

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
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**NEVADA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, Ca. 95959

September 23, 2016

Re: Request for approval of the Shaar Zedek Hebrew Cemetery, Grass Valley (Site 16-3),
328 Second Street, Grass Valley, Ca. 95945

Honorable Chairman and Board Members:

At the September 16, 2016, meeting of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission, a motion was passed unanimously to approve the application for registration of the Shaar Zedek Hebrew Cemetery in Grass Valley as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

This pioneer Jewish cemetery attests to the significant Jewish presence during the California Gold Rush. As noted in the attached summation, the local Jewish population was actively involved in city and governmental affairs, as well as participating in business activities as merchants, bankers, and investors in gold mines.

The cemetery site will be added to our newly operating interactive Map on line. The map locates each historic site and provides photography and information.

Attached are the required historic and legal documents necessary for marking. We further request, as a part of the approval process, the Board of Supervisors forward its designation to the Assessors' Office for recordation.

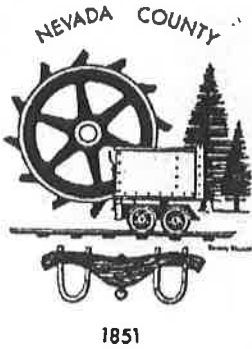
If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to call me at 530-273-0502. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Elinor Barnes, Commissioner
Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission





County of Nevada
State of California

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
Application for Registration of Historical Landmark

Name of proposed landmark _____
 Shaar Zedek Hebrew Cemetery in Grass Valley

Location _____ Grass Valley

Name of applicant _____
 Stephen D. Kinsey-Chairman, Commission for the
 Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries in the West

Address _____

Home or work phone _____ cell phone _____

Name and address of landowner upon whose property proposed landmark
 Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West
 is located, if owner is not applicant _____

I authorize the placing of a plaque or marker on site.

Stephen D. Kinsey
 Landowner's signature
 Chairman
 CPPJCLW

August 8, 2016
 Date

Brief history and description of proposed landmark.

Grass Valley—Shaar Zedek Hebrew Cemetery is bound by Blossom Lane, Second Street, and Eureka Street. It's address for GPS use is 328 2nd Street, Grass Valley, CA.

The deed for Shaar Zedek Hebrew Cemetery was recorded on October 14, 1856. Its first burial was in 1857, and it was rededicated as a historic site on September 13, 1970. Less than one acre remains of what was once a five-acre plot of land purchased by the Shaar Zedek Hebrew Benevolent Society.

Unique aspects or properties of proposed landmark.

Both Grass Valley and Nevada City cemeteries demonstrate a significant Jewish presence during the California Gold Rush era in their respective cities. In the Grass Valley/Nevada City area Jews participated as merchants, bankers, investors in the mines, and were active in their respective local governments and city affairs.

These cemeteries are two of seven known Jewish Gold Rush cemeteries dating from the 1850's. In Jewish communities, the cemetery is often the first communal activity that is undertaken. Cemeteries are considered holy ground and there are specific rules for how bodies are buried.

How will the landmarks be protected and maintained.

These historical Jewish cemeteries are maintained and protected by the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West. Congregation B'nai Harim, in Grass Valley, a local Jewish congregation, also assists in the upkeep of these sites. In addition, this congregation acts as the Commission's "eyes" and "ears" since congregants reside in these cities and can notify the Commission of specific problems and needs. The Commission has a close working relationship with and cooperation of the Grass Valley police department.

Bibliography

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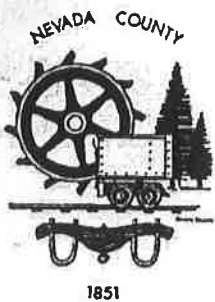
See attached lists of Grass Valley and Nevada City, California articles.

Historical or civil records:

See attached deeds for each cemetery.

Other:

See attached photographs each cemetery



Historical or civil records: (e.g., ownership, assessments etc.)

See attached

Other: (e.g. photographs, prints or drawings. Please list and attach separately)

See attached

Stephen D. Frisey
Applicant's signature

August 8 2014
Date

Chairman

This completed form and all related documents shall be sent to the:

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
Attention: Chairman
P. O. Box 1014, Nevada City, Cal. 95959

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non-historical reasons.

An individual Commissioner can advise and counsel an applicant, but all applications must be considered by the full Commission, meeting in regular session.



Grass Valley Photographs



This above sign is on the property of all seven of our cemeteries.





