



CA – EL DORADO

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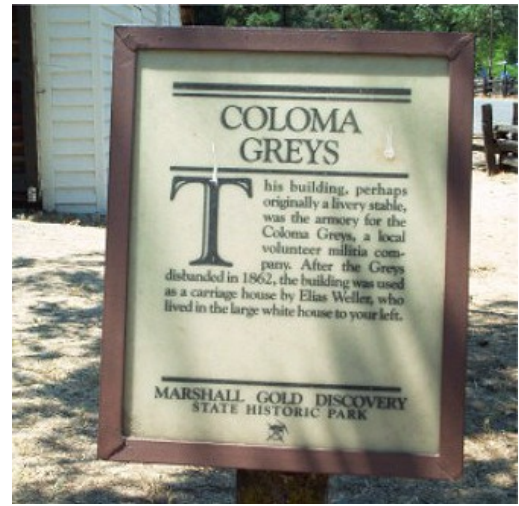
**Case Name: CA-El Dorado-Coloma-Armory Building**

**State:** California  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Location:**  
Coloma, CA. Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, Bridge Street and Highway 49, SE corner.

**Type:**  
Building, Armory for Coloma Greys until 1862

**Latitude:** North 38.80050° (Google Earth)  
**Longitude:** West 120.89148°

**Photos:**  
Photo by Charles Beal, Camp 17, 2004  
[additional photos on file, more needed]



**Reported by:**  
Charles Beal, Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, 23 June 2004

**Researched by:**  
Charles Beal has provided pictures of interpretive sign and one side of building

<b>Status:</b>
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**Notes:**  
The structure was reportedly built in 1855. After the Coloma Greys (a local independent militia unit) were mustered into state service in 1857, the building was used as their armory. The Greys disbanded sometime after 13 September 1862 due to attrition.

Although not related to any specific Civil War event, this building was stocked with small arms in readiness during the first two years of the Civil War. The inventory as of 18 August 1862 was 40 muskets (no rifles), 40 cartridge boxes with belts and plates, 40 bayonet scabbards, 40 cap boxes, 2 bullet moulds, 4 sergeant's swords with belts and plates, and various musket cleaning and repair tools and parts.

An interpretive sign in front of the building reads:  
COLOMA GREYS | This building, perhaps originally a livery stable, was the armory of the Coloma Greys, a local volunteer militia company. After the Greys disbanded in 1862, the building was used as a carriage house by Elias Weller, who lived in the large white house to your left. | Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.



<b>Case Name:</b> CA-El Dorado-Georgetown-Plaque-Armory-1976	
<b>State:</b> California <b>County:</b> El Dorado <b>Location:</b> 6259 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634 (the building operated as a restaurant as of 2014).	<b>Type:</b> Plaque, bronze, mounted on stone masonry base.
<b>Latitude:</b> North 38.90597° (Google Earth) <b>Longitude:</b> West 120.83956°	<b>Photos:</b> [photos needed] <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
<b>Reported by:</b> Dean Enderlin (DMO), Ellsworth Camp 23, 9 Jan. 2014.	
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<b>Notes:</b> Inscription: CIVIL WAR ARMORY   BUILT IN 1862   FOR THE   GEORGETOWN HOME GUARD   DEDICATED AUGUST 28, 1976   BY   GROWLERSBURG CHAPTER "86"   E CLAMPUS VITUS	



<b>Case Name:</b> CA-El Dorado-Georgetown-Plaque-Georgetown Blues-2007	
<b>State:</b> California <b>County:</b> El Dorado <b>Location:</b> Growlersburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9241 Building, Wentworth Springs Road.	<b>Type:</b> Plaque, bronze, mounted on wall of building.
<b>Latitude:</b> North ° <b>Longitude:</b> West °	<b>Photos:</b> [photos needed] <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
<b>Reported by:</b> Charles Beal, Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, June 2015	
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<b>Notes:</b> Inscription: A Military Company Was Organized   At Georgetown In August 1859, Called   The Georgetown Blues   This Is In Honor Of Them, And   Dedicated To All United States   Veterans Who Have So Honorably   Answered Their Nation's Call To Duty.   America Thanks You!   E Clampus Vitus   Growlersburg Chapter 86   November 11, 2007	



**Case Name: CA-El Dorado-Placerville-Courthouse-M1857-12pdr-Napoleon-171**

**State:** California  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Location:**  
 El Dorado County Courthouse, 495 Main Street, Placerville, CA.. Flanking left side of entrance (as you face the building)

**Latitude:** North 38.72979° (Google Earth)

**Longitude:** West 120.79951°

**Reported by:**  
 Stark list & Armistead 1998

**Researched by:**  
 Robert Maerdian, Wright Camp 22, July 2004; John Riggs, Carlin Camp 25, Jan. 2014.

**Status:**

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**Type:**  
 12-pdr bronze Napoleon, Model 1857, cast 1862, foundry Revere Copper Co., registry #164, foundry #171, inspector TJR (Thomas J. Rodman), weight 1218 pounds.

