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April 15, 1976

Miss Vera Stottlemeyer,  
Community Relations Representative,  
Standard Oil Company of California,  
Western Operations, Inc.,  
605 West Olympic Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, California. 90015.

Dear Miss Stottlemeyer: -

My attention has been directed to a letter that was addressed to you by Mrs. Betty Pember on April the 13th.


Please be advised that Mrs. Pember's goal of the establishment of a State of California Historic Landmark at the "Mentryville Site" of the discovery of oil in Pico Canyon west of Newhall meets with the enthusiastic approval of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

We therefore wish to join in Mrs. Pember's request of you for the approvals that are required before such an historical monument can be established. It is my understanding that the owner of the property must approve the establishment of the as an historic landmark; the approval of the placement of an appropriate monument and give such reasonable assurance as is possible that the site will be perpetuated.

There can be no question but that this site is of historic importance not only to the Santa Clarita Valley but to all of California. Too frequently we have seen such sites overlooked or neglected. It would be tragic for this to occur at "Mentryville".

Please do not hesitate to advise me if there is anything which our Society can do to expedite an affirmative response to Mrs. Pember's request.

Very sincerely yours,



Arthur W. Evans,  
President

August 3, 1976

Mr. Gary Smith, Head of Transportation  
William S. Hart School District  
24823 Walnut  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mr. Smith:

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We are interested in renting two small busses or vans for the forthcoming Petroleum Industry Centennial Celebration at Mentryville on September 26, 1976.

I understand your district has two 16 passenger vans which will be available on that date. Please send me a trip request so I may formally reserve the two vehicles.

Very truly yours,



Staff Assistant to the Vice-President

CPM:ss

cc: The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Confirming Mimi White's July 30 letter.

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September 24, 1976

Mrs. Jeanne Little, Librarian  
Valencia Library  
23743 Valencia Blvd.  
Valencia, Calif. 91355

Dear Mrs. Little:

The Valencia Library has been most cooperative during the past year in helping members of our Society, and we all wish to thank you and your staff.

Currently, we are especially appreciative of the fine service, cooperation, and help given on the use and re-ordering and second using of the film "Stage Coach". This provided us with valuable historic views of Beale's Cut.

Sincerely,

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Vice-president  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1977

- \* PLANS
- \* PROGRAMS
- \* PROJECTS

"HISTORIA MAGNUS"

OBJECTIVES

- 1 - 1. MORE HISTORY FOR MORE MEMBERS
- 4 ~~3~~ <sup>2</sup> ARRANGE SIX TOURS -- FIELD TRIPS
- 2 - ~~3~~ HISTORICAL ARTICLE EACH NEWSLETTER
- 3 3. FIND A HOME FOR OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY
5. ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH
6. ESTABLISH AWARD -- BEST ESSAY <sup>air/craft.</sup> LOCAL HISTORY
7. PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES, GROUPS, ASSOCIATIONS
8. PROGRAM FOR PRESERVATION OF LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES
9. MAKE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AS IT IS TODAY
10. INTERVIEW ALL LONG TIME RESIDENTS AND OTHERS;  
RECORD THEIR RECOLLECTIONS
11. PREPARE BRIEF LOCAL HISTORY BOOKLET & MAP WITH HISTORICAL  
SITES IDENTIFIED

TEM 2/16/77

Jan. 28, 1977

Dear S.C.V. His Soc.

Our newsletter of Jan.,  
1977 informed us, Marshall and  
I, that we were the recipients  
of two life memberships in the  
S.C.V. His Soc.

I cannot tell you how  
moved and honored we feel.

Our life has become richer  
and more meaningful with  
involvement in the society,  
and to receive the life member-  
ship is a wonderful high-  
light, along with the birth of  
a grand son, of 1976.

Very gratefully yours,  
Marshall & I  
Baughman





# Conference of California Historical Societies

Phone (209) 946-2169

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95204

February 1, 1977

TO ALL MEMBER SOCIETIES:

Now that the Bicentennial stress on National History is drawing to a close, may we suggest the education on local history as the direction for 1977?

We would ask that, as a beginning, you make two lists for our committee and for your own use as well.

One list would be of your own members who would be willing to volunteer to give talks on definite phases of your local history, primarily to school classes in your community.

The other list would be of books on the history of your area: books (and pamphlets) published by your society, and/or books in your own or public library that you would recommend for use in the teaching of your local history.

These lists could then be made available to teachers through the Stockton office or directly from your society. Lists of this kind would be of great value to researchers and could be added to, from time to time.

We especially suggest that the existence of these lists be publicised and all schools be notified of their location. Better still, see that your local schools receive copies. We are particularly interested in seeing that all locally published material is included in these listings.

PLEASE SEND COPIES OF BOTH LISTS TO THE EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 1, so that they may be compiled to be presented at the March 26 meeting of the Board of Directors in Stockton. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*(Mrs) Ruth Marra*

Ruth Marra  
Education Chairman

Send to:  
Mrs. Ruth Marra  
1410 Cedar Avenue  
Napa, California 94558

## STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

POST OFFICE BOX 2390

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95811

(916) 445-8006



February 14, 1977

Ms. Betty Houghton Pember  
Landmark Chairman  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Ms. Pember:

The date of Saturday, October 8, 1977, should be sufficient time in which to get a plaque manufactured for Landmark No. 516-2, Mentryville. Our staff is in the process of editing your suggested text and you will be hearing from us shortly.

Regarding construction of the base, this is the responsibility of the sponsor. If you are able to get Standard Oil to do this for you, this would be perfectly all right. Enclosed are the specifications for a base, but you do not have to erect such a formal base if you do not desire.

Sincerely,

*Knox Mellon*  
Dr. Knox Mellon  
Executive Secretary

Santa Clarita Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322  
Landmark Chairman

February 25, 1977

Dr. Know Mellon  
Executive Secretary  
State Historical Resources Commission  
Dept. of Parks and Recreation  
Sacramento, California

Dear Dr. Mellon,

I received your most welcomed letter of February 14, 1977 stating that the placque for Mentryville, Landmark No. 516-2 should be ready for our planned celebration on October 8, 1977.

Regarding the Construction of the base, Standard Oil of California will take care of the cost of the construction and they are hoping to use their native stone of coral rock. There are several questions still to be ~~answered~~\* answered from you, if you please.

First, the enclosure for the specifications of the base was not in your letter which we desire as soon as possible so we can get them to Standard Oil for their approval. We would also like information as to the brass bolts that hold the placque. Do we purchase them and are they put in the cement at the time of construction of the base?

Sincerely,

*Betty Haughton Pember*

Ms. Betty Pember  
Landmark Chairman

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

1540 ALCAZAR STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90033  
Telephone 226 - 8111



IRVIN L. MORHAR, Road Commissioner  
EDWIN P. BENEDICT, Deputy Director  
of Transportation

February 25, 1977

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
P.O. Box 4089  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90051

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE:

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Mr. Jerry Reynolds  
Santa Clarita Valley  
Historical Society  
Post Office Box 875  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD  
SIERRA HIGHWAY TO  
SAND CANYON ROAD

To enable us to properly assess the potential environmental impact of the subject project, we would appreciate your comments regarding the existence of any State or locally significant historic or cultural sites near the project. To facilitate your review, we are enclosing a map on which is shown the project's area of potential environmental impact.

We would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

I. L. MORHAR  
Road Commissioner

  
T. A. TIDEMANSON  
Assistant Chief Deputy

MP:kvp

Encl.

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 675 - Newhall - California - 91322

March 8, 1977

Mr. James G. Shea  
Vice President  
Southern Pacific Transportation Company  
P. O. Box 44240  
San Francisco, California 94144

Dear Mr. Shea:

As you know the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is a new active group of over 200 community residents dedicated to the preservation of our local history.

It is our understanding that the eventual closing and disposition of the Saugus depot is under consideration by the Southern Pacific Company. We would therefore like to indicate to the Southern Pacific Company that the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society would very much like to see this unique old building preserved. Since our treasury does not have as yet funds for an outright purchase we would suggest the possibility of a donation of the building to us by the Southern Pacific Company. Perhaps we could use and maintain the building and lease the land where it stands.

Please advise as to what action we should pursue in this regard. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We will look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,

*Jerry Reynolds*  
Jerry Reynolds  
President

CNH/SP.

Copies to @ Wm. Buckley L.A.

① M. Powell L.A.

② J.R. Guthrie - Station Master Saugus.

March 9, 1977

Cynthia Neal-Harris attended the Saugus Advisory Council Meeting at the Honby School, At this meeting the Council voted to advise the sale of the Saugus School. Ms. Neal-Harris made a request and protest of the vote. The council did however state that the bell and plaque would become property of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society if and when the building was demolished or sold.

The Baptist Church has asked to buy the school to use as a church/school.

Fonten,  
"The bell will be moved to the Santa Clarita School + a new housing made for it."

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
P.O.Box 520  
Saugus, Calif. 91350

Sept. 13-1977  
The bell is not  
Ours -

P.S. Also the Chairperson, stated that the Saugus School had "no historical value!" -

P.S. Saugus School Sold for \$750,005.00 in Aug. 1977 - buyer to take over June '78 - SAOD + storage Plaque

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

Mr. T.A. Tidemanson  
Assistant Chief Deputy  
County of Los Angeles Road Department  
P.O.Box 4089  
Los Angeles, California - 90051  
File N-4/28B 810.5

March 24, 1977

Dear Mr. Tidemanson:

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter of February 25, 1977. We have taken the time to survey our membership and to consult with several old time residents of the Soledad Canyon area regarding your project in that region.

We find that your proposed work on Soledad Canyon Road, between Sierra Highway and Sand Canyon Road poses no threat to any existing cultural or historic site.

The Society appreciates being consulted prior to actual construction and would be grateful if you would notify us if any artifacts are uncovered during the course of the work. I can be contacted at ( area code 805) 255-6023, or (805) 259-9730.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President

March 17, 1977

Mr. William Lloyd Houghton  
23541 Lloud Houghton Place  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mr. Houghton:

Your fellow Society members wish to extend their deepest sympathy to you and your family in this time of sadness.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh



March 17, 1977

Mrs. Lila Schepler  
22438 Lassen St.  
Chatsworth, California 91311

Dear Mrs. Schepler:

Our Society is very interested in the Young Historians and would like your help and advise in starting local school history clubs. We have ask Ms. Alice Sloane to head this special committee in our club. Please inform us as to the proper steps in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Reynolds  
President

Ms. Alice Sloane  
23131 Oakbridge Lane  
Newhall, California 91321  
(805) 259-3883

Jr/cnh

*re copy*

March 22, 1977

Mr. Raymond A. Lindenfeld  
413 Saratoga Street  
Fillmore, California 93015

Dear Mr. Lindenfeld:

Your Historical Society would like to thank you for the rare photo of your Father's store. Also we want to thank you for the brief interview ("Signal", March 16, 1977). Perhaps we can call on you again to discuss "old times" in Newhall.

Yours very truly,



Jerry Reynolds

JR/cnh

# Southern Pacific Transportation Company

Southern Pacific Building • One Market Plaza • San Francisco, California 94105 • (415) 362-1212

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

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R. W. KING  
GENERAL MANAGER—PUBLIC RELATIONS  
ANDREW ANDERSON  
ASST. GENERAL MANAGER—PUBLIC RELATIONS

March 25, 1977

Mr. Jerry Reynolds, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Post Office Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I discovered that our Los Angeles office has a copy of your March 8 letter to me, although the original has not been received here -- possibly because of the way it was addressed. This, then, is a delayed reply to your inquiry about disposition of the Saugus depot.

Presently the Saugus depot is an important, active operating property in use 24 hours a day by a freight agent and telegraph operators. Sometime well into the future, after centralized traffic control equipment is installed on that part of the railroad, we may discontinue this use of the building. Until then we obviously cannot consider donating or selling it to anyone.

I recommend that you stay in touch with Tom Buckley or Richard Hall of our Los Angeles public relations office, 624-6161, regarding future disposition of the building. Meanwhile, you should bear in mind that if we are able eventually to donate it to your organization we most probably would have to require that it be moved from the present site.

Sincerely,



23428 Happy Valley Dr.  
Newhall, California  
91321

Mr. Richard Provenzano  
46 Lynnfield Street  
Peabody, Massachusetts-01960

April 12, 1977

Dear Mr. Provenzano:

Thank you for your interesting letter of April 3rd. I am sorry about the business of the birthplace of Henry Mayo Newhall - I assumed that it would be more or less common knowledge. I should realize that Mr. Newhall would loom more prominently in our local history than he would in yours. Please do not go to any trouble in locating the structure.

Do you happen to have any connection with the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology? The reason that I ask is that back in 1884 Stephen Bowers stumbled onto a cave full of local Indian baskets, feather work, musical instruments, etc. He delivered some 38 specimens of Alliklik Indian artifacts to Harvard University. We would greatly appreciate any information or photographs of this important find. The Allikliks are now extinct and we are doing our best to re-create their way of life.

I have absolutely no objection to your printing my letter to you in your column. If you care to use any of the printed material from The Newhall Signal or the Saugus Enterprise please feel free to do so. As a matter of fact, I would feel honored. The only thing that I would ask is that you send me copies of the articles. I, in "Saugus-West" would reciprocate by sending you anything that is written about "Saugus-East".

Tony Newhall informs me that he is also in correspondence with you and is sending you a copy of his mother's book on the Newhall Ranch. That is great as it will save me the postage! Ruth Waldo Newhall is the family Historian and knows where all of the "bodies are buried", so to speak. She is an excellent Historian and has several books to her credit.

We do not have a copy of the 1865 History of Lynn, Mass. I am having a check made by the Los Angeles County Library for it. Also we would be very interested in your story about Benjamin Franklin Newhall.

As you remarked, snow tires are quite alien to us here in Saugus, California. Snow is a phenomenon that occurs in the higher elevations of the local mountains. It is a great substance for children and dogs to romp around in for a few hours while Dad suffers in the warmth of the car. All and all the only proper place for the stuff is on Christmas cards!

Regarding the September 17, 1954 article in the Lynn Item about Mr. Harold Davis meeting and forming a friendship with Henry Mayo Newhall in 1929, we both know that would have been impossible, unless Mr. Davis employed the services of a very good medium. Newhall had been dead for 47 years!

Newhall had six children, all boys. Four were by his first wife, Sarah Ann White, who died in 1858, and two were by his second wife, Margaret Jane White, who was his first wife's sister (he believed in keeping it all in the family). The only son alive in 1929, was the second born, William Mayo Newhall, who was 75 years old at the time and stone blind. His infirmity certainly did not stop him from getting around. His chauffeur took him all over the countryside and one of his favorite spots was Yosemite National Park. The old Ahwahnee Hotel is still in use and the register shows several entries for W.M. Newhall in '29. So far we have not been able to verify if a Harold Davis was employed there at that time or not. The San Francisco and San Jose Railroad was sold, by Henry M. Newhall, to the Southern Pacific for over a million dollars. It did not exist in 1929. H.M. and William M. Newhall both served as executives of the Southern Pacific, but only William was on the Board of Trustees of Stanford University. As far as we know, William Newhall never even visited Saugus, Mass., let alone spend his early years, up to his 'teens there. There seems to be a confusion between the father and son in the mind of Mr. Davis. Since he was interviewed a quarter of a century after the fact, let us assume that Harold A. Davis blended the two men together in his memory. On the other hand, William, who was noted for his sense of humor, just might have perpetrated a "snow job" on the young Davis. By the way, William M. Newhall lived on until 1934.

On March 12, 1928 the St. Francis Dam, located in a deep canyon above Saugus, burst, sending a 176 foot high wall of death and destruction hurtling through Saugus and other townships in this valley. The residents here will be eternally grateful for the assistance rushed to the stricken area by our sister city in Massachusetts. Please find enclosed my account of that terrible day 49 years ago. If you use any part of it for your articles would you kindly express our thanks for the aid rushed to us, even though no one here who was killed was related to, or even known by, the residents of Mass. The fact that we shared a common name and heritage was enough to move the good citizens of Saugus, Mass. to render immediate assistance.

I Am Yours Truly,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*

Gerald G. Reynolds

# "Spirit of Saugus"

By Richard G. Provenzano

A few months ago I sent some Spirit of Saugus columns to the library at Saugus, California. Along with the columns I sent a request for information on the towns of Saugus and Newhall. Saugus, California was started by Henry Mayo Newhall who was born in Saugus, Massachusetts on May 13, 1825.

One of the several interesting letters I received from California is printed below. It appears with the kind permission of Gerald G. Reynolds, president of the Santa Clarita Valley Hospital Society.

Dear Mr. Provenzano:

Mrs. Evans of the Canyon Country Library relayed your letter of January 25 and the articles you wrote to me and I must say they are very interesting reading. The stories of James R. Newhall show that the old boy must have had quite a sense of humor, especially in regards to the journal of Obediah Turner. Your column about the sea monster prompted one local wag to remark, "Yes he moved west and founded the town of Saugus!"

By way of introduction, let me say that I am employed as Historian with the California State Park System, current president of our local Historical Society, and write a column for the Newhall Signal and The Saugus Enterprise.

You are correct in saying

the first stage coach stop in our valley, was a native of Machias, Maine. General Edward Fitzgerald Beale, owner of the 300,000 acre Tejon [Badger] Rancho was descended from the Beales and Truxtuns of Boston. James O'Reilly, who operated the first mining camp in this area, came out from somewhere in Massachusetts [probably Acton], and we have a community of Acton just 11 miles east of Saugus.

The Saugus - Newhall area today is still largely rural in atmosphere, although housing developments are springing up here and there in the valley. Due to the open space it is a favorite filming spot for hollywood productions and you may have seen it scores of times on t.v. [e.g. "The Rockford Files," "The Bionic Woman", "Star-sky and Hutch", "Columbo," "Charlie's Angels," "Emergency," and so forth]. A while back such series as "Gun-smoke," "Star Trek," "Bonanza", and others were filmed in this region. Movies have been shot out here from the days of C.B. DeMille to date. John Wayne has knocked off more Indians in this valley than

ever lived in the United States. Hoot Gibson, Gene Autry, Bill Boyd [Hopalong Cassidy], Gary Cooper, William S. Hart, and Walt Disney all have filmed here and owned ranches in the area. Today we can find Tex Ritter, Merle Travis, Roy Rogers, Bob Hope and Dean Martin listed as property owners.

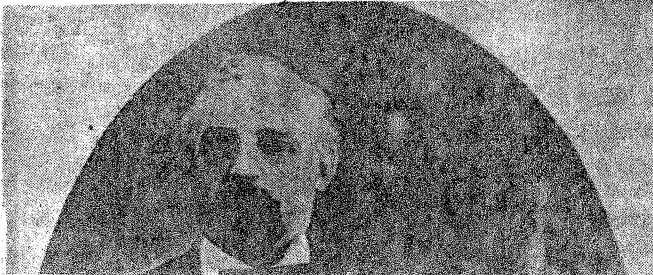
I think that it would benefit both of us to keep in touch as we share common roots, so to speak.

We are marketing a golden spike to commemorate the joining of rails of the Southern Pacific at Lang Station, near Saugus, in 1876. We also have a great number of old and new photographs and drawings of Saugus and Newhall that we would be glad to share with you, if you are interested.

Please find enclosed a copy of our local history as it is currently appearing in the local newspaper, an old etching of Newhall and a map of the Santa Clarita Valley [Newhall-Saugus-Valencia- Canyon Country].

Thanks, again, for the very interesting and informative "Spirit of Saugus" clippings.

Very truly yours,  
Gerald G. Reynolds



as Historian with the California State Park System, current president of our local Historical Society, and write a column for the Newhall Signal and The Saugus Enterprise.

You are correct in saying that Henry Mayo Newhall founded the town of Saugus, however the community of Newhall was founded by the Southern Pacific Railroad and named for him as he was the owner of the land. He bought the 47,000 acre Mexican Rancho in 1875, just one year before the railroad came through. It was then called "El Rancho San Francisco Javier" but is today known as "Newhall Land and Farming." The corporation is engaged in cattle raising, truck and citrus farming, oil, tract homes [they built the town of Valencia], a Disneyland type amusement park called "Magic Mountain", and other diverse interests. You can buy stock on the American Exchange at \$19.00 per share.

The Newhall Family is still prominent in this state. Most of Henry M.s descendants reside in the San Francisco area, however, Scott Newhall and his wife, Ruth, [Great Grandson of the founder of Saugus, California] live in nearby Piru. Their son, Anthony Newhall resides in Newhall and they own and operate the local newspaper, The Newhall Signal. Scott Newhall is also on the board of Newhall Land, and owns a little stock in the company.

Actually, most of this areas pioneers were from New England [aside from the Spaniards and Mexicans]. Sanford Lyon, who operated



Henry Mayo Newhall at 50 years (1825-1892)

A fine photograph of Henry Mayo Newhall as it appears in The Story Of The Newhall Land And Farming Company by Ruth Waldo Newhall.

# "Spirit of Saugus"

Moss

By Richard G. Provenzano

A few weeks ago I accidentally discovered a few paragraphs by Benjamin Franklin Newhall which were quoted in an old history of Essex County. Newhall was an accomplished writer of local history yet he is almost forgotten today because his writing was almost exclusively done for newspapers rather than books. Of course books, no matter how small their printings, make a much larger impact on the public than newspaper articles.

In the middle of the last century Benjamin Newhall wrote a series of "Historical Sketches of Saugus" which appeared in the *Lynn Weekly Reporter*. Some of these articles have appeared in books, most notably the 1865 *History of Lynn* by Alonzo Lewis and James R. Newhall.

Here is an interesting picture of the chocolate mill which stood on the Saugus River in East Saugus. It is part of a Newhall article quoted in Arrington's *Municipal History of Essex County*. What follows is in Newhall's own words.

In 1812 the last war with England commenced, which gave a new impetus to the chocolate business. The mill was overwhelmed with work so that it was carried on in summer, and the cooling was done in cellars. Mr. Childs, with others, entered quite largely into the manufacture, which yielded, in the beginning of the war, a large profit...

One of the amusing things

connected with this old chocolate manufacture was the pretended art and skill indispensable to a successful issue. This art and skill was believed to be a secret possessed by only here and there an individual. Even the persons who carried on the manufacture did not pretend to any knowledge of the art. It seemed to be a general concession of the public that the science of the manufacture was unknown except to a very few who had obtained it, by great labor and expense from Spain or South America. This acknowledgement have the pretenders a superiority, and placed them in a position not only to be honored, but to be well paid...

In my early boyhood I used to work in the chocolate mill, as considerable of the work could be done by boys better than by men. The grand magician of that day was Josiah Rhodes, nicknamed "Slim Caesar." He exercised the most unlimited control over the whole establishment. So arbitrary was he in the exercise of his pretended skill that scarcely anyone dared to look at the chocolate in process of manufacture. The roaster and stirring kettle were objects forbidden by him to be examined by the ignorant world. I well remember with what veneration I used to look upon this aged cadaverous veteran. The smoke of the roaster could be seen curling up over the fire, but none had the courage in his presence

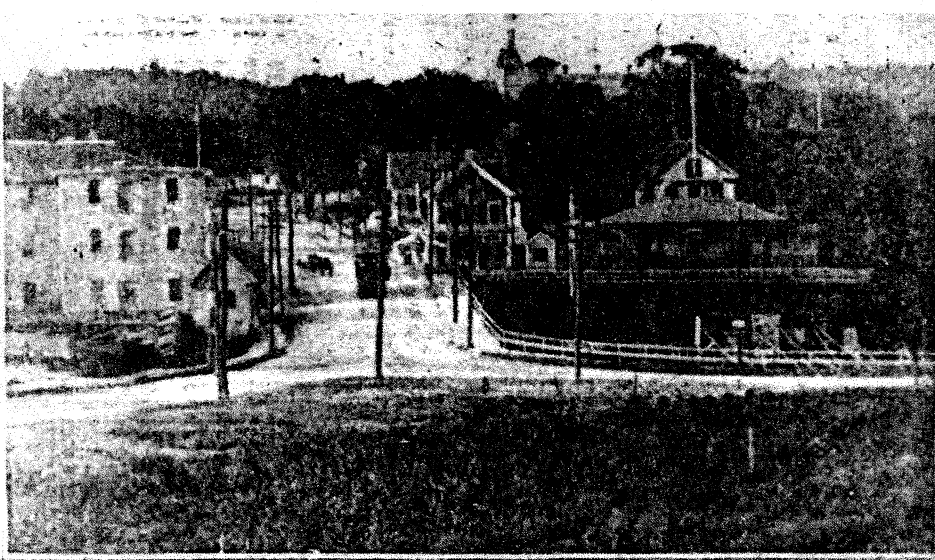
to smell of the forbidden odor.

Occasionally a small mysterious white powder from a piece of clean white paper would be cast into the roaster or kettle in a mysterious and magical manner, completely blinding the eyes of the uninitiated... Such were the pretended mysteries of the trade in olden times.

Benjamin Franklin Newhall was born on April 29, 1802 in what we now call Saugus and he was a direct descendant of Thomas Newhall, the first white child born in Lynn. There were many children in the family and it was necessary for Newhall to go to work at an early age. He first went to work in a shoemaking shop and later at about thirteen, he went to work in the chocolate factory he describes above. He later became a very successful businessman highly respected in both Lynn and Saugus.

Benjamin Franklin Newhall ran a station of the Underground Railroad in Saugus on what we now call Route One. Escaped slaves fleeing from slave catchers in Boston would hide at Newhall's home overnight, and then be taken to the next station on the railroad which was in South Danvers (now Peabody). This of course was against Federal law and could be punishable by a fine or prison sentence. Such illegal activities tell us quite a bit, I think, about the kind of man Newhall was.





An old postcard view of Saugus Center. It must have been taken after 1875 because the Town Hall can be clearly seen. The camera must have been very close to the present site of our World War Two Honor Role. Central Street is to the left and center, Winter Street to the right.

To Anne Darcy

Yes, you certainly  
can house & dis-  
play historical  
items in our new  
location when it  
is repaired etc.  
We might even  
arrange for meetings

there at a later  
date.

