



## Summer's Light

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

The summer sun, so  
warm and bright,  
Fills each day with hope  
and light.  
Its gentle rays, a loving  
touch,  
Remind us all, we have  
so much.

Through summer's glow,  
we learn to grow,  
With love and joy, our  
hearts will show.  
A season's warmth, a  
guiding sign,  
That brighter days will  
always shine.

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*Our Next  
General Membership Meeting  
Is Scheduled For.....*

***Thursday  
July 17, 2025***

***Program TBA***

***Doors Will Open at 2:00pm  
Meeting From 3:00pm to 5:00pm***

***Please Join Us – Everyone is  
Welcome!***

***1499 Wagstaff Road, Paradise.***





## PGS News and Notes

**We need to thank Joyce Higgins for placing America flags in the obelisk area of Paradise Cemetery for Memorial Day!  
Well Done, Joyce! Thank You!**

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### *Japanese Genealogy: From Japan to the Americas.*

Hello,

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) is excited to offer our upcoming new course, *Japanese Genealogy: From Japan to the Americas*. Coordinated by Linda Harms Okazaki, the week-long course will be held in an interactive, virtual classroom via Zoom, July 27-August 1, 2025. Linda leads a dream team of educators with expertise in this research area. Read more about each of them on our faculty page, <https://ighr.gagensociety.org/ighr-courses/faculty/>:

- L. Stuart Hirai
- Linda Kawamoto Reid
- James E. Russell, PhD
- Cindy Kim Thomson
- Kaoru Ueda
- Duncan Ryuken Williams
- Martinus "Marty" Wolf

Please find attached a press packet with the announcement, graphics, and flyers. We would appreciate your help in telling your organization members about the course. This is the first ever course for Japanese genealogy and the expert instructors are sure to make this course a must for anyone interested in Japanese ancestry.

Thank you for your time and help to get the word out!

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Cyndi Ingle

IGHR Executive Director

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research

July 27-Aug 1, 2025

<https://ighr.gagensociety.org/ighr-2025/>

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*Additional Information is Attached to the Email Along With This Newsletter.*

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***Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM***

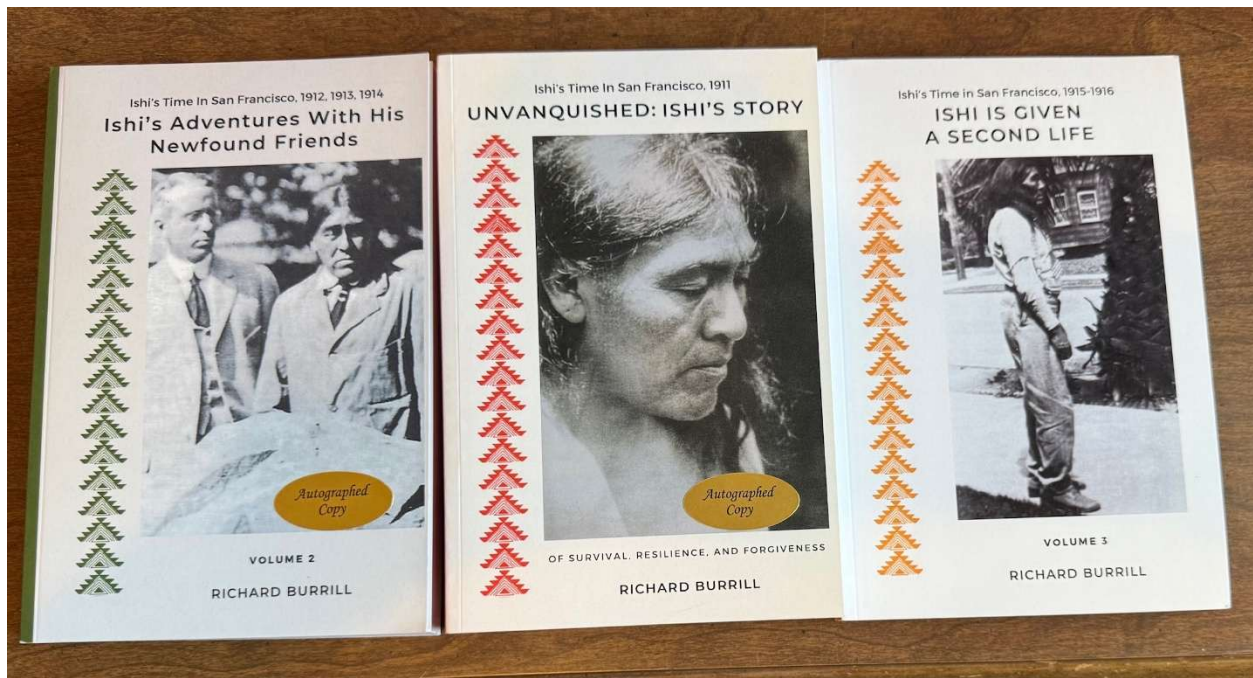
***Paradise Genealogical Society  
1499 Wagstaff Road in Paradise***

