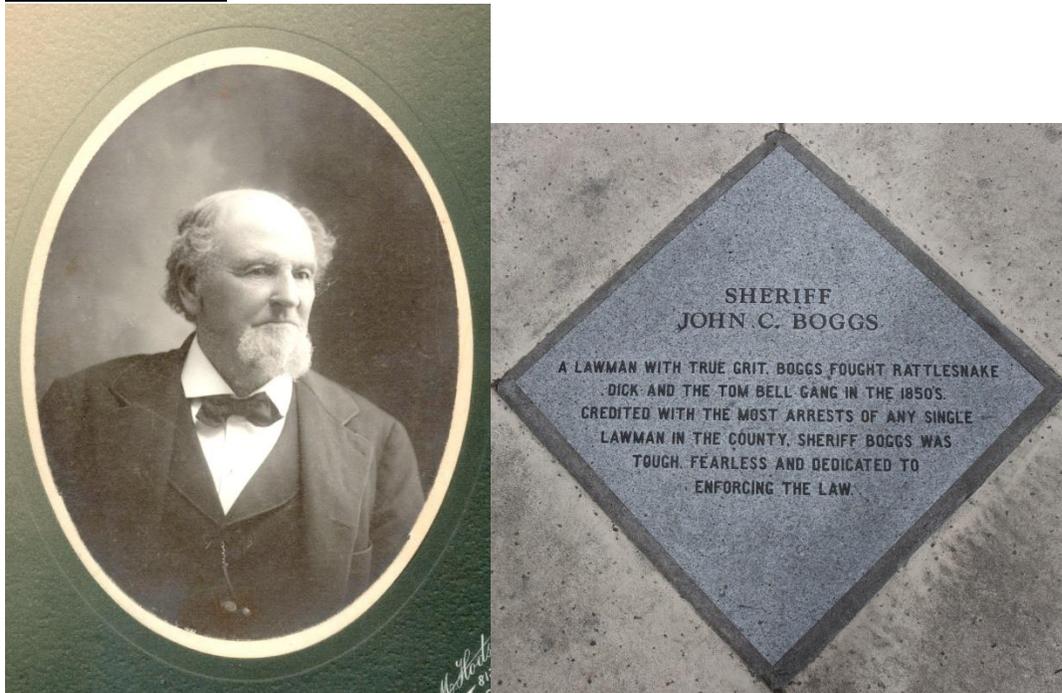


## John Craig Boggs



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1825-1909

Boggs left his hometown of Greencastle, Pennsylvania when he was 24 years old. With \$1,000 in his pocket he headed for the gold fields of California. He came around the Horn in an eventful voyage which resulted in a mutiny by the passengers and the Captain being removed from the ship in Rio De Janerio. The ship landed in San Francisco in September 14, 1849 and by the 28<sup>th</sup> he was mining at Wood's Dry Diggings, present day Auburn California.

Boggs and a partner ran a mercantile store for a while but soon returned to mining. By 1853 he was the town watchman and started his long career in law enforcement in Placer County. He was also the Deputy County Assessor in 1867 and the County Assessor in 1869. He became Under-Sheriff in 1877 and Placer County Sheriff in 1879.

Boggs became a respected law man in the area and rid the county of many criminals including Tom Bell and his gang and Rattlesnake Dick. He was known to be tough and fearless.

Upon retiring to Newcastle, he became one of the prominent fruit growers in the County and also became the local postmaster. He was married twice and had two children.

Boggs Family Story at Placer County Archives  
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