



RESOLUTION No. 21-310

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY LOCATED AT 27994 CEMETERY ALLEY, NORTH SAN JUAN, CA 95960 (APN 060-092-002-000) AS NEVADA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NEV 21-04

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC) was established in 1969 to promote the general welfare of Nevada County and its citizens through official recognition, recording, marking, preserving, and promoting the historical resources of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC has since sustained an active program of cataloging and recommending for designation historical sites and structures throughout Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC accepts applications, processes and verifies applications for proposed historical landmark designation and recommends said landmark designations for approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites, places, districts, and areas within the County that reflect special elements of the County's architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage, by allowing their registration as Nevada County Historical Landmarks for the following reasons:

1. Safeguarding Nevada County's heritage as embodied and reflected in the historic North San Juan Protestant Cemetery located 27994 Cemetery Alley, North San Juan, CA, 95960, its influence on Nevada County's cultural and social history, and commemorating the valuable role it played in this community; and
2. Encouraging public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Nevada County's history as reflected in its heritage; and
3. Fostering civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of cultural resources; and
4. Preserving diverse and harmonious architectural styles and design innovations; and
5. Enhancing property values to increase economic and financial benefits to Nevada County and its inhabitants by preserving and promoting historical buildings; and
6. Protecting and enhancing Nevada County's attraction to tourists and visitors, thereby stimulating business and industry; and

7. Identifying as early as possible and resolving conflicts between the preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses in a section of Nevada County that may see future population growth; and

WHEREAS, at its May 21, 2021 meeting, the NCHLC verified and unanimously approved the Application and now recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate the Property as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby accepts the NCHLC's recommendation and designates the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery, located at 27994 Cemetery Alley (APN 060-092-002-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 21-04.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution with the Office of the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder within ten (10) days after the adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 13th day of July, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

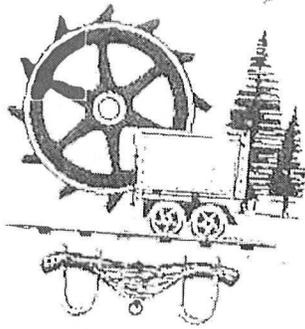
ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:



Dan Miller, Chair



RECEIVED

MAY 25 2021

NEVADA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

May 23, 2021

Honorable Chairman and Board members:

At the May 21, 2021 meeting of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission, a motion was passed to approve the application for registration of the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery, in North San Juan, Ca., as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

Under the care of the Nevada County Cemetery District, this unusually large and beautiful cemetery has served as a place of internment since 1851. It holds the remains of hundreds of individuals with many life stories related to the Gold Rush. Since the cemetery lies next to Highway 49, its easy access makes it a choice for

visitation by Nevada County residents and visitors, alike. Its unusual size, with numerous headstones in place, makes it particularly interesting.

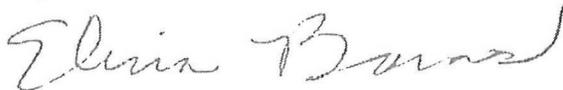
The cemetery site will be added to the interactive map on line. The map locates each historic site and provides photos and information.

Attached are the required historic and legal documents necessary for marking. We further request, as part of the approval process, that the Board of Supervisors forward it to the Assessor's office for recording.

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

Respectfully submitted,

For number 21-04



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 North San Juan Protestant Cemetery

Location 27994 Cemetery Alley / at State Highway 49
North San Juan, Ca 95960

Name of applicant Nevada Cemetery District

Address 10523 Willow Valley Rd, Nevada City, CA 95959

Home or work phone (530) 265-3461 cell phone _____

Name and address of owner upon whose property proposed landmark

Is located if owner is not applicant _____

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



Property owner's signature

5-17-21

Date

Brief history and description of proposed landmark

(attach additional sheets as necessary)

Founded in 1851 as a Protestant cemetery, this is the largest property within the District with the most burials.

See attached.

Historically significant aspects or properties of proposed landmark

The cemetery is an almost complete representation of Christian grave symbolism at the time.

See attached.

How will the landmark be protected and maintained?

The cemetery is fenced and gated. The drive through gates are locked when we are not there. The walk-through gates are open to foot traffic every day. We usually are at the cemetery at least one day a week unless we have a service or are doing a maintenance project. Local neighbors are quick to report anything unusual as well.

Bibliography. Cite or attach available books, records, articles or other materials pertaining to the proposed landmark.

Books and articles:

Cemeteries of the Western Sierra by Christopher A Ward 2016

Newspapers.com

GenealogyBank.com

See attached.

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

See attached

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

See attached



Applicant's signature

5-17-21

Date



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

Attachments and related documents may be submitted in electronic format.

NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY

HISTORY: Founded in 1851 as a Protestant cemetery. Largest property within the District with the most burials. Was adjacent to the route of the world's first long distant pole line.

Sen Get (aka Ah Get, aka "Smiley") was 14 when gold was discovered in California. He likely came to the area as part of an early Chinese trading company. For nearly 40 years he worked in the hotels of North San Juan and Cherokee. He resided in NSJ's Chinatown and was the last local knowledgeable in Chinese funerary customs, as burial practice he voluntarily provided for his countrymen. He sent many of them back to their native land after they had passed. In 1933 he died at the age of 98. Due to the Chinese Exclusion act of 1882, the Chinese were not allowed to be buried in Christian cemeteries, but given his status and generosity with the townspeople, he was given burial in the cemetery. The only known Chinese National in the cemetery to this day.

