

History of a Place Called Rescue

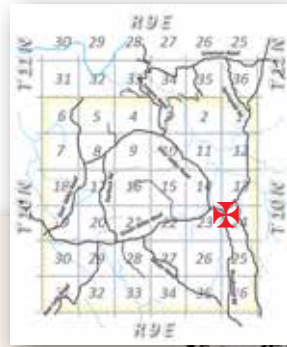
Carre

John Carre (of French ancestry) was born in Southampton, England on April 15, 1834. At eight years of age, he and his parents moved to the United States, settling in Iowa. His parents both died when he was young. In 1851, at the age of 17, he crossed the plains to California. A Mr. Walton charged him \$125 for the passage. Like most of the pioneers, he walked most of the way.

He arrived in Placerville on September 15, 1851. He worked hard and was able to purchase a mining claim. He cleared \$1,000 in the first three months of working the claim.

In 1859, he began mining on Gray's Flat and near Jayhawk. In 1862, he was a store clerk for William Dorman in Jayhawk. He bought out Dorman a year later. In 1864, Carre married Mary Connors.

In 1876, Mr. Carre purchased Rising Sun House and opened a store. In 1881, he was shot while attempting to stop his store from being robbed. He survived, and was the postmaster for the Green Valley Post Office, located in Rising Sun House, from January 12, 1882 to November 1, 1893.



Fredrick "Fred" Brandon recalls his time working for Mr. Carre at his store... *"My first job was in the Rising Sun Grocery...at \$18 per month, plus room and board. Mr. Carre used to buy as much as \$2,000 worth of gold dust each month from the miners in the area...he would take the gold dust to Shingle Springs to send it by railroad to San Francisco."* He went on to say, *"I would pick up the results—the coin from the mint. He would hide the gold in a sack of feed and [it] was never molested."*



This is the Rising Sun House on the hill just east of the Carpenter Store and Rescue Post office. This picture was taken in the 1870s. The house is facing north so that the rising sun would shine in on the east wall and set on the western wall. Green Valley Road is about where the wagons are parked. The Upper Shingle Road (Ponderosa Way) is just off the picture to the right.