

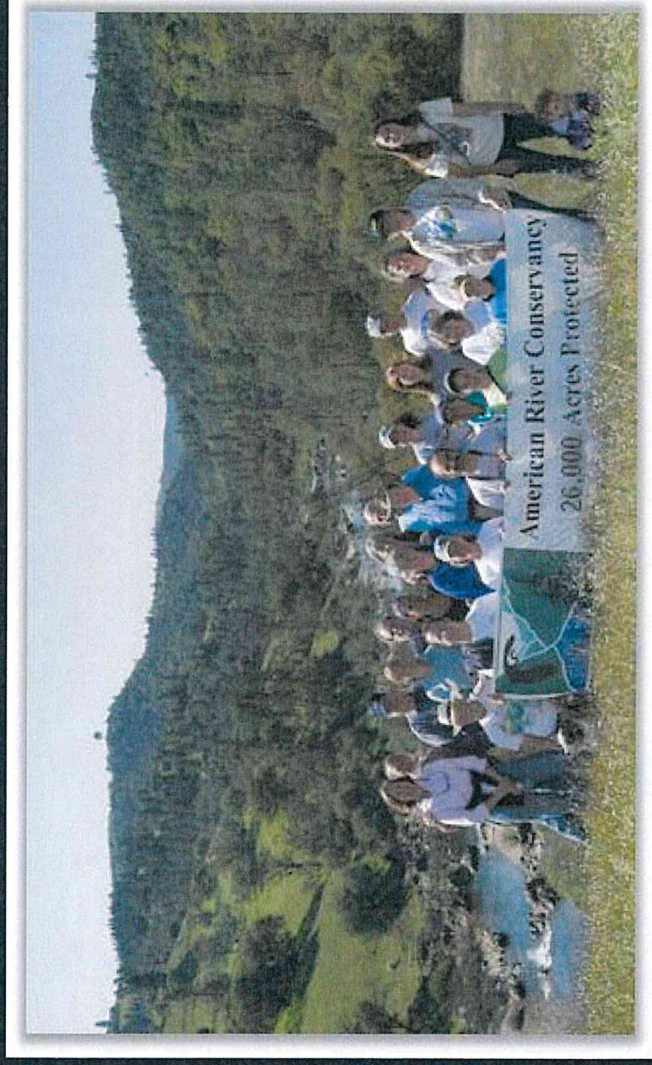
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Preserving Rivers and Land for Life

Conservation Accomplishments

26,000 acres of wildlife habitat, native fisheries, scenic vistas, and recreational lands have been protected since 1989.

