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NEW LOOK FOR COBBLESTONES

The new year is bringing a few changes to our newsletter. We hope you will enjoy them, see story on page 3 about how you can help make Cobblestones even better.

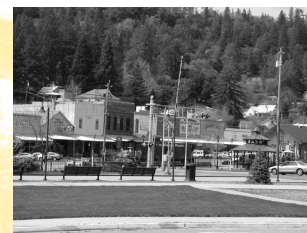
To start with GKM is printing the newsletter so the photos & overall look will be better. (THANK-YOU!) Teri Andrews-Murch has volunteered to take on the task of editing and putting it all together. She will also produce a version that can easily be posted our website and e-mailed to friends.

Thank-you for your continued support and interest in preserving the history of the Colfax Area.

-Teri A. Murch, editor



Colfax Sites
Photos by Teri A. Murch



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, as we begin this year I am looking forward to working with all of you. Our society is one of the finest in Placer County. The members who participate in all aspects of the purpose of the society should be proud of the organization to which they belong.

Please contact me to discuss goals you would like to be included for the good of the organization. Respectfully,
George Lay



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A RENDEZVOUS WITH JAMES CLYMAN

FEBRUARY 19TH 7PM AT THE DEPOT

James Clyman, surveyor, land speculator, mountain man/fur trapper, explorer, Indian fighter, militia man, and poet, was born on February 1st, 1792 on property owned by George and Martha Washington near Fairfax, Virginia. From approximately 1820 to 1850 James maintained a diary of his experiences in the American wilderness. His wilderness travel took him from St. Louis across the

mountains and desert to the Oregon Territory, south into California for an extended visit with John Sutter at Sutter's Fort. On the return trip east James ran into the Donner Party and advised them not to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains at the place we now call "Donner Summit". Married very late in life, he settled in Napa, California, where he died and was buried in the Toulcay Cemetery, Napa,

California at the advanced age of 89 years, 10 months and a few days. Please note: The information being presented is taken directly from his diary as edited and introduced by author Linda Hasselstrom in the book "Journal of a Mountain Man", Tamarack Books, Inc., Boise, Idaho, 1998, and miscellaneous internet research.



Presented by:

Tom Mason
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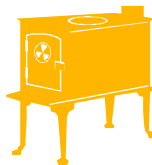
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Fetch water, build
fire, milk cow,
collect eggs, feed
chickens, make
butter, chop wood,
tend the garden,
sew clothes
.....ahhh yes the
good old days



RECIPE FROM THE PAST

They say the kitchen is the heart of the home and that certainly was true in the 1860's. It was a constant job just to keep the woodstove going to say nothing of the bread to be made, water to be pumped and heated, food to be preserved.

When reading recipes from the past, measurements were in teacupfuls, spoonfuls, a

pound of this and a pinch of that. Assumptions were made that you knew to add ingredients that were not listed, as in this recipe, no liquid is listed but must be used to make a dough. My changes are in **(bold)**, enjoy.

Sweet Buns

3/4 Lb (**2 1/2 c**) sifted flour
2 Lg spoonfuls (**1/4c**)
brown sugar

Add a little salt
2 spoonfuls (**1pkg**) yeast
(dissolve in 1/2c warm water, then mix into flour adding an additional 1/2-1c warm water to make dough)
Let rise covered until double about 2 hrs, then work in 2 spoonfuls (**1/4c**) butter, form into buns (apricot size) Place in tin to rise again. Then bake (**425° for about 20min**)

VISIT OUR MUSEUM

We are lucky to have a group of dedicated volunteers that keep the Colfax Area Heritage Museum open 7 days a week, from 10am-3pm. Please stop by for a visit and see what is new.

The Museum also has many items for sale including books on local history, Col-

fax items, and items for children of all ages.

You may also schedule a tour of Colfax with Helen Wayland. She gives tours to school children from as far away as Sacramento. Adult groups & clubs have also enjoyed her tours. The Museum has been helpful in drawing more

visitors to our downtown area. Helen says they all love our charming town.



PORCHES OF COLFAX PROGRAM IDEA

While visiting in Humboldt County this Christmas Season, I attended a meeting of the Humboldt County Historical Society. They met on a Saturday morning, and the room was full, all the extra chairs were brought in, the overflow were sitting on the floor and standing. The topic of the program was "Doors". The speaker had taken several months to photograph over 200 doors in the Eureka area. After showing many of them on the screen, those present could shuffle through all the extra prints

on the tables and take the photo they found of their door. A book is being put together of all the prints. What a great idea for a program. Would someone be interested in putting on a similar program in Colfax? Instead of **doors** my thought is **porches**. Did you know that Colfax has an ordinance for the Historic District that requires all new buildings to have a porch? Maybe you've notice that Hills Flat Lumber has a porch in front....and that McDonalds also has its porch. If you are interested

in taking photos of the various kinds of porches in Colfax for a program, and then maybe putting them into a booklet that we could help sell at the Museum. It would be a fun project and a good way to practice your photography skills while exploring Colfax. I think we all will be surprised by the variety of porches and stairs in town.

Anyone willing?

-Myrtle Findley



A Craftsman
Bungalow
Porch Grass
Valley St



*"Come and sit a
spell..."*

*"Did you
hear...?"*

Stairs can evoke a wealth of emotions and memories. Who can forget the anxiety as your baby learns to climb up stairs, then years later feeling choked up watching her coming down those same stairs in her first prom dress. There is also the dread we feel (thanks to movies & murder mysteries) when looking down a stair case into a dark basement. Many of us don't

often think about the stairs in our everyday lives, their character, their purpose, we just climb them. In Colfax the stairs that lead into the house are many times also part of a porch. Fortunately several original porches still remain. Porches served many purposes in days gone by, before air conditioning, phones, & television, the porch was the place to en-

joy the cool evening breezes, pass the time talking with neighbors walking by. In winter a porch protects us from rain & snow while we open our doors. Look around Colfax and you will see many different styles of porches, and if you happen to have one on your house, enjoy it & wish your neighbors a hearty "Good Evening" as they pass by. -Teri A. Murch

STEP UP TO THE STOOP

NEWSLETTER REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

Do you have a favorite story or piece of area history that you would be willing to write a short article about? I still work full time as a Realtor and would greatly appreciate contributions of articles, photos or other content for Cobblestones. Articles do not need to be long, in fact brevity is a plus. If a subject is in need of more depth you might

consider offering to put together a program. Please speak to George Lay about presenting a program. Articles or photos can be emailed to me at teri@LiveInColfax.com Please reference Cobblestones in the subject field. You may also phone me at: 530-798-0215
Deadline Mid April
Teri A. Murch- Editor



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