

# Placerville Historic Markers Inventory

## Co-initiated project by Stan Morris and Dee Owens

*The project's goal is to identify, record, and inventory, with high-quality mapping tools, all of the City of Placerville's historic markers and monuments. Utilizing GPS devices, existing information, MS Excel, and online mapping applications, data on all accessible historic sites and locations with markers was collected, organized, and published. The project was presented to the City of Placerville's Historical Advisory Committee on January 17, 2013 by Stanley W. Morris as an independant effort of the initiators to support and enhance historical preservation and improve the experience of local tourism in Placerville.*

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Balyes Building	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County	1980			10 0691068/ 4288694	248 Main Street. Heritage Association "Tombstone" plaque (March 12th, 1980) mounted on exterior wall. Also find a Balyes Building wall plaque painted on the front/left side of the building and the Snowshoe Thompson mural on the exterior West wall.
Bee-Bennett House	Placerville	Grand Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West	1986	<a href="#">Bee-Bennett House</a>			643 Bee Street, Sequoia Restaurant
Bell from the Original Bell Tower	Placerville	City of Placerville	1865	<a href="#">Bell from the Original Bell Tower</a>			Moved from 104 Placerville Drive, El Dorado County Historical Museum, to Monument Garden (Thomas Maul Park) at Bedford Avenue and Main Street
Branch Saloon / Bingham's Jewelry; Seligham Bldg.	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County		<a href="#">Branch Saloon / Bingham's Jewelry; Seligham Bldg.</a>	235	10 0691146/ 4288742	327 Main Street

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Burial Site of Three Unfortunates Hanged	Placerville	James W. Marshall Chapter No. 49, E Clampus Vitus	1959	<a href="#">Burial Site of Three Unfortunates Hanged</a>	231-232	10 0691083/ 4288765	3182 Center Street. Monument rebuilt and relocated in front of this building, across the street from City Hall, by Explorer Scouts. Originally located along Hwy 50 at Center Street after highway construction.
Carson Trail	Placerville	Trails West				10S 0691188/ 4288359	
Carson Trail	Placerville	Trails West				10S 0695053/ 4284463	
Carson Trail	Placerville	Trails West				10S 0690826/ 4287797	
Cemetery of Lost Souls	Placerville	El Dorado County Historical Society	2001	<a href="#">Cemetery of Lost Souls</a>			104 Placerville Drive, El Dorado County Historical Museum
City Clock	Placerville	Western Sign Co. Inc.	1979	<a href="#">City Clock</a>		10S E 691247 N 4289076	Located at the WS Kirk/City Hall Parking Lot, adjacent to the public restrooms. This stand-alone clock on Main Street was originally standing on the sidewalk in front of present day River City Bank (originally the Bank of America Building).
City of Placerville Aquatic Center Dedication	Placerville	City of Placerville					3071 Benham Street, Benham Park City Pool

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City of Placerville City Hall Dedication	Placerville	City of Placerville				10 0691525/4288849	3101 Center Street. Wall plaque dedicating the City Hall Building is located at the front entry. Also find a black, granite stone in the garden planter on the south side of the building dedicated to <b>Carl Borelli</b> , an etching on the stone reads: "Carl Borelli, Mayor of Placerville, Mr Placerville."
City of Placerville Town Hall Dedication	Placerville	City of Placerville	1981 - Feb.		316-318	10 0691525/4288849	549 Main Street
City of Placerville Volunteer Fire Department Dedication	Placerville	City of Placerville	1950		286-289		3034 Sacramento Street
Confidence Hall	Placerville	Marguerite Parlor #9, Native Daughters of the Golden West	1954 - May	<a href="#">Confidence Hall</a>	260-261	10 0691343/4288885	487 Main Street
Confidence Fire Engine	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County	1954 - May	<a href="#">Confidence Fire Engine</a>	260-261	10 0691343/4288885	487 Main Street. Tombstone style plaque is located on the floor inside the building.
Court House Civil War Canons	Placerville	G. A. R. Placerville Post No. 108		<a href="#">Court House Civil War Cannons</a>		10 0691379/4288889	495 Main Street