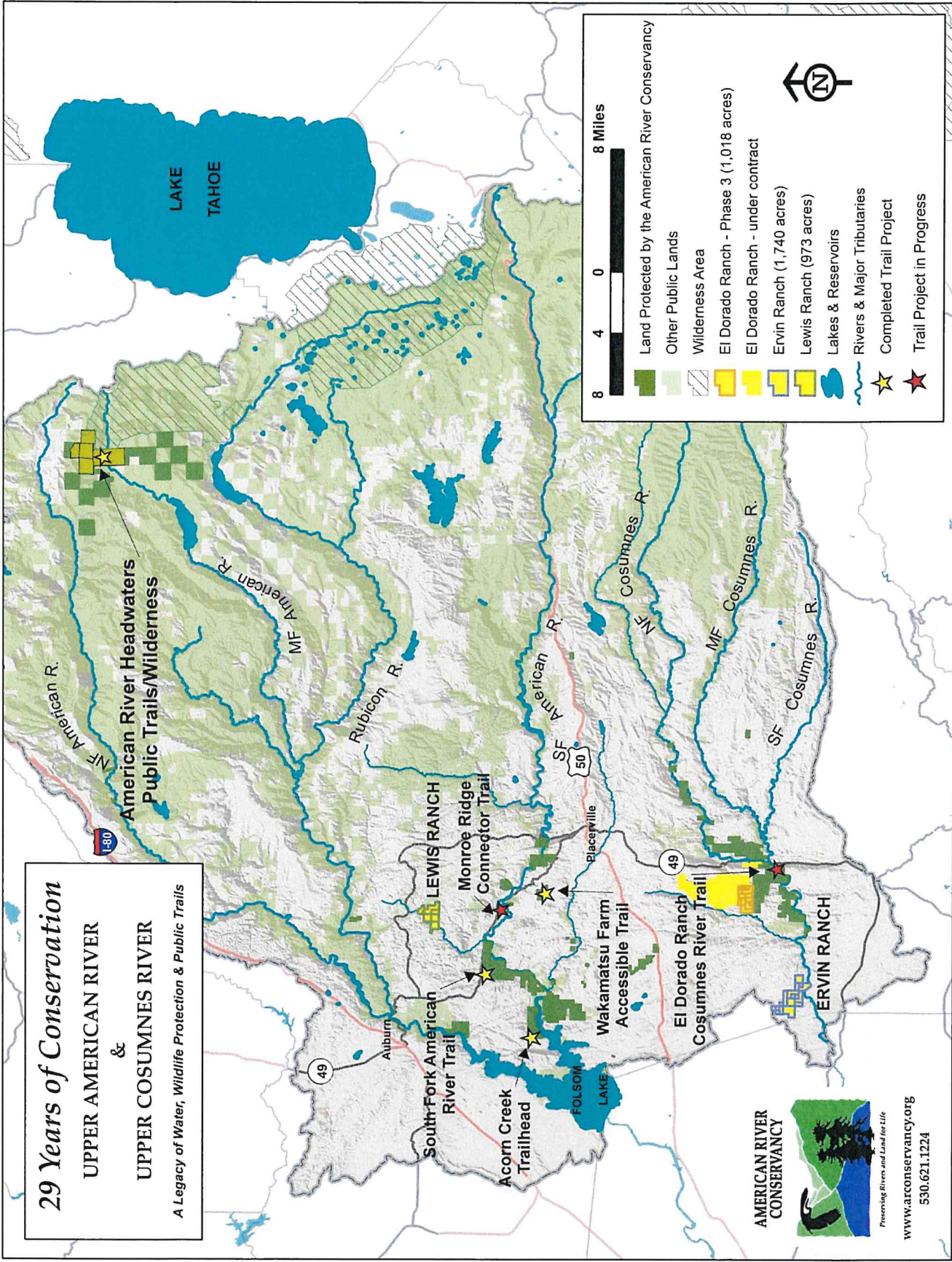


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29 Years of Conservation

UPPER AMERICAN RIVER & UPPER COSUMNES RIVER

A Legacy of Water, Wildlife Protection & Public Trails



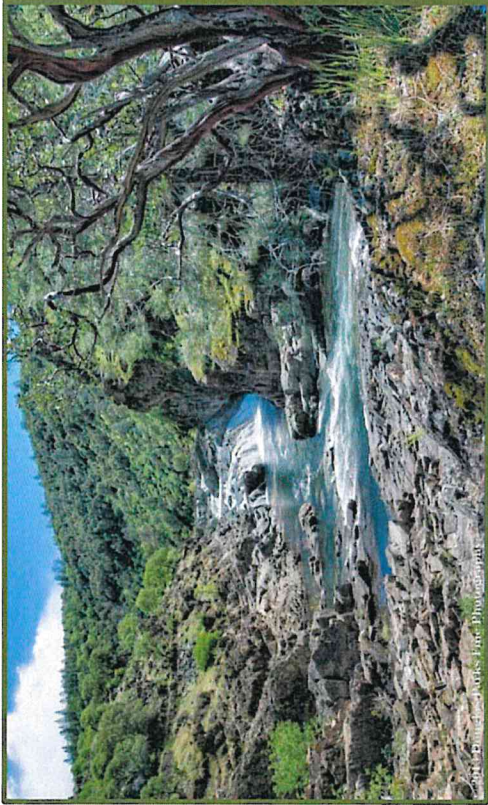
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- Land Protected by the American River Conservancy
- Other Public Lands
- Wilderness Area
- El Dorado Ranch - Phase 3 (1,018 acres)
- El Dorado Ranch - under contract
- Ervin Ranch (1,740 acres)
