

Virginiatown Plaque



Place: 4725 Virginiatown Road, east of Lincoln off Highway 193.

Circa 1852: Virginia, likely named by some Gold Rushers from the state of Virginia, was among a series of communities established along the Auburn Ravine below Auburn where the first reported gold discovery was made in May 1848 by Frenchman Claude Chana. Claim to fame: First Placer railroad, possibly state.

1952: The Placer County Historical Society, County of Placer join forces with the State Department of Natural Resources in putting up the plaque denoting State Registered Landmark No. 400, one of the last of the Centennial plaques denoting the anniversary of California becoming the 31st State in 1850. The Virginiatown plaque on Virginiatown Road was formally dedicated Sept. 28, 1952, with only two crumbling buildings left of the ghost town now remembered as Virginiatown.

2012: Plaque stolen. Only the granite base remains.

2013: An identical shiny new plaque put in place. The rededication is made possible by the Placer County Historical Society and E Clampus Vitus, Lord Sholto Douglas Chapter 3, Newcastle.