



## Pleasanton (CA) (Images of America)

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**Summary:** The city of Pleasanton, located in the beautiful Amador-Livermore valley, was formed in 1867 when immigrants John Kottinger and Joshua Neal used land from their California wives dowries and laid out a town. Kottinger named the city after Civil War general Alfred Pleasanton, but a postal clerical error changed the spelling to Pleasanton and the name stuck. The men secured Pleasanton's future by offering land to the Western Pacific Railroad for a railroad station and landing. Planning for future growth thus became a legacy that is still embraced by this modern city of 70,000 people. Today families and tourists are attracted to Pleasanton's historic downtown, where 19th-century buildings still stand and people stroll among its many shops and restaurants.



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