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# 150th Anniversary: Woodland mayor unveils the past as city moves into the future

**BY TOM STALLARD  
MAYOR OF WOODLAND**

**D**o you ever wonder what it was like in the early days of Woodland?

I occasionally think about it, particularly because of my fascination with the wonderful old buildings that line our Main Street as well as the scores of period homes in the neighborhoods both north and south of downtown.

As best I can tell, Woodland was founded by failed gold miners who had come from the East, worked the diggings on the Feather River and elsewhere, and when they finally gave up, just came down the river to the Knight's Landing area where they discovered soils far superior to what they had known in the East and Midwest from where they had come.

These pioneer farmers became rich and eventually left living on their farms to building opulent homes and commercial buildings in what would become Woodland.

Fast forward about 20 years when beginning in 1870, a push commenced for cityhood for Woodland. Not everybody agreed. Some felt that county management of the city was sufficient. Eventually, however, a vote was held and the decision to incorporate was passed. Beforehand, some 200 local people signed a petition calling for this action, this at a time when the reported population was about 1,200.

So February 22, 1871, marks the day that Woodland became an independent city.

The reasons for incorporation are remarkably familiar to the issues we face today: Main Street was "crumbling"; scofflaw horse riders were riding on the wooden sidewalks and "riding too fast" down Main Street. Incidentally, our city which encompasses about 17 square miles today, was just 1.1 square miles at the time, taking in the area between East and West Streets from Bartlett to Beamer.

Everything else was still country as was much of the land within those borders.

One of our long term initiatives today is to relocate our railroad tracks from East Street out

to County Road 103 to avoid cutting our town in two. Well, our forebears had the same thought in mind when they moved the railroad from Railroad Avenue, which we now know as College Street, to the current location.

So really, what's old is new. Many things never change.

Today we are proud of our beautiful Woodland Community College which serves the advanced educational needs of around 4,000 folks. Well, among our forebears were those who founded Hesperian College on that same Railroad Avenue which is why it was renamed College Street.

Incidentally, Hesperian College, being private, pursued an opportunity to relocate to Orange County and is now known by its principal benefactor's name, Chapman College.

One thing that particularly strikes me is the big thinking of the civic leaders from our early and middle history. They formed banks, gas companies, electric companies and anything else they felt our city needed. They cared about trees, and they did something about it, just as we do today. It is interesting that in 2018, we tried to buy the distribution assets of PG&E so that we could be an independent utility for Yolo County, much as Roseville Electric and SMUD are for their jurisdictions.

Well, our gas and electric utilities were locally owned and controlled until 1901 when PG&E bought our local companies. We may get back to local control in time.

Another example of big thinking is in the development of our now historic commercial buildings, including the Woodland Opera House. Sometime take a look at the DePue Atlas and see the dramatic facades of these ornate and truly beautiful structures. It is only in the last 30 years that we have been working to bring back some of the glory of the early days of these buildings.

It is fair to recognize that mistakes were made as well. When our early leaders decided to build a purpose-built CityHall, the structure they built



Tom Stallard is the mayor of the city of Woodland.

was not earthquake proof and had to be torn down after only 30 years of use.

It sat where the organic vegetable garden is located in front of City Hall. Later leaders also rejected the opportunity to take water from Lake Berryessa, thinking they had all they would ever need.

But the lesson is that they never stopped trying to make our city a better place, just as we are doing today.

So let's celebrate our first 150 years as an incorporated city.

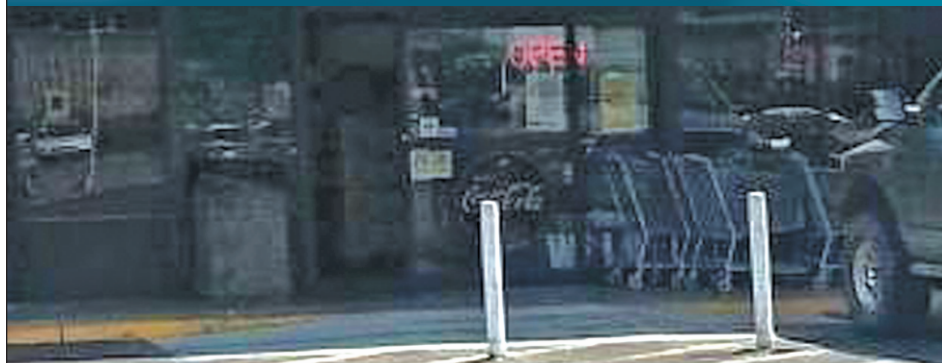
Let's reflect with gratitude on the hard work and dedication of our forebears and what they have bequeathed to us. Let us recommit to taking Woodland and all of our citizens to new levels of well-being.

And as we go forward, let us hold on to those characteristics that have survived through the years that make our community the special place that it is — friendly, inclusive, progressive.



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# 150th Anniversary: Woodland's Moments in Time

BY DEMOCRAT STAFF

A “Woodland Chronology” compiled by Shipley Walters in the book “Woodland City of Trees: A History,” published by the Yolo County Historical Society with information from the Yolo County Archives, lists the growth of Woodland and Yolo County from its earliest beginnings to 1994.

According to the Chronology, in 600 AD, southern Wintun Indians moved into the Southern Sacramento Valley with Indian villages usually located on Cache Creek, Putah Creek and the Sacramento River with seasonal camps most likely in the Woodland area.

As it concerns Woodland, however, the Chronology starts in 1851, when Kentuckian Johnny Morris and his family became the first settlers in the city by building a house at what is now First and Clover streets.

The timeline advances to 1853, when Henry Wyckoff build the first store-saloon in woodland on what is now the east side of First Street at Dead Cat Alley, as well as the construction of a small, private school in the Beamer Park area, followed in 1854 by the organization of the Church of Christ and 1856 when Wyckoff built a second store, in what he called Yolo City, at what is now Court and Sixth streets.

From there the timeline advances:

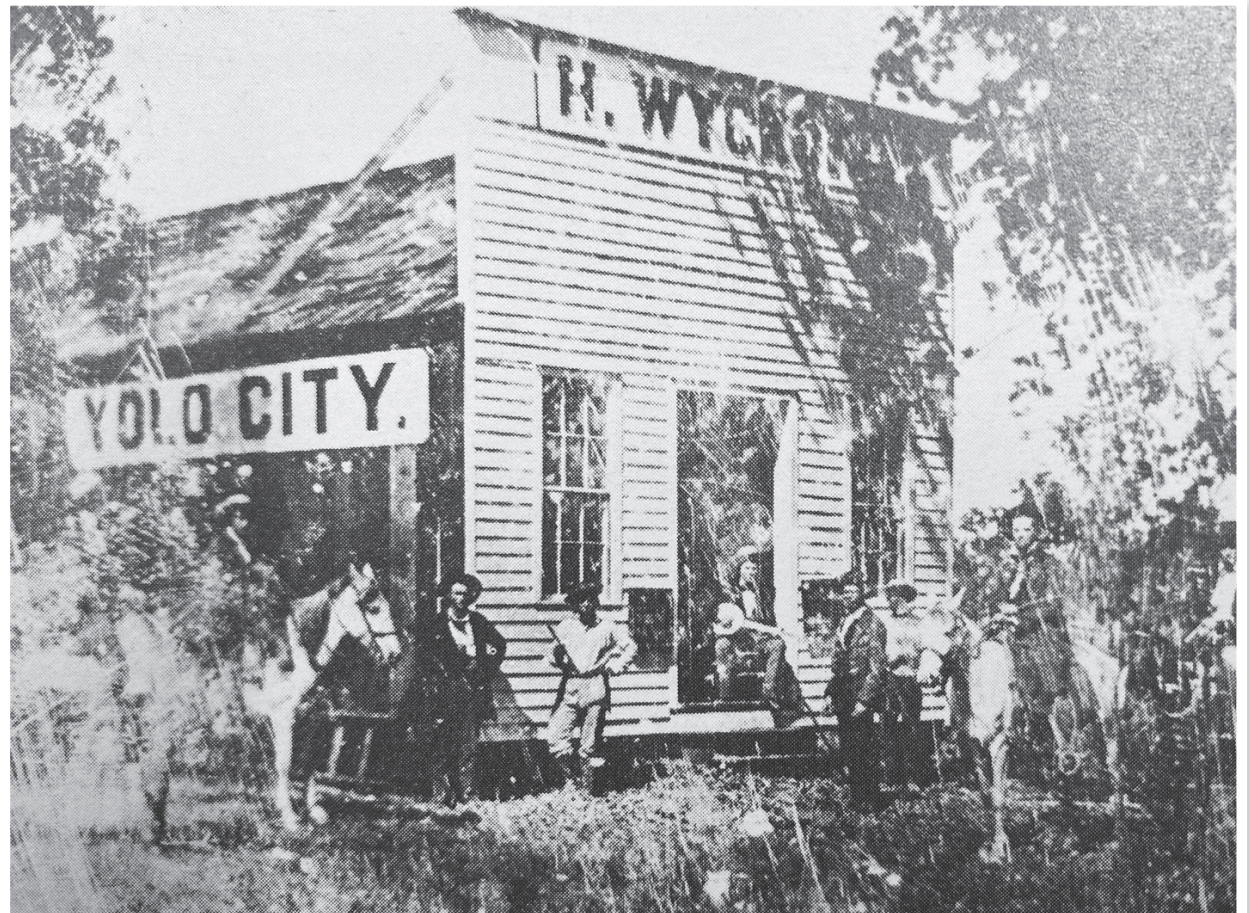
**1857:** Franklin S. Freeman pre-empted 160 acres bounded on the south by present-day Main Street.

**1861:** Freeman builds the first brick commercial building in Woodland at Main and First streets. Freeman secured a U.S. Post Office for Woodland and became the first postmaster Hesperian College, a private preparatory school for boys and girls, was organized in Woodland. The college building was located just south of Main Street west of First street.

