

FOREWORD

This brief survey of Shasta County is not intended to be a definitive county history. Much has been culled to assure brevity, a fact which undoubtedly has resulted in the minimizing and outright omission of important materials. In the teaching of the local aspects of the westward movement to students in United States history and in talking to those interested in the Shasta County story, I have felt that the writing of a summary account could be helpful. This study has sought to emphasize the recent and, I believe, very important local happenings since World War II, as well as the story of the colorful past in Shasta County history. In addition, the booklet attempts to stress those areas of county history about which little study has been made. This is why, for instance, so much detail is presented on the growth of Anderson, while the chapter on mining is simply a summary. The arrangement of the pamphlet is topical with somewhat of an eye to chronology. Probably the most valuable part of the booklet is the bibliography located in the back. To curtail size, I have neglected footnoting, in the hope that the bibliography will give sufficient information to someone interested in the source materials.

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