

Wheatland Historical Society



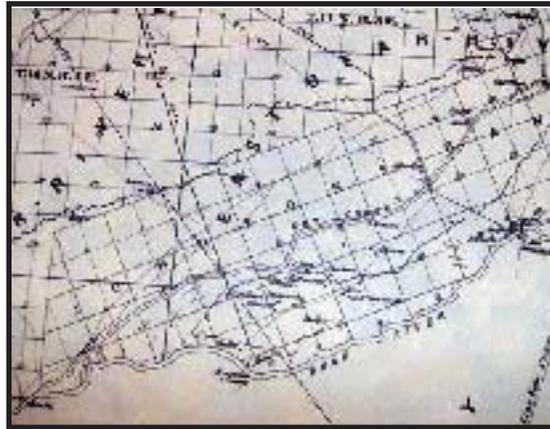
Are you interested in joining the Wheatland Historical Society to learn about the rich history of our area?

Johnson's Rancho was located near the end of the Emigrant Trail that terminated at Sutter's Fort. Wheatland was carved out of the original Johnson's Rancho in 1866 along the new railroad line.

Did you know that Johnson's Rancho was the location of the Donner Party rescue site and included Cantonment Far West (also known as Camp Far West), the western most outpost of the U.S. Army? Interestingly, Camp Far West was established to protect miners and settlers from local Indians. However, it was the Indians that needed protection.

In addition, Wheatland supported the Gold Rush towns of Nevada City, Grass Valley, Rough & Ready, Smartsville, etc. by providing food and supplies.

*"Whiskey is to drink.
Water is to fight over."
History is to be savored.*



Johnson's Rancho, Camp Far West, Lofton, and Kempton's Crossing

The 1879 Thompson and West map above focuses on the geographic area of East and West Bear River Townships, and Wheatland is located between Bear River and Dry Creek in the East Bear River Township.

Who are we? We're a group of history-loving individuals who want to learn about the rich past of both this historical region and this community.

~ Visit our website ~
www.wheatlandhistoricalsociety.org

Wheatland Historical Society Membership Application

I want to join the Wheatland Historical Society. Add me to your email or mailing list (events, tours, and other communications).

Please circle type of member:

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual Membership	\$ 20.00
Business or Family Membership	\$ 35.00
Individual Life Membership	\$150.00

Wheatland residents *over 80 years young* may be members at no cost by filling out this membership application.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

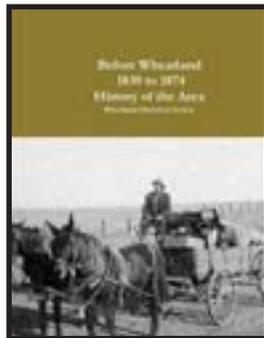
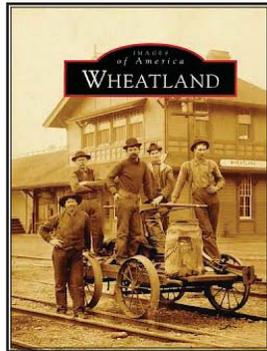
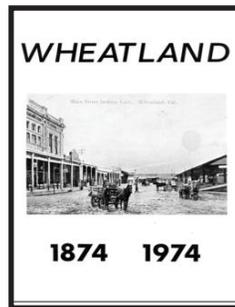
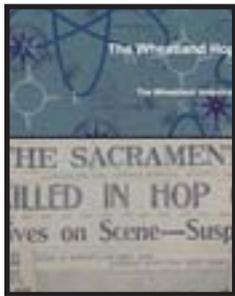
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Mail your tax-deductible checks payable to the Wheatland Historical Society to P.O. Box 164, Wheatland, CA 95692

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Our Books for Sale



The Wheatland Hop Riot (\$16.16)

Wheatland (\$26.37)

Wheatland 1874 - 1974 (\$16.16)

Before Wheatland (\$16.16)

Prices include sales tax

If mailed to you, add \$2.66

Wheatland Historical Museum

111 Main St., Wheatland

Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays

10 AM - 2 PM

Originally formed on January 17, 1974, the Wheatland Historical Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of information about people, families, sites, artifacts, pictures and documents important to the history of the greater Wheatland area including the old Johnson's Rancho and surrounding areas of South Yuba County.



Wheatland - Incorporated in 1874

The greater Wheatland area of interest to the Society includes the northern boundary to South Beale Road, the eastern boundary to the Spenceville Wildlife Preserve, the southern boundary to Bear River, and the western boundary to the Feather River.

Interesting Wheatland Historical Facts

- The original inhabitants of the area were the Maidu Indians.
- Wheatland had a Chinatown in the early years of approximately 300 residents.
- The historic Wheatland Hop Riot took place in 1913 on the Durst Ranch after an effort to unionize the hop workers.
- The riot was a major labor dispute in the United States and led to 3 deaths.
- Fire decimated the town at 3 least times (1880, 1898, and 1903).
- In 1888 Wheatland elected the first black mayor west of the Mississippi.
- Immigrants crossed Bear River on the Johnson's Rancho before continuing on to Sutter's Fort.
- Camp Beale was established during WWII in 1942 from land taken from local farmers. A promise was made by the U.S. government to return that land at the end of the war, but the land was not returned.
- Beale Air Force Base replaced Camp Beale in 1951.
- Numerous Wheatland pioneers are buried in historic Lofton Cemetery with over 175 burials.
- The earliest marker in the historic Wheatland Cemetery dates back to 1845.
- Claude Chana, first involved in gold mining and then a pioneer fruit culturist, is buried in the Wheatland Cemetery.