

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program Application Form



CPRC meeting: DRAFT

Name of Marker:

MARY ANN DEMING CROCKER
Namesake of Deming

County: Luna

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker Revised Text
 Move of Existing Marker XX New Marker

NMDOT District: _____

NMDOT Highway: _____

Suggested Site for Installation:

In Deming, perhaps at or near the Amtrak station or at the courthouse.

Existing or Proposed Text:

Born in 1827, Mary Ann Deming married Charles Crocker, one of the founders of the Central Pacific Railroad. A “silver spike” was driven here in 1881 commemorating the completion of the second transcontinental railroad in the nation, and the new settlement was named Deming in honor of Mary. She became a prominent philanthropist dedicated to charitable causes for the poor.

Word Count: 60

Previous Title and Text: N/A

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Miscellaneous files and clippings:

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Pioneer histories – Charles Crocker and Mary Ann Deming Crocker (from the files of the Deming Luna County Museum)

Letter, Southern Pacific Company to Mrs. Georgia K. Fields, March 3, 1947 (from the files of the Deming Luna County Museum)

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Text Approved by CPRC on Date: _____

CPRC Comments: _____

For Referral to: _____
