought peaches, prunes, quinces and walnuts. Papa N. and Charlie soon came and we were soon on the way. Met Ernest Robinson near his orchard. Visited quite a while. It was late when we reached home. Found Miss Whiting there.



ORCHARD AND BUTTES



**Monday, October 6, 1919**

Clear and bright. Papa Noyes and son Charlie and Calvin Wisner began digging pit for new pump. Maud washed. Mother Noyes visited until time to prepare dinner which Mother Noyes did while Miss Whiting set the table. Had venison, turnips, carrots and potatoes with sliced peaches for dessert. After dinner spent the time talking and reading until supper time.

**Tuesday, October 7, 1919**

Clear and pretty warm for people just back from the mountains. Men

still digging pit for pump. Miss Whiting still here. Mother Noyes just done the work that had to be done. Cauliflower, carrots and spuds from Meadow Valley – rice pudding made up our dinner. Spent the time reading and writing until supper was ready.

**Wednesday, October 8, 1919**

Had an early breakfast. Put up lunch for Calvin Wisner. He left for Charlie's place with the truck for a load of wood. Had dinner at twelve. After dinner Papa Noyes and son Charlie and Maud took Miss

Whiting to Marysville to take the train for Modesto. Miss Whiting forgot her purse so they had to come back for it. Folks got back about supper time. Bob Lappin left for a few days vacation. Mother Noyes put clothes to soak. Cal came back just after dinner.

**Thursday, October 9, 1919**

A howling north wind blowing dust all over everything. Mother Noyes peeled quinces, made two glasses of jelly, put up the soft peaches. North wind howled all day. Cal made two trips for wood.



CAR ON ROAD WITH  
BUTTES IN BACKGROUND

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**Friday, October 10, 1919**

Slight north wind. Mother Noyes washed large wash of towels and old rags. Edna called for a few moments. Cal W. made his two trips for wood. Edna and Roy came over in the evening with some wild grapes.

**Saturday, October 11, 1919**

North wind still blowing. Cal went after wood. Papa Noyes and son Charlie doing up odd jobs. Mother Noyes made quince jelly and mopped the kitchen floor.

**Sunday, October 12, 1919**

Mother Noyes cleaned up sitting room, made bed. Set lunch for men. Changed dress and was ready to go. Papa Noyes, son Charlie



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and Calvin Wisner were going to Oroville. They took Maud over to Orva Forderhase's and Mother Noyes up to Abbie's where we spent the day. Edna came over to Abbie's, visited a while. The men came home about half past. Stopped awhile. Then Mother Noyes got in auto. We went round to Orva's for Maud. Had Oyster soup for supper.

### Monday, October 13, 1919

Mother Noyes made some wild grape jelly, prepared dinner, cleaned the dust off of the back porch. Cal hauled two loads of wood. Made up our minds to take a trip to Sacramento Wednesday.

### Tuesday, October 14, 1919

North wind blowing a gale. Mother Noyes cleaned cupboards, refrigerator – scrubbed back porch and kitchen. Swept Miss Young's room and made up the bed. Charlie and Maud went to Marysville and then up to Live Oak for Miss Young. Cal hauled one load of wood and went

after Miss Young's trunks; reached there before Charlie and Maud. Papa Noyes put in a hard day repairing washing machine and with Cal's assistance succeeded in getting it to run. Charlie, Maud and Miss Young put in appearance about five o'clock.

### Wednesday, October 15, 1919

Still a little north wind. Mother spent the time picking up things, pressing clothes. Mr. Quigley and C.

E. Williams called on business. Bob Lappin returned.

### Thursday, October 16, 1919

Rose early, had breakfast at half past six. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes and Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes walked to station and took the 7 o'clock car for Sacramento – had a very pleasant day for shopping. Witnessed the parade for better school house – a fine parade. Took in a picture show – *The Brat*<sup>1</sup>. Caught the 4:35 car for home which we reached at 20 minutes to seven. Supper was ready. Cal hauled wood.



CATTLE AND HORSES

PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

### Friday, October 17, 1919

Mother Noyes washed – had a huge old washing. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went to Marysville. Cal Wisner hauled wood and chunks. Edna called.

### Saturday, October 18, 1919

North wind blew a gale. Mr. Leuth came out to see about the pump – could not make it pump water into the tank.

### Sunday, October 19, 1919

A pleasant day. Cal Wisner took the watering trough up to Charlie's place. Came back, changed his clothes and went to M'ville to a show. Roy and Edna spent the evening. Charlie and Maud visited at Florence Forderhase's.

### Monday, October 20, 1919

Everyone was busy packing up and cooking lunch and getting ready for the men to go to Meadow Valley to bring the cattle home. Tom Dean and family called. Ray (Dean) is going with the men to drive the big mule team.

### Tuesday, October 21, 1919

All up early and the men got off at 6 o'clock. Papa Noyes and son Charlie, Ray Dean, Calvin Wisner, Frank Carillo, Harvey Wisner and Mr. Warrant made up the party. Mother Noyes got up with a terrible cold – cleaned up sitting room and went

<sup>1</sup> *The Brat*, a silent film starring Alla Nazimova in the title role, was based on a Broadway play by the same name. The film is lost.

to bed. Had been there but a short time when Edna Meyer called – so got up and stayed up all day – a long day. Went to bed early but ached so could not sleep.

### **Wednesday, October 22, 1919**

Had breakfast at half past seven. Mother Noyes made wild grape jelly. Bob Lappin went up to the store – failed to get Maud’s list – walked up to the butcher shop, bought Maud’s meat and a roll of butter for us. Miss Young washed. Mother Noyes made quince marmalade.

### **Thursday, October 23, 1919**

Cloudy – Mother Noyes did not feel very well. Made quince jelly and cleaned storeroom upstairs. Found dead rat. Edna Meyer called a few minutes – left cloth for a dress she purchased in Sacramento. Miss Young ironed, mopped kitchen and washed kitchen windows. Mother Noyes put in a full day. Had to lie down right after supper. Was cold – another stage of the cold.

### **Friday, October 24, 1919**

Rather cloudy and decidedly cooler. Calvin Wisner came in with a truck load of potatoes, carrots and apples. Mother Noyes feeling better. Picked over the last of the wild grapes. Cut up the rest of the apples, cooked both and strained the juice and set it away.

### **Saturday, October 25, 1919**

Cloudy and cold. Mother Noyes cleaned her room. Made the last jelly for the season. Turned the clock back one hour. Did not feel so well. Mr. H. C. Meyers has a new auto – a Buick.