**1862:** Yolo County Seat was established permanently in Woodland. Schuerley and Miller established the Yolo Brewery.

**1863:** Freeman filed the town plat for Woodland. Its boundaries were North Street, Fourth Street, Main Street and College Street. Yolo County Sanitarium, the predecessor of Yolo General Hospital, was built near Beamer and First streets.

**1864:** First Yolo County Courthouse was built in Courthouse Square at Court and Second streets. The Woodland News became Woodland's first newspaper. The paper had previously been published in Knights Landing and then in Cacheville.



Henry Wyckoff built his second saloon-store in 1856 at Court and Sixth streets, three years after building a store on First Street, between Main and Court streets. Wyckoff apparently wanted a location near the main postal route. In 1857, Wyckoff sold 'Yolo City' to Franklin S. Freeman, who tore down the building and replaced it with a house for his family.

COURTESY OF JOHN LAUGENOUR via "WOODLAND CITY OF TREES: A HISTORY"

**1866:** David Barnes established the Woodland Winery.

**1867:** The name of Woodland News was changed to Yolo Democrat. In 1877, the name was changed to Woodland Daily Democrat.

**1868:** The Mail of woodland, a newspaper expressing Republican views, was established in woodland.

**1869:** Union Pacific Railroad completed its transcontinental railroad and California-Pacific Railroad laid tracks from Davisville to Yuba City, via Woodland and Knights Landing. The tracks ran east of Woodland, along Railroad (later College) Street. Also, the Woodland Cemetery Association was founded and the Bank of Woodland opened while George Wirth started the Woodland Brewery and Peter Krellenberg opened his furniture business on Main Street.

**1870:** Woodland Hook and Ladder Company, woodland's first volunteer fire department, is formed.

**1871:** The city of Woodland is incorporated.

**1872:** Byron Jackson opened a blacksmith shop in woodland and began making tools for farmers.

**1874:** Woodland Gas Works was founded. Woodland Library Association was established.

**1875:** Woodland Fire Department was established.

**1877:** City contracted with Peek's Woodland Water Works to supply water for the town. The first gas streetlights were installed on Main Street.

**1880:** Woodland's population was 2,257. Woodland Water Company was organized.





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# Pioneers Recall Woodland's Earliest Days of Settlement

BY DAVID L. WILKINSON

The diaries of Yolo County visitors and settlers in the 1850s described a tree-rich wilderness. This description is from a member of an 1854 railroad survey party:

"The timber belt is composed of the most magnificent oaks I have ever seen. They are not crowded as in our forests, but grow scattered about in groups or singly, with open grass-covered glades between them... There is no undergrowth beneath them, and as far as the eye can reach, when standing among them, an unending series of great trunks is seen rising from the lawn-like surface."

Elizabeth Toney High was the sixth white woman to live in Yolo County. She arrived in 1851 and lived just north of what later became Woodland. She was unmarried at the time; her husband, David Weaver, was killed by Indians when the couple traveled by covered wagon across the plains and mountains to California. In a story recounted by Elizabeth's son John Weaver years later, Indians stampeded the livestock of the wagon train. The next day David Weaver and two other pioneers went looking for Weaver's prized mare and other livestock, but were ambushed by Indians and killed. Mrs. Toney died in Woodland in 1905. Her obituary recounted her early days living in Yolo County:

"According to Mrs. High's diary, there was no Woodland then [1851] and the site on which it now stands, or a tract about two and one-half miles square, was covered by a dense growth of oak trees. The population of the county was made up of about 1000 white people, 1000 Indians, and 200 Spaniards. Elk roamed at will over the county and were as numerous then as ground squirrels are now. All kinds of wild game were plentiful. Her diary shows that D.P. Diggs killed a bear in a tree which stood about the northeast corner of Court and Third streets."

As we have seen, according to the 1852 Census there were only 152 recorded Native people living in Yolo County around the time of Elizabeth's journal entry. Not 1,000 as she surmises.

Elizabeth and her children homesteaded on land north of Woodland. When John was old enough for school he



"A powerful storm toppled a huge valley oak in 1914 at the M.O. Sharp residence at 306 Sixth Street."

John C. Shinkle Photographer, Courtesy David Herbst Collection

attended the primitive school for pioneer children located near Beamer and Fourth streets. Joseph German built the small schoolhouse in 1853 out of hand-sawed oak timber. The school benches were also made of oak. Elizabeth and several other pioneers paid the monthly \$100 salary of the teacher, J.C. Welch.

"At that time a fellow could have cut 80,000 cords of wood in the land between Pendegast and Beamer streets and East and West streets," according to John Weaver.

John Weaver's estimate of the amount of cordage contained within this one square mile "section" of Woodland's primeval oak forest may have been exaggerated but by all accounts the land was thick with oaks and fully stocked. According to Cornell University's Cooperative Extension, one tree which is 22 inches in diameter (measured 4.5 feet above the ground) will yield one cord

of firewood. A cord is a stack of wood 8 feet x 4 feet and 4 feet deep.

Intrigued by John Weaver's estimate of oak cordage and tree density before Woodland was developed, Rolf Frankenbach of the Woodland Tree Foundation made his own estimates, beginning with the assumption that a 40-inch oak yields about 3 cords of firewood. This means you need 26,700 oaks packed into one square mile to get the 80,000 cords. If those trees were spread evenly over the square mile of early Woodland in a grid pattern the trees would be 32 feet apart, with only a little over 1,000 square feet available per tree. In other words the land would be "fully stocked" with oaks.

According to the California Native Plant Society, a "Valley Oak Woodland" by definition means Quercus

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lobata is the dominant species covering at least 35-50% of the land. Using modern aerial mapping and measuring devices, Frankenbach estimates that a 40-in oak today on average covers a little over 3,000 square feet. Accounting for this wider space per tree, and adjusted further by a mixture of small and large trees, one can imagine the number of wild oaks contained in the one square mile section of the oak woodland which became the City of Woodland to have conservatively have been as high as 10,000 trees.

If John Weaver were able to visit Woodland in 2020 he would be amazed at our anthropogenic community forest, mostly planted by people, with very spotty valley oaks. In 2018 the Woodland Tree Foundation counted only 880 valley oaks with a diameter of at least 12 inches lying within Woodland's entire 15 mile footprint. In other words, as we shall learn, Woodland's community forest has changed dramatically throughout its history at the hands of its residents. Valley oaks, our native tree, endemic to California's lower elevations and found nowhere else in the world, have largely vanished. This trend characterizes California in general, where upwards of 90% of valley oak woodlands have been removed by development.

### ALEXIS W. VON SCHMIDT'S PUBLIC LAND SURVEY OF WOODLAND IN 1858

As a young, hardy, pioneer woman residing among scattered settlers in Yolo County, Elizabeth Toney High likely struck up a conversation with Alexis W. Von Schmidt's federal land survey team when they trudged near her house on a spring day in 1858 plotting quarter section lines on Township No. 10 North, Range No. 2 which later became Woodland. This Public Lands Survey (PLS) map of Yolo County shows her house located just north of what is today Kentucky Avenue near the intersection of College Street.

Von Schmidt was a civil engineer and surveyor based in San Francisco. He arrived in the Golden State from New York in 1849 lured by gold, but eventually turned to surveying and mapping major parts of California for the federal government. He later worked for the City of San Francisco as an engineer. In 1872-73 he surveyed California's extensive border with Nevada and Arizona.

Von Schmidt's field notes, which accompany his 1858 survey map, described the sprinkling of houses, rudimentary businesses, and other buildings he sighted throughout the township 10 which is today Woodland. He encountered "salt marshes" "shallow ponds" numerous sloughs, and "no trees"

on the eastern side of the township, east of what is today Road 102, an area plagued with alkaline soils, inhospitable to valley oaks and many other trees.

As the survey team moved to the west side of the township in the vicinity of the small settlement of "Stringtown" located along what is today Bourne Drive near E. Gum Avenue, he encountered "scattered timber" as the soil quality improved. During this time Stringtown, located along the Sacramento-Cacheville road, vied with Yolo City, about 1.5 miles northwest, as the mercantile hub serving the local needs of settlers.

Stringtown had a small store and a blacksmith who could repair and forge farming equipment for homesteaders and squatters alike plowing up the alluvial soils covering deep, ancient aquifers, an environment which nurtured the dense valley oak groves. Stringtown died out a few years later as Woodland was born and absorbed Yolo City as the center of commerce and government.

When the survey party reached the sections which intersect at Main and East streets the topography became "timbered" with oaks. In fact trees were so prevalent that Von Schmidt used oaks to mark corner section locations by using the compass readings of prominent trees. As he

walked west along a section line which became Main Street he spotted the "schoolhouse in Yolo" at what later became the southeast corner of Main and Sixth streets. A two-story wooden structure built in 1856, the school occupied downstairs while the Sons of Temperance and the Masons met upstairs. Gertrude Freeman would begin teaching here in 1857.

A couple hundred yards northwest of the school the survey team spotted homesteader Franklin S. Freeman's "Store in Yolo" located in what is today Freeman Park, and plotted it on the survey map. Pioneer Freeman (1831-1900) farmed on the north side of Cache Creek but homesteaded in Yolo City where he purchased the small general store from Yolo County pioneer Henry Wyckoff, which Wyckoff had named "Yolo City."

In 2020 Woodland surveyor, Chris Lerch, using Von Schmidt's compass readings and field notes, used modern land survey techniques and plotted the Yolo City store in the center of Freeman Park near the basketball hoops, with a southern variance of plus-minus 50 feet.

Excerpted from the forthcoming book:

GERTRUDE'S OAKS: The Story of Woodland's Urban Forest and its Embattled Native Oak *Quercus lobata*



"To make room for the new Woodland Clinic Hospital, in 1925 a centuries-old valley oak, 75 feet tall, was felled at the corner of Third and Cross streets. The Woodland Sanitarium (1911) was razed for the new hospital."

