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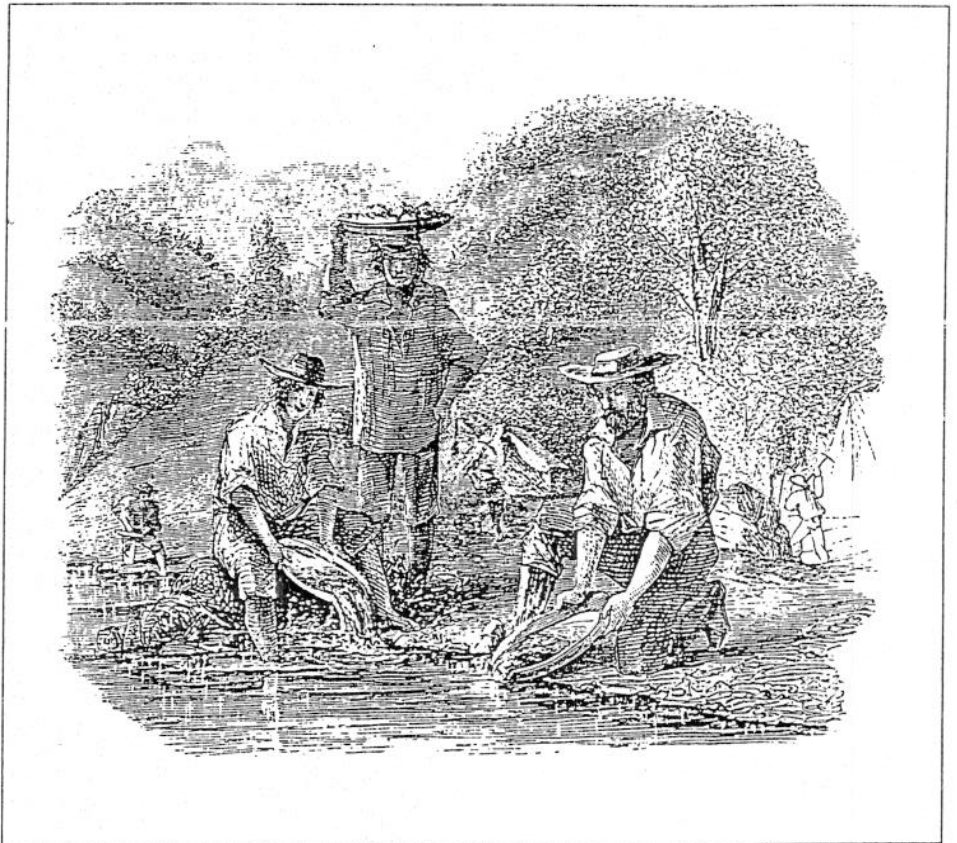
NCCSAH to meet in Grass
Valley and Nevada City

The Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians will meet on Saturday, November 1, 1997, in the Gold Rush towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City. We will convene, at the Empire Mine State Historic Park. The site is one of the largest and richest hard rock gold mines in California. First mined in 1850, the operation finally closed in 1956. The Empire Cottage and other buildings on the site were designed circa 1895 by Bay Area architect, Willis Polk for mine owner William Bourn, Jr.

The group will meet in the Polk designed clubhouse, hear several presentations, and tour the stone cottage and site. If the weather holds we will lunch on the patio. After lunch and the business meeting we will head up Highway 49 for a short drive to Nevada City where we will tour the National Register Historic District, rich in 19th century history and architecture. Our guide for this part of the day will be Ed Tyson, a well known Nevada City historian.

We will end the day with wine and dinner!

If you would like to join us for the day see the registration form on page three of this newsletter.



Panning for Gold from Charles Nordhoff's California for Travellers and Settlers, 1873.

Join NCCSAH now!! See membership form on page 4!

Newsletter Departments

Conferences, Lectures and Exhibits

Like many newsletters within the fields of historic preservation and history we would like to provide a calendar of conferences, lectures and other related events. Please send in your suggestions for this portion of the newsletter. Upcoming events include:

Exhibit at the California Historical Society - *Alaska Gold: Life on the New Frontier*. September 4, 1997 - January 3, 1998. 678 Mission Street, San Francisco.

Exhibit at the Healdsburg Museum - *Vacationland: A History of Russian River Resorts*. Through November 9, 1997. 221 Matheson Street, Healdsburg.

Exhibit at the Haggin Museum - *Vintage Cameras / Historic Views*. An overview of the Gluskin Collection. 1201 North Pershing Avenue, Stockton.

The Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage, the California College of Art & Crafts and DOCOMOMO/ Northern California are co-sponsoring two, day-long events on Modernism in the Bay Area: October 25 and November 15, 1997. For more information call Heritage at (415) 441-3000.