- Lewis Ranch (973 acres)
- Lakes & Reservoirs
- Rivers & Major Tributaries
- Completed Trail Project
- Trail Project in Progress

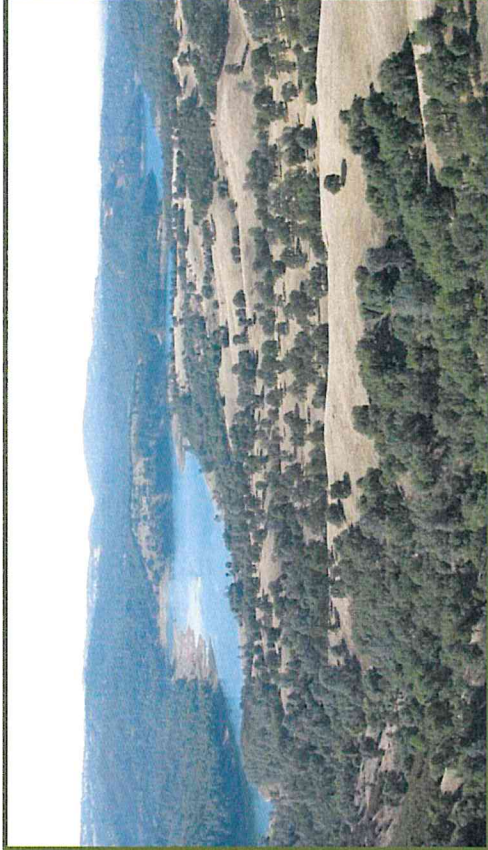
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A Few Conservation Projects Completed by ARC Over the Past 30 Years Within the Upper American and Cosumnes Rivers (1989-2019)



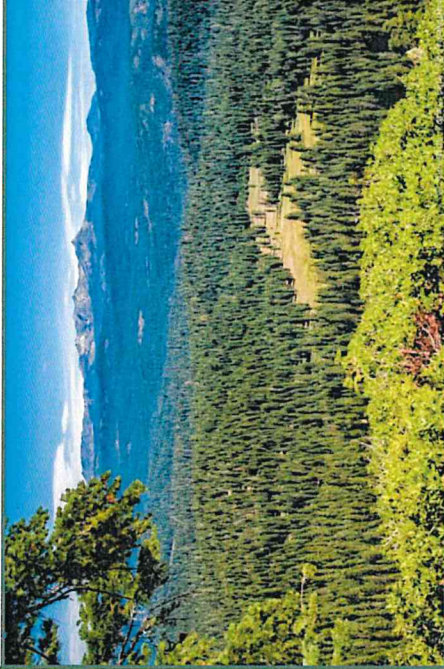
El Dorado Ranch Acquisition (2,139 acres)



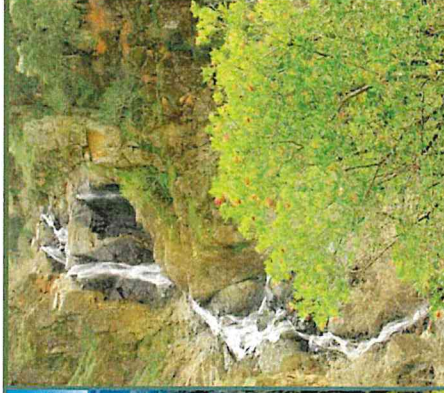
Salmon Falls Ranch Acquisition (757 acres)