Johnnie Nancy E. M. Mgr.  
N. S. Chamber  
259 4787

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322

April 13, 1977

Mrs. Arthur Perkins and Family  
P.O.Box 941  
Newhall, Calif. 91322



Beale's Cut

Dearest Mrs. Perkins and Family:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society extends their deepest sympathy to you and your family. Words can not express this great loss of not only a friend and devoted Historian but of the Honorary President of our Society. May you look to this organization for support in your hours of sorrow.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

Copy

Agua Dulce Senior Citizens  
32455 Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd.  
Saugus, California 91350

AGUA DULCE SENIOR CITIZENS

April 19-77

Mr Art Evans  
Santa Clara Historical Society

all of us who have visited the Antelope valley Indian Museum are very upset about it having to be permanently closed. The owner, Mrs Grace Cliver can no longer run it at a loss. Surely this fabulous collection should be preserved. Is there an Historical Society in Lancaster? Well you please research this problem and see if it can be saved. If a petition will help - we'll start one.

Sincerely  
Kay Finley, Pres.

Cindy:  
File

April 30, 1977

Kay Finley, President  
Agua Dulce Senior Citizens  
32455 Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd.,  
Saugus, California-91350

My Dear Mrs. Finley:

Mr. Arthur Evens brought your letter of April 19, 1977 to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. The Board agreed with your group that something should be done to preserve the magnificent Indian museum in the Antelope Valley. Mr. Evans then journeyed to the site and was told by the owner that the place would have to close in June due to financial problems. He was also told that Assemblyman Chimbole was trying to get the museum declared a state park.

I have contacted Mr. Chimbole's office and find that the Assemblyman does want the property annexed to the State Park System. His representative stated that these matters usually go faster and smoother if it can be shown that there is strong community support for it.

May I suggest that your organization write to Assemblyman Larry Chimbole, 813 West Avenue J, Lancaster, California-93534, indicating your support for making the museum a state park. I assure you that we are doing the same.

Thank you, very much, for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds

President

46 Lynnfield Street  
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960  
May 4, 1977

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

Here are a couple of columns I thought you might like. Ben Franklin Newhall is being sent only because I thought you might like to know a little about the Newhalls that stayed in Massachusetts. The second column should prove interesting to you. Sorry about the spelling. The first was my fault but the second and third errors were not!

*Dick Prouse*

*Cindy:*  
please file

The Honorable Larry Chimbole  
Assemblyman, 24th District  
813 West Avenue J  
Lancaster, California-93534

May 6, 1977

Dear Mr. Chimbole:

It has recently come to our attention that the Antelope Valley Indian Museum must close next month. The owner, we are informed, can no longer sustain the financial burden of keeping it open. It is the opinion of this society that the museum contains one of the finest collections of Southwestern Indian art and artifacts to be found in southern California. Should it be closed and the building be subjected to vandalism this would be a grievous loss due to its interesting architecture. The dispersal of its archaeological treasures would be an irretrievable loss to the people of the State of California.

We understand that you are spearheading a movement to have this historic building and its exhibits declared a state park or historical monument. Rest assured that you have the support of the 248 members of this society. If there is anything that we can do to be of assistance to you in this endeavor, please feel free to call on us.

I am Very Truly Yours,



Gerald G. Reynolds

President



5-13-77

We wish to thank the members of your Society who made our tour of Monticello so pleasant. They were so gracious.

Enclosed is a pamphlet telling the History of Eagle Rock, and we will put you on our mailing list.

Ralph S. Sherman  
Eagle Rock Valley  
Historical Society  
2035 Colorado Blvd  
Eagle Rock  
90041

May 22, 1977

Harry H. Lechler  
LECHLER'S MUSEUM  
Piru, California

Dear Mr. Lechler:

The more than sixty members of our Society who visited your museum yesterday wish to thank you very much for the exceedingly generous time you gave in showing us your intriguing collection. It is a true surprise to find so varied and rare assortment of antique items in such a charming and remote little town as Piru! Since most of us "remember when" in relation to many of your treasures, it was really a nostalgic and heart-touching experience. Your very sincere caring about sharing with interested people made us feel both extra-welcome and happy, too.

We will be in touch with you soon because several of our active members regretted very much that they could not be with us. So, they will accept your kind offer; and several of us will probably come again - and bring friends.

We thank you and your wife and sister for your fine hospitality.

Sincerely, *Members of S. C. V. H. S.*

P.S. We all loved your talented and smart little dog; and thoroughly enjoyed your music!

by Mimi White,  
Program chairman

May 22, 1977

Dear Ruth and Scott:

We members who were so fortunate as to visit your lovely home yesterday wish to thank you for your generous hospitality. Every person on the happy tour felt delighted to have shared this very special event.

And, in behalf of Jerry and the Society's other Board Members who regretfully could not be with us, we want you to know that the incentive your invitation creative resulted in at least twenty-five new memberships!

It was a beautiful and memorable day for all seventy of us.

OBJECTIVES OF The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

"HISTORIA MAGNUS" 1977

1. More History for more members.
2. Historical article each newsletter.
3. Arrange tours and field trips.
4. Find a home for our Historical Society.
5. Encourage members to participate in research.
6. Establish Young Historian clubs in the schools.
7. Participation with other Historical societies, groups and associations.
8. Establish a program for preservation of local historical sites.
9. Make photographic records of Santa Clarita Valley as it is today.
10. Interview all long time residents and others; record their recollections.
11. Prepare brief local history booklet and Map with historical sites identified.

Please indicate to your Board in which area(s) you would like to volunteer!

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Your Society now has a new portable cassette tape recorder to record oral history of the Valley's "long-time" residents. Please contact one of the board members if you would like to make a tape or know of someone who would.

June 4, 1977



Dear Phyllis Russell -

Enclosed is a sketch and write-up of the Felton School the Historical Society might be able to use.

Members of our Club would like to bring the School house to your July meeting for your group, as a whole, to see what we have done and why. If this is agreeable, please let us know when and where to meet, and we will look forward to seeing you.

We've heard from Bev Bartlett. She is all moved and getting settled. She misses her friends, but is glad

to be back in familiar surround-  
ings, it seems.

Let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Jaye Johnson

26477 Friendly Vly Hwy  
Newhall, Ca 91321

251-2808

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322

June 15, 1977

Mr. James Dickason, President  
Newhall Land & Farming Co.  
27151 Henry Mayo Drive  
Valencia, CA. 91355

Dear Mr. Dickason:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, less than two years old, has found tremendous community enthusiasm and support for its goals of preserving local history and sponsoring enjoyable events for the membership.

The directors of the Society (a non-profit corporation) agree that it is now time to expand its membership to the business community. We have already discovered that the Society and local businessmen can serve each other to mutual benefit.

The enthusiastic response we have had to our planned events, as well as donations of historic materials, proved that there was a need for such a focal point for the preservation of this area's very interesting history.

We have established \$50 annual dues schedule for corporate members, or \$500 for a life membership. This would entitle the company to call on the Society to furnish tour guides to historical places, etc. at mutual convenience, or to be represented by six people at members-only events.

Newhall Land & Farming Company is, of course, a cornerstone of this valley's history, and we hope we can count on you for a membership. If so, please fill out the attached form and mail to the above address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*

Gerald Reynolds  
President

GR:pm

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 975 - Newhall - California - 91322

June 17, 1977

Mr. Ferdinand Mendenhall  
Vice President and Editor  
The Valley News and Green Sheet  
P.O.Box 310  
Van Nuys, California 91408

Placerita Cut

Dear Mr. Mendenhall;

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society met on June 15, 1977 and agreed unanimously that they inform your paper of the incorrect information currently being broadcast by your advertising agent. The statement that gold was discovered in the North San Fernando Valley by Lopez is certainly erroneous. Gold was discovered by Francisco Lopez in the Placerita Canyon which is located in the Santa Clarita Valley. Our residents have contributed to the success of your paper, too, and to anger them is not what you had in mind we are sure. We therefore feel that your paper owes the Santa Clarita Valley Historians and residents an apology and a retraction of this mistake on all the radio stations where the original error occurred.

We are sure this mistake was unintentional and you will make the correction before it becomes an embarrassment to your excellent newspaper. We welcome you to attend any of our monthly meetings of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society for a discussion of the history of our Valley. (3rd Wed. 7:30 Placerita Jr. High Newhall).

Very truly yours,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

cc: Herald Examiner  
Los Angeles Times  
Newhall Signal and Saugus Enterprise  
Canyon Country Bulletin



June 17, 1977

Rediscover America Program/America the Beautiful Fund  
c/o Mr. James Robertson  
Volla Bolly Press  
Covelo, California 95428

Dear Mr. Robertson;

We are interested in preservating local historical sites in our community. We would like some more information on the aid to preservation planning for individual sites and districts in small towns and rural settings.'

Yours very truly,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

June 17, 1977

Office of Community Development  
Small Business Administration  
144 L Street, N.W. Room 818  
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our Society is interested in purchasing a building for a home for our Society but find our funds limited. Please advise as to your requirements for a loan for this purchase of the land and building.

Yours very truly,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

June 17, 1977

Mr. Douglas W. Young  
California State FMHA Director  
459 Cleveland Street  
Woodland, California 95695

Dear Mr. Young:

We are interested in improving our community facilities and historic preservation of our town of Saugus. Please advise how we may qualify for your program.

Yours very truly,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

June 17, 1977

Mr. Will Marshall  
Economic Development Administration  
11777 San Vicente Boulevard, Suite 900  
Los Angeles, California 90049

Dear Mr. Marshall:

We are concerned about the restoration of several historic sites in our area and would like some information on how we may work with your office to qualify for a planning Assistance Grant.

Yours very truly

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

June 17, 1977

Mr. Ralph Cowles  
Economic Development Administration  
Room W1466, New Federal Building  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, California 95825

Dear Mr. Cowles:

We understand that your 'Public Works and Development Facilities Program' might be able to help us in our needs, both for our preservation program and the local unemployment. Please advise how we may qualify for your program.

Yours very truly,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

June 17, 1977

Office of Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration  
Department of Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Office Of Administrator:

Please advise needed information for the AMTRAK Improvement Act  
so our society may work toward preservation of the Saugus train  
station.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President--1977

GGR/cnh

June 17, 1977

Chief, Historic American Buildings Survey  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are concerned with historic preservation and the accurate documentation of historic resources. We are therefore interested in the 'Historic American Buildings Survey' and would like any information on the subject.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

June 17, 1977

Mrs. Ralph E. Goodall  
140 Diamond Head Ave.  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mrs. Goodall,

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society extends their deepest sympathy to you and your family at the loss of Ralph E. Goodall. We have in our files his recorded voice from the April meeting and enjoyed his stories so much. May you look to this organization for support in your hours of sorrow.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

COPY



June 17, 1977

Mr. Herbert Rhodes  
Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
State Resources Agency  
Box 2390  
Sacramento, California 95811

Dear Mr. Rhodes;

Please send to our Society the forms for the California State Historic-Cultural register. Any additional information on the Historic preservation or registration of local landmarks is also requested.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

COPY

June 17, 1977

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
P.O. Box 36003  
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our Society is very interested in the development of a historic preservation plan and would like more information on this subject.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

COPY

June 17, 1977

Office of Capital Assistance  
Urban Mass Transportation Administration  
Department of Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

We understand that the Urban Mass Transportation Administration offers assistance in financing the acquisition of a terminal of historic significance. Please advise as to the steps we must take to be eligible for aid for the acquisition and restoration of the Saugus Railroad Station.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

June 21, 1977

Mrs. Fox O'Callahan  
21634 Cleardale  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mrs. O'Callahan,

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1977. It was read at our Board meeting for June. We are very interested in your thoughts and suggestions. We plan to act on most of them in the near future. Carol and Frenchy Lagasse are in charge of the 4th of July float and will use your suggestion of a family on the truck having their picture made by an old fashioned camera. Since the weather will be very hot and the ~~health~~ health of some of the "old timers" is not good, we may not impose on these gracious people. Please call Carol so you can work with her on the names of people for the float.

We will add the LaSalle Family to our list of people to interview on our tape. Perhaps they would feel more at ease talking to someone they know. Would you like to interview some of them?

In the next few months there will be several events where some of the Valley's "Old Timers" can get together; July Fourth, Ice Cream Social, July 17, and the October 8, dedication in Pico Canyon.

Mr. Tom Mason and Mr. Gordon Frost have added their talents to the work of Craig Obara to help record our history on film. We are very interested in any photos that our members will allow to be reproduced and returned to them.

The board will discuss our action toward the "long time" residents at the Nursing Home. What an excellent thought!

We thank you again for your time and interest in your Historical Society. With your interest in mind,

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Board:

Jerry Reynolds  
Merrill Baughman  
Frenchy Lagasse  
Frances Sanders  
Cindy Neal-Harris  
Mimi White  
Tom Mason

*Jerry Reynolds*

GGR/cnh

June 22, 1977

The Atlantic Richfield Foundation  
515 South Flower Street  
Los Angeles, California 90071

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is just one year old but we have been very busy. We have found tremendous community enthusiasm and support for our goals of preserving local history. We are trying to increase our funds so we might purchase a home and museum for our Society. We have been thinking about the old Saugus train station and the Saugus School but we find our funds limited. We understand that your Foundation provides grants for this kind of effort. Please advise how our Society may qualify for a grant.

Yours very truly,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977 *Reynolds*

GGR/cnh

# HALL BUTLER ADVERTISING BLATHERWICK

July 1, 1977

Mr. Gerald Reynolds, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

As the advertising agency for the Valley News & Green Sheet, let me apologize for the unintended slighting of the Santa Clarita Valley that may have occurred in one of our recent radio commercials.

Our radio commercial refers to the gold discovery "...in the north end of the San Fernando Valley." Indeed, Dr. Jackson Mayers' The San Fernando Valley (published by J.D. McIntyre, Walnut, Calif., 1976) refers to the Placeritas Canyon discovery as "the San Fernando placer mines," "the San Fernando Mines," and "San Fernando Gold." However, my maps indicate that the Placerita Canyon is located just north of the San Fernando Valley, not precisely in the north end of that Valley. Unfortunately, even Thomas Bros Maps fails to mention the existence of the Santa Clarita Valley and its geographic relationship to the San Fernando Valley.

Based on the information available to our researcher, I am hopeful that your Society will understand our unintended mistake. Our agency recognizes the distinctness of the Santa Clarita Valley and realizes its importance to the continued growth of the Valley News and Green Sheet.

Thank you for taking the time to write. Incidentally, the commercial under discussion is no longer being used on the air. We hope that your Society has enjoyed the other commercials in the campaign.

Cordially,

  
Dennis Hahn

DH:mdb

cc: T. Culligan  
F. Mendenhall

Cindy:  
Please file  
Levy

23-423428 Nappy Valley DR.  
Newhall, Calif. 91321

Mr. Richard Provensano  
46 Lynnfield Street  
Peabody, Mass., 01960

July 7, 1977

Dear Mr. Provensano:

Thank you very much for the clippings about Ben Franklin Newhall and copy of my letter. I just realized that it had been two months since you sent them and I have neglected to acknowledge receipt. Please excuse my poor manners.

As for the spelling errors, I would be the last to raise objections about spelling. That goodness I have a good editor.

The Newhall family has been very interested in your revelations about their relatives and the clippings are currently making the rounds through the family. The one family member most interested is Anthony ("Tony") Newhall, who wrote you and sent a copy of his mother's book. Tony, by the way, just returned from a trip to China and has most interesting stories to tell and photographs to share.

Is there some historical booklet out that has a brief history of Saugus, Mass.? If so, I would really like to obtain one. I think that a series of articles on "the other Saugus" would be of great interest to my readers. We have a great number of newcomers to this area and many of them are very interested in our local history and placenames. Also I would be interested to know if you have some good source at the Peabody Museum.

Thanks, again for your columns. Please find my latest effort enclosed.

Sincerely,

Jerry Reynolds

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

July 8, 1977

Mr. Chuck Yee  
4721 Konya Dr.  
Torrance, California

Dear Mr. Yee:

Nearly a year has passed since our historical societies were busy preparing for the Lang Station Centennial. We who enjoyed your fine film of the event at your winter dinner meeting immediately hoped that you would bring it, at some future date, for our entire membership to see.

Would it be possible for you to do this on September 21st? Our meeting will be held that evening at 7:30 in the Valencia Library, at the County Center - where Valencia Blvd. and Magic Mountain Parkway intersect.

Sincerely hoping you can come,

Yours truly,

program chairman  
SCVHS



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
155 West Washington Boulevard--Los Angeles, Calif. 90015  
N.S. Johnson, Director

IN TRIPLICATE  
All copies to:  
Facilities Director

APPLICATION FOR USE OF PARK FACILITIES

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Park Old Orchard Facility Desired Park building

Date of Use begin Aug 2nd 1977 to Aug 78 Hours: From 7<sup>30</sup> P.M. To 10 P.M.

Type of Activity Meeting of the Board Number attending 10 to 15

Name of Organization Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Name and Title of Applicant (Please Print) (Mrs.) Mini White, Board Member + Programs

Applicant's Address 24720 Arcadia St. City Newhall Phone 259-2138

Please check if event will be open to:

- 1. The public at no charge.
- 2. The public by admission charge.
- 3. The public by donation.
- 4. Members and/or guests.

If funds are to be raised, for what purpose? educational (non-profit organization)

Are kitchen facilities desired? Yes  No  If Yes, Hours: From 7<sup>30</sup> To 10<sup>00</sup> PM

For:  1. Refreshments  2. Light Cooking  3. Full Meal

Will you need more than 300 chairs? Yes  No  How many? \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have read and will abide by the rules and regulations which appear on the reverse side of this application.

Signature of Applicant Mini White Date 7-14-77

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

Is facility available? Yes  No  Is activity co-sponsored by Department? Yes  No

Administrative Head Wayne Ehinots

Remarks: NO fee will be assisting with Park Programs.  
CAN tie into existing programs as well as Day Camp  
possibilities.

Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_ Application: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Collected \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

N. S. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Facilities Director

Applicant will receive a notice of approval or denial. If this request is approved prepayment must be made at area by \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to do so will be cause for cancellation.

July 16, 1977

Wintson B. Wutkee:  
2742 Cabot Court  
Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91360

Dear Mr. Wutkee:

After several calls to your home and two to College of the Canyons, I learned you are vacationing. We would like to confirm your appearance as guest speaker next month, as arranged between you and Tom Mason, - and Cindy Harris, also, I believe. A number of our members have been eager for a talk on local geology; and some, who have had benefit of your classes, would like a refresher.

When CoC called me a few months ago, surveying public interests of subjects for possible classes, I requested a repeat of your local history class, as many of our Society members have said they would attend.

We surely hope you will be able to give of your time and share your knowledge and information with us. The date, Wednesday, Aug. 17th; the place, Placerita Jr. Hi. - MP room; the time, 7:30 PM.

Sincerely,

Program Chairman

(my phone number: 259-2138)

July 19, 1977

Julius Bergen, Chairman  
Max C. Fleischmann Foundation  
1-East Liberty Street  
Reno, Nevada, 89501

Dear Mr. Bergen:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is trying to purchase a home to serve as a museum, historical center, and a meeting hall. We are two years old but have found tremendous community enthusiasm and support for our goals. There are two buildings that might serve our needs, one is the Saugus Train Station almost one hundred years old and the other is the Saugus School over fifty years old. Please advise how we may qualify for a grant from your Foundation.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds

GGR/cnh

July 19, 1977

The Arthur L. Swim Foundation  
P.O.Box 1590  
Monterey, California 93940

Dear Sir:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is trying to purchase a home to serve as a museum, historical center, and a meeting hall. We are two years old but have found tremendous community enthusiasm and support for our goals. There are two buildings that might serve our needs, one is the Saugus Train Station almost one hundred years old and the other is the Saugus School over fifty years old. Please advise how we may qualify for a grant from your Foundation.

Very truly yours,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

July 19, 1977

The Zellerback Family  
260 California Street Room 1010  
San Francisco, California 94111

To The Zellerback Family:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is trying to purchase a home to serve as a museum, historical center, and a meeting hall. We are two years old but we have found tremendous community enthusiasm and support for our goals of preserving local history. There are two buildings that might serve our needs, one is the Saugus Train Station almost one hundred years old and the other is the Saugus School over fifty years old. Please advise how we may qualify for a grant from your family.

Yours very truly,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

July 19, 1977

The Times Mirror Foundation  
Times Mirror Square  
Los Angeles, California 90053

Dear Sirs:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is trying to purchase a home to serve as a museum, historical center, and a meeting place. We are two years old but we have found tremendous community enthusiasm and support for our goals of preserving local history. There are two buildings in our area that might serve our needs, one is the Saugus Train Station almost 100 years old, and the other is the old but beautiful Spanish looking Saugus, School. Please advise how we may qualify for a grant from your Foundation.

Very truly yours,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

July 19, 1977

Upjohn California Fund  
Crocker Plaza  
Post and Montgomery Sts.  
San Francisco, California 94104

Dears Sirs:

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Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

*Cindy:*  
*Please file,*  
*Henry*

Rev. Robert Bingham  
First Presbyterian Church of Newhall  
24317 Newhall Ave.,  
Newhall, California - 91321

July 20, 1977

Dear Rev. Bingham:

It has come to our attention that some of the 55 year old stained glass windows and oak pews from the historic Presbyterian Church were not sold at your recent auction.

Our 260 members feel that something of this magnificent structure should be preserved in the community, especially a couple of the windows and pews. Inasmuch as this community paid for them it would seem only right that they be preserved and displayed here.

Anything that you and your congregation would care to donate to this Society would be considered an act of Christian charity. I can be contacted at the above address or by calling (805) 255-6023.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration given to this request,

I am Very Truly Yours,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*

Gerald G. Reynolds

President



July 25, 1977

California Historical Landmark Commission  
% California Department of Parks and Recreation  
P. O. Box 2390  
Sacramento, California 95811


Dear Members of the Commission:

March 28, 1978, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the fall and subsequent disaster at the San Francis Dam. The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society plans to hold a memorial dedication honoring those who lost their lives in 1928.

The Society is very hopeful that your Commission will be able to approve the enclosed application to designate the San Francis Dam Disaster Site as a Historical Point of Interest in time for our memorial dedication program.

Any questions you may have concerning this matter may be referred to Betty Pember, our Landmark Chairperson, (805)259-1298.

Very truly yours,

  
Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Corresponding Secretary

Enc: Historical Landmark Application

July 25, 1977

Mr. R. E. Clark  
Vice President  
Chevron U.S.A.  
605 West Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Mr. Clark:

Enclosed you will find a brief, tentative outline for the State Historical Monument Dedication Program at Mentryville on October 8, 1977.

The program will be printed as the centerfold for the History of Mentryville booklet. On the back of the centerfold and acknowledgement for the program participants will be listed.

Your comments on this proposed program may be directed to either Carol Lagasse at Mentryville (805) 259-4944 or Betty Pember, Land Marks Chairperson (805) 259-4974.

Very truly yours,



Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Corresponding Secretary

Enc: tentative program outline

State Historical Monument Dedication Program

(Tentative Outline)

(Pre-program music by High School Band and parking assistance by Explorer Scouts).

1. Welcome by Women's Club and brief history by Historical Society
2. (Reynolds)
3. Introduce M.C. (Scott Newhall)
4. Inspiration (Jim Mentry)
5. Introduction of Honored Guests by M.C.
6. Speeches (5 minutes each)
  - a. California Land Marks Commission - guest introductions
  - b. Parks & Recreation Dept. - guest introductions
  - c. Chevron U.S.A. - special guest introductions
7. Unveil State Plaque...Acceptance by Chevron U.S.A. and S.C.V. Historical Society
8. Color Guard and Band March to Felton School (audience walks)
9. D.A.R. presents U.S. Flag (Run up of Flag) Flag Salute led by D.A.R.
10. Native Sons of the American Revolution present California Flag Band plays "California I Love You" (Run up of Cal. Flag)
11. Native Sons of the Golden West (Piedmont Parlor #120) Present Plaque for Felton School (by Calif. Grand President)
12. Acceptance of Flags & Plaque by Band Marks Chairperson (Betty Pember)

(Refreshments to follow)

August 1, 1977

Herbert Rhodes, Director  
Department of Parks & Recreation  
State Resources Agency  
Box 2390, Sacramento, Calif., 95811

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

We are writing to invite you and members of your agency to the Historical Landmark No. 516-2<sup>(2)</sup> celebration at Mentryville, California, on Saturday, October 8th, at 1:00 P.M.

Would you please verify the possibility of your making the presentation of the plaque, or give us the name of whomever you elect for this main part of the ceremony.

We appreciate the interest and cooperation of your staff in helping to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Landmark Chairman,  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
California Historic Landmarks & Museums  
Chairman for Sierra Cahuenga District &  
Newhall Woman's Club

bp/mw

August 1, 1977

Mrs. Elder  
California Historical Landmarks  
Advisory Commission  
Post Office Box 2390  
Sacramento, California 95811

Dear Mrs. Elder:

We wish to include you and your Advisory Commission in the  
Hentryville Landmark No. 516-2 ceremony, and thank you very  
much for helping us achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

copy of letter to  
Dr. Knox Mellon attached

# Los Angeles City Unified School District

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES: 450 NORTH GRAND AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MAILING ADDRESS: BOX 3307, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90051

DR. WILLIAM J. JOHNSTON  
Superintendent of Schools

NORMAN H. ROSSELL  
Assistant Superintendent  
Instructional Planning Division

August 5, 1977

Mrs. Mimi White  
Program Chairman, Santa Clarita  
Valley Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, Calif. 91322

Dear Mimi:

Before more time passes, I would like to thank you for the privilege of becoming acquainted with your membership at the meeting of the society on July 20. It was an inspiration to be introduced to such an outstanding organization.

I would also like to take this opportunity to correct a couple of errors which Marie Harrington told me that I made during the talk on El Camino Real. First, Gladys Sullivan Doyle, who donated the funds for building the replica of Santa Cruz Mission, was the niece of Senator Phelan. Second, the present Ventura Mission church was dedicated in 1809; the mission itself was the last to be founded by Father Serra, and this was accomplished some time earlier.

My notes on these points were accurate. Therefore, the information must have been garbled in transmission, and you know who was the "transmitter." This is the kind of thing which happens when you are dealing with old and imperfect equipment!

