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NEWSLETTER

FIDDYMENT RANCH MAIN COMPLEX *by James Gary Maniery*

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, 2009
Roseville, California

What was it like in Roseville during the 1870s when Walter Fiddymment built a ranch house for his bride, Ella? In fact, what was it like two decades earlier in the 1850s when Elizabeth Jane Fiddymment, a young widow, came to the Sacramento area from Illinois with her four-year-old son, Walter? The historic records indicate that Elizabeth moved to the Pleasant Grove District in 1856 with her second husband, George Hill, and Walter, and began farming on what would eventually become extensive land holdings. At this time, the creeks and tributaries within and around the foothill communities (including Roseville) were subject to extensive gold mining, and towns still were crowded with gold seekers. Despite the hectic nature of the California Gold Rush, Elizabeth and George began farming portions of land holdings that would eventually number in the tens of thousands of acres. Walter Fiddymment continued the farming tradition when he acquired 80 acres of land near his mother's holdings in the late 1870s and built a ranch house.

It is not surprising that the Fiddymment Ranch complex has now become a national treasure. Although land holdings have dramatically reduced in size, the original house, an 1879 classical revival design, and associated structures, including a brick reservoir, cooler and smokehouse, still remain. These features represent the built environment in the National Register of Historic Places nomination, the subject of this story. Not surprisingly, the property represents a self-sufficient ranch operation that continued in the Roseville community well over 100 years.

Long-time residents, the Fiddymment family and their many friends and business associates can be proud of this new listing. The City of Roseville is to be commended for their efforts and funding to pursue the project. I would have never guessed having



Fiddymment Ranch House, 2009

grown up in Roseville, and even briefly experiencing working on the ranch for Eric Fiddymment as a young high school kid, that our company would actually be selected to prepare this National Register nomination for the City of Roseville. All of us at PAR have tremendously enjoyed this work effort.

Although I don't expect that our newsletter readership remembers, our 20-Year anniversary publication (Vol. 7, No's 1-2; 2001) featured an article on the Fiddymment Ranch. The article stemmed from our cultural resources investigation of a 3,600-acre parcel that included the Fiddymment Ranch. As one can easily ascertain, it often takes many years to actually have a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places; in this case, 10 years since our initial evaluation. It requires dedication and commitment of many individuals and agencies; specifically



Fiddymment Ranch Cooler, 2001

the City of Roseville, State Historic Preservation Officer, United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, and, of course, the Fiddymment family and their family researcher, Christina Richter. Preparation of the nomination involved historic archival research, oral interviews, architectural descriptions and archaeological field mapping. It was written by Mary L. Maniery and Marshall Millett, with information derived from present researcher Christina Richter and previous work by PAR past and present staff, James Gary Maniery, Cindy Baker and Tracy Bakic.

Whenever our firm has a project of this nature, we feel gratified to contribute something back to a local community, especially when our work is funded with public monies. The notion of giving back to communities

is a fundamental objective of the discipline of public archaeology (or Cultural Resources Management). In the case of the Fiddymment Ranch National Register nomination, it is the City of Roseville's intent to preserve the main house and associated structures in perpetuity.

The actual nomination form is organized in a format provided by the USDI, National Park Service. It contains legal information about the property and includes a state/federal certification page that highlights categories such as ownership, number of resources that contribute (e.g., buildings, sites) and those that do not. The property's function is described. There is a narrative description, statement and period of significance, historic overview, geographical data, various continuation pages, and a bibliography. A site sketch map and photographic documentation of the property are also necessary to complete the form. Information of the National Register and a database of National Register nominations, such as the Fiddymment Ranch, listed by state and county are available to researchers and the public at <http://www.nps.gov/nr/>.

The history and significance of the Fiddymment Ranch National Register property can be viewed on PAR's web site at www.PARenvironmental.com.



Fiddymment Ranch Smoke House, 2009

CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT *by Mary L. Maniery*

We had an exciting and busy year in 2009. There were many projects to go around for our staff and the five temporary employees hired to assist the cultural resources department. The company focused on work in California during the past year, unlike work efforts in 2007/2008 when we ventured into Nevada and Arizona. Although we have on-going efforts concentrating on historic archaeological excavation results from the City of Folsom's, Folsom Garage project, most of our efforts in 2009 consisted of various archaeological surveys and architectural evaluations across California. Overall, we completed 51 cultural resources investigations last year.

