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NEWSLETTER

"For what is the present, after all, but a growth out of the past." – Walt Whitman

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President's Notes

First off, I want to wish you all a Happy Holiday season. Beginning with Thanksgiving, the holidays always bring to mind how much we have to be thankful for. I am so thankful for so many people who work hard for the Society.

As I am finishing my first year as president, I am very thankful for Esther Koopman who has helped keep me informed of my responsibilities. She dutifully sends meeting notices and assists Kathy Hutchinson with the newsletter, for whom I am also thankful. Our annual newsletter, which has been provided to members for over 30 years, has been a true benefit of membership in the Society.

I am also thankful for the guidance that Fran Bates, past Society President has provided me. Fran is retiring from the board after many years and holding many offices. She and her husband are moving out of state, and we wish her the best of luck and will miss her leadership. Thank you, Fran!

Another person who has helped this year is Tom Herzog, Past President, in his role as Program Chair. Tom arranged for our general meeting speakers and is always finding such interesting presentations. He not only provides the speakers, but also does a great job of promotion within our communities.

Our September General Meeting highlighted John Foster, Senior State Underwater Archaeologist. John provided a wonderful history of maritime activity in the Delta and Sacramento and brought us up to speed with current efforts to further discover sunken treasures in the Sacramento River.

And in November, Joe Enos graciously shared the history of his family and Tony's Restaurant. We all were able to help identify delta folks as many photos from the past 50-60 years were shared. We also were thankful for the Kennedys, current owners of Tony's as they provided their traditional beans which have been served at Tony's for so many years.

One of the most gratifying aspects of SRDHS board leadership is seeing the increase in attendance and membership in our organization. It is wonderful to realize that more and more of the local residents, as well as those who've moved away, or merely visited our area, want to continue their education and relationship with our very unique delta home.

I wish you and yours all the joys of the season and send my very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008!

See you at our January 15th meeting!

Judy

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL POTLUCK

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 6:00 pm

Jean Harvie community Center 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove

"Clarksburg's Old Sugar Mill"

Please bring food for 10: A—N Hot Dish O—S Salad T—Z Dessert

Please call Judy Culbertson 916-775-1894 if you have any questions

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STATEN ISLAND

By Kathleen Graham Hutchinson

Staten Island is located in the East Sacramento Delta in San Joaquin County. It is bounded in the west by the North Fork of the Mokelumne River (and Tyler Island), on the north by Dead Horse Island and the Meadows, on the east by the South Fork of the Mokelumne (and New Hope Tract, Canal Ranch, Brack Tract and Terminous Tract.) The South Fork is joined on the east by Beaver Slough, Hog Slough and Sycamore Slough. The Island is bounded on the south also by the South Fork of the Mokelumne and Bouldin Island and is five miles above the Mokelumne's confluence with the San Joaquin River.

The Walnut Grove – Thornton Road crosses the far top of the island crossing the North Fork on the Miller's Ferry Bridge and the South Fork on the New Hope Bridge. New Hope was recognized as the head of navigation on the South Fork. There is one road down the center of the island spanning the island's length.

The first bridge at New Hope Landing was a swing bridge built in 1893. In 1905 a narrow thorough-truss swing bridge connected to an L-shaped causeway approach from Staten Island replaced the swing bridge. In 1960 the causeway was dismantled and a removable span carrying no superstructure replaced the 1905 structure. The first Miller's Ferry Bridge on the North Fork of the Mokelumne River was a swing bridge built in 1904 which was replaced by a truss bridge replete with superstructure in 1955. This bridge spans the county line and like the bridges on the South Fork replaced long-standing ferry service. The third ferry route, that of the Staten Island Ferry, crossed the South Fork from Andrus Island near present day Tower Park Marina.

Staten Island was originally referred to as Napoleon Gardens and reclamation began in 1853. In 1857 George Drew the San Joaquin county surveyor, surveyed 30,000 acres lying on both sides of the San Joaquin River. He surveyed from a point one mile west of Stockton to the mouth of the Mokelumne River. The survey was made in connection with a U. S. survey. Drew's findings indicated that application for land had been made by parties in San Francisco. In 1860 Drew noted that "interest in this description of property is steadily increasing..."