**New Book Release by Author Richard Burrill**

***“Ishi Is Given A Second Life”***

**The author will speak about Ishi's life and the campaign to have Ishi honored on a United States postage stamp. The author will have books available for sale.**

**Doors Open at 5:00 PM  
Free Admittance  
Public Welcome**





**Please Join Us!  
Everyone is Welcome!**

## **PASSAGES Support Group**

**Friday, July 11, 2025**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm, 1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.**

### **FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS**

THE MOST VALUABLE SUPPORT A FAMILY CAREGIVER CAN RECEIVE IS FROM A PEER — SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN THROUGH WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH AND CAN TRULY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS LIKE TO CARE FOR A LOVED ONE. FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS ARE FACILITATED BY TRAINED STAFF. CAREGIVERS LEARN STRATEGIES AND SKILLS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS; MAINTAIN THEIR OWN PERSONAL, PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH; AND TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE THEY CAN FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEPENDENT UPON THEM. SUPPORT GROUPS PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS AS A WAY TO EASE THE STRESS OF CAREGIVING.

**IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US,  
PLEASE COME!**

### **Additional PASSAGES Support Groups**

**Friday, August 8,  
2025**

**Friday, September  
12, 2025**

**11:00 am –  
12:30 pm**

**1499 Wagstaff,  
Paradise.**

## **PASSAGES**

### **CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER PROVIDES:**

#### **RESOURCES**

to build confidence in caregiving skills and decision making

#### **EDUCATION & WORKSHOPS**

to get informed on a variety of topics including self-care and how to manage a loved one's behavior.

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

to share experiences, ideas and to ease the stress of caregiving.

#### **SHORT-TERM COUNSELING**

to provide emotional support to caregivers coping with the strain of the caregiving role.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**CHICO: 530.898.5925**

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**SUPPORT GROUPS - PASSAGES**

**HOME - PASSAGES**

**CHICO: IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS** of December 11, 2024, fire destroyed Bidwell Mansion, the home of Chico's founder John Bidwell and his wife, Annie.

Although the mansion was totally engulfed, the Visitor's Center survived and, miraculously, so did the Architect's House, the small brick building behind the mansion built for San Francisco based architect Henry Cleveland when he began planning the mansion – (seen in the far right of this photo). This building served as his home away from home and as his office to conduct the business of building such a grand mansion in the middle of a farming town.

Attached to the architect's house is a carriage shed, a modern structure built on the footprint of the original. It also survived the fire as did the original carriages used by the Bidwells which are inside. Just behind the carriage house are the original steps that were constructed for Annie Bidwell, allowing the petite woman to board carriages and ride horses.



The Bidwell Mansion, home of Chico's founder, John Bidwell and his wife, Annie before the fire. To the far right is the architect's house. Attached to it is the carriage shed used to house original carriages used by the Bidwells.

## **REBUILDING JOHN AND ANNIE BIDWELL'S CARRIAGE SHED – 1986-1989.**

On January 28, 1986, the *Chico Enterprise-Record* ran a plea:

### ***Do you recall the Bidwell carriage house?***

*The Bidwell Mansion staff is looking for photos of the carriage shed which once housed [buggies] belonging to John and Annie Bidwell. Once it can be determined what the shed looked like, it will be reproduced next to the mansion to display several of the family's carriages. ...*

On April 28th of the following year, the *Chico Enterprise-Record* ran:

### ***1920's addition comes down.***

*Friday, workers tore down the old CSU offices built in the 1920's at the back of Bidwell Mansion. This was the second phase of the rebuilding of John and Annie Bidwell's carriage shed to the north of the mansion. Earlier this year, Chico State University anthropology students, directed by professor Keith Johnson, conducted on-the-spot research to find the original cement foundations of the original carriage shed, partially covered by the additions. Plans are to erect a building to house the mansion's collection of horse-drawn carriages.*



From the *Chico Enterprise-Record*,  
October 22, 1988.