The Jews in the California Gold Rush

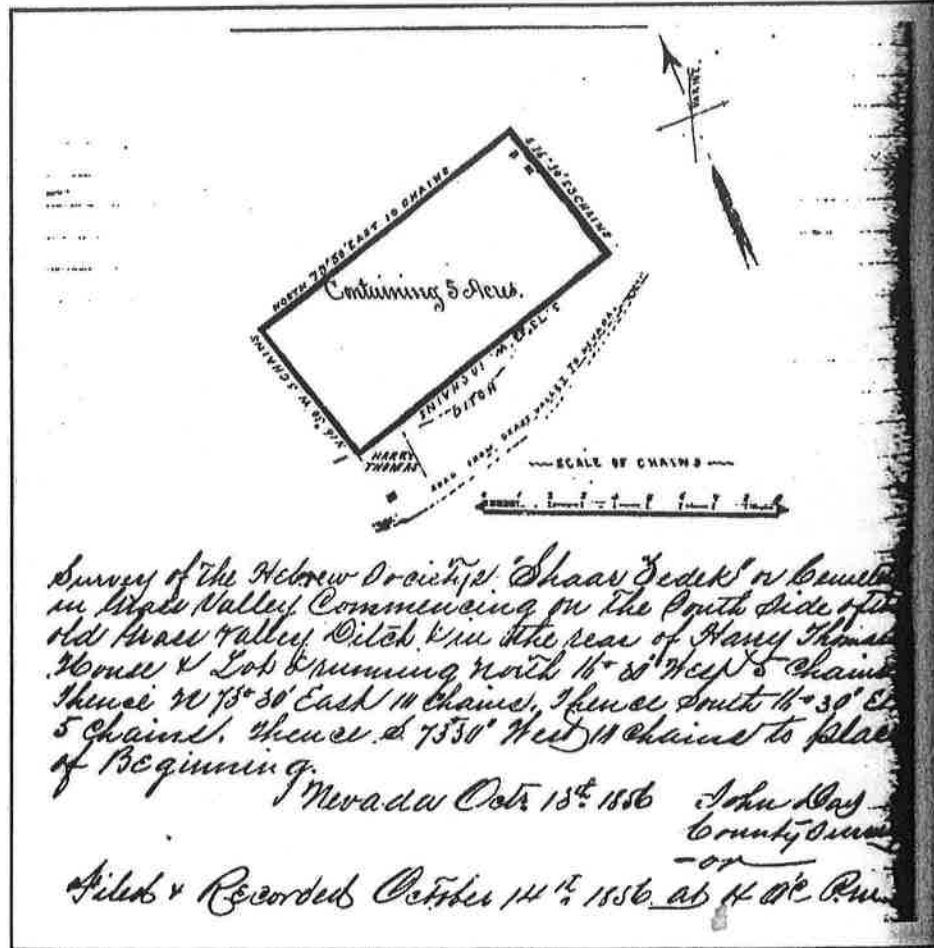
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GRASS VALLEY



Survey of the Hebrew Society's "Shaar Zedek" or Cemetery in Grass Valley Commencing on the South side of the old Grass Valley Ditch & in the rear of Harry Thomas' House & Lot & running North 11° 30' West 5 Chains thence N 73° 50' East 11 Chains, thence South 11° 30' East 5 Chains, thence S 73° 50' West 11 Chains to place of Beginning.

