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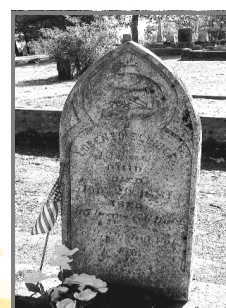
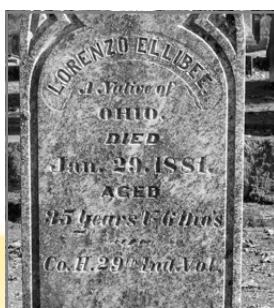
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Civil War Veteran Gravestone in Colfax Cemetery. Lorenzo Ellibee who lived in Colfax around 1880. He was born in Ohio and was in the 29th Regiment of the Indiana Infantry. Came to CA, where he lived and worked as a teamster until his death in 1881.

photos by Nilda Duffek



Wimpys on Highway 40
Photo supplied by Jay MacIntyre



**View of Bear River
From Old Bridge at 174**

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MUSEUM UPDATE

CAHS Heritage Museum
99 Railroad Street
Open: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Daily
CAHS members receive 10%
discount in the Gift Shop

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Museum help is always welcome, and encouraged
Contact Helen Wayland, or stop
by the Museum—530-346-8599

Visitor numbers continue
increase .

Dec 2010 Total: 794
2010 Year Total: 10887

Please stop in & see our
latest exhibits & books

BITS & PIECES

Upcoming Local Events:

Placer Museum Tour
August

Donner Pass Historical
Rendezvous Aug 13-14

Colfax Railroad Days 1st
weekend in October





ARMED FORCES DAY & MEMORIAL DAY



Armed Forces Day May 21, 2011

In the United States, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. It falls near the end of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.

The day was created in 1949 to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. In 1962, President Kennedy established Armed Forces Day as an official holiday. The United States' longest running city-sponsored Armed Forces Day Parade is held in Bremerton, Washington. In 2009, Bremerton celebrated the 61st Armed Forces Day Parade

Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and

Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May.



Memorial Day May 30, 2011

Observances Remembrance of American war dead

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars.

Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and Labor Day its end.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives,

whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 auto races, the former has been held since 1911 on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. The latter, since 1960 on Sunday Night of Memorial Day weekend.

Above Information found on Wikipedia

Casualties during the US Civil War were estimated at 620,000. This year is the 150year Anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'" -USAMemorialDay.org



CALL FOR ARTICLES

Dear Members, We need your help with articles or photographs for Cobblestones.

Please send articles or photographs to our editor Teri Murch at teri@LiveInColfax.com Include "Cobblestones" in subject field.

Articles can be in the most basic of text files. If you do not have email, please ask someone to type it into an electronic format for you and send it to Teri via email. A basic .txt file is preferred.

Photographs should be at

highest resolution for best print quality. Teri can scan them if you leave them at the museum and call her at 530-798-0215.

Next deadline for articles is July 19, 2011

Thank-you

www.ColfaxHistory.org





CAHS MEMBERSHIP JOIN US!

Objectives:

To support and promote educational and research activities and interest in the history of the Colfax area; to promote and establish a local museum; to work with other Historical Societies and local groups; to discover, collect and make accessible to the public historical facts and objects; to mark places and building of historical interest in the Colfax area and cata-

log such markers in an or-

derly manner; to register historical landmarks and buildings' to accept gifts and donations from the public and other organizations and to raise funds to accomplish all the above.

Meetings:

General Meetings: 4/year

Executive Board: 4/year

Location: 99 Railroad Ave

Membership and Annual Dues:

Regular (single) Member : \$15.00

Family (including children: \$25.00

Junior (not included in Family: \$ 5.00

Business (includes ad in *Cobblestones*) \$30.00

Non-profit Organizations \$30.00

Additional contributions are always welcome
Dues apply to fiscal year, July 1 to June 30 and are tax-deductible. Members receive a membership card and *Cobblestones*.

Make checks payable to: Colfax Area Historical Society
Send with your name, address, phone #, email address and amount enclosed to : POB 185, Colfax, Ca 95713

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE MAGINN FAMILY FROM JENNIE MAGINN BAUER

I am working on my Maginn family genealogy; my dad had copied page 579 for me of "History of Placer and Nevada Counties" (from 1925) that includes: "In 1855, Mrs. Margaret Maginn Hawkins left the Emerald Isle to come to the United States and she was keeping a boarding house in Iowa Hill, California. Three years later, her brother Patrick decided that he, too, would leave his native land and seek the Golden West; he came with his family, in which there was a seven-year-old boy who was destined to become a prominent figure in the country of his adoption. They called him Patrick H., after his father, with an "H" added to avoid confusion. Patrick H. was the second of four children. His first schooling was in the subscription school at the rate of 50 cents a week; when the public school was started, he attended three short seasons. He was brought up on the home ranch and, being the eldest at home, responsibility fell on his shoulders.

