

## Elk Grove “Old Town”

The region surrounding present-day Elk Grove was initially inhabited by Valley Miwok, Southern Maidu, and Patwin peoples who are believed to have lived in this area for millennia. Spanish explorer Gabriel Moraga was the first known outsider to visit the area around 1806. In 1839, Swiss explorer John Sutter arrived in the region and shortly thereafter built Sutter’s Fort in Sacramento, approximately 15 miles north of Elk Grove.

In 1850, James Hall and his family came to California where he opened a hotel on the road between the towns of Stockton and Sacramento. This road was known as Upper Stockton Road and was part of the Monterey Trail. Hall is credited with founding this new community. No one knows for sure how he settled upon its name; but, one story goes that the area had so many elk antlers that he said, “This must be an elk grove.” *(This historic hotel now serves as a museum run by the Elk Grove Historical Society. It is located in Elk Grove Heritage Park at 13174 East Stockton Blvd along with other buildings and artifacts of historical interest. Free tours are held on the first Saturday of the month, 12:00pm and 4:00pm. If you are walking the 15k route you will pass by the Hotel and Heritage Park.)*

In 1868 the Central Pacific Railroad came through about a mile east of the Elk Grove Hotel and Stage Stop, shifting the center of Elk Grove to the present-day Elk Grove Historic District, aka “Old Town”. The prominent leaders and families of the day established their businesses and residences on this stretch of *Historic Main Street*. This district is on the National Register of Historic Places and is located between Gage Street on the west and Derr Street on the east.

National Register #87002410 - Elk Grove Historic District; 8986-9097 Elk Grove Boulevard also School, Gage and Grove Streets; Elk Grove, CA. This 150-acre district contains 48 contributing buildings.

### **Elk Grove Historic District, Sacramento County, California Contributing Buildings Sequenced By Address**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Community Methodist Church		8986 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Taverner Residence		8998 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Dr. Hugh Beattie Residence		9008 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Wakeman Residence		9024 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Ehrhardt/Rhoades Building	1920	9027 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Hayes Residence		9030 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Hayes Meat Market	1895	9032 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Elk Grove Hotel	1876	9039 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Judge Everson Residence	1891	9040-9044 Elk Grove Blvd	
Elk Grove IOOF Hall	1893	9045 Elk Grove Boulevard	

Foulks/Graham Building	1923	9048-9056 Elk Grove Blvd	Site of the Toronto Hotel which burned in 1892 and again in 1922.
Elk Grove Bank	1910	9070 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Elk Grove Telephone Bldg	1926	9070 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Old Post Office	1922	9072 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Drugstore Building	1920	9074 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Masonic Lodge Building	1880	9075 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Poston Building Group	1914	9080-9086 Elk Grove Blvd	
Hasman Building/General Store	1885	9085 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Warren Shoes	1929	9090 Elk Grove Boulevard	
The Elm	1910	9093 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Stewart Residence	1891	9094 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Batey Garage	1930	9095 Elk Grove Boulevard	
H.L. Stich Residence	1891	9096-9098 Elk Grove Blvd	
Batey Chevrolet Showroom	1926	9097 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Brainard-Markofer Residence	1895	9112 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Brainard-Markofer Coach House	1895	9112 Elk Grove Boulevard	
George Markofer Residence	1905	9116 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Methodist Church Parsonage	1880	9120 Elk Grove Boulevard	
Owen Residence	1912	9548 School Street	Wood frame bungalows in the 9500 block of School St were built between 1912 & 1926.
Upton Residence	1912	9560 School Street	
Poston Residence	1912	9572 School Street	
Ira Jones Residence	1912	9588 School Street	

*We hope you enjoy the walk.*