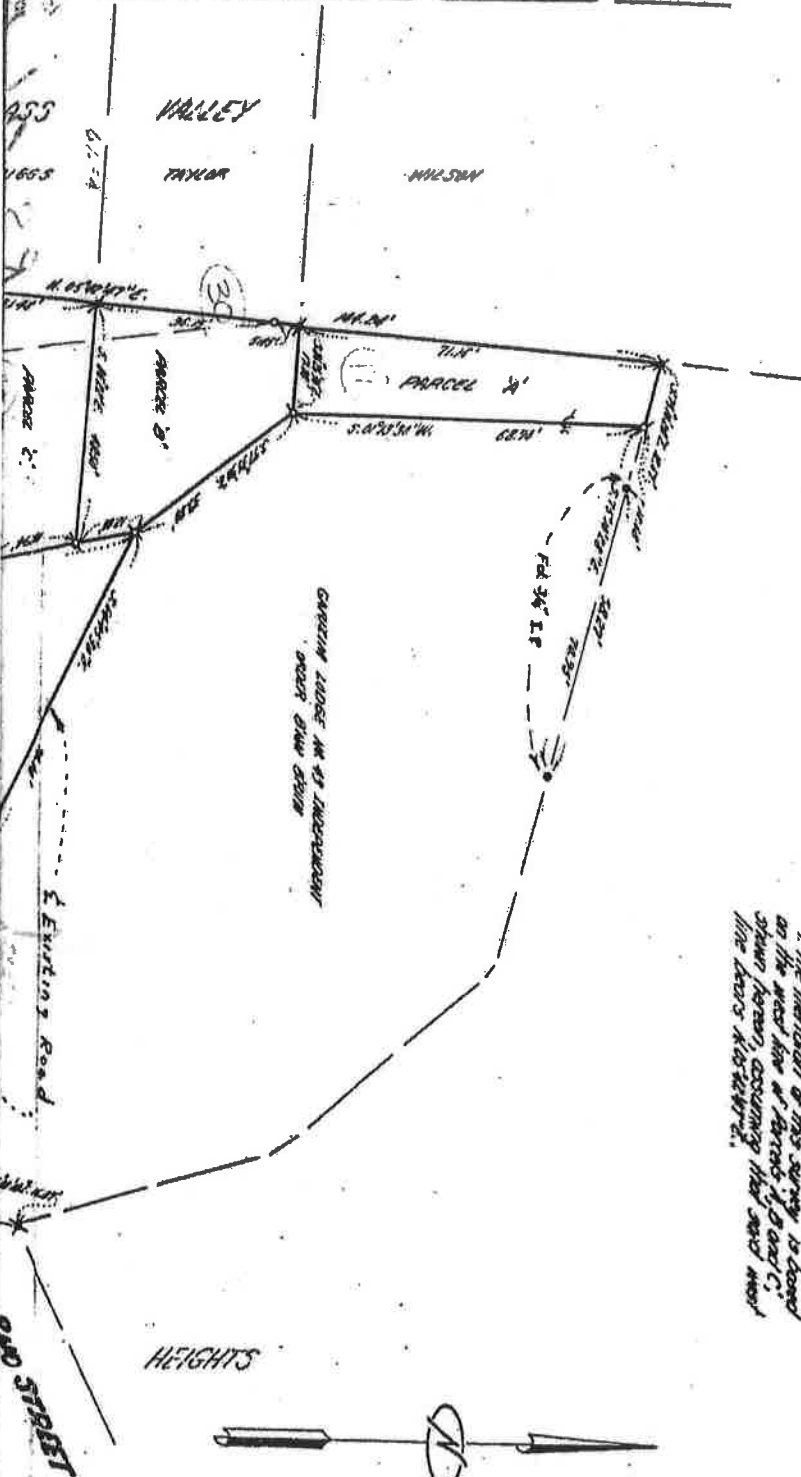
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County Surveyor

Filed & Recorded October 14th 1856 at H. W. P.

40. Survey of the Hebrew Society's "Shaar Zedek" or Cemetery in Grass Valley, 1856.

Courtesy of the Nevada County Recorder's Office, Nevada

WILSON AVENUE (Formerly Dewey Street)