**Cronin Ranch Acquisition
(1,314 acres)**

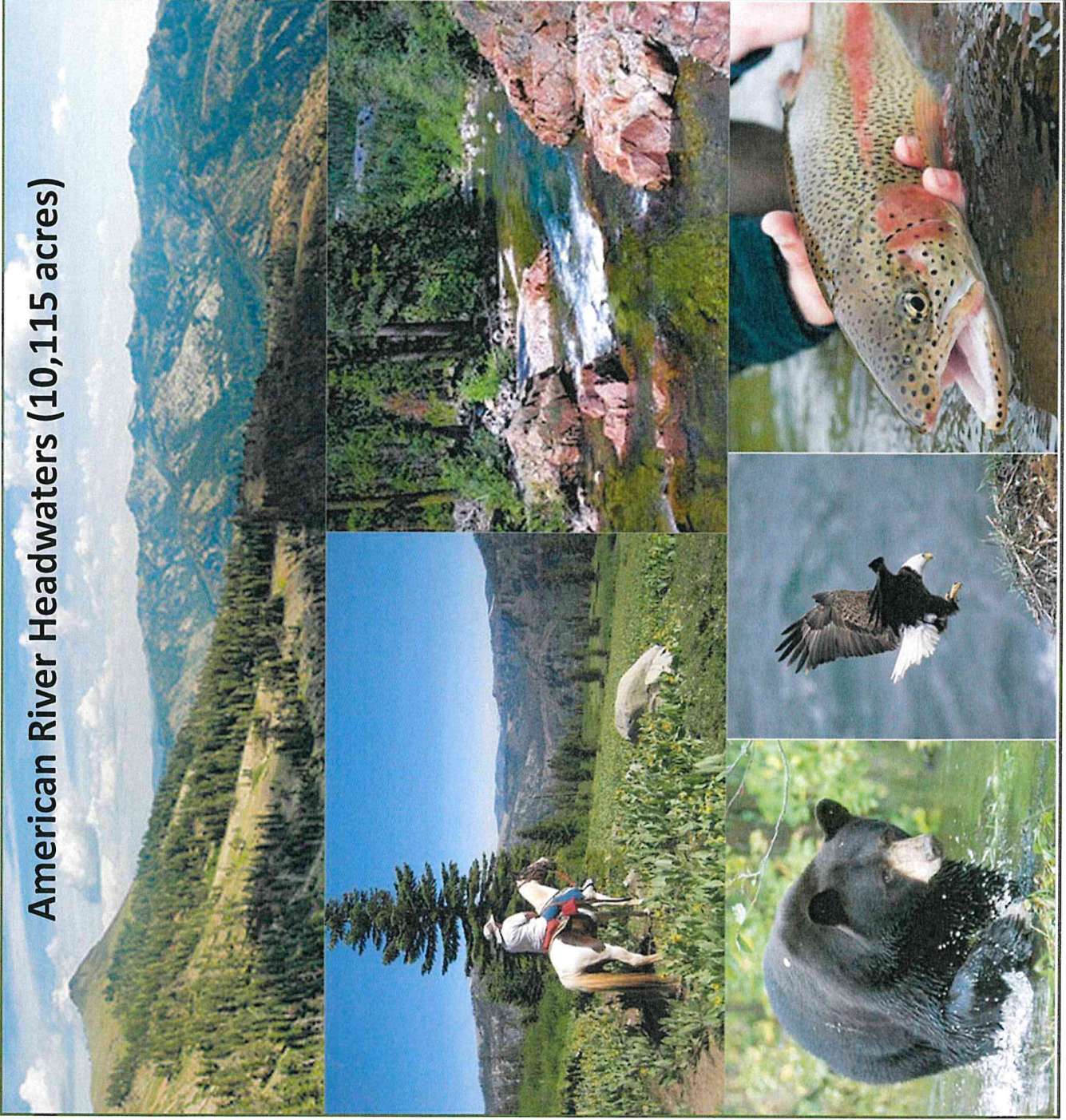


**American River Headwaters
(10,115 acres)**



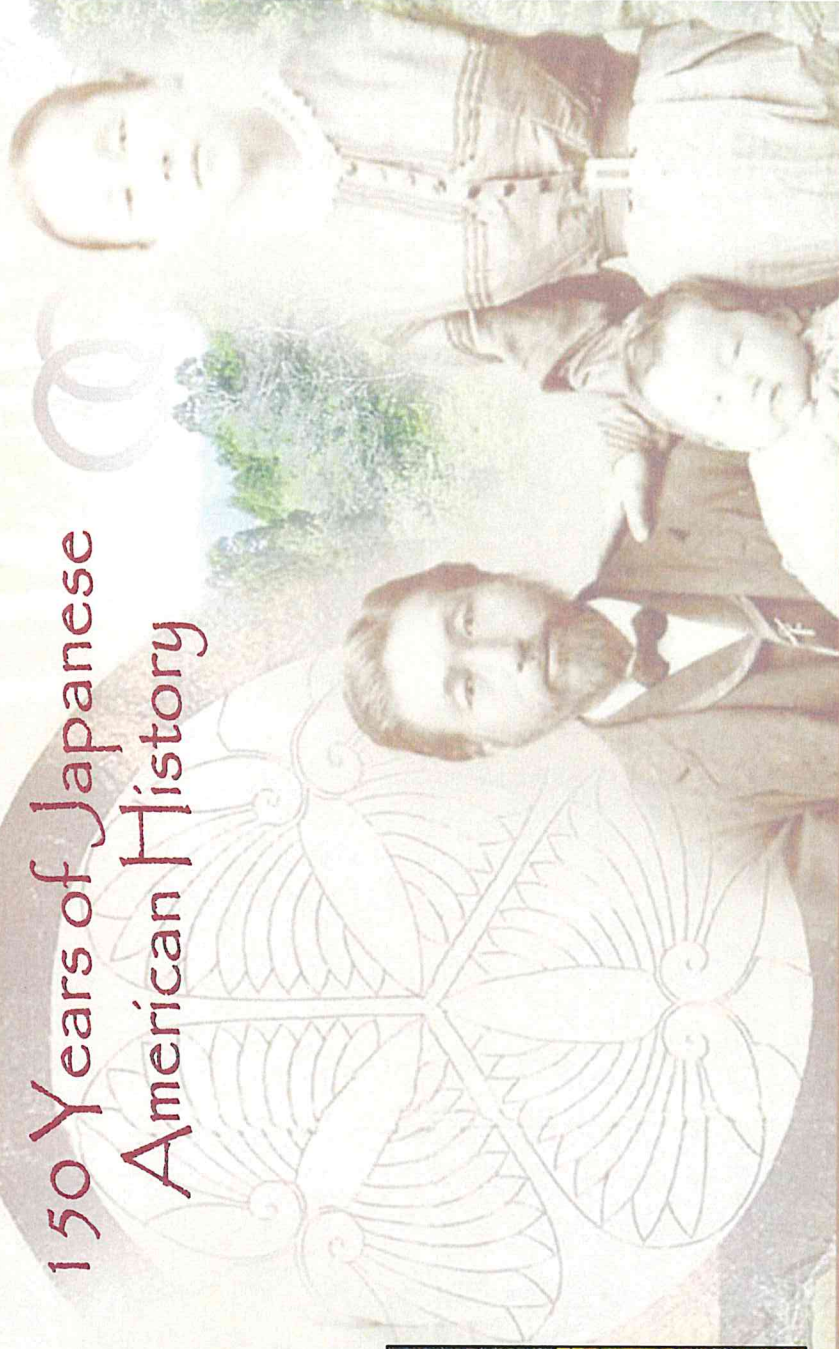
Dutch Creek Waterfalls

American River Headwaters (10,115 acres)