From the *Chico Enterprise-Record* of October 22, 1988:

*Tuesday, as workers moved in the heavy equipment to begin ground work for the rebuilding of a carriage house at Bidwell Mansion, several longtime supporters of Bidwell Mansion were on hand including Icel Beers (left to right), Ted Meriam, and Crystal Trott. As mansion ranger, Paul Holman is overseeing the reconstruction of the Bidwell-era structure. Tim Simonds (far right), is the general contractor. The carriage house, torn down in the 1920's by Chico State University, was used to store Bidwell carriages. When completed, it will hold five carriages.*





Construction Begins – Framing. Photo courtesy of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West.



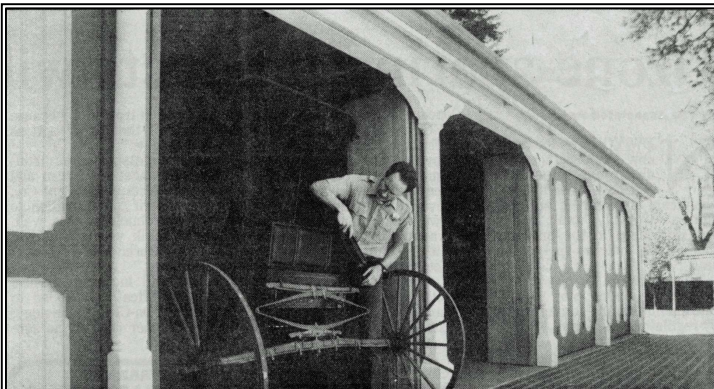
Under Construction. Photo courtesy of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West.



The Back of the Carriage Shed and the Architect's House. Photo courtesy of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West.



Finished. Photo courtesy of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West.



From the *Chico Enterprise-Record*, April 19, 1989.

The April 19, 1989 *Chico Enterprise-Record*:  
**Carriage Era.**

*Once again, the carriage shed at Bidwell Mansion is home to several buggies and carriages of Bidwell-era vintage. Supervising ranger Paul Holman helps to maintain them. Saturday, the Bidwell Mansion Association and Las Senoras will make the new structure official during a dedication beginning at 11:15 a.m. ... The carriage house, a reconstruction built over the location of the original structure, has been funded by the association, Las Senoras, Native Daughters of the Golden West, the state and citizen donations.*



# Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park NEWS NOTES

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## CARRIAGE SHED DEDICATION — SATURDAY, APRIL 22

A gala event is being planned for the dedication of the Bidwell Mansion Carriage Shed on Saturday, April 22. Musical entertainment along with a Western Barbecue will be part of the activities for the 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. activity.



Pictured at left is one of General and Mrs. Bidwell's carriages that will be housed and available for viewing in the newly completed carriage shed. Pat Phelps of Orland has assisted the Bidwell Mansion Association in getting one of the carriages completely restored. He is now in the process of restoring a Tank Wagon that was used in farming on the Patrick Ranch south of Chico. Mrs. Hester Patrick has been a true benefactor in assisting the Bidwell Mansion Association and is the donor of the Tank Wagon. She has also provided

storage space for other horse drawn vehicles of the Bidwell's before and after their restoration.

The new shed will house four Bidwell Buggies and a Tank Wagon, all of which will have been restored when placed in the new building. So far as is known, the new building is on the site where a former shed once stood during the time of the Bidwells. A plaque is now being prepared which will be placed at the north end of the new shed to express appreciation to the several organizations who have contributed to its restoration.

Dedication ceremonies will begin at 11:15 a.m. in front of the Carriage Shed at the Northwest corner of Bidwell Mansion. At press time final arrangements are still being made for musical entertainment with a square dance performing group, old time fiddling and/or a barber shop quartet. Henry R. Agonia, Director, California Department Parks and Recreation will be present along with other State Officials. General Bidwell and Mrs. Bidwell (a.k.a. Chip Meriam and Cathy Mueller) will be present to welcome and mingle with all those gathered for this celebration.

Special recognition will be made to Mrs. Hester Patrick, Native Daughters of the Golden West Annie Bidwell Parlor 198, Las Senoras, Chico Heritage Association, Pat Phelps, Tim Simonds, Contractor and Robert Heaton, Architect. All of these individuals or groups have contributed to the restoration of the carriage shed.

