

## **PLAQUES PLACED BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS**

**HEAD OF NAVIGATION:** For the Stockton Channel in 1849 was at El Dorado Street. Sailing ships and paddle wheel steamboats made the Stockton levees a major supply center for the Southern Mines during the gold rush. In 1933, the port of Stockton became California's first modern inland seaport. Erected by Tuleburgh Chapter #69 E. Clampus Vitus April 15, 1972. (NW corner of Weber and Center).

**GODDESS OF JUSTICE:** The Goddess of Justice crowned the dome of the second courthouse constructed upon this site in 1888. By order of the Board of Supervisors, the statue has been restored by county employees and caused to be erected on this pedestal of honor upon completion of the new building in 1964. (West side of Courthouse in Hunter Square between Weber and Main Street)

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE:** This plaque marks the site given by Captain Charles M. Weber, July 27, 1855, for the first courthouse of San Joaquin County. Dedicated by the Native Daughters of the Golden West of San Joaquin County, May 13, 1939. (SW corner of Weber and San Joaquin)

**FIREFIGHTERS:** Dedicated November 11, 1965 to the firefighters past, present and future of the cities and county of San Joaquin for their devoted and heroic service. (Under Deodora tree at NW corner of Main and San Joaquin Streets)

**STOCKTON DRY GOODS COMPANY:** This walk dedicated to A.B. Cohn, founder of the Stockton Dry Goods Co., as a token of esteem from his friends and employees on the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the founding of this firm. October 19, 1935. (In sidewalk NE corner of Main and American Streets)

**STOCKTON'S FIRST HIGH SCHOOL:** This building housed the first high school organized in Stockton. According to records, the classes were opened to students January 10, 1870. Twenty-eight pupils made up the new school. The faculty consisted of Miss Lottie Grunsky, Miss Alice M. Mills, and Mr. Ewald Grunsky. These pupils received their high school diplomas December 23, 1870. This plaque presented and dedicated by Stockton Parlor No. 256 N. D. G. W. June 14, 1938. (Plaque is on the west side of the Bank of Stockton Building on San Joaquin Street between Miner and Lindsay Streets. Washington School, the building this plaque was originally fastened to, was torn down in 1959)

**PIONEER FOUNTAIN:** Pioneer Memorial Fountain erected by the Ladies Auxiliary and a grateful public in honor of the Pioneers of San Joaquin County 1849-1909. (In Fremont Park across San Joaquin Street from Delta Post Office)

**WEBER PLAQUE IN LIBRARY COURT:** 1964 Stone from Steinwenden near Kaiserslautern, Germany, birthplace of Charles M. Weber, Founder of Stockton. (NE corner of Oak and El Dorado Streets)

**STOCKTON RURAL CEMETERY:** 1861 to 1958. El Toyon Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution marked this cemetery a historical spot of California in memory of pioneers and veterans. (At end of Cemetery Lane just inside cemetery gate)

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL:** Rev. William B. O'Connor, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Stockton 1872 – 1911. Founder of St. Mary's Home and Hospital March 1899 (on back of monument J. MacQuarrie, sculptor, S.F. – L. DeRome, founder of S.F.). (situated in courtyard of old building at St. Joseph's Hospital California near Chestnut)

**PACIFIC AVENUE:** This plaque dedicated to Joseph Plecarpo whose faith and foresight has made possible Pacific Avenue, The Miracle Mile, Herman Katten, Peter J. Marengo, Jr. August 25, 1953. (situated in front of palm tree near SW corner Pacific and Tuxedo Street)

**CASEY AT THE BAT:** Legend has it that Stockton, because of its many early day floods, was the "Mudville" of Ernest L. Thayer's famous poem, "Casey at the Bat," first printed in the San Francisco Examiner on June 3, 1888. "Casey" experts claim that a game actually occurred with "Casey" as the hometown hero, and a touring team of major league all-stars. Erected by Tuleburgh Chapter #69 E. Clampus Vitus – April 7, 1973. (In Oak Park, Alpine Avenue and California Street near the baseball diamond)

**PIXIE WOODS HISTORICAL BELL:** This bell was rung to announce the arrival of ships in the early days of Stockton and was later used as St. Joseph's chapel bell. Donated by St. Joseph's Hospital (The bell and plaque are in Louis Park next to the Pixie Woods Railroad Express Depot). (West end Monte Diablo Avenue)

**MILLSTONES:** From Sperry Mill Stockton established in 1852 (at foot of stairs of Pioneer Museum and Haggin Galleries. (Pershing at Rose)

**JOHN L. BRISCOE:** Site where Stockton Police Officer John L. Briscoe was killed on February 5, 1917 in the performance of duty. Plaque placed on February 5, 1987. (125 Bridge Place)

**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH:** Site near where the Reverend Jeremiah King founded the Second Baptist Church in September of 1854. Plaque placed by officers and members of the Second Baptist Church on September 19, 1986. South side of Washington Street east of Madison Street)

**REVEREND JEREMIAH BURKE SANDERSON AND THE ELK STREET SCHOOL:** Reverend Sanderson was a leader in California for quality education for minority children. He was principal and teacher of the Elk Street Colored School in Stockton for "children of African, Asian and Indian descent." Plaque placed by the Esquire Club of Stockton and the City of Stockton on February 15, 1985. (south side of Washington Street at Monroe Street)

**POLICE OFFICERS:** Monument to recognize police officers who lost their life in the line of duty. Placed by the Stockton Police Officers Association. (in front of Police facility, 22 E. Market Street)

**VETERANS MEMORIAL:** Monument to the veterans of America, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam. Placed by Karl Ross Post No. 16, American Legion, on July 5, 1981. (Civic Auditorium Plaza, 525 N. Center Street)

**VIETNAM MEMORIAL:** Monument in memory of Stockton men who lost their life in Vietnam War. Placed by the Stockton Junior Women's Club, 1973. (north side of Dr. Martin Luther King Plaza)

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PLAZA:** Monument "In memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. His dream and life made clear the way toward human rights and world peace for us, the inheritors of the dream. This memorial affirms our commitment to continue to strive for Dr. King's vision of a better world." Dedicated January 21, 1991. (south side of Dr. Martin Luther King Plaza)