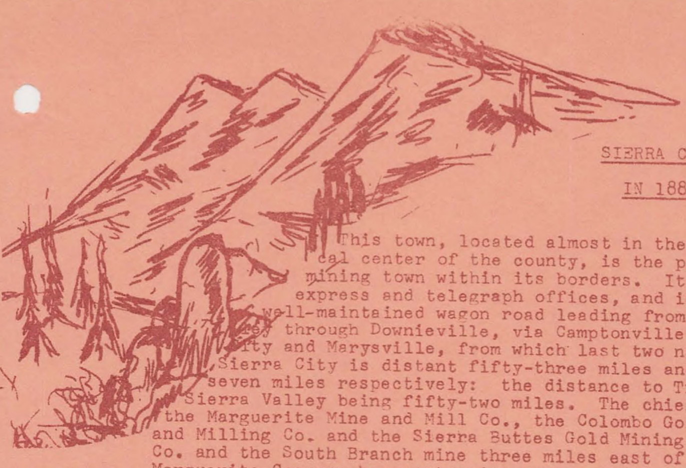


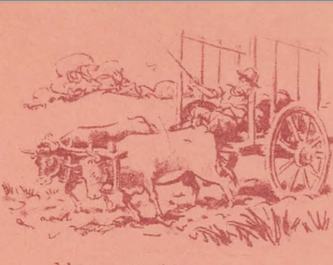
SIERRA CITY

IN 1885

This town, located almost in the geographical center of the county, is the principal mining town within its borders. It has post, express and telegraph offices, and is on the well-maintained wagon road leading from Sierra Valley through Downieville, via Camptonville to Nevada City and Marysville, from which last two named cities Sierra City is distant fifty-three miles and seventy-seven miles respectively: the distance to Truckee via Sierra Valley being fifty-two miles. The chief mines are the Marguerite Mine and Mill Co., the Colombo Gold Mining and Milling Co. and the Sierra Buttes Gold Mining and Milling Co. and the South Branch mine three miles east of town. The Marguerite Company have extensive works and a mill crushing forty tons per day. The company employs fifty men. The Colombo Company's works employs sixty men. The Sierra Buttes Company is said to employ two hundred and fifty men in its mines and mills. Besides the above properties operated by the companies, there are many paying claims in the vicinity owned by private individuals. The chances for profitable investment in the locality are second to none in the Sierras.

Lumbering is largely followed in the mountains of the vicinity, and many sawmills are located in the near neighborhood, chief among which may be noted that of Hagerty & Garfield, situated five miles northeast of Sierra City. Sierra City also possesses several large business houses, a brewery, three hotels, a large school house and a water supply that would do good service in case of fire, the natural pressure being powerful enough to throw a stream one hundred and eighty feet high.

The population of the town has been increasing very materially of late, having risen in the last three years from a little over four hundred to about seven hundred, its present figure. Almost due north of Sierra City, at the northern boundary line of the county, is located Gold Lake, one of the most delightful bodies of water in the Sierras; it is four miles long by about two in width, of great depth, and is the source of the Middle Fork of the Feather River; it is surrounded by lofty mountains, creating wonderful echoes to one on the waters, and is bountifully stocked with magnificent trout. A wagon road to the lake from Sierra City will soon supersede the trails and wearying mule transportation now in vogue, when Gold Lake



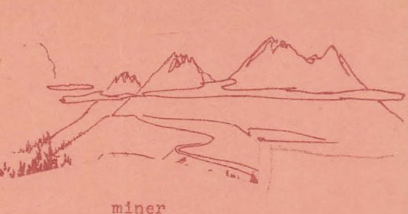
will assuredly become one of our recognized summer resorts.

