

SIERRA CITY LOCAL INTEREST

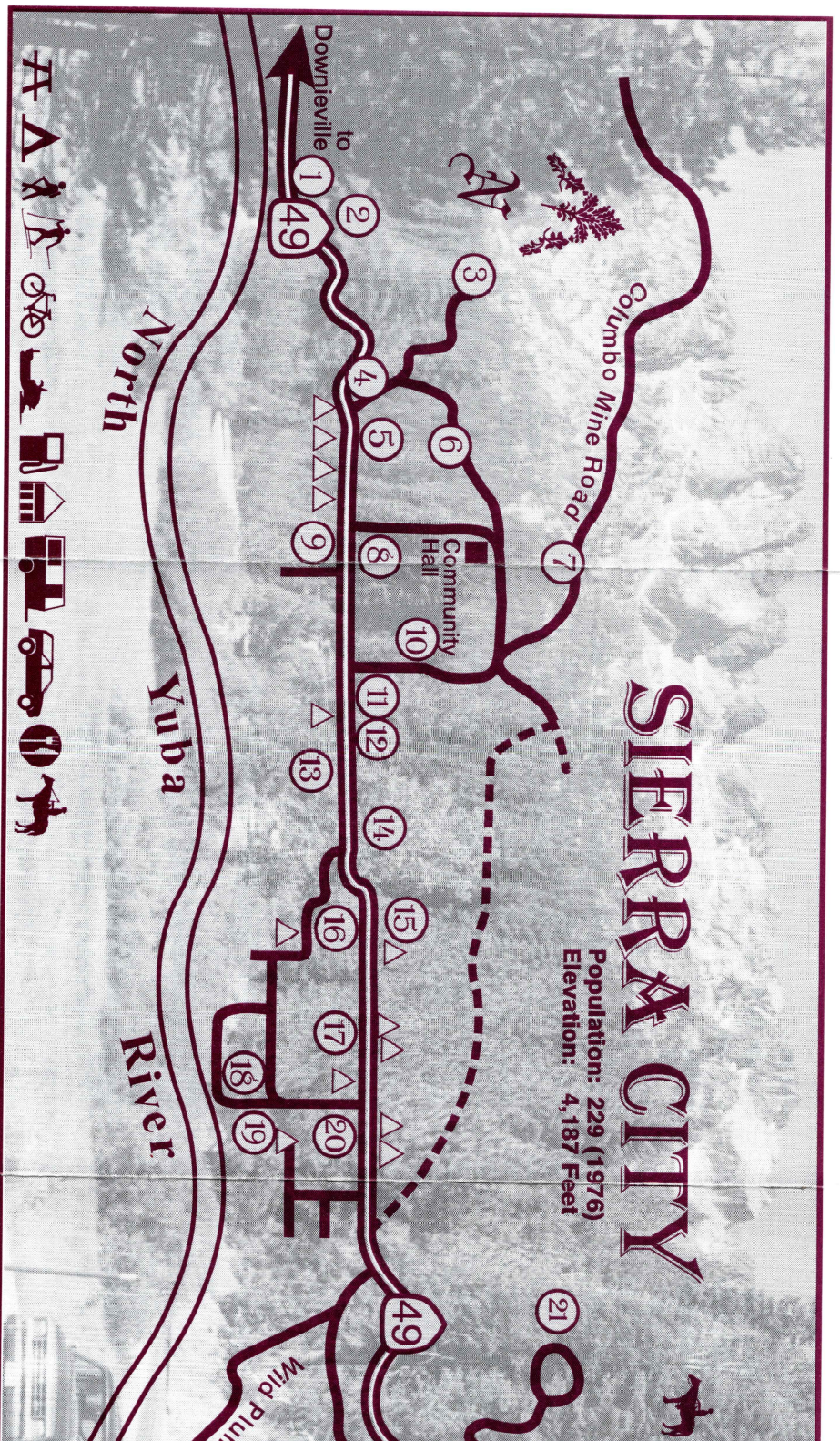
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Population: 229 (1976)
Elevation: 4,187 Feet

5 Sorracco's. The Sorracco Hotel was established by John Sorracco in this building in 1885. The front and residence sections are the oldest; further additions have been made over the years. It was the Sorracco Hotel until 1915. In the 1940's the front section was remodeled and the building became the Zerloff Hotel.

