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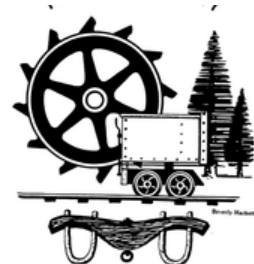
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Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At today's meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the Nevada City Sanitarium be approved. The applicant is the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission. The Sanitarium was located at 424 Coyote St. and was demolished to make way for the Highway 49 freeway. The freeway is state property and there is no APN number. The plaque will be installed across the street at 425 Coyote St. with the consent of the property owner, Carolyn Ivey-Cone. She has a personal connection to the Sanitarium, and her letter of support is attached. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 24-05, assuming the pending applications are approved first.

In 1910, Nurses Elizabeth McDonald Watson and Laura M Peterson, at the request of local doctors, established the City of Nevada's first hospital in a cottage at what was 424 Coyote Street. A particular claim to the Sanitarium's fame is its record of delivering around 3000 babies. It also had an excellent reputation for handling victims of mining and automobile accidents. The



Sanitarium operated as a hospital until 1946, when it was converted to a rest home. The rest home closed in 1953. The founders continued to live there with Peterson taking care of Watson until Watson died at age 90 on January 3, 1957. The Sanitarium was demolished in 1964 with the arrival of the Highway 49 freeway.

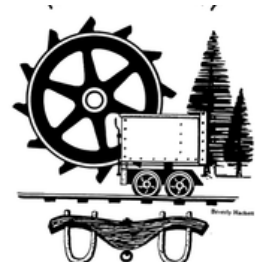
The research and documentation which accompanies the application has been reviewed by several Commissioners for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,


Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

cc: Micah Cone w/o enc.



To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for this amazing opportunity to be part of honoring the sanitarium and those people who began it!

I have very fond memories of being walked across the street by my grandmother, Ruby Ivey, to visit at the sanitarium. The old gentleman would take my younger sister and me to the pond and stream in the back, and when the pears were ripe, he would pick us each one to eat. I can still feel that sun-warm pear in my hand, and taste the sweetness!

The truly astonishing thing about this for me is that the first baby Elizabeth McDonald Watson delivered was my grandmother's best friend from birth! Elaine Rossen, better known all her life as "Bubbles", was about two when her baby brother was born the same day as my grandmother Ruby; Valentines Day 1904, in North Bloomfield. "Bubbles" met Ruby within a few days of her birth, and they remained best friends all their long lives.

Thank you again on behalf of my siblings, my children, and myself for allowing us to display the commemorative plaque on our property!

Carolyn Ivey-Cone
425 Coyote Street, Nevada City, CA