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*Johns H. Harrington* (JP)

Johns H. Harrington  
Editorial Coordinator,  
District Publications

JHH:rp

Acton, Cal. Fornia  
August 19, 1977

Dear Friends in The  
San't Clara's Valley Historical  
Society:

Many Thanks For a pleasant  
evening with your group on  
August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for  
giving me The Lang  
Station Centennial Gold Metal  
Spike. It will serve as  
a paper weight on my desk  
& remind me of our evening  
together - Sincerely

Meryl Cadman

P.O. Box 188  
Acton, Ca.  
93510

Valencia Public Library  
23743 West Valencia Boulevard  
Valencia, California 91355  
August 30, 1977

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P. O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91321

Attention: Gerald Reynolds, President

Gentlemen:

The Valencia Library has just received notice of your gift of a charter subscription to the new magazine American Preservation. The subscription will begin with the Premier Issue in October, 1977.

The announcements of this new publication indicate that it will be of particular interest to the members of the Historical Society. We are extremely pleased to receive this gift and thank you for your generosity and community spirit.

Very truly yours,



(Mrs.) Jeanne H. Little  
Senior Librarian in charge

jl



Sept. 1977

Mr. Scott Newhall  
"The Signal"  
22508 W. 6th St.,  
Newhall, Calif.-91321


Dear Scott:

Along with the Newhall Women's Club, the State Parks System and Chevron, U.S.A., this Society will be dedicating the historic old town of Mentryville and will be placing a Landmark Plaque(number 516-2).

We would be honored to have you act as the Master of Ceremonies at this event which will occur at Mentryville in Pico Canyon on Saturday, October 8, 1977 at 10: A.M.

Please advise me as to your availability at your earliest convenience.

Yours Very Truly,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds,  
President

September 21, 1977

Mr. George Nigro, and  
Mr. Abeeab Sadd  
Realty Research  
14106 Ventura Blvd.  
Sherman Oaks, California

Dear Sirs:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society would like to welcome you to our community. We hope that you will call on us to help with your new venture at the old Saugus School property.

We understand your corporation is interested in retaining the uniqueness of the lovely old building. Our Society would like to request for our mutual benefit that you retain the name "Kellogg" in your plans. The Kellogg family is of old and renowned heritage in our Valley. They have contributed much to the development of our area and we know you will want to continue in their spirit.

We welcome you to join our Society as individuals or as a corporate member. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Placerita Junior High School in Newhall.

We extend our best wishes for a prosperous endeavor.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/anh

Encl.:

Sept 22 1977

Mr. Gary F. Kurutz, Library Director  
California Historical Quarterly  
2090 Jackson St.  
San Francisco, ~~California~~ 94109

Dear Sir:

Please add this publication to "California Check List".

Ruth Newhall, Editor, Golden Spike Centennial,  
"Lang Station", Newhall, Ca. : Santa Clarita  
Valley Historical Society, 1976. Illustrations.  
24pp. \$1.50. Publisher, P.O. Box 875, Newhall, 91350.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Corresponding Secretary  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

*Sent copies of  
Golden Spike Centennial  
- Ranchos San Francisco  
by Perkins*


October 10, 1977

Jeanette McArdle  
Lord's Stationery Shop  
26861 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Saugus, California 91350

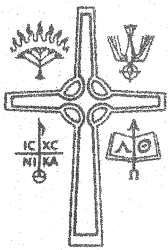
Dear Mrs. Mc Ardle:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society would like to thank you and your husband for the cabinet given to our Society. We have loaned it to the Walker Cabin in Placerita Canyon until we have a proper place for it. The dedication of the restored Cabin will be November 13, at 1:00 p.m. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh



ROBERT BINGHAM  
Pastor

September 23, 1977

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

24307 NORTH NEWHALL AVENUE, NEWHALL, CALIFORNIA 91321

259-0555

Mr. Gerald G. Reynolds  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

The Session at its meeting last evening, discussed your letter of July 20 with its request from the Historical Society.

The public auction sold all of the stained glass and pews. We, however, did retain some pews as memorial pieces for our own usage.

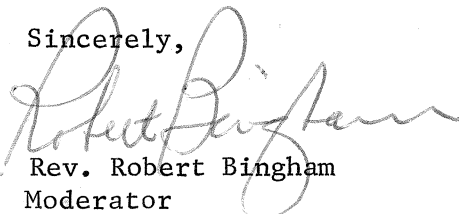
The Session is prepared to present one of these pews to the Historical Society under the following conditions.

1. That the pew will be in public display and not stored in someone's garage or warehouse. If a pew is given, where will it be housed?
2. That the Society place a small metal plaque on the pew designating that the pew is from the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall and carry the dates 1891-1976. Further, that the plaque state the congregation was the first organized Protestant congregation in the community.
3. That when the Society has no longer a place for the viewing of this or other historical items, that the pew be returned to the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall.

The First Presbyterian Church of Newhall is proud to have served the community since 1891, and would be delighted to share a part of its early building through your Society if there is a proper place of display. Our own congregation has designated a part of its new building as the Narthex Chapel, as a continuing memorial to those who organized the Church in 1891, and erected a second building in 1923. Stained glass and all of the medallions from that building have been incorporated into the Narthex design. In addition, the Good Shepherd window which faced Newhall Avenue, is prominently featured. Under this window on a rotating basis is an early pump organ, original pulpit and baptismal table, an oak table, and Communion table. We also have secured from the cornerstone, copies of the Newhall Signal with write-ups about the laying of the cornerstone, dedication in 1925, and re-dedication in 1935. These copies were provided for us by the Newhall Signal.

Upon the acceptance of the above conditions, the Session will be happy to provide the Santa Clarita Historical Society with a pew.

Sincerely,

  
Rev. Robert Bingham  
Moderator

October 14, 1977

Mr. Robert E. France  
Chevron U.S.A.  
605 West Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Mr. France;

The Mentryville dedication October 8th was a success because of your kindness in participating in this event. Thank you so much for joining with us in the Ceremony and allowing us to mark this lovely old town as California State Landmark Number 516-2.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh

October 14, 1977

Mr. R. E. Clark  
Chevron U.S.A.  
605 West Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Mr. Clark:

We would like to express our appreciation to you and your company for the fifty dollar(\$500) donation applied to the cost of the invitations for Mentryville.

The Newhall Signal & Saugus Enterprise carried several photos and articles of the day as did our own little newsletter. Please advise if you would care for copies.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977



JR/cnh

October 14, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Frenchy Lagasse and Family  
Mentryville, Pico Canyon  
27201 W. Pico Canyon Road  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Carol and Frenchy:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is fortunate indeed to have such active hospitable members as you and your family. Many hours of devoted effort made the day of the dedication of California State Landmark Number 516-2 a success. Thank you for those hours.

We wish to you and your family many years of happiness in your lovely Pico Canyon home.

Very truly yours,

*Jerry Reynolds*  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh



October 14, 1977

Mr. Scott Newhall  
The Newhall Signal and Saugus Enterprise  
P.O. Box 877  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mr. Newhall:

Your kindness in participating as Master of Ceremonies at the dedication of Mentryville as California State Landmark Number 516-2 made the early morning event a success.

We are very fortunate to have you, Ruth, Tony, and your corporation as devoted members.

*Jerry Reynolds*  
Very truly yours,

Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh

October 14, 1977  
Mr. Larry Thornton and the  
William S. Hart Band  
William S. Hart High School  
24825 Newhall Ave.  
Newhall, California 91321


Dear Mr. Thornton and Members of the Band;

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society would like to express  
our deepest gratitude to your members for their contribution  
in making October 8th at Mentryville a successful day.

The Society will announce at the October 19th meeting, your plans  
to sell fruit cakes and of your continued G.A.P. drive.

We extend an invitation for your members to join our Junior Historians.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh


October 14, 1977

Mr. Mike Shuman  
And Staff  
Placerita Jr. High School  
26015 Newhall Ave.  
Newhall, California

Dear Mr. Shuman and your Excellent Staff:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is extremely grateful for the loan of the speaker equipment used to make the Mentryville ceremonies a success.  
We are fortunate to have you as a member of our Society.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh

for: Helen  
Blancher

October 20, 1977

Mr. Herbert Rhodes (or replacement) Director,  
State Resources Agency  
Dept. of Parks and Recreation  
P. O. Box 2390, Sacramento, California 95811

Dear Mr. Rhodes, of Director:

The ceremony and plaque dedication for California Historical Landmark No. 516-2, thanks to local organizations and the Lagasse family living in the Mentry home, was a successful event. We understand that your department is undergoing many changes, but it was regrettable that no representative of the Department was present. Not even Mr. Felty who agreed to come from Los Angeles, and so was put on the program.

The narrow margin between the day's being a success or failure is the main purpose of this letter.

The James H. Matthews Foundry promised delivery of the plaque on Tuesday, October 4th, and when no such delivery was made, we called them and found the plaque was being burnished on Thursday, and that they could not deliver it until the following Tuesday ... three days after the ceremony. A member of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, Mr. Thomas E. Mason, drove his car from Newhall to Romoland (near Sun City), a round trip of over 250 miles, on Friday and picked up the plaque, saving the day for the 300 persons attending the Mentryville dedication on October 8th.

It seems only right that this gentleman be reimbursed for the mileage. We would appreciate your being so kind as to handle this for us.

Sincerely,

President, SCVHS

program enclosed

copy to Jms. H. Matthews Foundry  
copy to Dr. Knox Mellon

Mr. Glenn Johnson  
U.S. Forest Service  
Angeles National Forest-Saugus District  
23759 West Valencia Blvd.,  
Valencia, California - 91355

November 2, 1977

Dear Glenn:

The Historical Society would like to designate the site of the St. Francis Dam as a State Historical Monument. In order to do this we need the permission of the owners- namely the U.S. Forest Service.

The dam was located in San Francisquito Canyon 1.5 miles north of Department of Water and Power's Powerhouse No. 2, U.S.F.S. map coordinates T6N, R 15 W. What makes this site of marked historical significance is that here, nearly 50 years ago, the second greatest disaster in the State of California took place.

The St. Francis Dam was completed on March 1, 1926. It was 208.6 feet high, built of concrete, 176 feet wide at the bottom and 16 feet wide at the top. It was a very pretty dam with steps, or offsets, on the downstream side ranging from 5.5 feet at the base to 1.4 feet at the crest. The reservoir reached 2.8 miles up the canyon, consisting of 38,168 acre feet of water which covered 600 surface acres.

On March 12, 1928 at 11:57½ P.M. the embankment collapsed. Millions of gallons of water poured down the canyon to the Santa Clara Riverbed. At Saugus the flood turned westward and swept through Castaic Junction, Piru, Fillmore and Santa Paula, finally emptying into the sea near Oxnard 5 hours and 27 minutes later. Behind lay 53.8 miles of unparelled death and destruction that could only be compared to the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

With the permission of the Forest Service we would like to have the St. Francis Dam site designated and Historic Landmark and hold a dedication on the 50th anniversary, March 12 or 13, 1978. The spot for the plack is already flat and cleared and would need no grading and presents no traffic problem.

Suggested wording of the marker is attached.

Yours Very Truly

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
President

cc. CN\*H  
BHP

Mrs. Jackie Bennett

November 4, 1977

27301 Circle -G Dr.  
Canyon Country, Calif.  
91351

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Mrs. Baughman informs me that the Sulpher Springs School is willing to donate four enrollment books to our Society with a few conditions, such as they be available to the public and to the school district. I think that we can comply with these requests.

Our Society would be more than happy to receive these historic books. The Sulpher Springs School would get a detailed description of the items, a receipt detailing the terms of the gift and a note of thanks. The books would then be classified and copied for our records.

As you know the old Walker home in Placerita Canyon has been restored and will be dedicated on November 13. Since many of the Walker children are listed in these books it would seem fitting to loan them to Placerita State and County Park to be displayed in the Walker home. They could not be moved without our permission and would be available for all research projects. We would certainly grant the school the right to borrow them back at any time that they would be needed.

At such time as the Society should establish its own museum it would have to be determined, through mutual agreement, if these books should remain at the Walker home or be transferred to the museum. At any rate they would always remain in the valley, for if the Society should fail, ownership would revert to the School.

I hope that this answers your questions. If there are further inquiries please write or call me at 255-6023.

Yours Very Truly

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
President

CC: CN-H

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

O. BOX 2390  
SACRAMENTO 95811  
(916) 445-8006



November 18, 1977

Mr. Jerry Reynolds, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91322

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

We are very sorry that there was a delay in the manufacturing of your bronze plaque for Landmark No. 516-2, Mentryville. The foundry informed us that their patternsetting person was on an extended medical leave of absence and this put them behind in the manufacture of bronze plaques.

As there is no facility within state government to reimburse for your mileage, we will unfortunately not be able to pay for expenses incurred in picking up the plaque. We are very sorry but are pleased that the ceremony itself apparently went so well.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Knox Mellon".

Dr. Knox Mellon  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Office of Historic Preservation

KM:pbp

November 27, 1977

Mr. R. E. Clark  
Chevron U.S.A.  
605 West Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90015

~~Dear~~ Mr. Clark:

At our last Board Meeting it was brought to our attention that Standard Oil, Chevron U.S.A., is interested in helping cover some of the expense incurred by our Society members for the Mentryville Monument dedication of State Landmark # 517-2. We are therefore attempting to list some of the more outstanding instances:

Many phone calls to Sacramento, Los Angeles and Sun City, California to locate the Plaque.

Special 250 mile round trip by S.C.V. Historical Society member, Tom Mason, using his truck to haul the Plaque from Sun City to Mentryville (14 hours including help with installation).

Modification and installation of Plaque by committee (foundry hardware incorrect on Plaque - more than 30 man-hours involved).

We estimate a total of more than 44 man-hours involved locating, securing, and modifying the installation of the Plaque to prevent embarrassment to our Society, the Newhall Woman's Club, and Chevron U.S.A. as a result of the State of California's lack of concern.

Our Society and the Newhall Woman's Club appreciate the \$50 donation made by your Company toward the cost of invitations. If Chevron U.S.A. would like to augment its donation by sharing some of the extra, unexpected, last minute costs in ensuring a timely Plaque installation, we will gratefully acknowledge your action.

Very truly yours,

Gerald G. Reynolds  
President-1977

GGR/cnh

*Received  
\$50.00 each  
for Women's Club  
S.C.V.H.S.*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE

Saugus Ranger District  
23759 W. Valencia Blvd.  
Valencia, CA 91355

2700 Land Uses

November 28, 1977



Mr. Gerald G. Reynolds, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91322

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for your letter explaining the significance of the St. Francis Dam and the tragedy which resulted due to its collapse. Even today as the public drives through San Francisquito Canyon, standing and crumpled remnants of what was once a magnificent structure maintain an eerie guard.

Along with many survivors, and numerous witnesses of the tragic event, many additional Santa Clarita Valley residents have visually experienced the life and death saga of the St. Francis Dam through the excellent slide-tape presentation prepared by Mr. Charlie Outland.

I would appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the Santa Clarita Historical Society to add this dam to the system of State landmarks. I understand that three sites are being considered and that either a bronze plaque or a chiseled engraving in one of the large pieces of rubble is being evaluated. Perhaps we (the Forest Service) can help you reach your decision. We can point out what we believe to be the advantages and disadvantages of each location. I recommend that we visit the area together.

Please telephone my Land Use staff assistant, Glenn Johnson at 259-2790. He can set the appointment and make any additional arrangements which might be desirable.

Sincerely,

DAVID J. KOHUT  
District Ranger

2 Copies to Betty Pember  
1 Copy to Cindy Neal-Harris

*Cindy -  
Please file*

Mr. Richard Blue  
Scoutmaster, Troop 497  
c/o Valley View School  
19414 W. Sierra Estates Dr.  
Newhall, California - 91321

November 30, 1977

Dear Mr. Blue:

I have had several reports from groups who have visited Beale's Cut during the past couple of weeks and all praise the work of you and your boys. Your people have done an admirable job and deserve the thanks of the community.

I am sorry that the story that I wrote got into the Monday, rather than the Wednesday edition of "The Signal", but then, who am I to tell Scott Newhall how to run his paper? I also regret that the name was wrong on the caption of the picture showing you and the ribbon cutting ceremony. Some nerd caption-writer made error!

As I promised on the day that I visited with the Troop at Beale's Cut, I am enclosing seven old photographs The Cut and General Beale. If you would like any further information on the pictures, other than the brief captions that I have written out, please feel free to contact me at the above address, or give me a call at (805) 255-6023.

I hope that Troop 497 gets its Historic Trails Patch, in fact I would like to see one, myself.

Sincerely,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*

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Gerald G. Reynolds  
President, Santa Clarita  
Valley Historical Society

December 9, 1977

To: The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

We would like to thank you for your kind donation to the Hart High Band. We enjoyed performing for your dedication. Please let us know if we can be of any help in the future.

Thank you again,



Larry Thornton  
Director of Hart High Band

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 520 - Newhall - California - 91322

December 29, 1977

Anne Murphy  
Program Analyst  
Department of Transportation  
Federal Railroad Administration  
Washington, D. C. 20590

Dear Ms. Murphy:

We are in receipt of your July 18, 1977, letter outlining the Federal Railroad Administration guidelines for historical rail passenger terminal preservation (Amtrak Improvement Act of 1974, P.L. 93-496).

The Saugus railroad station is in clear and immediate danger of being destroyed! Southern Pacific has notified the FRA Rail Safety Board (November 30, 1977) of their intent to abandon the Saugus interlock (switch). As we understand this is the first step in eliminating the Saugus station.

Amtrak is currently considering the feasibility of extending the San Joaquin passenger train service to Los Angeles through the Santa Clarita Valley with a stop at Saugus.

The Lang station building, site of the connecting of the rail lines between Los Angeles and San Francisco in 1876, has already been destroyed by Southern Pacific. We believe that the Saugus station is the only original depot left on this famous rail line that first connected Los Angeles with the rest of the nation. This rail line includes the Newhall Tunnel, nearly 7,000 feet long built by Chinese labor in the 1870's, the Lang station site (Registered California State Historical Landmark No. 590), and the great Tehachapi loop where the line crosses itself on the climb to Bakersfield.

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is currently working with Aaron Gallup of the California State Office of Historic Preservation to have the Saugus station listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It would seem that the public interests would not be served by the abandonment of the unique, historic Saugus railroad station. Please advise what actions our Society may take to protect not only the 87-year-old solid redwood building but the interests of the public.

Very truly yours,  
*Cynthia Neal-Harris*  
Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Corresponding Secretary

Please reply to: P. O. Box 520  
Saugus, CA 91350  
(805) 252-7808

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 520 - Saugus - California - 91350

December 29, 1977

The Honorable James Mills  
State Senate President Pro Tem  
California State Senate  
Sacramento, California

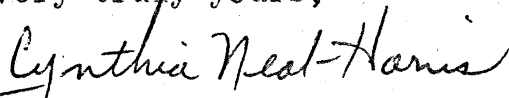
Dear Senator Mills:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is concerned by the recent actions taken by Southern Pacific to close the Saugus railroad station. Southern Pacific has notified the Federal Railroad Administration Rail Safety Board (November 30, 1977) of their intent to abandon the Saugus Interlock (switch). We understand this is a key step to elimination of the 87-year-old solid redwood tongue and groove station on the San Joaquin to Los Angeles rail line.

In view of your leadership in maintaining and extending the San Joaquin service we ask your advice and assistance in protecting the public interest. We understand that the FRA can approve the Southern Pacific abandonment request after 45 days if no protests are registered. Therefore any protest action must be made to the FRA before January 15, 1978.

We anxiously await your reply.

Very truly yours,



Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Corresponding Secretary

P. O. Box 520  
Saugus, California 91350  
(805) 252-7808

cc: Aaron A. Gallup, State Office of Historic Preservation  
Scott Newhall, The Newhall Signal and Saugus Enterprise  
Ferdinand Mendenhall, The Valley News and Greensheet

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322

December 29, 1977

Mr. Gene Autry, Chairman  
Golden West Broadcasting  
5858 Sunset Boulevard  
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Mr. Autry:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is interested in preserving western film history of the Newhall and Saugus area. We have collected numerous western historic objects and would be able to attract many more articles if we had a site for a permanent display. In our search for such a building the Southern Pacific Company has indicated that they may be able to donate the historic 87-year-old solid redwood tongue and groove Saugus railroad station to our Society if we move it from the present location.

In view of your prominence in the western film industry and interest in railroad history we would welcome your advice and suggestions regarding the possibility of establishing a "Gene Autry Western Movie Museum" in conjunction with the Society utilizing the historic Saugus station at your Placerita Canyon Melody Ranch.

The western film industry has played a key role in preserving the spirit of individualism, courage and hope from the blazing of new trails in the old West. Perhaps this could be an opportunity for you to help rekindle this spirit today.

We would be interested in discussing this further at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Corresponding Secretary

P. O. Box 520  
Saugus, California 91350  
(805) 252-7808

Monday -

Dear Helen,

Please accept Bob's  
apologies for being unable  
to come to the Wednesday  
night running of "Stage Coach".  
He has gone to Georgia  
on location, and says that  
he hopes he can make  
the next event.

May thank -

Mailey Cary

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95837

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file  
December 9, 1975  
December 9, 1975

In reply refer to  
Scholarship  
3446N, 6Pgp-9

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
22365 Paradise Drive  
Sunnyvale, Ca. 91350

Purpose: Charitable & Educational  
Form of Organization: Corporation  
Accounting Period Ending: December 31  
Organization Number:

Based on the information submitted and provided, your present operations continue unchanged or conform to those proposed in your application, you are exempt from state franchise or income tax under Section 23701d, Revenue and Taxation Code. Any change in operation, character or purpose of the organization must be reported immediately to this office so that we may determine the effect on your exempt status. Any change of name or address also must be reported.

X You are required to file Form 100 (Exempt Organization Annual Information Return) or Form 199B (Exempt Organization Annual Information Statement) on or before the 15th day of the 5th month (4-1/2 months) after the close of your accounting period. See annual instructions with forms for requirements.

You are not required to file state franchise or income tax returns unless you have income subject to the unrelated business income tax under Section 23731 of the Code. In this event, you are required to file Form 100 (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return) by the 15th day of the 3rd month (2-1/2 months) after the close of your annual accounting period.

Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided by Sections 17214 through 17216.2 and 24357 through 24359 of the Code, unless your purpose is testing for Public Safety.

If the organization is incorporating, this approval will expire unless incorporation is completed with the Secretary of State within 30 days.

Exemption from federal income or other taxes and other state taxes requires separate applications.

*Albert D. LeBel*

Albert D. LeBel  
Supervisor  
Exempt Organizations

cc: Secretary of State (Corp.)  
 cc: Registrar of Charitable Trusts

cc: John H. ...  
...




January 4, 1978

Mr. R.E. Clark  
Chevron U.S.A.  
605 West Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Mr. Clark:

We would like to express our appreciation for the additional \$50.00 that your company donated to our Society toward the unexpected cost of the plaque at the Mentryville dedication. (Our Society shared the \$100.00 with our co-sponsors, The Newhall Woman's Club.).

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

JR/cnh

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322

January 4, 1978

Attn: Derrick Cassidy

Beale's Cut

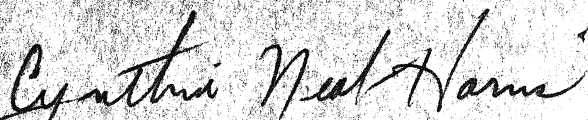
RE: Phone conversation with Cynthia Neal-Harris of today.  
Notes for letter to: Federal Railroad Administration,  
(from Sen. Mills) Rail Safety Board, Department of Transportation,  
Washington D. C. 20590

FRA Rail Safety Board should reconsider the filing of intent to abandon the Saugus Interlock (switch) by Southern Pacific Company dated November 30, 1977, for the following reasons:

1. The safety aspects of the elimination of supervision by the Saugus Station Agent should be evaluated before such abandonment of said interlock (ie. mixing of freight and passenger trains on same line).
2. Proposed extension of the San Joaquin Amtrak line to San Diego with a stop at Saugus will increase traffic and need for train safety.
3. The elimination of the said interlock would free S. P. to abandon the Saugus Station at a time when use for passenger service is pending. (Demolition of 87-year-old solid redwood tongue and groove station house might then be eminent).
4. The Saugus Station was originally established so that south-bound trains would not have to stop at the bottom of the steep grade approaching the Newhall Tunnel. Formerly, when the trains stopped at the Newhall Station (now abandoned and destroyed), they had to back up to Saugus to gain enough momentum to climb the pass. Said interlock, now controlled by the Saugus Station Agent, permits switching of trains without requiring an extra stop on the steep grade thereby conserving energy, time and promoting safety.

Senator Mills may desire to request a formal hearing to investigate the public interest in this matter. The S.C.V. Historical Society would be interested in receiving a copy of Senator Mills' letter to the FRA.

Very truly yours,



Cynthia Neal-Harris

January 5, 1978

Rev. Robert Bingham  
First Presbyterian Church  
24307 N. Newhall Avenue  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Rev. Bingham:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society has voted to meet your conditions set forth in your September 23, 1977 letter so that we may have a pew. The pew will be displayed in the office of the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce across the street from your Church. The Society is searching for a "home" and your pew will most certainly be in public view when we have that Museum.

Our Society was sadden to see the old Church lose out but your new building is most impressive. It is too bad that the tree covers those beautiful windows.

Thank you for your kind offer of the pew and the history of your congregation. Please advise when we may transfer the pew from your storage to the Chamber.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
President-1977

January 5, 1978

Aaron A. Gallup  
Historian, Office of Historic Preservation  
P.O.Box 2390  
Sacramento, California 95811

Dear Mr. Gallup:

As suggested by Barbara Wight, Los Angeles Co. Historical Landmarks Committee, we are applying for a State Landmark for the St. Francis Dam Disaster Site. Our Society is planning a small program at the Site on Sunday March 12, 1978 and will place some kind of information that day. We understand that there will not be time to secure a plaque for that day so we would like to request ~~it~~for a later date. We are working with the Forest Service on this project. We welcome your advise and assistance on this timely project.

Please plan to attend our program on March 12, 1978.

Very truly yours,

Betty Pember, Landmark Chairperson

Bp/cnh

916) 445-7174

January 10, 1978

Railroad Safety Board  
Federal Railroad Administration  
Department of Transportation  
Washington, D. C. 20590

Gentlemen:

In re: BS-Ap-No. 1385

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) protests the granting of the application of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company for signaling changes proposed between Saugus, California, M.P. 451.48 and Newhall, California, M.P. 454.9 on the Mojave Subdivision of applicant's Los Angeles Division.

