

Locations listed in the "Distances" from Auburn for Jury Duty posted in the *Auburn Journal*

Antoine Canon

Above Michigan Bluff between Big Secret and Van Clief's canyons, the stream flows into the North Fork of the Middle Fork. Near American Hill. 3 miles south of Land Chance.

Named after mulatto Crow Indian Antoine (sometimes pronounced Antwine). He was Jim Beckwourth's partner. James Marshall mined here in 1850.

T & W p. 74, 373, 374 & Gudde p. 20 – mapcarta.com

Auburn Station

At the corner of Auburn-Folsom Road and Whiskey Bar Road in Loomis. It was the terminus of the Sacramento, Placer and Nevada Railroad. Railroad opened in 1862 tracks removed in 1864. Post office here was named Secret Ravin in 1854 by 1863 was named Auburn Station.

T & W p. 275 –& Gudde p. 314

Baker's Ranch

On the Divide between Shirttail Canon and the Middle Fork near Michigan Bluff. Owned by J. Hull Baker. On the Volcano Canyon Turnpike. Turnpike runs from Baker's Ranch to Michigan City.

Gudde p. 25 – National Register site for Turnpike.

Bath

One mile above Foresthill. Settled by John Bradford as a storehouse for the goods he was brining up to his store at Stony Bar. Originally called Volcano then Sarahsville, then Bath. For many years was an important gold mining town.

Guude p. 28 & Placer County Directory 1861 p. 17-18

Beal's Bar

On the North bank of the North Fork near the junction with the South Fork. In 1850 there were 378 miners there. Was also called Forksville though Forksville was just above the Bar. An important trade center. Now under Folsom Lake. There was a ferry here. Letts was here.

T & W p. 190 & Gudde p. 29

Bird's Valley

Site of Bird's store on the ridge between the North and Middle Fork, near Michigan Bluff. A stampede here in 1850 some 2,000 to 3,000 miners descended on the place.

T & W p. 69, 393 & Gudde p. 38

Blacksmith Flat

On the Ralston Divide between Long Canyon and the Middle Fork.

Gudde p. 39

Butcher Ranch

On the Stony Hill Turnpike on the divide between the North and Middle fork of the American river. Near the El Dorado line. 8 miles from Auburn and 15 miles from ?Foresthill. In 1882 there were 250 people here. IT had a drug store, two hotels, one blacksmith, one carpenter shop. A 20-pound nugget was found her in 1856.

T & W p. 376 & Gudde 53

Carrolton

On the North Fork of the American River opposite Condemned Bar. A short-lived, but bustling town, after water was introduced in 1855.

Gudde p. 62

Colfax

Named for Schuyler Colfax, vice president under Grant in 1868. A trading center not a mining town.
Gudde p. 77

Cox's Ranch

On Coon Creek, a noted stopping place and pleasant rendezvous for a large part of the country. Paul Cox was here in 1861. Claude Chana's party stopped here the first night from Sigard's Ranch heading to Auburn Ravine in May 1848. Known for holding large balls, was a polling place.

T & w p. 67 & 240 – 1861 Directory – 12 July 1856 & 22 Nov. 1856 & 29 Jan. 1859.

Damascus

On Humbug Creek a tributary of the north Fork, 5 miles southeast of Dutch Flat. Founded by Dr. D. W. Strong. First called Strong's Diggings. Post office established in 1856,

Gudde p. 90 - GenealogyTrails.com

Deadwood

Above Michigan Bluff on the divide between the North and the Middle Fork. On a high narrow ridge between El Dorado Canyon and the North Fork of the Middle Fork. At 3,943 ft. elevation. Hard to get there, had to travel 70 miles to traverse the 7 miles as the crow flies. Gold discovered here in 1852, attracted 500-600 miners. Glory days passed by 1855. Deadwood means "sure thing."

T & W p. 379 & Gudde p. 92 & Placer County Directory 1861 p. 15-16

Devil's Basin

Northeast of Deadwood on the North Fork of the Middle Fork. 1.8 miles ENE from Deadwood, 2.3 miles SW of Last Chance on the west canyon wall of the North Fork of the Middle Fork. Elevation 3,753 ft.

Gudde p. 94 – mapcarta.com - mindatorg

Doton's Bar

North side of the North Fork, 2 miles above the mouth of the south Fork. 42 miners here in 1850. Now under Folsom Lake.

Gudde p. 99

Doty's Flat

Near Ophir, west of Auburn and Sailor's Ravine. Between present day Wise Road and Crater Hill Road. Stephen Wing worked here in 1852-55. Lump of gold found here in 1853 weighed 88 ½ ounces. 761 ft. elevation.