### **Sunday, October 26, 1919**

Cloudy – looks like rain. Mother Noyes put in the day reading. Put clothes to soak. Jim, Myrtie and Glenister Haynes [called in] the evening – helped to shorten a long day.

### **Monday, October 27, 1919**

Clear and bright with a strong north wind. Mother Noyes washed – scrubbed the big store room upstairs. Edna Mayer called – wanted me to go to town with her Tuesday. Maud went to town with Mr. & Mrs. Florenze Forderhase. Came back at half-past six and could not get in. Had Mr. Lappin go over and open door for her. Only two of our turkeys came to roost. Mr. Lappin caught them and shut them up. Cal Wisner left with the truck to go to Charlie’s place to load with hay and go to Oroville to meet Mr. Noyes and Charlie with the cattle.

### **Tuesday, October 28, 1919**

Clear and cooler. Mother Noyes done up her morning’s work, changed her dress, laid out coat and hat, was all ready to go with Edna Meyer. She came at half past nine and we were soon on our way. Had a very pleasant ride. Reached Marysville at half past ten. Edna went at once to Dr. Carmichael, the dentist. Mother Noyes done her shopping. Went to King’s and waited for Edna. Then we went to the Brownie – had lunch. Met Aunt Sophia and cousin Ella Davis, both look well. Left M’ville, went out to Jim Haynes and spent the afternoon. Mother Noyes bought a new cord for electric iron.

### **Wednesday, October 29, 1919**

Howling north wind. Mother Noyes cleaned up her room, ironed. About ten o’clock Cal came in with the truck loaded with bedding and provisions. Unloaded. Said the men would be home tonight. Took his auto and went back to get something for their lunch. About half past two Ray came in driving Bud & Blossom, bringing beds and suitcases – leading Glenister’s pony. At four o’clock Cal came in with Papa Noyes and son Charlie. Mr. Noyes was so sick he could hardly stand. Got him in, built a fire and soon had him on the lounge.

At six Mr. Warren drove in with his favorite mule team and the camp wagon so the porch was covered with boxes, beds, etc. We are glad to have them all home. Mr. Quigley called and left us 8 nice Sprig ducks<sup>2</sup>.

### **Thursday, October 30, 1919**

North wind still blowing. Miss Young washed. Mother Noyes washed camp dishes and put them away. Cal Wisner carried boxes and rolls of bedding upstairs. Tony called – had the cold. Mr. Dearing called to see about selling a tractor. Put up cot in living room for Papa Noyes. Had duck for dinner – it certainly tasted good.

### **Friday, October 31, 1919**

North wind still blowing. Will it never stop? Tonight is Halloween. Charlie and Cal killed enough pigeons for a good meal. Wind finally changed around to the south. Jim, Myrtie and Glenister called. Had been to the sale at H. C. Winey’s. Everything sold well.

<sup>2</sup> Pintail ducks

**Saturday, November 1, 1919**

Clear with a south wind. Charlie Noyes and wife went up to their place and then on to M'ville. Did not get back until late. Roy and Edna Meyer called. Brought a pan of nice red apples.

**Sunday, November 2, 1919**

Cloudy and cold during the morning, but turned warm and pleasant in the afternoon. Tony, Necia and Winton called. Brought back the hay wagon. Mr. Haven called – still going to the dentist.

After dinner Lizzie, Abbie, Necia and Winton called. Just as they were going away, Jim, Myrtie and Glenister came in. Glenister came to get his pony that had been at Meadow Valley all summer.

**Monday, November 3, 1919**

Clear and still. Calvin Wisner, Charlie Noyes, and Mr. Haven went down to Mother Noyes' place and brought the engine and pump up. After dinner Charlie and Calvin took the engine up to Charlie's place. Set it up and pumped the well dry in a few minutes. They saw that would not do so they returned home that night. Edna Meyer called.

**Tuesday, November 4, 1919**

Cloudy and rather cool. Charlie Noyes, Calvin Wisner and Frank Carillo went up to Charlie's place. Gathered up the cattle and with John Stewart and Orrin Kinney drove the cattle down to the Bar N Ranch at Sutter, arriving there at three o'clock. They brought down 256 head. Miss Young had lunch for three of them. After lunch drove the Herefords up from below the track. Rained a little about three o'clock.



**COWS IN LANE**  
PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

Put the cattle they drove home below the track. Papa Noyes feeling better, but still confined to his room. Mr. Haven hauled two loads of pumpkins from Louis Stohlman's Bean camp. Tony Vagedes called.



**Wednesday, November 5, 1919**

Clear with south wind. Mr. Lappin quit the choreman's job and began hauling straw, hauling with two wagons and the following men: Calvin Wisner, Milo Warren and Mr. Haven. Charlie Noyes began doing chores. Louis Tarke and son Fred came over and bought a Poland China boar paying \$50 for him. Abbie Vagedes came down and spent most of the day. Papa Noyes seemed to be gaining a little.

**Thursday, November 6, 1919**

Clear and pleasant. Men still hauling straw. Mother Noyes ironed dress. Antone Vagedes called. Mr. Brown of Yuba Dairy called to see about selling pumpkins. Men finished hauling straw. Edna and Roy called. Nearly froze – the north wind was blowing so hard did not dare have much fire.

**Friday, November 7, 1919**

Clear and pleasant. Calvin Wisner and Bob Lappin went over to Sutter Lumber yard and bought a large post for the gate. Dug out the old one and set the new one in its place. Miss Young ironed. Papa Noyes walked out and told the men how to set the post. Remained out until eleven o'clock. Calvin and Mr. Lappin went up to Charlie's place. Brought down the plow – were late getting back.

**Saturday, November 8, 1919**

Clear with a strong north wind. Calvin and Mr. Lappin cleaned out the chimney – done a fine job. Did not get dirt all over the room. Myrtie, Jim and Glenister Haynes called. Cal Wisner and Mr. Lappin took the wagon (that Allen Stohlman broke) to pieces and loaded it on the truck. After dinner Calvin took it to Marysville to be repaired and brought back salt for cattle. Mr. Lappin put canvas on the doors of the screen porch, making it more comfortable.

**Sunday, November 9, 1919**

Clear and bright – a lovely day. A Japanese man called and tried to rent land for rice. Wanted big barn for horses. Mr. Noyes would not think of renting until water was brought here. Butcher called – wanted cattle and hogs. We had none to sell. After dinner Tony and Abbie, Necia and Winton called and took Mother Noyes for a ride. Went down into No. 70 and back through the bean fields. Stopped a few minutes at Roy and Edna's camp. Came back to Tony's place, fed the hogs and then on home.