Interest by a group of investors headed by Lloyd Tevis a San Francisco "capitalist", using Tevis' term, apparently began about 1865 Among those investors in the group headed by Tevis were Leland Stanford, James Ben Ali Haggin, and Adolph Sutro. The land was purchased by the investors under the auspices of Kern County Land

Company which was Tevis's huge lower San Joaquin valley holding. The island was later (1900?) split off and titled Staten Island Land Company. The paper towns of Leland and Hagginsville are reminders of the original investors.

These men were interesting early Californians. Tevis was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky in 1824 and died in San Francisco in 1899. In 1850 he was in Sacramento at age 25 and a clerk in the County Records Office. In 1854 Tevis married Susan Sanders and in 1860 he moved to San Francisco. He listed his net worth at one million; 500 thousand and that in real estate. By 1880 he was a capitalist in San Francisco. Apparently working in the records office opened Tevis's eyes to land speculation. By 1862 he and his partner and brother-in-law (they married sisters) attorney James Ben Ali Haggin were owners of the huge Rancho Del Paso in Sacramento County.

The Rancho was originally a Spanish land grant given to Eliab Grimes in 1844 whose son Hiram sold the property to Samuel Norris. Norris retained Tevis and Haggin to establish the ownership under U.S. Law. The firm was successful and in 1859 Norris gave Tevis a mortgage on the property in exchange for a \$65,000 loan. Less than a year later Tevis initiated proceedings to foreclose and proposed that Norris deed over the property and withdraw from the ranch in exchange for \$5,000. This method of property acquisition was fairly common in early California.

The 44,374.43 acre land grant was based on the north bank of the American River for 8 miles and extended north about 8.5 miles to modern Grant Line Road. The old Marysville road marked the western boundary and modern Manzanita Avenue in Carmichael located the eastern border. The two centers of activity were the Southern Pacific Railroad station Ben Ali later known as Arcade (because of the avenue of trees leading to the station) was the shipping center and "The Bottom" along the American River south of modern Fair Oaks Boulevard between Watt Avenue and Arden Way. This became the location of the famous thoroughbred racing barns. The rancho today consists of Del Paso Manor, Arden Park, Town & Country, Country Club Center, Hagginswood, Del Paso Heights, North Sacramento.

Tevis shared partnership interests with James Haggin and George Hearst in the Anaconda Copper Mine in Montana and the Homestake gold mine in South Dakota and other mining adventures. For twenty years he was president of Wells Fargo & Co. Banking and Express, greatly expanding the business. With Haggin he owned the second largest cattle and sheep holdings in California: a

third of a million acres in Kern County. He and Haggin were exceeded only by Miller and Lux.

Haggin was a native of Mercer County, Kentucky (born in 1822) and began law practice in Natchez, Mississippi followed by New Orleans and after 1850 Sacramento and San Francisco. Together with his interests he owned with Tevis, Haggin had interests in mines in Utah and Mexico, and large racing stables and the Bellingham (Washington) Bay Improvement Co. He maintained the large racing stable at Rancho Del Paso and died in Rhode Island.

As a result of the ownership of the Kern County land, Haggin was lead litigant for many years in a battle to establish the right of farmers to use the water of flowing streams for irrigation purposes. After many years he was victorious thus establishing California water rights law. His middle name is that of his maternal grandfather, a Turk.

Among the other Staten Island investors was well know Leland Stanford – railroad magnate, California governor and U.S. Senator, real estate investor and founder of Leland Stanford, Jr. University in Palo Alto. He was a cousin of Kate Stanford Brown, the wife of Alex Brown of Walnut Grove.

Adolph Sutro of San Francisco another capitalist was the engineer who devised the famous Sutro Tunnel which drained scalding water from the mines of the Comstock Lode at Virginia City, Nevada and who developed the famous Sutro Baths in San Francisco.

Reclamation began in earnest with the ownership of the Tevis and Haggin investors. The Islands soil consists of peat except in the north where it is made of heavier loamy soil. The tules were burned and a side draft dipper dredger began building the first levees. Fresno scrapers were used to shape the levees.

The Dipper dredges “Samson” and “Goliath” both did contract work on Staten Island in the 1870’s. They could lift dippers (buckets) of 2½ - 3 ½ cubic yards capacity and were assembled of 170 tons of machinery (manufactured in Troy, New York) which was set upon wooden hulls.

Tevis owned dredges but didn’t send one of his dredgers to Staten. Instead the Staten Island Company contracted out to others such as Joel Parker Whitney until they purchased their own dredge the first “Staten Island” dipper dredge of “undetermined origin.”

