



PIONEER

Theodore Dehone Judah

THAT THE WEST
MAY REMEMBER
THEODORE DEHONE JUDAH,
PIONEER, CIVIL ENGINEER AND TIRELESS AD-
VOCATE OF A GREAT TRANSCONTINENTAL
RAILROAD

—AMERICA'S FIRST—

THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED BY THE MEN
AND WOMEN OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COM-
PANY, WHO, IN 1930, WERE CARRYING ON THE
WORK HE BEGAN IN 1860. HE CONVINCED FOUR
SACRAMENTO MERCHANTS THAT HIS PLAN WAS
PRACTICABLE AND ENLISTED THEIR HELP.
GROUND WAS BROKEN FOR THE RAILROAD
JANUARY 8, 1863, AT THE FOOT OF K STREET,
NEARBY.

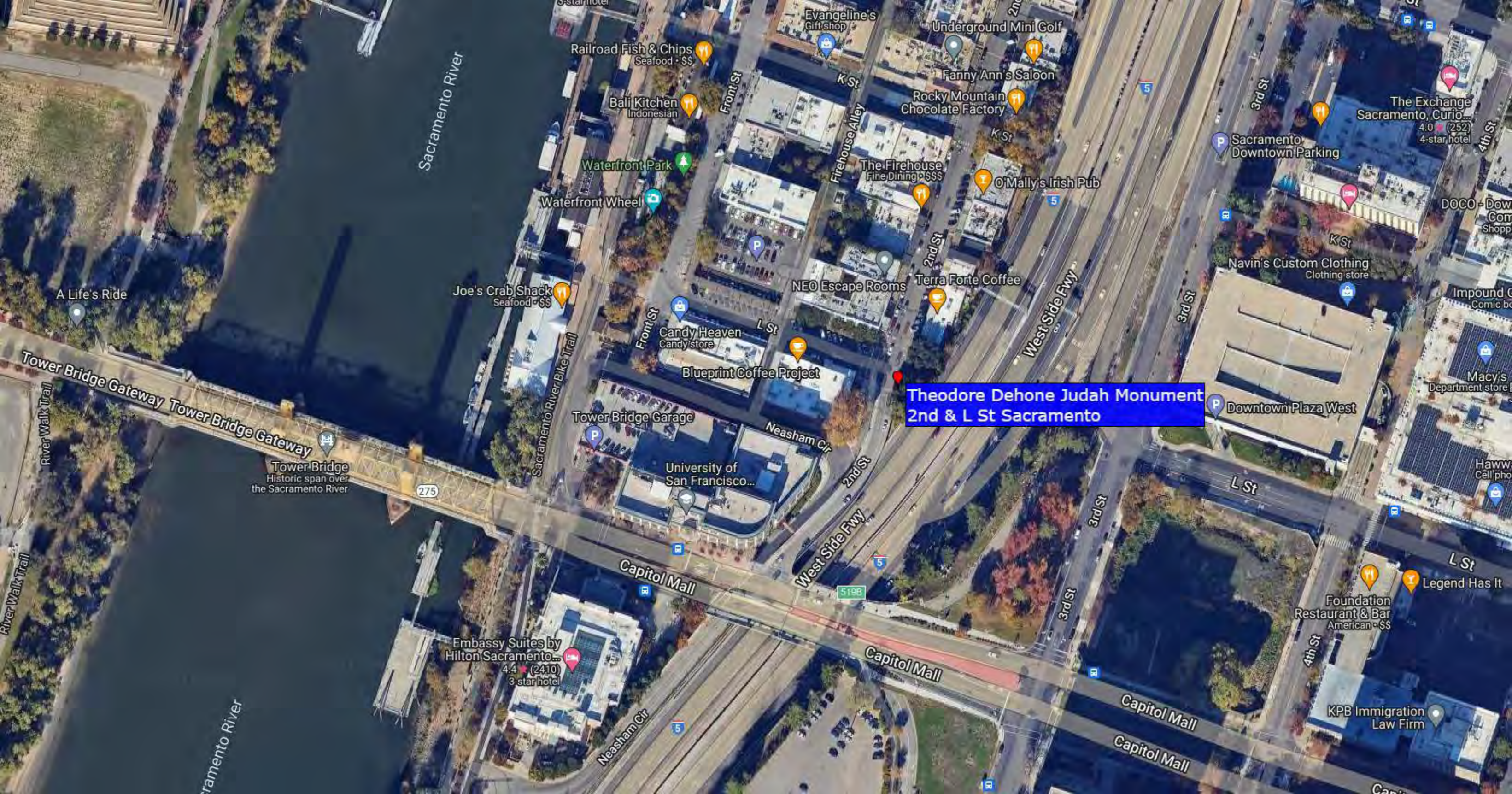
JUDAH DIED NOVEMBER 2, 1863.