**Monday, November 10, 1919**

Clear with south wind. Maud washed. Mother Noyes undone the camp bedding and clothes on the line to air. Jim Haynes came down and told us that Alice Straub<sup>3</sup> was dead. Made up bed in library for tractor man, but he failed to come. Shortly after dinner Ernie Robinson and John Stewart came in and brought 4 nice speckle breast geese.

<sup>3</sup> Alice Hoke Straub and her husband, Will, farmed in West Butte.

**Tuesday, November 11, 1919**

Armistice Day. Clear. Mother Noyes washed two weeks washing. Edna Meyer called to see if I cared to go to the funeral. Told her I certainly would like to go. Had stewed goose for dinner. It was fine. After dinner man came in with what was supposed to be a new tractor, but it proved to be an old one. Mr. Noyes would not accept it. Then Meyers folks drove in and we went to the funeral. Was early so drove around Sutter then out by Ed Clements to where the dredger was working. The road was bridged over so cars could cross. Came back just in time to go in church. Mostly people from West Butte, Mrs. Straub's home.

**Wednesday, November 12, 1919**

Clear and cold. No sign of rain. Maud ironed. Bee reporter came in. Tried hard to get advertisement for the Herefords, but Mr. Noyes had nothing to sell so thought it was useless to carry an ad. Mother Noyes dampened clothes. Had stewed goose for dinner.

**Thursday, November 13, 1919**

Clear and cool. Abbie's birthday – 40 years old. Sent her a card and a five dollar greenback. Mother Noyes ironed. Mr. Warren cleaned yard around laundry room. After dinner while Papa Noyes was enjoying the sunshine, Mother Noyes gave the living room a good cleaning. Changed the lounge and table covers – put new pictures on desk and livened up things in general.

**Friday, November 14, 1919**

Clear and cool. Mother Noyes finished ironing. Received package from Weinstock, Lubin Co. containing pajamas and a couple

of Lowel's Roast Pork with dressing for dinner, cigars, candy, sausage and bread. Cal took the left wheel off of the broken wagon into the blacksmith expecting to bring back a load of pumpkins, but was too late as they were all sold. Had a phone call from Charlie's place that one of the horses was sick. Charlie and Maud went up. Horse was better. Found a grip and big bag containing soldier's clothes.

### **Saturday, November 15, 1919**

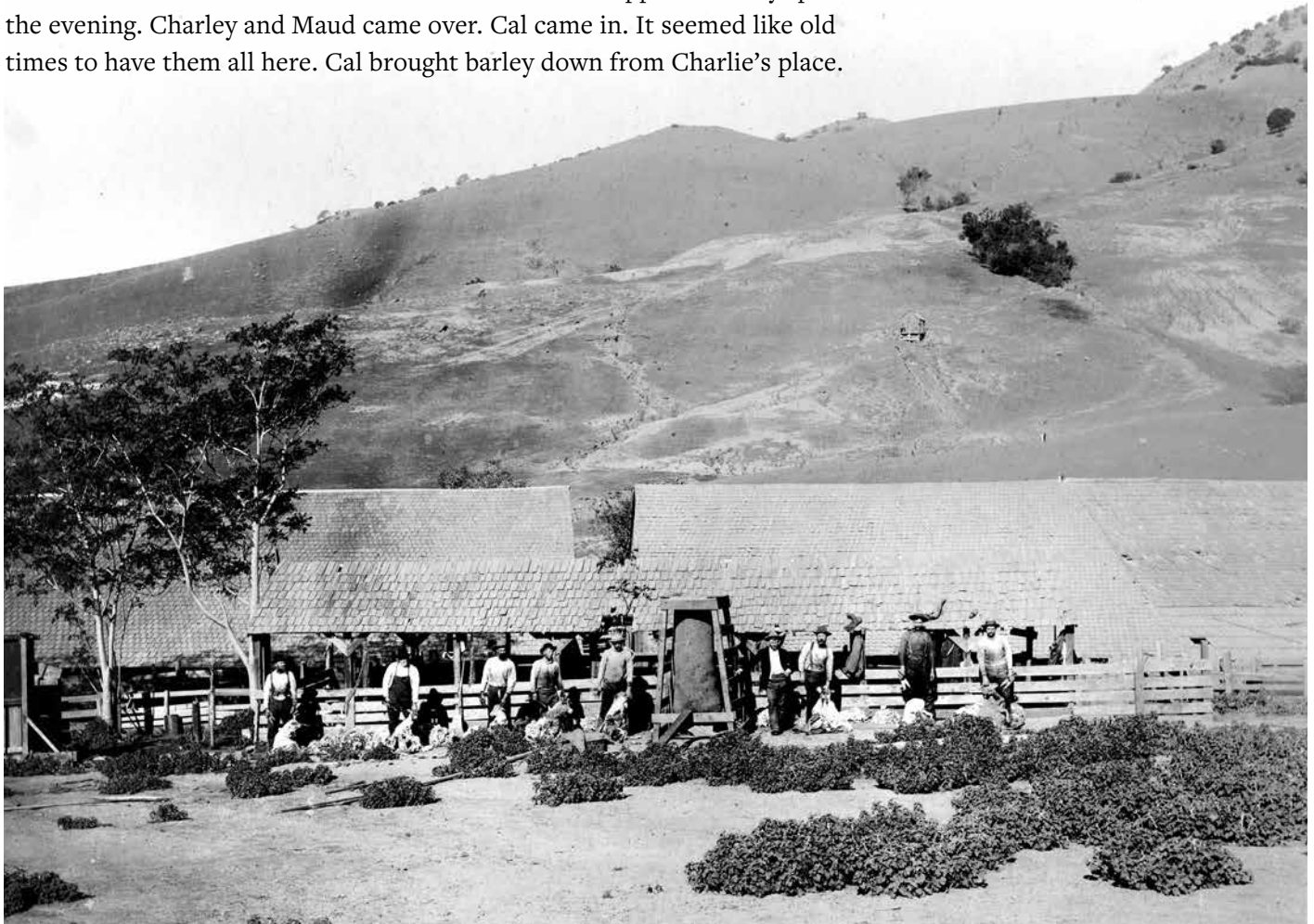
Clear and cool. Cal went up [to] Charlie's place and brought back a load of barley. Miss Young scrubbed kitchen and back porch. Mother Noyes cleaned the bathroom. Mr. [no name written] the man who locates wells was here and located a good well a short distance east of the road on the north line. Cal went home - not feeling well.

### **Sunday, November 16, 1919**

Clear and cool, a lovely day. Mother Noyes put in the morning reading. Papa Noyes improving slowly. After dinner Edna and Roy came over and the afternoon passed away quickly.

