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## President's Corner

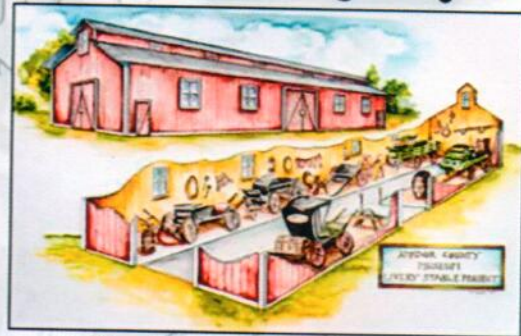
Dear Fellow ACHS Members:

It is hard to believe that we are half way through 2019. With so much rain, it has been hard to get moving on our Livery Building Project — which first entails framing in the pole barn to hold the existing items. That said, we continue to build enthusiastic support for the project from the community. We held a “meet and greet” in May at the Sutter Creek Grammar School where ACHS was pleasantly surprised with a sizable contribution from Jean Louise Dahl to help advance our fundraising goal. *Thank you so much for your generosity!* ACHS board member Jeannette Garbarini-Walters and her sisters prepared quite a spread to host approximately 35 attendees. See photos from the event on page 12. Having not been to the Sutter Creek Grammar School, spurred my historical curiosity. No one does a better job in answering historic inquiries than the late Larry Cenotto in his narrative as “Logan”. Read more about the Sutter Creek Grammar school beginning on page 5.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, June 23rd at the Amador County Museum for a steak BBQ and listen to special guest, JoAnn Levy speak on “Jackson Creek Pioneer Woman Susan Townsend”. Details on page 2 and more about Ms. Levy.

Check out the dates for our upcoming events on page 7. We are excited that we will hear from

## Livery Building Project



### A Project of the Amador County Historical Society at the Amador County Museum

*Your generous donation will help build the New Livery Building which will replicate the California-style of rural agricultural buildings. Learn more at [www.amadorcountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.amadorcountyhistoricalsociety.org)*

Amador County's prizewinning winemaker Scott Harvey in September. And you won't want to miss a special treat in November when we will hear from renowned San Francisco historian, Charles A. Fracchia.

Thank you for your membership and interest in the Amador County Historical Society. Enjoy the Amadorian and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events!

*Best regards,  
Jeana Hultquist, President*

## Steak BBQ Sandwich at the Museum

A benefit for the Amador County Historical Society



**Sunday, June 23 @ 5 pm**

Enjoy a BBQ sandwich, salad, chips and beverage.

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**Local Author JoAnn Levy  
will speak on**

**“Jackson Creek  
Pioneer Woman  
Susan Townsend”**

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**JoAnn Levy**

**“As good as gold”**

**After 16 years, women's  
role in Mother Lode  
remains author's passion**

**By Kathryn Dore Perkins**

Bee Staff Writer

*Published Jan. 18, 1998*

By her own account, life began at 40  
for JoAnn Levy.

Curiosity initially propelled JoAnn Levy to become an authority on women in the California Gold Rush. As such, the Sutter Creek researcher and author is featured in PBS' "You can take everything that went before that and draw a big X through it; everything that went before is of no interest to me," said Levy, author of two acclaimed and groundbreaking books on women of the California Gold Rush.

It was 1981, the year of Levy's 40th birthday, when she picked up a book written by noted historian J.S. Holliday called "The World Rushed In."

"I remember this vividly," Levy said, seated on a sofa in the comfortable living room of her home, high on a hill overlooking the town of Sutter Creek. "The book had a big splashy review in the New York Times and was touted as 'the all encompassing record of the Gold Rush as a national experience.'"

A passage in the book piqued Levy's curiosity and sent her looking in the index for "women." "It wasn't there," she said. "And I thought, 'How encompassing a record could this be?'" Intrigued, Levy searched the card file at the huge Los Angeles library. She found references to books about the Gold Rush experiences of Australians, Chileans, African Americans, Irish and French, but no volume on women, aside from individual women's letters, diaries and reminiscences. *(cont. on page 4)*

## Amador Central RailRoad

ACHS members and friends had a wonderful day on the railroad. Two runs of approximately 20 passengers each enjoyed learning about the history of the Amador Central Railroad and its speeders. Special thanks to Jim & Teresa Guidi for providing lunch for the riders and Grant, Leonard, Gary and all the crew at ACR.