Roster of Residents and Their Occupations

Abbe, George N. & Son	livery stable
Adolp & Williams	dry goods and clothing
Anderson, John	carpenter
Andinas, Ricardo	watchmaker
Arata, Mateo	miner
Arata, Stefano	miner
Avalanche Hydraulic Mining Co. Castagnetti & Co.	proprietors
Avignone, John B.	C. Quirolo & Co.
Baker, Henry	miner
Ballesteros, Cystano	packer
Barrerre, John	farmer
Barnhardt, Jacob	millhand
Barrett, John M.	amalgamator
Bassett, Hornbeck J.	
Bassett, J. H.	
Bassett, Mrs. Mary	hotel-Howard Ranch (n.b.-now Bassett's Station)
Bawden, Nicholas	miner
Beard, J.E.	miner
Beard, Samuel F.	
Becker, James L.	miner
Bendixon, Thomas Y.	capitalist
Bigelow, H.H.	farmer
Bigelow, Orson	
BIGELOW HOUSE, D.N. Mitchell proprietor	
Black, George S.	amalgamator
Black, John F.	miner
Blanch, William	miner
Blue Gravel Consolidated Mining Co. 3½ miles NE of Milton, 640 acres	
Bon Ton Saloon, J. Girtovich,	Proprietor
Bonanza Saloon, F. G. Rose proprietor	
Bone, John	miner
Branden, John	millman
Branden, Ole	millman
Brangata, Roscoe	clerk with Richard Castagna
Brown, Peter	blacksmith with E.H. Bunker
Buckwith, James L.	carpenter
Bunker, Ezekiel H.	Blacksmith, wagon maker and horseshoer
Burleigh, Jackson A.	carpenter
Busch, August C.	A. C. Busch & Co., Postmaster, agent Wells, Fargo & Co., and Western Union Telegraph Co.

Busch A. C. & Co. (August C. Busch & C.A. Herringlake)	general merchandise
Busch, Ernst	miner
Busch, Henry F.	carpenter
Busch, William C.	miner
Buse, Julius G.	miner
BUTTES BREWERY, F.L. Fischer proprietor	
Canessa, G. B.	miner
Capron, William	teamster
Casserly, William	miner
CASTAGNA, RICHARD	general merchandise
Castagnetti, John	Castagnetti & Co.
Castagnetti & Co., John Castagnetti and others, proprietors.	Avalanche Hydraulic Mining Co.
Cereghino, Angelo	miner
Chapman, John	miner
Christiamno, Francisco	millman
Chinelli, Frank	clerk with R. Castagna
Cith, Markey	F. J. Seitz proprietor
Cocks (Cox?), William	miner
Colombo, Gold M. & M. Co., W.H. Rodas, Superintendent	
Colombo Quartz Mining Co., William Penaluna foreman, 1320 acres	
Colotta, L.	bootmaker
Consolidated Gravel Mining Co. 2½ miles NE of Milton, 320 acres	
Contar, John	saloon
Coperan, Williams	teamster
Coryell, William A.	miner
Costa, Pedro	saloon
Counter, John	saloon
Coutu, Gilbert	machinist at Marguerite M. Co.
Cox, William	Thompson & Cox
Craneym, Joseph E.	amalgamator
Croce, Baldisac	miner
Crossman, Thomas	miner
Crossman, Thomas H.	miner
Crowely, O'Keefe & Kelly	miners
Culver & Corbin	miners
Davis, Joseph	miner
Davis, William L.	amalgamator
DeMartini, Antonio	barkeeper with C. Quirolo & Co.
Denner, William	miner
Dermice & Foss	miners
Deroza, Manuil S.	miner
Derbordier, C. & G.	(Charles & George) Saloon
Devine, Thomas	miner 120 acres
Donaldson, I.M.	carpenter
Dorsey, Walt	miner
Douglass, R.	fisherman

