

# Yankee Hill Historical Society Timelines and Indexes

There are two types of files that can be used to find specific items in the Archives.

**Timelines** – Timelines with the green header are ALWAYS in date sequence and designed to give a general history of the area. The timelines are usually a larger file because of the diversity of materials they reference. However, they DO NOT LIST ALL THE SOURCES in the Archives because the timeline would be even more pages. The Oregon/Concow Township Timeline currently is over 150 pages. If you look at the source column it contains various sources. Some of these sources, such as newspaper clippings are available for viewing in the Archives. Other sources such as books are not available for viewing in our Archives because of copyright issues. The yellow column on the right side indicates a “Y” if the item is available for viewing in the Archives. If the column is blank or marked “N” then it is not available for viewing in the Archives. The Record ID field on the far right indicates how the actual newspaper, deed, photo is filed in the Archives. Most categories are filed by date. In a few cases such as Photos they have a unique ID number such as P0012 for Photo # 12. Refer to the Record ID for guidance.

Oregon Township and Concow Township, Butte County, Ca Timeline -  
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**Please Note:** This timeline is for reference only. Brief description of the articles from newspapers, documents and books are listed here to aid researchers and historians. Researchers should read the actual newspaper articles or documents referenced in this timeline. Researchers and historians are encouraged to read the books listed for a better understanding of the history. It should be noted in some instances the dates referenced in books do not match the dates in the newspaper articles. When there is a discrepancy, in most cases the newspaper articles should take priority because they are the source material for most researchers. Copies of these newspaper articles, and in some cases other documents, are available for review on line at [YankeeHillHistory.com](http://YankeeHillHistory.com). Items available on line are noted with a “Y” under Copy in Archives. **Note:** If you are interested in a detailed account of Indian/white conflicts in Butte and Tehama Counties see the more detailed index in our archives devoted solely to this topic.

Comments: (Compiled by Larry Mauch)

Year	Month/Date	Place	Source	Copy In Archives YN	Record ID
<b>Last Updated By TM 7-11-16</b>					
<b>Timeline Butte County History Focusing on Oregon and Concow Townships</b>					
10,000 BC		California	Native Americans came to California about this time, probably from Asia, migrating down from the North. Native Americans established villages near major sources of water which also provided food. Migration was very slow; the average Native American didn't travel more than 5 to 10 miles from their homeland. Most villages were from 50 to 200 people. As the tribe grew, a group would break away and form a new village nearby.		
500 AD		Yankee Hill/Concow	Migration into the Concow Valley was probably after 800 AD. Villages consisted of several grass huts with the floor dug out in a circle. If they were to support multiple families, they could measure 18 to 20 feet in diameter. In the mountainous areas, there were more sprawling communities than in the lower areas. The tribe would migrate back down to the lower elevations in the winter, sometimes as far as 25 miles if needed, following the water supply.		
1812		Fort Ross	Establishment of Fort Ross, a Russian fur trading post. Later Canadian and European traders would travel south to California.		
1833		Butte County	As a result of contact with Euro-Americans, a malaria epidemic swept through the Concow villages killing an estimated 800 people. Note: This area included more than the Concow Valley. It is estimated 99% of the Concow Indians died between 1828 and 1880. Peter Ogden passed thru in 1830 on his way to the San Joaquin Valley. John Work, a fur trader, was in the area in 1832. Work reported the Indians in the area were sick. Michael LaFramboise, part of John Work's party, returned in 1837, 38 & 39 with approximately 27 trappers each time. He stated at the time the Feather River area was the only area with any beaver left in California. Bidwell reported that before he arrived in 1841, the Indians in the area were sick with Cholera.		
1845	Winter	Concow	Yo he ma (Katie Clark), Chief of the Concow, was born in Concow Valley. Katie Clark died April 19, 1909 in Yankee Hill. She is buried in the Clark family cemetery in Yankee Hill. Note: Katie's mother was a member of the Yankee Hill tribe (Che-es-sees) a division of the Concow Indians located near Shields Gulch (rounded up in 1883)		
1849		Oregon City	The largest early settlement in the area. The first quartz mine, called the Smith Ledge, was established near here. In 1851, the J.M. Smith and E.M. Sparks Mine (later in 1879 called the Banner Quartz Mine) was established near Oregon City with 20 investors---this was a large mine with twelve stamping mills. In 1854, Oregon City had three large hotels. In 1856, Oregon City was laid out in town lots by Colonel Richard Rudolphus, but by 1857 Oregon City was in decline with only one large store in operation. Several fires and the cost of quartz mining forced many of the mines to shut down.		
1849	10.01	Oroville	First settlement established at Ophir, now Oroville		
1850	2.18	Butte County	Butte County created; did not organize until June		

