

# PIONEER CEMETERIES

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AMADOR CO., CA.

## OUR MISSION

The Amador County Cemetery Board (ACCB) is charged with preserving the historical integrity of our pioneer cemeteries. This includes repair, maintenance, gravesite identification and vandalism deterrents.

AMBITIOUS? YES. AND COSTLY!

**YOU can help us realize these goals.**

Contributions may be sent to:

**AMADOR COUNTY CEMETERY BOARD**  
810 Court Street | Jackson, CA | 95642

Your contributions will help us preserve and maintain the integrity of our valuable county cemeteries.

## DIRECTIONS TO CEMETERIES

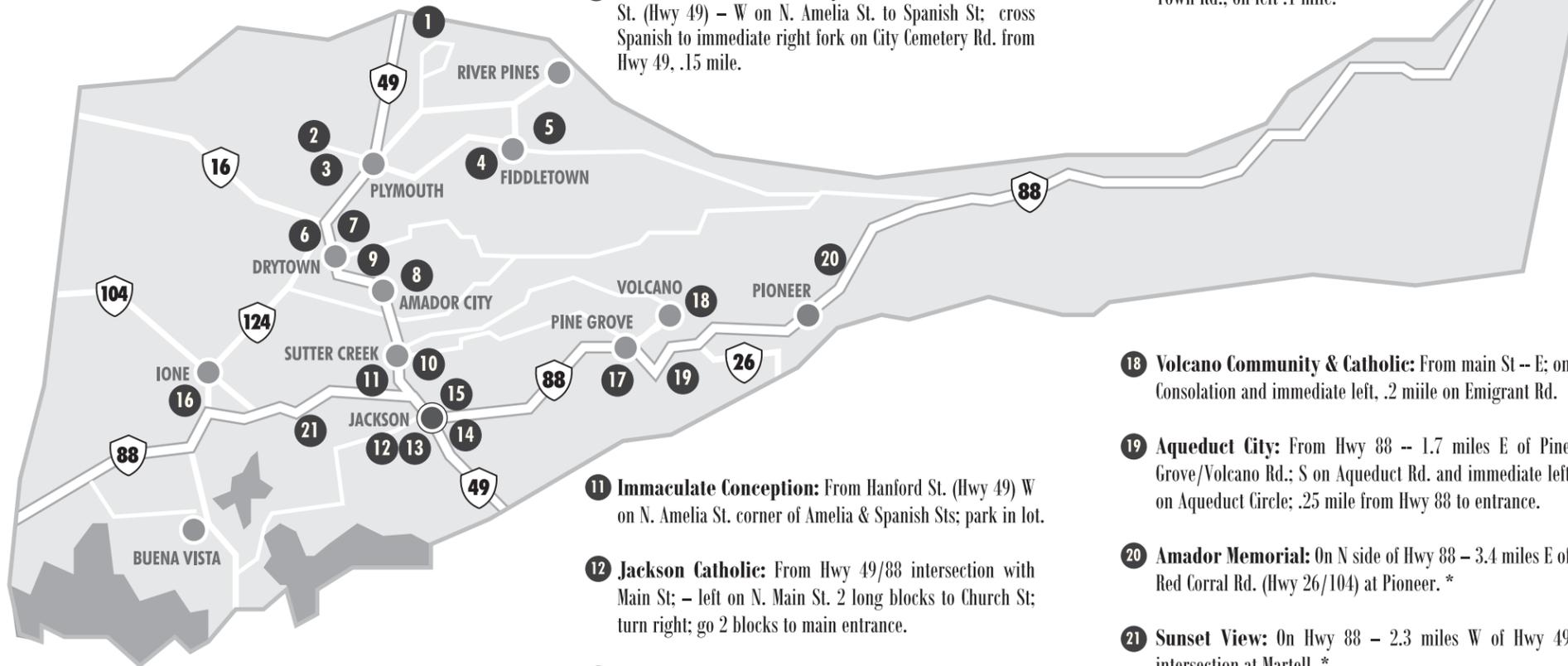
- 1 Shenandoah Valley:** From Hwy 49, Plymouth -- E on Shenandoah Rd 4.3 miles to Steiner Rd; left .3 mile.
- 2 Plymouth City & Catholic:** From Hwy 49 -- W .2 mile on Main St. to Church St; N on Church St. 2 blocks.
- 3 Plymouth I.O.O.F.:** From Hwy 49 -- W .3 mile on Main St. to Sherwood St.; S 2 blocks, picket fenced cemetery on left above firehouse.
- 4 Fiddletown Community & Masonic:** From W end Main St. -- S- 1/5 miles on American Flat Rd.
- 5 Fiddletown I.O.O.F.:** From W end Main St. -- W .4 mile on Fiddletown - Silver Lake Rd.; entrance on left.