Doyle, Elizabeth Mrs.	widow
Dozier, William E. physician & surgeon	
Demonda, William M.	miner
Eckert, John	miner
Edwards, William-shift boss, Butter Mg. Co.	
Elsredge, William	miner
Ferrari, Joseph	saloon
Fischer, Alvin	miner
Fischer, F.L.	proprietor Buttes Brewery
Fischer, Frederick	shoemaker
Fischer, Fredrick W.	miner
Fischer, Louis	miner
Fischer, Richard	laborer Marguerite Mg. Co.
Fitzgerald, Alfred	miner
Flannery, James	teamster
Fletcher, George T.	Contractor & Carpenter
Fling, Louis	miner
Fling, L.D.	miner
Flint, L.J.	farmer 320 acres
Florence Quartz Mining Co. (J.T. Mooney, S. B. Stephenson, J. Hutchinson & S. N. Wilcox.)	
Fornia, Felix	farmer
Foss, Lemuel	miner
Fraga, Antone	millman
Fraita, Antonia J.	miner
Fraitaz, Manuel	millman
Fredson, Joseph	amalgamator, Marguerite Mg. Co.
Gardella, Bartholomew C.	(B.C. Gardella & Bros.)
Gardella, Michael	(B.C. Gardella & Bros.)
Garfield, L.S.	(Hargerty & Garfield)
Gilbert, John	miner
Gill, W.G.	carpenter
Guriovich, Joseph	proprietor Bon Ton Saloon.
Givanovich, Adolph	clerk with Joseph Schiaffino
Goff, Peter	livery stable
Gonzales, Joseph F.	miner
Gorham, John M.	blacksmith
Gotjens, Henry	miner
Gotjens, Joseph	miner
Grant, George	amalgamator
Green, James S.	miner
Grondona, Joseph	saloon
Guttierrez, Martin	miner
Haas, Samuel	clerk with B. Wood
Hagerty, James,	(Hagerty & Garfield)
HAGERTY & GARFIELD	(James Hagerty & L. S. Garfield) sawmills, 5 miles NE of Sierra City



Haines, John B. carpenter, Marguerite Mg. Co.	
Halverson, Peter mason, Marguerite Mg. Co.	
Halverson William	miner
Hartley, Samuel	miner
Havens, C.A.	miner
Havens, Philo A.	miner 260 acres
Havens & Simprich	miners
Hayes, John	miner
Heckman, Anthony	miner
Heringlake, Charles A.	(A.C. Busch & Co.)
Hill, James	miner
Hobba, Robert	miner
Hooper, J.	miner
Hughes, Watt	miner
Hulme, Charles	watchman, Sierra Buttes Mg. Co.
Humbert, Arthur C.	bookkeeper, Marguerite Mg. Co.
Hutchinson, Joseph	butcher and miner
Hutchinson, William H.	miner
James, Francis	miner
Janes, James	miner
Janes, William M.	foreman Sierra Buttes Mg. Co.
Jenkins, John	music teacher
Jenkins, Richard	miner
Jenkins, William	miner
Joos, Caspar	brewery
Jordan, George S.	millman
Jose, T.	soda water manufacturer
Kaiser, L. Mrs.	boarding house & saloon
Kane, James M.	civil engineer
Kane, J. W.	miner
Keefe, P.H.	proprietor, Mountain House
Kendrich, L.	amalgamator, Marguerite Mg. Co.
Kicher, Frederich	carpenter
Kimball, Charles	teamster
Kirby, James	carpenter Marguerite Mg. Co.
Kitto, John	miner
Kneebone, Alfred	miner
Knool, Bernard	miner
Knuthsen, Henry	clerk with A. C. Busch & Co.
Kruse, A.	laborer Marguerite Mg. Co.
Kynoch, William	carpenter, Colombo Gold & Mg. Co.
LA BONTE, F. X.	dry goods & varieties
Lamers, Mary Mrs.	proprietress Sipple Sal.
Lane, Thomas	(Wilson, Lane & Co.)
Langsworthy, Philip	miner
Langton, Edward M.	miner
Lauer, Anton	miner
Lawrence, Edward	saloon

Lawton, Lee	teamster
Leary, A.	farmer & Roadmaster
Leary, John F.	miner
Leary, Thomas	miner
Lee, Louisa Mrs.	saloon
Leffers, Albert	miner
Lewis, Antone	miner
Lewis, Jeremiah	miner, Marquerite Mg. Co.
Little Boulder Mining Co.	(W.D. & J. Nolan & S. Tayen)
Loeffler, O.	laborer, Marquerite Mg. Co.
Lopez, Jose	miner
Lord, George W.	(Spencer & Lord)
Lowney, John	saloon
Luke, Simon	miner
Magazini, Luke	barber shop & baths
Maltby, H.G.	engineer, Colombo Mg. Co.
Manly, John T.	miner
Marguerite Quartz Mining Co. 788 acres quartz & placer mining land Loganville	
Marguerite Mine & Mill Co. of Boston, Mass. (Robert E. Meyer, Superintendent-office and works two miles from Sierra City)	
Marowitch, Michael	pumpman, Marquerite M & M Co.
Martinetti, Isaac	(Martinetti & Martini)
Martinetti & Martini	(Isaac Martinetti & Edward Martini) general clothing store & saloon
Martinez, Jose F.	miner
Martinez, Manuel F.	miner
Nata, Jesue	packer
McCarthy, William	foreman, blacksmith Sierra Buttes Mining Co.
McCastley, George	miner
McGregor, A. H.	miner
McGregor, H.	amalgamator, Sierra Buttes M. & M. Co.
McMullen, John	woodchopper
Meyer, Robert W.	superintendent, Marguerite M. & M. Co.
Mills, Thomas	Steward
Miner's Hotel	John G. Rose, Properitor
Miskell, Robert	timberman
Mitchell, D. N.	proprietor Bigelow House
Monaghan, Peter	miner
Montero, Aquilino	speculator
Mooney, Isaac T.	butcher
Mooney, John W.	foreman, Columbo M & M Co.
Mooney, M. E.	engineer, Colombo M & M Co.
Moore, A. L.	deputy sheriff
Moore, C. L.	carpenter
Moore, James C.	carpenter
Moore, John	miner
Moore, John L.	miner
Morrel, Pierre	miner