**I. Interest of Caltrans**

Caltrans' interest in this proceeding is based on its request to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to operate one passenger train daily in each direction over the line in question under provisions of Section 403(b) of the National Rail Passenger Act of 1970 as amended.

Caltrans plans to take all available steps to establish the passenger service, as noted above, in the interest of public convenience and necessity.

**II. Grounds for Protest**

The signal changes proposed will reduce applicant's ability to carry passenger traffic over this segment of rail line. While it may be true that the level of freight traffic has declined, the remaining traffic will continue to be handled in conjunction with the additional passenger service that may be operated in the future. In other areas,

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applicant has maintained that reduction and changes in its facilities over the past ten years, have made it very difficult to operate additional passenger service. To preclude any such difficulty over applicant's line between Saugus and Newhall, all existing signal, and remote control facilities should be left in place until such time as the proposed passenger service patterns on the line are established and conditions examined to determine if the proposed discontinuance and modification to the signal system will delay or otherwise adversely affect traffic over the line.

Very truly yours,

O. J. SOLANDER  
Attorney

5-7174

OJS:ds  
cc: Applicant

January 3, 1978

Board of Directors Meeting, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society,  
Held at the Old Orchard County Park, Valencia, California.

President Jerry Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. All Board members were present except the Treasurer, Frances Sanders. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

Tom Mason reported that Reverend Bingham had not as yet received a letter from the Society accepting the pew. Cindy Neal-Harris said she would write him a letter soon. She has been writing to many sources for information concerning the Saugus Train Depot.

Jerry discussed the St. Francis Dam memorial to be held in March of this year on the 50th anniversary. Betty Pember, Landmarks Chairman, gave him some information concerning the cost of a plaque. Discussion on where to place the plaque, of what it should be made, how large of a Memorial we would like to have at this time, and the cost of all things for the Society, were a few of the items talked over at this time. President Jerry appointed Art Evans to chair a committee consisting of Jerry and Merrill Baughman. They would meet with Dave Kohut of the Forest Service to look for a suitable site to place the plaque. The sign should be on the Angeles National Forest land if possible. It was moved and seconded to have the committee report their decision in two weeks at our next General Meeting. Our Guests for the evening were Dave and Jane Kohut; also, Betty Evans, Suzette and Carol Lagasse. Cindy Neal-Harris, Corresponding Secretary, read a letter from the Hart Band thanking the Society for their Donation.

Mimi White read a letter from a Mary Manhattan College from New York seeking information about a Sears Ranch in our area. It is supposed to be a primitive site, a stone quarry vacated in Mint Canyon. Art Evans will look up more details on a forestry map. It was decided to send all the information to them along with a copy of the map we have in our possession at this time.

A discussion on the next meeting was brought forward by the President. Jerry will contact Mrs. Jereann Bowman to head up the Election Committee for the Election Meeting to be held on January 18, 1978 at the Placerita Junior High School. Also, a program for that evening was discussed. All candidates will be introduced before the election is held on that evening to better acquaint the members with them. Jerry will show slides of the events of 1977 that the Society held or participated in during last year.

A check from Chevron, U.S.A. was received by the Society of \$100.00 which will be divided with the Newhall Woman's Club for the Mentryville Celebration.

Cindy Neal-Harris asked about the fee which was considered large for two Tours conducted for Mrs. Bonnie Youngdahl's School children. Jerry explained that the Society had learned a lesson from this event.

The Corresponding Secretary read correspondence on the Saugus Station that she had received and of the letters she had written here of late. Cindy has written many letters to many people trying to get some help to save the Station. A job well done by her, even if the Station can't be saved. She also announced the upcoming conference at Santa Maria on February 10 and 11, 1978. We should plan to have a table to show what our Society has done these past years and to sell some of the Spikes.

The Meeting was adjourned by President Jerry Reynolds at 9:54 P.M. This was his last meeting as President of the 1977 Board of Directors. A job well done by all!

Respectfully Submitted,

Frenchy Lagasse, Secretary



Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Study Committee for dues structure for the Society. Committee members appointed by Mimi White, President.

Art Evans, Jerry Reynolds, George Von Hasse, Ed Blancher and Paul Kline.

Due to various vacation and health reasons, the committee finally did manage a meeting late in August. Even then, we could only assemble four members, with Art Evans's hospitality we met at his residence.

Members attending: Art Evans, Jerry Reynolds, Ed Blancher, Paul Kline and Mimi White also made her appearance.

In our assorted discussions, we did digress beyond study of dues structure, but we did arrive at the following recommendations to be placed before the board, or members, for adoption into the bylaws of the Society.

1. Dues each year as follows:
  - \$5.00 Regular Membership
  - 2.00 Jr. Membership, under 18 years of age
  - 15.00 Service Clubs
  - 50.00 Corporate Memberships
  - 150.00 Life Membership, with spouse--\$200.00 for both
2. All dues, due on Jan 1. of each year. Members not paid by March 31 will be dropped from the rolls.
3. Membership chairman will mail letters each December to members of record, with renewal return enclosed. The letter shall simply state the society's aims and financial status at that time.
4. A direct mailing letter for Corporations is in the society files, this letter to be up-dated by Art Evans and Jerry Reynolds, to request that local Corporations become Members.
5. Ed Blancher to formulate a list of Corporations and perform the mailings.
6. Term of Board Members: In view of the number now selected (20) for the board, we recommend a 2 year term for members alternating 10 each year.
  - Example: 1979--10 members elected for 1 year
  - 10 members elected for 2 years
  - 1980 10 members elected for 2 years
  - 1981 10 members elected for 2 years.This will afford more continuity in performing Society business.
7. Board actions and decisions shall only be in force when a quorum of members are in attendance - 50% + 1 or a total of 11 members for voting. All issues shall be recorded and the vote recorded by numbers, again 50% + 1 to pass an issue.
8. Board members inactive without cause shall be removed after 3 months.
9. Board shall be responsible for replacement of any removed Board member, by normal quorum and voting procedures.
10. Robert's Rules of Order, newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority governing the conduct of the affairs of this Society, where not otherwise provided by the bylaws of the Society.

United States District Court  
Eastern District of California  
Sacramento, California 95814

CHAMBERS OF  
SHERRILL HALBERT  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
2042 UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
680 CAPITOL MALL

January 12, 1978

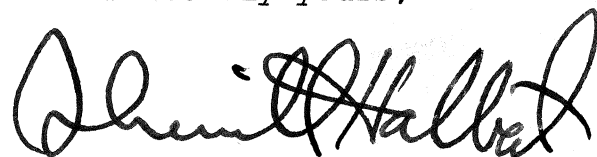
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91350

Dear Sirs:

I am advised that you have recently published a pamphlet entitled Golden Spike Centennial edited by Ruth Newhall, and that this pamphlet is available for \$1.50. I should like one of these pamphlets. My check in the sum of \$2.00 is enclosed. I trust this will be adequate to cover the cost and mailing. If there is any overage, I do not expect a refund; if it is not enough, let me know the balance, and I will mail it at once.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



SHERRILL HALBERT

Enclosure

*(Mailed copy)*

Jam. 24, 1978

Mr. Jerry Reynolds  
SCVHS  
Box 875 N

Dr. Mr. R:

I'm sorry to learn of your regrets in "not being able to do something about saving the Saugus School". In my opinion, the Saugus School has been saved. My partner and I are doing everything possible to retain the character of the Saugus School. Extensive planning is now being conducted so that every useable building will be utilized in our development. You are invited to contact me if you are interested in seeing our present plans so that you will have a better understanding of the development.

As a matter of information to you and the Santa Clarita Valley Hist. Soc., I have made an offer to purchase the Saugus RR Stat. from the So. P c. Trans. Co. If successful in acquiring the Station and zoning will allow us, the Station will be moved to the Saugus School to be saved for the whole community along with the School.

As a resident of the Saugus-Newhall area in the early 40's, I, too, am interested in retaining as much as possible of our Western Culture.

I would appreciate receiving your comments.

Cordially yours,

Geo. J. Nigro  
Old Schoolhouse Emporium  
P.O. Box 5816  
Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91413

GJN/b

Tuesday, 7 February 1978

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Placerita Junior High School, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President Mimi White at 7:50 PM with a greeting to all attendees. All board members were present except Bob Hanson, Michael Shuman, and Phyllis Russell. Non-Board, Historical Society members and guests in attendance included Eleanor Von Haase, Ilene Skinner, Alice Kline, Dorothy Riley, Tom Mason, and Myrna Reynolds.

BOARD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mimi pointed out that the only vital committee appointment unfilled at this time was that of Programs Chairperson. The names of those filling positions as either executive board officers or committee chairpersons, committee members or other positions were reviewed and were the following:

Executive Board Officers

President:	Mimi White
First Vice President:	Cindy Neal-Harris
Second Vice President:	Paul Sloane
Recording Secretary:	Miles Metfessel
Corresponding Secretary:	Helen Blancher
Treasurer:	Paul Kline

Committee Chairpersons, Members, and Other Positions

Curator & Past President:	Jerry Reynolds
Geneology:	Alice Kline
History & Cataloguing	Chic Kierstad, Dorothy Riley
Hospitality:	Delores Klinger, Walter Klinger
Meeting Hall:	Michael Shuman
Membership:	Edwin Blancher
Newsletter (temporary):	Cindy Neal-Harris
Photography:	Craig Obara

Committee Members (Continued)

Preservation and Landmarks:	Betty Pember
Public Relations and Special Assignments:	Art Evans, Bob Hanson
Refreshments:	Frances Ronan, Phyllis Russell
Saugus Train Station:	Carl Eppich
Tours:	George Von Haase, Eleanore Von Haase
Young Historians:	Alice Sloane

YOUNG HISTORIANS

Alice Sloane suggested that the Young Historians might contribute to preserving the Ruiz and Mitchell Cemeteries by rubbing the gravestones and so forth. She also indicated that she might take the Young Historians panning for gold.

NEWSLETTER

Cindy said volunteers (foldors and labelors) were needed on Wednesday, 8 February to distribute the Newsletter. Mimi said the Newsletter would have to be in the mail by Thursday, 9 February. Paul Sloane volunteered to contribute the services of his automatic folder at his printing plant to help get the Newsletter out on time.

ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER COMMEMORATION

Art Evans reported on the memorial plaque dedication on 12 March 1978 at the site of the St. Francis Dam Disaster. He said the Forest Service had told him this morning that the base for the plaque had been completed and was ready for use; a new trail had been built to the site and the site had been cleaned; the Forest Service is now in the process of building railings and benches.

Art suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Forest Supervisor for the cooperation of the Forest Service; and also a letter be sent to Clyde A. Bragdon, Jr., Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

A discussion was held on the best time Sunday to hold the commemoration. Craig Obara said most people were out driving between 11 AM and 3:30 PM on Sunday. It was passed unanimously that 12 Noon be the starting time for the commemoration ceremonies.

Mimi said that Mr. Edgar Vance, a military policeman who helped at the time of the disaster, had asked if it was all right for the Torrance Historical Society to come to the commemoration ceremonies. Mimi said she responded affirmatively to him since the Newsletter is sent to many historical societies and it was expected that many representatives from various societies would attend.

Mimi reported that it was unknown what would happen concerning the efforts of Mr. Don Ray to organize a get-together for people who survived the dam disaster. She said our historical society is not supporting Mr. Ray in this project.

Harry Carey, Jr., a former resident of San Francisquito Canyon, has accepted the position as Master of Ceremonies for the commemoration. Other speakers include Mr. Clyde A. Bragdon, Jr., Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Mr. Charles Outland, and the Head of the Forest Service. The program is intended to be brief.

Tom Mason suggested that Irene Ruiz McKibben be asked who she knew who were survivors of the disaster who could attend the commemoration, and that those people be introduced by Mr. Carey at the ceremonies. Other people unknown by the society who were survivors and in attendance could be asked by Mr. Carey to raise their hand.

Art Evans recommended that Mr. Bill Smith mortar the plaque in place at the site at the time of the commemoration. Betty Pember pointed out that if the historical point of interest or landmark number comes through from the state in the future, that space should be left at the bottom of the plaque so there will be room to add this information. She felt the plaque shouldn't be sealed up at the commemoration.

Regarding parking, Art Evans said the Forest Service intends to run a road grader up close to the site about a week before the event. The parking area can accommodate about 100 cars and will be a few hundred feet from the site. People will also be able to park along San Francisquito Canyon Road and walk to the site.

Tom Mason recommended using the portable, battery-operated, public address system owned by Placerita Junior High School at the commemoration.

It was suggested that a color guard be used, and that a bugle corps play taps from a position in the hills. Mimi said Larry would be contacted.

Paul Sloane volunteered to prepare a one sheet or foldover passout for the commemoration program. It could contain the same wording as was decided upon for the plaque, list the people introduced, the speakers, and the historical society as sponsor. It could also give credit to the Santa Clarita Valley community who rallied to provide assistance to the needy at that time, and also the agencies who contributed so much. Mimi advised keeping the program very basic and very simple.

Some people felt it would be in bad taste to advertise Charles Outland's book in the program or to sell it at the commemoration, the site of a tragedy.

It was passed unanimously that Mimi contact the Arthur H. Clark Co. to order 100 more copies of Man-Made Disaster by Charles Outland. The society makes a profit of \$3.00 per book. The cost of the book is \$13.00 including tax, and it is a donation to the SCVHS (Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society).

It was passed unanimously that a committee of four be established to make decisions on such items as the wording of the plaque and related matters. This St. Francis Dam Commemoration Planning Committee consists of Dorothy Riley, Betty Pember, Jerry Reynolds, and Paul Sloane.

It was passed unanimously that the SCVHS join the Chinese Historical Society.

Paul Sloane asked if the SCVHS would be interested in having a Booth at the Pomona Fair. The matter was left unresolved.

#### SAUGUS TRAIN STATION

Art Evans said that Mr. George J. Nigro and Mr. Adeebe G. Sadd had offered to purchase the Saugus Train Station from Southern Pacific Railroad and move it to the playground of the Saugus School, which Mr. Nigro and Mr. Sadd had recently purchased. There was a possibility, according to Art,

that part of the train station could be used for meetings of the SCVHS and as a museum. Art suggested that the SCVHS write a letter to Southern Pacific encouraging them to sell the train station to Mr. Nigro and Mr. Sadd, since the SCVHS was supposed to be the first to be asked by the Southern Pacific to purchase the station, should SP decide to sell it.

BOOK ON SCV HISTORY

Craig Obara said Mr. Ken Lubas of the Los Angeles Times had asked him about the status of the book being prepared on the history of the SCV. Mimi said Ruth Newhall is easing out of her job at the newspaper and is going to work much more extensively on the book at the earliest opportunity.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Craig suggested that the society prepare a fact sheet and slides of each historical site in the SCV which could be made available by the society for use in schools and so forth. Mimi felt this should be done after the St. Francis Dam commemoration. Alice Kline advised that Craig prepare a budget on the slides. Also selling photographs and slides to the public was discussed.

Tom Mason said the SCVHS in the past had set as a goal taking pictures of the SCV as it exists today in order to permanently record its present appearance for the future. Mimi said Mr. Gordon Frost had volunteered to work on this project.

Mimi asked that the next board meeting be held at 7:30 PM, 28 February 1978 to give some leeway for the Newsletter and the St. Francis Dam Commemoration. This board meeting will be held in Conference Room 021 at Placerita Junior High School, Newhall.

The meeting was adjourned by Mimi at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Miles Metfessel*  
Miles Metfessel, Recording Secretary



1978 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Sloane, Paul	23131 Oakbridge Lane, Newhall 91321	259-3883
Shuman, Michael	22555 DeCoro Dr., Saugus 91350	259-4706
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White, Mimi	24720 Arcadia St., Newhall 91321	259-2138

February 3, 1978

Sherrill Halbert  
United States District Judge  
2042 U. S. Courthouse  
650 Capitol Mall  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Halbert:

The "Golden Spike Centennial" is being mailed to you today, and thank you, the mailing cost is covered by your check. We regret the delay in replying and sending the booklet.

Our Society also has available "Rancho San Francisco, Study of a California Land Grant" by our late leading historical citizen, Mr. Arthur B. Perkins. If you are interested in this history of Newhall and the Santa Clarita Valley, it is available for \$2.00, plus postage of 25¢.

Sincerely,

*MW*

president  
Santa Clarita Valley Historic  
Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, Calif. 91322

Great Western Savings & Loan Association  
Customer Service Representative  
8484 Wilshire Blvd.  
Beverly Hills, Ca. 90210

February 13, 1978

Dear Sir:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society board met on February 7, 1978 and agreed unanimously that you should inform your advertising agent of the incorrect information being currently broadcast over radio and TV.

The statement that gold was first discovered in California at Sutter's Creek is certainly erroneous. Gold was first discovered in California by Francisco Lopez, March 9, 1842, in the Placerita Canyon which is located in the Santa Clarita Valley (mostly known to old timers as the Newhall-Saugus area).

We feel that your advertising agency owes the 65,000 (approx.) residents of this valley an apology and a retraction of this error be made on radio and TV. Many millions of children and adults have seen John Wayne and heard him make the erroneous statement.

We are sure the error was unintentional and you will make the correction before it becomes an embarrassment.

We welcome anyone from Great Western Savings & Loan to attend any of our monthly meetings of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society for a discussion of the history of our valley. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Placerita Jr. High School in Newhall at 7:30 P. M.

Very truly yours,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Copy



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FEB 15 1978

Ms. Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Corresponding Secretary  
Santa Clarita Valley  
Historical Society  
P.O. Box 520  
Saugus, California 91350

Dear Ms. Neal-Harris:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 29, 1977, which provided me with an update on the present situation on the Saugus station. You may be aware that the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Amtrak, has been directed in the Committee Conference Report on the 1978 Supplemental Appropriations Act to undertake a comprehensive, zero-based reexamination of Amtrak's route structure. The purpose of the reexamination is to develop recommendations for a route structure that will provide an optimal national railroad passenger system based on the nation's current and future demand for rail passenger service. In the course of the study, we will carefully consider, review and analyze both existing and potential new rail passenger routes. The results of this study will give us a better indication as to the possibility of the extension of Amtrak service to Saugus.

I believe that your efforts to have the depot placed on the National Register of Historic Places will be a useful step in establishing the station as an important landmark for preservation and in gaining public interest in the station. As you may know, listing on the National Register does not automatically provide any protection for the station. However, if any Federal funds are associated with a National Register property, they can be withdrawn altogether from an agency which is in receipt of these funds and is allowing or assisting in the demolition or dismantling of the building. Such action taken by an agency would severely imperil the possibility of that agency receiving other general Federal funds in the future.

As soon as the amendments to the present regulations are published, you will be sent a copy. After reviewing the amendments, if you feel your project meets the eligibility criteria, we would look forward to receiving an application for funding under the Intermodal Terminal Program.

Thank you for your interest in the preservation of historic rail passenger terminals.

Sincerely,

*Anne Murphy Bergner*

Anne Murphy Bergner  
Program Analyst

February 19, 1978

Captain Ken Forster  
California Highway Patrol  
25111 Chiquella Lane  
Newhall, Calif., 91321

Dear Captain Forster:

On Sunday, March 12th, our Society is dedicating a plaque and presenting a brief program in commemoration of the collapse of the St. Francis Dam fifty years ago on that date. The ceremony will start at noon and will take place at a site overlooking the ruins of the dam.

Because of limited access and parking we are not attempting to attract a large crowd, but we are aware that this special anniversary of so historic an event could draw a good many people into the San Francisquito Canyon. Therefore, in advising you of this event, may we also ask that special attention be given to the traffic situations which may arise on that date.

May I suggest that you call Art Evens, who is familiar with the arrangements being made (259-7407), or me (259-2138) for further details.

We hope it will be possible for you, personally, to attend our ceremony.

We shall very much appreciate and assistance and suggestions you can give us.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
president

February 19, 1978

Mr. David Kohut, District Ranger  
The Saugus District  
Angeles National Forest  
23759 Valencia Blvd.  
Valencia, Calif., 91355

Dear Mr. Kohut:

Our plans for a commemorative ceremony of the collapse of the St. Francis Dam are progressing very well. As you know, the ceremony will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, March 12th.

A feature of the event will be the placing of a plaque on a site overlooking the ruins of the dam. We are well aware that this site is on National Forest land and that its use for this purpose is only possible through your own personal interest and the most helpful cooperation of the Forest Service. For this we are most grateful.

I would also like to express our gratitude to Forest Officer Raymond Guardado who has devoted much time and thoughtfulness to this project. Without his help neither the site nor the monument would have been prepared for this ceremony.

We hope that it will be possible for you and Mr. Guardado to be present at this event in order that your contributions to its success may be properly recognized.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
president

February 19, 1978

Captain William Fairchild  
Sheriff's Dept., Los Angeles County  
23740 Magic Mt. Parkway  
Valencia, Calif., 91355

Dear Captain Fairchild:

On Sunday, March 12th, our Society is dedicating a plaque and presenting a brief program in commemoration of the collapse of the St. Francis Dam fifty years ago on that date. The ceremony will start at noon and will take place at a site overlooking the ruins of the dam.

Because of limited access and parking we are not attempting to attract a large crowd, but we are aware that this special anniversary of so historic an event may draw a good many people into the San Francisquito Canyon on that day. We also realize how much target-shooting goes on in this canyon, and wonder if there is any way you could partially curtail it mid-day. In regard to parking, it has been suggested that the Explorer Scout Troop sponsored by your Department might be available to help us.

We shall be very appreciative of any assistance and suggestions that you can give us, and may I ask that you call Art Evans, who is familiar with the arrangements being made (259-7407); or me (259-2138); for further details of this event and to give us your replies and suggestions. Also, we hope it will be possible for you, personally, to be present at this event.

With an advance "Thank you" for your advice,

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
president



February 19, 1978

Mr. Clyde Bragdon, Jr., Chief Engineer,  
Los Angeles County Fire Department,  
1320 N. Eastern Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bragdon:

On Sunday, March 12th, Our Society is dedicating a plaque and presenting a brief program in commemoration of the collapse of the St. Francis Dam fifty years ago on that date. The ceremony will start at noon and will take place at a site overlooking the ruins of the dam.

Because of the fine cooperation that your organization has given us in this project, and also because you are one of our local residents, it would seem especially appropriate for you to be introduced during the program. Please let me know if this will be possible so that the proper introduction may be made.

May I also take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude for the great amount of assistance that has been given to us by Superintendent William Smith of your Camp Four. Without his understanding help the program which we have planned would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
president

(259-2138)



**GREAT WESTERN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION**

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February 22, 1978

Ms. Helen Blancher  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Ms. Blancher:

Thank you for your letter on the discovery of gold in California. We were aware of the real story because there was an article in one of the local newspapers which discussed this within the last several years, perhaps 1974.

The article was really about some people trying to go back on gold panning to make a living, but in the course of it, they discussed the gold discoveries in California and other places in the West as well as the silver mines in Nevada.

We know we were taking a little literary license with our commercial, but it seems so much more effective to use the line the way John Wayne does than to say "Sutters Mill, there the discovery of gold started the forty-niners stampede to California" or something similar.

We just hoped that historians like you would accept what we said for its real meaning -- that Sutter's Mill discovery was the one that affected the future of our State.

Thanks for writing to us. We're pleased that our commercial receives such close attention.

Cordially,

Ralph Rivet  
Vice President



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

POST OFFICE BOX 3009, TERMINAL ANNEX  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90051

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CLYDE A. BRAGDON, JR.  
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

STANLEY E. BARLOW  
CHIEF DEPUTY

CHIEF ENGINEER  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS  
FIRE CHIEF  
OF THE CITIES OF

February 23, 1978

ARTESIA  
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BELLFLOWER  
BELL GARDENS  
BRADBURY  
CARSON  
CERRITOS  
CLAREMONT  
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DUARTE  
GLEN DORA  
HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
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LAKEWOOD  
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LOMITA  
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NORWALK  
PALMDALE  
PARAMOUNT  
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RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
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ESTATES  
ROSEMEAD  
SAN DIMAS  
SIGNAL HILL  
SOUTH EL MONTE  
SOUTH GATE  
TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WHITTIER

Mrs. Mimi White, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91322

Dear Mrs. White:

I am pleased that this Department has been able to assist in the provision of a commemorative plaque at the site of the St. Francis Dam. Although the collapse of this dam was a tragic event, it nonetheless has an important place in the history of our Valley.

Thank you for the invitation to the program on March 12. Barring any unforeseen conflicts I will plan to be in attendance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society for their efforts to preserve those places and events of our past before they are completely lost to progress.

Very truly yours,

  
CLYDE A. BRAGDON, JR., CHIEF ENGINEER  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

CAB:gb

John Wayne  
2686 Bayshore  
Newport Beach, California 92660

February 27, 1978

Dear John:

Knowing that you have 'shot' more Indians than ever lived here in the Santa Clarita Valley—we of the Historical Society are shocked that you did not know that gold was first discovered right here in Placerita Canyon at the location of many of your western films at the Walker cabin located in Placerita Canyon near the site where Francisco Lopez discovered the first gold here in California on March 9, 1842! Seven years before your Great Western TV and Radio commercial erroneously claims gold was discovered in Sutter's Creek.

Rights to the Placerita Mine was granted April 4, 1842 and the first great gold rush in California history began. Twenty dollar gold pieces were minted in Philadelphia in 1843 from Placerita Canyon gold. By December, 1843, two thousand ounces of gold had been taken from southern California gold mines.

Millions of school children as well as adults have seen and heard you on the commercial, and the Santa Clarita Valley residents now number 65,000 (are thinking of going on the war path) find the commercial disheartening and a mark against your integrity!

Very truly yours,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*copy*



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SENATE  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

JAMES R. MILLS  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

February 27, 1978

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Post Office Box 520  
Saugus, California 91350

Dear Cynthia Neal-Harris:

Please excuse this somewhat belated reply to your letter regarding the proposed closing of the Saugus railroad station.

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence from Mr. O. J. Solander, of Caltrans, to the Railroad Safety Board, opposing Santa Fe's proposed signaling changes, between Saugus and Newhall.

I would hope you have communicated your concerns to your Assemblyperson, State Senator and U.S. Senators as I assume they, too, would want to be informed of the proposed changes.

My staff has asked Mr. Solander to inform my office of any further developments in the proposed abandonment.

Please let me know if you have additional information you want me to consider.

