

# News Release



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## **"We Made It! Newly Arrived Emigrants from the East"**

**Who:** Sutter's Fort SHP Volunteer Docents

**Where:** *Sutter's Fort State Historic Park*, 2701 L Street, Sacramento

**When:** Saturday September 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Admission:** Adults \$6.00; Youths (ages 6-17) \$4.00; Children 5 and younger are free.

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As one of the Donner Party survivors wrote, "Never take no cutoffs [sic], and hurry along as fast as you can." Some emigrants from the Eastern States made it to California relatively easily, with no problems. Others staggered in to Sutter's Fort in Alta California barely alive. Just reaching California was a true accomplishment, worthy of recognition even today. Join the Fort's Living History docents as they share tales from the trail, Saturday, September 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park in midtown Sacramento. Bring the family and make the "newcomers" feel welcome and help them settle in.

There are big decisions in the Fort's community life still to be made. Where do the travelers go from here? Is it true that the farmland really free for the taking?

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And what about those rumors that the Mexican government of California wants its new residents to leave before 1846?

Sutter's Fort Living History events are presented monthly including the upcoming "The Magic Lantern: Sutter's Fort after Dark", November 21, 2009 and "A Simple Emigrant Christmas", December 12, 2009.

**About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park**

*Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Friend of Sutter's Fort. Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets, the Fort offers special events and living history programs throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first non-Indian settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort](http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort).*

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