

Yankee Hill Historical Society Timelines and Indexes

You have the option of downloading the PDF Indexes and Timelines. This allows you to search the Indexes and Timelines offline. About every six months, we will add a new batch of files and update the Indexes and Timelines. Note: the “Last Updated” date at the top of the Index or Timeline will be changed accordingly.

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 computer keyboard when the file is open. This function is very helpful with these large files in finding a specific person, subject, place, etc. while online.

The Control F Function does not work on photographs or the text embedded in the photo.

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

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 “How Filed” field on the far right indicates how the actual newspaper, deed, photo is filed in the Archives. Most categories are filed by date.

See example next page

Oregon Township and Concow Township, Butte County, Ca Timeline -
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Year	Month/Date	Place	Timeline Butte County History Focusing on Oregon and Concow Townships	Source	Copy In Archives Y/N	Record ID
<p>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. 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.</p>						
Comments: (Compiled by Larry Mauch)						
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.	A Time of Little Choice-Randy Milliken		
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.	Konkou Valley Band of Maidu web page & History of Butte County 1918 & History of Butte County by McGie Vol#1		
1812		Fort Ross	Establishment of Fort Ross, a Russian fur trading post. Later Canadian and European traders would travel south to California.	YHHS Research		
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.	Research by Larry Mauch and Konkou Indian web page		
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 1863)	Research by Larry Mauch see Clark family information		
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.	History of Butte County, McGie & History of Butte County 1882, Diggins Vol 35 #1 1991.		
1849	10.01	Oroville	First settlement established at Ophir, now Oroville	1918 History of Butte County		
1850	2.18	Butte County	Butte County created; did not organize until June	1882 History Butte County		

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. Generally, with a few exceptions, all of the items listed on an Index 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 itself, 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 grow.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
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Year	Month/Date	Place	Primary Topic	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 Sutter - 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	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 have searched the 1870 newspaper files at the library 100% and digitized those files that pertain to our area. But we 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

other periods have records from every month, indicating a more thorough search was made on those periods in time. In the case of newspapers, we were researching time periods for specific articles for our newsletters, which in some cases did not require looking at every month's newspaper files.

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