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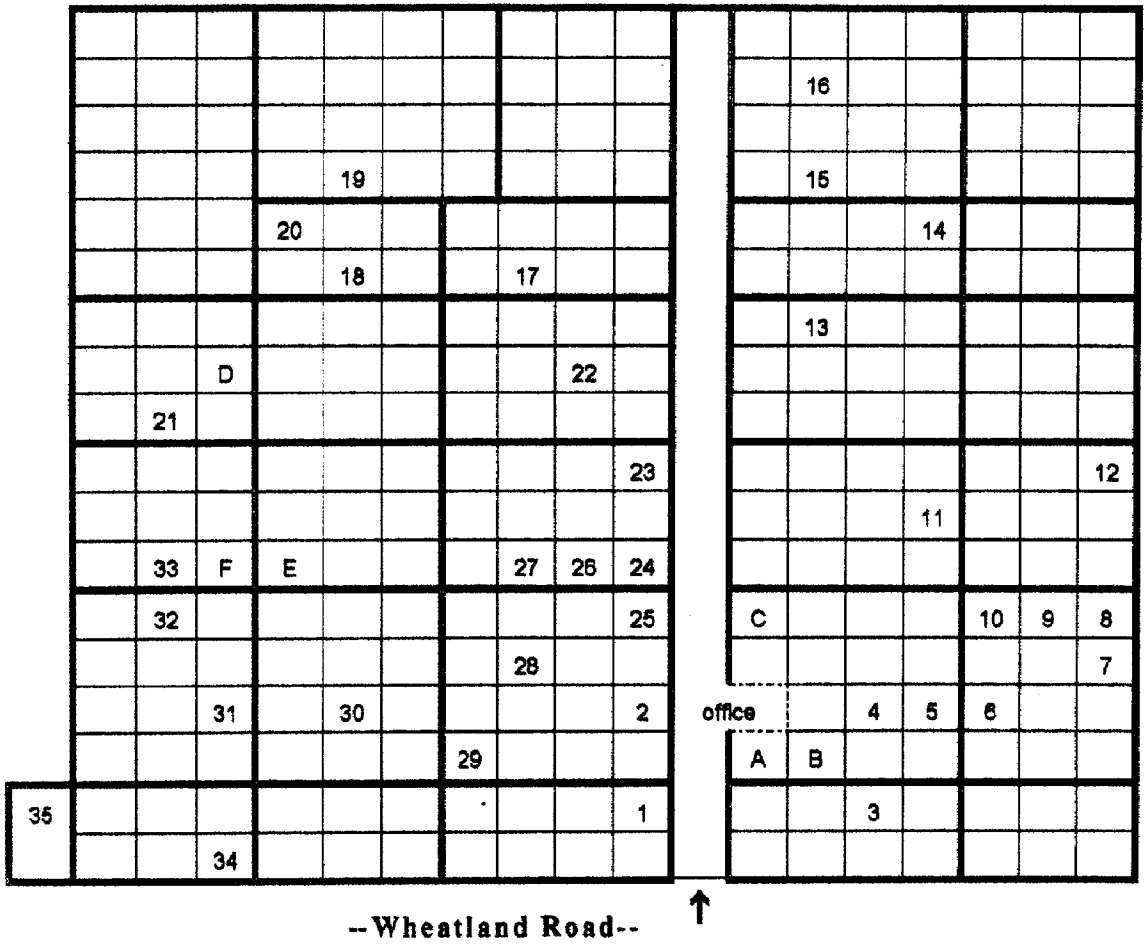

Early settlers came to the Wheatland area about 5 years prior to the gold rush. The post office was established in 1866 with the completion of the railroad to the town. Wheatland was incorporated in 1874.

Resources for this brochure:

Street names in the City of Wheatland
Wheatlandhistoricalsociety.org
Yubaroots.com
The Wheatland Cemetery District
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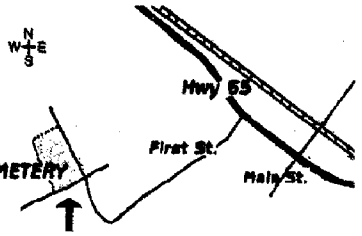
A Self-guided Historical Tour

The Wheatland Cemetery is located across from Bear River School west of the city of Wheatland.