T & W p. 226 & Gudde p. 99

Dunn Shed – No information found although it was a polling place in 1865

Dutch Flat

2 ½ miles northeast of Gold Run. On a ridge that separates the Bear River from the North Fork. First settled by Charles and Joseph Dornbach, became as Dutch Charlie's Flat then changed to Dutch Flat when the post office was established in 1856. A hydraulic mining center. First place that dynamite was used extensively.

Gudde p. 104 & Placer County directory 1861 p. 18-19

Foresthill

On the divide between Shirttail Canon and the Middle Fork, on the Blue Lead. Settled in 1850 as a trading post, gold found by accident at Jenny Lind Canon uncovering raw gold. One of the most production gold areas. Post office established in 1859.

Gudde p. 119 & Placer County Directory 1861 p. 49-51

Forks House

On the Divide at the junction of the Michigan Bluff, Yankee Jim and Iowa Hill Roads. 1 mile from Yankee Jim and 12 miles from Iowa Hill. South of Damascus.

T & W p. 284-85- Sacramento Union 17 Sept. 1856

Fountain House

At junction of Secret Ravine and Miner's Ravine. Close to where modern - day highway 65 crosses Interstate 80, a little south of Roseville. Justice of Peace D. Gaylord had large number of fruit trees here in 1858.

Map – Placer Herald 2 Oct. 1858 & PH 21 April 1860

Franklin House

On the old 49er wagon road from Sacramento, southeast of Horseshoe Bar. Was originally called Miner's Hotel.

T & W p. 274 & 401 – californiagenealogy.com

Fullers

Might be Fuller's Ranch, there was a toll bridge across the Auburn Ravine run by Richard Fuller in 1869. License granted in 1859. Was a polling place in 1860, was large enough to have a delegate to Democratic Convention in 1859.

Placer Herald 23 June 1860 & 2 July 1859, 12 Feb. 1859, 30 June 1860.

Gold Hill

In Auburn Ravine below Auburn. Organized in 1852, in 1852 had 44 voters. Once called Orr City or Oro City or Mugginsville. The Buckeye Rovers were here in 1851-52

T & W p. 390 & Gudde p. 134-135

Gold Run

Original name was Mountain Springs. Site of Dead Blue River Channel. Hydraulic mining site. Founded by O. W. Hollenbeck. He laid out the town and built a hotel. At one time was the most important village in the county. At the elevation of 3,206 ft. The suit against the Gold Run Ditch and Mining Company in 1881 was the beginning of the end of hydraulic mining in the state.

T & W p. 233, 263, 307, 390 & Gudde p. 136

Green Valley

Southeast of Dutch Flat on the North Fork, named by Mahlon Fairchild's party. 4 miles above Alta. Rich mining history, large Chinese mining population. Rugged, steep trail to access the Valley. Green Valley Trail part of Placer Land Trust.

T & W p. 148 Gudde p. 144 – northforktrails.com – Placer Herald 21 Jan. 1854

Grizzly Bear House

On Auburn Folsom Road, ten miles above Auburn. Borthwick was here in 1852. Half way between Auburn and Yankee Jims. J. B. Nobel has Grizzly Bear House for sale in December 1852.

T & W p. 344 & Gudde p. 146 – Placer Herald 11 Dec. 1852

Grizzly Flat

2 miles south of Iowa Hill. Directly east of Wisconsin Hill at the head of Grizzly Canon. Fortunes were made here. Rich diggings. A polling place in 1856.

T & W p. 219, 384, 391 & Gudde 146 – Placer Herald 8 Nov. 1856 & 26 Jan. 1856

Herbert's Station – No information found

Illinoistown

Illinoistown was just south of Colfax. Settled in 1850 as a supply depot. First known as Alder Grove and Upper Corral. Borthwick and Mahlon Fairchild were here. Mineral Bar road from Illinoistown to Iowa Hill was an important turnpike handling most of the freight destined for the mountain mining towns. Colfax soon became the important town on the rail line.

Gudde p. 165 & Placer County Directory 1861 p. 52

Iowa Hill

First claims made by Jamison, first called Kennedy Claim. Extremely successful mining town. After a fire in 1857, rebuilt with better buildings. In 1861 had grocery stores, dry goods and clothing stores, a brewery and a soda factory, hardware, tinware shops, bowling alleys, billiards saloons, and beer halls. Catholic Church & Methodist Church, lodges, schools and a theater.