We started fieldwork in the winter and spring working in the Mojave Desert along Historic Route 66 and studying historic roads that linked the Panamint area mines with Los Angeles in the 1870s. Escaping Sacramento's fog in January and February to visit the Death Valley archives was a treat, and learning about the Pacific Borax Company's 20-Mule-Team freighting operations was like stepping into a piece of Americana. Summer found us roaming the streets of Carmichael, centered on Fair Oaks Boulevard in Sacramento County. We recorded and evaluated over 120 properties along the Fair Oaks corridor, ranging from educational and religious institutions to commercial properties and residential

multiple and single family dwellings. If you are ever in Carmichael, check out the National Register-eligible Carmichael Presbyterian Church, just north of Fair Oaks Boulevard on Marconi Avenue. The church was constructed in 1946 using adobe bricks made of mud from the parcel by church members and is truly a unique property.



Twenty-mule team crossing the desert

Our staff archaeologists, assisted by five seasonal archaeological technicians, roamed the high Sierra in the fall, watching the leaves turn color and experiencing one of the most beautiful regions of our state. Our survey extended over thousands of acres along the western flank of the Sierra, from nearly 8,000 feet above mean sea level (amsl) to around 600 feet amsl near Folsom Lake. Although we are not quite done with our study, so far we have identified nearly 200 archaeological sites, 175 isolated artifacts and features, and 115 built environment resources. Our new Trimble unit has been getting a workout!

The work has given us a unique opportunity to explore land use from



High Sierra Archaeological Survey

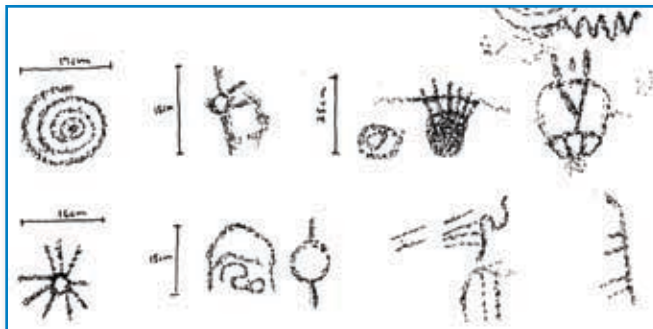
long ago, but still are vivid, in spite of the harsh Sierran winters. How lucky we are to have a job that keeps us outdoors and exposes us to such wonderful resources.

The company is optimistic it will remain busy in 2K10. We have ongoing jobs assisting long-standing clients such as the US Army Reserve, Nevada County Transportation Department, PG&E, Sacramento County, Department of Environmental Review and Assessment, and joint efforts with private firms such as Far Western Anthropological Research Group (FWARG). We are beginning to process the many site forms generated by our Sierran survey and look forward to finishing the fieldwork in early summer when the snow cover melts. We have our ears to the ground, chasing other opportunities to continue our exploration and studies of the west's fabulous cultural resource base.



Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 2009

the foothills to the Sierran crest. A wide range of prehistoric and historic sites have been identified. Of note are the wonderful and inspiring petroglyph rock art sites found at the high elevations. Six of these sites are in or near our project, allowing us to view hundreds of elements carefully pecked into glacial rock. I felt the passing of time in my life and a personal connection to our long cultural history as I stood in front of a massive rock, gazing at images of circles,



Petroglyph elements found in the high Sierra

CA-SAC-237 The Elverta Road Site

by John Dougherty

Sacramento County plans to widen Elverta Road and replace a narrow, substandard bridge on Elverta Road that spans Dry Creek near the Cherry Island Golf Course. PAR has been working with the County and Caltrans since 2005 to complete Section 106 compliance for CA-SAC-237, a prehistoric site partially within the project boundary.

In 2005, during the initial survey, a local land owner related to PAR archaeologists that he often found chipped stone while gardening in his yard. Records on file at the North Central Information Center of the California Historic Resource Information System indicated that a site was excavated in the general area as part of a 1966 master's thesis project. While there were no surface indications of a site, Caltrans requested additional work within those areas slated for impact by the road and bridge project.

In 2006, using 50-centimeter (cm)-square subsurface probes, PAR personnel identified a swathe of the APE that contained moderate amounts of prehistoric material beneath a mantle of culturally sterile soil. Further research concluded that the Elverta Road site was an extension of a known but unevaluated site, CA-SAC-237 (Sac-237), tested by Patti Palumbo Johnson in 1966. Johnson described the site as a small camp and concluded that the many cobble tools recovered appeared to have been found in nearby Dry Creek and worked into tools.

PAR returned to the site and conducted a more focused and extensive Phase II study to evaluate the significance of the site in light of National Register of Historic Places criteria. The area identified by PAR is buried under a layer of sterile silt averaging 20 cm in depth.