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1 **Daniel A. Ostrom** – 1836-1906. Settler at Kempton's Crossing, State Senator, early farmer.

2 **Alma (Sheets) Murphy** – 1868-1941. Early day teacher who was said to be the first white child born in Wheatland.

3 **Luther Boulware** – died 1845. This is the earliest burial date in the cemetery.

4 **James Haskell Keyes** – Farmer who filed first double class action lawsuit on behalf of farmers against hydraulic gold mining.

5 **David I. Wood** – Engineer and builder of the Bridgeport Bridge.

6 **Joseph M. C. Jasper** – 1881-1904. Early farmer and hotel proprietor who came west in 1850 at 19 years of age.

7 **Abram N. Garrison** – native of New York, 107 Reg. NY Inf. Civil War.

8 **Joseph E. Hollingshead** – Progressive early farmer; for 16 years Constable of West Bear River Township.

9 **Claude Chana** – Early French gold prospector and farmer, settled near Bear River. Grew many first crops, vineyard, and orchards in the area.

10 **Morris DeLafayette Dowane** – Cpl. Co. A, 4 US Inf. Mexican War Veteran.

11 **Brewer** – early Sutter County farming family.

12 **Indian Boy** – Name and dates unknown. A stone marks the grave.

13 **Sheridan & Sherman Harding** – Twin grandsons of Francis Lofton, local business men and store proprietors.

14 **G. W. Therman** – 1837-1915. Veteran of Indian Wars 1855-1859.

15 **William James Carney, Sr.** – Hotel proprietor.

16 **Aurora (Muck) Bowers** – 1887-1971. Elementary teacher, Episcopal Church leader & family matriarch.

17 **Thomas Nightingale** – 1869-1950. Early merchant and grocery store owner.

18 **John E. Furneaux** – Dairy farmer and long time supervisor of Yuba County.

19 **James & Lindell Sullivan** – Business family, active in community.

20 **Charles Cope** – 1874-1964. Co. I, 3rd Regt. Inf. Spanish American War Veteran.

21 **Amasa "George" Oakley and Harriet Amy (Leet) Beilby** – Both from pioneer farming families. George was a Wheatland school trustee.

22 **E. T. Manwell** – Yuba County District Attorney killed in 1913 Wheatland Hop Riot.

23 **John Frederick and Elizabeth (Pinner) Baun** – Their house was the first in Wheatland where electricity was turned on. He was a blacksmith, fireman, and Mason.

24 **Albert Hamilton Armstead** – Nephew of Amasa Oakley, teacher prior to arriving in California in 1849. Later farmer and owner of lumber yard.

25 **John Stineman** – 1837-1903. Early farmer, Yuba County Supervisor who developed the city water system.

26 **Hugh Roddan** – Wagon master who led pioneer wagon trains from Iowa. Farmer and lumber yard owner, first schoolroom was in the family kitchen.

27 **Cyrus King and Leona (Scott) Dam** – Early farmers and civil leaders, ancestors of many current Wheatland families.

28 **Daniel Fraser** – 1828-1915. Early business leader & farmer, believed to have named the town of Wheatland.

29 **Issac Norton Brock** – Early farmer, one of the founders of Farmers Bank, early self made businessman & Mason.

30 **Dr. Daniel P. Durst** – First hop farmer, formed Wheatland Schools, first mayor, and family friend of Abraham Lincoln.

31 **Dr. Lewis Melton** – Wheatland doctor and early civic leader.

32 **Joseph Hartley** – 1856- 1945. Pioneer, stockman and California historian.

33 **Lewis McCurry** – Town druggist with office next to Dr. Melton on Front Street.

34 **Anderson** – Early farming family and business owners.

35 **Chinese Area** – A tribute to the early Chinese immigrants and their contribution to Wheatland. Property is owned by the Wheatland Historical Society.