Sincerely,

*James R. Mills*

JAMES R. MILLS

JRM:b  
Enclosure

Tuesday, 28 February 1978

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Placerita Junior High School, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President Mimi White at 7:45 PM with a welcome to all the meeting participants. Because of the heavy rains, many board members were not present. Those absent included Paul Sloane, Helen Blancher, Delores Klinger, Walter Klinger, Craig Obara, Betty Pember, Art Evans, and Bob Hanson. Non-board, historical society members and guests in attendance included Dorothy Riley and Barry Weaver. The board was sorry to hear that Helen Blancher was ill.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Paul Kline, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The total income for February 1978 was \$749.45. The total expenses were \$1,036.43. The bank account balance was \$2,275.77.

#### ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER COMMEMORATION

Mimi discussed the contingency plans of the Society should rains and flooding force cancellation of the commemoration ceremonies on 12 March. Mimi said that there will be a special get-together, sponsored by Don Rey, of the family, friends, and survivors at the Ranch House Inn at 2:30 PM, 12 March. Thus far, 70 people have paid for reservations, but the total could go considerably over 100.

Mr. Thornton Edwards, a California Highway Patrolman (CHP) in Santa Paula at the time of the disaster, will attend the dinner. Lt. O'Brien, CHP, suggested that Mr. Edwards be driven to the plaque dedication in an official car. After the dam burst, Mr. Edwards rode his motorcycle up and down the Santa Clara River warning people to flee and was almost killed when his bike plunged into the raging waters.

Alice Sloane read the wording that had been prepared for the commemoration plaque.

Mimi informed the Board that the CHP will have four patrol cars to assist traffic along San Francisquito Road to and from the plaque site. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has notified Mimi that they will attempt to control the shooting near the ceremonies. The Southern California Automobile Club will provide two units and a rescue team. Barry Weaver volunteered to assist in communications such as contacting the stagecoach and so forth.

Mimi reported that the Forest Service required liability insurance covering the federal land used in the disaster commemoration. This insurance should not exceed \$200; in all likelihood it will cost about \$175. This insurance is for the whole year and covers other items such as tours. It was passed that the Society purchase the liability insurance.

Charles Outland, author of "Man-Made Disaster", will show slides including some new additions to his collection, at the Society meeting on Wednesday, 15 March. He will also autograph copies of his book,

Paul Kline reported that Frances Sanders, 1977 Society Treasurer, told him that approximately 500 golden spikes were left. It was decided to present spikes to Harry Carey, Jr., and Denzel Cameron in appreciation for their assistance in the commemoration. Also, the Society will check to see if Charles Outland had previously been given a golden spike.

Mimi thanked Mike Shuman for moving the meeting of the advisory board from the multipurpose room of Placerita Junior High School so the Society could use the room for the general meeting on 15 March.

Mimi reported that a complete set of 5 x 7 photographs of the walls of the Asistencia was purchased for \$10.00.

Cindy Neal-Harris read a letter from Senator James R. Mills to the Society in which he said that CalTrans has filed a formal protest opposing the Southern Pacific Railway's application to remove the Newhall-Saugus Signal (switch). Senator Mills recommended that the Society and others interested in saving the Saugus Depot write to their congressmen and to Mr. James Shea, SP vice president.

A notice will be placed in the Newsletter that anyone interested in an impromptu wildflower tour on Saturday or Sunday under the direction of Elna Bakker, should contact George Von Hasse. In October there will be a tour of the San Andreas Fault. George Von Hasse will check to see if the Antelope Valley Bus Company could provide buses on Saturday, 8 April, for a tour of the Santa Clarita Valley to visit sites of historical interest.

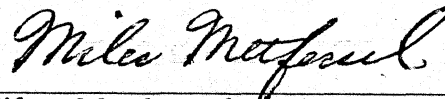
The Volunteers at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital are having a Rocking Horse Derby. Society members who wish to purchase tickets should contact Irene Baughman, preferably within two days.

Elva Moline, who lives at the Pico Adobe, and is curator of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society, suggested that the SCVHS apply for a special award of the California Federation of Historical Societies for Carol and Frenchy Lagasse in recognition of their work at Mentryville. Mimi is working on filling out the forms.

It was passed unanimously that Paul Kline investigate the possibility of the Society obtaining a safety deposit box.

The meeting was adjourned by Mimi at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Miles Metfessel,  
Recording Secretary



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TREASURER'S REPORT NO. 27

February 1, 1978 to February 28, 1978

BALANCE FORWARD 2,562.74

Income for February

41 Outland Books @ 13.00	533.00
40 Regular Memberships @ 5.00	200.00
4 Jr. Memberships @ 2.00	8.00
2 A.B. Perkins Fund @ 2.00	4.00
Donations Coffee Fund	<u>4.45</u>

TOTAL FEBRUARY INCOME 749.45

3,312.19

EXPENSES:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
203	2/7/78	Promotional Repros Newsletters & Ballots	10.58
204	2/7/78	Arthur H. Clark Co. 100-Outland Books	1,001.70
205	2/8/78	Betty Pember Telephone, Xerox & Postage	6.01
206	2/15/78	Mimi White Trophy Gavel	14.31
207	2/28/78	Diplomat Stationers Xerox - January	<u>3.82</u>

TOTAL FEBRUARY EXPENSES 1,036.42

Balance in Account 6679-1301 2,275.77

3,312.19

SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

4/187  
Mimi:

Please express my regrets at not being able to attend this months board meeting. I am speaking at a class at Cal-State Northridge on local history, and meeting with some officials about the Tick Canyon site.

#### AGENDA

We are hot on the trail of an Indian skull from Soledad Canyon that is presently at the L.A. County Corners Office. I have assurances from the Office that they will release it to us.

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The curator needs some guidelines from the board about photocopying. How much should we charge? Does it take Board action to release our pictures or should it be at the descretion of the Curator?

I would not care to release originals to anyone. Copies should be released on request as a civic duty, in my opinion.

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Mrs. Darcy wishes to know if we plan to participate in the 4th of July Parade. Quite a few members of the N.S.V. Chamber of Commerce think that we should.

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Mr. Denzel Cameron ~~is~~ has agreed to drive a "Coach and six" up to the dedication site of the St. Francis Dam on May 21. The only thing he is asking of us is "Lots of publicity."

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Mr. Cameron is asking our backing in recreating the route of the Butterfield Express through our valley. No money is involved. He needs to know the exact route, logical starting and ending places, and some volenteers at "stations" to change horses. This could be a "big event" for summer or fall.

*Leary Reynolds*

March 2, 1978

Marjorie Coffill  
376 E. Summit Ave.  
Sonora, Calif. 95370

Dear Mrs. Coffill:

Your generous contribution to our Society arrived a few days after your letter, and we are very pleased to have the extra copies of your grandfather's booklet. Our plan is to keep at least three in our own collection and give or sell the rest when and as people who really appreciate it and have some tie with Mr. Needham and the past may want one.

No, Arthur Perkins did not publish his book, which is surely regrettable. We need such a history of the people who were the founders and builders of Newhall. The articles that ran in the Signal two different times, the last in 1954, have been put into a binder after being copied, and that is the nearest thing we have. At the libraries it certainly gets much use; and is treasured, and not checked out. Do you have a copy of "Rancho San Francisco; the Story of a California Land Grant", which he published in 1957? It tells the background, up to the time Newhall began, and is a 28-page booklet. Perk's older son, Val, while visiting here two years ago, had a re-print made and the Society handles it for the estate. Ruth Newhall wrote "The Newhall Ranch", also out of print, and it gives a fine history of the Newhall family and the business, but doesn't cover the town's growth. We all hope that someday someone will get all the Perkins papers together and write us a history. And Mr. H. Clay Needham will figure prominently.

Our March newsletter is at the printers, and I'll mail one to you as soon as possible. Meanwhile, I'm enclosing the February -- not remembering if I already have sent you one or not!

Again, thank you so very much for "My First Wild Turkey" - the twelve of them - (and it's a charming tale, to my way of thinking), and I'll let you know if they reach some special person you might like to hear about.

With our sincere appreciation,

Mimi White

March 4, 1978

Harry Carey, Jr.  
4513 Vista del Monte Ave.  
Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91403

Dear Dobie:

Since writing you is on my schedule for today, I'm doing it - BUT I'm really wondering if we'll be having a plaque dedication one week from tomorrow! The road up to the overlook where the base of the monument sits waiting is quite washed out, and unless we have a few dry days for the crews to restore it, no cars will be able to reach the parking area.

For the next few days, however, we'll proceed as though all will follow our schedule. The time for the memorial program to begin is 12:00 noon, and doubt if it will exceed an hour altogether. We are planning to car-pool at the Santa Clarita Methodist Church, on Bouquet Canyon Rd., on the right, about half a mile north of Valencia Blvd. - at eleven o'clock. Several of us who are to be involved plan to be up at the Dam site before eleven, though.

I shall notify you of changes immediately, and please call me (259-2139) or Art Evans (259-4704) with any questions.

Hoping all goes well, and that we'll see you next Sunday,

Sincerely,

Mark Stetson

March 5, 1978

Martha Willman  
San Fernando Valley Section  
Los Angeles Times  
P.O.Box 7457, Van Nuys, Ca. 91409

Dear Mrs. Willman:

Perhaps Art Evans reached you by telephone with the information that we will not be able to have our memorial plaque presentation up at the site of the St. Francis Dam on March 12th. Our plans are uncertain at present, but Art says you may want to publish a notice of postponement this week. The cause, of course, is the heavy rainfall which made the access road impassable, and we cannot reach to overlook where the monument built for the plaque is located.

We are very disappointed, needless to say, and hope we can work something out soon. We thank you very much for your interest and will keep in touch.

Sincerely,

president,  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

March 15, 1978

Dear Miss Richardson:

Your letter was addressed to our Historical Society Post Office box, and opened by our Secretary.

I am returning your letter and check to you. You have the address incorrect. Please check it.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*copy*

JOHN WAYNE

9570 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400  
Beverly Hills, California 90212  
March 17, 1978

Ms. Helen Blancher  
Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Ms. Blancher:

You are so right!

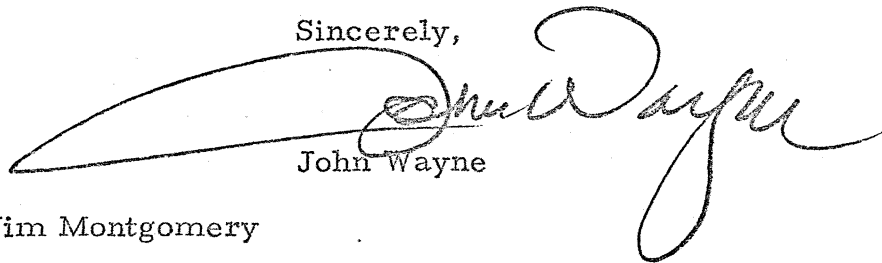
I don't know whatever possessed me to use the word  
"first" in that commercial.

I have kicked horses up and down the hills around  
Placerita Canyon and stepped on every foot of it. Matter  
of fact, they built that western street that used to be there  
off of my back, so I certainly knew that the first gold was  
discovered in Placerita Canyon.

I think it is quite interesting, and I am going to check with  
Great Western and see if I can't get them to let me take the  
word "first" out of the video advertising and make a radio  
correction by saying, "I don't know how it ever happened,  
folks, but I kicked horses up and down every hill around  
Placerita Canyon and knew that an awful lot of \$20 gold pieces  
were minted in Philadelphia from gold taken out of that Canyon.  
I am sure I can arrange it.

The true fact is better than the mistake. Thank you for calling  
it to my attention.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Wayne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "John Wayne".

John Wayne

cc: Mr. Jim Montgomery

Charles H. Lawrance  
1340 Kenwood  
Santa Barbara, California 93109

March 25, 1978

Mr. Paul Sloane  
23131 West Oakbridge Lane  
Newhall, CA 91321

Re: The Death of the Dam

Dear Mr. Sloane:

A friend of mine from the Metropolitan Water District who lives in Valencia recently gave me your name as the individual responsible for preparation of the Memorial Plaque of the Santa Clarita Historical Society which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Saint Francis Dam Disaster a couple of weeks ago and dedicated said plaque to the memory of the flood victims.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would convey the enclosed volume of "The Death of the Dam" to the Society's President, Mrs. White, (whose address I do not have) as a gift to the Society from its author. I had for many years been fascinated by the lore surrounding the disaster, both from the human standpoint and that of a civil engineer. A few years ago, I wrote "The Death of the Dam", following considerable literature research, talking with old-timers of the LA Department of Water and Power, etc. It attempts to compress the true story into an epic poem which relates the events from beginning to end (Mutholland's original concept and the tragic flood and aftermath). It was written as a labor of love, so to speak, and published at my expense. Although it can never compete with Mr. Outland's books on the subject, it might possibly be of interest to the historically minded, and it is available for sale (\$3.00) from me at the above address or at Earthling or Gann's Book Stores in Santa Barbara. I am trying to get the Calico Cat Book Store or possibly others in Ventura to carry it also.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. I am sorry that a back ailment prevented me from being present at the 50th anniversary events.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Lawrance

Encl.

\* plus tax if 60¢ mailing.



Sta. Clarita Valley  
Historical Society

P.O. box 875

Newhall

Dear Sirs

I wrote an earlier letter, which you apparently did not receive.

I am a Member of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. I'm working on a project to reconstruct the Battle of Cahuenga of 1845 in which the last governor of California appointed by Mexico was overthrown by the old Californios.

When the revolt began in 1844 under Juan Bautista Alvarado, the governor, Manuel Micheltoresa, called for aid from California's prominent citizens. The most enthusiastic response was from John Sutter, of Sutter's Mill fame, who kept a private army of trained Indians, and who gathered a small force of Yankee mountaineer riflemen who were much valued in any fight for their marksman ship.

I am certain that Sutter and Micheltorenn passed through the Santa Clarita Valley in their pursuit of the rebels to L.A.

In his memoirs, Sutter says;

" That evening we camped in a large walled vineyard surrounded by a stone wall in which our horses were safe. I did not sleep at all. I had to be constantly on the lookout for the enemy, who did all in its power to harass us. The Governon was still sick in bed, and the whole responsibility rested on my shoulders. A woman, the mother of thirteen children, came to me and begged me not to be hard on her nine sons who were serving in Castro's force."

This was the night of February 18-19, 1845. Two days later Governon Micheltorenn and Sutter were defeated in one of history's few bloodless battles.

Can you tell me if there was or is any thing in the Santa Clarita Valley which might correspond to Sutter's

"large walled vineyard?" Thank You

yours,

Mark Thrasher  
372 Ea Olive st.  
Burbank Cal.  
91502

ph.no. 848-6793

Elsa Sparks  
25224 Wheeler Rd.  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

March 29, 1978

Dear Elsa,

Our Society would like to thank you for your donation of the  
Needham-Miller scrap book.

It contain much in the way of historical value. When the  
Society finds a "home", the scrap book certainly will find a  
prominent place there so that it can be enjoyed by everyone  
who comes to visit.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Copy

Harry Carey Jr.  
4513 Vista Del Monte Ave.  
Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91403

March 29, 1978

Dear Harry,

Thank you for sharing your family history with us at our March meeting. I'm sure everyone enjoyed your talk.

By the way, we did receive a reply from John Wayne. John says he knows that we are right about the gold discovery and he reminiscenced about the "old days" and says he will try to get Great Western to take the word "first" out of the video commercial and make another commercial on the Placerita discovery because as he puts it-"the true fact is better than the mistake".

Thank you again on behalf of the Society-we look forward to sharing with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*copy*

Charles F. Outland  
314 C N. Palm Ave.  
Santa Paula, Ca. 93060

March 29, 1978

Dear Mr. Outland:

On behalf of the Society I would like to thank you for taking the time to personally autograph so many copies of your book for society members who purchased them.

The slide presentation was excellent and enjoyed by everyone.

I'm sure the Society will be pleased to have you on the program in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

copy

Mark Thrasher  
372 E. Olive St.  
Burbank, Ca. 91502

March 29, 1978

Dear Mark:

After checking around-I found that our Society did receive your first letter. It was turned over to Mr. Jerry Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds thus far has been unable to come up with anything on your "large walled vineyard".

We are sorry that you were not answered before this. Mr. Reynolds will continue to check and see if he can find any information about your "large walled vineyard", if he does, then he will let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 TREASURER'S REPORT NO. 28

March 1, to March 31, 1978

BALANCE PER BANK 3/1/78 2,275.77

Income for March

84 Outland Books @ 13.00	1,092.00	
24 Memberships @ 5.00	120.00	
21 Tours @ 5.00	105.00	
1 Organizational	<u>15.00</u>	

TOTAL MARCH INCOME 1,332.00

3,607.77

EXPENSES:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
208	3/12/78	Chinese Hist. Society Membership	25.00
209	3/20/78	PGS Graphics Feb. Newsletter	12.72
210	3/20/78	Diplomat Stationers Xerox February	4.13
	3/20/78	Bank Adj. of Check	<u>1.00</u>

TOTAL MARCH EXPENDITURES 42.85

Balance in Account 6679-1301 3,564.92

3,607.77

SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Treasurer

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 President

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary



Tuesday, 4 April 1978

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Placerita Junior High School, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President Mimi White at 7:42 PM with a greeting to all attendees. Board members not present included Edwin Blancher, Art Evans, Chic Kierstad, Craig Obara, Phyllis Russell, and Paul Sloane. Non-board historical society members and guests in attendance included Alice Kline, Don Ray, and Fred Trueblood.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Paul Kline, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The total income for March 1978 was \$1,332.00. The total March expenditures were \$42.85. The bank balance on 31 March 1978 was \$3,564.92. Paul passed out copies of the treasurer's reports for February and March.

Jerry Reynolds, Curator, distributed copies of the following items:

- "Index of Prints in the Files of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society"
- "Photographic Prints on File with the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society (10 February 1978)"
- "Chronological History of the Santa Clarita Valley"

Mimi announced that Fred Trueblood, Jr., Historical Editor of the Bulletin, would be the program speaker at the next Society meeting on 19 April. He is going to speak on the way the Santa Clarita Valley used to be.

Betty Pember, Preservation and Landmarks Chairperson, reported that the St. Francis Dam disaster site had been approved as a state landmark. Betty thanked Jerry Reynolds for supplying the material needed from his files and she also said she was grateful to Cindy Neal-Harris for typing the form that was sent in. The letter from the state with the landmark number should arrive shortly. At that time the phrase, "California Historical Registered Landmark Number \_\_\_\_, " will be placed on the dam dedication plaque.

Helen Blancher, Corresponding Secretary, read a reply from John Wayne in which he said he realized that gold was first discovered in Placerita Canyon and not at Sutter's Mill as he said in the Great Western Savings TV and radio commercials. He remarked that he would check with Great Western Savings to see if they would let him take the word "first" out of the TV advertising and also make a radio correction. He concluded by saying, "A true fact is better than a mistake."

Helen reported that she wrote thank-you letters to Harry Carey, Jr., and Charles Outland for appearing on the program on 15 March; she also wrote to Elsa Sparks for donating a scrapbook given by Henry Clay Needham to his daughter, Nellie Needham Miller.

Alice Sloane read a letter from Mr. Charles H. Lawrance, author of a book on the St. Francis Dam collapse entitled, The Death of a Dam. He presented a copy of the book to the Society. The book material is given in an epic poetic form.

Betty Pember reported on the Saugus school bell and bell plaque. It is undetermined whether the historic bell was at the school in San Francisquito Canyon or whether it was the bell from the original Saugus school, used before the present school was built. Don Ray said he would attempt to research the history of the bell. It was decided to defer action until the place for the bell had been resolved.

Cindy Neal-Harris reported that Southern Pacific had been temporarily stopped from closing Saugus Depot, by CalTran's action in filing a formal protest opposing SP's application to abandon the Newhall-Saugus Signal (switch).

Mimi suggested writing a letter to Mr. George J. Nigro saying that the Society has heard that there was a possibility that part of the Saugus Depot could be used for meetings of the SCVHS, should the depot be purchased by Mr. Nigro and Mr. Adeebe G. Sade and then moved to the playground of the Saugus School. It was decided to wait until 30 April before taking any action, to see what had developed by that time.

It was passed unanimously to hold the remembrance ceremonies for the St. Francis Dam disaster at 11 AM, Sunday, 21 May.

Betty Pember and Mimi said they were working on the project for Beale's Cut to become a national landmark.

Alice Sloane passed out front page copies of the 14 March 1928 edition of the Los Angeles Times, which featured information on the dam collapse.

It was passed unanimously that the Society purchase 100 more copies of Man-Made Disaster. The Society has made a profit of approximately \$600 from the sale of the book thus far. It was also passed unanimously that the Society give one copy of the book to the Perkins' Collection at Valencia Library, and keep one copy for the Society files.

Alice Sloane discussed Paul Sloane's idea of making an historical society album, containing such items as stories, historical events, geneology, and photographs dealing with Santa Clarita Valley history. At regular intervals additions could be made to the album. She said the document could be contained in a three-hole, loose leaf binder. Booklets such as those distributed at Lang Station and Mentryville ceremonies could be used in the album. Mimi suggested exploring the possibilities with Society photographers and Ruth Newhall. Alice said she would attempt to prepare a budget on the album.

Alice Kline made some suggestions for gathering geneological information. This discussion will be continued at a later meeting.

It was passed unanimously that the Society purchase a \$14 set of regional history books obtained by Betty Pember at the Antelope Valley Historical Society. Mimi felt that a Society librarian should be appointed so such books could be circulated among Society members.

A committee was formed to look into making a one sheet or foldover passout which shows a map of historical sites of interest in the Santa Clarita Valley. This passout could be placed in service stations, restaurants, and so forth. This committee is chaired by Cindy Neal-Harris and members include Delores and Walter Klinger, and Fred Trueblood.

George Von Hasse, Tours Chairperson, reported that there had not been a large response by members to participate in the impromptu wild-flower tour. Mimi suggested that an announcement should be made at the next Society meeting and that a signup sheet be made available.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West invited the Society to the dedication and marking of the Lopez Adobe Station on Saturday, 1 April. Tours were conducted through the Lopez Adobe during the week of April 3-8.

Thursday evening, 7:30 PM, 27 April, the San Fernando Historical Society is having a meeting at the Pico Adobe. The program speaker, Richard Cunningham, will talk on 50 years of history of graffiti in California. All SCVHS members are invited.

In a letter to Mimi, All-State Savings on West Soledad Canyon Road in Canyon Country, offered their community room for Society functions.

In response to a letter from Tony Newhall, it was passed unanimously that the Society donate two Society memberships for the annual raffle of the Santa Clarita Valley Boys' and Girls' Club.

The meeting was adjourned by Mimi at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miles Metfessel*

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Miles Metfessel,  
Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TREASURER'S REPORT NO. 29

April 1, 1978 to April 30, 1978

BALANCE FORWARD

\$3,564.92

Income for April:

43 Outland Books @ 13.00	\$ 559.00
15 Memberships @ 5.00	75.00
25 Tours @ 5.00	125.00
4 Spikes @ 15.90	63.60
4 Lang Catalogs @ 1.50	6.00
1 Antelope Valley Book @ 2.00	2.00
Postage rec'd for Mailing Books	6.32

Total April Income

\$ 836.92

\$ 4,401.84

EXPENSES:

<u>Check</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	
211	4/4/78	Arthur H. Clark Co. Books	\$1,001.70
212	4/4/78	Antelope Valley Historical Books	16.00
213	4/4/78	Mimi White Recorder Tapes	8.89
214	4/11/78	Passick & Saunders Ins. Liability Ins., 1 yr.	123.00
215	4/19/78	Cynthia Neal Harris Recorder Tapes	12.55
216	4/19/78	Gerald G. Reynolds Photos & Reproduction	24.93
217	4/20/78	Diplomat Stationers Xerox - Mar.	3.50
218	4/20/78	Antelope Valley Bus Tour	187.20
219	4/21/78	U.S. Postmaster Box Rent	8.00

Total April Expenditures

\$1,385.77

Balance in Account 6679-1301 @ 4/30/78

3,016.07

\$ 4,401.84

Submitted:

Paul O. Keiser  
Treasurer

Approved:

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President

Approved:

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Secretary

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

San Sylmar Tour  
15180 Bledsoe St.  
Sylmar, Calif. 91342

April 12, 1978

Dear Sir:

Our Historical Society would like to make reservations for a tour for approximately 50 persons. Saturday morning preferred, if possible, or a Sunday tour.

Please let us know the date so we can make our plans. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

Charles H. Lawrance  
1340 Kenwood  
Santa Barbara, California 93109

April 12, 1978

Dear Mr. Lawrance:

Thank you for sending us your book "The Death Of A Dam."  
It is very well written. When we find a "home" your book will  
certainly find a prominent place there, so it can be enjoyed  
by all who come to visit.

The St. Francis Dam site has been officially declared a  
California State Historical Landmark. Our society is planning  
a dedication program on Sunday, May 21, at 11:00 A. M. at the  
dam site. (our original program in March had to be postponed  
because of rain making the road unsuitable for traffic.)  
You are invited to attend our May 21st program.

Enclosed please find a check for \$7.20 for two copies of  
your book.

Sincerely yours,  
*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*Copy*



MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS  
15180 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, California 91842  
(213) 867-1085

April 15, 1978

Helen Blancher  
Box 875  
Newhall, Ca 91322

Dear Ms. Blancher:

Thank you for your letter requesting a tour of San Sylmar -  
Merle Norman Cosmetics Tower of Beauty.

We are able to accommodate you for a tour on October 28 at  
10:30 a. m. for a group of 45 or less. Please write to confirm  
or cancel this tour date with me as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or for further information,  
please don't hesitate to call.

Again, thank you for your interest in San Sylmar! We are  
looking forward to your visit.

Cordially,  
SAN SYLMAR

Ingrid Bradley  
Tour Manager



4-16-78

To Whom It May Concern:

As my husband was looking through some old magazines, he ran across your add for souvenir ~~specimens~~ of the Lang ~~Station~~ <sup>Station</sup> Centennial.

He is an "N" scale enthusiast and a member of an "N" scale model club. Our own cars carry a road name of "Lang Southern". I realize this add is over a year old, but by chance you might <sup>have</sup> one. Or any information pertaining to Lang Station and how it got its name.

This is of great interest as our last name is "Lang". Where is Lang Ranch?