Dredgers with clamshell buckets (developed in Stockton, CA) were used by the 1880’s. They were much more

efficient. By 1885 Staten Island Company owned its own clamshell dredge “Staten Island #5”. Its bucket capacity was 1½ cubic yards, its boom 85 feet and was built by the Stockton Iron Works. Newer “Staten Island” built in 1904 had a bucket capacity of 3 to 3½ cubic yards and cost \$43,633. It was built by the Golden State and Miners’ Iron Works of San Francisco. The Fresno scraper, dragged by horse or mule was still used for shaping.

Staten Island due to its mostly peat soil subjected the levees to, which when dried, large fissures running inward across the levee and then parallel to it for hundreds of feet letting water intrude, in fact, the peat soil would expand and contract with the tide. One such fissure on Staten Island was 6 feet wide, 26 feet deep and ran 600 feet. The largest of six such fissures, it took 12,000 cubic yards of soil and six weeks work by fifty men to close.

Eventually the island consisted of 9200 acres of which 8400 acres was tilled. The company papers show the county assessor valued acreage as \$30 per acre in 1900 and \$25 to \$35 per acre in 1924.

The Reclamation District #38 constantly monitors the island. Before Shasta Dam was constructed when the water flow significantly ebbed in summer salt water could intrude as it did as far north as Staten Island. The owner of the island, like all Delta islands is responsible for levee maintenance even though as in Staten Island’s case, the North and South Forks of the Mokelumne River are conduits for water for the East Bay, the California Aqueduct and the Delta-Mendota Canal. This is because the landowner owns the levee to the low water line.

There are also contracts between the Spreckles Sugar Company and Staten Island Land Company which illustrate share cropping agreements between 1928 and 1931. The contracts mentioned W.A. Green and W.W. Robbins several times as third parties - also Henry Schlager, N. Harlovich.

American Fruit Growers put a large acreage into asparagus. W.M. Beck was noted as leasing 1000 acres for asparagus. One notation says, “W. M. Beck – asparagus ranches.” The Bennett Ranch was also evidently in asparagus, much of it sent to Bayside Canning Company on Andrus Island (Isleton). Unfortunately the asparagus contributed to erosion. When the soil was ridged for white asparagus and a 35 mph wind blew, the wind leveled the ridges and filled four foot ditches. The foot of the island is now 17 feet below its original level.

All sorts of crops were noted in the ledger. To list them: wheat, oats, celery, pink beans, milo, barley, sugar beets,

feed corn, onions, and pears. In a history of San Joaquin County there is a photo of S. Matsumoto loading seed peas into drills. "Diamond" Ratola raised tomatoes from seed in knee-high hot beds which kept a crew busy the year round. Peach, plum and pear orchards dominated the head of the island. Another note in the ledger reads, "W.P. Darsie – Li Ming Account – spuds" (potatoes). Also, " W.P. Darsie – Chin Fay Acct – spuds".

The ledger runs from 1928 to 1939, its yellow pages full of tobacco stains and fingered corners. Every aspect of business is covered, accounts payable and receivable and all under particular headings: asparagus, Asparagus Growers Association, irrigation, ditching, harness, hay, lands-levees-canals, canners (Bayside, Libbey McNeil, Libbey), livestock, machinery-tools-implements, machinery repairs, packing plants, pasturage, payroll, improvements to repairs, sacks, shook, Sacramento River Association. Under pasturage were listed M. Vierra, A. Kuhn, E.C. Howard of Dixon, Ben Burney. Across from the above named was noted the number of head per number of days. Doctors Mount and W.I. Monahan, the vets were found regularly listed. There were also separate pages for Ranch 36, W.M. Beck Ranch, J.S. Brown Ranch, Chin Fay Ranch, Chung Sin Ying Ranch, del Porto Ranch, Joe Giometti Ranch, N. Harlovich Ranch, Maurer Ranch, Rodriquez Ranch, Shur Singh Ranch, L. Toschi Ranch, Toy Yuke Ranch, Wong Bing Kay Ranch, T. Yabu Ranch, S. Yagi Ranch.

In the late 30's Milton & Towne, a Bay Area based holding company bought Staten Island from the Kern County Land Company. By that time there were 38 labor camps all situated on the levees. Ten carpenters were employed to do work on the buildings and corn cribs. There were no schools, no electricity at the camps; river water was used for drinking and cleaning and only one telephone which was located at the headquarter ranch Eagle Tree. The Eagle Tree Ranch was established in 1923. The telephone was a toll-station: "Eagletree TS". Among prominent leasers, interviewee Jim Shanks recalled Morse & Logan, del Porto, Giovannoni, Matsumoto, Sanquinetti and Ratola.