The most talked about grave site is a stone that reads "William Bonney age 19". Although it is not the same William Bonney known to many in the West as Billy the Kid, we are asked about it often.

OF NOTE: In 2016 an Eagle Scout chose this cemetery as a project to complete his rank. Jonathan Beck surveyed and mapped the entire cemetery. Before that point, NCD had no known map of the plots. We only had an inventory of what we were able to write down from the headstones. This map has been added to our files and helps greatly in our efforts to assist the public looking for specific graves.

Monique E Kokke, "United States Public Records, 1970-2009"

Driving through the town of North San Juan on highway 49, pass the Post Office and pass Oak Tree Lane. Drive straight for a 1/4 mile, then on the right there will be a paved driveway that leads to the cemetery.

North San Juan Catholic Cemetery
open Cemetery
Est. 1850

North San Juan Protestant Cemetery
open Cemetery
Est. 1850

Sweetland Cemetery
open Cemetery
Est. 1853

French Corral Cemetery
open Cemetery
Est. 1855

First Telegraph Line
West of the Mississippi

French Corral

Pleasant Valley Road

South Yuba
California State Park

Historical Wooden Bridge
At Bridgeport

Pleasant Valley Road
to Highway 20
Lake Wildwood

*Nevada Cemetery District
Cemetery Tour Guide*

Entering North San Juan Town, take either the first right School St. then a left into the cemetery or take the next right after school St., which is Cemetery Alley straight into the cemetery.

Turn left on Pleasant Valley Road. Go straight for 1/2 mile then turn right on Sweetland Road, go straight for 1/4 mile Turn right on Cemetery Road drive straight to the cemetery

Drive West on Pleasant Valley Road off of Hwy 49. Passing the Historical Telegraph Station Building on the right, Pleasant Valley Road turn a hard left. Continue straight for a quarter of a mile, turn right on the first drive and proceed straight straight back to the cemetery.

Mother Truckers

North Colum School Hous

To North Columbia, North Bloomfield
and Granterville

HWY
49

To Nevada City

Nevada City



- French Corral Cemetery
- North San Juan Catholic Cemete
- North San Juan Protestant Cemet
- Sweetland Cemetery

SOURCES

Cemeteries of the Western Sierra

by Christopher A Ward 2016

Historic North San Juan Protestant Cemetery

by Christopher A Ward

Newspapers.com

GenealogyBank.com

U C Davis Library

Nevada County Historical Society

Searls Library

"Burial sites and cemeteries reflect the cultural values and practices of the past. They help us understand who we are and were as a society and where we have come from" –Dept. of Parks and Recreation



Go Walk. Today!
Then go Check These Out:
www.ncfol.org/doris-foley-library-for-historical-research

www.nevadacountyhistory.org

www.nevadacemeterydistrict.com

HISTORIC NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY EST. 1850

(According to the Nevada Cemetery District)



All-seeing eye, regalia at a Masonic gravesite.

A CLOSER LOOK

Gone but Not Forgotten

The 1852 census showed 3,396 Chinese living in Nevada County. By 1880, they constituted 22% of California's mining population making them the largest single nationality engaged in mining.

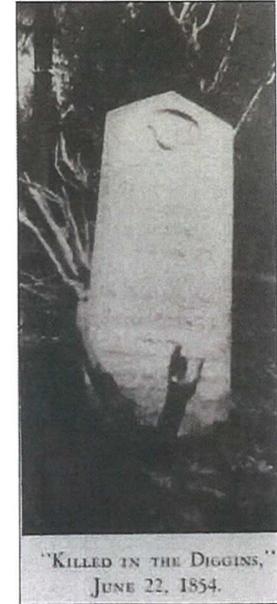
Little is known of Sin Yet, also known as Ah Get but much better known as Smiley, a colorful, peaceful and congenial soul that had a smile for everyone. Smiley of North San Juan was 14 years old when gold was discovered in New Helvetia. He may have entered the United States and then California as part of early unnamed Chinese Company. For nearly 40 years he worked for the National [Exchange] Hotel in SF owned by Mrs. James Bradbury. He resided in North San Juan's Chinatown, in small cabin. Sin Yet was a generous and respectful man, his attention to the Chinese funeral customs was well known and he attended to the Chinese funeral-rights until he was indeed the last one knowledgeable of the process. Sin Yet, died October 17th, 1933 at the age of 98½ years. He was buried October 20th and was the only Chinese national to be buried there (at that time). A fading mural, featuring Smiley can still be seen on the northern wall of the old Wells Fargo & Company brick building in downtown North San Juan (built in 1854 and still in use).

Pictured above: Sin Yet, better known as Smiley ca. 1900



Poingdesre Mining Directory 1895

Known to have been buried in North San Juan Protestant Cemetery: Ah Get a.k.a Sin Yet a.k.a Smiley, Han Yet, Gin Yet, Eye Yep. (All except Smiley were repatriated to China)



*"KILLED IN THE DIGGINGS,"
JUNE 22, 1854.*

Also, Check Out:
**Cemeteries of the Western
Sierra**
By Christopher Ward



Available throughout
Nevada County and online.

