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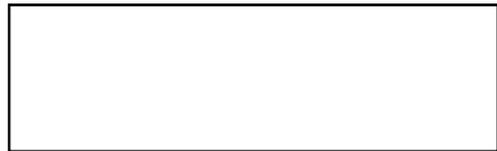


**BUTTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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GOLD MINING IN CALIFORNIA.

Please Join Us on Saturday, March 21, at the Butte County Historical Society Museum for a presentation by Larry Mauch about the events that led to the proliferation of mines, people and towns in Butte County during the early 1850s. The presentation starts at 1 pm, but the Museum doors will be open at 11 am for those who wish to see the new exhibits prior to the presentation.

BCHS Museum  
 1749 Spencer Avenue  
 Oroville California

*Joining the Butte County  
 Historical Society*

BCHS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

Members receive:

- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly publication)
- 10% discount on museum store purchases
- Early notice of BCHS programs and activities

**BCHS PROPERTIES**

**Ehmann Home**  
 1480 Lincoln, Oroville  
 Saturdays — 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 530-533-9418

**Museum - Archives**  
 Corner of Spencer and Baldwin  
 Oroville  
 530-533-9418

*Museum*  
 Open Fridays 9 am to noon and  
 Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm

*Archives*  
 Thursday and Friday  
 9 am - Noon

**Oregon City School**  
 2100 Oregon Gulch Road  
 Oregon City, CA

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

**BCHS Membership Application**

Check one:

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$40)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (\$60)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$50)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$110)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$35)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization (\$40) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (\$45) |                                              |

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Mail with your check to: BCHS, P. O. Box 2195, Oroville, CA 95965

**“The Butte County Gold Rush of 1851”**

Gold was discovered in 1848 with most people heading to areas written up in the San Francisco paper. At that time there were no papers north of San Francisco. In 1850 miners were complaining about the gold fields running out of places to mine. In 1851, Marysville sent a group of two engineers to research mining areas above Ophir. The resulting article published in the newly established Marysville Herald in Feb 1851 created a new gold rush to Yuba and Butte Counties. In 1854, Ophir with 400 people, established a post office and the new town of Oroville grew to over 3,000 people in 3 years. Mining continued to be a major source of income for the town and the county until the 1930s. This exhibit covers the various types of mining along with some of the major mines and includes maps of California from 1849 to 1853 and the 1862 map of Butte County when the county was first surveyed and divided up into sections. A mineral exhibit will also be featured.



## Visit us at the BCHS Museum 1749 Spencer Avenue in Oroville

Following this year's successful opening on Feb 28 & March 1, the Butte County Historical Society Museum will be open on Fridays and Saturdays through the Spring of 2026. Friday hours are 9 am to noon and tours will be given upon request by volunteers at the Archives (next door to the Museum). Saturday hours are 11 am to 3 pm, just come to the front door on the Spencer Avenue side. This year's theme is *The Gold Rush of 1851 in Butte County*. The exhibit covers the earliest years of mining and operations into the 20th century.



# Welcome!

New Members:

**Carie Lerner – Oroville**

### Upcoming BCHS Events

**Saturday March 21: *The Gold Rush of 1851 in Butte County***

**Wildflower Weekends begin, Oregon City School, March 28**

**May 2nd Save the Date Collectibles Sale at the Ehmann Home**

**The Olive Festival:  
Saturday June 20th**

*Check our website, Facebook and the April edition of Slickens for more information on upcoming events*

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

Board Meets at the BCHS Museum and Events Center, 1749 Spencer Avenue in Oroville on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm.

#### 2026 Officers

President - Larry Mauch  
Vice President - Daniel Ballard  
Vice President, Finance - Open  
Secretary - Lucy Sperlin  
Treasurer - Open

#### Board Members at Large

Marjorie Daley  
Peggie Adamson  
Dale Wangberg  
Sandy Brodrick

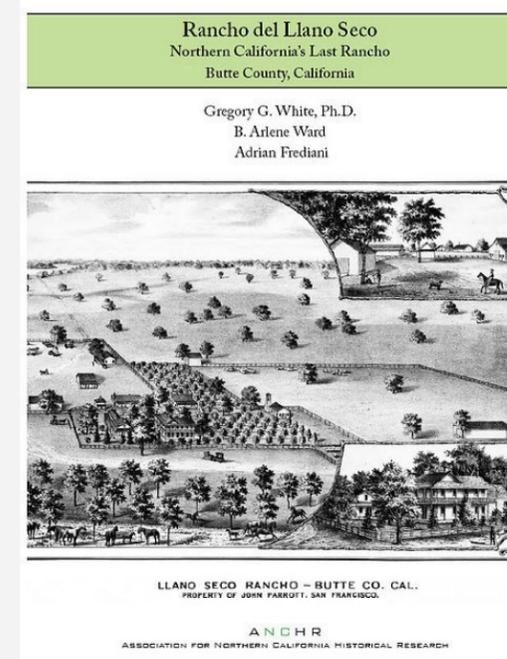
#### Publications Staff

Diggin's - Nancy Brower  
Slickens - Dale Wangberg

### New Book Review

If you have ever visited the Llano Seco waterfowl viewing platform off 7 mile lane in Butte County, you were on the edge of Rancho del Llano Seco, one of the last intact Mexican land grants in California. This recent publication from ANCHR details the most important aspects of the ranch. Major sections include a discussion of the natural environment, including landforms, plants and animals; Native American cultures who inhabited the area; and a history of the Ranch, including early exploration, treatment of Native Americans, creation of the land grant and its purchase by John Parrott, and the operation of the ranch itself. The three major contributors to the book are Gregory White, an archaeologist; B. Arlene Ward, a member of the Mechoopda Tribe; and Adrian Frediani of The Nature Conservancy. The book is very interesting reading and expands the read-

er's general understanding of not only the history of the rancho, but of the general area. The book is available for \$19.95 at the Museum/Archives bookstore or the online BCHS bookstore at [www.buttecountyhistory.com](http://www.buttecountyhistory.com)



### Items of Interest

#### Reminder

**Please check the mailing label on your envelope. If your dues have not yet been paid for 2026, 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.**

**Thank You!**

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Opportunities are available this season for those with an interest. We have docent positions available at the Oregon City School on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 4 pm between March 28 and May 3. Specific knowledge of the local history is not required. We will provide information and on the job learning!**

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