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BCHS Information

Membership Application

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 BCBS is open to all.

Members receive:

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

BCBS Membership Application

Check one:

☐ Individual	(\$40)	☐ Supporting	(\$60)
☐ Family	(\$50)	☐ Sustaining	(\$110)
☐ Senior	(\$35)	☐ Organization	(\$40)
☐ Senior Family	(\$45)		

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

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

BCBS 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

Its Tea Time

This is an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon in the Sierra foothills during the first week of Fall and support the continuing preservation and improvement of one of Butte County's most iconic 19th century structures.

Seats are limited for this event so reserve yours soon!

B.C.H.S.
Historic Oregon City
Schoolhouse



PRESENTS AN AFTERNOON TEA
SAT SEPT 26 AT 1:30

Reserve your seat for \$40

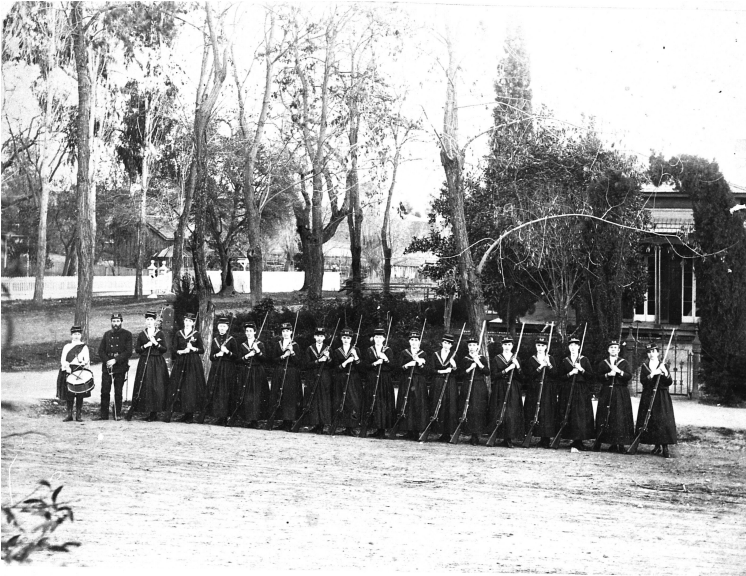
Tickets available at BCBS Archives

2335 Baldwin ave Oroville Thurs & Fri 9 -12

Or email Buttehistory@sbcglobal.net
for credit cards

QUESTIONS CALL MARA @ 530 961-2446





Picture of the Month

The photo at left has been published a few times over the years without a lot of information attached to it. Recently a researcher came to the BCHS Archives seeking information and the search led to the date, location and names of all the individuals in the photo. The information was too lengthy to fit in the print edition of Slickens so it has been included in the "Digital Extra" available in our email edition. If you would like to receive Slickens by email please send a request to: buttehistory@sbcglobal.net.

Back issues of the Slickens with digital content are also available for viewing on our website : buttecountyhistory.com

Welcome!

New Members

Karin Eames - Lafayette

Steven McDougale - Oroville

Chris Trosin - Oroville

Walton & Nannette Walker - Oroville

Upcoming BCHS Events

September 26

Afternoon Tea at the Oregon City School House, 1:30pm

October 17

Presentation by Lee Dummel

October 24

BCHS Dinner/Fundraiser

October 31

Halloween at the Oregon City School House, 5pm

November 21

General Membership Meeting and Program TBA

December 12

Holiday Open House

More activities are in the planning stage. Watch for announcements in the October Slickens

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,
1408 Lincoln St. 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
Dale Wangberg
Sandy Brodrick

Publications Staff

Diggin's - Nancy Brower
Slickens - Dale Wangberg

WHY IT MATTERS TO BE A DOCENT

by Marci Trimlett, alias Delia Hart, 1920 Ehmann Home Cook

There's something magical about stepping over the threshold of the Ehmann Home. I was swept away into a world of 1910 Americana, when Mrs. Tracy invited me inside. And when she tied the apron around my waist, and put the little flat, doily type cap on my head, I felt as if... I was in another time in another world; feeling as if I were 10 years old again, and could play. That's the fun of being a Docent. You get to play being someone else other than yourself. You get to learn about the family who lived in the home, or the workers who worked in the factory, or wherever you are.