**Photos:**  
 Right: Photo courtesy © John Riggs, Carlin Camp 25, January 2014 [additional photos on file, but more needed]



**Form 61 link:** <http://www.suvcw.org/memorials/forms/61CA-El%20Dorado-Placerville-Courthouse-M1857-12pdr-Napoleon-171.pdf>

**Notes:**  
 One of a number of cannons requested for delivery to various California GAR Posts and towns in a bill passed by Congressman John Raker. The bill requested condemned bronze or brass cannons, with carriages and cannon balls for the following places: Alturas, Red Bluff, Corning, Anderson, Columbia, Redding, Newcastle, Downieville, San Andreas, Nevada City, Auburn, and Placerville. The guns were scheduled for delivery from Benicia Arsenal to Placerville in January 1913 (source: *The Mountain Democrat*, 11 January 1913). Inscription on plaque: CIVIL WAR CANNON | PLACERVILLE POST | No. 108.

Excerpt from the Sixty-second Congress, Sess. II, Chapter 384, August 24, 1912 [H.R. 24458]:  
 CHAP. 384. – An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to deliver to certain cities and towns condemned bronze or brass cannon, with their carriages and outfit of cannon balls, and so forth. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,*  
 “To the city of Placerville, California, two condemned bronze or brass cannon or fieldpieces, together with their carriages and twelve cannon balls for use at Placerville Post, Numbered One hundred and eight, Grand Army of the Republic, the same to be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War.”



**Case Name: CA-El Dorado-Placerville-Courthouse-M1857-12pdr-Napoleon-293**

**State:** California  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Location:**  
 El Dorado County Courthouse, 495 Main Street, Placerville, CA. Flanking right side of entrance (as you face the building).

**Latitude:** North 38.72979° (Google Earth)

**Longitude:** West 120.79939°

**Reported by:**  
 Stark list & Armistead 1998

**Researched by:**  
 Robert Maerdian, Wright Camp 22, July 2004; John Riggs, Carlin Camp 25, Jan. 2014.

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**Type:**  
 12-pdr bronze Napoleon, Model 1857, cast 1863, foundry Revere Copper Co., registry #284, foundry #293, inspector TJR (Thomas J. Rodman), weight 1237 pounds.

**Photos:**  
 Right: Photo of cannon by © John Riggs, Carlin Camp 25 [additional photos needed]



**Form 61 link:** [See CA-El Dorado-Placerville-Courthouse-M1857-12pdr-Napoleon-171]

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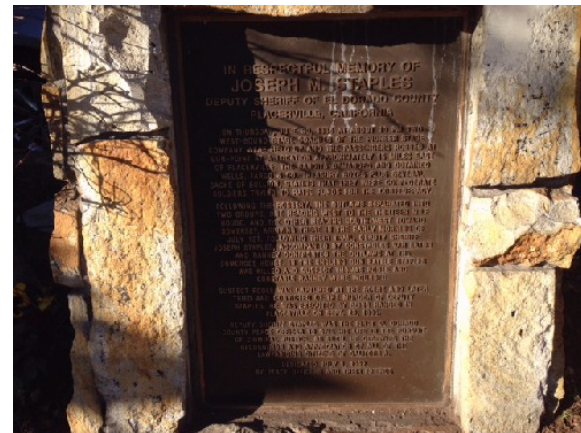
**Case Name: CA-El Dorado-Placerville-Plaque-Deputy Staples-1932**