The 7th National Conference on American Planning History (co-sponsored by Urban History Association) will meet in Seattle, Washington, October 23 - 26, 1997.

The Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum is accepting proposals for a symposium on "America's Splendid Little War with Spain: A Centennial Perspective," to be held in May 1998. Deadline for submission of paper topics is November 15, 1997. Contact: James Kern, Vallejo Museum, 734 Marin Street Vallejo, CA 94590.

The California Preservation Foundation Annual Conference will be held in Berkeley from May 7-10. For further information contact CPF at (510) 763-0972.

Arts & Crafts Tours is offering SAH Members a 10% discount and a free night in London for signing up for their October 18-26 tour highlighting the English Arts & Crafts movement. For every NCCSAH member that signs up, Arts & Crafts Tours will make a \$100.00 donation to NCCSAH. For more information about this travel opportunity call Elaine Hirsch Ellis, President, Arts & Crafts Tours, (212) 362-0761.

National SAH News

The Society of Architectural Historians will meet in Los Angeles, California from April 15-19, 1998. The meeting will take place at the Biltmore Hotel, one of that city's most prominent landmarks. Mark your calendar for this upcoming event.

The Society of Architectural Historians will be publishing an updated version of the *Guide to Graduate Degree Programs in Architectural History*. To obtain a copy contact SAH in Chicago at (213) 573-1365.

Preservation News

This portion of the newsletter is intended to inform members about current preservation efforts in the area. Please send suggestions for brief stories to Michael Crowe, NCCSAH Preservation Officer at 640 Mason Street #503, San Francisco, CA 94108, or to Bridget Malley, Newsletter Editor, Architectural Resources Group, Pier 9, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111.

In San Francisco, the preservation community has continued to monitor the actions of the Landmarks Board. The controversy over the murals in the old Public Library in the Civic Center continues. The city is still in search of funds for work on the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. Lastly, the fate of the old Emporium building near Union Square and several school buildings of the San Francisco Unified School District is still undecided.

In Palo Alto, a moratorium on demolition permits for residences was enacted in the past year. This action resulted in the city hiring a consultant to survey the historic resources within the city limits for future planning purposes.

*NCCSAH Fall Meeting
Empire Mine State Park*

*Saturday, November 1, 1997
Grass Valley, California*



PROGRAM

9:30 to 10:00 am
Registration at the Empire Mine Clubhouse

10:00 to 11:30 pm
Presentations at the Empire Mine Clubhouse
Including:

Elaine Jackson-Retondo
*Corrective Architecture and the Economy of Space:
Massachusetts State Prison at Charlestown, 1805-50*

William Littmann
*The Production of Good Will: A Brief History of Factory
Tours in America*

Surprise Speaker
Willis Polk

11:30 to 1:00 pm
Tour of Empire Mine State Historic Park including the
Willis Polk designed Bourn Cottage, the Clubhouse,
and the Mine

1:00 to 2:00 pm
Lunch at Empire Mine Clubhouse and the Business
Meeting

2:30 to 4:30 pm
Walking Tour of Nevada City National Register
Historic District

4:30 to 5:30
Post Session Wine-Down

6:00 - until
Dinner on the Town with the group!

Basic Information: The Empire Mine State Historic Park is located off of Highway 49 near Grass Valley. Take the East Empire Street exit to the Empire Mine State Historic Park. Please send in your pre-registration by October 24th. Registration Fee is \$22.00 per person. There is also an entrance fee into the Park of \$3.00 per person.

Return this form and a check to NCCSAH to Cynthia Howse 953 Perkins Court El Dorado, Hills, CA 95762

Name _____

Number of attendees _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Choice of Pasty for lunch? Beef Chicken Vegetable

Are you interested in staying in the area for a Saturday night dinner with others in the group? Cynthia will make dinner reservations for us if there is enough response yes no

Phone number if interested in Saturday dinner _____

This is our second newsletter. Please send your ideas or comments concerning The Newsletter to Bridget Maley, NCCSAH Newsletter Editor, Architectural Resources Group Pier 9 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, California 94111 or e-mail at bridget@argsf.com.

Remember you do not have to be a member of National SAH to become a member of NCCSAH.

Join Now!!!

Dues

Individual \$15.00

Student \$7.50

Make your checks to NCCSAH

To become a member of the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians return this form and your dues to

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Dues Enclosed - \$ _____

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The mission of NCCSAH is to further the objectives of the Society of Architectural Historians of which the Northern California Chapter is an official affiliate; promote the study and discussion of architectural history and its related fields; visit significant works of architecture; and increase public awareness and appreciation of our architectural heritage. Membership is open to anyone interested in architectural history and its related fields who agrees to pay the annual dues and subscribe to the by-laws of the organization.