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Vintage Photos at Sutter County Museum

Have you ever thought that you would like to meet someone who lived here 100 years ago? Now, through the new exhibit *Portraits From Glass: Faces of Yuba-Sutter*, you can take that step back in time and get acquainted with over 50 former residents of our local area. The photographic portraits are printed from glass plate negatives that were stored in the now demolished Odd Fellows' Building at Third and D Streets in Marysville. From the 1860s into the 1920s, a series of photography studios occupied part of the second floor of that stately building. Residents from both Yuba and Sutter Counties, from the most humble to the cream of society, patronized the photographer there to have their portrait made. Their faces look out at ours, separated only by the years, and we recognize in them our shared humanity, hopes, dreams and struggles.

Allan Lamb, noted photographer and framer, donated hundreds of hours to scan and print these photographs from the original glass plate negatives that form a portion of the Community Memorial Museum's collection. A number of the photographers represented were very skilled in the art of photography, and that fine quality defines the exhibit. An interesting collection of early cameras and accessories rounds out the exhibit.

Only one thing is missing from this gathering of our early citizens, and that is their identities. If any visitor to the exhibit recognizes a family member or can attach an identity to any photo, they can place the name next to the photo in an identification binder accompanying the exhibit.

If anyone owns a local glass negative and would like to have it copied, the Museum can provide a photographic print and return the glass negative to the owner. The owner may also wish to allow the Museum to retain a copy for its collection.

Portraits From Glass: Faces of Yuba-Sutter will remain at the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County through November 21st. Admission is free. The museum is located at 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City. Open hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call the museum at 822-7141.