Sincerely,

Sheryl Lang

17120 Ermaite, Torrance Ca

90504

Sheryl Lang  
17120 Ermanita  
Torrance, Calif. 90403

Dear Mrs. Lang:

In reply to your letter about Lang Station, our celebration on the site in 1976, and the souvenir spike: John Lang grew produce for Los Angeles markets, built a hotel which became the center of bear-hunting expeditions, and chanced to be where the rails met, near the west end of Soledad Canyon in 1876, joining Los Angeles to San Francisco and the rest of the continent. The little railroad station was named for him and, sad to say, was demolished by the Southern Pacific only within the past decade.

We had many railroad buffs interested in the event, including the "Live Steamers" of San Fernando Valley, which organization one of our members, Carl Eppich, is active in. He might provide your husband with more detailed information, and can be reached through our post office box.

If you would like to purchase a golden spike we do have some available. I'm enclosing one of the "fliers" we sent out at that time which has an order form, and also a map showing the location of Lang Station. I've changed the address, as you will see, and your order should also be mailed to our box 875, as shown on the letter-head.

We will be pleased to try and answer any further questions you or your husband may have.

Sincerely,

Mimi White

president

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

John Wayne  
9570 Wilshire Blvd.  
Suite 400  
Beverly Hills, Ca. 90212

April 17, 1978

Dear John:

We of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society appreciate your acknowledgement of the error that gold was not discovered 1st at Sutters Mill, but at Placerita Canyon. We felt that the error was of such great gravity that it needed to be corrected and we appreciate your efforts to correct it by contacting Great Western to rectify the situation.

We were saddened to hear of your hospitalization, but were greatly rejoiced at your rapid recovery.

We of the Society would be greatly pleased if you would accept Honorary Membership in our Society.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Blancher*

Mrs. Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

April 18, 1978  
Newhall Historical Society  
Newhall, Ca.

I would like to know what  
time the dedication for the  
St. Francis Dam will be May  
12? I'm Henry Ruiz's daughter  
and I would like to be there.  
Because of the weather I missed  
the Memorial.

Thank you  
Rosemary Ruiz  
1345 Ben Hur Rd  
Raymond, Calif.  
93653

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

San Sylmar  
Ingrid Bradley  
15180 Bledsoe St.  
Sylmar, Ca. 91342

April 22, 1978

Dear Ms. Bradley:

This is to confirm our reservations for a tour on October 28, 1978 at 10:30 A.M.

If any problems should arise, please contact me at work between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. at 213-786-0089 and after 4 P.M. at my home, 805-252-3329.

Thank you for your prompt reply to our request. We are looking forward to our visit.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TREASURER'S REPORT NO. 30

May 1, 1978 to May 31, 1978

BALANCE FORWARD			3,016.07	
Income for May 1978:				
8 Outland Books @ 13.00		104.00		
1 Outland Books special		10.02		
9 Bakersfield Trips @ 15.00		135.00		
1 Membership		5.00		
1 Jr. Membership		<u>2.00</u>	256.02	
Total May Cash Available			<u>          </u>	<u>3,272.09</u>
EXPENSES:				
Check	Date	Payee		
220	5/18/78	The Copier		
		Copy History Book	18.75	
Total May Expenditures			<u>18.75</u>	
Bank Balance at May 31, 1978			<u>3,253.34</u>	
				<u>3,272.09</u>

NOTE: Investment fund of \$2000.00 to be taken from  
Bank Account June 8 and will be earning 6-1/4%  
annually beginning July 1, 1978.

Submitted: Paul O. Keim  
Treasurer

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Rosemary Ruiz  
1345 Ben Hur Road  
Raymond, Ca., 93653

May 1, 1978

Dear Mrs. Ruiz:

The plaque dedication designating the site of the St. Francis Dam as a Registered California Historical Landmark (No. 919), will be held on the bluff overlooking the remains of the dam .. about ten miles up San Francisquito Cyn. from Bouquet Junction. The ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Sunday, May 21st.

We will look forward to meeting you at that time.

Sincerely,

*Mimi White*

president

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Tuesday, 2 May 1978

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Placerita Junior High School

The meeting was opened by President Mimi White at approximately 7:45 PM with a greeting to all attendees. Board members not present included Bob Hanson, Chic Kierstad, Delores and Walt Klinger, Miles Metfessel, Craig Obara, Betty Pember, Phyllis Russell, Alice and Paul Sloane, and Mike Shuman. Non-board historical society members and guests in attendance included Betty Evans, Eleanore Von Hasse, Alice Kline, Denice Ptolomy, and Don Ray.

Paul Kline, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The total income for April 1978 was \$836.92. The total April expenditures were \$1385.77. The bank balance on 30 April 1978 was \$3,016.07.

The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were approved as written.

Mimi introduced Denice Ptolomy, friend of Don Ray, who will assist Don in preparing and distributing the flyers and publicity for the 21 May dam disaster plaque dedication ceremonies. Denice offered to help in the layout of the printed program for the commemoration.

Alice Kline suggested giving directions to people such as by a map on how to get to the dam site.

Art Evans reviewed preparations for the remembrance ceremonies which are to be held on 11 AM, Sunday, 21 May. The four governmental agencies which gave assistance after the dam collapse will be represented. These agencies are the California Highway Patrol, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, and the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service and the Fire Department are reparing the site for the memorial. Jerry Reynolds has made arrangements for the plaque to be delivered by stagecoach. The stagecoach will have a better route than before the recent flooding.



California Historical Registered Landmark Number 919 has been assigned to the dedication plaque.

A Boy Scout Troop will serve as color guard. Andy Downs, <sup>leader</sup> ~~student~~ at Placerita Junior High School, will be contacted about providing musicians with drums and bugles for the remembrance ceremonies.

It was passed unanimously that \$50.00 be provided to Don Ray for expenses incurred while preparing the program, letters, postage and publicity.

The loudspeakers from Placerita Junior High School and the blowhorns for the ceremonies will be handled by Tom Mason.

Barry Weaver, Sierra Club, will be contacted to provide radio communications such as contacting the stagecoach and so forth.

The 1978 Award of Merit for Restoration and Preservation of the California Conference of Historical Societies has been won by Carol and Frenchy Lagasse. This award was given to them in recognition of their work at Mentryville. The award luncheon will be held on 23 June in Bakersfield. It is hoped that the Society will be well represented, and that a table will be reserved for members who attend.

Don Ray will check on the availability of a speaker for a tour of downtown Los Angeles for August or later.

Alice Kline volunteered to sell from her station wagon at the commeration both Outland's book, Man-Made Disaster, and Charles H. Lawrance's publication, The Death of a Dam. The Society has about 75 to 80 of Charles Outland's books left.

Helen Blancher, Corresponding Secretary, read the thank-you note she sent to Mr. Lawrance for donating a copy of his book to the Society. She also invited him to attend the commemoration.

George Von Hasse reported on the San Sylmar tour, Saturday, 28 October, at 10 AM. He said 43 people had already signed up. He will investigate the possibility of a second or afternoon tour if there is enough interest.

George said there were 15 signups for the Bakersfield tour in June. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

It was passed unanimously that the treasurer transfer \$2000 from the general fund to an interest-paying, building fund account.

Mimi will ask Jerry to submit guidelines for board approval for the release of photographic prints to the public.

Action on Paul Sloane's outline for a SCVHS book was postponed.

It was passed unanimously that the Society pay the registration fee to enter the July 4 parade on "Great American Traditions." Among the suggestions for the Society entry were for Carol and Frenchy Lagasse, winners of the 1978 CCHS Award of Merit, to ride in an antique car or stagecoach that would fly the Society banner.

Art Evans circulated a book, Tales of the Antelope Valley, which had been loaned to him by Julia Dyer. It was passed unanimously that the Society pay approximately \$17.50 to have a xerox copy or equivalent made of this document.

Cindy Neal-Harris announced that the Federal Railroad Administration had granted permission to Southern Pacific Railway to close the Newhall-Saugus Signal (Switch).

After some discussion, Mimi said she would invite Mr. George J. Nigro to the next board meeting. Mr. Nigro, a Society member, is reported to be interested in obtaining the Saugus Train Depot and moving it to the playground of the Saugus school, which he and Mr. Adeebe G. Sadd recently purchased.

Mimi said she would check on whether the Society received a \$500 check from Mr. Hite for services given by Jerry Reynolds and others on the Lyons Station development.

Miss Lottie Patton, student at Canyon High School, and her Mother, Shirley, have asked the Society to help preserve the archeological site of eleven Indian mortars in Agua Dulce from the encroachment of a land developer. The Archeological Department at California State University at Northridge is seeking an injunction under the Antiquities Act to stop the developer from damaging the site.

A new historical center has been established in Los Angeles by the California Historical Society (CHS). Located in the Ticor building at 6300 Wilshire Blvd., the center will house the recently-acquired photographic collection donated by Title Insurance and Trust Company. The collection consists of over 50,000 prints, negatives, albums, books and artifacts chronicling the history of the Los Angeles area from the 1860's to the 1920's. These valuable resource materials will be available to historians, researchers, students, media, and the general public Monday through Friday from 1 PM to 4 PM.

On Friday, 19 May, the Acton Post Office will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the delivery of the first sack of mail in 1888. At 8:30 AM, Montie Montana will drive his 100-year-old stagecoach pulled by four matched paint horses on a mail delivery trip to both the Acton and Agua Dulce Schools. He will present a program at each school for the children.

The meeting was adjourned by Mimi at approximately 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miles Metfessel*

Miles Metfessel,  
Recording Secretary

JOHN WAYNE

9570 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400  
Beverly Hills, California 90212  
May 3, 1978

Mrs. Helen Blancher  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical  
Society  
Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

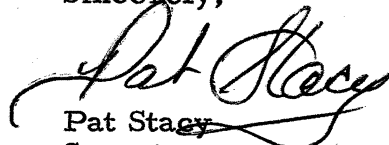
Dear Mrs. Blancher:

Thank you for your letter of April 17.

Mr. Wayne is home now as I am sure you  
know and is coming along right on target.

He was most pleased by your offer of honorary  
membership and has signed the membership  
card. If there is anything further we should do,  
please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Pat Stacy  
Secretary

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

Mr. Charles H. Lawrance  
1340 Kenwood Rd.  
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93109

May 6, 1978

Dear Mr. Lawrance:

Thank you for your promptness in sending us the books that were ordered.

Our Society Board has extended an invitation to you to attend our May 21st Dedication Program at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Francis Dam site. If you would like to offer your book, "Death Of A Dam" for sale during that day, please feel free to do so.

Mr. Outlands book " Man-Made Disaster" will be available that day. The Board felt that "due to the nature of the occasion", that low key advertising would be appropriate.

We would suggest that perhaps you might want to set up a card table right along side your car, next to the person in charge of selling Mr. Outlands book. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mrs. Mimi White at 805-259-2138, our society president.

Thank you again for your interest in helping our Society.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

John A. Mejedly, Chairman  
Natural Resource Wildlife Committee  
%California State Senate  
Sacramento, California 95801

May 6, 1978

Dear Mr. Mejedly:

We of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society fully  
support making the Antelope Valley Indian Museum a State Park.

This Museum contains one of the finest collections of  
Southwestern Indian Art and Artifacts. The building that  
houses the collection is of architectural interest as well.

The Antelope Valley Indian Museum as a State Park would be  
a real asset to the California State Parks Systems!

Sincerely yours,

Mimi White,  
President

MW/hb



MEMBERSHIP  
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Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Gerald Shue*  
PRESIDENT

*Janette Chen*  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91321

May 8, 1978

Dear Mrs. White:

We are most delight in your interest to join our society and welcome you as an active member.

Normally, our monthly meeting is held on First Wednesday at 7:30 pm at Castleler School. However, the business conducted of the previous month's meeting mailed to you will denote the specific location and time. We cordially invite you to attend.

In addition the Board of Director's meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Hong Kong Low Resturant at 7:00 pm. Again, we extend an invitation to you to attend.

Sincerely,

*Gerald Shue*

Gerald Shue  
President

GS/jc

1648 Redcliff St.  
L.A. 90026

23428 Happy Valley Dr.  
Newhall, Calif.-91321

Michael J. McIntyre  
1689 Villa Ave.,D-14  
El Centro,Calif.-92243

May 10,1978

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

John Foster of the B.L.M. relayed your request for dates of Historical articles which appeared in "The Signal" to me.

The series, which was entitled "Santa Clarita Cavalcade", started on Wednesday,January 28, 1976 and ran three days per week until Monday, April 19, 1976. This was a survey of the geological birth of the Santa Clarita Valley, the Indians, Spaniards, and ran through the driving of the golden spike up to the founding of the town of Newhall in 1876.

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There were other stories which appeared in the pages of "The Signal" however I think that these would be most appropriate to your needs. If you have other questions please write to the above address or call me at (805) 255-6023.

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
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23428 Happy Valley Dr.  
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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 875 - Newhall - California - 91322



Beale's Cut

John Wayne  
9570 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400  
Beverly Hills, California 90212

May 10, 1978

Dear John:

It was our pleasure to have you accept Honorary Membership to our Society.

We thought you might be interested to know that your friend, Harry (Dobey) Carey Jr., will be the Master of Ceremonies to dedicate the memorial plaque for the State Historical Landmark number 919, which marks the site of the St. Francis Dam disaster in San Francisquito Canyon. The dedication will take place May 21st at 11:00 A. M.

We would like to keep you informed of our society activities. Should we send our newsletter to 2686 Bayshore, Newport Beach or to 9570 Wilshire Blvd?

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Blancher*

Mrs. Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

JOHN WAYNE

9570 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400  
Beverly Hills, California 90212  
May 16, 1978

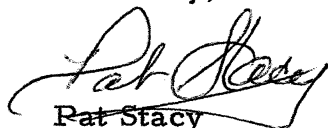
Mrs. Helen Blancher  
Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mrs. Blancher:

Thank you for your note of May 10.

You may send all correspondence to the above  
address since that is our business office address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Stacy".

Pat Stacy  
Secretary

# Public Relations Publications

222 South Figueroa Street  
Suite 620  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 624-1511

Don Ray - President \_\_\_\_\_

DAM SITE COMMEMORATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fifty years after Southern California's worst disaster, the St. Francis Dam site will finally be commemorated by the Santa Clarita Historical Society.

More than 400 people were killed on March 12, 1928 when the dam burst and leveled an area of 54 miles. At times this wall of water reached a height of 150 feet as it swept through the canyons northwest of Newhall.

Until recently little was known about the disaster. Accounts of the destruction were not recorded in history books and key witnesses refused to divulge any information.

To remind future generations of what happened here, the Historical Society will install a plaque at the dam site on Sunday, May 21 at 11 a. m. in San Francisquito Canyon.

Several of the survivors will relate their experiences on that tragic night.

A California Highway Patrolman is scheduled to share the story of his midnight drive through the nearby towns warning residents of the impending flood and instructing them to evacuate their homes

He also spoke at a luncheon held in Valencia for the survivors and their families in March. More than 175 survivors attended the reunion.

(more)

ATTACHMENT

SUGGESTED WORDING-MARKER IN SAN FRANSIQUITO CANYON

SITE OF THE ST. FRANCIS DAM

On this site in August of 1924 constructions started on the St. Francis Dam. When completed on March 1, 1926 the solid gravity concrete dam was 208.6 feet high, impounding a 600 surface acre lake, reaching 2.8 miles up San Fransiquito Canyon.

At 11:57½ P.M., March 12, 1928 the dam collapsed causing one of the greatest disasters in the history of California.

California Registered Historical Landmark No. 666666

Plaque placed by the State Department of Parks and Recreation in Cooperation with the United States Forest Service and the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, March 12, 1978.

(may 21)

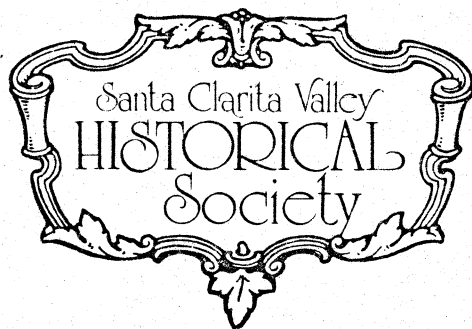


Gerald G. Reynolds

President

Santa Clarita Valley

Historical Society



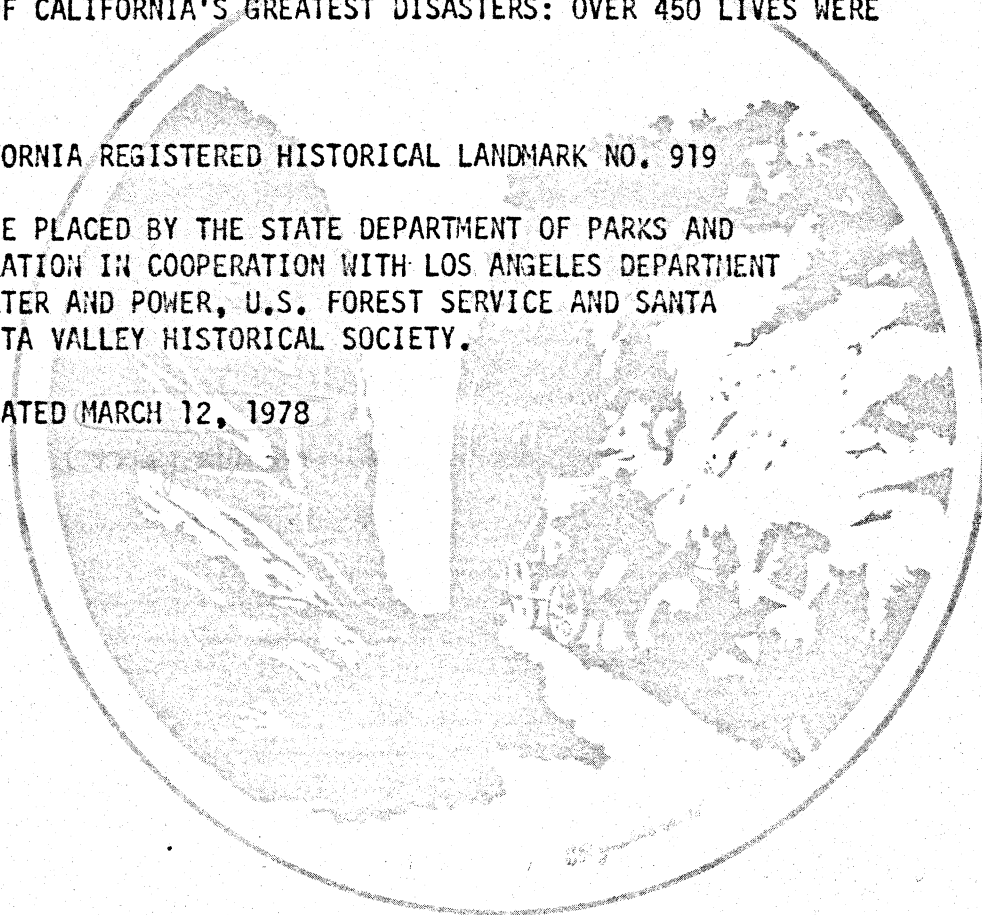
### ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE

THE ST. FRANCIS DAM, PART OF THE LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT SYSTEM, STOOD 1 1/2 MILES NORTH OF THIS SITE. ON MARCH 12, 1928, THE 185-FOOT HIGH CONCRETE DAM COLLAPSED JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT, SENDING 12 & 1/3 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER ROARING DOWN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY 54 MILES TO THE OCEAN. THIS WAS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S GREATEST DISASTERS: OVER 450 LIVES WERE LOST.

CALIFORNIA REGISTERED HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 919

PLAQUE PLACED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN COOPERATION WITH LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

DEDICATED MARCH 12, 1978



ODE TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE  
ST FRANCIS DAM.

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Water, water, rang the ditty,  
Water, water, for the City.  
Let the desert bare and dry,  
Stretched beneath the clear blue sky,  
Bring forth flowers that bloom all year,  
Bring forth orchids fresh and clear.

Water, water, rang the ditty,  
Water, water, for the City.

Pipe the water from the Valley,  
From the far off Owens Valley.  
Let the crystal water flow  
Into fields where fruit trees grow.  
Save the water, let it stop.  
Save the water, every drop.

Water, water, rang the ditty,  
Water, water, for the City.

Build a dam that's high and strong.  
Build a dam, so sang the song.  
Holding back the water pure  
Between the hills from shore to shore.  
Build a dam Mulholland stated,  
Build a dam this man related.

Water, water, rang the ditty,  
water, water, for the City.

The dam was tall, the dam was thick,  
The dam it dammed the rushing creek.  
The lake was deep and three miles long.  
The dam was full, so sang the song.  
The water pushed like little wedges,  
The water leaked around the edges.

Water, water, rang the ditty,  
water, water, for the City.

The keeper called the man incharge,  
The Keeper said "The leak is large.  
Sound the alarm, I fear a break.  
There's more than just a dam at stake.  
Below the dam a canyon deep.  
Below the dam five thousand sleep".

Water water, rang the ditty.  
Water, water, for the City.

The dam it cracked from side to side.  
The dam it burst, the gap was wide.  
A wave of water poured on through.  
The dam was lost, the Keeper too.  
Cement and debris crashed and rumbled.  
Cement and debris cracked and tumbled.



Water, water, sang the song.  
Water crested, high and strong.

For fifty miles the water ran,  
For fifty miles below the dam.  
It washed away the homes and land,  
It left a wash of sterile land.  
Four hundred men who died that day,  
Four hundred men that turned to clay.

Water, water, still must flow.  
Water makes the City grow.  
Without water, this land must,  
Like a desert, turn to dust.

Michael G. Barclay.  
27611 Santa Clarita Rd,  
Saugus, Calif. 91350

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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 TREASURER'S REPORT NO. 31

June 1, 1978 to June 30, 1978

BALANCE FORWARD

\$3,253.34

Income for June 1978:

1 Outland Book @ 13.00	\$	13.00
4 Memberships @ 5.00		20.00
23 Bakersfueld Trips @ 15.00		345.00
2 Lagasse Award Lunchs @ 6.00		<u>12.00</u>

Total Cash Received - June  
 Total Cash Available

\$ 390.00  
\$3,643.34

Expenditures for June 1978:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Reason</u>		
6/6/78	Steve Dorst	221	Historical Award	\$	10.00
6/6/78	Lee French	222	Historical Award		10.00
6/6/78	Conf. of Cal. Historical Society	223	Awards Dinners		84.00
6/6/78	Placerita Jr. High Bank	224	Donation for Service at Dam		25.00
6/6/78	Gerald G. Reynolds	225	Photographics		8.81
6/6/78	Mimi White	226	Bakersfield Trip Lunchs & Copies		200.51
6/7/78	Denise Ptolemy	227	Dam Publicity		20.59
6/7/78	Cynthia Neal Harris	228	Postage		4.42
6/7/78	Antelope Valley Bus	229	Bakersfield Trip		200.00
6/7/78	Paul Sloane	230	Plaque Supplies		16.42
6/7/78	B of A.	231	Start Savings Acct		<u>2,000.00</u>

Total Cash Paid Out

\$2,579.75

Bank Balance 6/30/78

1,063.59

\$3,643.34

Building Fund Savings Account:

6/8/78	Account Opened	2,000.00
6/30/78	Int. Earned - June	<u>8.57</u>
	Current Balance 6/30/78	2,008.57

Submitted:

*Paul D. Kline*  
 Treasurer

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

President

Tuesday, 6 June 1978

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Placerita Junior High School, Newhall, California

A preliminary meeting which preceded the regular board meeting was opened by President Mimi White at 7:55 PM. This meeting was held before the children and parents of Mrs. Bonnie Youngdahl's grammar school class. This class had prepared compositions on local history which had been judged by a committee consisting of Jerry Reynolds, Dorothy Riley, Tom Mason, and Lenore Williams. Jerry Reynolds presented the awards to the class members.

The regular gathering of the Board of Directors was convened by Mimi at approximately 8:25 PM. Board members not present included Carl Eppich, Bob Hanson, Chic Kierstad, Delores Klinger, Craig Obara, Alice Sloane, Mike Shuman, and George Von Hasse. Betty Evans was the only non-board Society member present.

Paul Kline, Treasurer, passed out copies of the financial report for May 1978. The total income for May 1978 was \$256.02. The total April expenditures were \$18.75. The bank balance on 31 May 1978 was \$3,253.34. Paul reported that an investment fund of \$2000 will be taken from the bank account on 8 June and will be earning 6-1/4 percent annually beginning 1 July 1978.

The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were approved as written.

Mimi announced that guest speaker for the general meeting on Wednesday, 21 June, will be Lloyd Houghton, local artist and historian. He will give his personal remembrances of Newhall in the early 1900's which he has effectively portrayed on canvas.

The California Conference of Historical Societies Awards Luncheon was discussed. Mrs. Claire Radford of LaHabra, said a table was reserved for eight SCVHS members. Because of a full program and tight scheduling, one minute was allotted to present the award to the Lagasses for their work at Mentryville on restoration and maintenance.

Paul Sloane suggested using an old-fashioned doctor's buggy in the July 4 parade on "Great American Traditions". A slogan for the sign will be needed. One suggestion was "Whatever Happened to House Calls? "

To provide time for preparing for the July 4 parade, the next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 June, after the general Society meeting.

The ice cream social at Mentryville on Sunday, 16 July, will replace the regular Society general meeting in July.

It was passed by the board that a donation of \$25 and a thank-you note be sent to the Placerita Junior High School Band, c/o Andy Downs, Director, for their assistance at the dam disaster commemoration ceremonies on 21 May 1978.

A discussion was held on preparing certificates of appreciation for guest speakers.

In a letter to the SCVHS, a representative of the Ventura Historical Society asked if the Society would be interested in sponsoring an article on railroads which would appear in the Winter issue of the Ventura Society Quarterly. Mimi assumed that this donation would include time and materials. It was decided to ask our Corresponding Secretary, Helen Blancher, to write and find out exactly what is entailed in the proposed project.

It was passed unanimously that (1) name tags be prepared by Ed Blancher for board members, and (2) a notice be placed in the Newsletter asking Society members interested in having their own name tag to contact Walt or Delores Klinger at the next meeting.

It was passed unanimously that a committee be appointed by Mimi to make a complete study of the dues structure of the Society and make recommendations for the August Board of Directors meeting. This study committee consists of Paul Kline, Art Evans, Jerry Reynolds, George Von Hasse, and Ed Blancher.

