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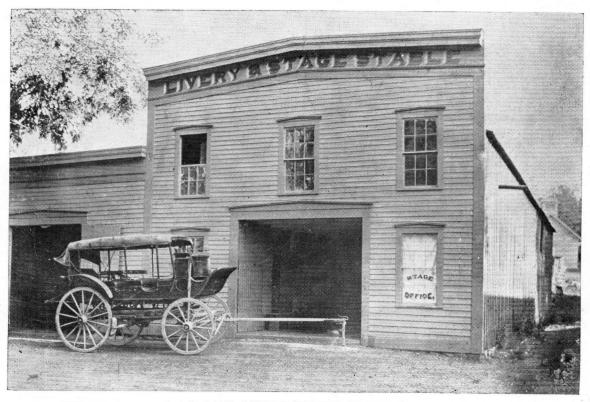
Here is a selection of illustrations that appeared in the earlier issues of **Las Calaveras**—all of them more than ten years ago. We believe that our newer members will enjoy seeing them.

The two Matteson photographs were first printed in **The Diary of Thomas Jefferson Matteson**, published by the Society in April, 1954.

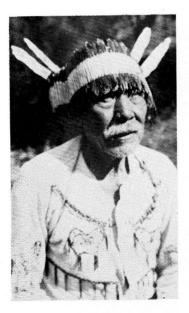
Our recent policy of including more pictures, larger in size, has met with much favor from our readers. We will welcome the gift or loan of photographs, with pertinent dates, names and other information, for our future issues.



JAMES ALEXANDER SMITH The late Judge Smith was President of the Society for its first twelve years



THE MATTESON & GARLAND LIVERY STABLE AT MURPHYS - IN THE '80S



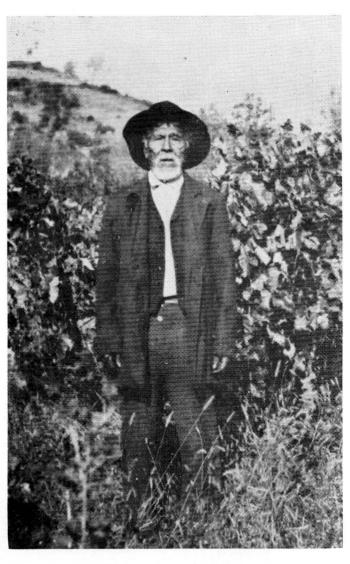
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LEFT-PEDRO CONNER

BELOW—OLD MANUELLA OF MOKELUMNE HILL



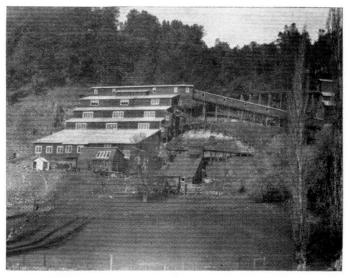


INDIAN WALKER OF DOUGLAS FLAT



INDIAN ROUNDHOUSES





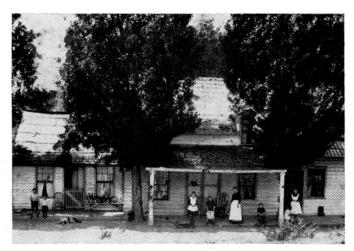
CARSON HILL-MELONES STAMP MILL, 1919

Stanislaus River Country

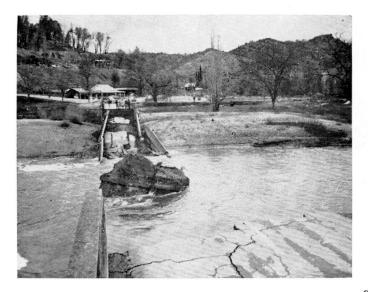
ABOVE—THE LAST TRIP OF PARROTT'S FERRY, 1903