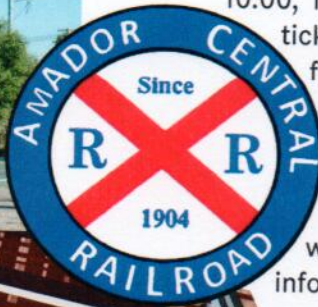


### RIDE A MOTOR CAR ON THE AMADOR CENTRAL R.R. IN IONE, CA.

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## JoAnn Levy (Cont.)

Thus began a quest that has possessed the past 16 years of Levy's life, transforming her from a retiring writer and editor into a meticulous researcher, published author, public speaker and pre-eminent authority featured in three documentaries, including PBS' "Secrets of the Gold Rush," scheduled for airing (*that Sunday, night in 1998*). "She is an outstanding researcher, a very good writer, a very credible historian and real expert on her subject," said Gary Kurutz, head of special collections for the California State Library.

"She is the first to do a real narrative, interpretive history of women in the Gold Rush. She did an admirable job telling a story that needed to be told," Kurutz said.

Levy's first book, culminating eight years of research, was "They Saw The Elephant: Women in the California Gold Rush," a non-fiction account of remarkable women who crossed the plains, mountains and oceans to live the 49er experience.

The other, published this month (*in 1998*) is "Daughter of Joy," fiction based on the life of Au Toy, a young, independent and courageous Chinese prostitute who took to court and saw indicted the chief of the Chinese tong in the rough, tough world of San Francisco.

Initially, Levy's research was aimed at satisfying her curiosity. But very soon the project took on a life of its own.

"It was like I had been waiting to do this," she said. "I don't know how to explain it, but it was not just something to fill my time. It became an obsession. And it remains so today.

"I will not live long enough to write all the

stories I would like to write about women of the Gold Rush. This is what I do. That is why I say my life did begin at 40," she said.

The first part of Levy's life -- the part with the X through it -- began in Los Angeles in 1941. Her father worked in a rubber factory. Her mother worked at home, caring for Levy and her sister and brother.

Levy put herself through junior college, working as a dental and medical assistant. And then in the early 1960s, she entered into "an unwise marriage" that took her and her husband to live in the town of Folsom. It was there that her interest in the Gold Rush era was sparked. Levy was fascinated by the history embedded in the mounds of mine tailings throughout the Mother Lode country.

Another defining experience was reading Betty Friedan's "The Feminine Mystique."

"I was furious at the sense of conspiracy, a tacit societal agreement that women's place was such and such, a presumption they only went to college to find husbands and would spend their lives making cookies for the PTA," Levy said.

"I remember feeling cheated that there was a damper on aspirations, that you really don't have a future, so don't try. That is what the glass ceiling is: You can't get to the boardroom, so don't try. I was so angry I threw the book against the wall -- and I'm not a physically demonstrative person."

Levy, who had moved with her husband to Cupertino, reacted by enrolling in San Jose State University, first earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and then a master's degree in English, just as her marriage ended. (*cont. on page 5*)

### ***JoAnn Levy (Cont.)***

With a strong recommendation from a former English professor, Levy got a job as an editor for a small Los Angeles publishing firm where she was responsible for publication of a series of books on the histories of cities around the country.

"I hired the writers and learned to respect people who could write history and to respect how it should be done," she said. "You could always tell when someone had done the work well -- there were no generalizations, there were citations. You knew they had gone to the primary sources."

In 1975, Levy married "Mr. Right" -- Dan Levy, a special-education teacher -- and she turned to free-lance writing for various magazines and corporations until that fateful day in 1981, the day she believes she discovered her calling.

"I didn't choose the women of the Gold Rush; they chose me," Levy said. "I feel strongly they were talking to me and that I was elected. I know that sounds (weird), but I don't know how to account for having such a passion for something and to have arrived at it so late."

Whether a calling or a talent fueled by passion for her subject, Levy's extensive research coupled with her engaging writing style has made a major contribution to California history, said Rosanne McHenry, chief ranger at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma.

"Her books are like time machines putting the reader in the heart of the action," McHenry said. "She was the first to take women's diaries and journals and put them together in a comprehensive work that grips the reader." (cont. on page 13)

### ***Sutter Creek: The Old Grammar School<sup>1</sup>***

Fellow antiquarians in Sutter Creek, Reader, have long wondered when the city's old, two-story brick school house, empty and silent now, was built.

Logan promised, in recent conversation, to research the subject and let them know.

The old school house, you may have noticed, was pictured in a recent (1975) *Sacramento Bee* feature by this county's energetic correspondent, Michael Dunne. But Dunne gave no dates.

