

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

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Reg. No. _____

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County Nevada Name American Hill Digging

Location Highway 49 north of Nevada City

Historical Significance:

Site of first hydraulic mining in 1853 by Edward E. Matteson.

The first approach to this method of mining was that of Antoine Chabot at his claim, Buckeye Hill, Nevada County where in 1852 he used water to assist directing gravel into the sluicibox. But it remained for Matteson to develop fully when in 1853 Matteson employed a nozzle attached to a rawhide hose to wash down soil for gold recovery at his claim known as American Hill.

References: Thompson-West History of Nevada County p.179
Wagner's Gold Mines of California, Howell-North
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RECOMMENDED:

Ralph C. Buchanan
Signature—Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

Date

APPROVED:

Signature—Chairman, Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee

Date