In 1939 Clair Davis an Idaho native who graduated from Rio Vista High School was employed to manage the company for M & T. (Davis's father worked for "Cap" Fay of the River Lines.) He remained in that capacity for 40 years. During his tenure he served on several farm advisory boards including the Sugar Beet Association, California State Food Control Board, both the Asparagus and Tomato Associations and several committees at U.C. Davis for which he grew test plots.

In the early 1950's Davis hired Jim Shanks to assist him. In 1979 Shanks succeeded Davis. Shanks a native of Maxwell, Glenn County, had lived as a youth in the Delta, Holland Tract, when his father worked for Peter Cook and later lived in Fremont, Alameda County, where his father raised vegetables and fruit on a truck farm. He graduated from St. Mary's College, and then worked in construction before working for the Staten Island Land Company. Shanks worked for M & T 55 years.

By the 1940's and 50's the tenants raised among others tomatoes, asparagus, onions and pears. Laborers not only worked in the fields but also the packing house built on the levee at headquarters. Shanks described the Filipinos as their finest workers. During asparagus harvest they each took a row, the same row daily. It kept everything equal. And the pea-pickers – the migrants from the dustbowl States were the best tractor and truck drivers in Shanks opinion.

The company always tried to keep quality produce up because each grower had a lot number and the canners would choose the best lots. By the late 1960's – early 1970's the tenants had been phased out. Davis and Shanks took a hard look and figured that raising crops, plant through harvest, could be handled by machinery and would be the most economic.

Employing eleven full time help which included themselves, they raised vast acreage of corn, barley and wheat. The company could plant 7500 acres of corn in forty days, dig spud ditches in forty days and harvest the corn in forty days and truck it to its elevators. They made no direct sales for any of the crops but instead worked through field men and grain brokers. After the corn harvest Millbourne Mills contracted with the company to run three to four thousand head of sheep to forage on the land between October and the beginning of January.

They built grain elevators on the South fork of the Mokelumne River in 1950 and in 1964 went into flat storage. The company owned its own dryer and scale but used contract trucks and drivers. They could load fifty trailers a day and load a truck in twelve minutes thereby enabling the trucker to make four round trips a day. They also had a dock at the elevators where they loaded barley, wheat and corn. The last barge left Staten Island for the East Bay in 1964. The practice was discontinued after it was charged that too much dust from the unloading process entered San Francisco Bay.

In 1985 M & T sold to the leveraged buy-out specialists KKR. They in turn sold to Pac Trust of Portland, Oregon who after 16 years sold to the Nature

Conservancy. Shanks during this time employed Brent Tadman to manage the island.

When farming for the Nature Conservancy the manager is sensitive to the soil, flooding to keep it moist which provides in autumn a great bird habitat. These days after harvesting corn, the stalks are flooded. This attracts over 100,000 geese, ducks, swans and Sandhill cranes. The cranes like to roost in about twelve inches of water so that they can hear predators wading. It is operated as a sanctuary for the Nature Conservancy. One road continues to run down the middle of the island. There is no levee encircling the designated sanctuary area. Tours are given and hunting is restricted; there are no commercial days or times.

For more detailed research, Jim Shanks donated many papers from the Staten Island Land Company to the SRDHS Resource Center. You will find labor contracts, bank statements and many associated papers.

Among the many entries, tapes such as these are found pasted into the ledger:



Sand Hill Cranes on Staten Island 2007

STATEN ISLAND LAND COMPANY CROP LIST 1929	STATEN ISLAND LAND COMPANY CROP LIST 1930	STATEN ISLAND LAND COMPANY CROP LIST 1932
Co ASPARAGUS... 340.00 *	Co ASPARAGUS... 201.50 *	Co ASP. 16... 885.00 *
M BOHN... 427.00	" 36... 329.00	36... 329.00
CABRAL... 121.00	ET... 10.00	ET... 500.00
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Co CORN... 24.50	CABRAL... 121.00	CHAN KI TOE... 449.00
KRUZ... 154.00	CHAN KI TOE... 453.50	CALHO... 136.00
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Co PEAR... 266.00	Co SPIN... 5.00	RODRIGUEZ... 1837.5
Co PLUMS... 44.50	PUMPKINS... 5.00	SA... 222.50
PETERS... 136.00	ROBBINS + GROOM... 585.00	SCHLAGER... 451.00
Co BEETS ETC... 10.50	ROCHA... 110.00	WM TOY... 344.75
ROBBINS + GROOM... 542.00	RODRIGUEZ... 1837.5	
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" " ... 5.00	SCHLAGER... 451.00	
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SA... 222.50		
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Clamshell Dredge built by Golden State and Miners Iron Works, San Francisco