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Constitution Railroad Plaza	Placerville	City of Placerville and Private Contributors			294-296	10 0690925/ 4288689	Located behind Shell Station at 151 Main Street. Find a caboose, 967 commemorative bricks, and three planters. Inventory is at the City's Recreation and Parks District Office.
Davis & Roy News Depot, Shelley Inch Building	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County		<a href="#">Davis &amp; Roy News Depot, Shelley Inch Building</a>	239-242	10 0691217/ 4288777	409 Main Street, Placerville News Company
Douglas Hines Building Bricks	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County	1998	<a href="#">Douglas Hines Building Bricks</a>	258-258	10 0691328/ 4288876	Located at the W.S. Kirk/City Hall Parking Lot.
Druid Monument	Placerville	Druids of California, Grove #1	1926	<a href="#">Druid Monument</a>		10 0691670/ 4288786	Main Street and Cedar Ravine. Located in the center of the intersection, according to City of Placerville Resolution 56 on 1 March 1926.
Edwin Markham	Placerville	E Clampus Vitus	1961 - Jan. 2				
El Camino Real Bell	Placerville	State of California	1948	<a href="#">El Camino Real Bell</a>			Located at the corner of Coloma Street and Bee Street, marking the intersection of Highway 49 and the "old road to Sacramento."
El Dorado County Courthouse	Placerville	El Dorado County	1971		301-307	10 0691379/ 4288889	495 Main Street
El Dorado County Courthouse Annex	Placerville		1974		311-313	10 0691425/ 4288887	515 Main Street. Also find a granite cornerstone at the S/W corner of the building, dedicating the original construction to City officials.

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El Dorado County Veterans Monument	Placerville	Friends of the Veterans Monument	2006	<a href="#">El Dorado County Veterans Monument</a>			360 Fair Lane. The El Dorado County Veterans Monument was first envisioned by former United States Marine, Richard W. Buchanan. Find many memorial plaques and stone markers at this location dedicated to Veterans.
El Dorado Trail Memorial Plaques (See Web link for a list and specific locations of all plaques.)	Placerville	City of Placerville		<a href="#">El Dorado Trail Memorial Plaques</a>			Markers begin at 'Senior Hikers Bench' across the street from the Placerville Station on Mosquito Rd. and continue East along the trail to Jacquier Road. New plaques and benches are now appearing on the end of trail, running West from Forni Road and Main Street.
Emigrant Jane	Placerville	Marguerit Parlor No. 12, Native Daughters of the Golden West	1954 - May	<a href="#">Emigrant Jane</a>	263-264	10 0691353/ 4288887	489 Main Street
Episcopal Church of Our Savior	Placerville	National Register of Historic Places, #77000291	1977 - Nov. 17	<a href="#">Episcopal Church of Our Savior</a>			2979 Coloma Street. Founded in 1861 by Rev. Charles Caleb Peirce, July 20th; the present structure was built in 1865.
Fausel House established 1861	Placerville	National Society Daughters of American Revolution	2012 - June	<a href="#">Fausel House Established 1861</a>	281-285		772 Pacific Street
Forum Café / Union Hall / The Blue Bell Café	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County		<a href="#">Forum Café / Union Hall / The Blue Bell Café</a>	297-299	10 0691153/ 4288730	328 Main Street

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Fountain Tallman Building	Placerville	The Marguerite Chapter No.12, Native Daughters of the Golden West		<a href="#">Fountain / Tallman Building</a>	300	10 0691444/ 4288876	524 Main Street. This site was placed on the National Register of Historical Places on September 13, 1984. The building's exterior was repaired and masonry restored in 2015, interior restoration work was done in 2014.
Hangman's Tree, "George" the Hanging Dummy.	Placerville		1933 (circa)	<a href="#">Hangman's Tree, "George" the Hanging Dummy</a>	233	10 0691120/ 4288731	305 Main Street
Hangman's Tree, State Historic Landmark #141	Placerville	State of California		<a href="#">Hangman's Tree, State Historic Landmark #141</a>		10 0691120/ 4288731	305 Main Street. Road-sign located at the curb in front of the building. Inside, on the East wall near the front, find a new plaque: "All Our Visitors Bring Happiness..."
Hank Monk, To Remember Hank Monk	Placerville	E Clampus Vitus	1938 - April 30	<a href="#">Hank Monk, To Remember Hank Monk</a>	225-226		Located at the Historic Cary House Hotel, 300 Main Street, in the Dining Room.
Hangman's Tree Historic Marker	Placerville	Marguerite Parlor No. 12 N.D.G.W. and Placerville Parlor No. 9 N.S.G.W.	1934 - May	<a href="#">Hangman's Tree Historic Marker</a>	234	10 0691120/ 4288731	301 Main Street. The wall plaque was for a long time located at 305 Main Street. The building's owners have relocated this plaque, during building restoration work, back to its original location at the S/E corner of 301.
Historical Site #1	Placerville			<a href="#">Historical Site #1</a>	262	10 0691343/ 4288885	487 Main Street.
Historical Site #2	Placerville			<a href="#">Historical Site #2</a>	263-264	10 0691353/ 4288887	489 Main Street

