History of Yuba County California

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VIRGINIA RANCH

On Dry creek, one mile below the crossing of the Camtonville road, J.A. Paxton settled in 1850, and built a hotel and kept a trading-post. In 1859, the property came into the possession of Peter Rice, who ceased to keep hotel, and put fifty thousand dollars in improvements on the ranch. Fruit was set out as early as 1853, and now there are six thousand fruit trees and fifty thousand grape vines. L.B. Clark has owned the ranch since 1870, and makes a great deal of wine every year.