The North San Juan Protestant Cemetery (NSJPC) is an integral component of the early ridge community. The oldest remaining grave monument [known] dates to 1853 (young Thomas Gill) and burials are thought to have occurred before that, as early as 1850. Historically, the NSJPC has served a large population. It is estimated that about 800 of the historic-era citizenry of North San Juan, Birchville, Cherokee, Sebastopol, Sweetland and North Columbia areas all used the cemetery and are represented therein. The grave monuments vary greatly; elaborate imported white marble columns, cast and wrought-iron works, regional granite tablets and obelisks and simple wooden or angle-iron crosses and alloy placards populate the cemetery grounds, amongst the towering Black Oaks, Cedars and Cypress.



Pioneers of North San Juan

Standing-left to right: James A. Stidger-Lawyer and son of O.P. Stidger; *William G. Menner-Mercantile; *John Hill-Farmer; John German-Prop. Arcade Hotel; *Charles Scheuerman-Bakery & Saloon; Sitting-left to right: *Edward Northup-Constable; *Newton [Nathan] C. Miller-Water Agent; *Jack A. Ray-Farmer; *Oliver Perry Stidger-Lawyer & Newspaper owner, NSJ Times and Hydraulic Times; *Daniel Furth-Merchant & Banker; James Chisholm-Mercantile; *Louis Buhring-Mercantile.

*=Buried in NSJPC

Several seCretive fraternal oRders and groups are reprEsented in this historic cemeTery.

Free and Accepted Masons; Manzanita Lodge No. 102. *E.C. Fisher-Noble Grand; *B.F. Bryan-Vice Grand; C.S. Paine-Secretary.



Royal Arch Masons (of the York Rite); Manzanita Chapter No. 29. *J.S. McBride-High Priest; *P.H. Butler-Secretary.



Independent Order of the Odd Fellows; San Juan Lodge No. 67. *E. C. Fisher-Noble Grand; B. F. Bryan-Vice Grand; *Charles S. Paine-Secretary.



Knights of Pythias; Spartan Lodge No. 37, H. Young-Castle Chancellor; J. Glasson, Keeper of Records and Seal; Olympic Lodge No. 14, N. James-Castle Chancellor; W.A. Sleep-Keeper of Records and Seal.



F.C.B: Friendship, Charity, Benevolence

Pythian Sisters; Olympic Temple No. 10. Instituted on September 10. 1891, by Grand Chief Mrs. Georgie Guthrie of Sacramento, with a charter list of ninety-eight members.

Knights and Ladies of Honor; Mizpah Lodge No. 2277. *J.E. Peck-Dictator; P. Gaynor-Reporter; D. Furth-Financial Reporter.



I.Y.M.: Infancy Youth Manhood

Ancient Order of United Workmen; Bridgeport Lodge No. 107. *R. Huckins-M.M.; *E.B. Ransom-Recorder; *D. Furth-Financier.



Order of the Evening Star; part of the Evangeline Chapter No. 9. *Mrs. W.W. Hoskins-Worthy Matron; *T.B. Gray-Worthy Patron.



Motto: Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love, the 5-points of the Evening Star. The initials 'F.A.T.A.L.' are found on some grave monuments, 'Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely'

Daughters of Rebekah; In 1850, Schuyler Colfax was tasked to write a Degree for women. The Rebekah Lodges were established on 20 September 1851, when, after considerable debate, the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows voted to adopt the Rebekah Degree, largely due to the efforts of a local Odd Fellow named Schuyler Colfax, U.S. Vice President from 1869 to 1873.



Motto: "Visit the Sick, Relieve the Distressed, Bury the Dead, and Educate the Orphans."

Order of the Chosen Friends; Council No. 115. *I. Jepsen-Councilor; *M. Pritchard-Vice Councilor; Trustees-*S. Schardin; *H. Daniels-Secretary.



F.A.P.: Fraternity, Aid, Protection

Woodmen of the World; Camp No 8. The objects of Woodcraft have always exemplified Love, Honor and Remembrance.



'Dum Tacet Clamat', translated 'Though silent, he speaks'.

Knights Templar; Nevada Commandery No.6. *I. Davis-Grand Commander, Sir *T. Caswell, *S. Boring, N. Searls, *C. Reis [Rees]



Bridgeport Guards; Armory in NSJ. *Thomas Smith-3rd Lieutenant

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elk; Lodge No. 518. *C. H. Trubschenck-Trusted Tiler (guards of door and regalia)



Motto: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity The clock is set always to 11, the 'Hour of Reflection'



-From Around the World-

At least 21 individual nationalities are represented in the Historic NSJPC.

They include but may not be limited to: Franco, Bavaria, Canada, Scotland, Germany, Ireland, England & Wales, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Mexico, China, Prussia, Switzerland, Portugal, Chili, Holland, Austria, Australia, Italy and from many regions throughout the United States.



Sin Get aka Smiley

Searls Library Collection



The North San Juan Protestant Cemetery (NSJPC) is an integral component of the early ridge community. The oldest remaining grave monument [known] dates to 1851 (young XXXX)0 and burials are thought to have occurred before that, as early as 1850. Historically, the NSJPC has served a large population. It is estimated that about 800 of the historic-era citizenry of North San Juan, Birchville, Cherokee, Sebastopol, Sweetland and North Columbia areas all used the cemetery and are represented therein. The grave monuments vary greatly; elaborate imported white marble columns, cast and wrought-iron works, regional granite tablets and obelisks and simple wooden or angle-iron crosses and alloy placards populate the cemetery grounds, amongst the towering Black Oaks, Cedars and Cypress.