Next time Logan is below he'll make it a point to research more and discover the exact date when the masons stacked its bricks. Until then call it 1870.

The old school house has more than incidental interest. Its predecessor - probably the town's first school - was evidently touched off by an arsonist as a result of a long-smoldering school controversy.

Back 1857 files of the *Amador Ledger* tell us that Sutter Creek townfolk staged a benefit ball on March 3 to raise funds "to finish the school-house." About 150 persons attended the fete, danced in the Masonic hall, and supped in the spacious hall of the nearby Union house.

Town community and political leader Charles Burleson wrote the *Ledger* that gross receipts were over \$600, and the \$500 profit could more than pay off the construction. Moreover, the surplus could pay for initial operating costs.

That school house, evidently completed that year, probably was the town's first actual school. While the town's children certainly went to a school from at least 1853, they did so in a store or dwelling converted to the public use.

It appears, however, that the 1857 school was Sutter Creek's first, and the one an arsonist destroyed in 1870. <sup>2</sup> (cont. on page 6)

### ***School house (cont.)***

The May 21, 1870, Amador *Dispatch* carried two items about the Sutter Creek school district. The first reported that between 400 and 500 citizens attended a grand school picnic (on May 14). "The exercises were highly satisfactory to parents" and the school was "in flourishing condition."

But at the bottom of the column was the terse announcement that "the public schoolhouse was destroyed by fire late Monday night (May 16). The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary and the probable result of a little 'onpleasantness' which has existed in that place for some time in regard to school matters."

Incendiary? Unpleasantness? Such cryptic comments drive historians back to sources. But that anon.

Moreover, the *Dispatch* remained silent in subsequent issues in 1870 about the cause, culprit and construction of the new school.

Jesse D. Mason, in our county history, says in one place (writing in 1880-81) about the Sutter Creek school district that it has had "the misfortune of having its school-house burned up...but...its friends went to work and put up a magnificent two-story, brick building. The cost... was \$6,600..."

Elsewhere, he writes that "the first school-house, build some 25 years since (circa 1855) was burned as it is thought by the act of an incendiary.

"After a proper agitation of the matter an election was ordered to determine whether a sum to build a school-house should be raised by a property tax.

"The result was a school-house costing perhaps \$10,000, the best one in the county, if not in the mountains."

Nothing, however, about an election was reported in the *Dispatch*. Its editor was more interested in Jackson news, and eastern politics.

What editor William Penry didn't report earlier, showed up in the April 22, 1871 *Dispatch* as "Travel Notes" by the traveling correspondent of the *Scientific Press*. He wrote that Sutter Creek "...is the largest town in the county. Its citizens have completed one of the finest school-houses in the county, in not in the interior of the state..."

"The structure is 35 by 55 feet, two stories high, and costs \$10,000; 200 pupils are in daily attendance, and two competent teachers are in charge. This district contains 253 children."

By April, 1871, then, the Sutter Creek brick school house was up.

Most likely, townspeople, fairly affluent in the quartz boom of the 1870s, quickly rebuilt the school house in the summer of 1870 in time for the opening of classes that fall.

There was plenty of brick available. Six downtown businesses had burned right after the school and they are rebuilt in brick too.

Until Logan pins it down, consider 1870 the date. That makes the old Sutter Creek school house, empty and silent now, standing tall and 105 years old in 1975.

### ***More About the School***

Since first writing about it, the writer has found out more about the old Sutter Creek school. Being an inveterate snooper helps.

While he can offer no significant facts about that brick and frame structure itself, he can reveal the therefore unknown location of the town's first (two) school house(s) in the 1850s and 1860s.

The ruins down of that (second) school by an unknown arsonist in 1870 caused construction of the brick one. Moreover, it appears that a Sunday school issues agitated and divided much of the community, and probably was the efficient cause of the arson.

Methodist Episcopal preachers were among the first arrivals in the mines in substantial numbers. After establishing a congregation and trustees, (cont. on page 10)

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*Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at 225 Church St. (Amador County Museum)*

*Members and friends are invited to attend.*

***Amador County Historical Society***

***Member Events for 2019***

***June 23 - ACHS BBQ,***  
*Amador County Museum - 5pm*  
***Special Guest Speaker: JoAnn Levy***

***NEW DATE - Sept. 13***  
***Wine & Cheese Fundraiser***  
***Special Guest Speaker: Scott Harvey***

***Nov 3 - Annual Membership Dinner at***  
***Teresa's Restaurant - 4:30 -7:00 pm***  
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Second Saturday - Ione Station (weather permitting)

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## ***Kennedy Mine Model Tours***

***Tours of the Kennedy Mine Model*** are on-going every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the building adjacent to the museum... come on down, bring your friends, see how the "Hardrock Miners" brought the gold up from more than a mile from under the earth.