WAKAMATSU

150 Years of Japanese
American History



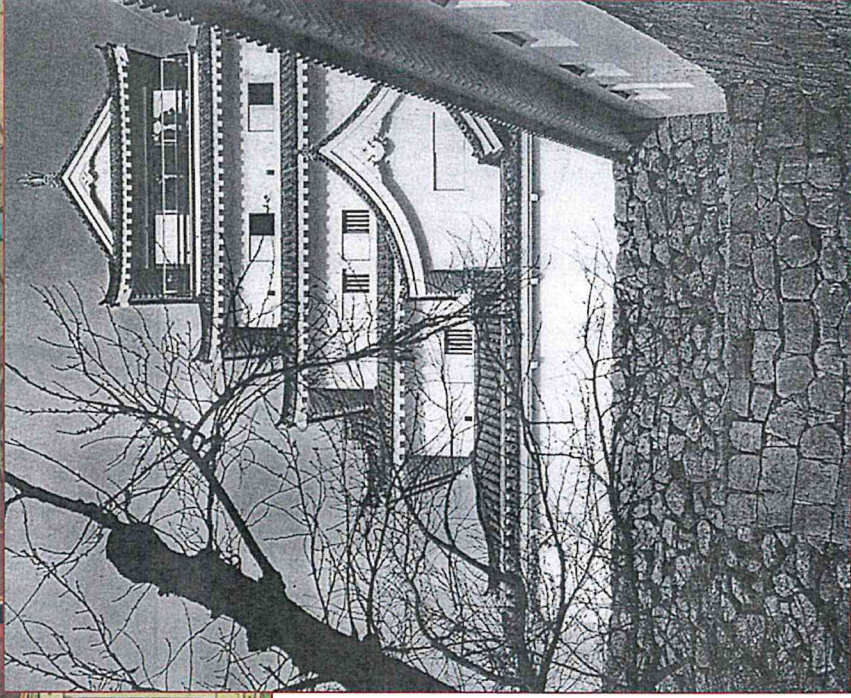
COURAGE

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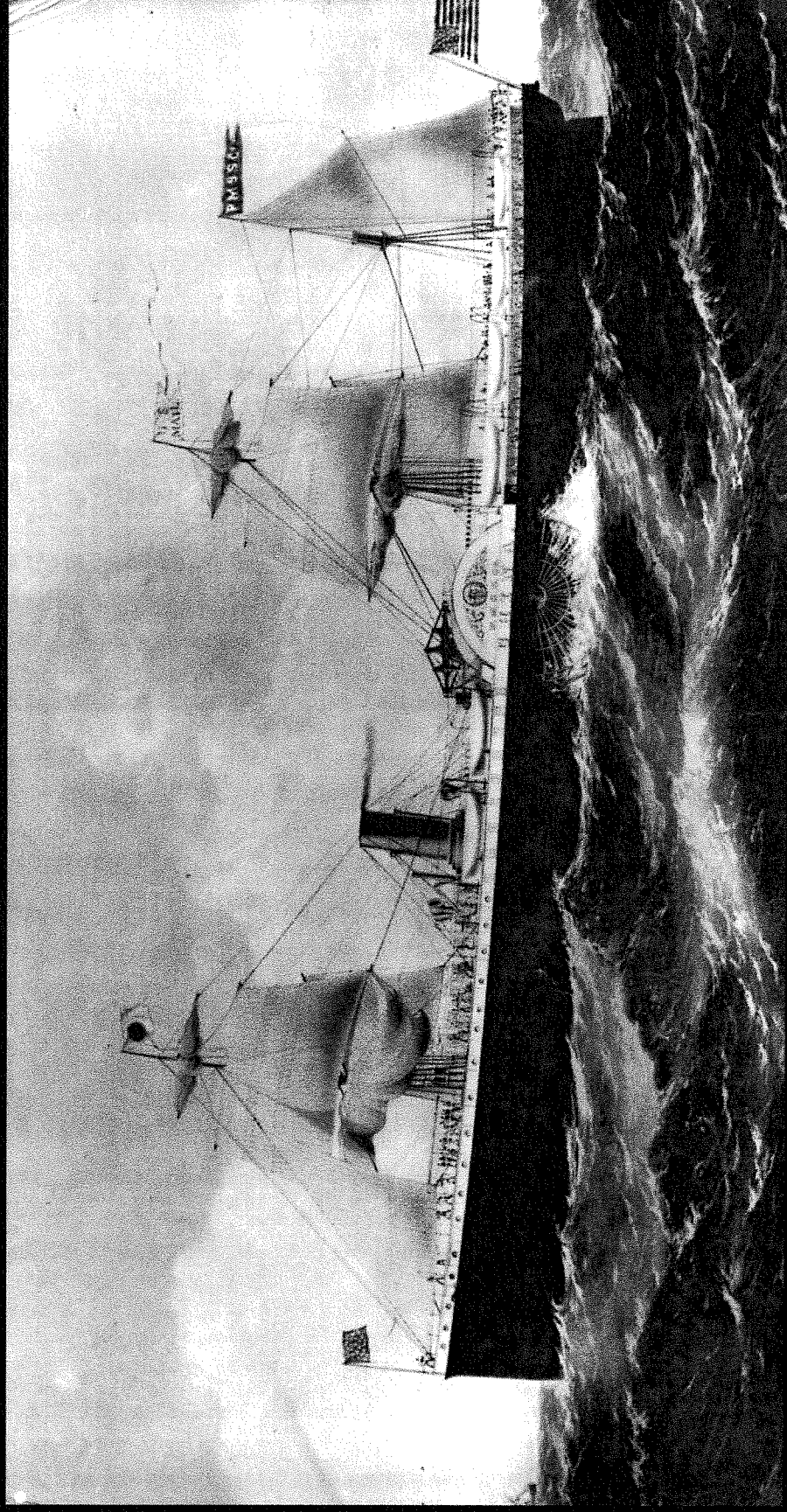


Last Battle of Meiji Restoration



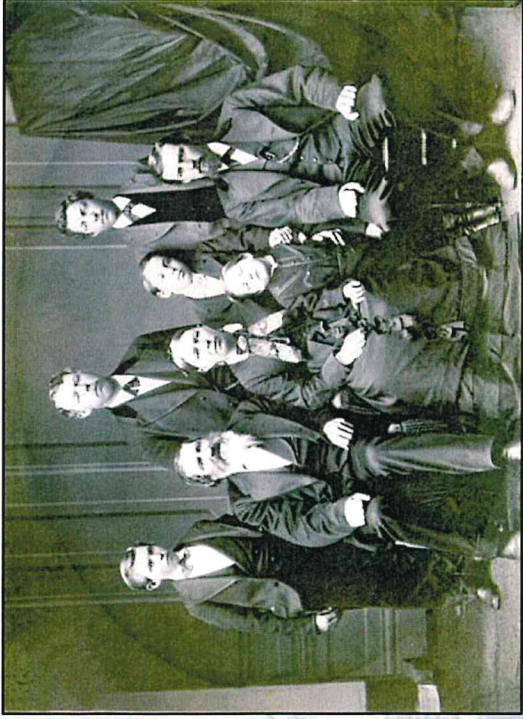
Japan's Civil War was fought at Aizu
Wakamatsu Castle in 1868

U.S.S. China-Pacific Mail Company



The Wakamatsu Colonists arrived in San Francisco in May of
1869.

Wakamatsu Project



Francis Veerkamp Family, ca. 1874

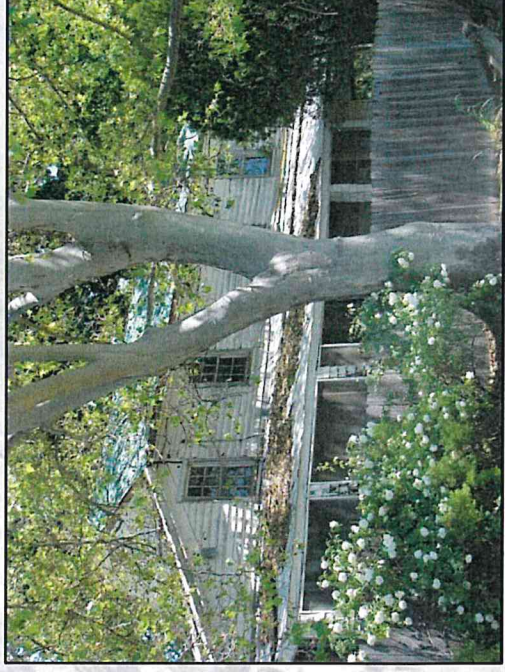


Wakamatsu Colonists, ca. 1869

The historic Graner House, built in 1854, was home to many pioneer families, including the Charles Graner family, the Wakamatsu colonists and the Veerkamp family. This historic farmhouse has been stabilized through a grant provided by the CCHC grant program. The American River Conservancy is seeking further restoration funding to complete restoration and open the structure as a house museum and visitor's center.