Jerry Reynolds reported that the first Battle of Fort Tejon will be held on Sunday, 18 June 1978.

Mimi read a letter from Ms. Rosemary Ruiz in which she attempted to clarify what Charles Outland had said in his book, Man-Made Disaster, about her father, Henry Ruiz, moving out of the area after the dam collapse. Ms. Ruiz said her father built the house below the cemetery after the disaster, and that she and her brother were both born and raised there.

Cindy Neal-Harris reported that on Thursday Evening, 8 June, at 7:30 PM, the last graduation at the Saugus School will be held. In response to a request, Cindy had prepared a brief history of the Saugus School.

Helen Blancher, Corresponding Secretary, will coordinate with Betty Pember about writing letters concerning (1) placing the Saugus School bell, and (2) possibly obtaining land near Hart Park.

The meeting was adjourned by Mimi at approximately 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miles Metfessel*

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Miles Metfessel,  
Recording Secretary

23428 Happy Valley Dr.  
Newhall, Calif., 91321

Editor  
Valley News  
14539 Sylvan St.  
Van Nuys, Calif.-91408

June 7, 1978

Dear Editor:

In your NORTH section for Wednesday, June 7, 1978, on the front page, appeared a photo essay called, "Scenic Vasquez Rocks Once Was Bandit's Lair." The pictures are excellent but the story has some inaccuracies.

The story of the enraged husband finding Vasquez with his wife, shooting him, and bringing the sheriff to the bandit's hideout is not true.

Sheriff Billy Rowland and Tiburcio Vasquez were engaged in a cat-and-mouse- game of spy and counter-spy for months before the famous capture. Neither man could make a move without informants reporting to their respective chiefs.

Finally, on May 14, 1874 Rowland received word that "The Scourge of California" was holed up at the home of "Greek George" Allen, two miles north of Cahunga Pass. Realizing that Vasquez knew his every movement, the sheriff stayed in town and slipped an 8 man posse out at 1:30 in the morning, hidden in an old ox cart. Shortly after noon on the fourteenth, the men surrounded the L shaped home of Mr. Allen, and caught Tiburcio just sitting down to lunch. There was the usual "Western" shootout, in which the outlaw was wounded, captured, and taken to jail.

"Greek George", by the way, was spying on the sheriff, while his wife was fixing Vasquez's lunch. Hardly the action of an enraged husband.

It is true that the Bandito had numerous affairs and it never mattered to him if the lady was married or not, he was not captured in the way you reporter explained it. It almost happened in Lake Hughes

like that, and, perhaps, there is a confusion of stories.

The bandit, by the way, was treated like a hero in Los Angeles, people bringing him gifts in jail, putting on stage plays under his "direction", while he endorsed products and sold postcards of himself for a quarter.

Which just goes to show that the truth is ,indeed, far stranger than fiction.

Sincerely,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*

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Gerald G. Reynolds,

Curator  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical  
Society



CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SO. CALIF.

General Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 1978

7:30 p.m.

Castelar Elementary School

850 Yale St.

Los Angeles, Calif.

AGENDA

A. Old Business

1. Dragon Boat Festival
2. Oral History
3. Chinese Cemetery

B. New Business

1. "Newspaper Day"

Program:

Photo Display: "Fire in Hawaii Chinatown"

Slide Show: "Chinese Pioneer in Hawaii"

Speaker: Chuck Yee

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

Minutes of Dinner Meeting - May 6, 1978  
7:00 PM - Golden Dragon Restaurant

Presiding: Gerald Shue, President- Minutes submitted: Helen Chang, Sec.

Vice-Pres. Munson Kwok  
Membership Sect'y- Janette Chun  
Treasurer: Kaza Dong

Directors: John Ching, Helen Young  
Lucie Chang Hirata,  
Miyoko Nakagari

Following Members and Guests attended:

Beverly Picazo	James & Fran Economidis	Guy Lee
Helen L. Blancher	Jung Mei & P.H. Liu	Soon Teck Oh
Shirley A. Patton	Mr. & Mrs. Tung Yee	Mr & Mrs. Tyrus Wong
Ed. Blancher	Cynthia Neal-Harris	Jim Cummings
Melvin Sprechet	Mimi White (SCVHS)	Tai-Ling Wong
Gladys Waddingham	Col & Mrs. J. Zanghi	Richard Quan
F. Waddingham	Mr.&Mrs. Oliver Ong	James Hong
Joyce Wong	Florence Wong	Edith Q Jung
Eileen Hopkins	Stan & Sylvia Mu	Robert Jung
Richard Rogers	Mary Moy	Charles Wong
Laurence Hugh	Jim Crovell	Donald Thomas
Olivia Hazel	Pam Ratner	Joycelyne M. Lew
Mary Yee	Pat & Norman Au	Jim Jue
Chuck Yee	Margie & Albert Lew	Alvin Ing
Wheelocks (2)	Stanton Mu	Rose Chan
Arthur and Betty Evans	Joe Favatella	Kenneth Dong
Lillie Shue	Chiyuko Favatella	Betty Welcome
Beatrice Woo	Lucinda Bogel	Henry Welcome
Stephen Chang	Stan Bogel	Helen & Art Young
Jim, Joanne & Selma Kallis	Mr. & Mrs. George Ming	Gloria Williams
Jane & Don Hugh	Mrs. Earl Wong	Gerald L. Shue
Bernice Sam	Ella Quan	George Yee
Geraldine Mensen	Nancy Wey	Elsie Yee
Gordon Chow	Emma W. Louie	Munson Kwok
Joanne M. Wong	Ed & Evelyn Cuchiarella	Leland Sun
Ray & Eunice Wilson	M/M Val Villa	Eileen Sun
Betty Chase	Joanne Napoli	John Ching
Pet Master	Ruth Cumming	Barbara Ching
Anna Q. Lowrey	Joe and Alice Yee	George Lew
Wing & Joyce Mar	Eugene W. Moy	Mabel Lew
Wanda Leong	Flo Lum	Ruby Ling Louie
Annabelle Liebe	Al Lum	William Moy
Judy Tachibana	Sue Yee	Stan Lau
June Chuman	E. W. Holland	Dora Lau
Dr. & Mrs. Allen Wong	Cynthia Lee Kushi	Helen Chang
Dr. & Mrs. Andrew K. Wong	Allen Dong	
Mr. and Mrs. Del Peterson	Mr. & Mrs. John Clerx	

1. Introductions:

Mr. Gerald Shue introduced: Ms. Mamie White, President of Santa Clarita Calley Historical Society, Ms. Mary Ming, Vice-President of Kern County Historical Society and Dr. Andrew Wong, President of San Gabriel Valley Chinese Cultural Association. Mr. Shue announced a conference of Association of Historical Societies of Los Angeles County on Saturday, May 20, 1978 at

Arthur W. Evans  
22366 Barbacoa Drive  
Saugus, California 91350  
(805) 259-7407

September 11, 1978

Dear Dan:

I am writing this letter to you just to save Mimi White the trouble as it involves Historical Society and U.S.F.S. business that I am familiar with and regarding which we are in need of your help.

Some three or four years ago a man by the name of Tom Bell somehow acquired possession of an antique fire engine for which he apparently has no use. It was his thought to give it to the Forest Service to be refurbished and for use in parades etc. Several in the F.S. office worked on this but got no where due to difficulties involved in government ownership, licensing, insurance and the inability of the F.S. to expend funds for the refurbishing.

Now Dave Kohut has asked me to try and come up with a solution; perhaps I have but there are obvious legal problems that are involved.

It is my suggestion that the engine be donated to the Historical Society. The Society Board and Mr. Bell agree to this although Mr. Bell would require a legal transfer of ownership that would relieve him of any possibility of financial liability. Also, that should the Society disband or for any reason decide to dispose of the engine that it not revert to private ownership and that the value of the engine be appraised so that he may claim tax credit.

The Society would provide storage of the engine at Mentryville and would enter into an agreement with the Forest Service to make it available for appropriate events. The Society would have to assume the responsibility of proper licensing and adequate liability insurance although our present policy may cover this.

The Society would also enter into an agreement with the Santa Clarita Valley Antique Car Club to do the refurbishing. I haven't the slightest clue as to what this might involve however there should be some mutually acceptable agreement between the two organizations regarding prior expenditure of any funds that might be required.

It is very possible that there should be other provisions for mutual protection. Regarding this I would rely on your own good judgement.

Thanks for anything that you can do to get this matter finally resolved.

Sincerely,

AW

# THE SIGNAL

September 22, 1978

Mrs. Cindy Neal-Harris  
c/o Blue Cloud Mineral Co.  
28945 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Saugus, Calif. 91350

Dear Cindy:

The other night at the meeting at Mimi's house when we talked about the calendar, someone mentioned about the closing of Beale's Cut Restaurant. I checked on this and we ran a short item, which you may have seen, in the Signal's gossip column. Apparently, Magic Mountain has closed the restaurant and has placed all the historical items in storage.

I think it would behoove the Historical Society to contact Magic Mountain and at least put a word in for the items. Even if we don't have a place to display them right now, it would keep Magic Mountain from selling them off or disposing of them elsewhere. The person to contact would be the head of the restaurant division, whoever that may be.

Let me know if you have any luck in selling the idea of the calendar.

Regards,

  
Tony Newhall

TN:jp

Manager,  
Bobs Big Boy  
23911 Wiley Canyon  
R. Hall, Ca. 91321

September 23, 1978

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago a Mr. Surdin contacted our Society for photograph proofs for consideration to use in a new restaurant in our area.

We have now seen photographs in your recently opened restaurant that we believe to be from our files.

We are very disturbed that some of the photos are not labeled correctly. We would like to know who is responsible for the pictures on the wall, so that we may consult with him for the proper identification.

Sincerely yours,  
*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary



John Barringer, Vice President  
Property Development  
Bobe Big Boy Restaurants  
1001 E. Colorado Blvd.  
Glendale, Ca.

September 23, 1978

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago a Mr. Sardin contacted our Society for photograph proofs for consideration to use in a new restaurant in our area.

We have now seen photographs in a recently opened Bobe Big Boy Restaurant on Wiley Canyon in Newhall that we believe to be from our files.

We are very disturbed that some of the photos are not labeled correctly. We would like to know who is responsible for the pictures on the wall at the Wiley Canyon Restaurant, so that we may consult with him for the proper identification.

Sincerely yours,  
*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*H. Reynolds 10/1/78*



Mr. Howard Surdin  
1760 Nonrovia #12A  
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627

September 23, 1978

Dear Mr. Surdin:

To date we have not had a reply to the letters dated April 23, 1978 and June 14, 1978, that our Society's Curator wrote regarding proof sheets sent to you for "consideration" regarding a project for Alphy's.

We have now seen in a new Bob's Big Boy, recently opened on Wiley Canyon in Newhall, a collection of pictures that we believe to be from our files. We are very disturbed that the captions are incorrect on some of the pictures.

Are you the person responsible for the pictures being there?

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*BB 9/23/78*

Sept 26, 1978

Mimi White, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

Dear Mimi,

Paul and I have talked this over, and we would like to BUY back from the historical society, all negatives now in the possession of the Society and/or Craig O'Bara, that have not already been given out for "sale".

The ones already "sold" even though the Society did not receive the money for them, will remain with the society.

I will continue to stand by the society in proving that I have the originals of those already sold, and the fact that I did donate them to the Society with the stipulation that I was to receive a fresh copy of each one, and that the Society could reproduce them if they were compensated for same. Even though I never did receive a copy of ALL of those pictures copied for the Society by Craig O'Bara.

I would also like to suggest that all members of the board READ the by-laws, as your closed special meeting was not correct, according to three different areas of said laws. It was also a slap in the face to me, considering that I am one person that can prove the pictures are incorrectly labelled, and it also was an affront that I could not be trusted, yet Paul could. Neither of us was very thrilled about that. IF it was a beard meeting, I would not have had a vote anyhow, and moreover I am perfectly aware of that.

Sincerely,

*Alice B. Kline*

Alice B. Kline



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540



26 September 1978

Dear Ms. White:

*On behalf of the Trustees of Princeton University, I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of*

Golden Spike Centennial. Illustrated Historical  
Program. Edited by Ruth Newhall. Newhall, Santa Clarita  
Valley Historical Society, 1976

*which you have presented to the Library of the University. Please accept our  
sincere thanks for the gift.*

*Cordially,*

*Donald W. Katz*  
University Librarian

Ms. Mimi White  
President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Box 875  
Newhall  
California 91322

for Helen B)

# Associated Historical Societies

OF  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

REPRESENTING 7000 MEMBERS

Newsletter #51

September 1978

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 21, 1978--AHSLAC Fall Mini-Conference, Newhall
- November 3-4, 1978--Conference of California Historical Societies Annual Workshop, Cupertino

### MINI-CONFERENCE: FALL MEETING OF AHSLAC

The Fall Mini-Conference will be hosted by the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society in Newhall on Saturday, October 21, 9--5. Preservation and Restoration will be the theme. A tour of Mentryville in Pico Canyon and the restored Felton Schoolhouse there will be a highlight of the day. Program and registration forms will be mailed the first of October. Mimi White, Santa Clarita H.S. president writes about the Mini-Conference: "Preservation begins to join Mom, Apple Pie, and 'Have a good day' as unassailable American virtues. What churl would dare suggest historical blocks or buildings aren't worth saving? I quote Art Seidenbaum, L.A. Times, Monday, July 24, and with him say, 'Not this churl!'. Don't be a churl! Come to Newhall, Saturday, October 21st.

### RVPs

Regional Vice-Presidents of Region 14 (Los Angeles County) were installed at the Annual Meeting in June in Bakersfield. They are also members of the Associated Board.

- 14A Millie Darter--467-9095
- 14B Ann E. Wiedel--754-9700
- 14C William J. Burkhart--454-0236
- 14D Joseph Northrup--257-1014
- 14E Leona Bourdet--336-2671

Contact them if you need help in your region--or any of the officers of Associated.

### President's Message

A start has been made in collecting the history of AHSLAC. Clara Ackerman, Associated's second president, graciously held a meeting at her home in August. Plans were made for collecting information about the founding and history of AHSLAC and a file was started for the newsletters and other publications. The former presidents are being asked to write up the highlights of their years and to share any photographs, records or papers. All material assembled will be kept in the AHSLAC Archives at the Andres Pico Adobe in Mission Hills. Any of you who have material or pictures you are willing to share, please contact me. We'd like to make the record as complete as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you at Newhall!

Claire Radford

### S.O.S S.O.S

Missing one newsletter for the files Does anyone have either #26 or #27 (we think there was only one), Jan. or May, 1969? Please would you share it?

### WHO'S WHO

Do you know who the Past Presidents of AHSLAC are?

- William F. Holtz, June 1959--Oct. 1960
- Clara Ackerman, October 1960--Jan. 1963
- Elva Meline, January--October, 1963
- Frederick W. Nelson, October 1963--1965
- Lillian Wiggins, October 1965--May 1967
- Roy Hoover, May 1967--May 1969
- Betty Welcome, May 1969--May 1971
- Patricia Warren, May 1971--May 1973
- Elva Meline, May 1973--May 1976

# D.G. ASSOCIATES

## DIMENSIONAL GRAPHICS

October 2, 1978

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Attn: Helen Blamcher

Re: Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, Newhall

Dear Helen:

In reference to your letter dated September 23rd to Mr. Surdin, two letters dated April 25th and June 14th from Mr. Reynolds, I will try to answer your questions.

Mr. Surdin is our photographer and does all of our photo blow up work. He was in contact with Mr. Reynolds who furnished the photo negatives for the Bob's Restaurant project. Mr. Reynolds thought the restaurant was an Alphy's, never the less we did use your selection and if the captions were wrong we would be more than happy to make any changes necessary to make the Society happy. Please send us the correct captions that should be on each photo and I will have all new brass tags made and installed as soon as possible.

We also have a cancelled check and an invoice showing we paid you \$65.00 for the use of the photos.

I have also been in contact with Mr. Doug Warren of Bob's Big Boy Main Office and assured him that I would take care of any problem pertaining to this project.

I will be waiting to hear from you with the new descriptions.

*BC Photos  
Corporation  
Brie McWilliams  
Bill + Craig*

*Craig labels?  
Jerry wrote*

*2 prints  
shopy + large*

*Jerry says  
neg. are his*

SANTA CLARITY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 2, 1978

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If you have any questions please call me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

D.G. ASSOCIATES  
Dimensional Graphics



Daniel J. Gordon

cc: Mr. Doug Warren  
Bob's Main Office

cc: Mr. Victor Newlove  
Armet, Davis, Newlove, A.I.A.

DJG/psk

Tuesday, 3 October 1978

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Placerita Junior High School, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President Mimi White at approximately 8:10 PM with a greeting to all attendees. Board members not present included Art Evans, Bob Hanson, Chic Kierstad, Paul Kline, Delores Klinger Criag Obara, Betty Pember, Frances Ronan, and Jerry Reynolds. Non-board historical society members and guests in attendance included Jim Didrickson, John MacIntosh, Tom Mason, Tony Newhall, Dorothy Riley, Eleanore Von Hasse, and junior member Patti Sloane.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

The treasurer's report for the period from 1 August 1978 to 31 August 1978 was the following: total income, \$576.30; total expenditures, \$148.56; bank balance 31 August, \$1434.87.

As part of our Society's attempt to establish policies and practices to handle photographs, John MacIntosh, attorney-at-law, discussed two photographic release agreement forms. One form is used by the San Fernando Valley Historical Society, and the other used by the Conejo Valley Historical Society. John said he would attempt to prepare a tentative photographic agreement form for review prior to the next Board of Directors' meeting.

John suggested stamping photographs with a proprietary statement such as, "Property of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society; reproduction by written permission only."

John felt the photographic agreement forms should be signed by someone on the Board of Directors. That way, it would be possible to

determine who received the photograph. If the contributor had restrictions on the use of the photograph, he could write them on the form.

A suggestion was made by Tom Mason that the forms and photographs be serialized. The index of forms and photograph could be cross-referenced prior to duplication to check on any possible restrictions.

Contacting those persons who have already contributed photographs to the Society was another suggestion made by John. He recommended sending them a photographic agreement form and asking them to express any restrictions they might have on it. The Society could keep copies of the letters sent out and note if there was no response.

Mimi said that the person probably responsible for mailing out these forms was Jerry Reynolds, since he is the Society curator.

Concern was expressed by many members of the board over the need of an additional policy and practice on publishing material written by either a member or group of members of the Society. It was suggested that procedures on written material as well as photographic material be prepared and given to John McIntosh for review. Mimi will attempt to get volunteers to form committees on these two items at the next general Society meeting and also possibly by running a notice in the Newsletter.

Mimi said she would also check with Ruth Newhall on the status and proprietary rights of photographs being reproduced by Paul Troxel, Newhall Signal, of both the SCVHS and Perkins' collections.

Helen Blancher, Corresponding Secretary, read three letters she recently sent out concerning Society photographs on display at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant on Wiley Canyon Road in Newhall. Most of the captions

on these photographs are incorrect. No replies have been received.

It was passed unanimously that the Society join both the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia and Canyon Country Chambers of Commerce for a year for \$30.

Tony Newhall met with Cindy Neal-Harris, Mimi, and Walt Klinger on the Society calendar that would feature sites of historical interest in the valley.

George Von Hasse, Tours Chairperson, reported that he had received no confirmations on reservations made by Society members for the San Sylmar Tour, Saturday, 28 October. Ten persons have signed up to participate in the tour of the San Andreas Fault, west from Gorman.

Dorothy Riley, Chairperson of the Committee on Oak Tree Survival, reported that an oak tree care seminar will be held on Wednesday, 1 November, at the Newhall Grammar School. This event will be co-sponsored by the West Los Angeles Resource Conservation District and the Placerita Nature Associates. On Thursday, 12 October, there will be a meeting with Joan Pinchuk, local representative of Supervisor Baxter Ward, at 7:30 PM in the Valencia Library to discuss the need for an oak conservation ordinance in the Santa Clarita Valley now. There has been too long a delay, Dorothy feels, in waiting for the total LA County Plan to be adopted.

The Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento notified our Society that they had received our Society's application for getting the Saugus Railroad Depot on the National Register. The office said they needed a great deal more information such as a detailed verification that the station was built around 1885. The Society will submit this information in time for the OHP January 1979 meeting.

Jim Didrickson has accepted the position of Chairperson of the Geneology Committee. He will be assisted by Alice Kline.

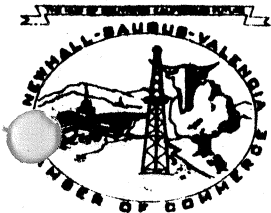
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miles Metfessel*

Miles Metfessel,  
Recording Secretary





## NEWHALL-SAUGUS-VALENCIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P.O. BOX 629 • NEWHALL, CALIFORNIA 91322  
TELEPHONE: (805) 259-4787

*Oct 3, 1978*

Dear Chamber Member:

We are enclosing your new plaque representing membership in the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce. We hope you will display it with pride and feel assured that you are a part of the reputable family of fine business concerns in the **Santa Clarita Valley** that now numbers well over 400 .

We also hope you will take advantage of the many services offered by our chamber such as free notary, free certificates of compliance and origin, free area maps, free community information materials and brochures, free referral and many other services too numerous to list. Call us if you require special help, assistance with grand openings, anniversary parties, mixers or miscellaneous consultation and we will be most willing to help.

We are located at the corner of Market Street and Walnut Avenue in downtown Newhall and are usually open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. unless other conferences/meetings take priority. The best policy is to call ahead.

Again, thank you for joining our chamber. We are here to serve you! If you are planning any special celebrations, sales, promotion of staff etc. we will gladly mention that information in our monthly newsletter IF you give us the information in time.

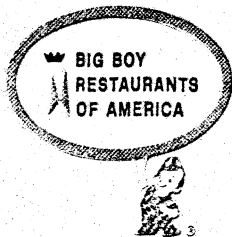
In closing, may we ask that you patronize our chamber members first. You will find they will usually serve you better and will take extra pains to accommodate a "fellow" chamber business or individual member. Be sure to mention that "The Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber sent you."

Thank you and good sailing in your business enterprise!

*Sara Faye Wood*  
Sara Faye Wood, President -1978

*Jo Anne Darcy*  
Jo Anne Darcy, Exec. Manager

Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce



October 5, 1978

Mrs. Alice B. Kline  
27808 Ferguson Drive  
Castaic, California 91310

Dear Mrs. Kline:

Enclosed please find a letter regarding the photographs in the California Room of our Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, Newhall, California. Inasmuch as you indicated that you were the contributor of some of the photographs to the Newhall Historical Society, you may want to communicate with the Society and/or D. G. Associates to be informed of the changes in the captions to the photographs being contemplated.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Very truly yours

Douglas B. Warren  
Development Coordinator

DBW/gr

cc: Daniel J. Gordon  
D. G. Associates

Victor Newlove  
Armet, Davis & Newlove, A.I.A.

Helen Blander ✓  
Sta. Clarita Valley Historical Soc.

file

Mrs. Ruth W. Newhall  
"The Newhall Signal"  
22508 W. 6th St.  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

October 5, 1978

Dear Mrs. Newhall:

This is to acknowledge receipt from you and "The Newhall Signal" of one Durable Loose Leaf Binder (brand name) containing the complete voter registration for Soledad Township in the year 1944.

Description is as follows:

One three ring binder, 6 & 3/4th inches by 9 inches with gray cloth covering. Hand printed on the front cover are the words "Soledad Township Directory - Compiled from Registration Records \* Not to be loaned or taken from Signal Office."

Contents are 38 past-board pages with the voter registration records glued thereon for the communities of Newhall, Castaic, Saugus, Solemint, Sterling, Acton, Liebre, and Neenach.

On behalf of the Society I wish to extend a very special thanks to you and to the staff of "The Signal" for the donation of this valuable Historic record of our valley.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

File

Mrs. A.N. Trueblood  
23515 Lyons Ave.  
Valencia, California  
91355

October 10, 1978

Dear Bobbie:

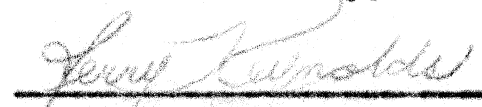
This is to acknowledge receipt from you of one page of printed photographs on slick paper entitled "Views of Newhall."

Description is as follows:

One page of six(6) photographic reproductions of street scenes in downtown Newhall. Pictures include the "Travellers Kafe", "Newhall Drugs", The first Presbyterian Church, the old New England style church, a chicken yard, and view down the present San Fernando Rd. The glossy slick page measures 10½ by 13 inches and is of the type that may have been at the top of a calender. Across the top are printed the words "Newhall Garage"... "Newhall Transfer and Storage"... "F.R. Lan kin, Proprietor, phone 9." The back of the page is plain white with no printing, etc.

On behalf of the Society I wish to extend a very special thanks to you for the donation of this valuable Historic record of our valley.

Sincerely,



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Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

*File*

Mrs. Anita Kellogg  
28032 No. Ermine  
Canyon Country, Ca.  
91351

October 10, 1978

Dear Ruby:

This is to acknowledge receipt from you of one (1) envelope bearing the Historic postmark of Surrey, California.

Description is as follows:

One envelope measuring 6 and 1/8 by 3 and 1/2 inches, standard U.S. Post Office issue with white profile of G. Washington on red oval embossed on upper right hand corner. In white are the words "United States, Two Cents;" and the numeral 2.

The envelope is address, in script, to Miss A.R. Jenkins, 2320 Searf St., Los Angeles, Cal. It is postmarked Surrey, Cal. 10 Apr., 1911.

As you know, Surrey was located midway between Saugus and Newhall and no longer is in existance.

On behalf of the Society I wish to extend a very special thanks to you for the donation of this valuable Historic record of our Valley.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

*File*

Mrs. Melba J. Fisher  
22835 8th St.  
Newhall, Calif. 91321

October 10, 1978

Dear Melba:

This is to acknowledge receipt from you of two (2) post card views of old Newhall, loaned for copy work.

Description is as follows:

The first post card (5½ by 3½ inches) shows a two story house in the lower left corner (back view), with train tracks running down the center of the picture. Written in the bottom center are the words, "View Newhall Cal.", in white ink.

The second card is a street scene in downtown Newhall, showing, on the left a building with the sign "Albert C. Swall, General Merchant." Dimensions are the same as above. The reverse is postmarked Newhall, Cal., December 7, 1897.

