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Joining the Butte County Historical Society

BCHS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte • 10% discount on museum store County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

Members receive:

- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly publication)
- purchases
- Early notice of BCHS programs and activities

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BCHS PROPERTIES

Ehmann Home

1480 Lincoln, Oroville Saturdays — 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 530-533-5316

Museum - Archives

Corner of Spencer and Baldwin Oroville 530-533-9418

Museum

Friday from 9 am - Noon Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm

Archives

Thursday and Friday

9 am - Noon

Oregon City School

2100 Oregon Gulch Road Oregon City, CA Saturday & Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm 530-533-9418

Bangor Church

5730 LaPorte Road, Bangor, CA Noon to 2 pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday Closed: Dec., Jan., Jul. and Aug. 530-679-2112



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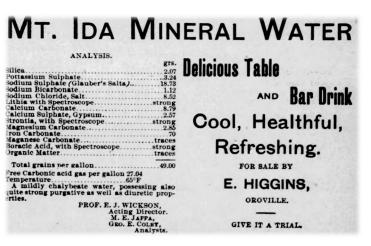
by Nancy Brower



Place Names: Mount Ida

Questions about the location or history of a place name are fairly frequent at the archives. Recently we were asked about the origin of the name Mount Ida, as the requester recently purchased property on Mount Ida Road and was curious as to its origin. The first common usage of the name was the Mount Ida Ranch in the Wyandotte area where in 1867 John C. Gray, an educator turned lawyer and judge, planted the first commercial olive grove in Butte County. I have no proof to support my theory, but I believe that the name was chosen in honor of Judge Gray's daughter Ida Bell. The name Mount Ida does not appear in any local newspapers before that time. The ranch encompassed 520 acres, with 165 of them planted in olives. Oranges were also a large crop for Gray. The Olive Products Company was incorporated in 1916, later changing its name to Mount Ida Packing Company.

The Mount Ida Mineral Water Company was established by Gray in 1909. The water was bottled and advertised as being served in restaurants as far away as the San Francisco Bay area. Apparently there were also accommodations where people stayed to drink the waters and improve their health. The newspapers printed several articles touting its efficacy in restoring its consumers to vitality.



According to Florence Danforth Boyle in Old Days in Butte, Mount Ida was important in the 1850s due to the fact that a branch of the Beckwourth Trail ran near it. Travelers coming down from the mountain areas passed through Mount Ida, Wyandotte, and Garden Ranch on their way to Oroville.



What is that?

This device had an agricultural use in the 1920's. Do you know what it is? Share your knowledge or educated guesses with us: 530-533-9418 Email: buttehistory@sbcglobal.net

Please check the mailing label on your envelope. If your dues have not yet been paid for 2021, there is a yellow stripe on the label. We hope that you will continue with us on our journey to preserve and make available the fascinating history of our area.

An Update on BCHS Elections

At their January meeting the nominating committee of the BCHS Board of Directors presented a slate of officers and directors for the Board to consider as interim appointments until such time as the public health emergency has been lifted and a General Membership meeting and elections can be held. Here are the results of that action:

President: Larry Tracy
Vice President: Dale Wangberg
Secretary: Sandy Brodrick
Treasurer: Dorothy Lindsay

Board Members at Large, term ending 12/31/2023:

Tim Jones Natalie Williams

The BCHS Mission is to preserve Butte County's rich and varied history, making it engaging and meaningful for all.

Board Meets at the Ehmann Home the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

2021 Officers

President - Larry Tracy Vice President - Dale Wangberg Secretary - Sandy Brodrick Treasurer - Dorothy Lindsay

Board Members at Large

Margorie Daley Natalie Williams Tim Jones Larry Mauch Phil Ravert

Past President

Kent Fowler

Publications Staff

Diggin's - Nancy Brower Slickens - Dale Wangberg

Museum Director - Lucy Sperlin Ehmann Home - Alberta Tracy



New Members:

Angela Jaquette - Beaverton, OR Bern Endres - Oroville Erin Crady - Palermo Patrice Brooks - Oroville Greg and Shelly Vaughan - Paradise

Remember!

If you have research needs please don't hesitate to call us, email us or contact us through Facebook. The Archives are not open to the public, but several volunteers are able to access the collection and they are ready and willing to assist you!

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The Work Continues on the Bangor Church

The Bangor Church is a true jewel of Butte County History. Since the 1880's it has served Bangor and the surrounding area as a place of worship, a temporary school and in its current capacity as a museum celebrating the rich history of this small community on Butte County's southern boundary.

Recently, Marjorie Daley and her crew at the Bangor Church were able to complete some much-needed repairs on the back wall of the building, replacing deteriorated windows and siding. Plans are being made for painting the building when weather allows. We will keep you updated!

At this time, the Church is not open for tours due to the current public health emergency. We hope that changes soon! Meanwhile, take a look at the Bangor Church page at our website: https://buttecountyhistory.com/









Investing in California Gold!

This uncancelled stock certificate for 10 shares of Capital Stock in the Oroville Dredging Co. Ltd., signed by S. E. Farwell, Treasurer and Wm. Smollen, Vice-President, was sold to Alwin Knackstedt on October 31, 1906, in England. The certificate is very decorative, in greens & black, with a red stamped serial number & an orange circular orange British 3 pence revenue stamp near the right border.

The certificate was found in a small group of stock certifi-



cates in the United Kingdom in 2015 or 16, and was donated to BCHS by collector Mark Hensley.