



Yuba County Historic Resources Commission 2024 Annual Report

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MISSION STATEMENT

Yuba County Historic Resources Commission

- ✘ One of California's original 27 counties founded on February 18th in 1850, Yuba County is California's gateway to the historic Mother Lode Country. Here you will find a diverse landscape that boasts grand rivers, thriving farmland, friendly communities, and numerous recreational possibilities that extend into the Sierra foothills. We have that small-town feel so many people are seeking.
- ✘ The Yuba County Historic Resources Commission was founded in 2016 to advise the Board of Supervisors on historic matters within the County. The Commission shall endeavor to discover and identify persons, events, and places of historical importance within the County; to make recommendations relating to the preservation of historic sites and structures; to coordinate with historic groups and museums within the County to encourage their development; and to cooperate with and obtain assistance from related agencies. The Commission will also take on a lead role in helping to develop sites and signage at key historic locations within the County to help preserve and celebrate the County's history.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

- District 1 - Vacant, Linda
- District 2 - Dale Whitmore, Marysville
- District 3 – Ron Eberhardt, Olivehurst
- District 4 - Pat Camarena, Wheatland - **Secretary**
- District 5 - Sue Cejner-Moyers – **Chair**, Foothill area
- City of Wheatland – Vacant
- City of Marysville - Stuart Gilchrist
- At Large :
 - Roberta D’Arcy – **Vice President**, Kathy Smith, David Read
- Yuba County Advisor – Vacant
- Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of the month
 - 5:30 pm in the Gallery at Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

ONGOING PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Yuba County History Display at Swan Festival 2024
- Yuba County History Trail - Placement of signs marking Yuba County historic sites with text, graphics, and QR codes for easy access to videos with docents talking about each location
- Yuba County Assessment record books
 - Recent discovery of copies in the Assessors office which are being made available to the Commission and the General Public
 - Repository secured, awaiting appropriate shelving and approval
 - The Commission is assisting with the preservation of these record and other historical documents/artifacts
- Monthly 93Q FM Community Radio Appearance - “Let’s Talk History”
- Development of Yuba County History smartphone app

ONGOING PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Family oral history project – Criddle, Mathews, Stassi, etc.
- Historical walking tours in collaboration with Blue Zones Project, Mary Aaron Museum and others.
- Veterans Headstone project, Mike Carling
- 175th Birthday Celebration for City of Marysville, planning committee
- Arboga Assembly Center - school tours. Working to create an additional mural at the site focused on personal histories of citizens interred at the camp in 1942.
 - Project was the subject of a CBS San Francisco special interest report
- Historic murals from the Yuba Sutter Mall rehomed to Yuba Sutter Fair

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Uncover the rich heritage of Yuba County with us. Join our mission to preserve and celebrate the stories that define our community.

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**Yuba County
Historic Resources Commission**

Who We Are

The Commission was established by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors in 2015 to work with others in preserving the region's rich history

The ordinance creating the commission set the table for the Commission's important work::

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Intro

The Yuba County Historic Resources Commission was established by the Board of Supervisors in 2015 to help uncover and preserve the region's rich history.

