

## Projects Underway

Several important projects are currently being undertaken by the Society. The maintenance, staffing, and improvement of the Dai Loy Museum continues to be the area of greatest involvement by members. The Board at its May meeting heard Robert James report on the costs and electrical work needed to install a more efficient air conditioner in the building for Museum staffers' comfort. It was noted that the leak in the Museum's roof has been repaired by the lessors. The Museum Committee is still looking for items which would complete the displays and exhibits; a pot belly stove and a circa 1920 dial telephone are needed, and a tule horse shoe is being sought. Any leads to these artifacts would be much appreciated.

A committee, headed by Frank Wilcox and including Kathie Graham and Neil Hamilton, has met to begin work on an "Antique Homes" booklet to be published by the Society. Chris Spencer, local Locke artist, has been retained by the Board of Directors to photograph and draw selected homes for the proposed work. He also presented a roughed format for the soft bound edition which would contain about 30 pages of drawings accompanied by caption stories about the homes, their original owners, architectural points, or other interesting information. Each current owner must give his permission before a home can be shown, and a policy set by the Board would insure that exact locations or contemporary data would not be included in order to protect the privacy of owners. Much research work must be done to make the booklet a sound historical record as well as an attractive pictorial account of the outstanding homes in the Delta area. Anyone interested in assisting with research is asked to contact Frank at 775-1371. The Board has proposed a publication date of early 1983.

The Historical Society was invited by the 3rd-4th grade class at Walnut Grove Elementary School to participate in their community awareness study program. Kathie Graham held five sessions in April with the class--2 slide programs and 2 walking tours. Additionally, Olga Andreuccetti shared Delta reminiscences with the group, and Clarence Pratt hosted the children at the Museum in Locke. This was the first time a Delta school class has visited the Dai Loy Museum. Great success in sharing both facts and feelings was experienced by students and instructors in this initial participation in such a program by the Society.

The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society will participate in Sacramento County History Week the first and second weekends of August.

James Shebl, executive secretary of the Conference of California Historical Societies, suggests that the Delta be listed on the World Heritage List. In a note to the SRDHS he states "If the Everglades, why not the Delta?" The World Heritage List is maintained by the World Heritage Convention, an international agreement designed to encourage the recognition and protection of natural and cultural sites of outstanding universal value to mankind. Placement of a site on the list pledges a nation to protect and preserve the property for the benefit of future generations and qualifies for financial and technical assistance from UNESCO for maintaining such property. Currently 57 sites in 20 countries appear on the list. Requests for further information as well as comments and suggestions for potential sites should be addressed to: Director, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCRS), US Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20243.

# Election

# News <sup>and</sup> Review

At the Annual Meeting on January 18, 1982, the following slate of officers was presented to the membership by the nominating committee for approval:

President-Kathie Graham  
Co-vice presidents-Ed and Linda  
Ed and Linda Dutra  
Corresponding Secretary-  
Chris Giovannoni  
Recording Secretary-  
Mary Fulster  
Treasurer-John Salisbury\*  
Directors-Tom McDonald  
Arthur Brown  
Lyman Wright  
Clarence Pratt

Directors to serve the second part of two year terms were Robert James, Frank Wilcox, Yvonne Pylman, and Neil Hamilton. Past president, Judy Merwin, is also to be represented on the board.

There were no nominations from the floor, and the 1982 officers were elected unanimously.

\*Due to business commitments, John Salisbury in February felt that he would be unable to conscientiously fulfill his duties as Treasurer. Ed Salisbury graciously offered to fill the vacated position, and the Board of Directors at their March Board Meeting duly elected him to fill the unexpired term of office

## Gifts

The Society would like to thank Clifford Smith of Courtland and Merritt Island for his gift to the archives. He presented several commission broker's receipts given his father for game killed in the Delta and shipped to San Francisco markets via river barges in the 1880's. Many, many thanks to Clifford for sharing a part of his heritage.

Kathie Graham has compiled and prepared two additional booklets which will be offered for a donation at the Museum: The Sacramento River Delta and Walnut Grove--A Walking Tour. Both pamphlets are designed as introductions to their subjects and as an answer to many questions which are asked by visitors at the museum. (The author disclaims that the information does not pretend to be definitive and says that corrections or additions are welcomed.) However, reviewers state that the books are extremely well prepared and are a welcome contribution to the Society's material.