Pioneers of North San Juan

Standing-left to right: James A. Stidger-Lawyer and son of O.P. Stidger; *William G. Meener-Mercantile; *John Hill-Farmer; John German-Prop. Arcade Hotel; *Charles Scheuerman-Bakery & Saloon; Sitting-left to right: *Edward Northup-Constable; *Newton [Nathan] C. Miller-Water Agent; *Jack A. Ray-Farmer; *Oliver Perry Stidger-Lawyer & Newspaper owner, NSJ Times and Hydraulic Times; *Daniel Furth-Merchant & Banker; James Chisholm-Mercantile; *Louis Buhring-Mercantile.

*=Buried in NSJPC

Several secretive fraternal orders and groups are represented in this historic cemetery.

Free and Accepted Masons; Manzanita Lodge No. 102. *E.C. Fisher-Noble Grand; *B.F. Bryan-Vice Grand; C.S. Paine-Secretary.



Royal Arch Masons (of the York Rite); Manzanita Chapter No. 29. *J.S. McBride-High Priest; *P.H. Butler-Secretary.



Independent Order of the Odd Fellows; San Juan Lodge No. 67. *E. C. Fisher-Noble Grand; B. F. Bryan-Vice Grand; *Charles S. Paine-Secretary.



Knights of Pythias; Spartan Lodge No. 37, H. Young-Castle Chancellor; J. Glasson, Keeper of Records and Seal; Olympic Lodge No. 14, N. James-Castle Chancellor; W.A. Sleep-Keeper of Records and Seal.



F.C.B: Friendship, Charity, Benevolence

Pythian Sisters; Olympic Temple No. 10. Instituted on September 10, 1891, by Grand Chief Mrs. Georgie Guthrie of Sacramento, with a charter list of ninety-eight members.

Knights and Ladies of Honor; Mizpah Lodge No. 2277. *J.E. Peck-Dictator; P. Gaynor-Reporter; D. Furth-Financial Reporter.



L.Y.M.: Infancy Youth Manhood

Ancient Order of United Workmen; Bridgeport Lodge No. 107. *R. Huckins-M.M.; *E.B. Ransom-Recorder; *D. Furth-Financier.



Order of the Evening Star; part of the Evangeline Chapter No. 9. *Mrs. W.W. Hoskins-Worthy Matron; *T.B. Gray-Worthy Patron.



Motto: Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love, the 5-points of the Evening Star. The initials 'F.A.T.A.L.' are found on some grave monuments, 'Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely'.

Daughters of Rebekah; In 1850, Schuyler Colfax was tasked to write a Degree for women. The Rebekah Lodges were established on 20 September 1851, when, after considerable debate, the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows voted to adopt the Rebekah Degree, largely due to the efforts of a local Odd Fellow named Schuyler Colfax, U.S. Vice President from 1869 to 1873.



Motto: "Visit the Sick, Relieve the Distressed, Bury the Dead, and Educate the Orphans."

Order of the Chosen Friends; Council No. 115. *I. Jepsen-Councilor; *M. Pritchard-Vice Councilor; Trustees-*S. Schardin; *H. Daniels-Secretary.



F.A.P.: Fraternity, Aid, Protection

Woodmen of the World; Camp No 8. The objects of Woodcraft have always exemplified Love, Honor and Remembrance.



'Dum Tacet Clamat', translated 'Though silent, he speaks'.

Knights Templar; Nevada Commandery No.6. *I. Davis-Grand Commander, Sir *T. Caswell, *S. Boring, N. Searls, *C. Reis [Rees]



Bridgeport Guards; Armory in NSJ. *Thomas Smith-3rd Lieutenant

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elk; Lodge No. 518. *C. H. Trubschenck-Trusted Tiler (guards of door and regalia)



Motto: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. The clock is set always to 11, the 'Hour of Reflection'.



~From Around the World~

At least 21 individual nationalities are represented in the Historic NSJPC.

They include but may not be limited to: France, Bavaria, Canada, Scotland, Germany, Ireland, England & Wales, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Mexico, China, Prussia, Switzerland, Portugal, Chili, Holland, Austria, Australia, Italy and from many regions throughout the United States.

NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY

Thursday, January 26, 2017

FOUNDED IN 1864 TO PRESERVE THE UNION ... ONE AND INSEPARABLE



PHOTOS BY LAURA ELLIOTT, LMAHAFF@THEUNION.COM

Ghidotti High School student Jonathan Beck chose a unique project at the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery to complete his work toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

Unique route to Eagle Scout

Teen's effort to plot, record graves 'huge benefit' to cemetery district

By Ross Maak
City Editor

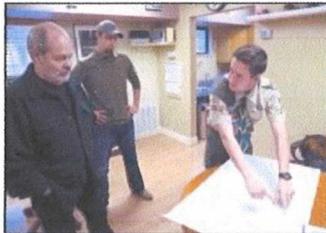
Jonathan Beck needed a project to complete his journey to become an Eagle Scout.

Many Eagle Scout projects involve some sort of building or construction project. Or maybe the restoration of something that had started to wither with age.

Beck actually started down that road as well, but after hitting a road block here and an coming across an idea there, he wrapped up a project that differed from many before.

In the end, Beck plotted and recorded every single grave in the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery.