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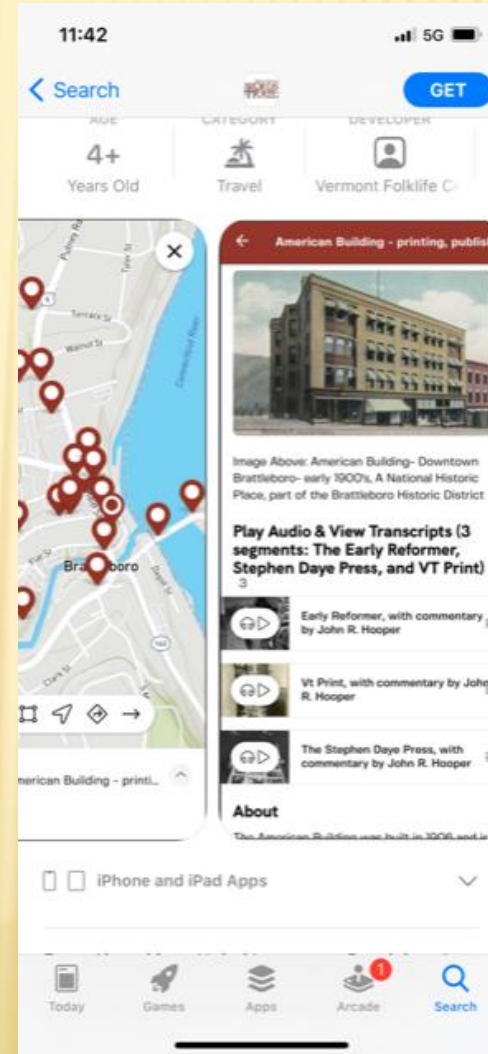
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FUTURE - A YUBA COUNTY HISTORY APP



YUBA COUNTY HISTORY TRAIL SIGNS

- Blackford Road Bridge (1916) Blackford Road, Camp Far West Reservoir
- Brown House (1854) 15448 Cleveland Avenue, Camptonville
- Browns Valley / 5538 Marysville Road, Browns Valley
- Camp Far West Cemetery (1844) Camp Far West Road, Camp Far West Reservoir
- Campton (Robert) (1820) 15265 Cleveland Avenue, Camptonville
- Chinese Cemetery and Funeral Pyre (Wheatland)
- Church of the Immaculate Conception / 8444 Smartsville Road Smartsville
- Dobbins / 10375 Old Dobbins Road, Dobbins
- Donnebrouge Mine / 5589 Marysville Road Browns Valley
- Falck House (Challenge)
- Graham Hotel (1853) Camp Far West Road, Camp Far West Reservoir
- Hammon Grove / SR 20 at Hammon Grove Park, Hammon Grove Park
- Henness Pass Trail
- Holland House (1869) 512 Main Street, Wheatland
- Japanese American Detention Camp SHL #934 (1942) Feather River Boulevard and Broadway Street, Arboga
- Johnson's Ranch SHL #493 (1845) Front Street Between Fourth and Main Streets, Wheatland

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- Marysville Migrant Labor Campsite (1935) Feather River Boulevard and Broadway Street, Arboga
- Masonic Hall Camptonville / 15333 Cleveland Avenue, Camptonville
- Masonic Hall Wheatland NHP #1993001396 (1899) 400 Front Street, Wheatland
- Meek Gravesite / Spencer Street and Calvin Lane Camptonville
- Oregon Creek Covered Bridge NHP #1975000499 (1860) SR 49 At Oregon Creek, Freemans Crossing
- Overland Emigrant Trail State Historic Site #799.3 (1847) Camp Beale Highway, Wheatland
- Pelton Water Wheel Invented / 15265 Cleveland Avenue, Camptonville
- Sycamore Ranch – Native American site
- Smartsville SHL #321 (1856) SR 20, Smartsville
- Timbuctoo SHL #320 (1855) Highway 20 (P.M. 14.9), Smartsville
- Truckee Trail Marker T-68 (1849 Perimeter Road Camp Far West Reservoir
- Truckee Trail Marker T-69 (1849) Camp Far West Road Camp Far West Reservoir
- Truckee Trail Marker T-70 (1849) Camp Far West Road Camp Far West Reservoir
- Wheatland Hop Riot SHL #1003 (1913) South A Street and 6th Street, Wheatland
- Woodleaf Hotel NHP #1975000500 (1858) 11359 La Porte Road, Challenge
- Yuba River Bridge at Parks Bar / Timbuctoo Road at SR 20, Smartsville

YUBA COUNTY HISTORY TRAIL SIGNS



Marysville Veterans Park French Military Cannon



French 75mm Cannon built in 1917



Fired 6 rounds per minute up to 5 miles



Gifted to Marysville by General James R. Weaver, Camp Beale Commander, July 1947, in memory of Camp Beale of World War II