In 1868, he went to Colfax and got into the Culver wagon shop to learn the blacksmith trade. He next got a job with C. Franks as a blacksmith and, for fourteen years, he followed the trade and got to be an expert and foreman in the shop; in the meantime, he was deputy county assessor. At that time there were from three to six horse stages daily arriving and leaving Colfax and plenty of blacksmithing work. When the shop work gave out, he got employment in the shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad as a machinist and worked off and on for twenty years there. Patrick H. Maginn is called 'the Father of Colfax,' having resided there continuously since 1868. He has made enough to keep himself and wife comfortably, besides rearing their family. He owns his residence and other desirable property in Colfax, including a ranch and acreage in town. He is a member of the County Democratic Central Committee. He is a member of Colfax/Illinoistown Masonic Lodge

No. 51 and has been a school trustee many years. He recalls the hard times his parents, who are now at rest in the Colfax Cemetery, had in Virginia City after the flood in 1862 and the celebration April 24, 1869, when the golden spike cementing the line between the East and West was driven by Governor Stanford at Promontory and the news was ticked over the telegraph at Colfax and passed on down to Sacramento."

The Patrick H. Maginn mentioned there was my great-grandfather; my dad had also told me that Patrick H.'s mother's maiden name was Bridget Bradley and that the parents of my great-grandmother, Esther Aloysius Murray Maginn, were Luke Murray and Anne Rice.

I live in Southern California; do you know whether the Colfax Area Historical Society has any photographs, newspaper articles, or other information about any of these people?

Thank you. -Jennie Maginn Bauer
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Call for Colfax Photos

Please share your history gems. Email scanned photos to Teri@LiveInColfax.com be sure to put *Cobblestones* in the subject line
If you can't scan them stop by the museum.
- Thank-you

Do you have any stories you would like to share?

*Please email them to the
Editor: Teri@LiveInColfax.com
Subject line: Cobblestones*



ANY AUTHORS OUT THERE?

Greetings from The History Press. I would like to introduce myself as the Commissioning Editor for the West Coast. Our press is newly expanding to the western states, and I'm looking for California authors who have strong ties to their community and an interest in their local history. I'm writing to ask if the Colfax Area Historical Society can recommend potential authors for our press. To tell you a bit about our company, The History Press is a traditional publisher that focuses exclusively on local and regional history. We publish a wide range of accessible, text-driven history books, including brief histories of a town, the story of a landmark,

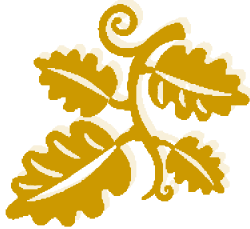
and collections of folklore or essays on local culture. Our recent titles include Hidden History of the Mississippi Blues, Historic Hoosier Gyms: Discovering Bygone Basketball Landmarks, Shocking Stories of the Cleveland Mob, Pizitz: Your Store, The History of Michigan Wines: 150 Years of Winemaking along the Great Lakes, and Massacre of the Conestogas: On the Trail of the Paxton Boys in Lancaster County. We handle all stages of the publishing process—from financing, editorial, design, and production to sales, marketing, and distribution—and compensate in the

form of royalties. You can find us online at www.historypress.net.

Can you recommend any local authors who might be a match for our press? I would also welcome your input on local stories that deserve attention.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information about The History Press. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,
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GIFT & MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL GIVING TO CAHS

Colfax Area Historical Society is prepared to receive gifts, and memorials in honor and in memory of loved ones. To make a gift use the following form and mail to:

Colfax Area Historical Society
Attention: Memorials Secretary
P O Box 185, Colfax CA
95713-0185

Gift in honor/memory

Of: _____

By: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Date: _____



COLFAX CABOOSE RESTORATION OUR FRIENDS WITH PLACER SIERRA RAILROAD HERITAGE SOCIETY NEED YOUR HELP!

Caboose Work Schedule

May-July

1st & 3rd
Wednesday
Work party 9:00am

1st & 3rd
Saturday
Work party 9:00am

Because weather will be a problem with working conditions, some of these dates may be added to when weather and availability permit!

**Contact: Tony Hesch
530-346-9179 if you
would like to help or
donate to the project**

Especially needed are skilled carpenters.



Flags Flying on Main St Armed Forces Day 2010

Photo by Teri A. Murch

Fun Links & Info

Seeking Proposals for Preservation Trades Demonstrations

If you practice a traditional or preservation trade that you would like to demonstrate that will highlight particular techniques, materials, tools and skills related to the preservation or restoration of historic structures we would like to hear from you. Visit the web site www.iptw.org for more information and registration. Or email info@ptn.org with your questions. Barry A. Loveland, Chief Division of Architecture and Preservation Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Room N118 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0053 Ph: 717.783.5407

Link to more info on the Donner Pass Historical Rendezvous:

www.DonnerSummitHistoricalSociety.org

Placer Sierra Railroad Heritage Society: www.psrhs.org

Leave a Legacy: www.snla.org

WE'RE ON THE WEB AT
WWW.COLFAXHISTORY.ORG

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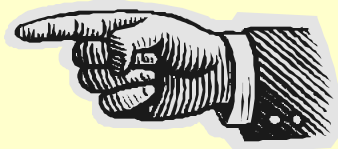
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 in the Depot
 99 Railroad Street

10am—3pm Daily



**Visit The
Museum**

& See the
 "New" Old
 Stuff



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