It wasn't his original plan, and he had an abundance of help along the way, but a week ago today he officially handed his work over to Nevada Cemetery District Manager Matthew Melugin.



Ghidotti High School student Jonathan Beck, right, reviews his Eagle Scout project, a map and database of the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery, with Nevada County Cemetery District Manager Matthew Melugin, center, and John Spencer, owner of Spencer Land Surveying on Thursday afternoon.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN

When he first set out, Beck had heard that Hooper and Weaver Mortuary had some gravestones that had, over time, sunk below the surface. He decided it would be a worthwhile project to bring those stones back up and restore them.

However, he'd heard



the rumors months before actually starting in on the project. By the time he hit up the mortuary to help, they informed him the deed had already been done and the gravestones restored to their proper depth. But, they said, Beck

"I cannot emphasize enough how I couldn't have done it without him ... It was such a great experience working with (John Spencer). He taught me and all the scouts about the equipment he used. It was invaluable."

Jonathan Beck

should go talk to the cemetery district. Surely it would have something that needed attention.

A NEW DIRECTION

Beck then reached out to Melugin, and he was more than happy to oblige. Melugin explained to Beck that a few years ago many active cemeteries across the nation received funding to be plotted and mapped out. However, closed cemeteries

SCOUT, A6

Show article text (OCR)

Sacramento Bee

Try 7 Days Free

NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY 2017

A6 | Thursday, January 26, 2017 | The Union
FROM PAGE ONE

SCOUT
from page A1

— an cemetery that weren't receiving new burials — weren't mapped.

That left a number of Nevada County's cemeteries without an updated database. He told Beck that's something that could be a big help.

"That's a big cemetery," Melugin said of the plot again in North San Juan. "We get phone calls and emails all the time of people asking us to check on a headstone. We have to walk around and find them."

"We've had times where we've walked around for hours and not found a thing. We just haven't had something like this before. This is going to be a huge benefit to us when it comes to working with the public."

LITTLE HELP?

Beck, armed only with his dad's, a 100-foot tape measure and an Assessor's Parcel Number map, headed to the cemetery to start his work.

"We quickly realized that wasn't going to work," Beck said, explaining surveying the land was as important as he could make it more complicated than he'd expected. Beck's dad is a contractor, so he handed over contact information to three surveyors and sent his son off to find some help.

"The first two didn't get back with me at all," Beck said. "The third, well, his wife heard the message and told him he had to help me."

As it turns out, former Grass Valley Mayor Patti Ingram Spencer was the wife, and former Nevada County Supervisor John Spencer of Spencer Land Surveying, reached out to Beck.

Spencer confirmed the story. "I blame it on my wife," Spencer said with a smile. "She heard the message on my office phone and said, 'John, you need to go help that young man.'"

Beck, to put it mildly, was thankful.

"I cannot emphasize enough how I couldn't have done it without him," Beck said. "I mean, I'm going to bake her a cake or something. It was such a great experience working with John. He taught me and all the details about the equipment he used. It was invaluable."

Spencer said he was more than happy to help.

"Locating things on the earth's surface, well, that's what I do," Spencer said. "This was a pretty fun project. I think it'll be a real benefit to the cemetery district and to people."

BENEFIT TO VETERANS

Another aspect of the project



PHOTOS BY LARA BLOTT/SANJEANNEWS.COM
Ghidotti High School student Jonathan Beck, right, presents his Eagle Scout project, a map and database of the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery, to district manager of Nevada County Cemetery District Matthew Melugin.



Eagle Scout Jonathan Beck looks at a Spanish American War Veteran's grave at the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery Thursday afternoon.

NEVADA CEMETERY DISTRICT

The Nevada Cemetery District operates 27 public cemeteries in western Nevada County — 23 historic, original and two modern lawn cemeteries. Eighteen of the cemeteries are open and active, while the remaining nine historic cemeteries are closed and inactive. Visit www.NevadaCemeteryDistrict.com for information.

The following cemeteries are located in the North San Juan area: Cherokee Township Cemetery, French Corral Cemetery, North Moorfield Cemetery, North San Juan Catholic Cemetery, North San Juan Protestant Cemetery, Sweetland Cemetery.

that appealed to Beck was having an opportunity to plot the graves of military veterans at the site.

"I want to serve," Beck said. "I'm looking at the Naval Academy and ROTC programs. I've wanted to serve in the military since I can remember. My grandpa was in the military, as well as my uncles. That's just how I grew up."

So when Beck found out he could map the plots of folks who had served, he knew this was the right project for him. While putting together the database, he made a special mark on the map for a veteran's grave.

Melugin said this will certainly help him and his crew on special days when cemetery district employees head out with many American flags to mark graves of those who served. In the past, they'd

mark each cemetery and put a flag on any military graves they'd find. Now, in North San Juan, now, they'll bring their map and list them all in a much shorter amount of time.

THAT'S A WRAP

Because of the scope of the project, Beck called on his fellow scouts to give him a hand. Once the surveyed map was created, the plotting could begin. Beck sent scouts out in teams to record the information on each grave. If it was a military grave, they'd get as much information as possible including name, rank and what war they fought in.

"There were graves dating back to the Spanish War all the way up to Vietnam," Beck said. "Most were World War I and World War II."

When the dust settled and it was time to input the names into the database, Beck ran into one final snag.

