

# YOUR STUDENTS CAN ENTER!

## The Lost Acrostic Contest

Sponsored by the Bidwell Mansion Association

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In June 1879 John and Annie Bidwell drove up Butte Creek Canyon in their carriage. On the way they stopped at the cabin of Pres Longley, a miner and a poet. Longley gave Mrs. Bidwell the gift of an acrostic poem. The poem is lost – no one knows what happened to it!



In an acrostic each line of the poem begins with a letter of the person's name. *Can you write an acrostic for Annie?*

### Contest Rules:

- You may use the back of this sheet or a separate sheet for your entry.
- Contest is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Butte County and surrounding counties.
- Poems should be submitted by hand or by mail to **BMA c/o Bidwell Mansion SHP**  
**525 The Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926**
- Deadline is Monday, June 5, 2017.
- Entries must include student's name, grade, school and contact information.
- Please type or write your entry neatly.
- Poems will be judged on the basis of originality and quality of execution. Poems may be rhymed or unrhymed. Lines may be of any length.
- Poems must be in the form of an acrostic, with the initial letters of each line spelling out the name ANNIE.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted.
- Prizes will be awarded during the BMA Summer Event (date to be announced.) Winners will be notified before the event.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

First Prize: \$50

Second Prize: \$25

Third Prize: \$15

#### 4<sup>th</sup> grade

First Prize: \$50

Second Prize: \$25

Third Prize: \$15

Here are two examples of acrostic poems about John Bidwell, based on the name JOHN:

**J**ourneyed far  
**O**wner of Rancho Chico  
**H**onorable congressman  
**N**ever discouraged.

**J**oined with his sweetheart to bless a fair town  
**O**n Rancho Chico a man of renown  
**H**onest and true, he stands straight and tall,  
**N**oted for fairness to one and to all.

ANNIE ACROSTIC

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION:

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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