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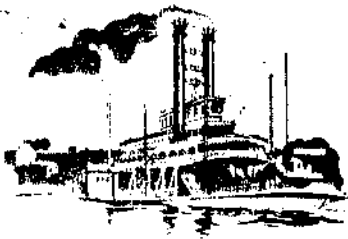
Every member should by now have received the prepublication offer from Presidio Press with regard to the upcoming publication Delta Country. As payment to the Society for helping Presidio Press reach our members, the society will receive 20% of the net receipts generated by the special mailing to our members.

Facts about Sacramento "from the trivial to the sublime" will be presented in the forthcoming book, Sacramento: Heart of the Golden State, sponsored by the Sacramento County Historical Society and to be published later this year by Windsor Publishing Co. Co-authors, all members of the Sacramento County Historical Society, are Dr. Joseph McGowan, Terry Willis, and Lucinda Woodward.

The California Historical Society will publish its unique Register of Historic California Businesses in 1982. The register will list and describe California's centennial companies. Among those better known in Northern California included will be some of the following names: Sherman, Clay Co., San Francisco; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph; Security-Pacific National Bank; Atwood Printing, Stockton; Chateau Montelena, Calistoga; Christian Bros. Winery, Napa; Cresta Blanca Winery, Livermore; Judson Steel Corp., Emeryville; F. Korbel & Bros., Guerneville; Matson Navigation Co.; The Pacific Coast Stock Exchange; the law firm of Diepenborock, Wulff, Platt & Hannigan in Sacramento; Krellenberg's, now Kraft's (furniture store, casket maker, and funeral parlor) in Woodland; Longshore's Luggage in Sacramento; and the McClatchy newspapers.

## To Read

Back issues of historical publications received by the Society such as "Preservation News" and "Historic Preservation" published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "History News" published by the Association for State and Local History Societies, "Golden Nuggets" published by the Sacramento County Historical Society are available at the Walnut Grove Public Library. The May/June 1982 issue of "Historic Preservation" features an article on the renovation of Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home. Anyone interested in decoration will find the late 18th century color scheme extremely interesting and unusual (or at least will leave the reader wondering at George and/or Martha and their unusual tastes...) These are most interesting mailings, both for local activities and general background.



"For what is the present, after all,  
but a growth out of the past?"

--Walt Whitman

## DAI LOY GAMBLING HOUSE MUSEUM

The 1982 season for the Dai Loy Museum has begun with record-breaking attendance at the Locke site. On May 30, Jean Harvie and Clarence Pratt received 400 visitors who donated \$75, and Jerry and Robert James hosted 251 people on May 31. These numbers are all-time highs.

The Dai Loy will be open 57 days this year between April 17 and October 30; all weekend dates have been assigned, but holidays, with the exception of Memorial Day, have been omitted. 47 responses, out of approximately 167 requests, were retruned in the postcard canvas for museum staffing date selection by members. All those who did not return the postcard had their names placed in a hat and drawn to be matched with a date. Complete listings of the summer staffing schedule were sent to each person. All sitters are reminded to check their staffing date and to find a replacement from the membership list if they are unable to fulfill the obligation. Also, when staffing each one is asked to please sign their name and date in the orange log book at the front desk.

In addition to the many weekend visitors, the museum has also welcomed several groups by special appointment: Exploration Cruise Lines of Seattle, Washington, operated a cruise ship on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers this spring, visiting, among other sites, the Dai Loy Museum. Clarence Pratt kindly opened the museum for 6 of their 8 visits. The line expects to return to the Delta after October 30 and, hopefully, to operate there on a year-round basis in 1983. Clarence Pratt also hosted 15 visits in April and May by the Pittsburg School District, one by Walnut Grove Elementary and one by the Galt School District. Additionally, he toured a bus of senior citizens from San Francisco and a photography class from the Diablo Valley College District. TV film crews from KRON Ch 4, San Francisco and KXTV Ch 10 Sacramento filmed inside the museum. In July, 8 special weekend visits are planned by Channel Star Excursions out of Stockton; these groups will be led by Raymond Hillman, curator of the Haggin Museum.

The fine reputation of the Dai Loy Museum continues to grow, and favorable reviews are found in wide-spread publications. The San Jose "Mercury News", February 28, 1982, included a balanced article on Locke, noting among the sites to see that "The most fascinating of all for (the) money is the Dai Loy (Museum)...Today you can touch and smell what the place was really like. The Historical Society, which happened onto the original furniture and gaming tables, has recreated the actual atmosphere as near as possible to what it once was."