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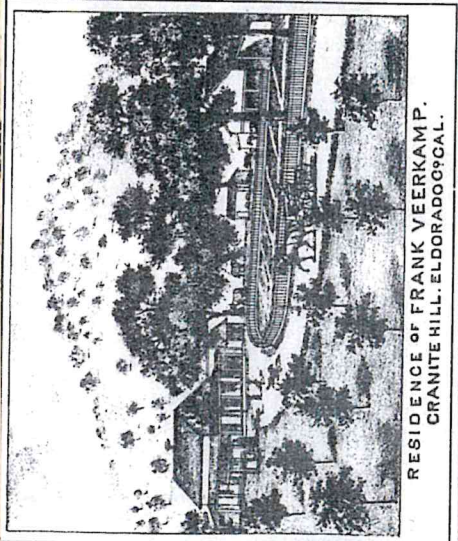
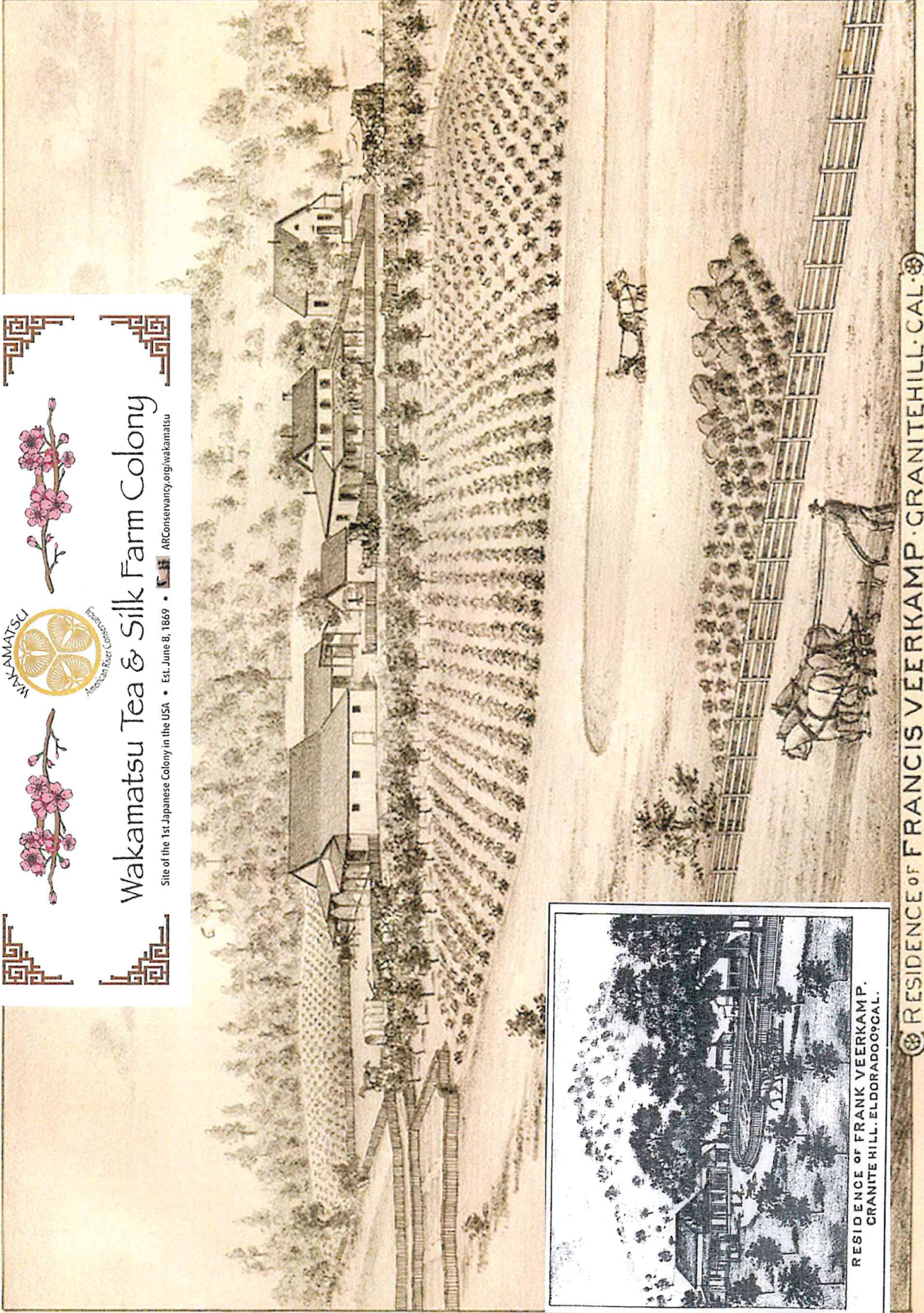
GEORGE THAYER'S

Journal of Mr. Thayer's Colonists at Gold Hill, 1869



Wakamatsu Tea & Silk Farm Colony

Site of the 1st Japanese Colony in the USA • Est. June 8, 1869 • ARCconservancy.org/wakamatsu