Placer County Directory 1861 p. 43-44

Last Chance

At elevation of 4,545 ft. On the main branch of North and Middle Fork, 8 miles northeast of Michigan Bluff. Established in 1852. Site of hydraulic mining. At one time called Caroline Diggings.

Gudde p. 191 – mapcarta.com

Lincoln

Town surveyed and laid out by Theodore Judah for California Central Railroad in 1859. Named for Charles Lincoln Wilson, a director of the CCRR. Gladding, McBean the clay works company was founded here in 1870s. Known mainly for copper although gold found here in 1930s by dredging the Auburn Ravine and Doty's Ravine.

Gudde 194, Wikipedia.com

Lisbon

Between Auburn and Illinoistown, now called Applegate. Named after Lisbon Applegate in 1855 when post office established. One of the finest fruit regions. George Applegate was a pioneer fruit grower.

T & w p. 240, 364-365, 406

Madden's Station – No information found although it was a polling place in 1865.

Michigan Bluff

Between North and Middle Forks, seven miles from Foresthill on the top of a hill. Post Office established in 1854. Originally called Michigan City. Whole town mined and then a fire in 1857 destroyed the original town. When they moved the town in 1861 they called it Michigan Bluff. Very prosperous town with clothing stores, 3 hotels restaurants, 2 express office, 4 barbers, 2 lawyers, 3 doctors saloons., etc. A nugget weighing 226 ounces was found in 1864.

Gudde p. 214 & Placer County Directory 1861 p. 10

Mineral Bar

On the North Fork above the junction of the North and Middle Forks. Rice had a ferry here. There was a covered bridge here that Charles Rice built. This in one of the most important toll roads in the state supplying the mines in the higher elevations from Iowa Hill.

T & W p. 288 & Gudde p. 216 & californiagenealogy.com – Placer Herald 17 Nov. 1860

Monona Flat

On Indian Creek 2 miles northeast of Iowa Hill. ¼ mile above Bird's (Byrd's) Flat. Another source says 1/1/2 miles south of Iowa Hill. Also known as Mononatown. Elevation 3,114 ft.

Gudde p. 221 – Statistic of mines @google books.com

Neilsburg

Between Bowman and Clipper Gap on the railroad line. Near the Dry Creek exit of Interstate 80. Anton Armbruster had a large apple orchard here. Arthur Neil and wife have a daughter born here in 1864. Arthur C. Neil (Neill) was postmaster in 1855. He was a rancher in voter registration rolls.

T & W p. 248 – genealogytrails.com – Placer Herald 19 March 1864 – ancestry.com

Newcastle

3 miles south of Ophir. Fruit shipping center, not a good mining town.

Gudde p. 239

North Star House

4 miles below Foresthill. An express rider from Wells Fargo stopped here in 1852.

Placer Herald 18 Sept. 1852

Ophir

On the Auburn Ravine. Also called Ophirville. Originally called Spanish Corral. The Buckeye Rovers named it. In 1850 there was one cabin by 1852 it was the largest and most prosperous town in the county but a fire in the same year began its demise. Stephen Wing was here. In 1856 a Chinese man found a nugget worth 3,300. Was a rich pocket mine area. Started decline in 1855-56

Gudde p. 252 & Placer County Directory 1861 p. 20

Oregon Bar

½ mile above Poverty Bar on the Middle Fork. There was a ferry here in 1850. There was also a Little Oregon Bar. In 1852, 40 miners were making \$2,500 per day.

T & W p. 190, 199, 226 & Gudde p. 253

Orrs

Possibly another name for Oro City (Mugginsville/Gold Hill)

There is an Orr Creek off hiway 49, there is an Orr street in Aeolia heights neighborhood.

Gudde P. 256

Pine Grove

In Secret Ravine on Auburn – Sacramento Road. 1/5 miles from Loomis. Also called Pino also Smithville. Close to Secret Ravine. Once had a population of 1,500. A farming center.

T & W p. 347 – 397 & Gudde p. 268 & Placer County Directory 1861 p. 55

Rattlesnake

On the North Fork below the junction with the Middle Fork. Above Whiskey Bar. The bar itself was exhausted by 1850-51. The town itself was on a flat above the Bar.

The principle town on the river in 1853. The actual town was on a bench above the Bar. Especially known for gardens, orchards and vineyards. Bear River Ditch brought water in 1853. The North Fork Canal brought water in 1856. At one time had a Wells, Fargo office, hotels theater, daily stage service. Population of 1,000 in town and 2,000 nearby in 1856. The 1863 fire started the decline. Now under Folsom Lake.