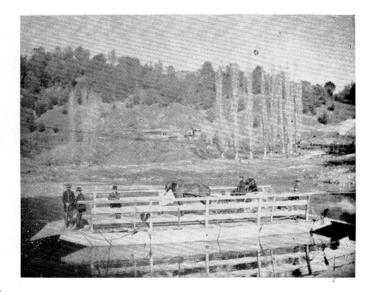
LOWER RIGHT—WOOD'S (ROBINSON'S) FERRY AT MELONES

BELOW—THE MELONES BRIDGE AFTER COLLAPSING ON JANUARY 25, 1952



THE STEVENOT FAMILY AT THEIR CARSON HILL HOME, 1888











Upper Mokelumne Country

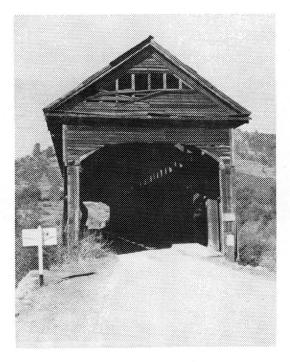
ABOVE—OLD FERNANDO AND FERRARO BUILDING AT WEST POINT

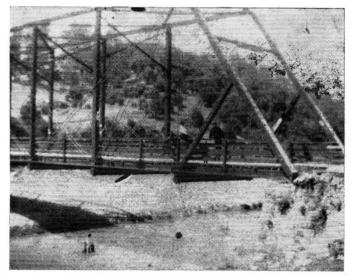
> UPPER LEFT—STREET VIEW AT WEST POINT, 1892

LEFT—EDWIN TAYLOR'S STORE AT RAIL ROAD FLAT



THE T. J. MATTESON FAMILY AT MURPHYS

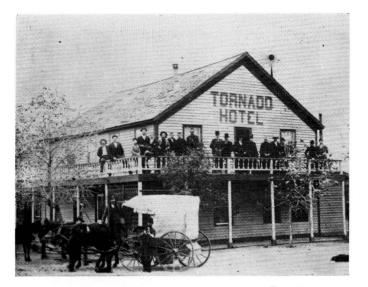


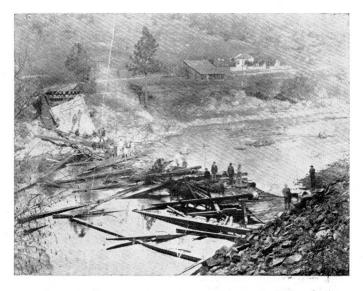


STEVENSON-McGURK BRIDGE ACROSS NORTH BRANCH BELOW SAN ANDREAS ABOUT 1895



NORTH BRANCH STORE AND WAY STATION



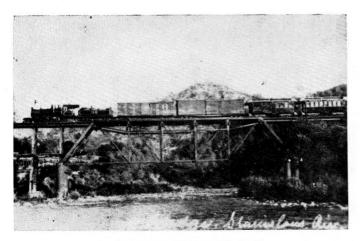


LOWER RIGHT—IN 1911 THE MIDDLE BAR BRIDGE COLLAPSED UNDER A LARGE HERD OF CATTLE

BELOW—THE TORNADO HOTEL AT MILTON

Here and There

ABOVE—COVERED BRIDGE AT O'BYRNES FERRY



OLD NO. 30 CROSSING THE STANISLAUS BRIDGE





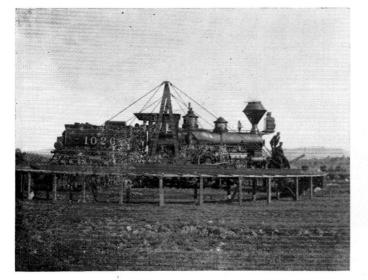
STAGES AT VALLEY SPRINGS, WAITING FOR THE MAIL