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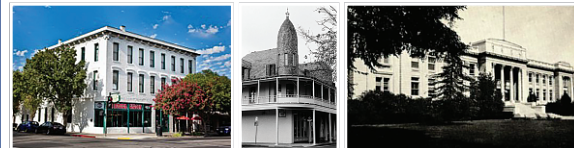
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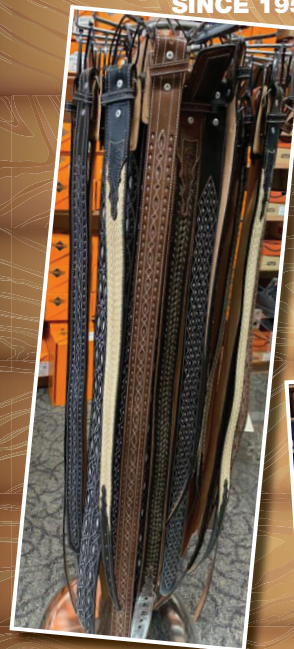
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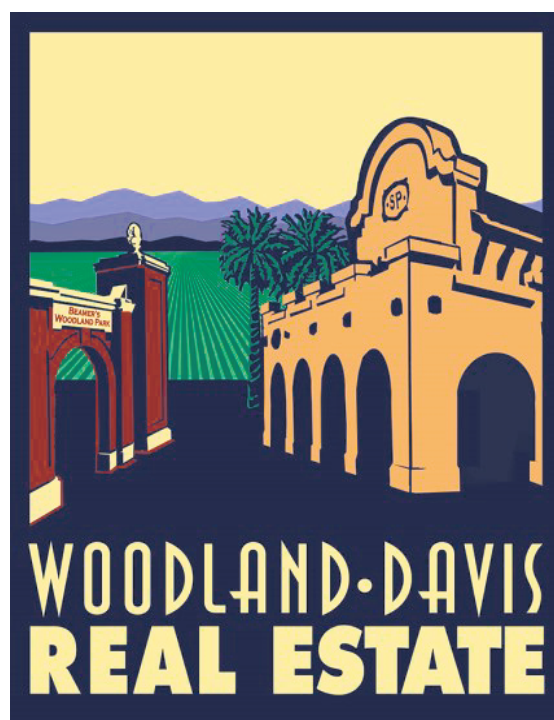
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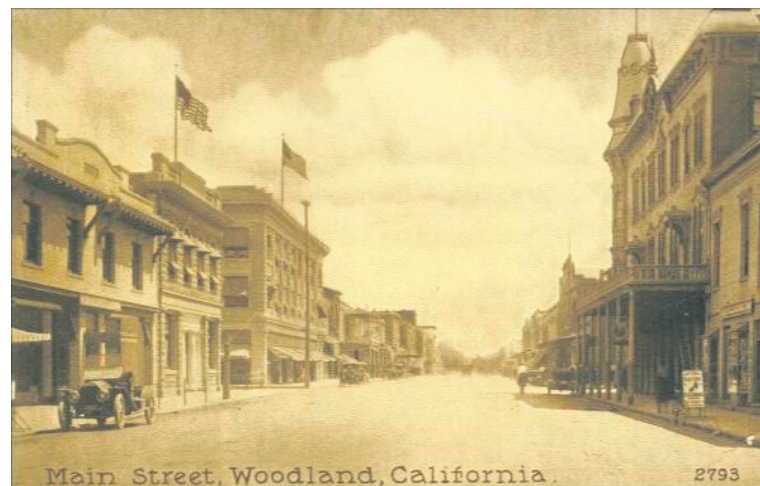
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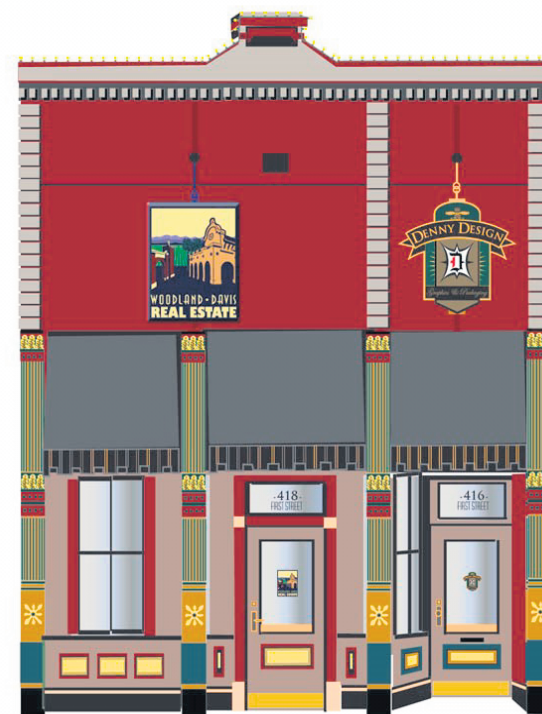
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# 150th Anniversary: Fire Department's history as old as the city itself

**BY SAM KENNEDY  
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Even before Woodland was officially incorporated as a city, the threat of conflagration plagued the thoughts of its citizens.

After many months of discussing, planning and organizing, a group of concerned citizens took it upon themselves to organize an official fire department for Woodland.

Finally, on Sept. 7, 1870, only seven months after the city itself was incorporated, the community organized the Woodland Hook and Ladder Company with 30 members.

For the next five years, this Company protected the city and responded to fires.

But as Woodland grew, the people knew they needed more protection and took it upon themselves to raise the funds through taxes to purchase a new steam engine to be able to assist in battling blazes and put the fires out.

That new steam engine arrived on April 14, 1876, and the department was complete.

As the City grew over the years, so did the department.

Soon steam engines and horses gave way to motorized vehicles and pump engines. The buildings got taller and so did the ladders.

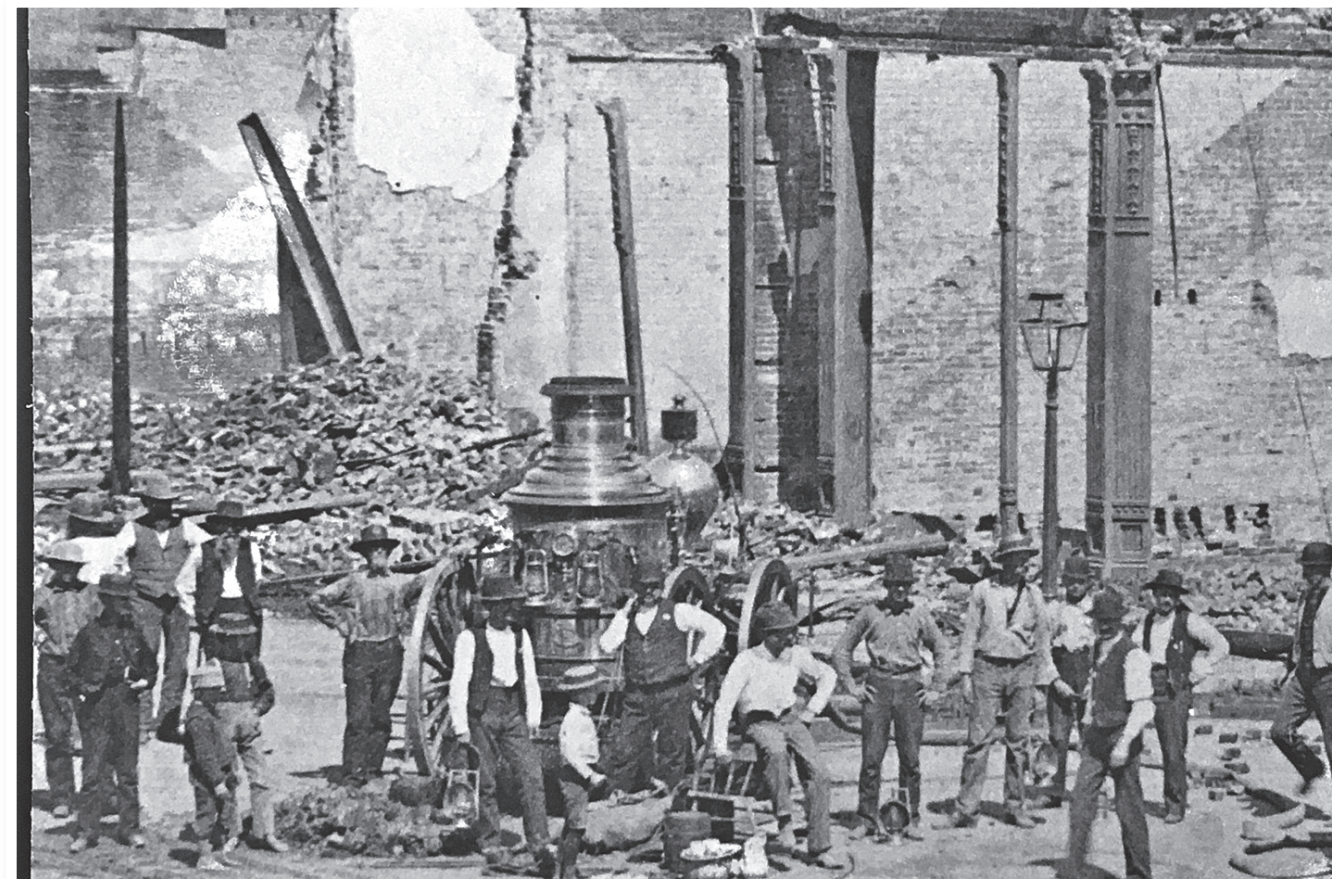
People came and went, but there were always plenty of citizens willing to serve their city as firefighters (both paid and volunteer).

The community sustained two World Wars and the Great Depression, but Woodland held strong.

In the 1960s, the department expanded south with the growth of the city, and a second station was built and staffed to respond and protect.

The department remained the same until the city had grown so far east, that it had moved into the area of the Springlake Fire Protection District. So, in 1984 there was a merger between the two departments and Woodland Fire Department grew again, adding a third station to protect the East side of town.