Morgan, --	laborer
Morrison, George	teamster
Morrisrowe, James	miner
Mountain House (P.H. Keefe, proprietor, 12 miles NE of Sierra City)	
Myers, John	carpenter
Mavarine, Vincenz	miner
Navarine, Wilson	miner
Nelson, Gustave	miner
Nicholas, Fred	miner
Nolan, J.	miner
Nolan, W. D.	miner
O'Farrell, John	miner
O'Keefe, Dennis	miner
Oats, James	miner
Oldham, James	miner
Oliver, J.	laborer, Marguerite M & M Co.
Olsen, Peter	miner
Ore, Richard	shift boss, Sierra Buttes Mining Co.
Osborne, Richard	miner
Osterman, George	blacksmith, Marguerite M & M C
Osterman, Martin & Matthias	farmers
Palace Saloon	Al Smith, Proprietor
Parient, George	miner
Parkin, James	carpenter
Parsins, William H.	miner
Paul, James	miner
Payton, Michael	engineer, Marguerite M & M Co.
Pearce, Henry J.	miner
Pearce, Isaac & John	miners
Pearce, William J.	Constable & Night Watchman
Pellymounter, Thomas	miner
Pellow, James	blacksmith, Sierra Buttes Mining Co.
Pellow, John	miner
Penaluna, William	foreman, Colombo Gold Mining Co.
Pergoni, P.	miner
Perkins, William	blacksmith
Perry, Joseph	miner
Perryman, Edward	miner
Perryman, John & Thomas	miners
Peters, Manuel	
Peterson, Christ.	teamster, Marguerite M & M Co.
Peterson, Henry	carpenter, " " " " "
Peterson, James C.	miner
Pettingel, Simeon E.	miner
Phillips, Thomas H.	carpenter
Pigotti, Joseph	miner
Pires, Frank	laborer
Pires, J.F.	M.F. Pires & Co.

Pires, Manuel F.	M.F. Pires & Co.
Pires, M.F. & Co.	boot & shoe makers
Podesta & Co.	proprietors South Branch Sawmill
Ponta, Joseph	miner
Preston, Thomas	superintendent, Sierra Buttes Mining Co.
Prosper, O.	laborer
Prout, Joseph	miner
Pucha, Eva	Chambermaid, Scott's Hotel
Puchia, Lucie	" " "
Quinn, Joseph F.	timberman
Quirolo, Charles (C. Quirolo & Co., proprietor store & saloon)	
Rawlings, James	miner
Reynolds, James & John	miners
Rich, Thomas & Charles	miners
Richards, Phillip & Samuel	miners
Richardson, John	miner
Rickard, William	shift boss, Sierra Buttes Mining Co.
Rickard, William R.	miner
Rinaldi, Joseph	miner
Robinson, John	butcher
Robinson, John	miner
Rodda, W.H.	superintendent, Colombo Gold Mining & Milling Co.
Rodgers, John	miner
Romano, Catherine Mrs.	farmer
Rose, Joseph	miner
Rose, John G.	proprietor, Bonanza Saloon & Hotel
Rouse, John	miner
Ruez, Jose Jesus	miner
Russell, William	carpenter
Sampson, James	butcher
Sawyer, John J.	physician & surgeon
Schelter, Julius	farmer
Schiaffino, Joseph	general merchandise & liquors
Schubert, John A. A.	miner
Schultz, Charles	blacksmith, Marguerite Mine & Mill Co.
Schultz, Emile	carpenter
Schutt, Henry W.	miner
Scott, John A.	proprietor, Scott's Hotel
SCOTT'S HOTEL	John A. Scott, Proprietor
Seith, Jesus P.	millman
Seitz, Anthony	clerk with F. J. Seitz
Seitz, F. J.	proprietor City Market
Seitz, Peter	with F. J. Seitz
Serpas, Jose	millman
Sharkey, Richard	shoeman
Shottler, Julius	laborer