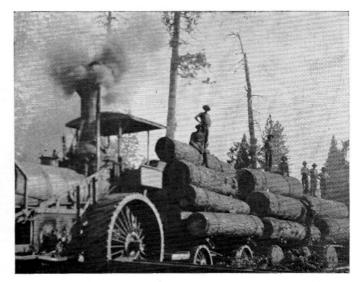
Stages and Trains

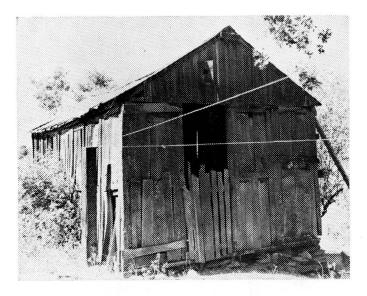
ABOVE-MAIL TIME AT CAMPO SECO

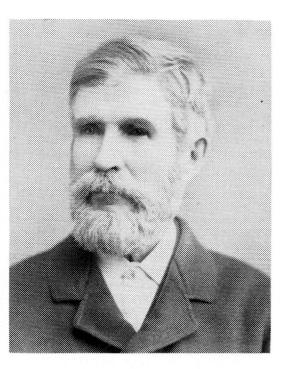
LOWER LEFT—NARROW GAUGE ENGINE ON TURNTABLE AT VALLEY SPRINGS, ABOUT 1885

BELOW-MANUEL LOGGING TRAIN, 1894











Miscellany

UPPER LEFT—FIRST COUNTY COURT HOUSE, AT DOUBLE SPRINGS

UPPER RIGHT — ALEXANDER REID WHEAT OF DOUBLE SPRINGS

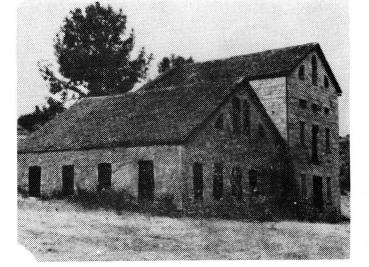
LEFT - LILLY CONNER, A MIWOK

RIGHT — GEORGE HEARST

LOWER LEFT — OLD BREWERY AT MOKELUMNE HILL

LOWER RIGHT - SHEEP RANCH MINE







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The Calaveras County Historical Society, a non-profit corporation, meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Grange Hall in San Andreas—except for dinner meetings which are held each quarter at different places in the county.

EDITORIAL

On Christmas Day a fire gutted the historic building occupied by Sender's Market at Mountain Ranch. Its crumbling masonry and blackened interior will call attention to the steady attrition on the remaining buildings of gold rush vintage. In San Andreas, the rapid deterioration of the Agostini building, said to be one of the oldest in this town, likewise reminds us that the time is late to take steps to preserve at least a few of these good examples of Mother Lode architecture in Calaveras County,

We are encouraged by the action that Sutter Creek, in our neighboring county to the north, has taken to retain its early day atmosphere, and we can only hope that more communities, and indeed, counties, will take positive action soon. It is also most encouraging to note that Assemblyman Chappie is striving to create a state-supported Mother Lode Historical Preservation Commission.

New Members

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Recent Meetings

Our October dinner meeting was held at the San Andreas Community Covenant Church. After a fine meal prepared by the Covenant women, attending members watched a film on the Spanish Period of California history, followed by a reel on the Natural Resources of California, both excellent films.

At the November meeting we were privileged to have Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Rhodes present their colored slides of a recent trip through Yucatan. Dr. Rhodes is president of the new Columbia Junior College near Sonora.

The Christmas party took place, according to tradition, at our regular meeting spot, the Grange Hall. Mrs. Alice Eldridge, as she has done many times in the past, ably arranged and presented the program. The highlight of the evening was the welcome re-appearance of the James Coopers of Hughson (formerly Altaville) who gave their fine bell-ringing exhibition. Al Gross led the carol singing, and Mrs. Robert Wolfe accompanied at the piano.

Forthcoming Meetings

- January 23 Potluck dinner at the Grange Hall. School Historical Essays.
- February 27 Wm. Dofflemier will speak on "The Ride of Juan Flaco, the Paul Revere of California."
- March 27 Emmett Joy, on "Chilean Miners and Chili Gulch."
- April 24 Dinner Meeting at Murphys. Ted Moulton, speaking on "Mother Lode Architecture."