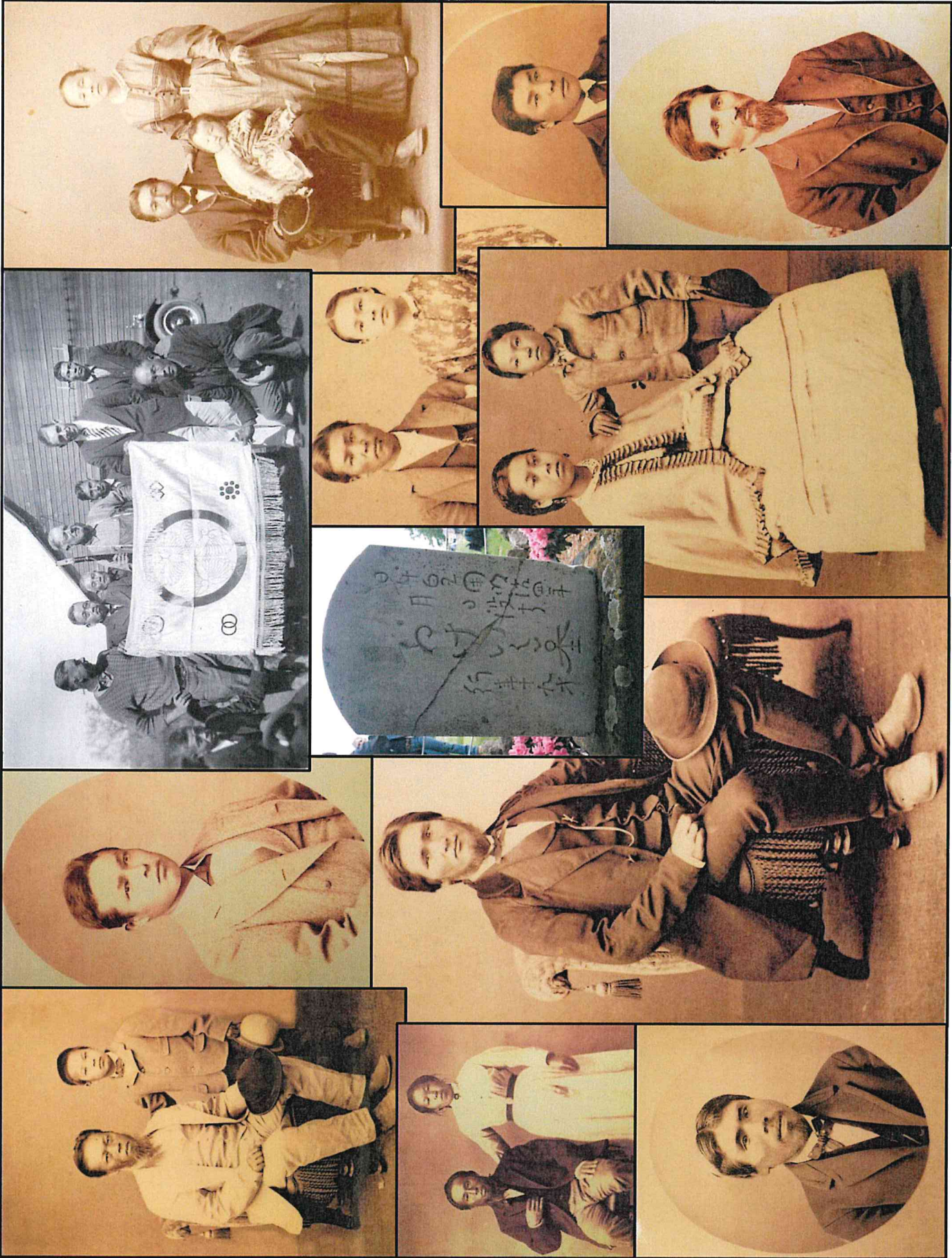


RESIDENCE OF FRANK VEERKAMP.
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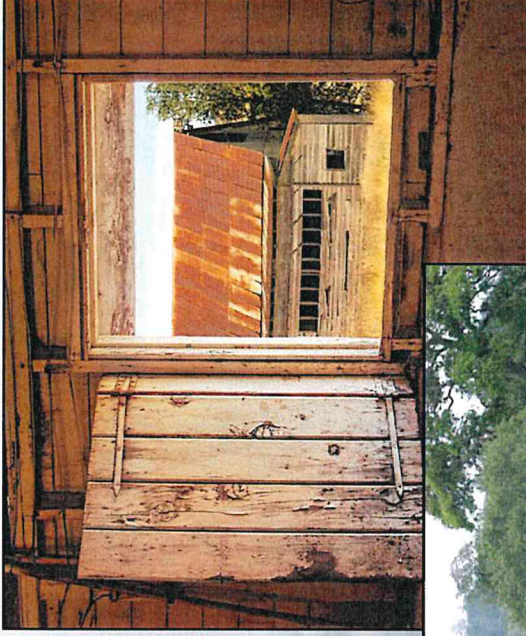
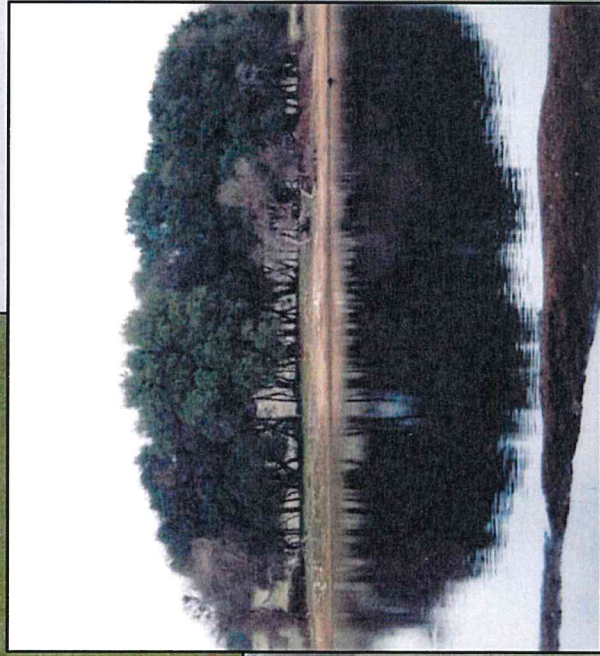
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Aizuwakamatsu Clan Banner & Short Sword
Members of the Veerkamp Family and Sacramento Japanese American Citizen's
League (JACL) Photo: Circa 1930



The Future of Wakamatsu Farm



Proposed Park Improvements Might Include:

