

The Washoe House

Washoe House is a historic roadhouse in Sonoma County, California. It is located west of Cotati, California at the juncture of Stony Point Road and Roblar Road. It lies near the headwaters of Washoe Creek and is the defining landmark of the unincorporated community of Stony Point. A roadhouse (US) or stopping house (Canada) is a commercial establishment typically built on or near a major road or highway that serves passing travelers. The word's meaning varies slightly by country. The historical equivalent was often known as a coaching inn, providing food, drink, and rest to people and horses.

The Washoe House is the oldest road house in California.

Robert Ayres built the house in 1859, and it became a stop on the stagecoach routes connecting the towns of Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Bodega during the 19th century.

In 1865, following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Major James Armstrong's Emmett Rifles (or Hueston Guard) rode up Stony Point Road, intent on taking vengeance against Democrats in Santa Rosa, only to turn back after stopping at this tavern. This incident became known as The Battle of Washoe House.

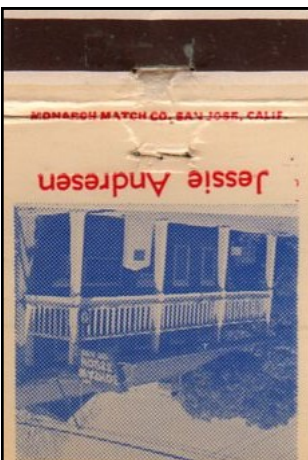
According to local tradition, Ulysses S. Grant once made a speech from the balcony of Washoe House; historical evidence for this is lacking, however.

A portion of the 1999 movie *True Crime* was filmed at Washoe House.

At various times, it has served as a hotel, butcher shop, post office, community hall, and stagecoach stop.

As of September 2018, it was operating as a restaurant and bar.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washoe_House]



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Oldest
Road House
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SINCE 1859

Stony Point Rd. & Roblar
Petaluma

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