Sources: Interview in March '07 with Jim and Sally Shanks; Staten Island Land Company Ledger and papers at the SRDHS Resource Center; Bobbie Collier and Esther Koopman who provided excellent research help at the Resource Center; Sketches of Old Sacramento; "The Tule Breakers."

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

The Resource Center would like to recognize the valuable and much appreciated collections that have been donated. The following is a list of collections that have been received and recorded from the inception of the Sacramento Delta Historical Society.

Archive #	Donor Name/Collection
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1985-001	Walnut Grove Community Presbyterian Church
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1989-001	Brown, Myron Collection
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1999-001	Blue Anchor Collection
1999-002	Wheeler, B.C. Collection
1999-003	Wheeler, J. Collection
2000-001	Westerberg, Bill & Ann Collection
2000-002	Scribner Collection
2000-003	Herzog Collection
2001-003	Gualco Collection
2002-001	Souza, Leonard Collection
2002-002	Wolford, Albert
2002-003	Manus, Virginia
2003-002	Gualco Collection
2003-003	Unknown
2003-004	Matsuoka, Tosh (Mat)
2003-005	Kawamura
2003-006	Dai Loy Museum - Preparation for opening
2003-007	Dai Loy Museum - Grand opening
2003-008	Gualco Collection
2003-009	Blue Anchor Collection
2003-010	Souza, Lillian Collection
2003-011	Courtland High
2003-012	Budnik, Pete Collection
2003-014	SRDHS
2003-015	Wong Boon Kee Collection
2003-016	Christensen, Lucille
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2004-002	Jonson Collection - Delta Obituaries
2004-003	Shelton, Bill Collection
2004-004	Collier, Bobbie Collection
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2005-002	Teixeria Collection
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2005-006	Sheehan, Jennie Collection
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2006-001	Givoannoni, Ed
2006-002	Wilson, Tim
2006-003	Rio Vista Museum (Donor)
2006-004	Alchom, Terrence
2006-005	Andruccteti, Olga
2006-007	Mealer, Margret
2006-008	Enos, Tony
2006-009	Newspapers
2006-010	King, Connie
2006-011	Unknown
2006-012	Stoll, Nellygrace
2006-013	Wise, Norma
2006-014	Silva, Carmel H.
2006-015	Elk Grove Historical Society
2006-016	Hoppe, Walter
2007-001	Pylman, Julia
2007-002	SRHDS, History of
2007-003	Photographs
2007-004	Hutchinson Collection II
2007-005	Heringer, Nellie
2007-006	Locke Boarding House Rehabilitation Project
2007-007	Matsuoka, T
2007-008	Schauer, Melarie
2007-009	Marshall, Richard

Thank you for your donations! We are recording each item in our data base – many collections are done, but many still need to be entered.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society now has a web site. Just go to srdhs.org to view and enjoy the information. If you wish to email the resource center, the email address is srdhs@riverdeltawireless.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Bulahan from Isleton
 Lillian Gemignani from Walnut Grove
 Jeanne McCormack and Al Medvitz from Rio Vista
 Jack Mello, Jr. from Walnut Grove
 Jack & Betty Schmidt from West Sacramento
 Also, THANKS to all those who have renewed their memberships for 2008!

SRDHS 2008 SCHEDULE

January 15.....General Meeting/Annual Potluck
 February 19.....Board Meeting
 March 18.....General Meeting
 April 15.....Board Meeting
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 December Newsletter

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MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank all those who made memorial contributions to the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society.

TIDBIT RE WALNUT GROVE

By Kathleen Graham Hutchinson

The Sacramento City and County Library opened on November 8, 1851 to subscribing members. It was damaged by fire in 1873 and a new building erected. On March 31, 1879 the city assumed ownership and it became a free public library. A newer building was built assisted by a Carnegie grant in 1918 and the present building built in 1992. Branch libraries were opened beginning in 1919 with the Walnut Grove Branch.



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