

## Ravines in Auburn

"The locality (Auburn) is a concentration of small gulches, or ravines, constituting a larger one, flowing almost due west into the Sacramento Valley, where the water is lost in the plain." Thompson and West 1882, pg. 365.

The converging ravines are: **Rich Ravine** which originated at Rich Flat near present day Railhead park and ran north west across Sacramento Street to Brewery Lane, then down Brewery Lane to a point near the present day Old Post Office where it converged with the **South Fork of Auburn Ravine**. Auburn Ravine's South Fork began north of the Martin Park fire station and paralleled High Street to Central Square where it crossed today's Lincoln Way near the present day Wells Fargo Bank. From here it ran southwest to School Park Preserve and then down to Old Town and the junction with Rich Ravine. Connecting with Auburn Ravine's south fork just before reaching Old Town was the **Little Baltimore Ravine**. It began at the south end of today's fairground near the rail road tracks, ran the length of the fairgrounds and across High Street and then down the hill. The converging waters of these ravines ran nearly due west to their junction with the "big ravine" or **Auburn Ravine's North Fork** just a short distance west of the present day statue of Claude Chana. This fork parallels Auburn Ravine Road from the railroad crossing near Interstate 80 through town to the freeway off ramp for Ophir where its course continues westward.

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