


Thompson's Flat – Rich Gulch – New Philadelphia

This mining camp was established in late 1848 or early 1849. It was named after George Thompson but early on it was also known as Rich Gulch. It fronted Table Mountain at the entrance to Morris Ravine on Cherokee Road. In 1852 two companies formed to bring water to the “diggin’s.” By 1854 the population was approximately 500, and it boasted an express office, stores, a hotel, and saloons. In 1855 it established one of the first schools in Butte County. It took the name New Philadelphia for a time, and a post office was established in 1857, but discontinued to Oroville in the mid-1860s. It was the site of the Miocene Hydraulic Mine, which was closed down by anti-debris legislation. The first decade of the 20th century it was the site of the US Diamond Mine with a second site at Cherokee.

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