See the headframe, the Stamp Mill and the Wheel in action with mechanized motors...it is like a little show lasting about 45 minutes, with live narration and tape presentation.

Tours are at noon and 1:00 p.m. or by appointment any day or time (subject to docent availability). Group tours, schools and organizations welcome! Located at 225 Church Street, Jackson Mine Model building in parking lot next to museum.

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## *About the Amador County Historical Society*

The Amador County Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the research and preservation of Amador County heritage and history.

The organization brings together people from diverse backgrounds to work towards these goals. We invite all interested persons to attend our monthly meetings and encourage your suggestions and active participation in Society events and endeavors.

We also welcome guest articles for our newsletter. Unfortunately, due to limited space we can accept only those pertaining to local history. If you have any questions regarding ACHS please contact the office at (209) 257-1485.

**If you would like to become a member of the Society**, please fill in the membership form below and mail along with the appropriate dues to the Amador County Historical Society, P.O. Box 761, Jackson, Calif.

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### *Member Survey:*

The Amador County Historical Society is always looking for speaker ideas at our events and topics to include in the Amadorian.

We would like to hear from you. Please send your thoughts and ideas to:

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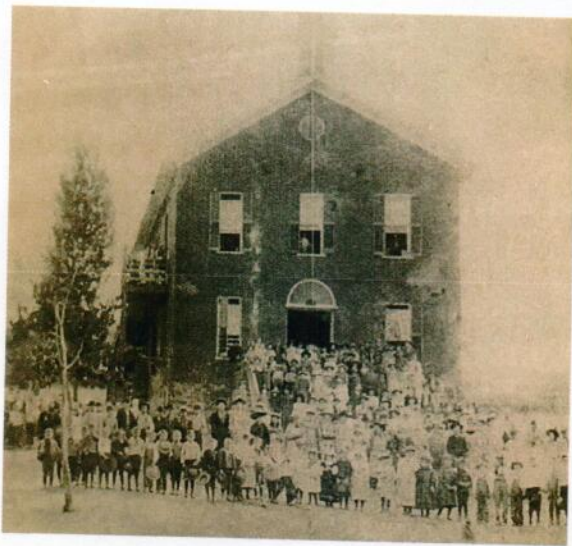
## School house (cont.)

and obtaining a regular meeting place or building a simple frame church, the preacher and lay leaders usually started a school.

If they had built a church, the first school was usually held there. Lacking a church, services and school were held in any available if not suitable building.

Thompson and West's 1881 Amador county history asserts these facts about Sutter Creek schools:

1. The school district is "without date of organization" (which means no one knew the date of its organization);
2. "In 1853 there was a school in Sutter Creek;"
3. In 1858, trustees were "N.A. Green, W.T.



Wildman, Alvin Hayward," and its teacher, "E.B. McIntire."

4. The first school was taught by "N. Harding, whose salary was \$75 a month;"
5. "The first school house, built some 25 years since (or about 1856) was burned down by an arsonist;" and
6. In 1854 the Sutter Creek school had "20 scholars."

Sutter had its own school house completed by the Spring of 1857, at least. Its teachers that year were "Mr. Startzman and Mrs. Aiken." McIntire,

teacher in 1858, but county superintendent of schools in 1856 and '57, probably taught in Sutter Creek before those terms, too.

When more facts are known, we will probably learn that this former New England schoolmaster had a leading role in organizing the school as well.

In 1870 Sutter Creek may have been at the peak of its prosperity with the Hayward and other gold mines producing thousands of dollars monthly. On May 14, school trustees Sam Sansord Manon, Daniel Myers and James H. Howland staged a grand



Old Schoolhouse - What probably is a 19th century photo is the view above of the old Sutter Creek grammar school and pupils posing. A Sacramento firm, Young and Werner, made the exposure. Adjacent, a beautifully restored building and No. 456 National Register of Historic Places *Courtesy Amador museum and archives; and amadorgold.net.*

picnic. The Ledger reported the school district was in a "flourishing condition." But not for long.

Two days later, during the night, someone set the structure on fire. Quoth the *Ledger*: "The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary and the probable result of a little 'onpleasantness' which has existed in that place for sometime past in regard to school matter."

