



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
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April 4, 2019

Ellen Osborn
Historic Preservation Chair
El Dorado Chapter, NSDAR
2834 Shady lane
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

Dear Mrs. Osborn,

As the Cemetery Director of the County of El Dorado, duly authorized by the County's Cemetery Ordinance (8.20), I approve moving forward with the concept of a historical plaque, which would be donated by the El Dorado Chapter, NSDAR, at the Placerville Union Cemetery, 650 Bee St., Placerville, California. If a determination is made by the NSDAR to approve the installation of a plaque at the Placerville Union Cemetery, we will seek final approval for the installation by the Board of Supervisors.

The following language for the plaque is also approved:

Placerville Union Cemetery

Here rest the remains of pioneer families, a hardy group that set down roots, defended our country in time of war and created the community we enjoy today. In 1871, a union of local fraternal organizations jointly purchased this tract of land to use as a place to bury their members and families. The first known interment occurred on May 10, 1871.

- *Masonic Lodges Palmyra #151 and El Dorado #26*
- *Independent Order of Odd Fellows Morning Star and Franklin Lodges*
- *Independent Order of Red Men Culloma Tribe*
- *California Grove #1, United Ancient Order of Druids*

Later three additional fraternal organizations purchased adjacent parcels, bringing the current size of the cemetery to 4.75 acres.

- *Knights of Pythias #70*
- *Native Sons of the Golden West Parlor #9*
- *Fraternal Order of Eagles Placerville Aerie #889*

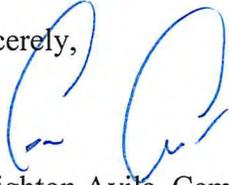
The Masonic Lodge operated the cemetery until the 1950s when they deeded it to a private corporation. The County of El Dorado assumed responsibility for the cemetery in 2006.

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The County assumed operation of the Placerville Union Cemetery in October 31, 2006.

It has been a pleasure working with you on the development of the research, and we sincerely appreciate your diligent efforts in documenting the details of the history of the Placerville Union Cemetery. We look forward to hearing the results of the NSDAR decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Avila', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Creighton Avila, Cemetery Director
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer