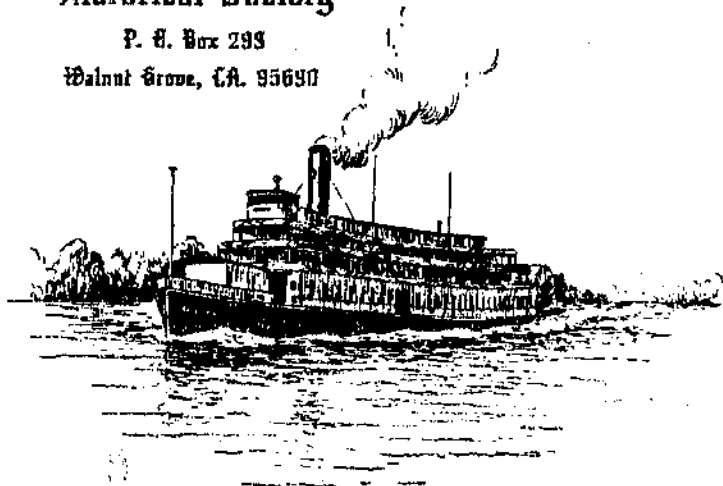


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News from the SRDHS

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SPECIAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Monday, December 5, 1983

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Dai Loy Museum, Locke

SPEAKER: Dr. Cheryl Ho, Ethno-musicologist, CSUS

REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from JIM GUALCO

The final 1983 membership meeting for the Society will be held Monday evening, December 5, at 7:30 P.M. at the Dai Loy Museum in Locke. We were fortunate to have Jean Brown persuade Dr. Cheryl Ho, an Ethno-musicologist at California State University, Sacramento, to speak to us on the use of music and instruments from China by the Chinese immigrants in California, and its effect on their lives. She will use the old Chinese instruments on display in the Museum as part of her program. To add to the enjoyment of the evening, wine, Chinese tea and fortune cookies will be served.

The meeting is being held in the Museum to honor and recognize those members who have served as volunteer staff on the weekends, so the museum can be open for visitors. Over 11,300 persons have visited the Museum since its opening in March of 1983.

Mark your calendars now to attend.

Also, mark your calendars for the annual meeting to be held at St. Anthony's Hall in Walnut Grove on Monday, January 16, 1984. Further notice will be forthcoming.

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NOTES

The San Jose Mercury News published a feature article and cover in their *Today* tabloid on Locke on October 23rd. The theme was DELTA MEMORIES--The Last Rural Chinese Town in America.

Folsom has 3 recently designated National Register of Historic Places added to the national list: the Cohn Mansion, the Southern Pacific Depot, and the Folsom Powerhouse, which for many years provided Sacramento with electricity.

Nadine Salonites, of the League of Historic Theaters, the Yolo County Historical Society, and the Woodland Opera House Foundation, has contacted the SRDHS about pre-1940 theaters in the area. She was especially interested in pre-1916 theaters for a book being compiled by Professor Carlton Ward, a member of the Department of Drama at Jackson State University in Mississippi. If any member should like to offer assistance, contact her at 916-662-6212 or 1510 West Street, Woodland, 95695.

The California State Library Foundation has recently been founded as a non-profit public benefit corporation. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information about the foundation and its services contact: CSLF, P.O. Box 2037, Sacramento, 95809.

The California Historical Society (2090 Jackson Street, San Francisco, 94109) are offering for sale twelve matted photographs reproduced from CHS originals. The historic photos are done in both black and white and sepia-tinted reproduction which are 16 x 20 inches or larger. Each is matted, and the prices, which are available from the California Historical

Society, are listed as "very reasonable." Forty percent of the purchase price is a tax deductible donation to the CHS. One may view the collection of 12 images from the archives at the downtown offices of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in San Francisco.

Of interest to railroad buffs and historians is the Sierra Railroad preserved in Tuolumne County. The short line is run by a concessionaire for the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation.

On October 26, 1983, the new research library associated with the Presidio Army Museum and the Fort Point and Army Museum opened.

Sacramento history is related in an entertaining sight and sound production in Old Sacramento at the old Eagle Theater. Called "Sacramento Illustrated", it shows hourly from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children. "Old Zack", a prospector, tells the story with help from John Sutter and Mark Twain. The music is provided by the South Loomis Quick Step Band.

The Stanford Gallery in Old Sacramento will offer an exhibit, "Germans to America", from December 10 to January 30. The gallery is located in the Big Four Building, 111 I Street, Sacramento.

Don't forget this December that Grass Valley and Nevada City will be hosting their annual Christmas celebration. Highlights will include the Cornish Carolers and many shops open for gift shopping and for repast: especially pasties--the famous and delicious Cornish miners' meat and potato turnover. Check papers for this year's dates.



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"But what is the present, after all,
but a growth out of the past."

-Walt Whitman

DAI LOY GAMBLING HOUSE MUSEUM

Clarence Pratt reports that by the end of November the Dai Loy Museum will have greeted over 15,000 visitors in 1983. This will make this period one of its biggest visitor-years.

And we all should like to extend a special thanks to Clarence for all the attention he has given the museum over the years. It is wonderful to have his very able and concerned help, and we are all very appreciative. Another thank you received by the Pratts may be seen at the right; Alianza, a 4th grader, was part of a group tour conducted by them.

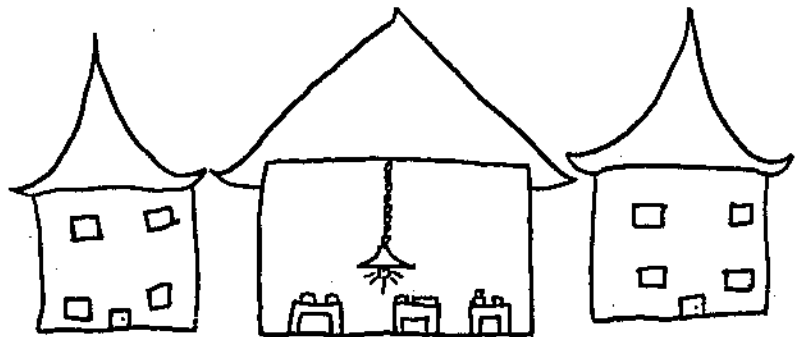
The Museum was specially opened the weekend of November 5 and 6 to coordinate with the Christmas opening at the River Road Art Gallery. However, the Museum will be closed in December and shall remain so until the spring, except for specially pre-arranged group visits which are handled by Clarence Pratt.

Steve Simmons, photographer for the book *Delta Country*, was the speaker for the October membership meeting held in Clarksburg. He presented a very entertaining and informative program on his photographic techniques and equipment and showed a series of slides taken for the book. Steve has donated 100 postcards featuring pictures of Locke to be sold at the museum; this was in the way of saying "thank you" to the SRDHS for the help of its members in completing the book.

Bill Zion of Lafayette, who keeps a boat at the Meadows, has donated to the SRDHS the Southern Pacific Railroad sign designating Locke. It formerly stood beside the tracks at the edge of town.

The Board of Directors is exploring marketing the *Walnut Grove* and the *Sacramento River Delta* booklets at several "downtown" Walnut Grove locations at the request of some of the merchants. Additionally, postcards to be sold at the Museum have been discussed, and a calendar featuring 12 photos with identifying captions taken from the Society's slide collection is being considered for sale beginning in July, 1985. The calendar would be for 1986. Board members felt that a calendar would be an easy, low-key project requiring little time or effort by the membership; once initially setup, the printing could continue for many years. This would supply some additional revenue to tide the Society over from time to time. It would, as well, expose and present the Delta area through photos to a larger group which might appreciate an inexpensive keepsake or unique gift item.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Pratt
Locke Museum:



Thank you — your museum is interesting! Alianza
4th Grader

DEMOGRAPHIC TABLES.

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Sacramento County Historical Society

SACRAMENTO HISTORY CENTER

The Sacramento History Center has announced a campaign goal of \$300,000 which will help achieve completion of the Center. The directors are confident that this goal can be reached. Major financing has come through the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors. The History Center will feature 5 galleries with differing emphasis. The Community Gallery, for example, will feature permanent exhibits, computer banks, and a 2½ hour film chronicling the development and impact of Sacramento's ethnic and regional communities. The aim of the museum and its galleries is to provide a cohesive vision of Sacramento city and county history through both conventional museum techniques and the latest computer technology. The other galleries are Topomophology (impact of people on land), Technology (agricultural machinery and the people who used it), Human Dialogue (communications), and the Eleanor McClatchy Gallery of Fine Printing. If you are interested in contributing to the Ethnic Communities survey in any way, contact the Sacramento History Center at 447-2958 or 930 J Street, Sacramento, 95809.

Recently the Center was the recipient of 26 boxes containing 60 volumes of material from the Sacramento Typographical Union #46. The material dates to the 1850's. The Union's records are the primary papers contained within, and the Center considers the gift a priceless acquisition. Only the *Sacramento Union* and *Sacramento Bee*, established in 1851 and 1857 respectively, still publish among a clutch of journals once printed in "Sacramento City."

A computerized survey of the estimated 20,000 photo prints and negatives in the Benning collection is nearing completion at the History Center. Prints from this collection will be for sale to the public shortly. Thirty boxes of material have been examined. The pictures cover a span of time from the 1930's to 50's in the Sacramento area. There is an emphasis on school pictures such as photos of Sacramento High School football teams, the orchestra, ROTC, swimming and track teams. Many pictures are anonymous: e.g. *Mexican Family*, *Ma and Pa*, *Mom with Baby*. One of the first classes of the Grant Union High School is included. Officers of Masonic lodges, celebration queens and many prominent Sacramentans can be identified. A sale announcement will be made before year's end. The proceeds will go to the History Center to help cover a project budget deficit.

Table I. Population by Places (Principal) of Nativity, Georgiana and Merritt Townships, 1860.

Natives of the U.S. (617)

<u>Georgiana Township</u>	<u>Region/ State of Origin¹</u>	<u>Merritt Township</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>New England</u>	<u>26</u>
12	Mass.	12
22	Other	14
<u>67</u>	<u>Mid Atlantic</u>	<u>38</u>
31	New York	27
28	Pennsylvania	--
8	Other	11
<u>20</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>37</u>
--	Mississippi	19
20	Other	18
<u>44</u>	<u>Border</u>	<u>13</u>
30	Tennessee	
14	Kentucky	
--	Other	13
<u>148</u>	<u>Midwest</u>	<u>71</u>
45	Illinois	14
40	Ohio	18
34	Montana	16
19	Indiana	--
10	Other	23
<u>61</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>54</u>
60	California	53
1	Other	1
<u>374</u>		<u>243</u>

Foreign born (212)

<u>Georgiana Township</u>	<u>Region/ Nation of Origin</u>	<u>Merritt Township</u>
<u>127</u>	<u>Europe</u>	<u>70</u>
47	Ireland	17
18	England	--
17	German Empire	16
12	Azores/Port.	13
11	Denmark	--
22	Other	24
<u>7</u>	<u>N.-S. America</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>China</u>	<u>2</u>

BOOKS

Work on the Society's own book of antique houses is still underway. The releases for "the Book" and the historical material to accompany each drawing are to be gathered by December 1. Persons appointed will

then proceed towards writing, editing and publishing. Editor of this edition is Kathie Graham, who also compiled the material for this newsletter.

The History of McClellan AFB: 175 pp--slick paper pictorial review--edited by Maurice A. Miller, Chief of History, McClellan AFB. \$12.50--send check or money order to U.S. Government and mail to SM/ALC/HO, McClellan AFB, CA 95662.

McClellan Airforce Base: In 1839 the site of McClellan Air Force Base north of Sacramento was little more than grazing land for antelope, deer, elk and jackrabbits. Later the area was known as the Rancho del Paso, and in the early 1930's the Army Air Corps began picking up options from owners of 1,097 acres of land from \$35 to \$450 per acre. Finally groundbreaking occurred September 8, 1936, and McClellan Field, as it was then known, was "on the map." The participants at the groundbreaking included Brigadier General Delos Emmons, Commander of March Field; Congressman Frank H. Buck of Sacramento's 3rd District; Governor Frank F. Merriam; Arthur S. Dudley, Manager of the Sacramento County Chamber of Commerce and major lobbyist for the field in Washington, D.C.; Major General George S. Simonds, and Brigadier General Henry (Hap) Arnold, then Assistant Chief of the Army Air Corps. The Governor pushed the plunger setting off an explosion sending dirt and underbrush flying. McClellan Air Force Base, the major west coast supply and maintenance facility of the US Air Force has an assigned strength of 3,595 military personnel and 13,448 civilian workers.