### **Monday, November 17, 1919**

Clear and cold. Roy came over to shear the sheep. Edna came with him. Sheared nine before dinner and 14 after dinner. Had supper and they spent the evening. Charley and Maud came over. Cal came in. It seemed like old times to have them all here. Cal brought barley down from Charlie's place.



SHEEP SHEARING

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MAN ON RIGHT STANDING NEXT TO CAR TIRE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS CHARLIE NOYES

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**Tuesday, November 18, 1919**

Cloudy with south wind. Mother Noyes made a curtain and fixed vest in gingham dress. Cal went to Marysville after parts of wagon. Bob Lappin hauled manure. Mr. Warren still cleaning yards. Had a letter from Sister Lizzie saying Bessie (her daughter) was quite sick. Cal went up to Charlie's place, brought back a load of barley. Sprinkled a little during the night.

**Wednesday, November 19, 1919**

Cloudy - Mother Noyes washed. North wind came up about ten o'clock. Cal drove a stake to mark the place where we could get a good well of water by going down 280 feet, a better one by going 400 feet. Tony, Abbie, Necia and Winton called - brought Papa Noyes a bottle of tonic.

**Thursday, November 20, 1919**

Howling north wind. Mother Noyes ironed until Miss Young was ready to wash. Wind blew hard all day. Men doing just what [had] to be done.

Tony came in for chicken coop.

**Friday, November 21, 1919**

Clear and bright, a lovely day. Papa Noyes' birthday. Had a little home dinner for him. Maud went to Marysville. Charlie ate dinner with us. Abbie came down after dinner. Papa Noyes and son Charlie separated cattle. Began weaning calves. We have some music - with cows and calves bawling. Theo Bryan was here trying to sell tractor.

**Saturday, November 22, 1919**

Cloudy and smoky. Mother Noyes put a new vest and collar on her polka dot dress. Eclipse of the sun. Necia came down with a box of candy for Grand-papa for his birthday. It was a day late - but tasted just as good as ever. Necia stayed and took dinner with us. Jim and Glenister called.

**Sunday, November 23, 1919**

Clear and pleasant. Mother Noyes swept living room and hall - watered lawn. Mr. Haven called - had sold the bean crop. Tony came down

and bought my heifer - 3 other beeves and a bull. After dinner Miss Young's brother came and took her for a ride. Then Lizzie, Abbie and Winton, Edna Meyer and Necia came in. That evening the cattle broke the fence and came across the track. Men put them in corrals.

**Monday, November 24, 1919**

Clear and bright. Maud washed. Mother Noyes worked on dress. Men fixed fence and put the cattle back in field below the track. No tractor yet.

**Tuesday, November 25, 1919**

Smoky and cloudy. Roy Meyer birthday. Abdilgard and Carlson tractor men were here for dinner. Waited until the freight came in but no tractor. It was shipped to Marysville last Friday. Mr. Abdilgard was some disgusted with the railroad company.

**Wednesday, November 26, 1919**

North wind blew a gale all day. No work. Mother Noyes did not wash but cleaned up the drawers in the desk. Roy Meyer came over with



four Squealers so we will have goose for Thanksgiving dinner. The wind has filled the house with dust.

#### **Thursday, November 27, 1919**

North wind blowing hard, cold. Thanksgiving day. Had goose for dinner. It was fine, beat turkey. It was too windy to work. Men doing chores. Have hard time hauling hay out to the cattle. Everybody reading. Cal went up to Post Office at two o'clock and brought home the mail.

#### **Friday, November 28, 1919**

Wind in south, warmer, smoky. Mother Noyes washed – washed two pair of curtains and a blanket besides the regular washing. Necia's birthday – 9 years old. Fred Carlson brought the tractor out. It was a new one, but one casting was broken. Mr. Haven paid me for my part of the bean crop – \$73.00. Edna came over and brought six geese and some sewing.

#### **Saturday, November 29, 1919**

Wind still in south. Roy brought Edna over in the morning. She spent the day sewing. Men folks grinding barley. Ground a load for Mr. Haven. Had goose steak for dinner. It was fine. Began raining. After dinner men hauled barley around to the various barns for feeding. Roy came for Edna.

#### **Sunday, November 30, 1919**

Raining. Mother Noyes neglected her Saturday work so worked Sunday cleaning up her room and ironing.

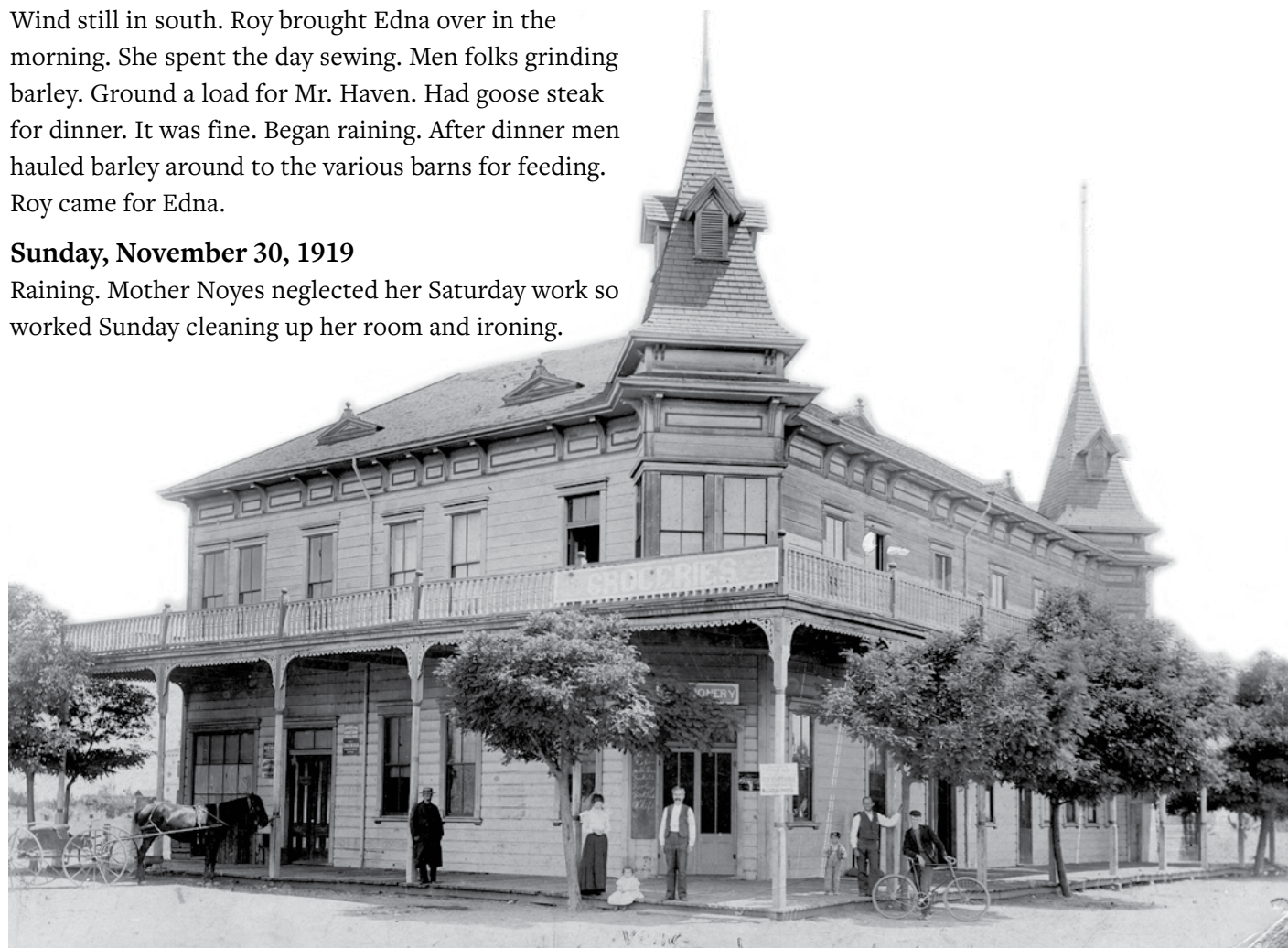
Papa Noyes put in the reading *Thunder Bird*. Had over an inch of rain. Marvin Wisner called looking for old plow wheels. The old plow here had been robbed of wheels long before.

