



**Hamilton – Hamilton Bend:** Butte County's first county seat of government (1850-1853) was located on the west side of the Feather River, about six miles south of Oroville, at Hamilton Bend – on the road to Shasta. Established as a trading center to accommodate the needs of the miners pouring into the new county. With the urgent need for a ferry crossing, the Holdridge-Bristol Hamilton ferry was established in 1850. Settled on a portion of the Fernandez Land Grant by eight men who illegally staked it out thinking it was public domain and filed pre-emption claims. They surveyed and laid out a townsite. Unknown persons commenced eviction threats to lot owners in 1851, which continued until the county's Court of Sessions ordered removal of the county seat to Bidwell's Bar, which became the Town of Bidwell, the second county seat in 1853. A small cemetery remains today.



Members of the Moore family are buried in the Hamilton cemetery.

**Not to be confused with Hamilton City founded in 1905 in Glenn County on the border with Butte County.**