- 6 Drytown Public:** This cemetery is surrounded by private property and is not accessible. Fully transcribed tombstone content and tombstone photos can be viewed online at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caamado2/DrytownPhotos.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caamado2/DrytownPhotos.htm).
- 7 Drytown Catholic:** From Hwy 49 -- E on County Rd. 81 (Spanish St.) immediate left turn after Claypiper Theatre. .15 mile; entrance on right.
- 8 Amador City:** From Hwy 49 -- N on Church St., 1 block W of Imperial Hotel.
- 9 Oak Knoll:** From Hwy 49 at Imperial Hotel -- 2 short blocks E on Water St. to E School St.; uphill to Fremont Mine Rd. right, then left onto Bunker Hill Rd.; From Hwy 49 .6 mile; gate on left.
- 10 Sutter Creek Catholic, City & I.O.O.F.:** From Hanford St. (Hwy 49) -- W on N. Amelia St. to Spanish St; cross Spanish to immediate right fork on City Cemetery Rd. from Hwy 49. .15 mile.

- 14 Jackson Jewish (Givoth Olam)** From intersection of Hwys 49/88 -- turn left on Hwy 88; 1 block then left on Broadway; 1 block to Water St.; turn right and continue to Placer; left on Placer past Conv Hospital then to City Cemetery Lane; iron fence on right.
- 15 St. Sava Serbian:** From intersection of Hwys 49/88 with Main St. -- Left on Main St. continue .3 mile.
- 16 Ione Catholic & Public:** From Main St. -- S on Church St. (Hwy 124) .2 mile to Sacred Heart Church entrance and access to cemetery. Continue .15 mile to public cemetery entrances on left.
- 17 Pine Grove:** From Hwy 88 -- S on Irish Town Rd.; on left .1 mile.

- 18 Volcano Community & Catholic:** From main St -- E; on Consolation and immediate left. .2 mile on Emigrant Rd.
- 19 Aqueduct City:** From Hwy 88 -- 1.7 miles E of Pine Grove/Volcano Rd.; S on Aqueduct Rd. and immediate left on Aqueduct Circle; .25 mile from Hwy 88 to entrance.
- 20 Amador Memorial:** On N side of Hwy 88 -- 3.4 miles E of Red Corral Rd. (Hwy 26/104) at Pioneer. \*
- 21 Sunset View:** On Hwy 88 -- 2.3 miles W of Hwy 49 intersection at Martell. \*

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NOTE: When visiting our rural cemeteries, please close gates.



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The Amador County Cemetery Board was established by the Amador County Board of Supervisors on March 31, 1992. It is an advisory body of appointed members.

The Board's objective is to preserve and protect the county's cemeteries, in recognition of their value as historic monuments to be appreciated by generations to come.

Toward that end, the Board periodically offers public information to stimulate interest in maintaining and restoring these cemeteries.

for general information  
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## OF INTEREST IN AMADOR COUNTY CEMETERIES

### 1 SHENANDOAH VALLEY CEMETERY

**Adam Uhlinger** (1820 - 1880) Swiss immigrant, early vintner near Fiddletown (Oleta), later of Shenandoah. Founder of first commercial winery. Sold Zinfandel estate to D'Agostini in 1911. The winery is currently operated by the Sobon estate.