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The cultural deposit below the silt extends to about one meter in depth and contains lithic material, some groundstone, and cobble tools. The chipped stone debitage recovered by PAR reflects a near-homogeneous dependence on cobble reduction. Minute traces of materials such as chert and obsidian, and debitage types distinctive of maintenance of bifacial tools (e.g., weapon tips) are also present. The lithics from Sac-237 are of a distinct cobble material not present in Dry Creek. The nearest sources of similar cobbles were between five and seven linear miles east of the site; one or two hours transport on foot.

These facts lead to some remarkable conclusions. First, the large cobble tools were deliberately transported to the site from remote sources. Since they were not significantly shaped prior to transport, they arrived at the site in a form desired by their prehistoric users. The predominance of a single reduction (tool making) mode and formal tool type suggests that the site was important for a single purpose; that is, Sac-237 is a “special use” site. Finally, there are clear differences between the area of the site excavated by PAR and that dug in 1966 by Palumbo. This difference suggests that Sac-237 was spatially organized with separate localities for support and primary activities, revealing a degree of spatial integrity not often noted in prehistoric sites in California.

In September 2007, the California State Office of Historic Preservation concurred with this analysis, finding that Sac-237 was eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. At this time, the road widening is on hold, pending funding issues. PAR hopes to return to the site in the near future and complete the Phase III mitigation studies necessary for project implementation.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT *by Jenny Moore*

Jennifer Moore and James Gary Maniery concentrated their efforts on a number of public works projects working with local civil engineering companies that specialize in transportation jobs. The end of 2008 and beginning of 2009 were especially busy for the firm as we completed two large environmental documents, and began several smaller undertakings in Sacramento and its surrounding counties.

In March 2009, the Avenue 416 widening project, that included 12 miles of road widening and a new structure over the Kings River in Tulare and Fresno counties, ended. A challenging eight years of continuing coordination between numerous agencies, multiple technical studies (including a full Section 4(f) Approval process), and an EIR/EA (greater in size and weight than most college text books) has now triggered the final design phase of the project. This project was an exercise in commitment and cooperation on the part of Tulare and Fresno counties, Caltrans District 06, Quincy Engineering and many California and federal regulatory agencies, not to mention a host of specialists and subcontractors. The staff and associates of PAR would like to thank everyone involved for making this a successful endeavor.

We are also pleased to announce the completion in May 2009 of the State Route 68/Holman Highway project in the City of Monterey, Monterey County, an undertaking lasting seven years. This project is located adjacent to the biologically sensitive Monterey pine forest and the Pebble Beach community. Our work included multiple technical studies; biology, cultural resources, air and noise analyses, and a visual site assessment. With the help of City Traffic engineer, Richard Deal and the Mark Thomas & Company team, we were able to introduce innovative off-

site mitigation for replanting Monterey pine. While it is not certain when final design will commence on this much needed interchange and road widening project, the final EIR has been certified. PAR had the pleasure of once again working with Caltrans District 05 staff and many other regulatory agencies, the City and County of Monterey, and especially Mark Thomas & Company.