THE ROAD WAS BUILT PAST THE SITE OF THIS
MONUMENT, OVER THE LOFTY SIERRA—ALONG
THE LINE OF JUDAH'S SURVEY—TO A JUNCTION
WITH THE UNION PACIFIC AT PROMONTORY,
UTAH, WHERE ON MAY 10, 1869, THE "LAST SPIKE"
WAS DRIVEN.

INSCRIPTION APPEARING ON JUDAH MEMORIAL AT SACRAMENTO,







Theodore Dehone Judah Monument
2nd & L St Sacramento

Sacramento River

Tower Bridge Gateway
Historic span over the Sacramento River

Railroad Fish & Chips
Seafood • \$\$

Bali Kitchen
Indonesian

Waterfront Park

Waterfront Wheel

Joe's Crab Shack
Seafood • \$\$

Candy Heaven
Candy store

Blueprint Coffee Project

Tower Bridge Garage

University of San Francisco...

Embassy Suites by Hilton Sacramento...
4.4 (2410)
3-star hotel

Evangeline's
Gift shop

Underground Mini Golf

Fanny Ann's Saloon

Rocky Mountain
Chocolate Factory

The Firehouse
Fine Dining • \$\$\$

NEO Escape Rooms

Terra Forte Coffee

O'Mally's Irish Pub

The Exchange
Sacramento, Calif...
4.0 (252)
4-star hotel

Sacramento
Downtown Parking

Navin's Custom Clothing
Clothing store

Downtown Plaza West

Impound C...
Comic bo...

Macy's
Department store

Haww...
Cell pho...

Legend Has It

Foundation
Restaurant & Bar
American • \$\$

KPB Immigration
Law Firm

Capitol Mall

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Sacramento River Bike Trail

River Walk Trail

River Walk Trail

Sacramento River

Front St

Firehouse Alley

2nd St

K St

West Side Fwy

3rd St

3rd St

4th St

L St

Neasham Ct

2nd St

3rd St

L St

L St

4th St

Neasham Ct

Capitol Mall



Theodore Judah

Determined to be the "pioneering railroad engineer of the Pacific coast," Theodore Judah was the chief engineer for the Sacramento Valley Railroad line that was completed along R Street in 1856. It was the first commercial railroad line west of the Mississippi River.

His dreams and enthusiasm earned him the nickname "Crazy Judah" for his ambition to build a transcontinental railroad. After surveying a route over the Sierra Nevada, Judah convinced four Sacramento merchants to back a new rail line that would connect the eastern and western shores of the United States. The Central Pacific Railroad started construction in Sacramento in 1863. The transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869.

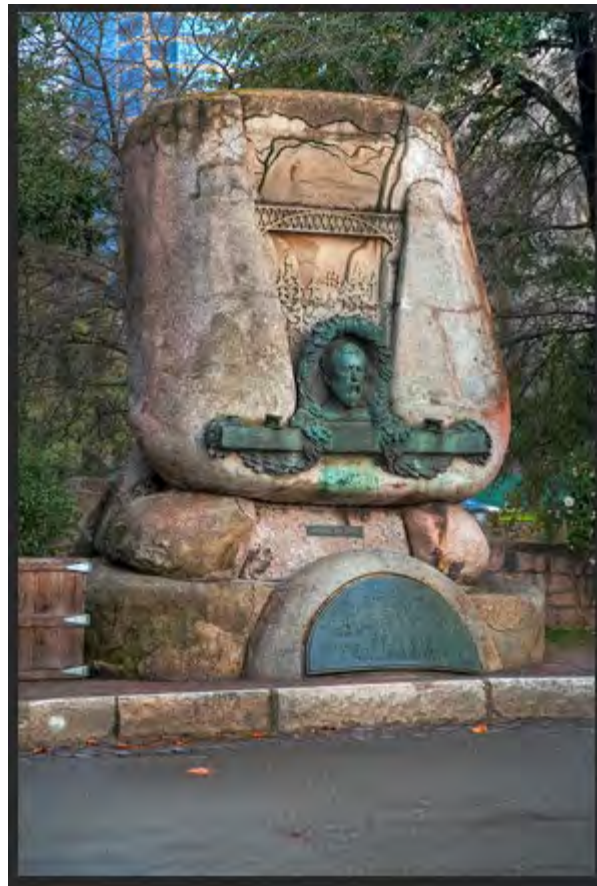
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Local Historic Civil Engineering Landmark

Theodore Dehone Judah Monument

2nd Street and L Street
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