**Indexes** - Indexes with the yellow header are in a similar format to Timelines but they only reference material in a specific category, newspaper clippings, photos, deeds, etc. Consequently they usually contain fewer pages. They do list ALL THE SOURCES in our archives for that specific category. The Indexes are filed within the category they reference in the Archives. Generally, with a few exceptions, all of the items listed are available in the Archives. Again like the Timelines check the two right columns for how and if the reference material is filed in the Archives. Items filed by date are in the Year/Month/Day format, example 2016.05.01 is May 1, 2016. NOTE: In some cases, the Index, such as Deaths or Births may be listed in name sequence to assist in finding a specific person but the individual files in the Archives are filed in date sequence to minimize the confusion in adding new digitized files to the Archives as the Archives grows.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
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Last Updated By TM 7-11-16 Newspapers Index								Comments: (Compiled by Larry March)
Year	Month/Date	Place	Primary Topics	Event	Source	Copy In Archives Y/N	Record ID	
1846	8.15	California	Indians	First issue of the Californian published at Monterey. Mentions the purpose for the paper. One of their purposes is to urge organization of the interior defenses sufficient to protect the property of citizens from the depredations of the wild Indians. Also article about 20 men being deployed to the mountains at Santa Cruz above Santa Clara to chase wild Indians who had stolen horses. They returned with 100 horses but the Indians escaped, they may have killed 1 Indian. Another article estimates the population at 4,000 Indians, 1,000 Spanish and 500 whites. (Note: actual Indian population was actually closer to 30,000.)	Californian, Monterey 8-15-1846	Y	Filed by Date	
1846	8.22	California	Indians	Article about California estimates population in California exclusive of Indians at 10,000. It estimates only 2,000 are not from the United States.	Californian, Monterey 8-22-1846	Y	Filed by Date	
1846	9.05	California	Indians	Article about the purpose of troops stationed at the fortress at Sonoma. Mentions citizens rights and the need to protect citizens from hostile Indians. Also states the troops are there to protect the citizens from the power of Mexico.	Californian, Monterey 9-5-1846	Y	Filed by Date	
1846	9.19	California	Indians	Long article about the Walla Walla Indians written by John Suter - states the Walla Walla Indians and some of the chiefs of the Spokanes have come to California to trade. They were well mounted and the Chiefs clad in English costume and the rest in skins. The journey was of seven or eight hundred miles. The chiefs spoke English. There was a conflict between the Indians and the Spanish over the ownership of the horses. The Indians were threatened by the Spanish; this could upset the relationship with the Walla Walla Indians. Second article places the number of Indians at about 36 men with their wives and children. They agreed to give up the horses that were not theirs but wanted property taken from them returned.	Californian, Monterey 9-19-1846	Y	Filed by Date	

YHHS Photo Book Archives

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Year	Place	Photo Book Index	Map	Doc	Photo	Other	Color	Loc	Y/N	Photo ID
1848	California	California map by Bancroft	x					Bk 1	Y	P0001
1851	Feather Yuba River	Feather River and Yuba River, earliest map printed in Marysville	x					Bk 1	Y	P0002
1877	Concow	Map of Mullen Property 2006 with overlay from 1877; Mullen farm 1858-1886 (Concow Hotel); Reservoir School with teacher Essie Mooney ca 1910	x		x			Bk 1	Y	P0003
1880	Tehama County	Map Tehama County	x					Bk 1	Y	P0004
1942	Pentz	Frontier Days Messilla Valley School in Pentz			x			Bk 1	Y	P0005
1957	Oroville	Proposed tour map, May 1957	x				x	Bk 1	Y	P0006
1965	Yankee Hill	Yankee Hill town and school site			x		x	Bk 1	Y	P0007
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The index and the files in the Archives are NOT ALL THE RECORDS available for the period of time listed but only those we discovered during research that pertains to Yankee Hill

Historical Society's area of research. As an example we may have searched the 1870 newspaper files at the library 100% and digitized those files. But we may have only searched and digitized the first four months (33%) of the 1871 newspaper files at the library. A clue to how complete a particular period's index and archive records are in the archives can be judged by the months shown on the files. Some periods may only contain a few months' records for a year while others have records from every month, indicating a more thorough search was made on those periods in time. Again we were researching time periods for specific articles for our newsletters which may have not required looking at every month's newspaper files.

**You have the option of downloading the PDF Indexes and Timelines. However, the PDF Indexes and Timelines in the Archives can be viewed in your browser and searched by keyword without downloading the file by using Control F on your keyboard when the file is open. This function is very helpful with these large files in finding a specific person, subject, place, etc.** The Control F Function does not work on photographs or the text embedded in the photo.

## Q&A on the Archives

Why are there so few records digitized for the years after 1910?

*We started our research in 2006 with the 1850s and are working forward, as time progresses the later years will be more thoroughly researched and more files added to the archives.*

Why do the map files load slower?

*In order to get the most information from the maps the resolution had to be increased to allow you to zoom in on details.*

Is it possible to see items such as books that are shown in the timeline but not on line?

*We can make arrangements to meet with you at the old school house on Concow Road and show you the documents that are not on line. Contact us through the contact option on the web page.*

How often are the Archives updated?

*We are always adding items to our files but we updated the web Archives about every six months. Check the top of the Indexes and Timelines to see when they were last updated.*

Can I copy things from this page for my own use?

*Yes, you can, we are a teaching organization so we encourage the use of materials on our web site. We have tried not to make any copyrighted or proprietary information downloadable. If you would like to reference our web page when using any materials found here, we would appreciate it!*

Why are the PDF files for newspaper articles in the Archives not individual files rather than the current batch files? I am only interested in downloading a few articles.

*Because of the large number of newspaper files, over 1400 pages to date in the Archives, maintaining links to all the individual files would be hard to maintain as we add new information continually. Batching files in PDFs makes the system more reliable over time.*

If I see errors in the archives or have problems searching the archives would you like to be notified?

*Yes, we would! Please contact us using the contact form. If the error is a serious error, we will change it ASAP. If it is a minor error, we will fix it for the next update*

Are you interested in adding things to your archives that I may have?

*If they pertain to our area of research and we do not already have a copy we are interested! We will make arrangements to meet with you and digitize any documents. If you have physical items related to this area, we would like to photograph the item so we can possibly use a photographic copy in a future display in our virtual museum! Due to limited space, with a few exceptions for framed pictures we can display in the ols school the only hard objects we collect are items that are directly associated with the 1856 Messilla Valley school house we use as our headquarters and a community center on Concow Road.*