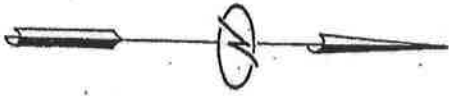
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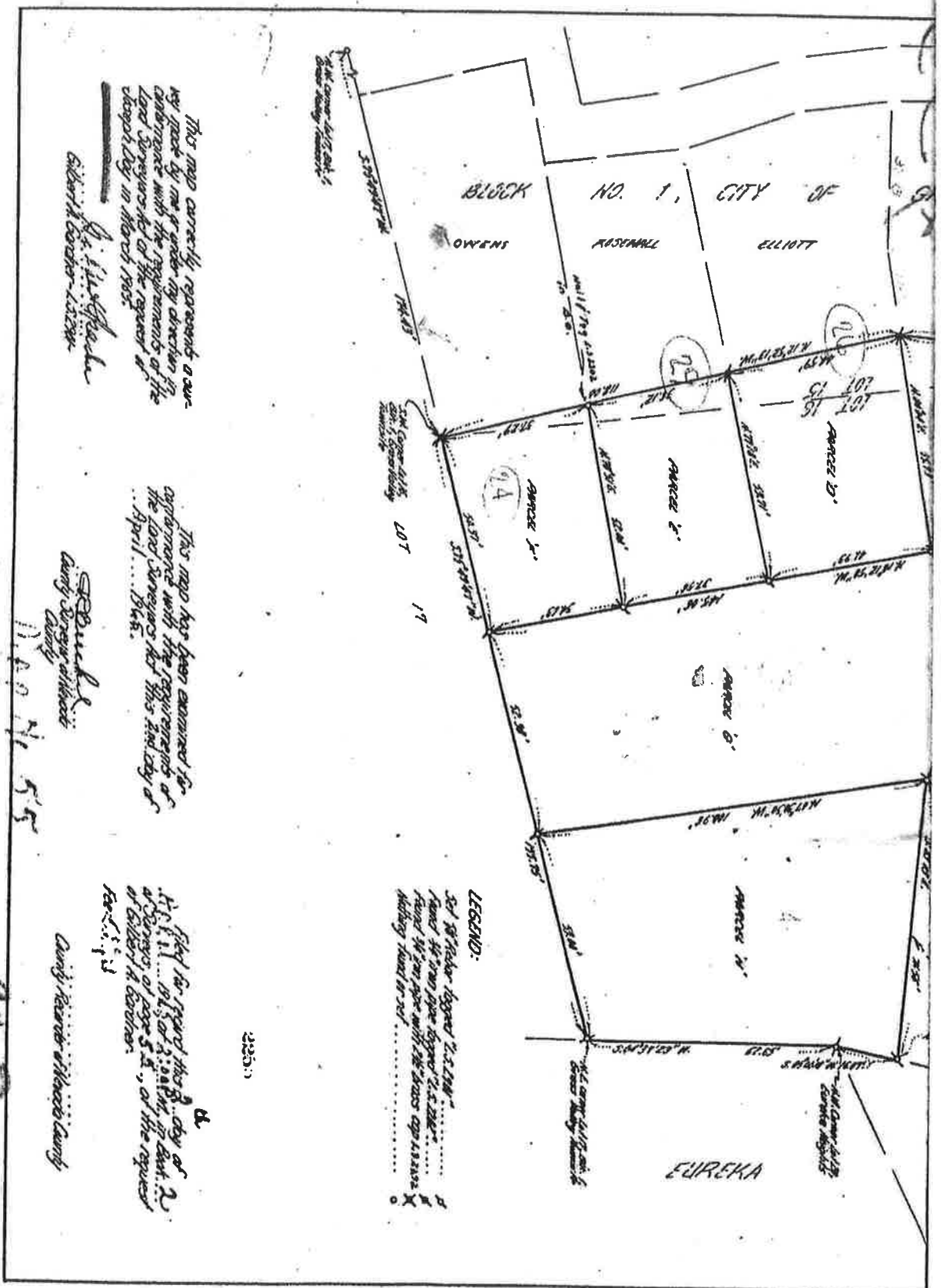
A PORTION OF LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 1, GRASS VALLEY TOWNSHIP
 NEVADA
 COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA
 MAP OF 1963
 GILBERT A. GARDNER - LAND SURVEYOR
 SCALE: 1" = 20'

NOTES:
 1. The location of this survey is based on the west line of blocks A, B and C, shown herein, assuming that said west line bears N100°48'17" W.

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HEIGHTS





This map correctly represents a survey made by me in order to determine its conformity with the requirements of the Land Surveyors Act of the request of the Board by in March 1955.

A. H. Stephens
 Gilbert & Carter - L.S. 204

This map has been examined for conformity with the requirements of the Land Surveyors Act this 2nd day of April, 1955.

R. Buckle
 County Surveyor, Eureka County

Map No. 55

Filed for record this 2nd day of April, 1955, at 2:00 P.M. by A. H. Stephens, of page 5 & 6, of the request of Gilbert & Carter.

Clayton Research
 County Recorder, Eureka County

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County of: NEVADA)

On Aug 22, 2015 before me, Patrick L. Hauser, Notary Public
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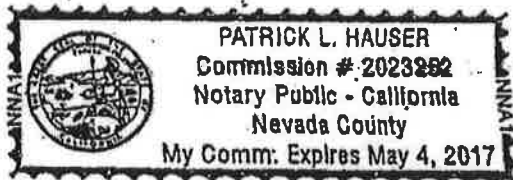
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I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Patrick L. Hauser
Notary Public Signature

(Notary Public Seal)



ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL INFORMATION

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Number of Pages _____ Document Date _____

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- Individual (s)
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 (Title)
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8 Attorney for the Commission for Preservation of Historic Jewish
9 Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West, a Nonprofit Association

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11 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF NEVADA

12 In re:

13 THE NEVADA CITY JEWISH
14 CEMETERY and THE SHAAR ZEDEK
(GRASS VALLEY) JEWISH CEMETERY.

CASE NO.

CO-TRUSTEE'S DECLARATION AND
NOMINATION OF SUCCESSOR

DATE:

TIME:

DEPT:

15 I, Stephen D. Kinsey, say:


16 1. I was a trustee of the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries
17 and Landmarks in the West, a trust operated by the Judah L. Magnes Memorial Museum until the
18 Museum was purchased by the University of California at Berkeley in 2010. I was an organizer of
19 the new Commission for Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West
20 (see page 7 of the Articles attached to the Petition filed concurrently herewith as Exhibit 1), the
21 successor to the Trust. I am the duly elected Chair of the new Commission. I am authorized to
22 execute this declaration and nomination in all of my capacities on behalf of all entities.

