



The Butte County Historical Society is pleased to publish the result of Chuck Smay's years of research on Bidwell Bar, *The Town of Bidwell at Bidwell's Bar.*

Bidwell Bar is now deep under Lake Oroville, but the memory of the place lives on in the annals of local history as well as at the annual Bidwell Bar Days celebration. This book has several special features: a map of the town of Bidwell Bar which was reconstructed using relational boundary descriptions in land deeds, a tale of political intrigue regarding the right to build the bridge, and extensive use of primary sources which provide a contemporaneous picture of the events described. Together, these create for the reader the feeling of having an insider's view of life in Bidwell Bar, a sense of the volume of travel of people and goods when roads were only beginning to penetrate the vast northern Sierra Nevada gold mining country, and an unvarnished view of the ragged beginnings of government, justice and journalism in Butte County.

This book is now available at our Museum Store and it may be ordered by mail. For more information contact us via email at buttehistory@sbcglobal.net