"With four different groups of people out there writing down names, you get a lot of different types of handwriting," he said with a smile, noting some handwriting is considerably easier to read than others. "I had tags lock out six or seven times, double-checking and triple-checking to make sure it was right."

Beck estimated 600 individual data points were entered when the job was complete and has turned his final project in to the Boy Scouts.

Row Meek is syndicated at The Union. He can be reached at row@theunion.com or 530-477-4229.

Show article text (OCR) ▼

THE ODD FELLOWS OF NORTH SAN JUAN.—
We have heretofore proclaimed the fact that the Odd Fellows of this place were making preparations to celebrate on Thursday the 26th, the forty-seventh anniversary of the establishment of their benevolent Order in America, the celebration to consist of ceremonies dedicatory of their new hall and of their cemetery, an oration, dinner and ball. A few particulars in this connection will prove interesting.

San Juan Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., was organized January 22d, 1857, with but seven members, of whom only two remain connected with the Lodge. The total number enrolled on the list of members since that time is sixty-nine, the present membership being fifty-six. The dues for each member amount to sixteen dollars per annum. The total income of the Lodge, from degree fees and dues, to date, has been \$4,000, of which sum \$1,112 was expended for benefits to the sick and burial of the dead, besides a large amount obtained by voluntary contribution from members. Three deaths have occurred in the history of the Lodge. The amount expended for the education of children of deceased members is \$132 25—making the entire appropriation for charitable purposes \$1,244 25.

In July last the necessity of adopting some means to rid the Lodge of the heavy burden of rent, and to get a more convenient room for Lodge purposes, caused the appointment of a committee to which was assigned the duty of enquiring into the expediency and practicability of erecting a Hall. In accordance with the report of this committee, a joint stock association was formed for the purpose of building a two-story, fire-proof brick hall, on Main street. The work was immediately undertaken, and has been some time completed. The new Hall is twenty-five feet wide, running back towards Cherokee street fifty-six feet, and the upper story is finished and furnished with a considerable degree of elegance, and is occupied by the Odd Fellows, Masons and Sons of Temperance, the lower story being rented as a store. The cost of the building and furniture was \$5,388, and it rents for a fair interest on this amount. We should not omit to mention here, that the building was erected on contract by Mr. D. Swain, who has put up several other fire-proof houses in town and has the contract for Mr. Green's new edifice, on the corner of Main and Flume streets.

Under the auspices of the Lodge a large lot has been enclosed in the public grave yard, as a private cemetery, planted with bushes and trees and sown with grass seed. It is already consecrated as the last resting place of two brothers—Johnston and Spencer, above the remains of the former of whom rises a marble memorial.

Having accomplished so much for the good of their fellows, the members of San Juan Lodge are entitled to much credit, and to all the enjoyment they anticipate from their coming celebration. There will be a big-gathering of the fraternity on that occasion, and there will also be ample accommodation and hospitable treatment for all who come.

Dan Morrison is busy with a four-horse team hauling curbing and copings from the quarry on the Bowen ranch in Pleasant Valley to North San Juan. The stone is intended for the beautifying of the burial lot in the North San Juan cemetery owned by Dan Cochran of Cherokee. It is a regular grained blue granite which also makes handsome monuments.

NORTH SAN JUAN CEMEYERY 1907

Clipped By:



seniorphotomoment
Sun, Apr 18, 2021

The funeral of James Northcutt, held in San Juan, Nevada county recently, was characterized by an old English custom, which had been requested by the aged man before his death. Instead of the employment of a hearse the coffin was carried by hand a distance of half a mile from the house to the grave in the family plot in the North San Juan cemetery.

NORTH SAN JUAN CEMETERY 1921

Clipped By:



seniorphotomoment
Sun, Apr 18, 2021

Great Respect Shown at Pioneer's Funeral

The funeral of the late Mrs. Regina Weinman of Sebastopol on Monday afternoon was the occasion for mourning along the North San Juan Ridge, where she had spent sixty years of her life. The public schools at North San Juan and Sweetland were closed for the funeral and flags were flown at half mast out of respect for the beloved woman. Large numbers of sorrowing friends from up and down the Ridge followed the remains to their last resting place in the North San Juan cemetery. The following were pall bearers: J. J. McCullough, Charles Maddrell, Henry Huckins, Walter Waiker, John Rogers and Ernest Collins.

NORTH SAN JUAN CEMETERY 1921

Clipped By:



seniorphotomoment

Fri, May 7, 2021

Local Masons Are Assisting Cleanup At North San Juan

Lloyd W. Jennings, Joseph F. Stenger, Charles Hosking and William Davey went to San Juan Sunday and did some work in cleaning out the Masonic cemetery at that place. The townspeople of San Juan have done considerable work on the cemetery, and Nevada Lodge of Masons is going to assist by putting the Masonic cemetery in shape.

On Sunday the local members who went over put in a good portion of the day in grubbing out the mass of scotch broom which has overrun the cemetery lot. Another trip will be made when this work will be completed and the lodge will also have the fence around the cemetery put in order again.

The San Juan people have made good progress in their cleanup work, and the town presents a very attractive appearance. San Juan is one of the prettiest towns on the ridge and the residents are justly proud of it.

