

# Surviving Through Time

## Fort Hospital

The second Fort Humboldt hospital was built in 1863 and is the only original Fort building that remains. There were many surgeons stationed here including Doctor Josiah Simpson—best known through the letters of his wife Harriet. The hospital has served many functions over the years. In the early 1900s, the building became a Marconi wireless radio station. By the 1940s it had become a City of Eureka Museum devoted to General Grant and local memorabilia. Later, it became the District Office for California State Parks. The Museum currently exhibits North Coast Native American artifacts, archaeological and military materials.

A black and white portrait of Dr. Josiah Simpson, a man with a full beard and glasses, wearing a dark military-style coat with buttons and a shoulder strap. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

**Dr. Josiah Simpson**

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