#### **Monday, December 1, 1919**

Cloudy but not raining. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes went to Marysville to pay taxes and do some shopping. Met Mrs. Alice Reed and Will Reynolds – old time neighbors. Came home early.

#### **Tuesday, December 2, 1919**

Rained all day. Mr. Warren made his daily trip for the mail. Myrtie and Jim called – Myrtie had a letter from Mrs. Graves. She wrote that Dr. Gates had a nervous breakdown and that they had taken him away. Mr. Abdilgard called to look at the new tractor. George Orva and Catherine called on Charlie and Maud.



MCLEAN'S STORE AND POST OFFICE IN SUTTER

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**Wednesday, December 3, 1919**

Raining. Raining in the morning. Changed to north wind during the afternoon. Mother Noyes cleaned library and bedroom. Sent order to Sears Roebuck. Cal carried trunk and cot, also mattress, upstairs.

**Thursday, December 4, 1919**

Still raining. Edna Meyer came over about eleven o'clock and remained the rest of the day. Spent the time sewing and talking. After dinner men brought up cattle and separated them.

**Friday, December 5, 1919**

Cloudy. Sprinkling a little. Mother Noyes washed and got her clothes dry – even a blanket. Took clothes in and folded them. Just damp enough to iron good.

**Saturday, December 6, 1919**

Clear and quite a nice day. Mother Noyes done mending, fixed rug in hall, swept up bathroom. Finished ironing. Charlie drove cattle up and separated calves from Herefords.

**Sunday, December 7, 1919**

Hazy and warmer. John Stewart came down. He and Charlie Noyes left the home place with the cattle at eight o'clock, reached Charlie's place about one o'clock. Mr. Haven drove Dick and Nig in the hay wagon. Calvin Wisner and Papa Noyes left in Cal's auto. Orrin Kinney prepared a good dinner for them.

**Monday, December 8, 1919**

Clear and bright – a lovely day. Mother Noyes made Christmas stockings. Miss Young cooked nearly all morning so the men could have lunch the next day. Calvin started plowing with the new Monarch tractor below the railroad track. Maud washed. Charlie worked on car.

**Tuesday, December 9, 1919**

A little cloudy. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes and Miss Young went to Marysville. Mother Noyes forgot her purse – had to turn around at Dicks<sup>4</sup> and come back for it. We finally reached Marysville and spent the day shopping. The day seemed all too short.

**Wednesday, December 10, 1919**

Raining and blowing. Real winter weather at last.

Concluded not to wash. Calvin Wisner and Mr. Warren took truck and went to station for freight and to the lumberyard for lumber. Then up to the post office for mail. Papa Noyes made rope halters for the cattle. Mother Noyes made out list to H. L. Dean & Co.

The Herefords all came in corral. After dinner Papa Noyes, Charlie Noyes and Calvin Wisner tied them in the barn. Still storming.

**Thursday, December 11, 1919**

Cloudy but shows signs of clearing up. Miss Young washed. Edna and Roy called on their way to Marysville. Mother Noyes used the electric cleaner all over the rooms. Mr. Abdilgard and Mr. Poole called to see tractor – took in the barn full of Herefords. Papa Noyes began to help feed the cattle.

**Friday, December 12, 1919**

Clear and cold. Mother Noyes washed. Cal still plowing below the track. Edna Meyer and Myrtie Haynes called to make out the Christmas menu. Remained until five o'clock. Had everything settled.

**Saturday, December 13, 1919**

Clear and pleasant. Mother Noyes ironed and cleaned the back porch. Went up to Abbie's for a few minutes. Men busy feeding cattle and cleaning barns.

**Sunday, December 14, 1919**

Clear and cold. Mother Noyes gave the living room a good cleaning, changed her dress and began reading *Betty Jane*. Read all afternoon.

**Monday, December 15, 1919**

Cloudy – threatening rain. Maud washed. Cal still plowing the track. Stohlman boys still plowing for Mr. Haven. Mother Noyes, Miss Young and Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes and Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Meyer went to Marysville to see the *Tailor Made Man*. A good play and all enjoyed it. Reached home at half past twelve.

**Tuesday, December 16, 1919**

Mother Noyes packed dishes for wood choppers camp. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went up to Charlie's place and spent the day working there. Edna Meyer came over after dinner. Cut out a dress for Santa Claus. Made up her mind to go with us to Marysville Thursday.

<sup>4</sup> Possibly Dirks, difficult to make out.

**Wednesday, December 17, 1919**

Cloudy. Mother Noyes washed – just did get clothes dry. Cut out cushions for two rockers. Had chicken for dinner. Cullin brought down apples and five white Plymouth Rock Roosters and the Christmas tree. Put the tree in library where it scents the whole room. This was the day the world was to explode. Had a letter from L. J. Stratton in which he returned the check. Would not consider unless we released land south of road.