NORTH SAN JUAN CEMETERY 1922

Clipped By:



seniorphotomoment

Thu, Apr 29, 2021

"Sunny Boy" Is Laid to Rest in Cemetery at North San Juan

San and impressive were funeral rites yesterday in the Methodist Church at North San Juan for little George Bretton McQuinn, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George McQuinn of that place. The bereaved father and mother and five little brothers and sisters gathered about the small white casket containing the body of the little boy, who because of his happy disposition was known to everyone as "Sonny Boy."

His death was due to pneumonia caused it is believed, by the fact that the little youngster had not sufficient warm clothes to ward off the cold that preceded the fatal malady. The father is a SERA worker.

Rev. H. H. Buckner of the Methodist Church officiated and his sermon and reading from the "Book of Law" brought comfort not only to the sorrowing family but to the friends who mourned with them.

A choir consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, Mrs. S. H. Jones and J. Hare with Miss Evelyn Jones as accompanist sang.

Four small boys carried the little casket to the grave in the North San Juan cemetery. They were: Leland Shaffer, Jack Kessler, Max Young and Warren Aldridge.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of the Holmes Funeral Home

NORTH SAN JUAN CEMETERY 1935

Clipped By:



seniorphotomoment

Fri, May 7, 2021



NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY

GRAVESITE LOCATION MAP CEMETERY LOT 46

LOCATED WITHIN THE WEST 1/2 OF SEC 5, T17N, R8E, M.D.M.
IN NORTH SAN JUAN, NEVADA COUNTY, CA.

SCALE 1"=20' DECEMBER, 2016

MAP PREPARED BY: JOHN C. SPENCER PLS 4728
P.O. BOX 912
GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945
PHONE 4320 265-8827

PROJECT SPONSOR: JONATHAN BECK
13227 CAPITOL DRIVE
GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945

OWNER/AGENT: NEVADA COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT
10523 WILLOW VALLEY RD
NEVADA CITY, CA 95959

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO: 60-090-02

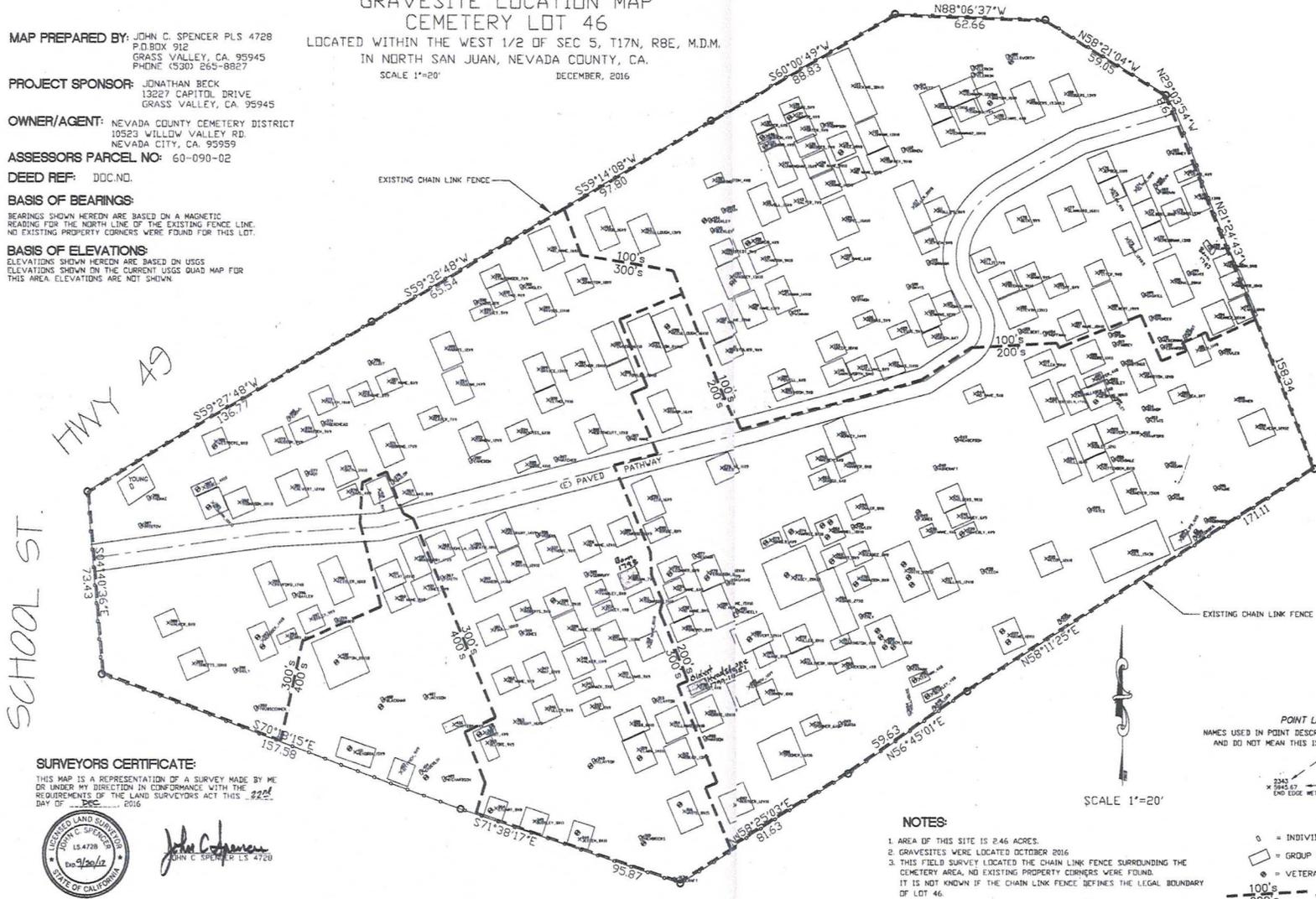
DEED REF: DDC NO.

