

## First Passenger Train in Auburn



The first regularly scheduled passenger train came into Auburn on May 13, 1865. It carried passengers on a \$1.00 "excursion fare" from Sacramento. The railroad was an enormous benefit to both travelers and trade. The trip from Sacramento to Auburn took only one- and one-half hours compared to a wagon or coach trip of six to seven hours.

During construction the train stopped near Sacramento Street, but the first passenger train stopped at the new station stop east of town at the site of the current Gold Rush Museum. The museum is now housed in the last of the railroad depots in Auburn.

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