Whatever the story is, you can research that, and then you can share it with other people. You can step into the shoes of someone in times past if you want to. You get to play dress up. And you get to visit with folks. You get to spend the time fully present while you're volunteering. You don't have to worry about anything else. You just do what comes up, and you participate. You participate in keeping history alive. That history is meaningful for all; it's a part of every single citizen of the United States of America and I imagine around the world.

When we're doing what we do, we're continuing, to weave the threads of time, and we too, are leaving behind something of value for future generations. Because we are all links in a chain, the chain of life.

Please consider, whatever your interest is, spending some time for yourself, spending some time for the children, and the old folks, and the regular people in between. Then step through the threshold of the place that you desire and decide is near and dear to your heart and play awhile! It's good for the soul.

Author Marci Trimlett aka Delia hart is shown at left in the above photo with her docent mentor Alberta Tracy, also known as The Lady of Butte County. Mrs Tracy was lead docent at the Ehmann Home for many years and as The Lady of Butte County, portrayed over 100 historical characters from Butte County's past. Photo courtesy of Lori Pierce.



Fund Drive and Opportunity Drawing

Our annual summer fund drive is ongoing through September. As in the past, two very generous members of BCHS are matching a percentage of the donations with their own funds. This is a chance to make your donation dollars go a long way!

Tickets for our Opportunity Quilt drawing are still available. The drawing for the quilts will be held during our Holiday Open House in December so you have plenty of time to get your tickets in or order more.

These fundraising activities provide a significant portion of our annual operating budget. We appreciate your participation and we thank you for your support!

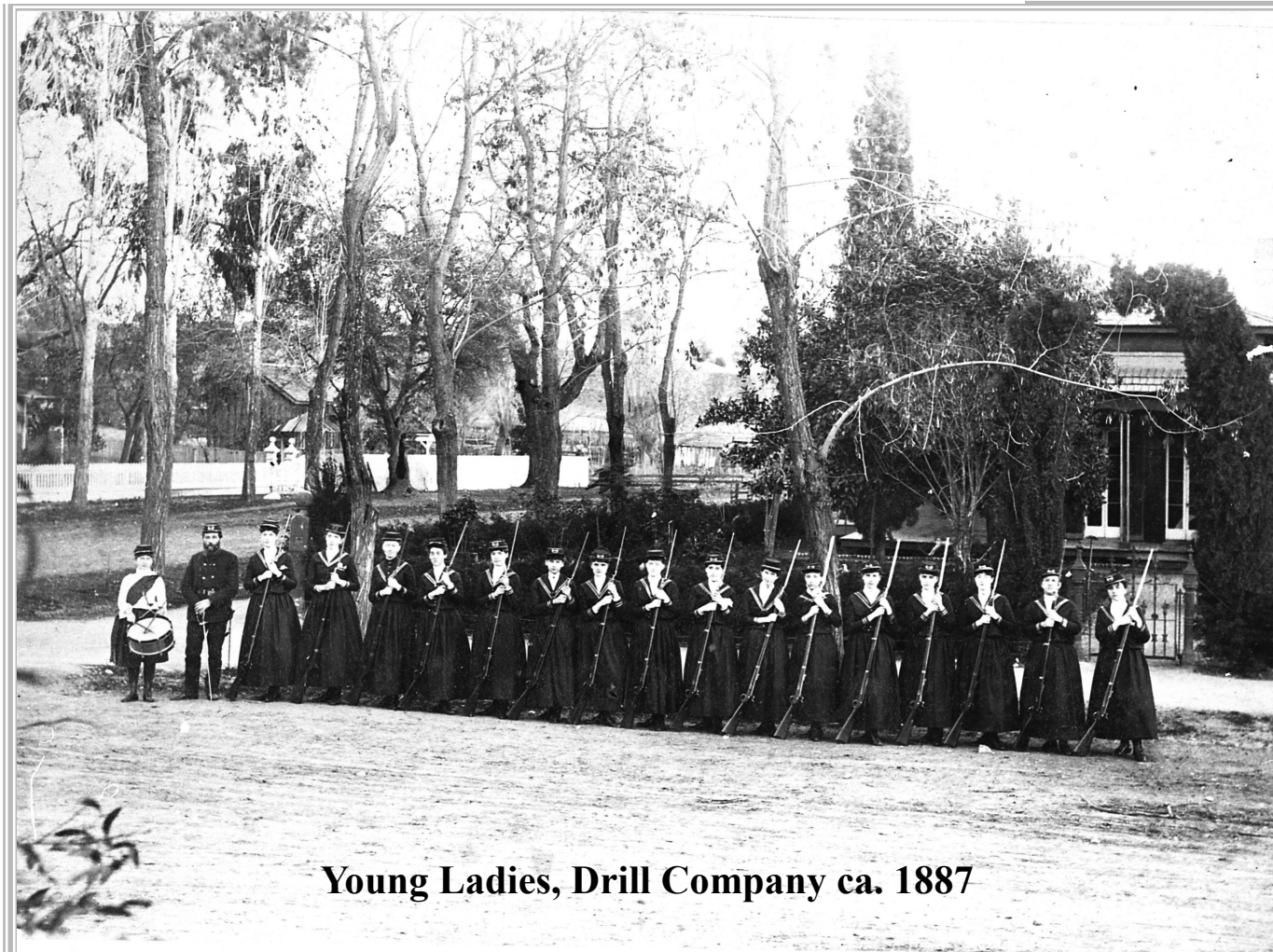
Slickens by E-mail?