Camp Beale became Beale Air Force Base on April 1, 1951

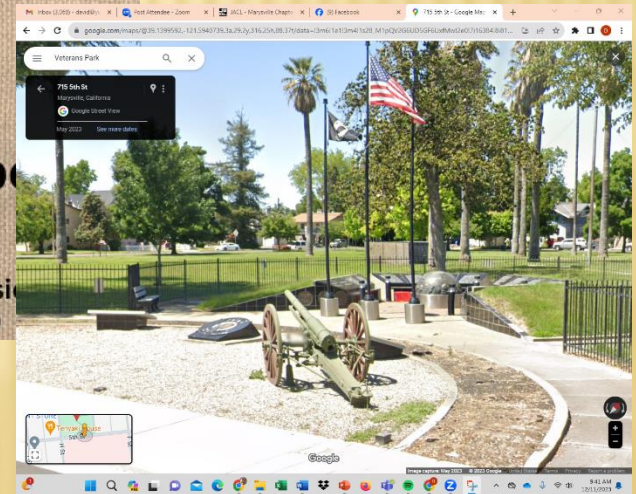


Napoleon Square Park became Veterans Park in 2000



Cannon Restoration Completed December 2017

Restored by: American Legion Post 42, Yuba County Historic Resources Commission, Ace Composites Inc., Sanchez Powder Coating, Chuck Watson Machine Shop



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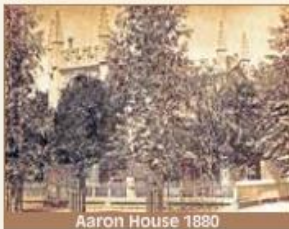
Mary Aaron Memorial Museum

ABOUT THE HOUSE

Built of brick circa 1855 by architect and inventor Warren P. Miller, this Gothic Revival home was purchased by the Aaron family in the 1870s. It remained in the family until 1955. At that time, the only son of Mary Bobo Aaron gifted it to the City of Marysville to be maintained as a museum in honor of his mother. The Mary Aaron Museum was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998 as the Warren P. Miller house.

TAKING TOURS

The museum is open the first Saturday of each month from 1pm to 4pm except on holidays or by appointment. Please call the museum 530-743-1004, or 530-755-0817.



Aaron House 1880



Miller House 1887

ABOUT THE BUILDER OF THE HOUSE: WARREN P. MILLER

Warren P. Miller was a prominent architect, inventor, and minor politician in the mid-19th century. He arrived in Marysville from New York in 1850, to make his fortune designing buildings for the arriving gold miners who were then pouring into the area because of the Gold Rush. By 1854, he had earned about \$10,000—which, adjusted for inflation, is equivalent to about \$400,000 in modern money. By 1855, he designed the first Yuba County Courthouse, was selected as a founding director of the Marysville Library Association and was elected as an alderman to the Marysville City Council.

Around this time, he married Mehitable "Hettie" Livermore and had his first child. He immediately began the design and construction of the house that is now known as the Mary Aaron Memorial Museum, which he designed to be his own family home. The house was completed in 1856, and he and his family immediately moved in.

Miller designed most of his buildings, including the Mary Aaron Memorial Museum, in the Gothic Revival style. He designed so many of them in Marysville that he single-handedly made this style more prominent in Marysville than anywhere else in northern California, giving Marysville a signature architectural style that survives, to some extent, to this day.

In 1862, with the Civil War raging, he designed the spire that was added to St. Joseph's Catholic Church and also patented an improved gun turret for Civil War warships. In 1863, he sold the family home (now the Mary Aaron Memorial Museum) and moved to San Francisco with his family, hoping to sell his gun turret invention for defending the California coast. He even traveled to Washington, D.C. to make his sales pitch to the War Department, but he was not successful.



