

# FRANCIS BRIDGE HISTORIC PLAQUES

# GEORGE M. FRANCIS

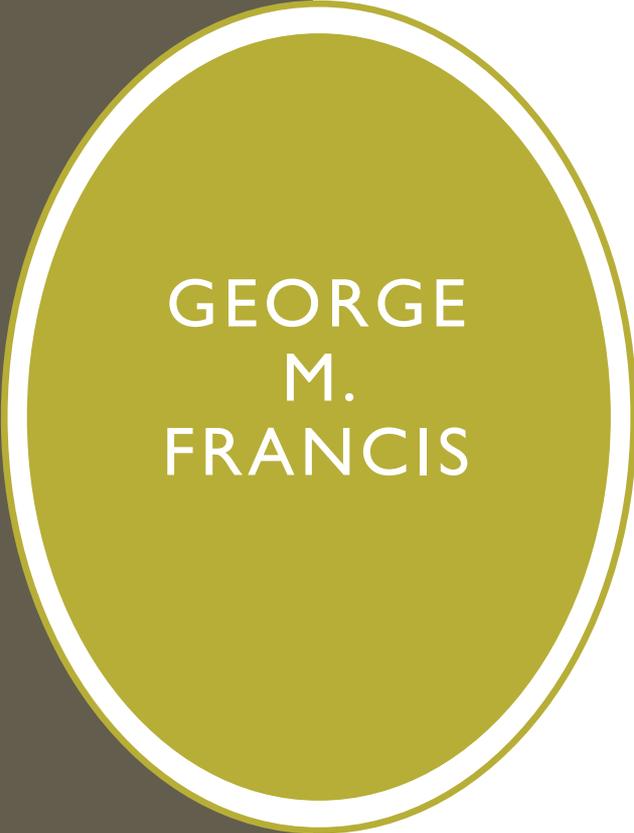


Mr. G.M. Francis, Owner and Editor of Napa Register, d. 1932.



Napa Register Print Room  
First & Coombs Streets





GEORGE  
M.  
FRANCIS

- Born in Pontiac, Michigan in 1844
- Printer's apprentice at 14 and print shop foreman by 18
- Served in Union Army under General William Sherman
- Moved to Napa in 1870 and purchased share in the Register
- Credited with transformation to one of Napa's dominant daily newspapers
- Active in local politics
- George M. Francis built a new headquarters for the Register on First and Coombs streets in 1905
- Son George H. Francis, became a partner in the Register in 1907
- Napa Postmaster under Presidents Chester Arthur, William McKinley, Teddy Roosevelt and William Howard Taft
- Trustee and President of Napa State Asylum
- Died April 1932

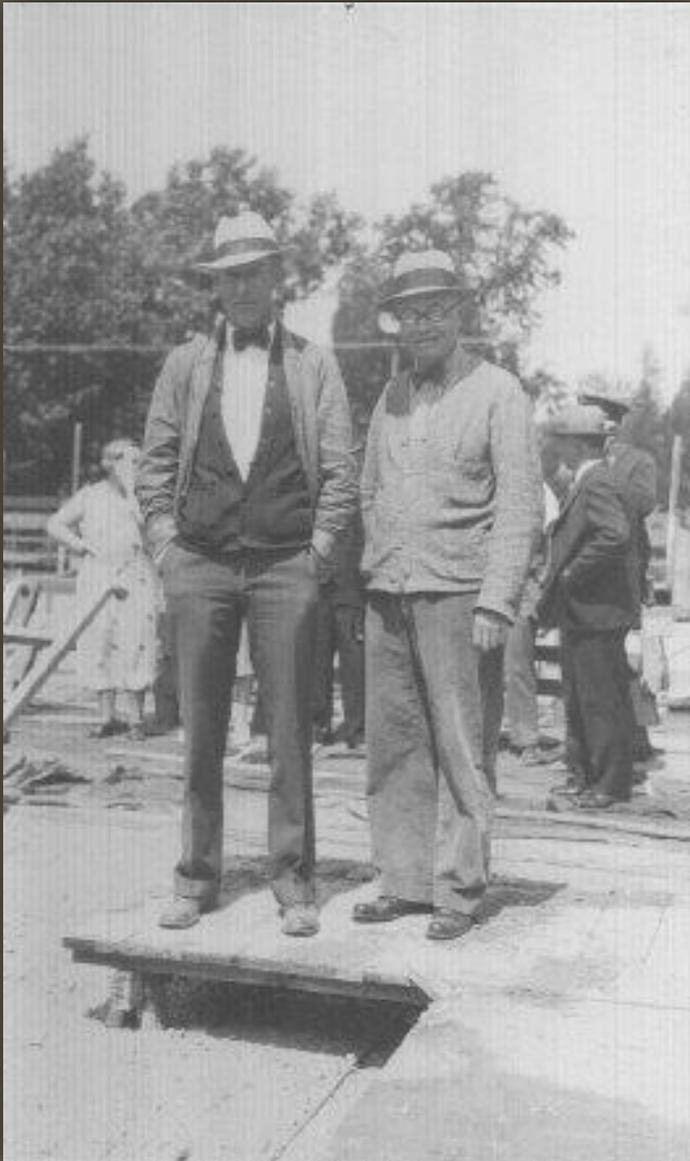
# BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Building of the George M. Francis Bridge on Third Street. The concrete Francis Bridge was built in 1932 and replaced in 2002.



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## CITY ENGINEERS



The construction site of the Third Street Bridge (left is R. Howard and is H.A. Harrold, Napa City Engineers.) Photograph was taken in 1931 or 1932.



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Not shown to scale.

THIRD STREET BRIDGE (1907)  
REPLACED BY FRANCIS BRIDGE



# RECOMMENDED ACTION

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A  
RESOLUTION TO INSTALL  
HISTORIC BRIDGE PLAQUES  
ON EXISTING THIRD  
STREET BRIDGE