

# News Release



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## **Solve the Mystery of the Great Candlestick Caper at Sutter's Fort**

### **The Great Candlestick Caper History Day**

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

**When:** Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Special Events Admission:** Adults \$6.00; Youths ages 6-17 \$3.00;  
Children 5 and younger are free.

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Someone has stolen an heirloom candlestick from Mrs. Dr. Townsend [sic], the wife of the Fort's doctor! Who could the thief be? Surely not wise Captain Sutter? Why was it stolen? Who is telling the truth and who is spreading rumors? What should the thief's punishment be?

Everyone has an opinion and is willing to share what they know of the theft and the suspects. Clues can be found around the Fort, and by interacting with the costumed Living History Docents. Bring the family and solve the mystery of the missing candlestick. Join Sutter's Fort State Historic Park Docents for The Great Candlestick Caper Living History Day on Saturday, September 8, 2007. **-MORE-**

Captain Sutter along with those immigrant families, carpenters, bakers, spinners, trappers, Mexican soldiers, and others housed in the protective walls of the fort, will bring early California's rich history alive. All characters and historical figures, including Mrs. Dr. Townsend, w are portrayed by the Sutter's Fort State Historic Park Docents. Re-live the sights, smells and sounds of the past! Interested time-travelers can call Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, one of 278 California State Parks, at (916) 445-4422 for further event information or for information on joining the Living History Program as a volunteer docent.

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*Photo Caption: Possible suspects in the Great Candlestick Caper at Sutter's Fort SHP.*

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

*Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Sacramento Historic Sites Association, 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) .*