Diamondville

The manner of naming and laying out the new town of Diamondville, named Goatsville for one day, was told on June 19, 1857, in the *Oroville Daily Butte Record*:

A New Town.

There having been a very considerable excitement of late in relation to newly discovered diggings at Rich Bar on Butte creek, about 28 miles from Oroville, and a consequent increase of the population thereabouts, the people held a meeting there on the 8th of this month and adopted the primary measures for laying out a town; and to carry out the object of the meeting, Messrs. W. H. Abell, Daniel Coleman and E. F. Vergean were appointed a committee to make a town plot. Another meeting was held on the 11th, of which J. A. Dunn Esq., was appointed Chairman and W. H. Abell Esq, Secretary. The plot made by the committee appointed at the previous meeting, was presented and adopted. Messrs. Coleman, Longmore, Savery, Hurber, O'Meara, and Sumner were chosen as a committee to select a name for the town. The name agreed upon by this committee was Goatsville. The name of the streets as agreed upon by the meeting, were A and B. Messrs. Dunn, Hoskins, and Harbor were appointed a committee to regulate the location of buildings, seeing that they were placed on a line with the streets, etc. W. H. Duren was elected Recorder of town lots, and W. H. Abell corresponding secretary.
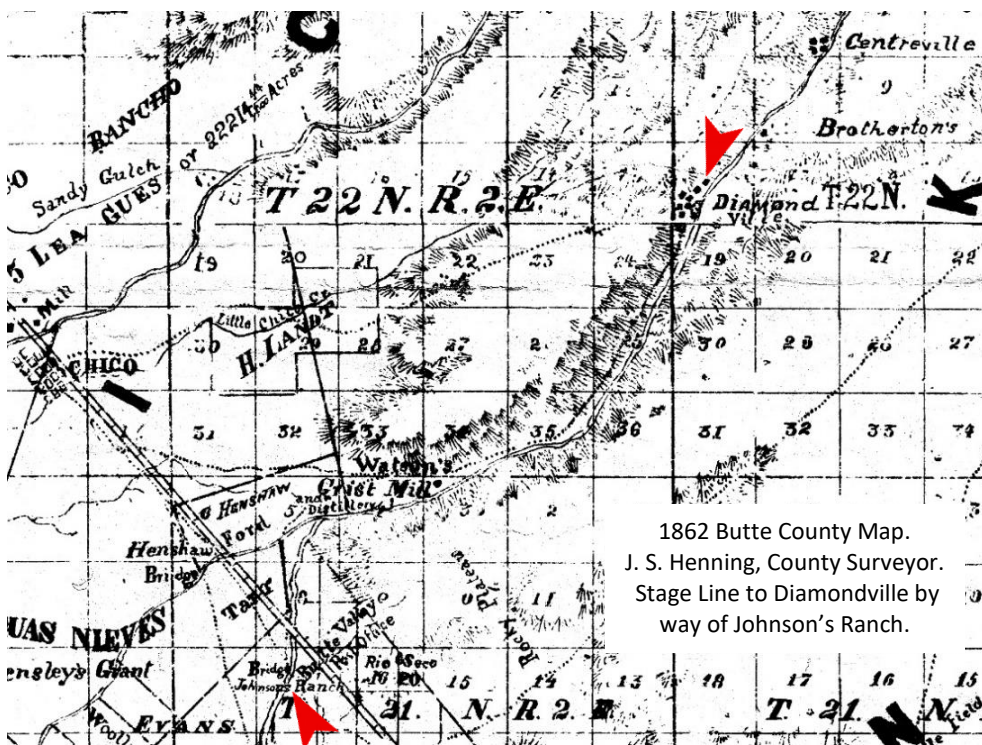
On June 12th another meeting was held, having for its object the re-consideration of the name adopted at the last meeting. S. W. Tiffany was called to the chair, and as several names were to be presented for the choice of the meeting, Uriah Savory, and W. H. Rhoads were appointed Judges, W. H. Abell inspector, J. A.

"GOATSVILLE."—This was the "sheepish" title given to a newly settled place, twenty-eight miles from Oroville, on Butte Creek. The more euphonious name of Diamondville was subsequently substituted.

Dunn, and E. F. Vergean, Secretaries. The names Diamondville, Hurberville and Shadesville, were the names submitted, and upon balloting, the former name (Diamondville) was selected by a majority of seven.

Diamondville was located on the road to Centerville a short way above where Carr Hill Road crossed Butte Creek (Honey Run Bridge site) on land owned by James Diamond in whose honor the town was named.

On July 11, 1857, the Oroville *Butte Record* reported Diamondville as being "*composed of some twenty houses, five stores, two hotels, two blacksmith shops, one butcher shop, and one auction store, all doing a good business.*"

The *Oroville Daily Butte Record* of August 3, 1857: S*tage Line to Diamondville.–Mr. Hopkins, agent for the California Stage Co. at this place, informs us that a line of stages will commence running between here and Diamondville this morning. This line runs by way of Johnson's Ranch. The first stage of the new line left this morning at 8 o'clock.*

1862 Butte County Map. J. S. Henning, County Surveyor. Stage Line to Diamondville by way of Johnson's Ranch.

The Diamondville School District was established by the Butte County Board of Supervisors on May 7, 1878. The first school house was located west of Butte Creek, less than a quarter mile below the site of the Honey Run Bridge; classes began in the fall of that same year. A new school house was built just above the Honey Run Bridge and the old one torn down in 1893 or '94. Classes continued here until 1926 when the district was annexed to Centerville.

As with most gold rush towns, Diamondville declined as the miners left for the newest strike. Nothing remains of it today.

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