

## **Bates School District**

Bates was a Placer gold mine and mining community located northeast of Lewiston on what is now National Forest land.

In 1862 a county school census indicated that there were nineteen 4-year-old through 18-year-old children in the community of Bates. Bates School was officially open from 1864-65.<sup>1</sup> It must have been opened as a private school, paid for by the parents of the children who attended, as it does not show up in any public school records. However, by January 6, 1866, Bates School District was receiving apportionments (funding) as a public school. 21 children were attending at that time. The school received \$20.19.<sup>2</sup> The school continued to receive public funding in 1869 when there were 12 students enrolled in the district.<sup>3</sup> By at least 1872, Bates School District was no longer receiving state funding, and from all indications, the school had been closed by then, likely for good.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Holland, James. *A History of Education in Trinity County; A Thesis presented to the School of Education*. 1971. Chico State College, 24.

<sup>2</sup> "School Fund", *The Trinity Journal*, January 6, 1866.

<sup>3</sup> "Apportionment of School Money for Trinity County", *The Trinity Journal*, July 3, 1869.

<sup>4</sup> "Apportionments", *The Trinity Journal*, September 7, 1872.