Though the newspapers apparently avoided  
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### ***School house (cont.)***

mentioning the unpleasantness, Logan may have a lead to it in the archives of the Sutter Creek Methodist-Episcopal church

The reverend J.M. Campbell was appointed by the annual California conference, Methodist-Episcopal church, in September, 1870, to succeed George W. Brindell.

During Brindell's less than a year appointment as pastor of the Sutter Creek and Amador City churches, a town calamity and controversy conspired to frustrate his pastorate.

"The burins of the Eureka mine... in April exceeded the current of daily like in the town for several subsequent weeks," he wrote in church records. "Then, the reduction of (the mine's) working force, the changes in the management by which the Sabbath was still less regarded and the departure of several excellent brethren sensibly affected the church and congregation."

So disappointed was Brindell that he forsook his appointment weeks before its termination and while substitute ministers filled his pulpits, Brindell returned to "upper Iowa."

The mine was not the only thing that burned during his tenure. That May 16 some sick or angry citizen torched the frame school on the town's westerly side, erected in 1867. And the *Dispatch* cryptically reported that some controversy of long standing related to school matters was the underlying grievance for the arsonist.

Brindell didn't write about that at all, although it probably was his principal trouble during his appointment.

But what Brindall failed to mention in church annals, J. M. Campbell did. The latter arrived in October 1, long after the fires and controversies had cooled, but before his arrival. The cause? "Over the question of the colored children taking part in the Sunday school picnic.

"The officers of the school (Sunday school, probably) deemed it right and just that they

should participate. They carried out the programs accordingly and the result was, the withdrawal of the children from the school by the parents of those who were opposed to the proceedings.

"We have not been able to effect their return to the school, and have only succeeded in holding our own during the year."

Was this controversy about colored children taking part in Sunday school the same issue which led to the burins of the town's public school that May? If a mere Sunday school issue could have divided the community, as Campbell wrote, it could certainly have led to burning the school house down. We need, however, more facts to be sure.

Fortunately for Sutter Creek, school trustees S.S. Manon, Daniel Myers, and James H. Howland had time to replace the burned school before fall. One source credits Manon with building the school, but Logan doubts he would since he was a trustee.

Rather than solicit donations to build a new school, the trustees decided to hold a bond election, maybe one of the first in the county. The town's men approved a bond issue for \$6,000 to erect a 35 by 55 foot, two-story brick on a new site across town where you see it today...

After the school was furnished and equipped, a visiting correspondent could write in April, 1871, that the town had a \$10,000 brick school house. About that time, too, Jackson had a brick school, erected in 1858 but much smaller.

Previously, and somewhat conservatively, Logan dated the old brick school from 1871, when that correspondent reported it was completed and being used.

Surely, however, the trustees had the school ready for the fall term in 1870. Why don't we use that date, then, as the year it was constructed?

With a new school and new site, the district didn't need the old site any longer. On September 22, 1870, the trustees sold the .24 acre lot to W. Finn and Finn's new acquisition appears on the 1871 townsite map. (*cont. on page 12*)

### *School house (Cont.)*

Next time in the vicinity walk or ride up Anna to its end. Turn and face southerly. You face the site of Sutter Creek's second school, burned down in 1870, probably over a Sunday school controversy.

*Footnotes:*

1. *Logan's Alley, 2 July 1975, 27 Jan, 3 Feb 1982, 20 Jan 1982*
2. *The writer has discovered news in 1867 Ledgers about another new school house erected that year.*



*ACHS and friends enjoyed a wonderful Friday afternoon at the beautifully restored Sutter Creek Grammar School. Attendees learned more about the ACHS' Livery Building Project. Jeannette Garbarini-Walters and her sisters provided a marvelous selection of appetizers and wine.*



**JoAnn Levy (Cont.)**

Personally, Levy is self-effacing, McHenry said. "She is shy and has told me she is happiest at home in front of her word processor, but I started inviting her to Coloma to do speaking engagements, and she has become less and less apprehensive about it."

In fact, Levy now feels compelled to tell her stories whenever possible to to dispel the myth that the Gold Rush was an exclusively male experience.

"I expect during the next two or three years, during the sesquicentennial, to be telling people about the thousands of women in the Gold Rush. That is my responsibility," Levy said.

And, laughing, she added, "It's my window of opportunity to get people's attention. While they get a Gold Rush awareness, I'll give them a Gold Rush *gender* awareness."

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