Mary Aaron 1874



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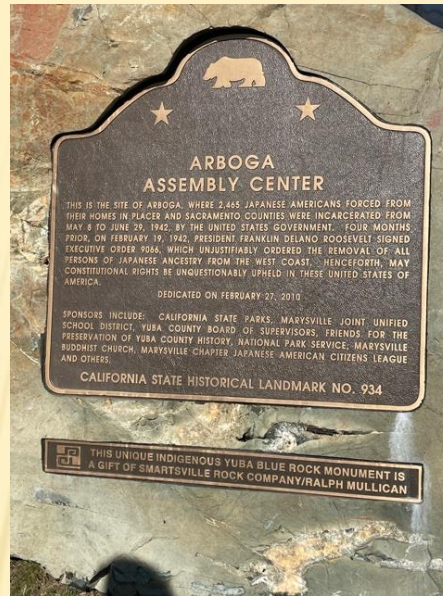
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2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Development of yubacountyhistory.org website completed
- Digital copying with University of California Riverside Newspaper project completed
- Led two visits to Arboga Assembly Center with Ryan Yamamoto, News Anchor Reporter, KPIX CBS News in the Bay Area
 - Hosted two visitors from Chicago with family members who had been interred at Arboga
- Spoke to second-grade students Kynoch Elementary School about local history
- Bok Kai student tour, 90 students from Covillaud School
- Led Marysville walking history tours, 156 students Kynoch Elementary School
- Made Pony Express history presentation, 120 students Kynoch Elementary School
- Led Donnebrouge Mine Tours - Browns Valley, 110 guests
- Staged a History Display at Smartsville Pioneer Day
 - Emceed for the Timbuctoo Stage
- Acted as Docents at Two Pioneer Cemetery historic tours
- Presentations and tours for Daughters of Leisure
- Going West/ Patty Reed historical presentation, 120 students Kynoch
- Gold Mining with Old Dusty mine and Madame Pantaloon, historical hand on presentation with gold panning, 150 students, Kynoch
- Authors and Artists event historical presentation and tour in Marysville
- Helped research old Timbuctoo Wells Fargo bank with Native Sons
- ✘ **Continuing Projects:**
- Tour and presentation about the Cheim Family, their history and contributions to early and current Yuba County
- Participation in planning the celebration of Marysville's dodransbicentennial Birthday in 2025
- Assist Supervisors to fill empty commission vacancies

ARBOGA ASSEMBLY CENTER MEMORIAL - ONGOING MAINTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE YUBA-SUTTER ROTARY NIGHT CLUB



PRESERVATION OF COLLECTIONS

- Bush photo collection...Japanese internment ID photos...circa 1940s
- Record of Yuba County District Attorneys and dates of service
- Lila and Lola Clark, personal collection “Life growing up in Arboga”
- Original Rideout/BOA Safe to be relocated.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

- ✘ The commission will continue to take on a leadership role in the preservation and celebration of Yuba County's unique and colorful history.
- ✘ We believe in the power of collaboration and as a result of our outreach efforts, we have made some progress. We continue to collaborate with Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, the Mary Aaron Museum, the Blue Zones Project, the Sutter County Museum, the Japanese American Citizens League, the Marysville Chinese community, Friends for the Preservation of Yuba County History, and other organizations.
- ✘ One of our goals is to help untangle the community's current "siloes" and "splintered" approach to preserving and presenting our history.
- ✘ We also commit to being all-inclusive in the history preservation work we do so that the stories of all cultures that have contributed, from 10,000 years ago forward, will be recognized.

HOW WE PROMOTE AND MARKET THE HISTORY OF YUBA COUNTY...HISTORY TOURISM = ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- × Facebook page
- × Website
- × Tours
- × Collaboration
- × History trail signs
- × Smartphone app
- × Printed trail guide

THIS WORK WILL REQUIRE FUNDING

- ✘ We thank the Board of Supervisors for its show of support these past two years in the amount of \$5,000 per year.
- ✘ Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture will continue to act as the fiscal sponsor for the Yuba County Historic Resources Commission.

Thank You Again For Your Support!



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