Sierra Buttes Gold Mining Co. (limited) south side Sierra Buttes 1 mile north side Sierra City	
Silva, Manuel E.	millman
Simmons, A. D. Mrs.	widow
Simmons, Christ.	miner
Smith, A. E.	foreman, Marguerite M & M Co.
Smith, Al	proprietor Palace Saloon
Smith, Alexander	carpenter
Smith, E.	carpenter, Marguerite Mine & Mill Co.
Smith, Samuel	miner
Smith, Theron B.	lumberman
Smith, William W.	miner
South Branch Sawmill, Podesta & Co. proprietors 3 miles east of Sierra City	
South Branch Water Co., A. C. Busch, President	
Southy, Samuel	miner
Spencer, John E.	(Spencer & Lord)
SPENCER & LORD (John E. Spencer & George W. Lord, proprietors, livery & feed stables)	
Spine, Bartholomew	packer
Stephenson, Samuel R.	miner
St. Jo Mining Co., Williams, Treganan, Chapman & Criag, owners, St. Jo Bar	
Steelman, Richard	miner
Sunderland, Oliver	miner
Swan, William M.	miner
Tapia, Joseph M.	miner
Tartini, Edward	Martinetti & Tartini
Terney, John	miner
Thomas, Benjamine G., John, Jong W. & William	miners
Thompson, Charles	(Thompson & Cox)
Thompson, Charles A.	miner
Thompson, Daniel	miner
Thompson Joseph	saloon
Thompson & Cox	Charles Thompson & William Cox (gravel mines, 9 miles E of Sierra City)
Tibbey, Miss Lou	school teacher
Tierney, John	miner
Tomachiel, Balodesi	brewer
Treat, Charles L.	painter & grainer
Trebilcox, Fredrick	butcher with J. T. Mooney
Trelore, James	miner
Trompetto, John & Louis	miners
Trothen, William T.	miner
Tym, S.	miner
Uhl, Michael	miner
Uren, Philip	miner

Uren, William H.	miner
Valentine, Mateo	proprietor, Young Italy Saloon
Varick, Robert D.	miner
Wade, -- Mrs.	laundress
Ward, Varner B.	miner
Warner, Harry	miner
Watts, John	clerk with Martinetti & Tartini
Weber, C.	engineer, Marguerite M & M Co.
Weitzell, Adam S.	miner
Wendler, Herman F.	miner
Wilcox, Adam S.	miner
Wilcox, Schuler W.	carpenter, Florence Quartz Mine
Willett, Napoleon B.	miner
Williams, James M.	foreman, Sierra Buttes Mining Co.
Williams, John	porter, Scott's Hotel
Williams, John	barber with A. Magazini
Williams, Richard H.	miner
Williams, Thomas W.	shift boss, Sierra Buttes Mining Co.
Williams, Mrs.	widow
Wilson, Charles	Wilson, Lane & Co.
WILSON, LANE & CO. (Charles E. Wilson & Thomas Lane) Saloon	
Wilson, Julius S.	County Superintendent of schools and school teacher
Wilson, W. A.	fruits & confectionery
Wood, Benjamine	merchant
Woodcock, William B.	miner
Wyat, Edward	miner
Young America Consolidated Quartz Mining Co., 8 miles north of Sierra City	
YOUNG ITALY SALOON,	Mateo Valentine, proprietor
Zerline, B. J. A.	miner

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(Many of the names listed are still familiar. Some of their descendants still live here or have connections. Some of the names live on in place names.

Note the number of bars and the dearth of the female gender.)

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