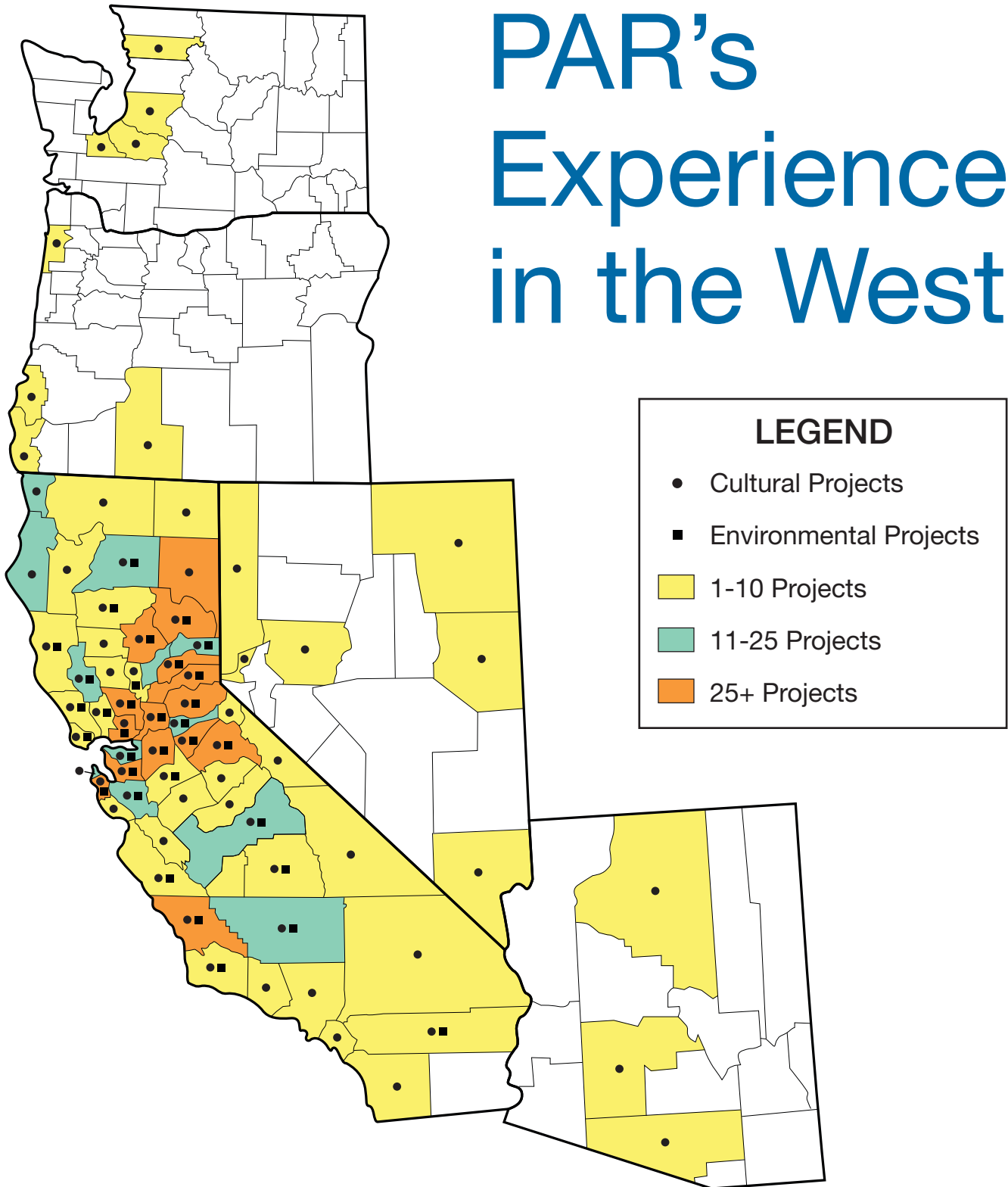
Closer to home, we also completed two jobs in the City of Sacramento in 2009; The R Street Corridor Improvement and Interstate 80 (I 80)/ West El Camino Avenue Signalization project. If you have driven down R Street, it quickly becomes apparent that the irregular nature of the road profile and substandard drainage and parking are problematical for this business corridor. Keeping with the historic flavor and industrial feel of the adjacent buildings and rail line, the R Street improvement project will make dramatic improvements to the streetscape, resulting in a pedestrian-friendly local roadway. The I-80/West El Camino Avenue signal results in an interim solution at a busy interchange.

We are currently working with Mark Thomas & Company on two other City of Sacramento projects; the R Street Market Plaza between 16th and 18th Streets in midtown Sacramento and the Folsom Boulevard Widening and Ramona Avenue Extension located near Sacramento State University. Both of these projects, involve local roadways and will benefit the local community bringing traffic relief and user friendly/mixed-use developments. We are pleased to be part of the engineering team for these important City projects. Both studies involve the preparation of environmental impact reports under California law and environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970.



Historic (left) and present-day (right) R Street Corridor

PAR's Experience in the West



PAR has broad experience in both cultural and environmental work throughout the western United States. Over the past 28 years, we have provided both cultural and environmental services in over 70 counties in California, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington and Arizona. In doing so, we have developed a deep well of research materials, as well as an understanding of issues facing local areas and the numerous agencies that oversee resources within them. PAR's extensive experience also provides knowledge of both general historical developments and comparative resources that help eliminate costs by reducing research time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAR TECHNICAL REPORTS STILL AVAILABLE:

The Northern Pomo Archaeological Test Excavations at CA-MEN-2138, Redwood Valley, California.

PAR Environmental Services, Inc.
Technical Report No. 1, 1994
By James Gary Maniery
Cost \$3.00

The Natoma Site, Archaeological Test Excavations at CA-SAC-166.

PAR Environmental Services, Inc.
Technical Report No. 2, 1996
By James Gary Maniery
Cost \$6.00

A Study of the California Red-Legged Frog (*Rana aurora dratonii*) of Butte County, California.