Cemeteries are historical sites. They connect the past with the present. Grounds and monuments should be treated with respect at all times.

A B Pioneer children often died young as evidenced by the dates on the stones of the **Moody** and **Deck** families.

C **Emma and David June** – David was a constable in Wheatland who died in 1879 and is buried with Emma. He did return.

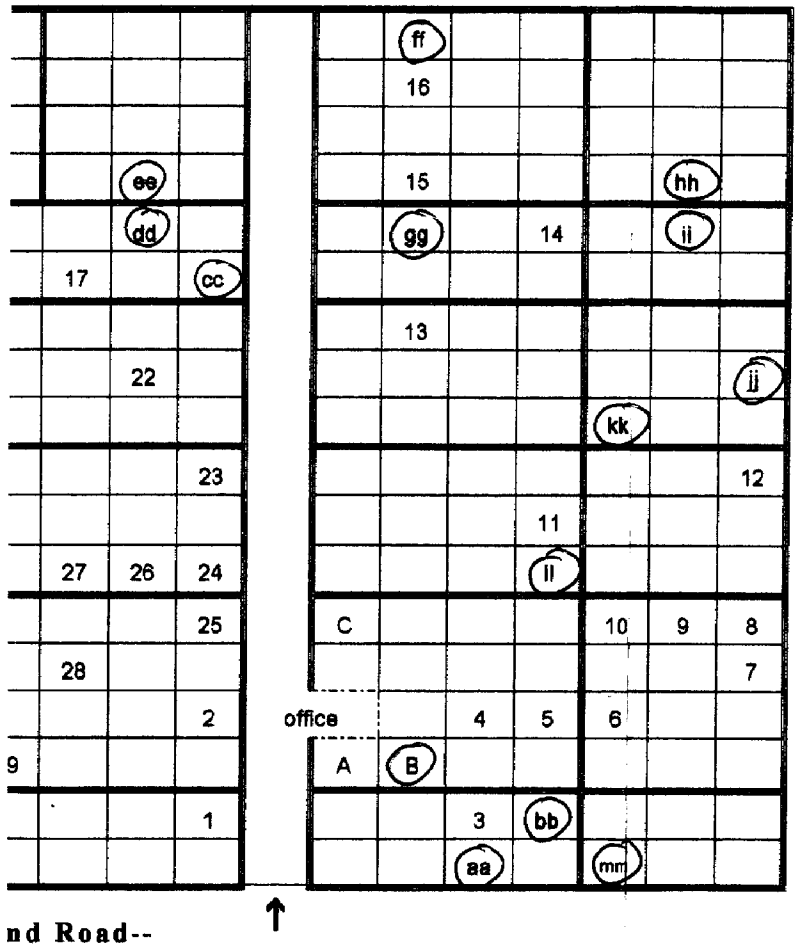
D E The war years claimed many Wheatland natives among them members of the **Boswell** and **Luyster** families.

F **Fred Wilson** – Woodman of the World stone; Fraternal organizations are important and often noted by emblems, and/or stones.

Willow trees, doves, vines, urns, and military insignias are some of the many symbols seen on stones. Lambs are often displayed on the stones of children.

Many military veterans have headstones furnished by the Government.

OUR FAMILY



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Some of the Harrison & Haines Relatives and extended family

aa Leva Haines, J.D. O'Connor, Cleo Ledbetter

B Deck family Al & Thelma Osborn

bb Donald Haines

cc Judith Askew, Herzog, Roy Hayes,

dd Jack & Ethel Harrison, Melvin "Gump" Harrison, Bernard Harrison

ee Ben & Mary Harrison

ff Aunt Ethel Harrison Kuster Fraser, Ed Fraser

gg Robert & Sara H., Kuster child, Harrison babies, Nettie

hh Harrisons -Twisty & Sally, Claude, Whitney, Bill Beckett, Russell Lewis

ii Ralph, Ray, Steve Harrison

jj Starr Tony, and...

kk Doran Little (Osborn family)

ll Nicoletti, Bob, father of Tony

mm Detwiler – Scotty and Golda