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## PRESS RELEASE

*88 Days in the Mother Lode: Mark Twain Finds His Voice*

New film Reveals Details of Mark Twain's Mother Lode Stay

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Sonora, CA— This 'n That Films is announcing a partnership with the Tuolumne County Historical Society (TCHS) to produce their new documentary "[88 Days in the Mother Lode: Mark Twain finds his voice.](#)" The film will explore in unprecedented detail Samuel Clemens' three months stay in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties during the winter of 1864-1865. Through their partnership with TCHS, the filmmakers secured a grant from the Sonora Area Foundation awarded through the Irving J. Symons Foundation for Tuolumne County.

"We are both pleased and excited to be able to help fund this important production," says Rob Gordon, Senior Researcher at TCHS. "Very little has previously been presented on this pivotal period in Twain's life. We're looking forward to sharing with the world what happened in the Mother Lode."

"We're proud to have the support from TCHS." said John C. Brown, director of the film, and a Tuolumne County resident. "We are producing a historically accurate, yet entertaining story about the profound influence these 88 days had on Mark Twain's career as a writer and lecturer."

Local actor Tom Maguire will be adding his talents to the film as the voice of Mark Twain. "Its a unique opportunity when an actor has the challenge of interpreting the written words of Mark Twain. I'm thrilled with this challenge and the chance to bring his words to life."

This 'n That Films also receives corporate support for this film from Greenhorn Creek Resort and Camps Restaurant in Angels Camp. Production began earlier this year; the film is scheduled to premiere in February of 2015, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mark Twain's departure from Angels Camp. <http://www.thisnthatfilms.net>

This 'n That Films previously released the award-winning documentary [The Last First Comic: Mid-Century Moderns](#) which has shipped 1,500 copies worldwide; and [Quiet Elegance](#) which has been selected for exhibition at film festivals around the country.

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