Over the years, firefighters' duties began to expand beyond just fires. They responded to vehicle fires and accidents, grass fires, hazardous material spills,



Woodland firefighters and a steam pumper after a fire on Main Street in 1892. COURTESY YOLO COUNTY ARCHIVES

industrial accidents, and medical aids as the entire department became certified emergency medical technicians.

Over the years, the faces have changed, the duties have expanded, and the technology improved, but the mission to protect the citizens of the city of Woodland from all hazards great and small has remained the focal point of the Woodland Fire Department.

The department began recording responses in 1890 and responded to 29 calls over a three year period.

Today, the department responds to over 8,000 calls for service a year.

It is incredible to see how far we have come over the last 150 years, and Woodland firefighters are excited to see what the future will bring for both the department and the city itself.



An early day dispatcher for the Woodland Fire Department, circa 1960s. COURTESY WOODLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT



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# Byron Jackson – A Woodland Story

STORY BY LINDA HENIGAN

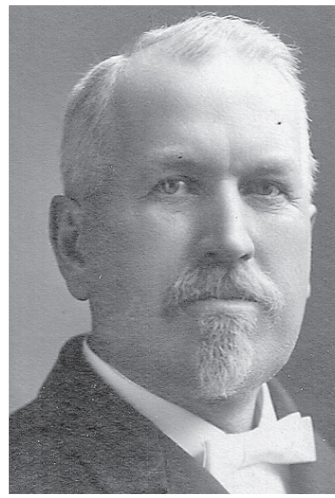
Growing up in Yolo County, I heard many times the story of my great uncle Byron and his pumps. As we would drive into town, my grandmother would make sure I could recognize a Byron Jackson pump working alongside a farmer's field. I remembered they were a sun bleached green, a few feet tall and round on the top, but not too remarkable for someone who was seven.

There was also the huge pump on East Street in Woodland with a continuous flow of water, and during the Yolo County Fair there was another cool display of water coming out of a large faucet that went nowhere - Ben Barrow and Byron Jackson pumps. If you're an older Woodlander, you will remember.

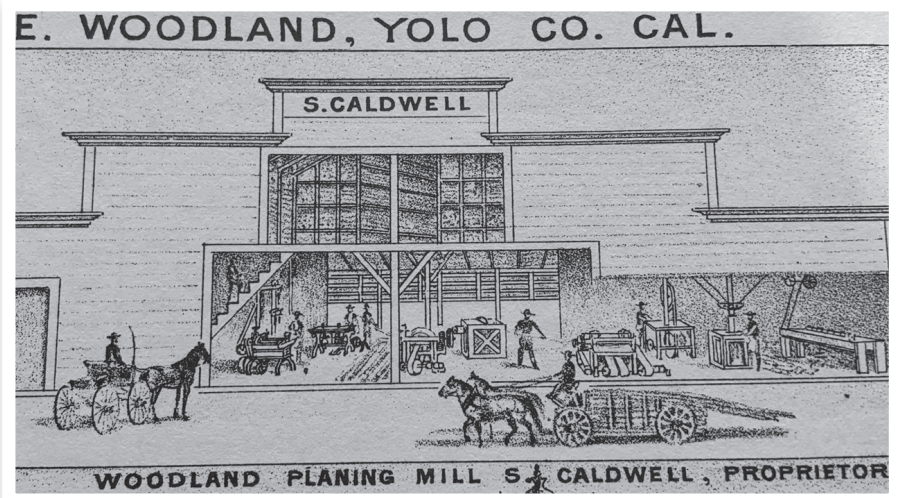
So why did my grandmother and my mother save everything about Uncle Byron? What was so important about those old green pumps?

"Mr. Jackson's idea in 1872 was to try to use the principle of centrifugal force in building a pump that would operate commercially. The application of the principle to pumps was not new – in fact it went back to the 17th Century, but the designs in use when he started his experiments were crude and inefficient and of little commercial importance. Mr. Jackson started work in his little blacksmith shop and supported himself by his farm machinery manufacturing operations – meanwhile tinkering with his efforts to improve the then known methods of designing a centrifugal pump. The resulting first installation of three Byron Jackson centrifugal pumps at Rockford, Illinois in 1898 in a new and revolutionary manner 80 feet below the surface of the ground at the bottom of a shaft 10 feet square caused great interest in the engineering circles of the day. In 1901, the Pabst Corporation of Milwaukee had a deep-well pumping problem and Mr. Jackson was asked to design a centrifugal pump that would lift water 150 feet to 220 feet out of a 15 foot hole, an undreamed of possibility. The resulting pump he designed was the first successful deep-well [engineered] centrifugal pumps in the United States, and it brought lasting fame to its maker as well as revolutionizing pumping practices throughout the world." Walter Otto Bernhardt, CEO, Spreckels Sugar Company, President, Yolo County Historical Society, 1949.

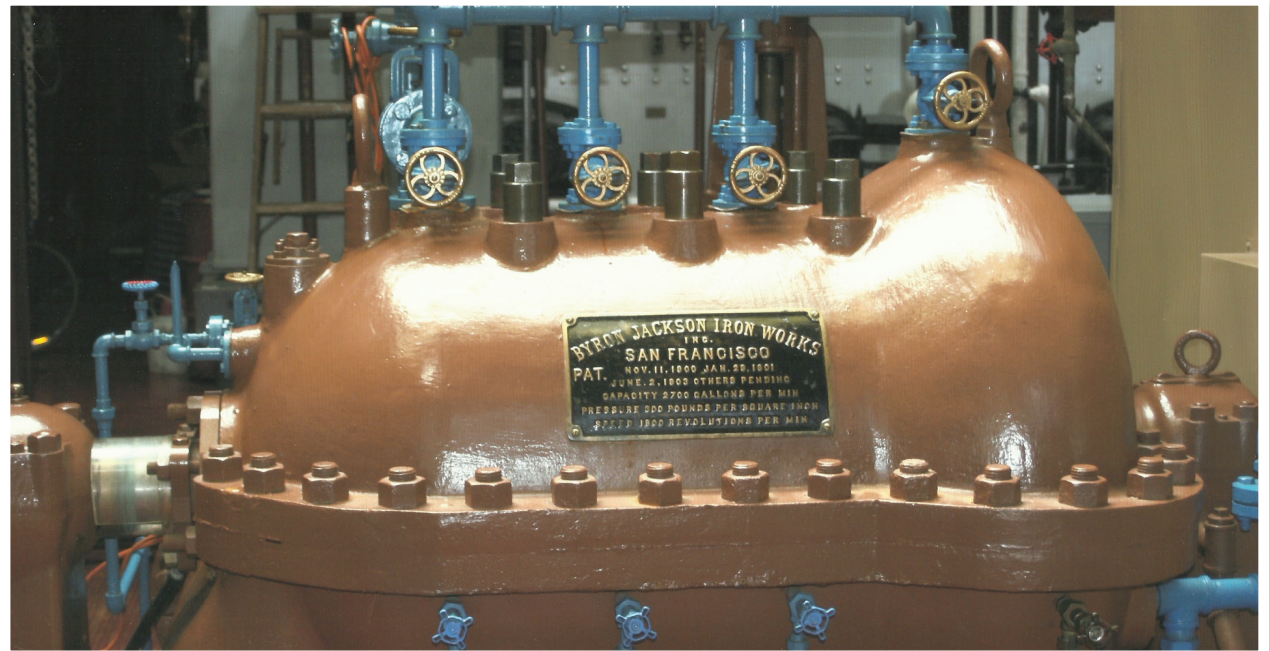
One of seven brothers, Byron, age 19, made his way by wagon train from Ohio to Yolo City (now Woodland) with two of his brothers, prior to the Civil War in 1860. Their trip took 90 days. Working on his father's farm, young Byron knew first-hand the hard work of farming and began developing agricultural



Byron Jackson, Inventor of Deep-Well Turbine Centrifugal Pump



Woodland Planing Mill  
1841-1921



San Francisco Fire Department, Pump Station #2  
Byron Jackson Pump 1903

labor saving devices such as self-feeders, threshing machines, portable derricks, hayforks, and countless innovations including a three-wheel steam traction engine designed for plowing. One might assume that Byron discontinued production of his steam tractor in deference to the success of Benjamin Holt, Dan Best, and others in the region.

Byron Jackson's deep-well turbine centrifugal pump – something we take for granted today

when we turn on a faucet from a pressurized water supply – may be "invisible," but my grandmother was right. He was a very big deal. Byron Jackson Company's 65,000 hp pumps are in the Grand Coulee Dam, his 1903 pump is still in continuous use at the San Francisco Fire Dept Pumping Station #2, and the list goes on. And those inventions began in Woodland.