### 2 PLYMOUTH CEMETERY

**Fremont Mine Disaster Memorial:** A single monument just inside the main entrance along the south fence line marks the mass grave of 10 of the 11 victims of the disaster of Nov. 30, 1907. Thirteen miners were lowered to the 1,000 foot level into a raging fire. It had ignited with the mine empty and smoke had been drawn into the adjoining Grover Mine. Two of the miners climbed out, escaping. One of the victims was buried at Diamond Springs.

**John Joseph Ekel** (1840 - 1914) Colorful lawyer, crippled in a shoot-out while representing the owner of a local bagnio. Later sentenced to San Quentin for assault with a deadly weapon. He is possibly responsible for the naming of Plymouth.

### 4 FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CEMETERY

**Jimmy Chow** (1885 - 1965) Born Chow Fong You. Adopted son of Chew Key, Chinese herbalist, owner of California State Historical rammed earth building. Jimmy's care and preservation of the store saved one of the premier vestiges of the once thriving Chinese Mother Lode Community.

### 5 FIDDLETOWN I.O.O.F.

Votaw children, Malissa, Millard and Eugene died within six weeks of one another during May and June of 1863, victims of the childhood perils faced by the early pioneers.

### 6 DRYTOWN PUBLIC CEMETERY

**Johann Heinrich Meiss** (1793 - 1865) Served in the Prussian Army during Napoleon's first conquest of Europe. Came to Drytown 1852, established first butcher shop in area in 1854. *Cemetery not accessible.*

### 7 DRYTOWN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

**Manuel King** (c. 1829 - 1864) One of more than 100 persons out of 170 who were killed or missing in the explosion of the steamboat *Washoe* in Rio Vista.

**Peter McCabe** (1833-1863) Native of County Monaghan, Ireland. Killed in a wagon accident on the road between Jackson and Ione.

*How strange oh God that reigns on high  
That I should come so far to die;  
And leave my friends where I was bred --  
To lay my bones with strangers dead.  
But I have hopes when I arise --  
To dwell with them in yonder skies.*



### 8 AMADOR CITY

**Oliver Vance** (1848 - 1880) One of numerous people killed in mining accidents. He died when he was crushed by a skip in the Keystone Mine. Left behind a wife and five children who received death benefits from the Ancient Order of United Workmen, one of many benevolent societies supplying an early form of life insurance.

### 10 SUTTER CREEK CITY CEMETERY

**Robert Carleton Downs** (1828 - 1901) A partner of Levi Hanford. Part owner and superintendent of the Lincoln Quartz Mine of which Leland Stanford was also a partner. Also owned the Golden Eagle Mine near Sutter Creek. Member of the State Assembly 1879 - 80.

### 10 SUTTER CREEK CATHOLIC CEMETERY

**Joseph Lubanski** (1906 - 1993) American Polish soldier for freedom and independence of Poland. Fought with the Polish Commando Company 1942 -1945. Came to the U.S. 1952, continued to fight for Poland using his typewriter as a weapon. Received the Polish Cross.

### 11 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

**Mahoney family:** The plot, located just outside the entrance to the church, contains a number of very large stones, representative of the early old-style monuments. At least 17 members of the Mahoney family -- brothers, wives, cousins and children -- are buried in this cemetery. From 1858 through 1868, 13 Mahoneys succumbed to various causes ranging from illness to violence at the hand of another. Three more joined from 1879 to 1888. The last, Johanna Mahoney died in 1942.

### 12 JACKSON CATHOLIC CEMETERY

**Marie Suize** or **Swize** (1824 - 1892) Also known as "Madam Pantaloons". French immigrant arrested in Jackson and Virginia City, Nevada, for wearing men's clothing. Owned Amador's most successful winery near Clinton (Secreta Gulch) and worked as a miner on her own claim and others.

**Angelo Noce** (1847 - 1922) Sought recognition of Cristopher Columbus for discovery of America and was founder of Columbus Day as a legal holiday in the U.S.

