

# THE CITY OF STOCKTON

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## County of San Joaquin.

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It is the object of the publisher of this DIRECTORY to give a succinct account of everything pertaining to the welfare of the city of Stockton and the county of which she is the Queen City.

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It is located at the head of what is known as "Stockton Channel," about two miles from the San Joaquin river. In population, it ranks fifth, having within its limits about fourteen thousand inhabitants.

Stockton was located in the early days when California was under Mexican rule. By the treaty of peace made with Mexico ceding California to the United States Government, the discovery of gold and the subsequent flocking to the shores of the new El Dorado, Stockton became, by reason of her geographical position a DEPOT for the SOUTHERN MINES. The early pioneers of '49 and '50, came to Stockton, (then a town of tents,) purchased their outfits and wended their way to the rich placers of Mariposa, Tuolumne and Calaveras.

For a description of the city we quote the following from a pamphlet compiled by N. M. Orr, in 1874, for the Stockton Board of Trade.

"The county adjacent to the city is level, extending to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Range on the east, the Coast Range on the west, while on the north and south stretch the vast inland plains of California, known as the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, which extend nearly the whole length of the State. On the east and north of Stockton the Sierra Range of mountains is clearly visible in the distance, and as the higher peaks of this range are covered with snow at all seasons of the year, the residents of this valley, in which snow seldom falls, are afforded a view seldom obtained in any other locality of the same latitude on the continent. On the west and south, the Coast Range can be seen, its most prominent peak, Mount Diablo, adding materially to the beauty of the scenery."

The city was laid out into streets in 1849, by its founder, Captain C. M. Weber, who had been a settler in this county for several years previous. He obtained a grant from the Mexican Governor, Micheltorena,