**State:** California  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Location:**  
 Placerville, CA.

**Type:**  
 Plaque, bronze, mounted in stone and mortar die.

**Latitude:** North °  
**Longitude:** West °

**Photos:**  
 Right: Photo of plaque by © John Riggs, Carlin Camp 25 [additional photos needed]



**Reported by:**  
 John Riggs, Carlin Camp 25, 6 Jan. 2014

**Researched by:**

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**Notes:**  
 Inscription:  
 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF | JOSEPH M. STAPLES | DEPUTY SHERIFF OF EL DORADO COUNTY | PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA | ON THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1864, AT ABOUT 10 P.M. TWO | WEST-BOUND STATE COACHES OF THE PIONEER STATE | COMPANY WERE HELD UP AND THE PASSENGERS ROBBED AT | GUN-POINT AT A LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES EAST | OF PLACERVILLE. THE BANDITS DEMANDED AND OBTAINED | WELLS FARGO & CO. TREASURY BOXES PLUS SEVERAL | SACKS OF BULLION, STATING THAT THEY WERE CONFEDERATE | SOLDIERS TRYING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CONFEDERACY. FOLLOWING THE ROBBERY, THE OUTLAWS SEPARATED INTO | TWO GROUPS, ONE HEADING WEST TO THE THIRTEEN MILE | HOUSE, AND THE OTHER HEADING SOUTH-WEST TOWARD | SOMERSET, ARRIVING THERE IN THE EARLY MORNING OF | JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>. FOLLOWING THEIR TRAIL, DEPUTY SHERIFF | JOSEPH STAPLES, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSTABLES VAN EATON | AND RANNEY CONFRONTED THE OUTLAWS AT THE | SOMERSET HOUSE. IN THE ENSUING GUN BATTLE STAPLES | WAS KILLED AND SUSPECT THOMAS POOLE AND | CONSTABLE RANNEY WERE WOUNDED. SUSPECT POOLE WAS CAPTURED AT THE SCENE AND LATER | TRIED AND CONVICTED OF THE MURDER OF DEPUTY | STAPLES. HE WAS EXECUTED BY BEING HANGED IN | PLACERVILLE ON SEPT. 23, 1865. DEPUTY STAPLES WAS THE FIRST EL DORADO | COUNTY PEACE OFFICER TO GIVE HIS LIFE IN THE PURSUIT | OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. AS SUCH, HE DESERVES THE | RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF ALL OF THE | LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA. DEDICATED JULY 1, 1932  
 BY PEACE OFFICERS AND THEIR FRIENDS



<b>Case Name:</b> CA-El Dorado-Placerville-Studebaker Shop-CSHL142	
<b>State:</b> California <b>County:</b> El Dorado <b>Location:</b> 543 Main Street, Placerville, CA. The E Clampus Vitus plaque is in front of the Robert A. Hook Building at corner of driveway.	<b>Type:</b> Plaque - California State Historical Landmark No. 142. There is no CSHL plaque at the site. Instead, located nearby is a bronze plaque dedicated to John Mohler Studebaker by E Clampus Vitus.
<b>Latitude:</b> North 38.72944° (Google Earth) <b>Longitude:</b> West 120.79800° Note: These are coordinates for the existing plaque.	<b>Photos:</b> [photos needed] <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
<b>Reported by:</b> Tad D. Campbell, Camp 4, May 2002	
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<b>Notes:</b> NO. 142 STUDEBAKER'S SHOP (SITE OF) - This shop was built in the early 1850s. The front part housed a blacksmith shop operated by Ollis and Hinds, and John Mohler Studebaker rented a part of the rear. Here he had a bench and sort of woodworking shop where he repaired and worked on wagon wheels and the like. A little later he began to make wheelbarrows for the miners' use. He became engaged in the making of ammunition wagons for the Union Army - from that grew his extensive wagon and carriage business and, eventually, the automobile business.  There is no plaque with the above inscription at the site. It is possible that none was ever erected.  Inscription on the E Clampus Vitus plaque (only plaque at the site): JOHN MOHLER STUDEBAKER   PIONEER – BLACKSMITH – SOLDIER   INVENTER – BUILDER   DEDICATED AUG. 27, 1939 JAMES MARSHALL   CHAPTER NO. 49 E CLAMPUS VITUS	



<b>Case Name:</b> CA-El Dorado-Placerville-UnionCem-GARplot-Flagpole-Plaque	
<b>State:</b> California <b>County:</b> El Dorado <b>Location:</b> GAR (or Soldiers') Plot, Union Cemetery, 650 Bee Street, Placerville, CA	<b>Type:</b> Plaque, brass, approx. 20-in. x 36-in, placed at the south side base of flagpole. No date of dedication or casting on plaque.
<b>Latitude:</b> North ° <b>Longitude:</b> West °	<b>Photos:</b> [photos needed] <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
<b>Reported by:</b> Robert Maerdian, Wright Camp 22, Nov. 2009.	
<b>Researched by:</b>	
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<b>Notes:</b> Plaque inscription: In Memory of Civil War Veterans   United Spanish War Veterans   Placerville Aerie of Eagles #889   Ladies Auxiliary of Eagles   Native Sons of the Golden West   Foresters of America   De Molay   Native Daughters of the Golden West   Soroptomist Club   IOOF Leona Rebekah Lodge #30   Pleasant Valley Grange   Lions Club   VFW   City of Placerville   Diamond Springs Lime Co.   and   Friends  The flagpole is approximately 40 feet high with a round ball finial. There is a slight bend to the pole. It is no longer in service, needing a new halyard and probably other hardware.  The flagpole and plaque are located in a soldiers' plot, thought to be a GAR plot. Further research will be necessary to confirm this.	