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Get A Glimpse of Sutter's Fort Most Precious Artifacts During "Family Treasures: The Collections of the Fort"

Community Invited to Special Evening Reception on Saturday, June 26

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Rarely seen artifacts and family keepsakes such as dearly loved children's toys, a precious wedding gown, early family portraits and personal letters -- that originally arrived in Sacramento in covered wagons -- will be on special display at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) during an evening reception "Family Treasures: The Collections of the Fort" on Saturday, June 26. Hosted by the Friends of Sutter's Fort, historians will be on hand to share the tales of these esteemed treasures for this one night only to benefit the interpretive programs at Sutter's Fort SHP, which are enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year.

For pioneering families making their way to the Golden State at the dawn of the Gold Rush, space was incredibly precious in the covered wagons. Graciously donated to Sutter's Fort SHP by the families in hopes that future generations will understand and appreciate them, an amazing collection of these most valued artifacts will be showcased during this event.

Guests will enjoy music, wine and hors d'oeuvres as well as the work of the Sutter's Fort artisans, who have been specially commissioned to provide beautiful handcrafted silent auction items for the special reception.

In addition, this special event will also showcase a number of recently rediscovered items such as Sutter, Marshall and Gregson artifacts, Gold Rush clothing and images, a toy horse from the Breen Family cabin site, salt encrusted wheels from the Reed Palace Wagon (which was abandoned in the Great Salt Lake), and the Marriage Book from those wed at Sutter's Fort.

"Family Treasures: The Collections of the Fort" will take place at Sutter's Fort SHP on Saturday, June 26 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and are available through June 18 by calling 916-323-7626. More information about "Family Treasures" and other events and activities at Sutter's Fort SHP is available online at www.suttersfort.org.

About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

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Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Friends of Sutter's Fort, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26th and 28th Streets, the Fort offers special events, Living History and Demonstration Days programs throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first European settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/parks.ca.gov.

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