

Joann Leach Larkey's caption for this photograph of a train arriving at "Davis Junction" in 1868, published in her *Davis Enterprise* column, "Portraits of the Past," January 15, 1970.

DAVIS JUNCTION, 1868 A copy of this photo from the collection of John Brinley, also appeared in an area newspaper in 1928 with the following description: "DAVIS JUNCTION OF SIXTY YEARS AGO In November, 1868, the California Pacific completed its line from Vallejo to Washington (across the river from Sacramento). This picture

(an International Newsreel photo) was taken during that month at Davisville (now Davis, which was the junction with the "Cal-P," branch line from Marysville. This road became a part of the Central Pacific in August, 1871. "Cal-P" was the common name for the railroad and even to this day many trainmen speak of the line

from Sacramento to Suisun as the Cal-P, and in making up freight trains that symbol is chalked on the cars to be routed over this line. The locomotive in the picture is a Mason, and K.L. Joslyn of the Sacramento Shops, locomotive historian, states the California Pacific had fourteen Mason engines when taken over by the Central Paci-

fic." The newspaper clipping from which this description was taken appears on page 61 of a scrapbook of clippings, collected by Metha Becker, who married John Henle. Bequeathed at her death to her sister, Charlotte Becker Dietrich, it is now in the collection of the latter's daughter, Thelma Dietrich.





Davisville Junction, Cal. P. R. R. 1868