This talk presents my ongoing archaeological, historical, and collections-based research examining indigenous hinterlands as critical sites of refuge and recourse for native communities confronting multiple phases of missionary, mercantile, and settler colonialism. Looking first at places of refuge around the San Francisco Bay Area of California where native people may have found safe harbor from colonial missions, the talk will then explore recent discoveries from a mid-1800s era trading post at Toms Point, Tomales Bay located in western Marin County. Here, Coast Miwok and other native people continued their traditional resource gathering practices, they held dances and mourning ceremonies, and they found recourse by participating in agricultural and mercantile endeavors as well as the maritime and hide and tallow trades fueling California’s late nineteenth century economy. The projects are explored relative to other archaeological studies of colonialism within and outside of California, and to my continuing efforts to practice a more relevant and community-engaged archaeology of “indigenous legacies” that acknowledges ongoing histories of placemaking.