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History of Old Town Center, Original Mason's Lodge	Placerville		1981	<a href="#">History of Old Town Center, Original Mason's Lodge</a>	243	10 0691219/ 4288797	413 Main Street
Morning Star #20, I.O.O.F. Lodge Building	Placerville	Native Sons of the Golden West	2009 - Sept.	<a href="#">Morning Star #20, I.O.O.F. Lodge Building</a>	255-256	10 0691312/ 4288854	467 Main Street
J. Wonderly House; N C Fasset Groceries	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County		<a href="#">J. Wonderly House; N C Fasset Groceries</a>	319-320	10 0691611/ 4288826	585 Main Street
John Mohler Studebaker	Placerville	James Marshall Chapter No.49, E Clampus Vitus	1939 - Aug.	<a href="#">John Mohler Studebaker</a>	314-315	10 0691502/ 4288857	541 Main Street
Joseph M. Staples - Deputy Sheriff	Placerville	Peace Officers & Their Friends	1992 - July	<a href="#">Joseph M. Staples - Deputy Sheriff</a>	257	10 0691324/ 4288861	Located at the WS Kirk/City Hall Parking Lot. "In Respectful Memory of Joseph M. Staples..."
Lincoln Highway	Placerville	California Automobile Association	1913	<a href="#">Lincoln Highway</a>	332-334	10 0691559/ 4288816	564 Main Street
Lower Fairchild Bldg.	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County		<a href="#">Lower Fairchild Bldg.</a>	244-245	10 0691229/ 4288822	429 Main Street
Luce Ditch Flume	Placerville						

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Methodist Episcopal (M. E.) Church	Placerville	State of California, #767		<a href="#">Methodist Episcopal (M. E.) Church</a>			1031 Thompson Way. Site originally at the corner of Cedar Ravine and Main Street. Also, find an EDC Chamber of Commerce commemorative plaque, dedicated on July 30, 1961, and the location of a pioneer cemetery.
Mountain Democrat	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County			249-250	10 0691245/ 4288834	441 Main Street. Located in a 2nd floor storeroom at Placerville Hardware.
On This Site in 1897 Nothing Happened	Placerville				227	10 0691084/ 4288701	254 Main Street
Old City Cemetery	Placerville	El Dorado County Historical Society, Pioneer Cemeteries Commission, City of Placerville	1983	<a href="#">Old City Cemetery</a>			Located at Chamberlain Street and Rector Street.
Old Uppertown Cemetery	Placerville	El Dorado County Historical Society, Historical Site #56, Pioneer Cemeteries Commission		<a href="#">Old Uppertown Cemetery</a>			Located at Mosquito Road and Hwy. 50. Chain-link fence gate, rear entrance, is located at the top of the concrete stairs. Main entrance is at the west end of Pinecrest Court.
Old Veterans Building	Placerville	Native Sons of the Golden West	2004 - Mar. 13	<a href="#">Old Veterans Building</a>	335-337	10 0691498/ 4288860	542 Main Street, El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce
Pearson's Soda Works	Placerville	National Register of Historic Places	1985	<a href="#">Pearson's Soda Works</a>	331	10 0691623/ 4288802	594 Main Street, Cosmic Cafe

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Pioneer Jewish Cemetery	Placerville	E Clampus Vitus		<a href="#">Pioneer Jewish Cemetery</a>			Located at Myrtle Street and Myrtle Court.
Placerville - Originally Known as 'Hangtown'	Placerville	California Centennials Commission and James W. Marshall Chapter No.49, E. Clampus Vitus		<a href="#">Placerville - Originally Known as 'Hangtown'</a>	308	10 0691406/ 4288891	Located at the corner of Bedford Avenue and Main Street.
Placerville Hardware	Placerville	Marguerite Parlor #12, Native Daughters of the Golden West	1993 - June	<a href="#">Placerville Hardware</a>	246-247	10 0691245/ 4288834	441 Main Street
Placerville Hardware	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County			251-254	10 0691245/ 4288834	441 Main Street
Placerville Pony Express Station and Terminus	Placerville	E Clampus Vitus	1960 - April	<a href="#">Placerville Pony Express Station and Terminus</a>	229	10 0691051/ 4288678	Located at the corner of Main Street and Sacramento Street.
Pony Express Riders Corrals	Placerville						Located just south of Main Street on Sacramento Street.
POW's and MIA's plaque	Placerville	City of Placerville, Carl Borreli		<a href="#">POW's and MIA's Plaque</a>			251 Main Street

