

The Moraga Historical Society Presents:
Canyon, a Unique community

Thursday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m.
in the Moraga Library Meeting Room
1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga, CA 94556

A presentation by Vicki McCosker Saputo.

Today Canyon is a tiny community of some 70 residences located in a heavily wooded area, sandwiched between the Oakland Hills and the communities of Moraga and Orinda. But, a little more than 150 years ago, Canyon served as the lumbering center for the Bay Area and its outer regions. Its thousand year old redwoods were shamefully used building towns and cities throughout the region. In 1850 the area was primarily dairy ranches. By 1900, the ranches were disappearing, and the redwoods returned, a number of saloons, hotels, and a general store opened. The area had morphed into a summer resort area and has continued to change but still remain "Canyon".



Summit Saloon, Circa 1860

Both of Vicki's Grandparents and Parents on her Father's (the McCosker) side homesteaded in Canyon in the 1850's and 60's. Her father attended the old one-room Canyon School and later commuted to the University of California by foot and/or by the Oakland and Antioch (Sacramento Northern) Railway. She has enjoyed the area her entire life and still owns property in Canyon. Her two sons lived with her during their early childhood. Her eldest son lived there for 20 years and 5 years of that time was with her first granddaughter. She will tell the story of Canyon as she knows and experienced it.

This is also our Annual Meeting for the Election of Directors. We will entertain nominations from the floor, so if you are interested in helping out or serving as a Director, please contact Colleen Lund at (925) 376-3520 or Susan Sperry at (925) 376-3053.

All members of the Moraga Historical Society, their guests and interested parties are invited to attend.

(For individuals wishing more background information on Canyon, Vicki was interviewed in parts 1 & 2 of the KPFA Podcasts. "EAST BAY YESTERDAY". You can listen to her and others at "Deep in Canyon, Parts 1 & 2".)

Join us at 7:30 p.m., February 27th at the Moraga Library Meeting Room.