

Rice's Crossing (South Branch Turnpike)

March 8, 1855, a map is filed in Yuba County Recorders office shows the distance from Oregon House to the Yuba River as 6 miles 11 chains and from the Yuba River to French Corral as 1 mile 23 chains. There are 80 chains to a mile. One chain is 66 feet long and each link is 0.66 feet or 7.92 inches long. This route was known as the South Branch Turnpike. (Board of Supervisors minutes BK1-491)

November 8, 1862, the South Branch Turnpike Company submits an application to the Board of Supervisors asking them to fix the toll rates on their road. The request was granted for 1 year from November 8, 1862. The rates were set as follows:

8 horses, mules or oxen team loaded	\$3.00
8 horses, mules or oxen team unloaded	\$2.00
6 horses, mules or oxen team loaded	\$2.50
6 horses, mules or oxen team unloaded	\$1.50
4 horses, mules or oxen team loaded	\$2.00
4 horses, mules or oxen team unloaded	\$1.00
2 each way	\$1.00
1 horse and buggy	\$.75
horsemen	\$.50
footman	\$.25
pack animal per head	\$.10
loose cattle or horses per head	\$.10
hog or sheep per head	\$.05

February 1, 1864, the South Branch Turnpike Company applies for a license renewal. Granted for 1 year from February 1, 1864 rates are to remain the same. (Board of Supervisors minutes BK2-67)

January 3, 1866, Thomas Freeman deeds to George Fagg (D. I. Wood's son-in-law) for \$5,000 the South Branch Turnpike which begins at Oregon House (Yuba County) to French Corral (Nevada County) with a bridge and toll house. (Deeds 20-674)

September 26, 1866, George Fagg deeds to D. I. Wood of Virginia City, Nevada the South Branch Turnpike which begins at Oregon House (Yuba County) to French Corral (Nevada County) with a bridge and toll house. (Deeds 26-396)