T & W p. 352 & 401

Rock Creek

An unincorporated area north of Auburn. The reservoir is part of the Placer Land Trust.

mapcarta.com

Rocklin

Initially the home to many Maidu villages and then occupied by gold miners in the Secret Ravine area in the 1850s. When the Central Pacific Railroad arrived in 1862, the station stop was named Rocklin. It was a railroad town for many years until ‘the Big Move’ transferred most of the railroad infrastructure to Roseville.

Gudde p. 320

Roseville

Initially called Grider's station when the Central Pacific Railroad arrived in 1864. As it was the junction of the Central Pacific and the California Central Railroad, it was called Junction then Roseville Junction. Incorporated in 1909. It was a railroad town for many years.

Gudde p. 273

Secret Spring House

8 miles from the Forks House, 7 miles from Robinson Flat. At 5,486 feet. The Buckeye Rovers were here.

T & W p. 215, 284 & Gudde p. 314

Smith's Ranch

An express rider from Wells Fargo stopped here in 1852.

Placer Herald 18 Sept. 1852

Spring Garden

Southwest of Yankee Jims.

Gudde p. 332

Squaw Valley

Shows up on Goddards 1857 map, it was once called Claraville and was a large mining area. It sits on the banks of the Truckee River. It was the 1960 site of the Winter Olympics and was called Olympic Village for a short time. The first ski resort was built in 1948. It is an unincorporated area.

Gudde p. 373

Stewart's Flat

On Secret Ravine, one mile east of Loomis. Town abandoned in 1867 after granite quarries were established in nearby Penryn.

T & W. p. 196 & Gudde p. 336

Tahoe City

Sits on the banks of Lake Tahoe. Fremont discovered the Lake in 1844. The Tahoe House was built in 1864. The area was called Tahoe for many years and then Tahoe City in 1946.

Gudde p. 384

Todd's Valley

A tributary of the Middle Fork. Named for Dr. F. Walton Todd, he had a store here in 1849. A relation to Mary Todd Lincoln. Post office established in 1856.

Gudde p. 351

Union Shed

Now called Sheridan. Shed built by E. C. Rogers in 1857, was a one-story house with an unenclosed shed about 40 x 40 ft. and 20 ft high. Provided cover for monstrous freight wagons for sun or rain. A crossroads station, one road to Nichols, one road to Marysville, one road to Grass Valley, one road to Auburn. Was on the Sacramento to Nevada Road. 40 to 60 freight wagons per day would stop here in the 1860s. Farmers from surrounding areas would bring hay and feed to sell to the teamsters. There was a dancing school 2 evenings a week and a ball every month. There was a racetrack here. Polling place in 1865. All changed by the coming of the Railroad in 1866. Destroyed by fire in 1868.

T & W p. 240, 386-87 & Placer Herald 26 Sept. 1868 & 21 Oct. 1865

Upper Horseshoe Bar

7 miles above Beal's Bar, 2 miles south of ole 49er Sacramento road. The Mormons first worked the area in 1848. Was a trading center. In 1852 it had 4 hotels and 300 voters. Some \$100,000 came out of the area. Letts was here.

T 7 W p. 401 & Gudde p. 160

U. S. House

At Smith's Ranch outside Todd's Valley toward Auburn, on North Star and Stony Pitch Road between North and Middle Fork east of Clipper Gap.

T & W. p. 340

Virginia or Virginiatown

Four miles east of Lincoln. Post office named Virginia established in 1850.

Gudde p. 360

Wells – No additional information found.

Wilson's Ranch – No additional information found.

Wilsontown

A copper mining town on the Bear River in the Garden Bar District, very rich for a while. At one time had a polling place.

T & W p. 206

Wisconsin Hill

On the Iowa Hill Divide on the Blue Lead between the North and Middle Fork south of Iowa Hill. A population of 700 in 1854. At one time had 6 saloons, 2 hotels, a grocery store and dry goods store.

T & W p. 96, 399 & Gudde p. 374

Yankee Jims

One the road between Colfax and Foresthill. ½ mile from Foresthill. Yankee Jim, a man named Robinson from Sydney had a corral here where he kept stolen horses. Post office established in 1852. Hydraulic mining may have been introduced here. Col. McClure had an orchard with 500 trees here in 1852. Depopulated by 1875. Yankee Jims Dry Diggings was a different place.

Gudde p. 377-78 & 1861 Placer County Directory p. 12-13-14

Zert's Ranch – No additional information found.