6 Catholic Church. The first two Catholic churches, built in 1881 and 1887, were destroyed by fire (1882) and the Great Avalanche (1890) respectively. In 1903 the present church was built.

7 Bigelow Mine and Mill. The Bigelow Mine was one of the early mines of the 1850's. By 1860 it contained a 4-stamp mill. In

May of 1860, \$1,700 worth of gold was taken out in 15 days. Its main tunnel extends about 1,800 feet. The mine was worked into the early 1900's by Orson Bigelow and then by others into the late 1930's. In the 1940's the mill was torn down and sold for scrap. The visible concrete abutment supported tram rails between the mine and the mill over the present road.

8 Colombo Saloon. In the 1880's this building housed a saloon. In later years a grocery was established here. In the 1920's this became a Red and White Store which was an early form of chain stores.

9 Rose's Hotel. John Rose Sr. built Rose's Hotel (also called Miners's Hotel) in the

1880's. He was Proprietor
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10 Methodist Church. Church of Sierra
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also used as a community hall, where nickel
dances, basketball games, meetings and other
events were held. The structure met its demise
by fire.

16 Eschenbruecher Tinsmith Shop. This
building of the 1880's was at different
times a tinsmith shop, a hardware store and
a mercantile store. From 1918 to 1965 the
Sierra Mercantile Building housed the Sierra
City Post Office, which had moved there from
the Busch Building.

17 Livery stable. This site was a livery
stable in the 1880's to 1990's. It is not
known who the owners were.

18 Fannie Smith House. Built in 1875.

19 Price House. Built in 1880.

20 Sierra City School. In 1863, Hannah
Riley began a small private school in
a room under the Masonic Hall instructing
about 10 pupils. She taught there until 1868
when she returned to teaching privately. In
1869 a public school opened and Hannah be-
gan teaching pupils there. The school building
was constructed in 1883 and had about 68
pupils by 1890. Beginning in 1943 students
were bussed to Downieville.

21 Kentucky Mine. The Kentucky Mine
was one of the earlier quartz mines to
develop after the opening of the Sierra Buttes
and Independence Mines which date back to
the late 1850's. In the 1870's or early 1880's
a 5-stamp mill was built at the mine. It was
increased to a 10-stamp mill in 1888. By
1911, the mine had become the property of
the Loefflers who built a new 10-stamp mill in
1928-33. The Loefflers worked the mine into
the 1940's. The mill built at that time, which

still stands, was not the original mill at this
mine. It was constructed with materials scav-
enged from the Phoenix mine. The Museum
is located here in a separate building.

22 Bassetts. There was an Inn on this site
as early as the 1860's constructed of
large logs which eventually became inadequate
to accommodate the flow of people. The Bas-
sett family owned the place in the 1870's as
well as two barns, a sawmill, a boardinghouse,
a blacksmith shop and an early telegraph. It
was an important stage stop into the early
1900's when the last Bassett to own it sold it.
Since 1915 Bassetts has been a store and gas
pump station.

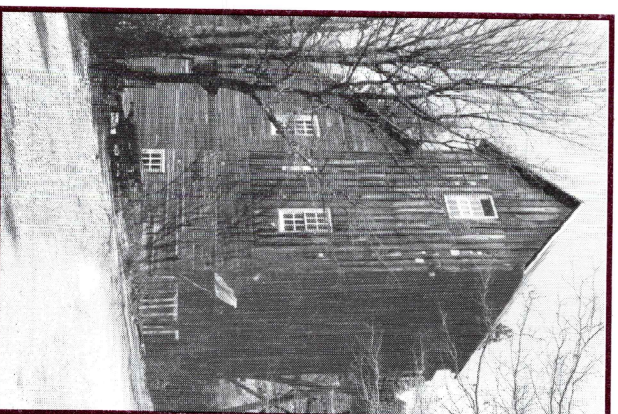
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