**Thursday, December 18, 1919**

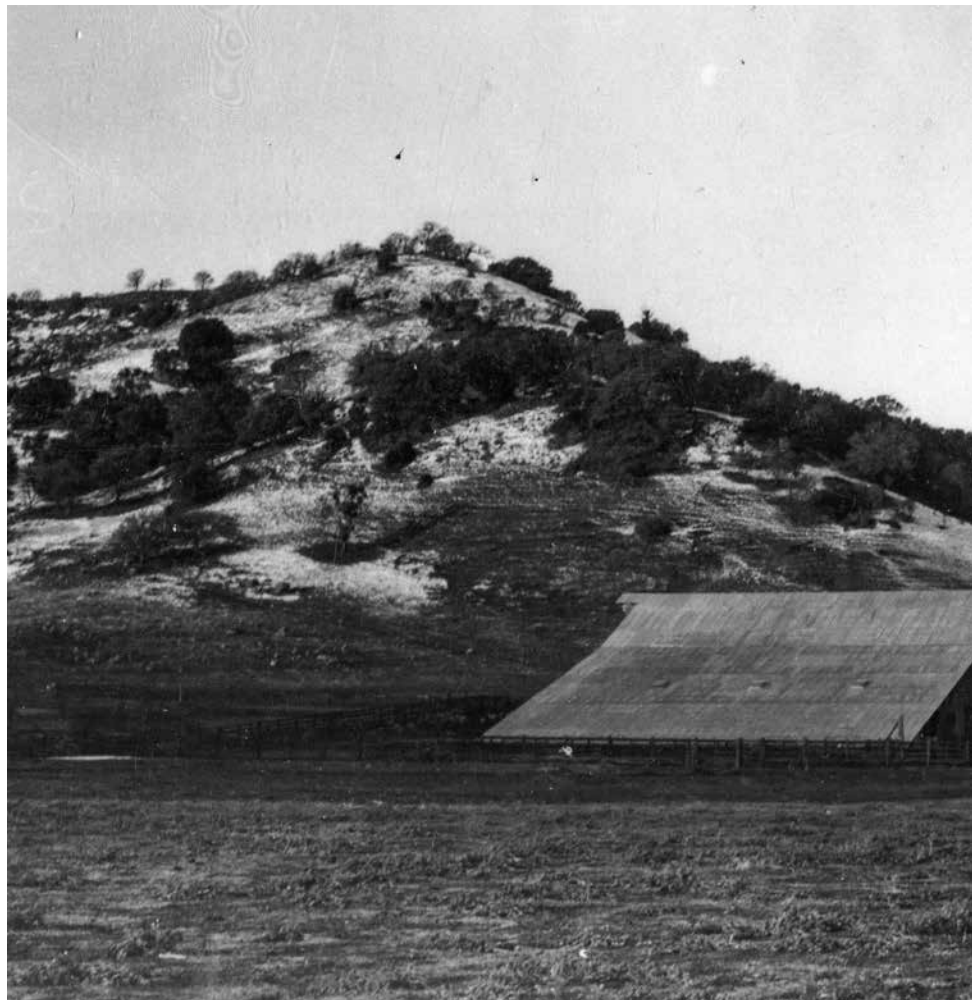
Still cloudy. World did not come to an end. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes, and Mrs. L. H. Meyer went to Marysville to do some Christmas shopping. Spent the day. Met quite a few we knew. Papa bought Charlie a signet ring. When we reached home Miss Young had the fire burning in the room.

**Friday, December 19, 1919**

Raining a little. Cal plowed most of the day. Mr. Warren and Mr. Lappin hauled hay. Charlie and Maud took the truck – went to the station for groceries and to McLains for mail and to butcher shop for meat. Mother Noyes cleaned storeroom and put groceries away. Edna Meyer called to get stencil plate – going to Masquerade ball.

**Saturday, December 20, 1919**

Cloudy. Mother Noyes made cushions for three chairs. Edna Meyer came over. Cut out bloomers and coat for Santa Claus. We decided just what decorations we would use for library, living room and dining room.



BARN IN BUTTES

**Sunday, December 21, 1919**

Cloudy for a while. Papa Noyes fixed Christmas tree on stand. Mother Noyes ironed. Antone, Abbie, Necia and Winton Vagedes called.

**Monday, December 22, 1919**

Foggy. Sun came out for a while. Edna Meyer came over early, made Santa Claus a suit and put it on him. Put red and green festooning in loops around the walls of the library, hung up Christmas wreaths of holly. Trimmed the tree with cones and tinsel.

**Tuesday, December 23, 1919**

Foggy. Papa Noyes and son Charlie took cows up to Charlie's place. Mr. Warren took Mutt and the buggy, went up to bring Papa Noyes back. Edna Meyer came over, sorted out decorations for porch and put them up – all red festooning and large bells.

**Wednesday, December 24, 1919**

Still foggy. Mother Noyes taking a terrible cold. Edna was a little late in getting over – kept her on the jump. Made cake and fixed salted almonds. Finished trimming the tree and put all the presents three families had here on.



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#### Thursday, December 25, 1919

Merry Christmas. The first thing was to get the turkey ready to bake. Put up decorations in living room, got tables in and cloths on. Soon had the table set. The girls were a little late getting here. The following people sat down to a table loaded with all the good things that go with turkey: Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. O. W. Hill, Mr. & Mrs. A. Vagedes, Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Haynes, Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Meyer, Miss Young and brother Andrew Young, Calvin Wisner, Bob Lappin, Mr. Warren, Grace, Dorothy and Charlie Hill, Glenister Haynes, Necia and Winton Vagedes. After dinner all were ushered into the library where stood a lovely tree loaded with presents. Miss Grace Hill took the presents from the tree.

#### Friday, December 26, 1919

Foggy. Miss Young washed. Mother Noyes sat around and read the book *In Secret* by Robert W. Chambers. Cal still plowing. Edna stopped in – fixed up a box for Bernie. Had turkey hash for dinner and the remains of the mince pie.

#### Saturday, December 27, 1919

Foggy. Men hauled hay. Fed cattle. Cleaned barns. Cal still plowing. Miss

Young ironed. Mother Noyes fretting her cold.

#### Sunday, December 28, 1919

Foggy. A dreary day. Mother Noyes sat around all day with that cold, doing nothing but read *In Secret*. Jim, Myrtie and Glenister Haynes called in the evening. Mother Noyes wrote two letters.