Would you like to receive your Slickens by e-mail? The benefits of a digital edition include full color graphics, the ability to provide expanded information on BCHS activities, short articles with research tips and brief stories about notable people, places and events pertinent to local history. All delivered to the email account of your choice on the day of publication.

This months digital edition includes expanded information about the very interesting photo at the top of page 2 and another photo recently donated to our collection that shows several gentlemen enjoying a day of fishing near the Butte-Plumas County line. Both photos have the names of the people shown and the second photo has fish. Lots of fish.



Digital Extra
September,
2026



Young Ladies, Drill Company ca. 1887

Left to Right:

Alice Cox (Mrs. James Weldon), Drummer.
Derrick F. Fryer, Drill Master
1. Linda Tolles (Mrs. William A. Beard)
2. Belle Graham
3. Blanche Weldon (Mrs. John Hogan)
4. Caroline Sexton
5. Carrie Reagan (Mrs. James Munro)
6. Bertha Downer (Mrs. Robert N. Anderson)
7. Belle Martin (Mrs. Henry Hills)

8. Josephine St. Sure (Mrs. Charles Smith)
9. Frances Titus (Mrs. Thomas Atchison)
10. Agnes Parks (Mrs. John Alm)
11. Kate Tucker
12. Mary Cox (Mrs. James Pierce)
13. Annie Reagan (Mrs. William Hottman)
14. Lillie Powers (Mrs. Eugene Hundley)
15. Mrs. Dawson
16. Mattie Elliott.

This photo was taken in front of D.F. Fryer's house at the corner of Lincoln and Robinson (on the corner where the Methodist Church was later built.) The white fence in the background was on the Lincoln side of David K. Perkins' house.
Photographer: M.E. Phares



If you are in downtown Oroville check out the BCBS Window Display next to Brushstrokes Art Studio and Gallery at 1967 Montgomery Street. Of particular interest is the wooden cash register at left in the photo. A recent donation from descendants of the Eames family of Chico, it is believed to have been used in stores operated by the family in the late 19th and early 20th century



Special Delivery for the Ehmann Home

A truckload of dismembered mannequins isn't a common sight in downtown Oroville and a few eyebrows were raised when this appeared on Robinson Street a few weeks ago. The delivery was made and the Ehmann Home interior resembled a scene from a B grade horror movie for a few days but it all got sorted out and the mannequins were given new life at new homes.

*Above photo courtesy of Daniel Ballard
Photos at left courtesy of Marci Trimlett
Thanks to you both*



*3 Harris moak snaped pictures
at Butte Creek Spillway,
Plumas Co., 1927
Left to right
Bill marrow,
John Heath, - uncle
Jim Parkey
Henry moak, Brenda
Fred Kellogg,
Gous moak, uncle
George masson.
Harris moak not in picture.*

It is nice to get this much detail on a donated photo, provided by the photographer no less. The stated location, while not in Butte County, is not far across the line in to Plumas County and it appears they may have been trying their luck just below the Butt Valley Reservoir that had filled in the early 20's following completion of the Dam.

There are probably a few people right now trying to count the fish in this photo and figure out how far these guys are beyond their limit. They had some pretty generous limits in those days as shown in this clip from a May 1928 Enterprise Record article.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that the trout limit is twenty-five or ten pounds in one trout and one fish. That is the limit of twenty-five must not exceed the ten pound and one fish limit.