BASIS OF BEARINGS:

BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON A MAGNETIC READING FOR THE NORTH LINE OF THE EXISTING FENCE LINE. NO EXISTING PROPERTY CORNERS WERE FOUND FOR THIS LOT.

BASIS OF ELEVATIONS:

ELEVATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON USGS ELEVATIONS SHOWN ON THE CURRENT USGS QUAD MAP FOR THIS AREA. ELEVATIONS ARE NOT SHOWN.



SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE:
THIS MAP IS A REPRESENTATION OF A SURVEY MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAND SURVEYORS ACT THIS 22nd DAY OF DEC, 2016



John C. Spencer
JOHN C. SPENCER PLS 4728

POINT LEGEND
NAMES USED IN POINT DESCRIPTION ARE FOR REFERENCE AND DO NOT MEAN THIS IS THE ONLY NAME PRESENT

POINT NO.
2243
2245-47
END EDGE MET

GROUND ELEVATION

POINT DESCRIPTION

○ = INDIVIDUAL GRAVESTONE
□ = GROUP OR FAMILY GRAVESTONES
● = VETERAN
- - - 100's / 200's = POINT GROUPS

SCALE 1"=20'

NOTES:

1. AREA OF THIS SITE IS 2.46 ACRES.
2. GRAVESITES WERE LOCATED OCTOBER 2016
3. THIS FIELD SURVEY LOCATED THE CHAIN LINK FENCE SURROUNDING THE CEMETERY AREA. NO EXISTING PROPERTY CORNERS WERE FOUND. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE CHAIN LINK FENCE DEFINES THE LEGAL BOUNDARY OF LOT 46.

CEMETERY ALLEY

BOUNDARY & EXISTING GRAVESITE LOCATION MAP
FOR: THE NEVADA COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT

DATE:	
DRAWN BY:	
CHK. NO.:	
REVS.:	



North San Juan, Calif.

Fostman's Studio B-5629



In Memory
of
PHILLIP PHILLIPS
Native of
Maunabo, Hawaii
South Wales
1818-1877
Age 30. 1877.
60 Years.
Also his beloved Wife
MARGRET.
Native of Honolulu, Hawaii
South Wales
1818-1877
March 17, 1870.
62 Years.





RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

&

RETURN TO:

Board of Supervisors
County of Nevada
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 200
Nevada City CA 95959-8617

COPY

Nevada County Recorder

Gregory J. Diaz

Document#: 20210023797

Wednesday July 14 2021, at 03:25:07 PM

Paid: \$0.00 CM

DOCUMENT TITLE

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 21-310

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY
LOCATED AT 27994 CEMETERY ALLEY, NORTH SAN JUAN, CA 95960 (APN 060-
092-002-000) AS NEVADA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NEV 21-04

THIS PAGE ADDED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPACE FOR RECORDING INFORMATION
(Govt. Code 27361.6)

Additional Recording Fee Applies



RESOLUTION No. 21-310

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NORTH SAN JUAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY LOCATED AT 27994 CEMETERY ALLEY, NORTH SAN JUAN, CA 95960 (APN 060-092-002-000) AS NEVADA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NEV 21-04

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC) was established in 1969 to promote the general welfare of Nevada County and its citizens through official recognition, recording, marking, preserving, and promoting the historical resources of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC has since sustained an active program of cataloging and recommending for designation historical sites and structures throughout Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC accepts applications, processes and verifies applications for proposed historical landmark designation and recommends said landmark designations for approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites, places, districts, and areas within the County that reflect special elements of the County's architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage, by allowing their registration as Nevada County Historical Landmarks for the following reasons:

1. Safeguarding Nevada County's heritage as embodied and reflected in the historic North San Juan Protestant Cemetery located 27994 Cemetery Alley, North San Juan, CA, 95960, its influence on Nevada County's cultural and social history, and commemorating the valuable role it played in this community; and
2. Encouraging public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Nevada County's history as reflected in its heritage; and
3. Fostering civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of cultural resources; and
4. Preserving diverse and harmonious architectural styles and design innovations; and
5. Enhancing property values to increase economic and financial benefits to Nevada County and its inhabitants by preserving and promoting historical buildings; and
6. Protecting and enhancing Nevada County's attraction to tourists and visitors, thereby stimulating business and industry; and

7. Identifying as early as possible and resolving conflicts between the preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses in a section of Nevada County that may see future population growth; and

WHEREAS, at its May 21, 2021 meeting, the NCHLC verified and unanimously approved the Application and now recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate the Property as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby accepts the NCHLC's recommendation and designates the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery, located at 27994 Cemetery Alley (APN 060-092-002-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 21-04.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution with the Office of the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder within ten (10) days after the adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 13th day of July, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:  _____  _____
Dan Miller, Chair

7/13/2021 cc: Recorder(1)

The foregoing instrument is a ~~correct~~ copy of the original on file in this office.

RES 21-310
ATTEST: 7/13/21
Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
County of Nevada
BY: 