*Linda Henigan*





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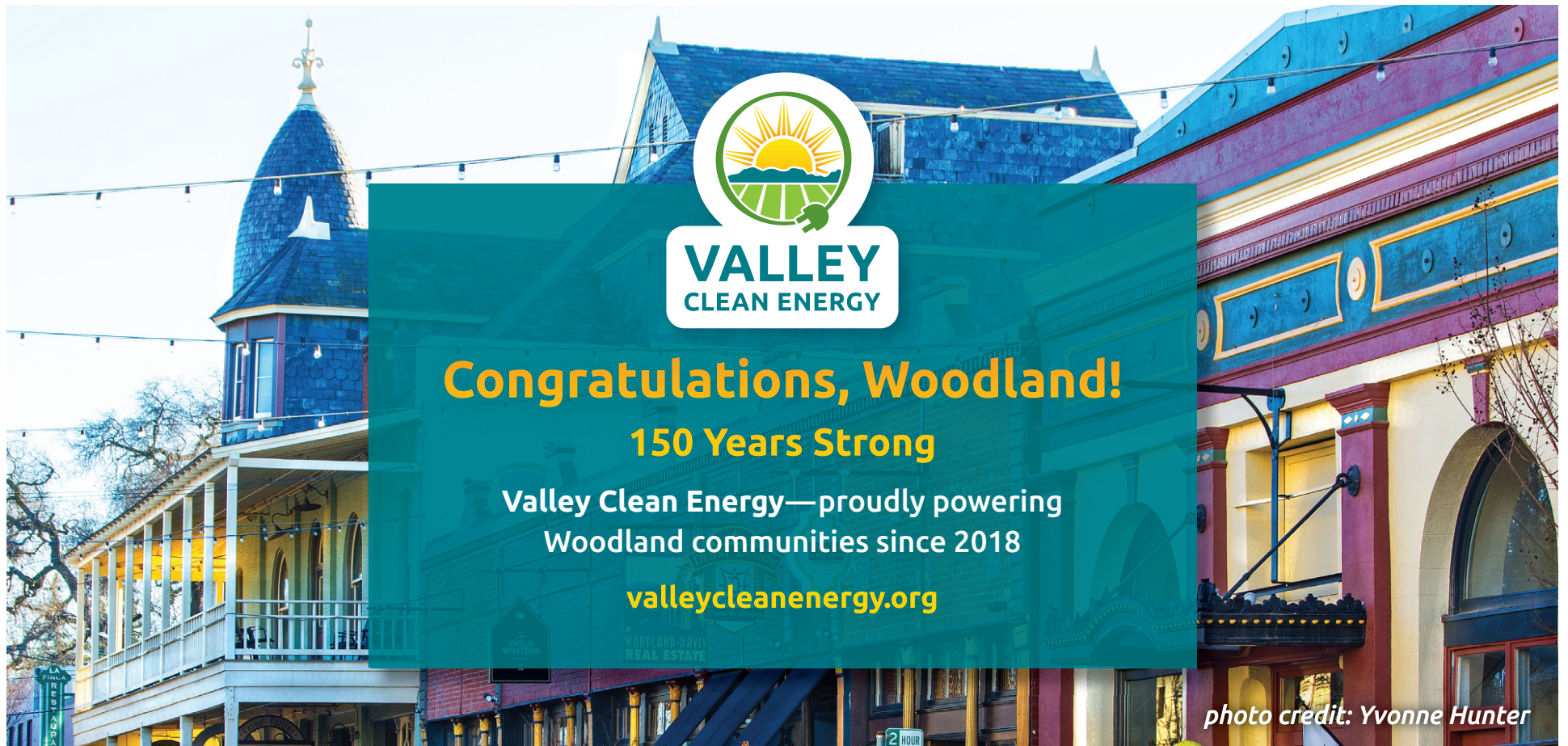


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Hesperian College with students in front and on balconies, c. 1885. Photo by W.H. Mitchell. B13-030. Acc. #1986-04 donated by Charles Eddy. Courtesy, Yolo County Archives.



Postcard of original Yolo County Courthouse from Second and Court streets with short palm trees along Second Street fence, c. 1907. C06-030. Acc. #1993-18 donated by Jane Reiff. Courtesy, Yolo County Archives.

**BY: HEATHER LANCTOT  
YOLO COUNTY ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER  
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**A**t the time of its incorporation, in February of 1871, there were approximately 1600 people living in Woodland. The town had simple frame houses, schools, multiple churches, an impressive Court House, and several shops and businesses on Main Street. The town was 1.145 square miles and was bounded by East, West, Bartlett and Beamer Streets. Prior to its incorporation, and for thousands of years preceding, Woodland and Yolo County have been the home and ancestral lands of the Patwin people, including the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation as we know it today. By 1871 most of the Patwin people had died or left the area due to the

consequences of white settlement, including disease, violence, and forced serfdom.

According to the 1870 Federal Census there were 16 Black, 81 Chinese, and 21 Native American residents in the Cache Creek Township, which included the city of Woodland. There were also a number of residents who had been born in countries outside of the United States, including Ireland, Germany, Prussia, Switzerland, Australia, Denmark, England, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, Scotland, Poland, Holland, Bavaria, Austria, Wales, France, China, Norway, Jamaica, and Luxembourg. Although many Woodland residents in the 1870s were white settlers from the southern, midwestern, and eastern parts of the United States, the diversity of its population enriched Woodland and helped it grow into a thriving city.

Even though they faced discriminatory laws and practices, including lower wages and exclusion from skilled trades, immigrants and people of color contributed to the growth, development, and prosperity of the City of Woodland. At the time of Woodland's incorporation, Chinese immigrants, who were unable to legally purchase land due to the Naturalization Act of 1870, worked as gardeners and cooks for other Woodland residents. They also worked at laundries as clothes washers. Black residents were working as farmers, laborers, house keepers, and barbers. Two black men, Robert Reno and Jacob Scott, owned the "Scott & Reno" barber shop in the Capitol Hotel on Main Street. Their barber shop provided "shaving, hair cutting,

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and shampooing, done with neatness and dispatch.” Additionally, immigrants established businesses and services in the Woodland community based on professional expertise developed in their countries of origin. For example, German, Swiss, and Prussian immigrants used their knowledge of brewing to create businesses like the Yolo and Woodland Breweries. In 1870, Frederick Schultz, Solomon Hauser, J. Hernian, Cash Eence, Mart Walder, and John and George Wirth all worked as brewers in Woodland breweries.

Woodland has changed over the 150 years since its incorporation. Nonetheless, its diverse community continues to enrich the culture and identity of the city and region.

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Andres Carillo of Woodland hoes a tomato field along with 4 other farm workers, c. 1994. L01-012. Acc. #19994-16. Woodland Daily Democrat. Courtesy, Yolo County Archives.



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Minle Saele picking strawberries at strawberry patch along Highway 16 between Woodland and Yolo Fliers Club, c. 1993. L01-007. Acc. #1994-16. Woodland Daily Democrat. Courtesy, Yolo County Archives.



Folklorico Latino de Woodland, a Hispanic dance group, posed on Courthouse steps, 1991. Acc. #1996-06. Donated by Shipley Walters. Woodland Daily Democrat. Courtesy, Yolo County Archives.



Terry Turner, with paintbrush and canvas, taught for 35 years at Woodland Community College, c. 1990s. P09-073. Acc. #D2008-083. Woodland Daily Democrat. Courtesy, Yolo County Archives.



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# 150th Anniversary: Holy Rosary Church has a long history in woodland

BY DEMOCRAT STAFF

Even as the city of Woodland celebrates 150 years, other organizations are older still. One of the more prominent cultural touchstones is Holy Rosary Church, which celebrated its 150th Anniversary last October.

A few Catholic services were held in Yolo County as early as 1821, but it was in October 1870, that Holy Rosary Parish dedicated its first church building in Woodland in memory of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

That building was located on Main Street between Elm and Walnuts streets. However, due to heavy rains and poor construction, in 1871 the steeple settled and cracked, and the building was declared unsafe.

As a result, in 1874, the construction of a new church building at the corner of Main and Walnut Streets was begun. The building still stands, of course, although it is being sold — along with adjacent buildings such as Tumulty Hall — to make way for a new structure on California Street at Cross Street, adjacent to Holy Rosary Parish Hall and Holy Rosary School.

That church building was dedicated on June 1, 1913, and was used by the Holy Rosary Parish until 1949.

Holy Rosary Parish opened its first Catholic School in 1885 with a staff of nine Holy Cross Sisters. It was built on West Main Street where the Sisters provided religious, academic and cultural education to girls and “young ladies” who attended by day or boarded at the school. Two years later a new Hesperian College building opened on college Street.

The school became known for its academic excellence, initially for girls and later for boys as well.

By the 1950s the number of students at the school became so large a new building was considered. Late in 1957, a church committee headed by Joe Espigares Jr. began raising \$180,000 to complete a larger parish school, according to author Shipley Walters, in her book “Woodland City of Trees: A History.”

That new building was at 505 California St. and houses a kindergarten through junior high school. It was finished in 1958.

The Holy Cross Sisters served until 1977. In 1980, the Sisters of the Religious of the Blessed Virgin Mary began their service at Holy Rosary Catholic School remaining until 1986.

Today, Holy Rosary School operates with a staff of 13 and continues as a beacon of excellent educational opportunity for youth in Woodland.



The original Holy Rosary Academy as it appeared in the early 19th century. COURTESY



People look at the statues Christ on the Cross and other figures from the Gospel outside Holy Rosary Church. DAILY DEMOCRAT ARCHIVES

During its years in Woodland, Holy Rosary Parish has endeavored to be a positive presence in the Woodland community often in conjunction with other religious and nonprofit organizations.

Members of the Holy Rosary Parish have helped to feed and clothe the needy, tutor and provide baked goods to youth in Juvenile Hall, teach students in Woodland schools, give medical care to Woodland patients, serve the community as public employees, and operate businesses that employ many Woodland residents.



Parishioners attend morning mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Woodland, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2020.

JIM SMITH-DAILY DEMOCRAT

In addition, Holy Rosary Parish has sold tacos at the Yolo County Fair since 2007 to raise funds for Parish needs.

The 150-year Commemoration planned for last year was originally planned to be a festive celebration but due to the coronavirus pandemic, those plans are postponed.

So, on Oct. 4, virtual and limited attendance outdoor Masses were held to thank God for the 150 years that the Holy Rosary Parish has been in Woodland as a place of Catholic worship.

A more festive commemoration event is still planned for May 2, 2021, depending on how the pandemic conditions.



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# 150th Anniversary: Books of interest on Woodland's history

BY JIM SMITH/THE DAILY DEMOCRAT

History books about Woodland are few with some focused solely on photographs. Others rely greatly on information from the Yolo County Archives. Many make for interesting reads with some telling remarkable stories of those who founded the city and of Yolo County.

In any respect, for local historians — or those interested in the development of the community — all of the books are excellent resources.

## WOODLAND CITY OF TREES: A HISTORY

Published in 1995 by Shipley Walters with the assistance of the Yolo County Historical Society, this 150-page book examines the wilderness of the Woodland area before it became a community and later a city, the first inhabitants, early visitors, the years “during the Mexican period,” early settlers and the founding of Woodland, the “Heyday of woodland” between 1807 and 1890, “Challenging Times” between 1890 and 1900 and continues up to 1994 when Woodland was considered a “Modern City.”