**Andrew Kennedy** (1803 - 1871) Discoverer of the Kennedy Mine, at one time the deepest gold mine in the world.

### 13 JACKSON CITY CEMETERY

**Mike Tovey** (1842 - 1893) Distinguished Wells Fargo stage guard and messenger. Was shot and killed by a robber who attempted to hold up the stage on which he was travelling.

**James T. Farley** (1826 - 1886) Gifted orator and politician. State Assemblyman, State Senator 1869 - 1876, U.S. Senator 1878.

**Arthur Caminetti** (1854 - 1923) State Senator 1880s, U.S. Senator 1890s. Introduced the bill making California's Admission Day, September 9, a state holiday. Secured for Amador County the Preston School of Industry in Ione.

**Hiram Craig Meek** (1788 - 1881) Native of Virginia. Major in the War of 1812. Thought to be the only man buried in Amador County who personally knew George Washington.



**Alexander Adams** was a well known resident of Pine Grove. In 1916, he was seriously wounded in an accidental shooting and died 9 days later. He was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery but his grave was unmarked until 2009, when the ACCB identified it and placed the above plaque. There are many such plaques throughout Amador's cemeteries.

### 14 JACKSON JEWISH (GIVOTH OLAM)

**Herman Goldner** (1827 - 1906) Postmaster of Jackson 1885 - 1889. Justice of the Peace in Jackson from 1878 until his death. From his obituary: ". . . one of the largest funerals ever seen in Jackson. No one, rich or poor, irrespective of religion, died but that Judge Goldner paid his last respects by attendance at the funeral."

### 15 ST. SAVA SERBIAN

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, built in 1894, was the first Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in America. One of the early obelisks at the rear of the cemetery carries inscriptions for two **Dragomanovich children** who died in June and July of 1887. Most of the oldest stones bear inscriptions using the old Cyrillic alphabet, while newer stones have used the newer Cyrillic alphabet, or English.

### 16 IONE PUBLIC CEMETERY

**Albert Theodore "William" Courtright** (1848 - 1933) In San Francisco, he first gained fame as a comedian in the minstrel show circuit. With the advent of the motion picture industry, he found employment in silent films. He is buried next to his first wife, Mary Jane "Jennie Lee" Courtright, a well-known actress of early silent films.

**Elizabeth W. Withington** (c.1824 - 1877) Joined her husband George in Ione Valley in 1852. As an artist and photographer, she won awards at one of the first State Fairs held in California. Samples of her works are found in the collections of the Huntington Library and the Amador County archives.

**Nathaniel Cecil** (1838 - 1907) Born a slave in Missouri to Mr. S.G. Cecil and brought with him to California in 1857. Three years later, he earned enough to buy his freedom. Respected cowboy, sheepherder and teamster on the Arroyo Seco Grant.

### 17 PINE GROVE CEMETERY

**Harry Bluett Liversedge** (1894 - 1951) Brig. Gen. USMC. Served in World Wars I and II. On Feb. 23, 1945, Col. Liversedge led the 28th Marine Regiment in the capture of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, and the famous flag raising that inspired the Marine Memorial Monument at Arlington.

**William W. Stewart** (1844 - 1936) Served in Company I, 2nd Minnesota Infantry during the Civil War. He was the last surviving Civil War veteran in Amador County.

### 18 VOLCANO MEMORIAL CEMETERY

**Benjamin Ross** (1822 - 1902) Sgt. Maj., Union Army. Served in Co. E, 1st Mass. Inf. during the Mexican War. Came to California in 1850 and to Volcano in 1852. Was involved in mining, merchandising, banking and surveying. In 1872 he was appointed U.S. Deputy Surveyor for mines by Surveyor General J.R. Hardenburgh. Elected to the Amador County Board of Supervisors in 1878.

#### RESTORATION of the GRAVESITE of **Mary Marshall Carpenter** at Volcano Community Cemetery

**Mary Marshall Carpenter** was born in England in 1831. She and her husband, Thomas, came to Volcano in 1852, where Thomas prospected and ran a livery stable.



*A tree has grown through the downed stone.*



*The tree is removed.*



*The stone is lifted out of the ground and carefully set on a curing concrete slab to protect it from further deterioration.*