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Raley's Grocery Store & Placerville Drive In Market	Placerville			<a href="#">Raley's Grocery Store &amp; Placerville Drive In Market</a>	290-293	10 090842/4 288643	111 Main Street
Randolph Jewelers	Placerville	Marguerite Parlor No. 12, Native Daughters of the Golden West	2005 - May	<a href="#">Randolph Jewelers</a>	236	10 0691206/ 4288777	375 Main Street
Saint Patrick's Church	Placerville	Native Sons of the Golden West	1987 - June	<a href="#">Saint Patrick's Church</a>	279-280		3109 Sacramento Street. Location of the first Saint Patrick's Church.
Sam La Cara Monument	Placerville						Located adjacent to the bus stop in the parking lot at Schnell School.
Sgt. J. Scott Lindsay	Placerville	Hangtown Optimist Club		<a href="#">Sgt. J. Scott Lindsay</a>	294-296	10 0690925/ 4288689	Located behind the Shell Station and adjacent to Highway 50, near the caboose.
Snowshoe Thompson Monument	Placerville	Snowshoe Thompson Lodge No.78, Sons of Norway, Yuba City California		<a href="#">Snowshoe Thompson Monument</a>	230	10 0691083/ 4288765	Located at the corner of Main Street and Sacramento Street.
Snowshoe Thompson Mural on Balyes Building	Placerville		2003	<a href="#">Snowshoe Thompson Mural on Balyes Building</a>	228	10 0691068/ 4288694	248 Main Street. Located on building's west exterior wall. The mural was restored in 2015 by the building owner, Pat Blackwell, and the original muralist, Oren Miller, and originated as a Placerville Community Pride Project.

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Stone House	Placerville	Family and Friends of John R. Berry	1975	<a href="#">Stone House</a>			847 Pacific Street. "The last remaining building of the Gold Rush era Chinese community in Old Hangtown..."
Superior Judge Thomas S. Maul	Placerville	American Legion - Lions International			309-310	10 0691409/ 4288900	Located in the Thomas Maul Memorial Park, Bedford Avenue and Main Street.
Swift Berry, "Mr. Clamper" Monument	Placerville	James W. Marshall Chapter No. 49, Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus		<a href="#">Swift Berry, "Mr. Clamper" Monument</a>			Located in the center of the parking lot adjacent to the sidewalk of the Swift Berry Parking Lot at Broadway and Mosquito Rd. (across the street from 1160 Broadway).
The Watt Redwood	Placerville	Han Family Trust					3067 Washington Street. The plaque is mounted on a brick pedestal located within the parking lot opposite the Police Department at Washington Street and Spanish Ravine. Reads: "This sequoia was planted c. 1935 in front of home of James Barthol Watt (1881-1947) and Lillian Mae Gregory Watt (1883-1986). In loving memory."
Tracy Building	Placerville	Heritage Association of El Dorado County		<a href="#">Tracy Building</a>			325 Main Street, Heyday Cafe. A tombstone-style wall-plaque was setting on the floor in the rear hallway at time of survey.
Upper Central House / Ivy House	Placerville	Placerville Parlor #9, Native Daughters of the Golden West	1962 - May 6	<a href="#">Upper Central House / Ivy House</a>	322-327	10 0691631/ 4288814	Located at the corner of Main Street and Clay Street.

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Veterans' Memorial Plaque Project (See list for original locations of plaques.)	Placerville	City of Placerville, Carl Borelli		<a href="#">Veterans' Memorial Plaque Project</a>			The future location of all Veterans' plaques will be included in a new monument at the Monument Garden (Thomas Maul Park) at Bedford Avenue and Main Street. A new listing of original and new plaques can be seen at the Recreation and Parks Office, 549 Main Street, Placerville.
Veterans' Pyramid Monument	Placerville	Boy Scouts of America, Troop #52	1987				Located in the park at Broadway and Carson Rd., across the street from Starbucks.
Wells Fargo Express Office	Placerville						435 Main Street, and the location of 'Florence's Dress Shop.'
Wilcox Warehouse	Placerville						1160 Broadway. A plaque to commemorate the original 1850s stone building, no longer standing, originally Blair Lumber Co. site, is not visible.
WPA Plaque	Placerville		1940				Located at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds.
Zeisz Brewery Ruins	Placerville	Joseph Stancil Sr.	1966	<a href="#">Zeisz Brewery Ruins</a>			658 Main Street. The original cap-stone marker is now inset in the ruins, commemorating the remains of the building built by Bavarian brewer Jacob Zeisz in 1862.

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