- 2.5-miles of multi-use and ADA compliant trails
- Education Center
- Picnic area and Pavilion
- Restroom Facilities
- Demonstration Gardens
- Restoration of Wetlands and Pond Areas
- Interpretive kiosks and panels

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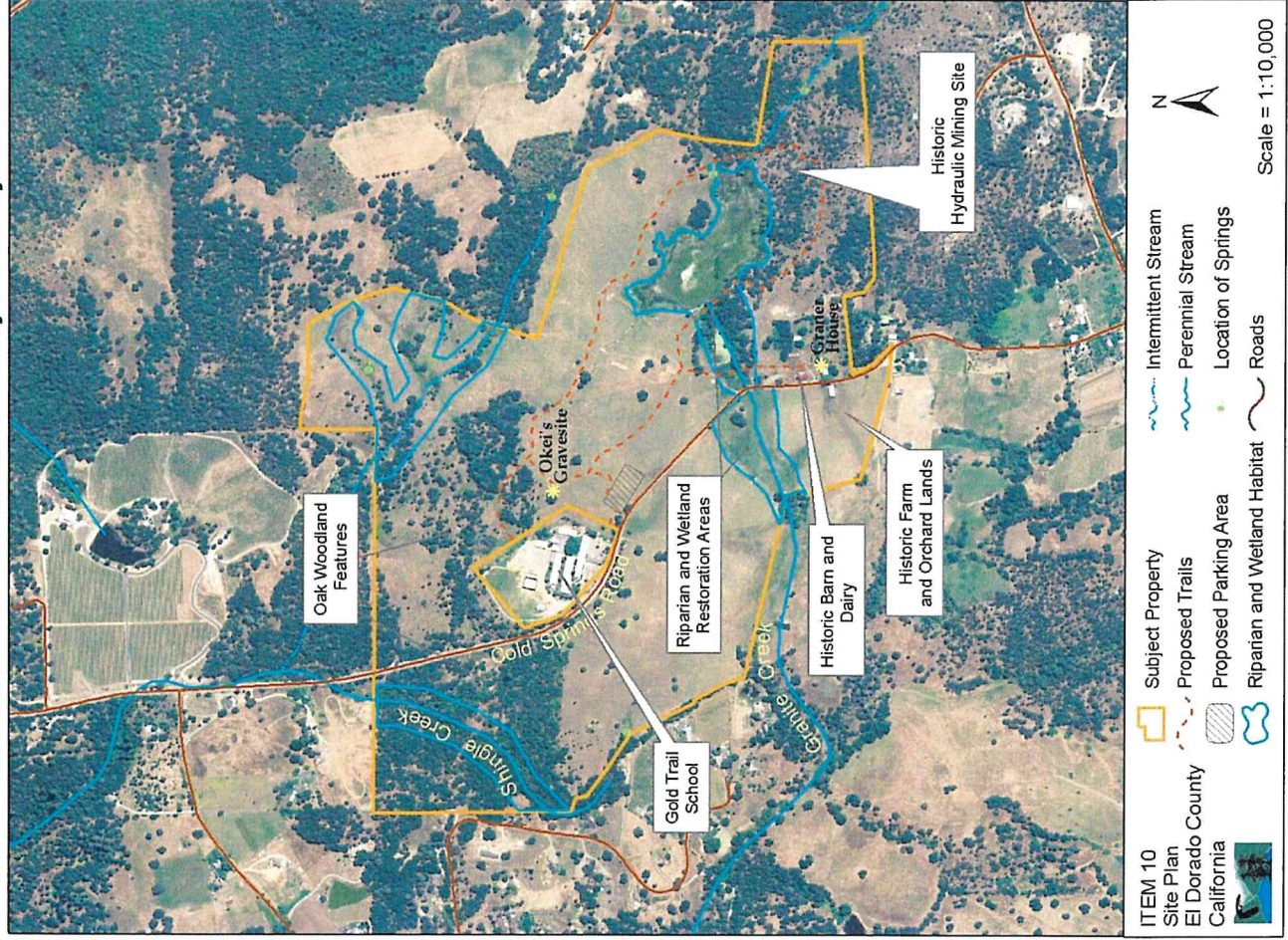
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BACK TO MAP



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Gold Hill Ranch - Wakamatsu Colony Park Project





Wakamatsu
150
Festival

Mr. Matsuura
DIED
Aged 94 Years
A Japanese Star

Wakamatsu Farm Project

Supporters and Endorsements:

- Japanese American Citizens League:
 - Florin Chapter
 - Placer Chapter
 - Sacramento Chapter
- Alan Nakanishi, Assemblyman
- Doris Matsui, Congresswoman
- Tom McClintock, Congressman
- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Mary Jean Eisenhower, CEO People to People International
- The Cities of Aizu Wakamatsu and Warabi
- El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce
- California State Parks, Gold Fields District
- Placer Land Trust
- National Park Service
- Consul General of Japan
- Gold Trail School District
- Jean Starns, Archaeologist and Historian
- People to People, El Dorado County Chapter
- Rafu Shimpo Foundation
- Sacramento Tohoku Shinwa Kai
- Susan Lindstrom, PhD; Archaeologist and Historian
- George Takei, Actor
- John VanSant, PhD; Historian and Professor
- Bureau of Land Management
- California Rice Commission
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



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“ The tale of a small group of Japanese immigrants who traveled to California and the Veerkamp family who befriended them is a wonderful example of People to People International in action. When my grandfather [Dwight D. Eisenhower] founded People to People, he said, ‘I have long believed, as many before me, that peaceful relations between nations requires understanding and mutual respect between individuals,’ What better example of this than people from such diverse backgrounds working together through the shared bond of agriculture? The historical value of their partnership is immeasurable and is certainly a testament to the regional connection between the people of California and Japan”

Mary Jean Eisenhower

President, People to People International