The book is dedicated to Marilyn Thompson of the Yolo County Archives, who was a descendant of Yolo County pioneers.

“I felt a great sense of responsibility when I undertook to write this book,” Walters wrote in the acknowledgment. “No one had written a comprehensive history of Woodland before, and many people had expressed an interest in having one.”

The title, Walters writes, “was chosen because trees have been an important element in Woodland’s physical and social environment.

“Woodland has always been a center — of transportation, commerce, communication, government and finance — of Yolo County,” she continues. “Agriculture and agribusiness created the wealth that made the development of Woodland possible.

“The people who built Woodland came from many nations and ethnic groups, and in each era strong individuals left their mark on the face of the city,” she concludes.

## HOLLYWOOD COMES TO WOODLAND: A HISTORY OF WOODLAND CINEMA

Written in 2011 by resident David Wilkinson, this 150-page softbound book was published by the Yolo County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1447, Woodland, Calif., 95776. Contents are a mix of photographs from the Bill and Paul Hollingshead collection, The Daily Democrat and Yolo County Archives, Daily Democrat newspaper clippings, and others. Chapters deal with the Woodland Opera House, Woodland’s First



Woodland Memories, by The Daily Democrat, 2016

Nickelodeon theater, Acme-Lyceum-Central and Dreamland theatres, along with many others. some of the topics also include color films and the restoration of the State Theatre.

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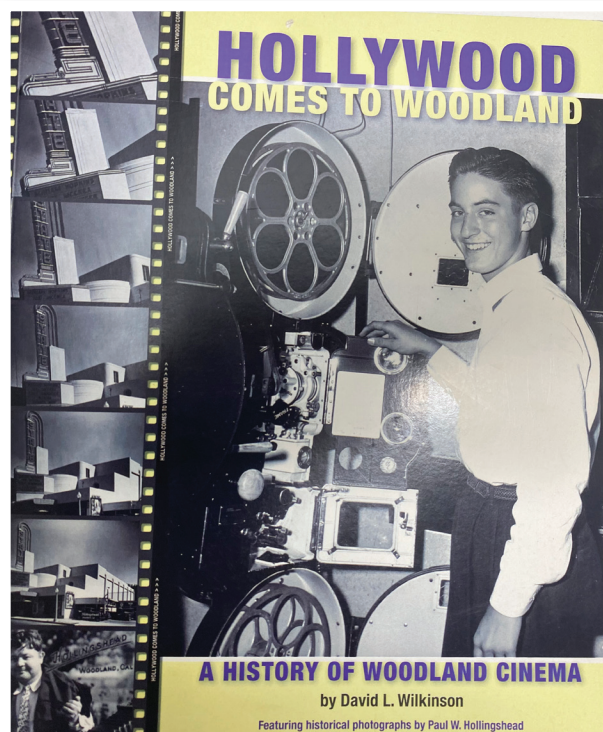
Written in February 202 by Steve Venables, this 118-page softbound book was published by Kinderton Castle Press, 524 Main St., Suite 201, Woodland, Calif., 95695. Venables writes that the book is a collection of stories “about some of our notorious and colorful characters, plus a little of our town’s history.” The chapters are devoted to “Bemmerly, a name that died out,” “The Bemmerly cousin,” “The Ruggles boys,” “Dr. Neverchange, Dentist,” “Senator Harlan,” “The man who would be king and more.” The book is also filled with historical photographs, most courtesy of the Yolo County Archives.

## YOLO COUNTY LAND OF CHANGING PATTERNS

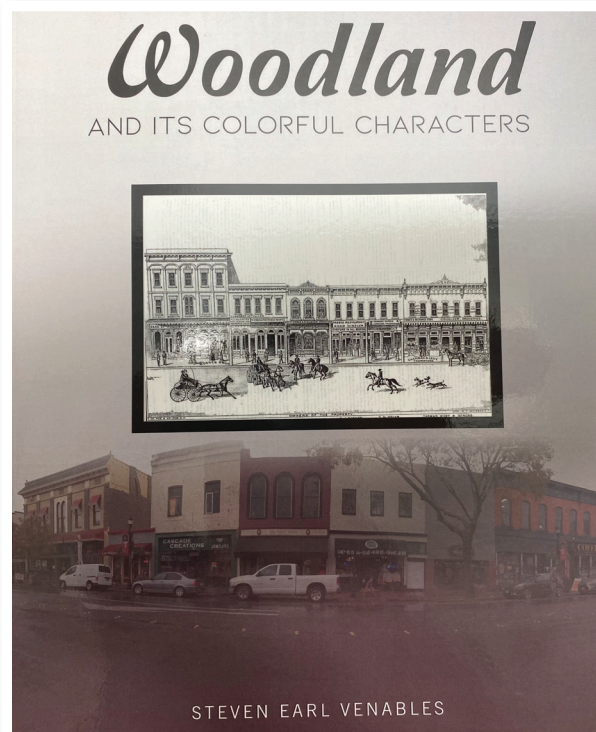
This 136-page hardcover book is an illustrated history compiled and written by Joann Larkey and Shipley Walters and produced in cooperation with the Yolo County Historical Society and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools in 1987 by Windsor Publications, Inc., Northridge, Calif. The book compiles histories of the various cities along with its people. chapters including a prehistory to 1841, which looks at the Patwins; “Americans on Mexican Ranchos” from 1841 to 1848; “Patterns of Settlement,” from 1848 to 1868; “Agriculture, Railroads and New Prosperity,” from 1868 to 1900; “Dramatic Changes in the New Century,” from 1900 to 1920; “Hard Times and Good Times,” from 1920

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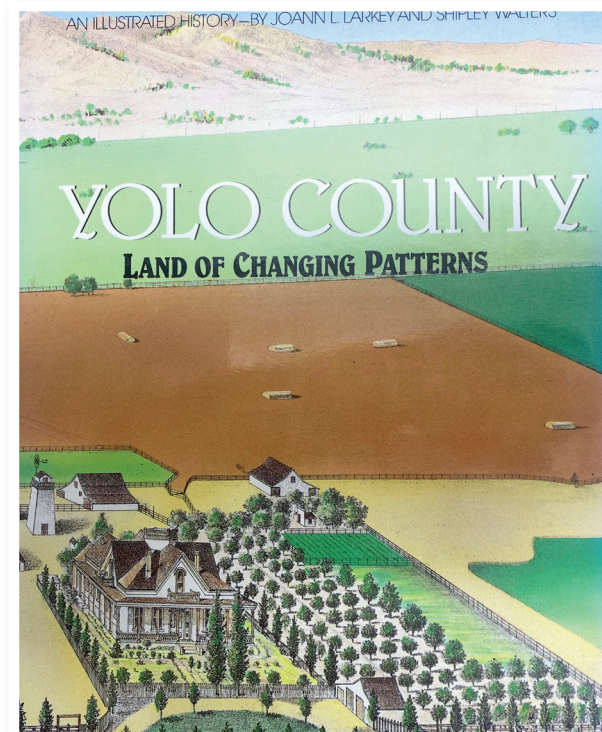




Hollywood Comes to Woodland: A History of Woodland Cinema, by David Wilkinson, 2011



Woodland And Its Colorful Characters, by Steven Venables, 2020



Yolo County Land Of Changing Patterns by Joann Larkey and Shipley Walters, 1987

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to 1950; "Radiating Patterns," from 1950 to 1987; and Partners in Progress."

"Our goal in writing this work about how Yolo County has changed over time was to give readers a sense of place, an appreciation of the beauty of the land, and an understanding of the natural and human forces that shaped Yolo County's development," the authors state in their preface. "The contrasts between the natural environment of the Patwin, when one-third of the county was annually flooded, and the present era, when urban development encroaches on prime agricultural land, are dramatic. Yet this is basically a story of the people who came to live on the land and whose cooperative or individual actions brought about change.

"The persevering pioneer spirit, the heritage of an earlier century, is still at work today as new challenges arise and are met," Larkey and Walters write.

### WOODLAND MEMORIES: THE EARLY YEARS

This hardcover photographic gallery of 128 pages was prepared by The Daily Democrat in 2016 and features several hundred images submitted by residents of the community, notably by Bill and Edward Hollingshead, curators of the Paul W. Hollingshead Archives, Yolo County Archives, woodland chamber of commerce and the Pete Richards Collection. Sadly, it is sold out and out of print.

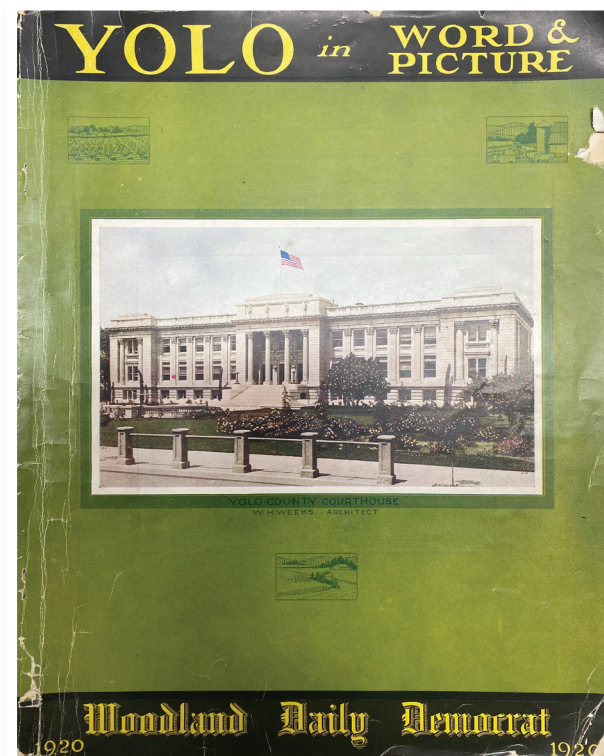
### REFLECTIONS OF WOODLAND AND YOLO COUNTY

This hardbound photographic gallery of 96 pages was prepared by The Daily Democrat in 1995 and

features several hundred images submitted by residents of Woodland and Yolo County. It also has historic photographs captured by The Daily Democrat along with treasured family photographs. As the forward states: This book is not meant to be a complete and definitive history of Woodland and Yolo County. Rather it is a collage of places, faces, and events. It is a popular history that blends memorable moments and landmarks with the small comings and goings that make up the fabric of this community. Sadly, it is sold out and out of print.

