

THE ROADS OF RESCUE

Meder Road is named for John Meder. John was born in Luxemburg, Germany. He sailed for America in 1852. After brief stays in New York City and Michigan he arrived in San Francisco in 1854. He then, settled in Jay Hawk and kept busy mining, tending grapevines and groves of fruit trees.

John Freidman lent his name to **Freidman Lane and Court**. Freidman left Baden Baden, Germany and settled in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania where he married. About 1853, John came to El Dorado County and settled on 168 acres. He returned east and brought his wife and children to El Dorado County.

Luneman Road bears the name brought west by Francis Xavier Luneman. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He traveled to El Dorado County in 1869. He was in Promontery, Utah in May, 1869 when the Union and Pacific Railroads were joined together.

Jasper Road and Circle commemorate Jasper Jurgens who settled On Weber Creek in 1854. His trip to California, from Helgoland in 1852, doubled as his honeymoon. In El Dorado County he owned and operated a popular store for miners along Weber Creek.

Fremonts Loop is named for the famed explorer John C. Fremont, otherwise known as the "Pathfinder". Fremont, a captain in the U.S. Army of Topographical Engineers, explored the Pacific West on three expeditions. It is believed that Fremont traveled over Pine Hill during one of these trips.

The Kanakas were the Hawaiian Islanders who came to California, most likely on the decks of whaleships. Some of these islanders may have lent the name Kanaka to **Kanaka Valley Road**, after leaving the employment of John Sutter. Sutter had requested Kanakas, employed at Sutter's Fort, mine on the river but they soon grew discontented and spread into the foothills.

The route named **Skinner Road** is named for James Skinner. He came to El Dorado County from Fife, Scotland where he was born May 19, 1812. He emigrated to America in 1852 and set up mining near Coloma before settling in what is now Rescue. He planted what may have been the first vineyard in the County. From these vines he manufactured brandy, wine and vinegar. He was a successful businessman.

A comrade of Mr. Skinner was Conrad Uhlenkamp hence **Unlenkamp Road**. Conrad came to this country in 1852 from Germany. He was active, along with his large family, in the events and development of the area. He died in January 19, 1899.

Starbuck Road arrives at its name from area miner, Marcus Starbuck. He came to the area from Massachusetts in 1877. He quickly adjusted to life in the mining area. He was "disowned" by his wealthy family of east coast whalers when he decided to remain in California. He became a productive miner and rancher on his 170 acre ranch. Starbuck died in 1949.