

Kirksville

From Thompson and West's *History of Sutter County, 1879*:

O. S. Colegrove settled here [Kirksville] in 1851 and the place was known as Colegrove Point. In 1856 he and C. L. N. Vaughn started a ferry, but the boat was sunk in 1859. In 1860 a small store was started at the point by Huff and McKinney, and in 1861 a branch postoffice was established, with Andrew Huff as Postmaster. The mails were brought by boat from Knight's Landing. Huff named the postoffice Rome, and the place was afterward known by that name. Colegrove was drowned in the Sacramento river in the spring of 1863, and the land passed by administrator's sale into the hands of Jonas Spect. In 1862, a blacksmith shop was built by Huff. T. D. Kirk bought the property and laid out a town in 1874, giving it the name of Kirksville. In 1875 DeLos Saunders started a ferry, but the boat was shortly after carried down stream. In 1877, another ferry was started by Gibbins & Wooley, which is still running. The store has passed through a number of hands and is now owned by J. C. Griffith, who is also Postmaster, though there is no regular office. Mails are sent up from Knight's Landing, or Grafton P. O., Yolo county, twice a week on the boat. In 1877, a saloon was opened but had a brief existence. The town now contains one store, one postoffice, one blacksmith shop, one school-house, one Chinese wash-house and about a dozen dwelling houses. The population is about seventy-five people. For a number of years the children attended school at Smith's Ferry, but in 1868, Rome district was set off from Sutter district, and a school-house built here.