Germans to America: 300 Years of Immigration 1683-1983: edited by Gunter Moltmann, \$7.00, available from the CHS, 2090 Jackson St., San Francisco, 94109.

Please note parallel exhibit at the Stanford Gallery in Old Sacramento in the Big Four Building on I Street from December 10 to January 30.

The Carson Mansion and Ingomar Theatre by Dr. Benjamin Sacks. Contact the Humboldt County Historical Society: P.O. Box 882, Eureka, CA, 95502.

There are so many things I wish I's asked my Father, an authentic oral history of Truckee, California. Edited by Candy Heinsen Carter, \$8.45 postpaid; Learning Opportunities, Box 2466, Truckee, CA, 95734

California's Historic Capitol--A Review by Loraine B. Donnelly and Evelyn T. Cray, \$4.95, Craydon Publishing Co., Box 1343, Davis, CA, 95616

Boyhood Days--Ygnacio Pedro Villegas's autobiographical account of the vaquero days in Central California in the 1850's. Published by the California Historical Society,, 2090 Jackson Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109.

Ordinary People and Everyday Life--perspectives on the new social history. James B. Gardner and George Rollie Adams, editors. \$17.95 from the American Association for State and Local History, 708 Berry Road, Nashville, Tenn., 37204

The new *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*: Hardcover, \$21.00; Softcover, \$17.00 (\$6.00 for special handling). Charge to VISA or Mastercard or call 800-228-2028 extention 418 or send your personal check payable to "Guide" and address to Genealogical Guide, Box 107, National Archives, Washington, D.C., 20408.

**The local branch is in San Bruno, California

"Recollections", a series of informal family histories, is being published as a supplement to the newsletter, THE CHIMES, of the Clarksburg Community Church. Now in its tenth installment the articles, compiled by Robert Heringer, have traced the history of the Schneider, Baniel/Damion, Anderson, Long, Huntley, Husick/Butler/Hugaboom, Connor, Lawlor, and Webber/Cave families; the stories also include many facts and remembrances of the Clarksburg area and the activities of the past. "Recollections" has proved a popular project and one which benefits and unites the community in many unexpected ways.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

The Yolo County Historical Society has agreed to match a contribution made by Yolo County so that an archivist may care for the records which were found during the remodeling of the County Courthouse in Woodland. The Yolo County group also sponsored an exhibit of "The Quilts of Yolo County" on Saturday, October 8, which featured the work of many local craftsmen. Two handmade quilts were raffled.

The Pittsburg Historical Society in Contra Costa County is considering preserving and restoring that historical portion of the city once known as New York Landing. The City of Pittsburg to that end have hired a consulting firm to study marketing the area.

The Siskiyou County Historical Society held its annual Historic Crafts Faire in Yreka in June. Featured crafts were spinning, blacksmithing, horseshoeing, Indian basket weaving, saddle making, china painting, gunsmithing, candlewicking, Indian beading, mulepacking, and much more.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS!!!!

Reproduced below is an ad from the September 30, 1923 edition of the Salt Lake City Tribune. The fine print encourages customers thusly: "The first of October is the beginning of the winter season, the big Semi-annual Conference, the State Fair, and the close of baseball season. Why not add another to these events by making the first week in October the time you commence buying your foods the Cash and Carry way? Start tomorrow and you will always remember the first of October as the day you released the shackles of debt and started on the road of independence./Our stores have made it possible for many families to start a bank account. Let us help you add to yours."

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CANNED VEGETABLES —Large can Krant— 25c 2 for	2-lb. can 53c for	1 medium can Veni Loaf 23c for
Tomatoes, 2 cans 25c for	1-lb. can 29c for	1 medium can Corn Beef 27c for
Sweet Corn, 2 cans 25c for	MACARONI —Queen's Taste Macaroni, Spaghetti, Vermicelli or Noodles, 15c 2 pkgs. for	1 medium can Roast Beef 25c 1 medium jar Sliced Beef 25c
1 can Country Gentleman Corn 15c 2 cans Early June 25c	MILK —Tall cans 10c Small cans 5c	SOAP AND CLEANSERS —10 bars Crystal 48c White 10 bars A. B. 50c Naphtha Large can Old Dutch Cleanser 9c Sea Foam, 27c plg. 27c Smud' Pkg. White King, 2 for 25c
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