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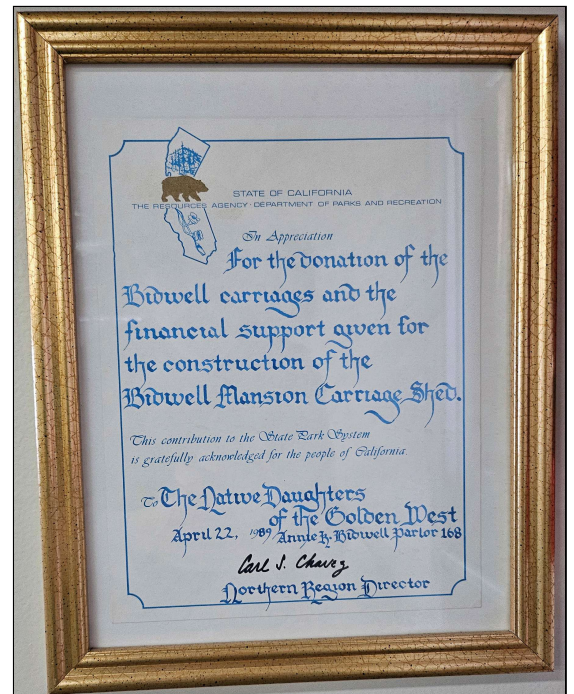




Three of the Carriages. Photo courtesy of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West.



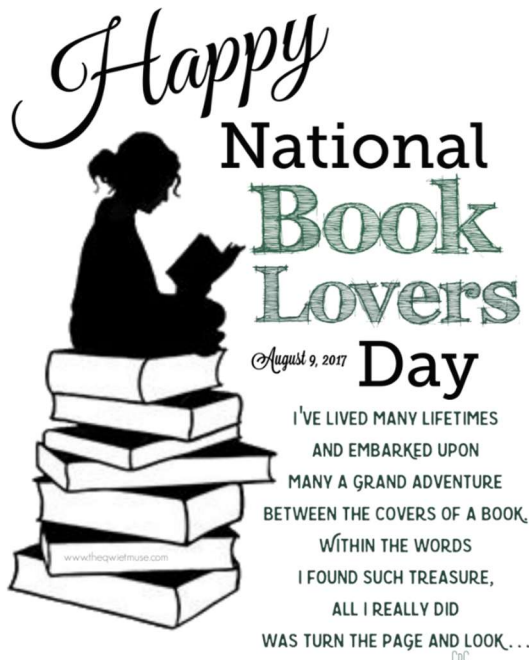
The Plaque. Photo courtesy of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West.



"In Appreciation" Photo courtesy of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West.

THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION along with copies of these photos and newspaper articles are currently on loan to Chico History Museum from Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West and on display at their "Bidwell Mansion: The Stories We Share" exhibition.

In addition, also on loan from Annie K. Bidwell Parlor for this exhibition are an oil portrait of John Bidwell by Della Noble Burgess, a local artist, and a charcoal of the Bidwell Mansion by Ken White, the father of Janyce Silva who served as president of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor in 1987.



### Library Hours

Friday 10:00 to 1:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 2:00

If you would like to volunteer at our Library, please let Pam know at [pjcrosby@hotmail.com](mailto:pjcrosby@hotmail.com).



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**Society Calendar – July – September 2025**  
**1499 Wagstaff Rd., Paradise.**  
**Unless Otherwise Announced...**

July 4, Friday – **Closed for the Holiday.**

July 5, Saturday – **No Workshop.**

July 10, Thursday – Speaker, Richard Burrill – “Ishi Is Given a Second Life” starting at 5:30 pm.  
Doors open at 5:00 pm.

July 11, Friday – PASSAGES Support Group, 11 am – 12:30 pm.

July 17, Thursday – General Membership Meeting.

August 2, Saturday – **No Workshop.**

August 8, Friday – PASSAGES Support Group, 11 am – 12:30 pm.

August 21, Thursday – General Membership Meeting.

September 3, Wednesday – Board Meeting, 9:30 – 11:00 am.

September 6, Saturday – **No Workshop.**

September 12, Friday – PASSAGES Support Group, 11 am – 12:30 pm.

September 18, Thursday – General Membership Meeting.

**Butte County research is our specialty, but research may be available for other areas.**

For more information, please see our website at  
[www.pargenso.org](http://www.pargenso.org)

**DON'T FORGET – DUES WERE DUE IN JANUARY!**

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