### YOLO COUNTY IN WORD AND PICTURE

This softbound book was published in 1920 by The Daily Democrat. It is 96 pages and features a mix of feature stories on events, institutions, and individuals. It reports on Woodland and other locations across Yolo County. In some respects, it is a statistical archive, recording where the county and cities stood in 1920. In other aspects, it is pure "boosterism," praising the county's agricultural, and business opportunities coupled with its excellent schools and local government. As Editor Ed E. Leake wrote at the time: "Crowded into the magazine number of today's 'Woodland Daily Democrat' is the most thorough, accurate and complete, the most picturesque, potent and graphic story of Yolo County ever sent out to the world. ... With full faith that this edition will be found dependable and accurate, that it will encourage new energies at home and attract home seekers and capital, we launch this magazine edition on its way, encouraged by the generous cooperation we



Yolo In Word & Picture by The Daily Democrat, 1920

have received from business firms and from men and women who are zealous of the progress and prosperity of Yolo County." Sadly, only a few full copies of this book exist either in private collections or at The Yolo County Archives.





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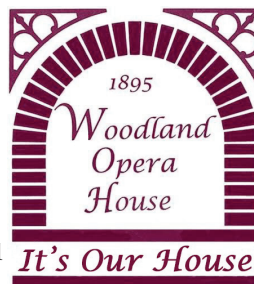
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# The Historic Woodland Opera House

The original Woodland Opera House opened in 1885 and was destroyed in the 1892 fire that razed much of downtown Woodland. In 1895 construction commenced for the current theatre on the same site, reopening on June 15, 1896. 2021 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that opening.



During its early years the Woodland Opera House was one of the premier venues in northern California, hosting a wide variety of shows and events, ranging from traveling theatre companies, comedy troupes, magicians, concerts, and music recitals. Community events, such as fundraisers, political rallies, and school graduations were also held in the theatre.

Many famous touring companies and actors appeared on its stage. Considered stars of their day, performers included Nance O'Neil, Helen Modjeska and John Philip Sousa's Band. Touring companies, such as the Elleford Company, J. H. Haverly's troupe, the Georgia Harper Stock Company and many others, routinely made the Woodland Opera House a stop on their west coast tours.

Over 800 performances and events appeared the Woodland Opera House stage. However, in 1913, because of competition from motion pictures and partly due to a lawsuit over an injury, the theatre closed. Following the closure, the Hershey sisters, owners of the building, provided periodic maintenance keeping the building in reasonable condition. However, a fire in 1937, accidentally sparked by workers repairing the roof, caused extensive damage to the structure.

The late 1960s saw a growing interest in restoring the theatre. Led by local citizens, with expert assistance from Dr. Robert Sarlos and Gene Chesley, professors at the UC Davis Drama Department, a campaign was launched to save the historic theatre. The Yolo County Historical Society purchased the building in 1971 to ensure it did not fall to the wrecking ball.

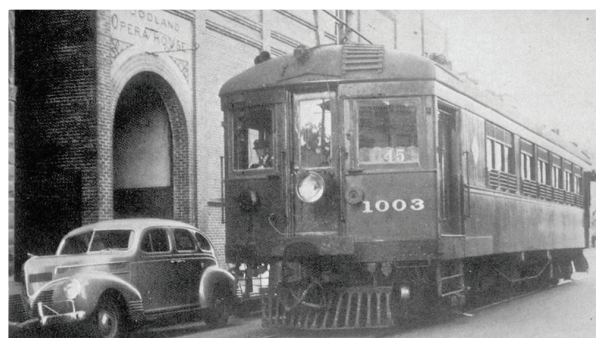
The theatre was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and became a California State Historic Landmark in 1972. Declared a State Historic Park in 1976, the Yolo County Historical Society deeded the property to the State of California and in 1981 restoration began.

In January 1989 after a \$2,000,000+ complete restoration, the theatre reopened. For the first time in 75 years, the venerable theatre in the heart of California's Sacramento Valley, began to again offer live entertainment.

From its first season beginning in the fall of 1989, the Woodland Opera House has consistently captured regional Elly and local Chesley theater nominations and awards. The theatre presents five Mainstage Season productions



Interior of the Woodland Opera House view from the balcony. Photo credit: Karen Alexander



Street car on 2nd Street in front of the Woodland Opera House. Photo credit: Unknown

from August through June, the Theatre for Families Series, concerts featuring area, regional, and international artists, and Rising Starts education productions. The facility is also made available to rent for local civic organizations, non-profits, and corporate meetings.

The Woodland Opera House is owned by the State of California with oversight by the City of Woodland through an operating agreement with the State. In turn, the Woodland Opera House, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity operates the theatre by a signed agreement with the City. The theatre receives no funding from the State.



Night view of the Woodland Opera House front entrance. Photo credit: Karen Alexander



# At the Heart of Every Farmer and Rancher

STORY BY LINDA HENIGAN

In 1859, John Martin, with his two brothers, left Iowa in May with a wagon filled with provisions and an oxen team, and headed for the Sacramento Valley, arriving in Yolo County in September. From his diary, "Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1859 we left Plumb Hollow at noon, camped east Nebraska City, distance traveled 15 miles, weather cloudy and cool with some rain." John Martin

John settled south of Woodland purchasing 480 acres, built the first house in Plainfield (an unincorporated community in Yolo County), and later purchased 25 acres on Cemetery Avenue (now West Street) and built several substantial houses according to the *History of Yolo County California*, Tom Gregory, 1913.

By 1880, John had a family, a dairy, and an orchard, was raising alfalfa, and was on the city council. At age 60, John died from tuberculosis and sadly, left his extremely capable wife, Belle, and their youngest son to run the dairy. Eventually, his son took over the dairy.

John and Belle's story is representative of the pioneering spirit of so many hard-working and perseverant families who settled in Woodland. Farming and ranching today in Woodland and Yolo County is as integral as it was in 1880. John's walking plow has been replaced by chisel plows pulled by monster tractors with air-conditioned cabs. Heading

into town for monthly provisions is now an iPhone click on Amazon.

**But the love of the land and growing food for families, even with all its risk, is at the heart of every farmer and rancher. Thank goodness!**

**Honoring today's farmers and ranchers is at the heart of Woodland's Dinner on Main.**

The annual community gathering in the middle of Main Street, where once horse and buggies traveled, becomes an evening in September where we celebrate and give thanks for all those that are instrumental in bringing food to our table. The harvest table is filled with amazing courses of the finest that Yolo County has to offer created by our incredible team of regional chefs.

The Edible Learning Garden, sponsored by Woodland's Dinner on Main, is another way we promote, educate and elevate the growing of food in an urban setting. John and Belle would be thrilled to know that their three times great grandson grew up in the town they, and thousands more, helped to build. Look for John and Belle's brick in the new pathway in the Edible Garden.

As we celebrate Woodland becoming 150 years old, it's important to remember the pioneering believers who worked hard to build a life here, and wanted to make it better for the next generations. On behalf of the Board of Woodland's Dinner on Main, thank you to all those that helped to build our community, and those that contribute to caring for our neighbors.

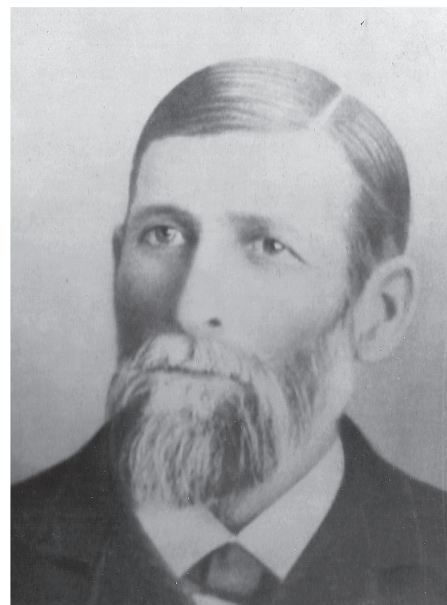
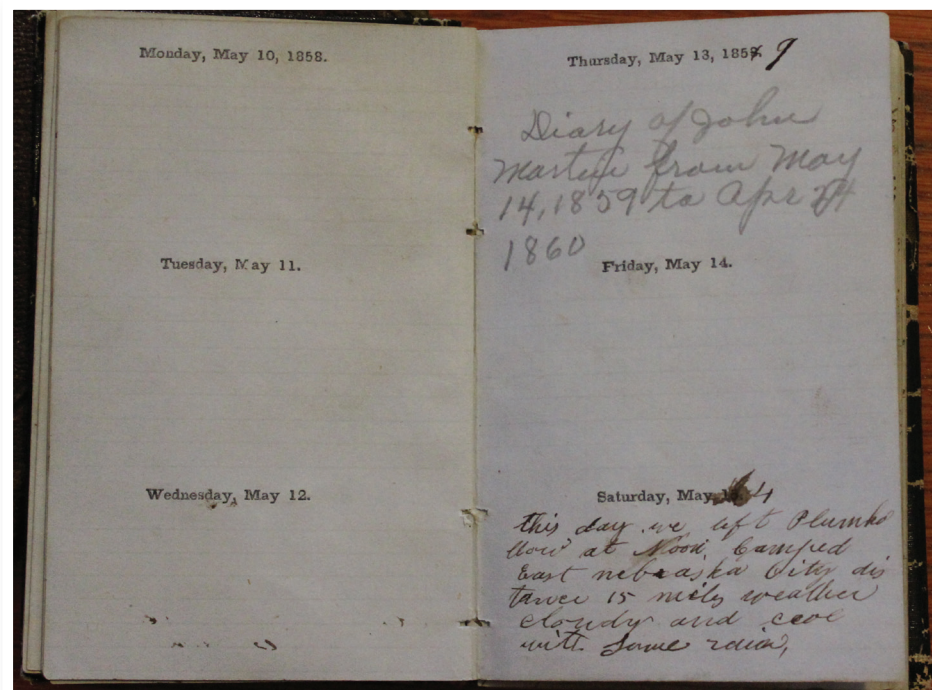


