

Chinese Railroad Workers

鐵路華工紀念碑



Between 1865 and 1869, thousands of Chinese migrants toiled at a grueling pace and in perilous working conditions to help construct America's first Transcontinental Railroad. 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the introduction of large numbers of Chinese workers on the construction of the first transcontinental railway across North America. May 10, 2019 is the 150th anniversary of Leland Stanford's driving the famous "golden spike" to connect the Central Pacific and Union Pacific at Promontory Summit, Utah, to complete the line. The labor of these Chinese workers (who eventually numbered between 10-12,000 at any one moment) was central to creating the wealth that Leland Stanford used to found Stanford University. But these workers have never received the attention they deserve. We know relatively little about their lives. What led them to come to the United States? What experiences did they have in their arduous work? How did they live their daily lives? What kinds of communities did they create? How did their work on the railroad change the lives of their families in China and how did it change the lives of the workers themselves, both those who returned to China or went elsewhere after the railroad's completion and those who stayed in the U.S.?

Chinese Railroad Workers Monument
Gold Run, California
ED2 INTERNATIONAL
CLIFF LOWE ASSOCIATES



Breaking ground Summer 2018
Completion Fall 2019

With a donation to the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project today, your funds will help us build something unforgettable. Dedicated to their achievements and to the hundreds of lives lost in the harsh winters of 1865-1869, this Monument will also become an educational stimulate for future generations to ask the questions. Who were these immigrant workers and how did their engineering and sacrifice help connect a Nation? (www.crrwmemorialproject.com)



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GOLD RUN, DUTCH FLATS CALIFORNIA - LOCATED IN THE CALIFORNIA SIERRA MOUNTAINS, ONE HOUR OUTSIDE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA AT A CALTRAN'S REST STOP OFF OF INTERSTATE 80 HEADING EAST TO RENO, NEVADA. THE AREA WHERE THE FIRST 500 CHINESE RAILROAD WORKERS WERE HIRED. ARCHITECTS FRANK FUNG & CLIFFORD LOWE.