PAR Environmental Services, Inc.
Technical Report No. 3, 1999
By Sean Berry
Cost \$6.75

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Godzilla versus the bureaucracy

NEW EMPLOYEES



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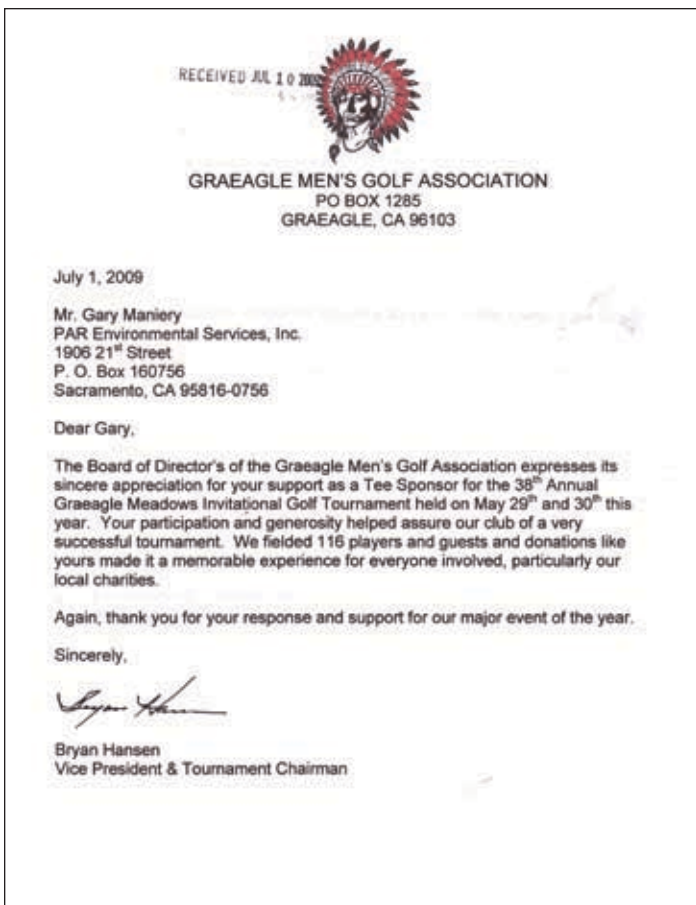


Andrea "Ellie" Maniery
Student Intern

NEWS FLASH ITEMS

- Jessica O'Connor was promoted to Senior Administrative Assistant January 1, 2010.
- Mary Maniery published an article in the 2009 four volume encyclopedia *Archaeology in America*. Title of her article is "Old Sacramento, Sutter's Fort, and Walnut Grove/Locke Sites, Sacramento Area, Central Valley, California, The Gold Rush and Chinese Immigrants."
- James Gary Maniery prepared a book review in 2009 for the *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, American Indian Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles. Book title: *California Indians and their Environment: An Introduction* by Kent Lightfoot and Otis Parish, University of California Press.
- Jennifer Moore, currently enrolled in a graduate program focused on Environmental Management at the University of San Francisco, will graduate with a Master of Science in May, 2010.
- John Philip Glover joined the company as a full time archaeologist in January 2009. Mr. Glover graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2005.
- Andrea "Ellie" Maniery, currently an undergraduate enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno, is a seasonal intern working for PAR's Cultural Resources Department.
- The company purchased a Trimble GPS instrument and Arc view software in 2009. Marshall Millett is developing the companies GPS/GIS capabilities. Mr. Millett graduated with a Master's Certificate in GIS in 2009 from the University of Colorado, Denver. Mr. Millett was promoted to Senior Archaeologist with PAR in January 2009.
- An extensive artifact collection from excavations at Folsom's historic Chinese community in conjunction with the American River Bridge Project will be returned to the Folsom Museum in February 2010.





Bercut Richards Cannery 1940s Label Recipe for NECTARINE ROQUEFORT SALAD

Drain #2½ can Nectarine Slices (1 lb., 13 oz.). Heat 1 cup syrup; dissolve 1 package lemon flavored gelatin in hot syrup. Blend in 3-ounce package cream cheese and 1 ounce crumbed Roquefort cheese.

Chill until slightly set; stir in ½ cup sour cream, 2 tablespoons each sliced stuffed olives and sliced celery, and drained Nectarine slices.

Pour into 8-inch square pan. Chill until set. Cut into squares and serve on salad greens garnished with mayonnaise. 8 servings.



PAR is a woman-owned business that originated in 1982. From its beginnings as a small firm consisting of two enterprising and dedicated archaeologists, PAR has grown into a full service organization. Our staff provides professional expertise in environmental planning and cultural resources investigations. We take great pride in producing high quality, clear and concise reports based upon thorough and objective analysis. We have acquired a well-earned reputation for completing projects on time, within budget and with meticulous attention to detail. The firm's principals have a strong background in the natural and cultural planning issues of California and the West.

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