General Land Office “surveys are unexcelled as a source of baseline information . . . Survey records have contributed significantly to our understanding of North America’s pre-settlement ecosystems and the processes that maintained them. They have figured prominently in the restoration of a number of historic ecosystems.”

—Gordon G. Whitney & Joseph P. DeCant

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Field Notes of the Subdivision Lines of Township 9 North Range 8 West Mount Diablo Meridian
Wm. Minto, Deputy Surveyor
June 2 – June 7, 1873

North between Secs. 15 & 16

26.50   Deep ravine course S.W.
40.00   Set post on high ridge for ¼ section corner
        **Black Oak** 24 in. dia. bears N. 55 W.  54 links
61.00   Ravine courses N.W.
74.30   Old road E. & W.
80.00   Set a post for cor. To Secs. 9, 10,15 & 16
        A **Black Oak** 14 in. dia. bears N. 42 E. 137 links
        A **Fir** 5 in. dia. bears S. 22 W. 30 links
        A **Madrona** 15 in. dia. bears S. 28 E 98 links

**Oak with some Madrona & Fir**

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POINT OBSERVATIONS

LINE DESCRIPTION

CHAIN = 66 feet (1/80 mile)
LINK = 7.92 inches (100/chain)
“Descend to high, undulating, open ground.”

C.C. Tracy 1858
1875
- UPLAND SHRUB: 26%
- UPLAND FORBS & GRASSES*: 21%
- UPLAND FOREST: 52%

2000
- UPLAND SHRUB: 17%
- UPLAND FORBS & GRASSES: 20%
- UPLAND FOREST: 59%

*Includes grasses and forbs.