

- Museum updates – reopening
- <https://eldoradolibrary.org/museum-commission/>
- In partnership with El Dorado County Surveyor's Office, over 400 oversized historical maps have been scanned and indexed so far.
- Marker – 359 Main Street, Placerville. - “The Placerville Pie Lady” – Lucy Ann Stoddard – 1818 – 1895. Pioneer of the gold rush era and champion of women's rights. NSDAR, El Dorado County Historical Society, El Dorado County Historical Museum.



## LUCY ANN STODDARD

1818 – 1895

“THE PLACERVILLE PIE LADY”

LUCY PAVED THE WAY FOR WOMEN BY OPENING HER OWN SUCCESSFUL PIE BUSINESS DURING THE PEAK OF THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH. THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE OF LUCY'S HOME AND BAKERY THAT ONCE WAS LOCATED ON THIS STREET NO LONGER EXISTS.

1818 - LUCY ANN STODDARD WAS BORN IN CONNECTICUT.

CIRCA 1849 – SHE CAME OVER THE PLAINS TO PLACERVILLE, CA (THEN KNOWN AS HANGTOWN) WITH HER FIRST HUSBAND JOHN WAKEFIELD.

1851-LUCY WROTE: “I LOVE CALIFORNIA AND PROBABLY NOW SHALL MAKE MY HOME AND FINAL RESTING PLACE HERE...I HAVE BEEN TOILING HARD FOR THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS...DOING AN ALMOST INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK, AVERAGING ABOUT 20 DOZEN PIES WEEKLY WITH MY OWN HANDS WITHOUT ANY ONE TO FETCH SO MUCH AS A BUCKET OF WATER.”

1851-CHILDHOOD FRIEND LESLIE BRYSON WROTE: “I VISITED LUCY AND FOUND HER LIVING ALONE BUT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN MAKING PIES. SHE WORKS EARLY + LATE AND SEEMS AMBITIOUS TO SAVE HER EARNINGS AND LAY UP MONEY SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT HER WITHOUT HARD LABOR...LUCY COMMANDS THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF ALL GOOD PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY SHE DWELLS.”

CIRCA 1852-PER CALIFORNIA STATE STATUTES, LUCY WAS GRANTED A DIVORCE, CHANGED HER NAME BACK TO HER SURNAME STODDARD, OPERATED HER PIE BUSINESS AS SOLE TRADER, AND BOUGHT AND SOLD HER OWN PROPERTY.

23 MARCH 1895 – LUCY ANN STODDARD PASSED AWAY AGE 76. SHE IS LAID TO REST AT MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, WITH HER SECOND HUSBAND CHRISTOPHER BATTERMAN.

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LUCY IS REMEMBERED AS A PIONEER OF THE GOLD RUSH ERA  
AND A CHAMPION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

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