#### Monday, December 29, 1919

Still a heavy fog. Maud washed. Mother Noyes swept up room and read the *Thunder Bird*, a book written by B. M. Bower. Edna Meyer was glad to see her. Mother Noyes finished *Thunder Bird* and began reading *Heritage of the Desert* written by Zane Grey.

#### Tuesday, December 30, 1919

Foggy and cold. Cal tried to harrow, but ground was too wet. Papa Noyes and son Charlie took the wood choppers, L. Focoli and G. Carletti to the ranch at Pennington going by Live Oak to get provisions. Soon arrived at ranch where Orrin Kinney hurried around and prepared dinner. Wood choppers getting their own dinner.

#### Wednesday, December 31, 1919

Foggy and cold. Cal still plowing. Warren and Mr. Lappin still hauling hay. Mrs. Warren Thorp called to see if her hogs were over here, but we had not seen them. This [is] goodbye to 1919.

# An Incomplete Chronology of Floods in Our Region

## 1805

According to information early settlers obtained from the local Native Americans, there was a great flood in about 1805, which inundated the entire valley. Many lives were lost and many villages were destroyed.

## 1825-26

A trapping party was compelled to camp in the Sutter Buttes due to the high water. The Buttes were reported to be full of bear, elk, and antelope and smaller game that had taken refuge there.

## 1846-47

During the winter season of these years, there were great floods.

## 1852-53

During the winter, most of the country was under water for the whole season. The rains started in early November 1852 and continued through December. The rivers were very high and the water backed up, spreading all over the country. Communication from the towns with the outside world and between farmers had to be maintained by boats. The flood reached its peak in March 1853. By this time, the merchants and farmers had obtained some valuable experience on how to protect their property and the amount of damage was not as high as anticipated. The farmers had moved their stock to high ground and the merchants were doing all of their business on the second story of their buildings. Yuba City was completely flooded. Steamers could get no further up the Feather River than Hock Farm.

## 1861-62

Long and incessant rains ushered in the rainy season. In the *Marysville Appeal*, December 10, the havoc of the flood was described:

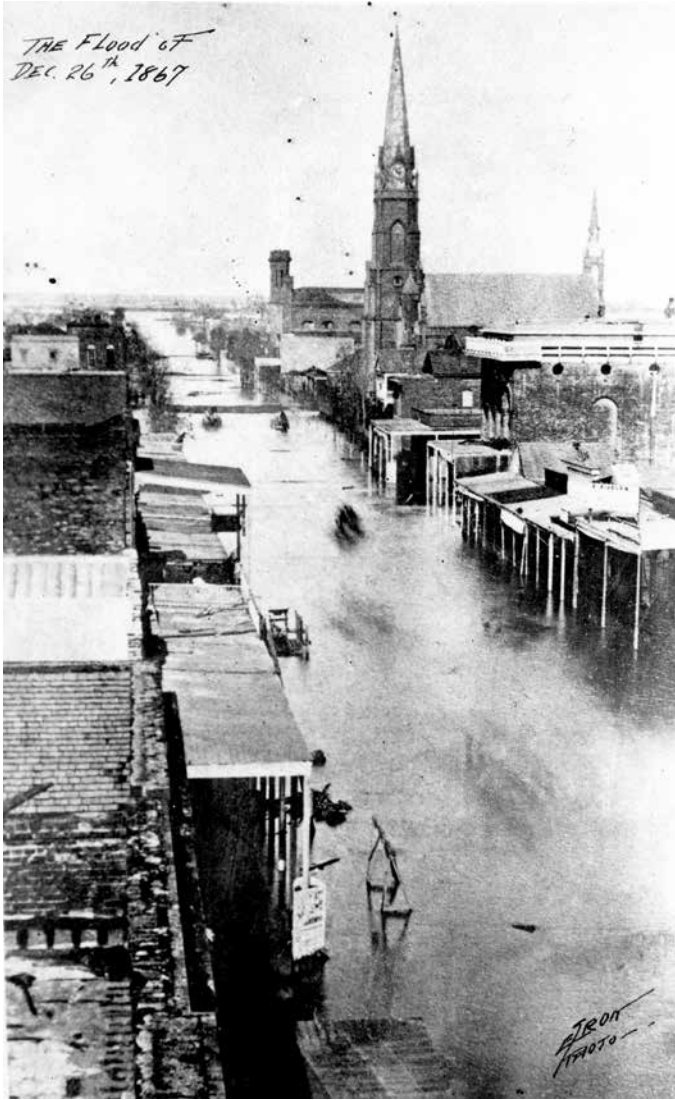
Westward one vast water level stretched to Yuba City, where a kindred inundation was raging, the entire town site being under water. Beyond this to the foothills of the coast range, there appeared to be no dry land. Northward the plains were cut up into broad streams of water, which were swiftly coursing towards the great sheet of water stretching between the Yuba and Feather Rivers...unbroken except by the upper stories of houses, trees and floating debris. Southward the whole plain towards Eliza was one sheet of water, dotted with trees, roofs of houses, floating animals and wrecks of property of every description. Where Feather River sweeps past Eliza, stock of every kind could be seen constantly passing down stream.

On January 11, 1862, the water rose six inches higher than in 1861. It was estimated that Sutter County farmers lost over three-quarters of their herds.



## 1867-68

Flood damaged property and levees extensively. About one-fifth of the levees in Yuba City were washed away.



1867 FLOOD IN MARYSVILLE

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## 1870-71

In this year a large levee was constructed on the Colusa County side of the Sacramento River across the heads of sloughs. Previously these sloughs would catch the surplus water of the Sacramento River in high water seasons. Farmers in Sutter County feared that the water penned in by the Colusa County levees would overflow onto their land, so they constructed small levees to enclose their farms. Their fears were realized. Although it was not a very wet season, and there was no flood damage elsewhere, the water at this point rose higher than ever known before and lands between Meridian and Kirksville were submerged.

## 1875

On January 19, heavy rain caused the Feather River to rise quickly. The volume and height of the water was unprecedented, as was the suddenness with which the flood descended on the Yuba and Sutter area. The levees in both Yuba City and Marysville broke and flooded both cities. According to *"The Alta,"* a San Francisco newspaper, the principal contributing factor to the flood was a rise in the river bed due to hydraulic mining.



1875 FLOOD IN MARYSVILLE

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## 1907

After three weeks of heavy rains, a snowfall occurred in March which covered the entire valley. The rivers rose rapidly, and the levees broke in mid-March. Debris clogging the riverbeds, rather than excessive rainfall, caused the levees to break. Instead of a flash flood situation, the flood wave had a sustained length of 200 miles. *The Marysville Democrat* reported:

“At 9 o’clock ... a bad break occurred in the levee of District No. 1 in which Yuba City is located. It is near the barn on the Starr place a short distance above Yuba City. Then it spread toward town and at noon two feet of water was reported on Shasta Street near the lumber yard...