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## 1982 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

■ MAY: At the most recent meeting of the Society, held in Walnut Grove, Lincoln Chan of Courtland, noted Delta agribusinessman, presented an exceptional and entertaining slide show of his and Mrs. Chan's trip to China. 64 members attended the meeting, one-third more than regularly, which was particularly gratifying and a sincere compliment to the speaker. Lincoln looks forward to another trip to China this June, this time as a guest of the Chinese government.

■ MARCH: At the meeting at the Isleton Community Center, E.L. Larkin of Lodi gave a fascinating and engrossing talk on California Indians. He spoke with great respect of their customs and skills. Of special interest was the fact that the Delta Indians were among the finest bowyers (bowmakers) in North America. Mr. Larkin also showed maps and graphs which delineated the wide diversity in tribes and language groups within California.

■ JANUARY: The Annual Meeting of the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society was held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall in Walnut Grove. The Board of Directors wishes to give a big thank you to Meridell Salisbury and her assistant Margaret Salisbury for organizing the excellent potluck meal and the evening's entertainment. Other able assistants included Marian Pieretti, Olga Andreuccetti and the Salisbury children: Patrick, Burton, and Jennifer. 120 members and guests enjoyed the program which included member JoAnne Peters, who played the banjo, and Jim Althiser, Music Intern at Walnut Grove Elementary School, and students Patricia Garamendi, Sharon Cummings and Lisa Dianda. Former intern, Mr. Snell of Stockton also participated. President Kathie Graham presented books to Emma and Clarence Pratt for their outstanding help staffing the Dai Loy Gambling Hall Museum.

# NOTES ...

## CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES COOKBOOK

Written by the people of California and reprinted  
by popular demand with the assistance of a grant  
from Wells-Fargo Bank

Price: \$10.00

Postage and Handling: 1-3 copies \$1.50

Order may be placed with:  
Conference of California  
Historical Societies  
University of the Pacific  
Stockton, California 95211

The California Office of Historic Preservation lists among places approved as "Points of Historical Interest" in Sacramento County and contiguous areas: the Newcastle Portuguese Hall, Placer County; Liberty School House, Sacramento County; Elk Grove General Store, Sacramento County; the Beckman Ranch House, San Joaquin County. In addition, the Woodland Public Library was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, as was the Kennedy Mine Tailing Wheels in Jackson, Amador County. The Gakuen Hall on Pine Street in east Walnut Grove is listed on the Register and is now being renovated.

The Office of Historic Preservation is California's institute which administers the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The office provides environmental review, nominations to the National Register, State Landmark recommendations, grants for surveys of local cultural resources and planning for their protection, architectural review or rehabilitation of projects for tax benefit certification and technical assistance and public education on preservation concerns.

Did you know that the 1981 Economic Recovery Act offers historic structures the most favorable treatment available to real estate in the U.S.? The IRS offers a 25% investment tax credit for quality rehabilitations. The brackets for credit are 0% for structures 0-29 years old; 15% for structures 30-39 years; 20% for structures 40 years or older; 25% on certified historic structures. Only the 25% credit applies to both non-residential and residential; the 15% and 20% exemptions apply only to commercial structures used for income producing purposes.

The Sacramento County Historical Society has formed a committee to document the History of Education and Educators in Sacramento County. Anyone who would like to nominate a worthy educator and who can provide some background information on the nominee, should contact the SCHS at P.O. Box 1175, Sacramento, California 95806.

Eighty years of drawings, blueprints, photographs, maps and other documents highlighting California's efforts to regulate transportation and utilities are now featured in an exhibit at the California State Archives Exhibit Hall. The display is a selection of more than 50,000 items relating to the PUC and its predecessor, the California Railroad Commission. The Exhibit Hall is located at 1020 O Street, Sacramento, and is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and is closed on state holidays.

The California State Archives will present, in conjunction with the Friends of the Sacramento City and County Museum, an exhibit of "201 California Consumer Products Labels from the 19th Century." The exhibit is located at 111 I Street, "Old Sacramento" and is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### NEW PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT: MAY 1983

The Sacramento Museum and History Division is pleased to announce the publication of FOR THE RECORD: CATALOG OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS, CITY OF SACRAMENTO 1849-1982, SACRAMENTO COUNTY 1848-1982 held in the Division archives. The collection, which will be a useful tool for those delving into the past, encompasses over 3000 linear feet of material. To receive a copy, send \$6, payable to the City of Sacramento, to Sacramento Museum and History Division; 1931 K St.; Sacramento, 95814.