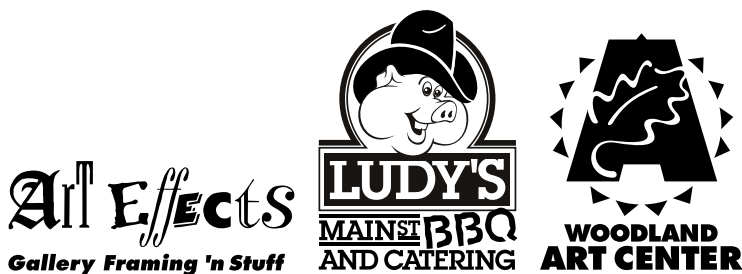
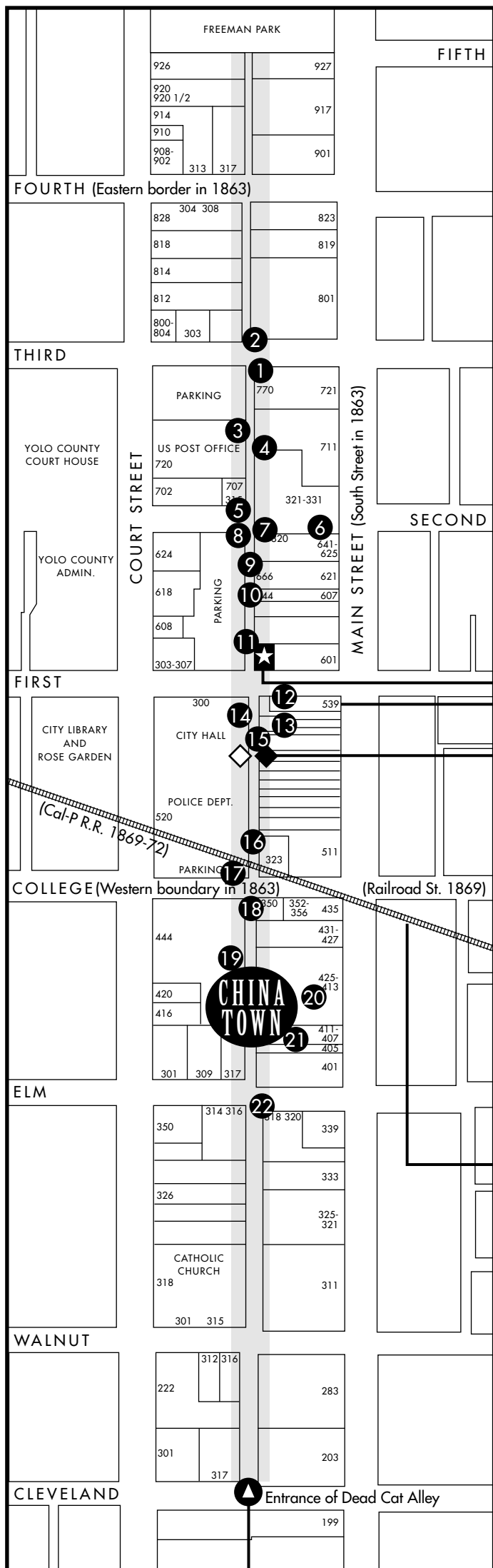


Yolo City/Woodland begins

- 1853 Henry Wyckoff builds small box frame store, stocked with liquor and general merchandise serving travelers and farmers. [Wyckoff built a second store named "Yolo City" in 1856 at Court and Sixth. Yolo City was sold to Franklin S. Freeman in 1857, after which Wyckoff moved to Oregon and later to Arizona. It was there he was killed in 1871 by an unknown assassin.]
- 1862 Woodland becomes the county seat after much politicking – and the Wyckoff building, owned by Freeman, becomes the "acting courthouse."
- 1865 The county moves into its courthouse on Court and First, between 2nd and 3rd, and sells the property to the Methodist Episcopal Church for \$125.
- 1867 The Methodists sells the building after completing a new church at Main and Elm the year prior. A Mr. Friedland purchases the building for \$175 and promptly sells it to the Woodland Bakery, owned by Otto Shluer and H. Lurker, for \$275.
- 1887c The building is used as a wash house – Tai Lee's Laundry. Din family occupies building in early 1900s.
- 1947 The original Wyckoff small box frame structure is demolished.
- 1861 Freeman constructs his general merchandise store. It is the third commercial building erected in town, the first brick building and the first structure on Main Street. This also becomes "Woodland's" first Post Office.
- 1870 Henry Aronson rents a wooden warehouse to a Chinese man behind his general merchandise store at 527 Main Street. The structure was later moved across the alley. As other Chinese arrived later, Aronson builds more wooden houses along the alley (see CHINA TOWN).
- 1869 Branch line of the California Pacific Railroad (Cal-P) connecting Davisville to Woodland to Knights Landing to Yuba City is established.
- 1872 The tracks are removed and relaid along what is now East Street.



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First published reports about the alley

- 1873 February 8 – The Yolo Democrat reports, "Sam Ruland on Dead Cat Alley was burglarized."
- 1890 November 19 – The Mail of Woodland reports, "Passing down Dead Cat Alley yesterday a Mail reporter noticed three youngsters in knee pants and waists diligently puffing away at a cigarette and blowing smoke from their nostrils and mouths like miniature steam engines."
- 1892 July 22(c) – The Daily Democrat reports a fire in a small barn located on "Dead Cat Alley in rear of Bartoli's grocery and vegetable store."