About 1 a.m. ... a break of several hundred feet occurred in the Sutter levee on the Spangler place at Shanghai Bend and rapidly widened... This break relieved the pressure here and was felt on both rivers a short time afterwards... Entire damage resulting from the two breaks on the Starr ranch above Yuba City, aside from the damage to the levee, will not amount to \$1,000.”

## 1915

In February, the Sacramento River broke through the levee opposite Meridian with a resulting road failure of the Northern Electric Railway.



1915 FLOOD AT MERIDIAN

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**1919**

Flooding in the Tudor area.



FLOOD IN TUDOR - PICTURED ARE HARRISON AND INGRID GLEDHILL

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**1937**

In December the levee broke at East Biggs and water poured down on both sides of Gridley. Water flowed over Highway 20 at the Seven-Mile House, and between Sutter City and the By-Pass. The Nicolaus Bridge was wrecked. At Yuba City, the flood reached the top of the levees in some places, necessitating a row of sandbags.

**1940**

Flooding at Meridian from the Sutter By-Pass. Agricultural areas were flooded. The Shasta Dam, begun in 1938 and completed in 1945, was built to attempt to bring the headwaters of the Sacramento River under control.

**1944**

Flooding in Sutter County due to a break in the Bear River levee.

**1950**

On November 19 a storm caused flooding of low areas and washouts in the mountains. A freakish break at the Hammonton gold dredging operation on the Yuba River allowed water to flow southwest into the Linda and Olivehurst areas south of Marysville. There was also a flood in Sutter County in the Rio Oso area with the breaking of Yankee Slough.

## 1955

In December a storm produced a record flow at Yuba City and Marysville. It exceeded the design capacity of the levee system to such an extent that the safety of all areas on the flood plain lay entirely on the outcome of the contest of strength between the various levees in the system.

When the levee broke at Garden Highway and Lincoln Road – the Gum Tree break – 37 people died, and damage was estimated at \$100 million. Forty thousand people were driven from their homes, and 4,500 houses were flooded.

## 1986

During February Yuba County was declared an emergency area by Governor Deukmejian when a Linda levee burst suddenly, flooding 30 square miles. There were 2 flood-related deaths, over \$50 million in damages, and 24,000 evacuees. There were also two levee breaks in southern Sutter County, on Natomas Road and just south of the Bear River. Residents of Rio Ramaza were evacuated when slippage occurred in a Sacramento River levee.

## 1997

On Thursday, January 2nd, several strong storms fed more than 40 inches of rain into the regional rivers, causing the Feather River to burst a 600-foot-wide hole through the levee near Country Club Road in the Plumas-Arboğa area of Yuba County. The break flooded an area of about 25 square miles, reaching 450 homes north of Olivehurst and Linda. Immediate, mandatory evacuations were ordered by Yuba City, Sutter County, and Marysville. Boils – weak spots along the levees – were found in the levee north of Ramirez Road and in the levees near Shanghai Bend and Burns Drive, making the situation even more precarious for those who had not yet evacuated. By Thursday, about 80,000 Mid-Valley residents had evacuated out of the flood's reach. There were at least three flood-related deaths.

In Sutter County, the Sutter Bypass levee broke, flooding the western part of the county and endangering Meridian. Crews built a berm to protect the town. Highway 20 was flooded, making a direct route to Meridian and Colusa impossible for a few weeks.



1955 FLOOD – 10TH STREET BRIDGE IN FOREGROUND, 5TH STREET BRIDGE WASHED OUT

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1986 FLOOD

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## In the Artisan Community Garden

The garden will mostly be resting over the winter months; however, weather permitting, we will have a special children's activity in the garden on Sunday, December 15th during the annual Children's Holiday Program, starting at 1 pm.

There will be some rental plots available in the Spring, so if you have been wanting some extra garden space, please email us at [artisancommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:artisancommunitygarden@gmail.com) for plot sizes and pricing. Our renters enjoy being out in the sunshine, meeting fellow gardeners and connecting at a wonderful community space!

After Winter, we are excited to gear up for a busy Spring that will include a mix of adult and children's activities and plenty of opportunities to get involved. If you would like to be on our events email list, please send us a quick note to [artisancommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:artisancommunitygarden@gmail.com) or follow our Facebook Page - Artisan Community Garden.

## More News

We're shaking up our membership program!

Details are still being firmed up, but one of the most important changes is that memberships will no longer all be on a January-December schedule. Instead, you will be a member for exactly one calendar year from the date your payment is received. As most of you pay in December or January, this won't seem like a big change, but it will be on our end, so please be patient with us as we work out the kinks!

You'll also see changes to the benefits at each level of membership, i.e. more benefits at higher levels.

We're also looking at raising the prices a little bit. We have kept them very low for a long time in an effort to be accessible to all. However, our costs to run the Museum continue to go up, including the cost to print this publication for you. We need to balance keeping prices accessible with covering our costs for the program.

Membership is a fantastic way to support the Museum, and we can't tell you how much we appreciate that support. Don't forget that memberships make great gifts too!

## In the Museum Store

As promised, we've been stocking the shop with all sorts of amazing gift items for the holiday season! Please think of us when doing your Christmas shopping, and tell your friends about us too!

We have new jewelry, children's items, candles, soaps, Sutter Buttes items, and as always, a fantastic selection of books. Shopping in our store is a great way to support us, and don't forget to tell us you're a member to take advantage of the 10% off benefit!

# Memorials & Gifts

*In Memory of* **Bonnie Evans**  
Jim Staas

*In Memory of* **Dana Hubbard**  
Carol Withington

*In Memory of* **Hazel Mitchel**  
Rose Marie Wood

*In Memory of* **Lil Inman**  
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*In Memory of* **James Lundy**  
Jim Staas

*In Memory of* **Betty Lee Perry**  
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We also have corporate sponsorship opportunities for our events and temporary exhibits.

## Membership

### NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

*(July 9, 2019 – October 9, 2019)*

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# Membership Information

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

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For information please call 530-822-7141 or visit [www.suttercountymuseum.org](http://www.suttercountymuseum.org)

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### DECEMBER

Saturday

**7** 40th Annual Trees & Traditions, 5:00 pm

Sunday

**15** Children's Holiday Open House, 1:00 pm

### JANUARY 2020

Friday

**10** Opening Reception for **In the Fields of the North / En los campos del norte**

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