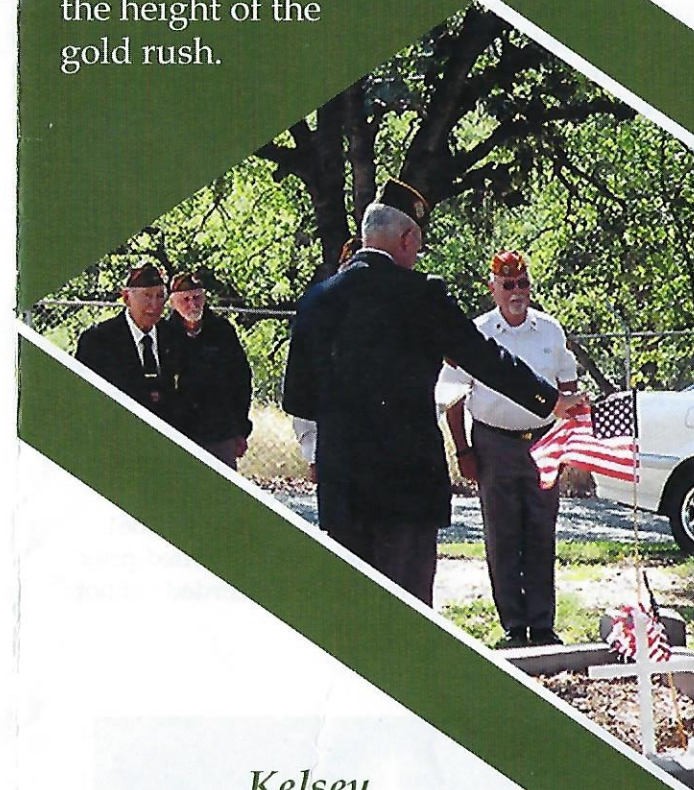


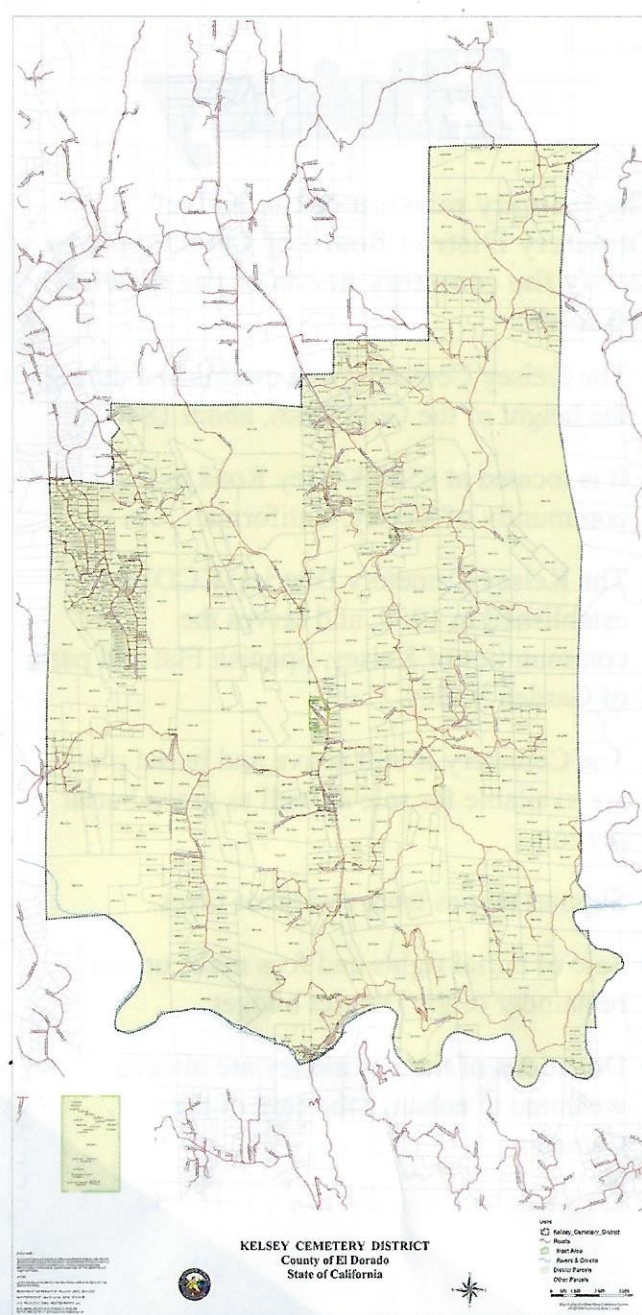
Kelsey Pioneer CEMETERY

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Background

The Kelsey Cemetery District (KCD) was formed by the Board of Supervisors as a public cemetery district in 1938, although the cemetery itself was in use for many decades prior to that. The historic cemetery is located in the town of Kelsey, which is at the southern edge of the Georgetown Divide, north of the South Fork of the American River. The district reaches from Chili Bar Reservoir at the South Fork of the American River, north along Highway 193 into the communities of Kelsey, Spanish Flat and parts of Garden Valley.

The Kelsey Cemetery was established during the height of the Gold Rush era, approximately 1848, at the same time the town was formed. Kelsey was the center of the extensive placer mining district, embracing a large number of creeks, ravines, gulches and flats. At that time, the city of Kelsey supported 3,000 people, numerous stores, saloons, hotels and other places of business. The cemetery was home to many of the early mining families in the community, with the earliest serving tombstone dating back to May 14, 1861, although many other burials were recorded prior to that date. A small number are recorded yet not located.



History

The primary mission of the Kelsey Cemetery District Board of Directors is to satisfy the cemetery needs of the district residents.

- The Kelsey Cemetery was established during the height of the Gold Rush, about 1848.
- It is located at 6553 Kelsey Road in the community of Kelsey, California.
- The Kelsey Cemetery District (KCD) was established in 1938, and serves the communities of Kelsey, Spanish Flat and parts of Garden Valley.
- The Cemetery is still active and burial plots are available for sale as well as green burial section.
- Support comes from residence taxes.
- Sale of burial rights and fees make up the remainder of the District budget.
- Donations of time or money are always welcome to enhance the care of the Cemetery.

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Heroes

While nobody liked the idea of having to leave their family, millions upon millions of our ancestors, men and women friends, and fellow citizens have taken up arms to defend their country.

It is these brave soldiers and veterans who meet the threats our country has faced while keeping our republic, freedom and liberty.

Even more so, military men and women have sacrificed their lives for all in this U.S.A. to remain free and prosper.

We honor our *Heroes* and make sure on Special National Holidays *Memorial Day* - their brave deeds will not be forgotten for those buried here at Kelsey Pioneer Cemetery.

"It is a proud privilege to be a soldier - a good soldier with discipline, self-respect, pride in his unit and his/her country, a high sense of duty and obligation to comrades and to his superiors, and a self-confidence born of demonstrated ability."

George S. Patton Jr.

"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"

John F. Kennedy

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

Ronald Reagan



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