23 2. The former Commission is a co-trustee of the Nevada County Pioneer Jewish
24 Cemeteries with the former Nevada County Jewish Community Center pursuant to order of court
25 filed on January 18, 2002 in the Nevada County Superior Court, Case Number P12951. The
26 Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West resigns
27 as co-trustee, pursuant to the operating documents and agreement with the University of California.

28 3. The Commission for Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in

1 the West, a California nonprofit unincorporated association, is hereby nominated, and is the proper
2 successor to the Trust, to own the Nevada County Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries, charged with the duty
3 to the continue to maintain, restore, repair, and protect them.

4 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
5 is true and correct. This declaration was executed on March 1, 2014 in San Jose,
6 California.

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10 STEPHEN D. KINSEY
11 Commission for the Preservation of
12 Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and
13 Landmarks in the West
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1 VERIFICATION

2 I, STEPHEN D. KINSEY, declare:

3 I am the Chair of the Commission for Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and
4 Landmarks in the West, an unincorporated nonprofit association, organized and existing under the
5 laws of California. The Commission for Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks
6 in the West, is the Petitioner in the above-entitled action, and I have been authorized to make this
7 verification on its behalf.

8 I have read the foregoing PETITION TO ESTABLISH SUCCESSOR OWNER OF
9 PIONEER JEWISH CEMETERIES IN NEVADA COUNTY and know the contents thereof. The
10 same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein alleged on
11 information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe it to be true.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
13 is true and correct.

14 Dated: March 1, 2014

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16 STEPHEN D. KINSEY

NEVADA COUNTY PIONEER CEMETERIES AGREEMENT

It is hereby agreed between the Commission for Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West (the "Commission") and Congregation B'nai Harim at the Nevada County Jewish Community Center (the NCJCC), as follows:

WHEREAS, there are two Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries in the County of Nevada, known as the Nevada City Jewish Cemetery and the Shaar Zedek Cemetery (Grass Valley);

The Commission was established in 2010 to protect, maintain, preserve, and defend the Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries in California, including the cemeteries located in the County of Nevada;

The NCJCC and the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West, the predecessor to the Commission, entered into a stipulation approved by the Nevada County Superior Court providing that the NCJCC and the former commission were joint trustees of the Nevada City cemetery; and

The Commission has filed a Petition in the Nevada County Superior Court to be appointed as the sole trustee of the Nevada County Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries;

IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

1. The NCJCC will execute the Resignation and Nomination of the Commission to be filed in the petition proceedings;
2. The Commission will pay for all maintenance and repairs required at both the Nevada City and Shaar Zedek Cemeteries, as follows:
 - a. Any repairs and maintenance may be arranged and/or performed by the NCJCC;
 - b. All bids for repairs or maintenance shall be submitted to the Commission at least two weeks before the work is performed for approval by the Commission, which shall not be unreasonably withheld;
 - c. If the NCJCC observes that repairs or maintenance is required at either cemetery and is unable or unwilling to perform same, it shall promptly notify the Commission of the needed work; and
 - d. In the event an emergency arises at the cemeteries which might require immediate attention, the NCJCC may undertake the repairs, but shall notify the Commission of the need to do so within 24 hours.
3. The Commission shall confer with the NCJCC regarding all landscaping, including planting of shrubs, trees, grass, flowers, and fencing, and agrees that all decisions regarding the landscaping shall not be made without consulting the Board of Directors of the NCJCC or its appointee(s) and obtaining their approval thereof, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

4. The NCJCC shall continue to inspect both cemeteries on a regular basis, and report any issues to the Commission regarding same. Any encroachment, interference, trespass, damage, destruction, or vandalism observed by the NCJCC at either cemetery shall be immediately reported to the Commission.
5. The NCJCC will be provided with access to both cemeteries at all times, including the combination codes for all locks, and all keys for any locks on the cemeteries.
6. The Commission and the NCJCC shall continue to work together to ensure that the Nevada County Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries are protected and preserved for future generations - L'Dor V'dor.

Dated:

Congregation B'nai Harim at The Nevada County
Jewish Community Center

Dated: *May 11, 2014*

Stephen Kinsey

STEPHEN KINSEY, Chair
Commission For Preservation of Pioneer Jewish
Cemeteries and Landmarks In the West



Grass Valley, CA + Jewish presence in the Gold Rush



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