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John Martin, B1832 Raleigh, North Carolina - D 1892  
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Cooper Allen,  
Great-great-grandson of John Martin



John Martin diary 1859



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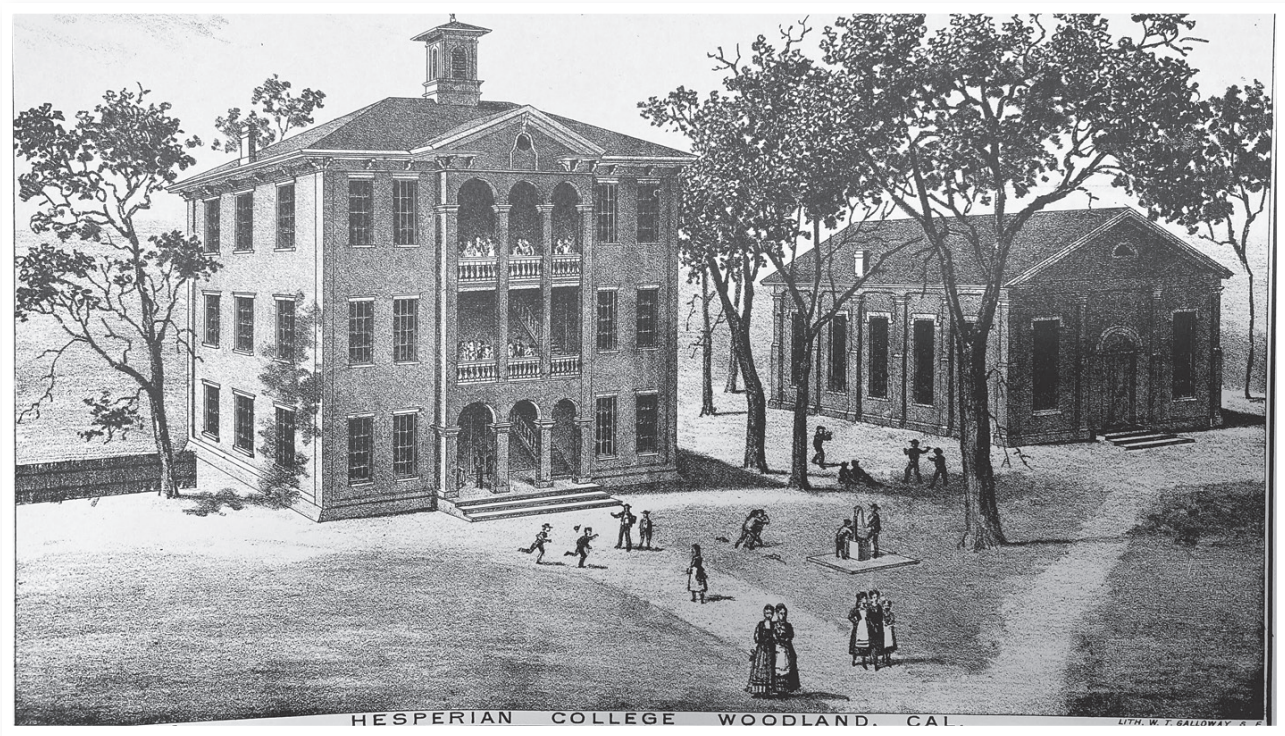
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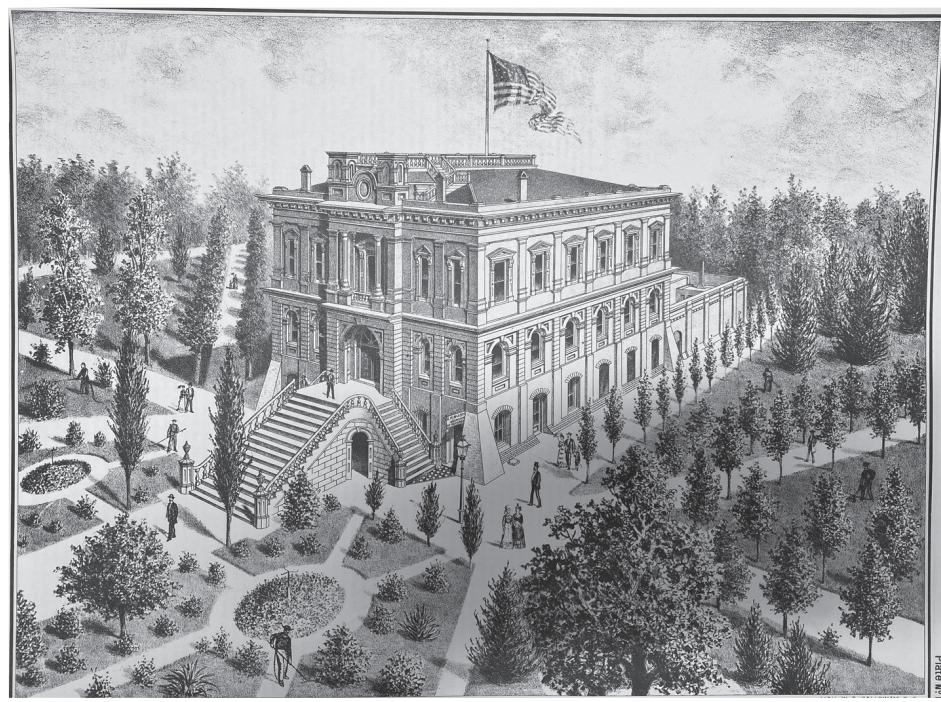
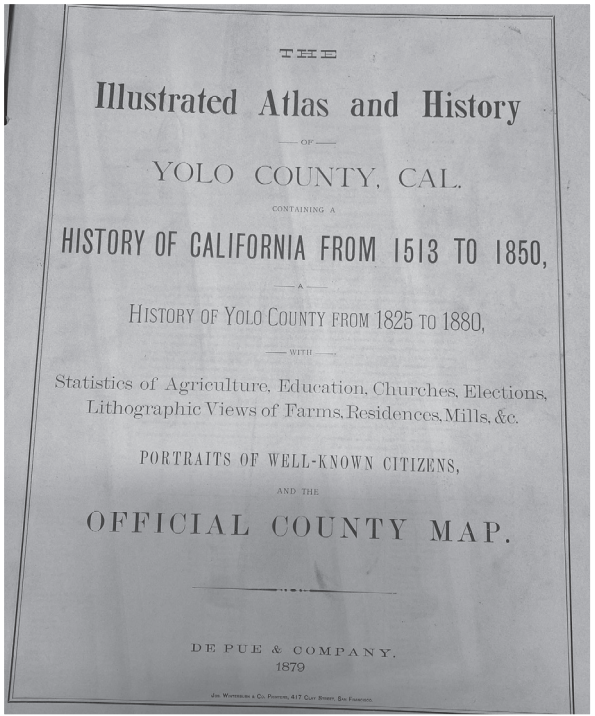
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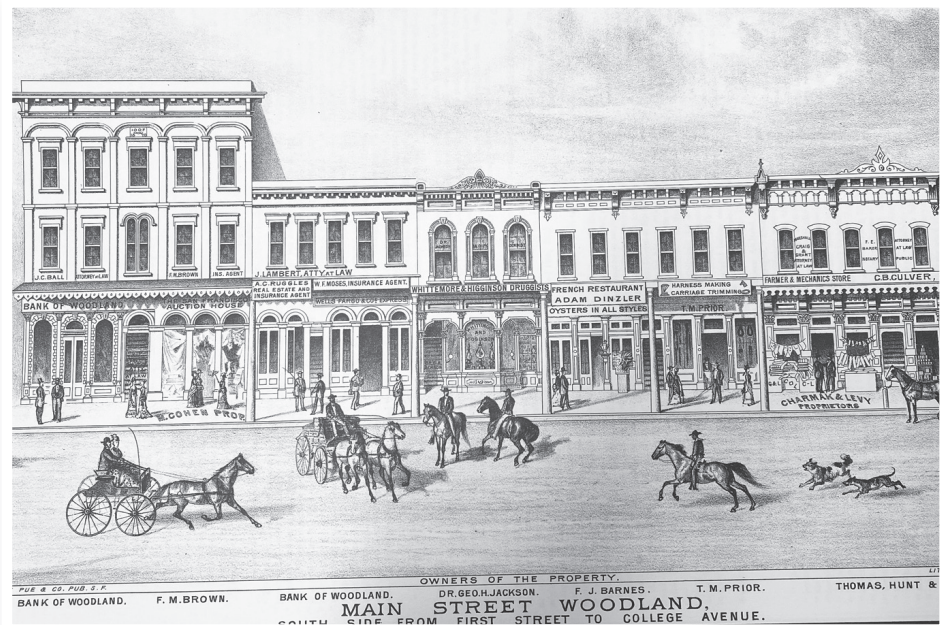
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Hesperian College of Woodland.



The original Yolo County Courthouse



Freeman block of Main Street Woodland which features from left: FS. Freeman & Co, farming implements and Machinery, Etc.; H. Kuhn & Bro. Roofing & Gas Fitting; A. Butz Merchant Tailor; G.W. Green Jeweler & Stationer; W.W. Porter & Co., Dress Makers & Milliners; and Frazer & Co, Fresh Meats & Live Stock.




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