On behalf of the Society I wish to extend a very special thanks to you for allowing us to copy this valuable Historic record of our Valley. The originals are returned to you with this letter.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator



October 10, 1978

D.G. ASSOCIATES  
18340 WARD STREET  
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA.

Attention: Daniel J. Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon:

In response to your kind answer to our letter of September 23rd, wherein you state that you have our invoice and your canceled check for \$65.00, it would be most appreciated if you would provide our organization with a photostatic copy of the invoice, and of both sides of the check.

Thanking you in advance for your efforts, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Mimi White*

Mrs. Mimi White, President, SCVHS



# CANYON COUNTRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 11, 1978

Dear Members of the SCV Historical Society,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you into membership with the Canyon Country Chamber of Commerce. We hope you will take an active part in the affairs of the Chamber.

The major goal of any Chamber is, of course, to make its community an attractive place for residents and businesses. In addition, we try to be of service to visitors and communicate with the various governmental agencies.

As a member of the Chamber, you will receive our monthly newsletter, the Chamber DISPATCH, sometime around the middle of the month. Our Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday, and our general membership meetings are scheduled as and when we have a pertinent program of interest to the general membership.

We are enclosing your membership card. Your plaque should be ready within a week or two. You will be notified.

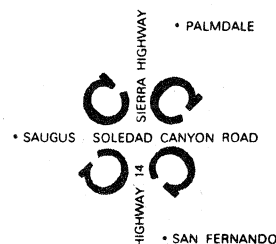
Again, our thanks for your membership. We'll look forward to working with you and for you.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. White  
President

TRW/blm  
enc.



19333 Soledad Cyn. Rd.  
Canyon Country,  
Calif. 91350  
Phone: 252-4131



MEMBERSHIP CARD

SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This is to certify that

is a member in good standing of the



*Canyon Country  
Chamber of Commerce*

and entitled to all the rights and  
privileges of membership.

*10-4-79*

Expires

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald R. White".

President

# Associated Historical Societies

OF  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FALL CONFERENCE

Hosted by

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1978

Newhall Elementary School  
Chestnut and 11th Street  
Newhall, California

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## PROGRAM

9:00 - 9:30	REGISTRATION (coffee & donuts)	Cafetorium, Newhall Elementary School
9:30 - 10:00	BUSINESS MEETING	Claire Radford, President
10:00 - 10:45	PICTORIAL HISTORY of NEWHALL AREA	Gerald G. Reynolds, Past President, Historian, Curator, of Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society
10:45 - 11:15	HISTORY OF MENTRYVILLE	Carol Lagasse, restorer of Mentryville (with her husband, "Frenchy")
11:15 - 11:25	ONE-ROOM SCHOOL TEACHING	Helen Mace Burson, Felton School teacher 1915 - 1917
11:25 - 11:40	PRESERVATION OF NATIVE OAKS	Dorothy Riley
11:45 - 12:45	LUNCH	CANYON COUNTRY BUFFET
12:45 - 2:15	DRIVE	CARAVANS TO LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST, AS MARKED ON ATTACHED MAP
2:155	RETURN TO SCHOOL,	TO MENTRYVILLE IN INDIVIDUAL CARS
2:30 - 5:00	MENTRYVILLE	RECEPTION, HOSTS: CAROL AND FRENCHY LAGASSE, ASSISTED BY NEWHALL WOMAN'S CLUB and SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HIST- ORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS. GUIDED DRIVES UP CANYON TO PICO #4 OIL WELL. DOCENT TOURS OF MENTRY HOME AND FELTON SCHOOL.

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PLEASE SEND RESERVATION WITH CHECK BY OCTOBER 17, 1978 to:

Mrs. Carolyn Riggs  
1303 Glenoaks Blvd.  
San Fernando, Ca. 91340

Sally O'Callahan  
21634 Cleardale  
Newhall, Calif. 91321

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# THE SIGNAL

October 24, 1978

Mrs. Mimi White  
24720 Arcadia  
Newhall, Calif. 91321

Dear Mimi:

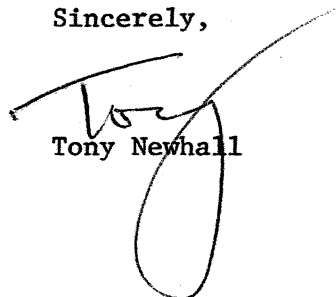
The business editor here at The Signal, Art Beeghly, just mentioned something that might be of interest to the Historical Society. Six months ago he did a story on a local woman named Mrs. John Stephens, who does work under the name of Dockside Designs, 27040 Rio Prado Drive, Valencia, Phone 259-5247.

Mrs. Stephens does caricatures and does very interesting pen and ink work, and she has done many black and white drawings of historical subjects, such as the Hart Castle, Pioneer Oil Refinery and the Felton School. Some of these drawings she has placed on dinner plates and cups.

Art says she is very friendly and may be willing to do some of her work for the Historical Society sometime. We may be able to use her talents in some way.

By the way, the Historical Calendar that I just received looks fantastic, much better than I ever imagined. You are to be congratulated for this great idea. I hope the Historical Society can put some effort into promoting and selling these because everyone who has seen the calendar wants to buy one. I think we can make a lot of money off them if we promote them properly.

Sincerely,

  
Tony Newhall

**D. G. ASSOCIATES**  
 18350 Ward Street  
 FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92708

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

DATE	10/18/78	JOB NO.	
ATTENTION	MRS MIMI WHITE		
RE:	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY		

TO  
 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 PO BOX 875  
 NEWHALL, CALIF. 91322

GENTLEMEN:

- WE ARE SENDING YOU  Attached  Under separate cover via \_\_\_\_\_ the following items:
- Shop drawings     Prints     Plans     Samples     Specifications
- Copy of letter     Change order     \_\_\_\_\_

COPIES	DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION
4			

THESE ARE TRANSMITTED as checked below:

- For approval     Approved as submitted     Resubmit \_\_\_\_\_ copies for approval
- For your use     Approved as noted     Submit \_\_\_\_\_ copies for distribution
- As requested     Returned for corrections     Return \_\_\_\_\_ corrected prints
- For review and comment     \_\_\_\_\_
- FOR BIDS DUE \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  PRINTS RETURNED AFTER LOAN TO US

REMARKS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME  
 T. Hobson

COPY TO \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: *Alan Landa*



# Conference of California Historical Societies

Phone (209) 946-2169

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95211

Santa Clara Valley  
Historical Society  
Box 875; Newark, Ca; 91322

Gentlemen

I was pleased to receive  
the May issue of your News  
letter, and hope that you  
will keep me on your  
mailing list. We feel that  
Ventura County and your  
area's history have much  
in common since Solaced  
Canyon is the upper end  
of the Santa Clara Valley  
& transportation, water prob-  
lems and other factors  
have made us neighbors  
As Editor of the Ventura  
County Historical Society  
Quarterly, I have included



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you in such issues as the  
Spring '74 on stages, Autumn  
'74 on the Santa Clara Road  
and Spring '77 on the back  
country; and our publica-  
tion on the Del Valle  
and Carmichael had whole  
chapters such as It on  
the discovery of gold in  
Placenta Canyon which  
would be of interest  
to you.

As a result of our cam-  
paign to secure railroad pic-  
tures we now have access  
to a collection of over 3000  
pictures relating to us  
and many to your roads.  
We would like to turn out  
a special railroad issue



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of which one article would  
be written by a fireman  
whose job was from  
stillborn to Saugus and  
thence to Los Angeles.  
Would your Society be  
interested in helping to  
sponsor it? Publication  
would not be until the  
end of the year (the  
winter issue).

If any of you are in  
this region, I hope you  
contact me. Meetings of  
the Conference are another  
Sincerely yours

Grant Heil

221 N. KATHERINE DR.  
VENTURA, CA 93003  
(805) 643-7318

Grant W. Heil  
REFERENCE CONSULTANT

VENTURA COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA  
HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

VENTURA COLLEGE  
WHO'S WHO  
IN THE WEST

Tuesday, 7 November 1978

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Placerita Junior High School, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President Mimi White at approximately 7:50 PM with a greeting to all participants. Board members not present included Bob Hanson, Chic Kierstad, Craig Obara, Betty Pember, Frances Ronan, Phyllis Russell, and Mike Shuman. Non-board historical society members and guests in attendance included Betty Evans, Eleanore Von Hasse, Norm Harris, and Tom Mason.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

It was passed unanimously that the Society reimburse \$10.00 to the Newhall Women's Club for cider leftover from the AHSLAC miniconference at Mentryville and which was served by the Society at recent tours.

It was passed unanimously that the Society reimburse Mimi for some local history books she purchased at the AHSLAC miniconference and which will be added to the library.

It was passed unanimously that the Society release the law office of Dan Hon from the position of legal representative of our Society and transfer the Society files in his office to the office of the newly appointed Society legal counsel.

It was passed unanimously that the Society accept the volunteered, free legal services of John MacIntosh as Society counselor-at-law.



In accordance with the instructions of the Board of Directors, and in consultation with others, Mimi will compose a letter to Craig Obara, asking him to return in a week all Society photographic material that was entrusted to the Society and which is now in his files and to refrain from any further use of such materials for any purpose whatsoever.

Jerry Reynolds reported that Paul Troxell, Newhall Signal Photographer, verbally told him that he is making three sets of negatives of the Arthur Perkins' collection of photographs dealing with local history. This work is being done under the cognizance of Ruth and Tony Newhall. One set of negatives would be retained by the Signal; one set would be given to the Arthur Perkins' room in the Valencia Library; and the third set of negatives would be given to the Society. In addition, Paul Troxell indicated to Jerry that he would like to make three sets of negatives of the Society collection of photographs which would have the same distribution as the Perkins' materials. When Paul Troxell completes the work of copying the Perkins' collection and before he begins any work on Society photographs, the whole matter will be reviewed and voted on by the Board of Directors.

It was passed unanimously that the donor release form prepared by Attorney MacIntosh be accepted subject to certain changes and additions. The release form will contain three parts: an original and two copies. The original will be given to the curator; the first copy will be placed in the Society files; and the second copy will be given to the donor. These forms will be pre-numbered. If a form is voided it will still be filed. The release form is not just to be used for photographic materials but for any contributed items. The curator will have the sole responsibility and possession of the blank forms. These forms will be available

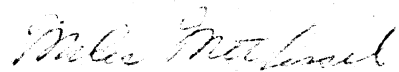
upon request to board members. There will be two Society signatures that acknowledge receipt from a donor: a board member and the curator.

Paul Sloane explained the reasons for the increase in cost of the Society calendar from \$750 to \$1250. Paul passed out sheets which compared the actual costs with estimated costs in detail and listed the causes of the changes.

Committees have not yet been formed to establish policies and practices for (1) procedures for the preparation and distribution of Society photographs, and (2) procedures for publishing material written by either a member or group of members of the Society. In addition, the report on the changes in the dues structure has not been made. Mimi suggested that the committee chaired by Paul Kline on dues structure, also present recommendations for changes in the by-laws on staggered terms of office for board members, and for clarification of conditions for asking a board member to resign or to be dismissed. She hopes this committee can make recommendations at the 5 December 1978 Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Mimi at approximately 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Metfessel  
Recording Secretary

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
 Treasurer's Report No. 36

November 1 to November 30, 1978

BALANCE FORWARD		\$1,226.52
Income for November 1978		
19 tours @ 7.00	\$ 133.00	
36 Memberships @ 5.00	180.00	
44 Calendars @ 3.00	132.00	
8 Outland books @ 13.00	104.00	
1 Spike @ 15.00	15.00	
Cookie fund donations	10.00	
Lyons Station Plaza--donation	500.00	
Total Cash Received		<u>\$1,074.00</u>
Total Cash Available		<u><u>\$2,300.52</u></u>

Expenditures for November 1978:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ck#</u>		
11/4	Cynthia Neal-Harris	246	Postage	\$ 6.24
11/4	Mimi White	247	C.C.Mem, P. Office, Books	62.75
11/4	Elva Bokker	248	Tour Expenses	25.00
11/4	Newhall Woman's Club	249	Cider	10.00
11/21	Antelope Valley Bus	251	Tour	242.27
11/21	State Financial Corp	252	PGS Graphics	
			Balance on Calendars	
				<u>575.00</u>
	Total Cash Expenditures			<u>\$ 921.26</u>
	Cash Balance November 30, 1978			<u>\$1,379.26</u>
				<u><u>\$2,300.52</u></u>

Building Fund Savings Account  
 Balance at 9/30/78 \$2,043.35  
 Interest Reported  
 Quarterly

Submitted: Paul A. Kline  
 Treasurer

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 President

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary

November 2, 1978

San Sylmar  
15180 Bledsoe Street  
Sylmar, California 91342

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wethercutt

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wethercutt and Staff:

The fifty members of our Society who had the privilege of viewing your treasures last Saturday wish to express our delight, amazement, and joy over the tour. The marvelous instruments and their music, the incomparable classic automobiles, and all the many objects of beauty which you have marvelously preserved or restored, and generously share, gave us a superb experience.

With sincere appreciation,

New Pres. SCV *[Signature]*



Nov. 7, 1978

### Explanation of Additional Costs of Calendar

- A. The original quotation did not include the cost of special borders around the photos, plus there were corrections on 4 pages reflected in the actual costs.
1. To make the borders it required 10 more negatives on 5 additional flats.
  2. The stripping time required for the more complex registration of the borders and the addition of the changes increased from estimated 4.3 hrs. to 10.6 hrs.
  3. Original estimate was the proof; two were made.
- B. Original estimated time was 1 - 6 hours. Due to the increased flats, the plate burning time increased to 2 - 8 hours.
- C. To give the calendar the class it deserved, we decided to use a higher quality paper which cost a total of \$224.49 over the estimated cost of \$142.02.
- D. The actual press running time was twice that of the original estimate due to two factors.
1. Running a coated stock takes more care than a less expensive stock as originally estimated.
  2. I told the pressman to take his time and do a good job, and he did!
- E. We could have sent the job to an outside automated bindery and had the calendars finished at an approximate cost of \$102.00. I chose to keep it at PGS so we could meet the deadline of the 20th. It simply cost more to do it here because we do not have the automated equipment needed.

November 8, 1978

Dear Elna:

We had our Board meeting last night, and the Sunday tourists were still raving over the happy day, and the amount of information you gave us -- plus the good laughs over bear stories. The dramatic scenery behind Mt. Pinos was the greatest of surprises for almost all -- especially me! So for the third time you have given our Society a memorable and educational day, and ALL appreciate it.

When I get a few more tag ends out of the way I'll call Charles Outland and see when we can arrange to visit him. I've been running around with our few remaining Man-made Disaster second editions, as the local market is still good; so think we may be buying more of them from Arthur Clark Co.

I know this enclosed check will not cover all the preparation and scouting trip -- much less offset any of your earlier expenses in our behalf; but it is a small Thank-you.

Hope we can have that visit and trip soon --

All my best regards, and with the  
Society's sincere appreciation,

Dear Mimi:

11/178

Just read the bulletine and am sorry about the closing of the Saugus Depot (and on my birthday too)

I've been looking through a birthday gift from a Niece in Minnesota, a new magazine called Inland Shores, with pictures and stories about many historical places and buildings up that way. and I wondered if you write to other Historical Societies around the country and ask how they handle preserving old buildings. Maybe the Historical Society of Waukesha, Wis. might have some ideas. or the Inland Shores Land Preservation Foundation Ltd. 11050 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee Wis. 53226

What would it cost to move the depot? Would Mr Nigro consider moving it to his shopping center? Wouldn't it make a suitable museum for our society? It doesn't seem right to consider moving it to Newhall, it's the Saugus Depot.

Why don't you ask for donations, from members, of a hundred dollars, more or less and interested residents and have money making projects, in the depot if possible, to help with the expense of moving and restoring the building. Why don't we have an antique sale and ask each member to sacrifice one or more antiques. Couldn't some reliable person occupy the depot to protect it.

The Dr. (orthodontist) that has that big office on Lyons Ave. seems to be real interested in preserving old things, he certainly has his own museum there in his office. Could you interest him in helping our Society?

The Victoria Station seems to be doing alright as an eating place, why not The Saugus Station? Isn't there a member that would like to go into the resturant business, maybe Mrs Mac Douglass would. Maybe it could be combined with the Museum for atmosphere.

What is the Lyons station? I thought that shopping center opened a year ago, if it's the one next to Valley Fedral. and how did Jerry help?

Why don't you tell Forest Tucker (I just heard his ad for the valley paper again) and he says the gold rush in the norther end of the San Fernando Valey, couldn't he say Newhall, wasn't it? Wasn't it first discovered in Placerita Canyon, better tell him.

I know the Oaks are old but so are my elm trees and nicer than the Oaks and why don't we do something about Saving the Elms? The tree trimmers I had recently said in five years there wouldn't be any elm trees left in Newhall. It worries me. It's beetles.

Do you know, when I joined the Historical Society, it was mainly cause I wanted to see Mentryville, and I still haven't.

How much is the token Fee, <sup>in the shopping area</sup> and when will it be available? I'd better come and find out all these things, but there are several reasons I don't. Sorry about that.

enclosed check for 5. for 79 dues *Sally O'Callahan*

Dear Mimi,

Was the dollar I forgot  
to give to someone Sunday  
for the ice cream.

wouldn't it be easier to  
ask the people to make  
the ice cream & bring it?

I'd like to suggest a  
sign be placed at the turn  
off next time. I was so  
sure that would be me for  
the picnic & it said at  
the end of Pres so I kept  
going. I've never been there  
before, was I the only one that  
hadn't. I thought the picnic  
grounds was at the house &  
I still haven't seen it,  
one of my reasons for going  
to the picnic & joining the  
Society, but maybe I'll make  
it one of these days. Sally O'



November 13, 1978

Craig B. Obarc,  
20110 W. Keaton,  
Saugus, Ca., 91350

Craig:

All organizations hit snags ... especially when new, and at the age of <sup>three</sup> years we realize that there have been several precautions overlooked in the name of expediency. One, the main one perhaps, was that no policy or statement regarding materials loaned or donated to the Society was ever formulated. We are trying to take it from here regarding this, and our attorney has drawn up a form that we henceforth will use.

The past cannot be entirely disregarded, however, and the various items entrusted to us must be protected. The photographs and negatives which kind people have brought to the Society were all entrusted to us, and it was tacitly understood that they were for our exclusive use. We therefore ask that you return to us all materials, copies, negatives, copies of negatives, or original photos which have come into your hands via donors to the Society, or which the Society has asked you to copy for our purposes.

I will appreciate it very much, Craig, if you will contact me right away regarding this return of our material, and I shall be available to pick it up at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

*Mimi White*

president, SCVHS

file:

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kaplan

November 27, 1978

Howdy Cleaners  
24266 San Fernando Rd.  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan:

This is to acknowledge receipt from you of <sup>GGR</sup> 6 original photographs of old Newhall.

Descriptions are as follows:

The Newhall School in 1891 with 42 pupils in front of the building. Yellowed photo on old mount board-8 $\frac{1}{2}$  X 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Pardee's Livery Stable in 1893 ( 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  X 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches).

The Southern Hotel in 1879 (unmounted print 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  X 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches)


J.F. Powell's House on Main Street ( 8 X 10 inches)

Pardee Home, Corner of Market & Walnut St. ( 8 X 10 inches)

Lindenfeld & Landell in 1907 ( 5 X 7 inches)

On behalf of the Society I wish to extend a very special thank you for the donation of this valuable Historic record of our valley.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

cc. AN, HB, GGR

File

Mr. Paul Troxell

December 1, 1978

"The Newhall Signal"  
22508 W. 6th St.  
Newhall, Calif. 90321

Dear Mr. Troxell:

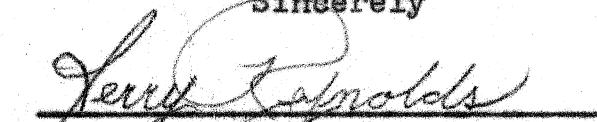
This is to acknowledge receipt from you of 4 binders containing the records of the Saugus Station, Saugus, California.

Descriptions are as follows:

Four(4) two ring binders, gray cloth covered, 12 inches by 12½ inches in size. Contained in the various books are dispatches and directives from Southern Pacific to the various agents at Saugus Station. There are also notations by the station agents on local occurrences. These memos date as far back as 1928.

On behalf of the Society I wish to extend a very special thank you for the donation of these valuable Historic records of our valley.

Sincerely

  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

Tuesday, 5 December 1978  
Minutes of the Joint Meeting  
Board of Directors and the General Society Membership  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Newhall Elementary School, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President Mimi White at approximately 7:30 with a welcome to all participants. Board members not present included Bob Hanson, Craig Obara, Betty Pember, Frances Ronan, and Mike Shuman.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Paul Kline, Treasurer, gave the financial report for 1 November 1978 to 30 November 1978. The total cash received in November was \$1,074.00. The total cash expenditures were \$921.26. The cash balance on 30 November 1978 was \$1,379.26. It was passed unanimously that three Society bills reported by Paul be paid by him and that the financial report be approved as given.

Jerry Reynolds reported that he talked to Mr. ~~Kirby~~ <sup>HERBY SCHWINCK</sup> of the Forest Service concerning the theft by vandals of the official historical marker at the site of the St. Francis Dam disaster. Mr. ~~Kirby~~ <sup>SCHWINCK</sup> said the Forest Service is anxious to help in any way possible to secure markers from further vandalism in the future. Some ways Mr. ~~Kirby~~ <sup>SCHWINCK</sup> felt the Forest Service could help was by increasing patrols in the area and by assisting placing the site markers in concrete.

Mimi pointed out that the membership was not notified in advance for the general Society meeting of 15 November 1978 that there were by-law changes to be considered, as required in the by-laws. Consequently, the Directors were requested to sign a document signifying that they approved the by-law changes.

There will be nominations from the floor at both the 5 December 1978 and 17 January 1979 meetings.

The Santa Clarita National Bank has purchased 1,000 Society calendars and the Society will clear approximately \$1,300 from this sale.

Art Evans estimated that it would cost a minimum of \$100,000 to move the Saugus Depot.

It passed unanimously that the Corresponding Secretary write a letter to Southern Pacific and inform them that the Society is still interested in owning the Saugus Depot.

Mimi reported that she wrote a letter to Craig Obara requesting him to return to the Society all photographic materials, supplies, duplicates, negatives-- everything that had been donated to the Society for the Society's use.

Jerry Reynolds informed the members that Craig Obara returned a group of negatives to him at his place of employment. Jerry said that to the best of his knowledge most of the negatives have been returned and that he has been able to classify most of them.

It was passed unanimously that all information concerning Craig Obara and Society photographic materials be presented to Attorney John MacIntosh who would then take appropriate action.

It was passed that Craig Obara be removed from the Board of Directors.

Irene Baughman, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the 1979 Board of Directors, presented the slate of candidates. These candidates included the following persons: Cindy Harris, Helen Blancher, Ed Blancher, Jo Anne Darcy, Chic Kierstad, Dave Kohut, Russ Lowe, Ann Lynch, Grace Morris, Ruth Newhall, Paul Kline, Paul Sloane, Alice Sloane, Fred Trueblood, Lenore Williams, Barry Weaver, Frenchy Lagasse, Jerry Reynolds, Phyllis Russell, David McGetchen, Betty Pember, Jerold Pike, and Connie Wordon. GERALD HELOT

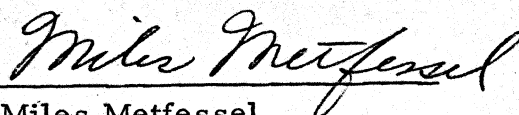
WALT KLINGER

Nominations from the floor included the following individuals: Delóres Klinger, Eva Mitchell, Tom Mason, George Von Hasse, and Alberta Knoch.

It was passed unanimously that the candidates presented by the nominating committee and the nominations from the floor be accepted.

The meeting was adjourned by Mimi at approximately 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Metfessel  
Recording Secretary

file

Sharon Haennelt and Frank Hovore  
Placerita State and County Park  
and Nature Study Center  
19152 Placerita Canyon Rd.  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

December 8, 1978

Dear Sharon and Frank:

This is to acknowledge receipt from you of eight (8) dioramas depicting Indian life in the southwestern United States. They were created, I understand, by WPA artists in the 1930s.

Descriptions are as follows:

Two portable dioramas 15½ by 24½ inches showing a Hopi Kiva.

Two dioramas 20½ by 24½ inches showing a Hopi Snake Dance.

One diorama 40 X 25 X 30 inches of a Hopi Pueblo.

One diorama 40 X 25 X 30 inches of an Eskimo camp.

One diorama 40 X 25 X 30 inches of Navajo Indians.

One diorama 72 X 27 X 35 inches of hydraulic gold mining.

All are box in heavy wood with glass fronts, exteriors painted grey.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Society I wish to extend a very special thanks to you and the Center for the donation of these valuable Historic records.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

cc: hb



Mrs. Esther Deines  
25018 Chestnut  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

December 27, 1978

Dear Mrs. Deines:

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of pictures of old downtown San Fernando Road in Newhall from your husbands' collection. They will certainly be treasured by our Society.

We hope someday to have a permanent home for our Society so that we will be able to display pictures and artifacts donated to our Society by members such as you.

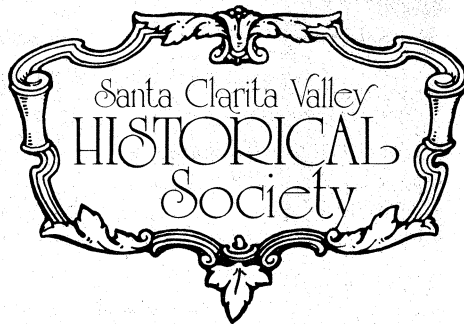
We welcome you to our Society and look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

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Mr. Gerald H. Heidt  
23560 Lyons Ave.  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

December 27, 1978

Dear Mr. Heidt:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00 to our Historical Society.

We thank you for inviting us to participate in the Grand Opening of your new shopping center.

We extend an invitation to you to attend any of our general meetings. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Newhall Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. Our Board meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Placerita Jr. High School at 7:30 P.M. in a conference room, you are also welcome there too.

We are pleased to welcome you as a member of our Society, and look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

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Mr. and Mrs. Poirier

December 30, 1978

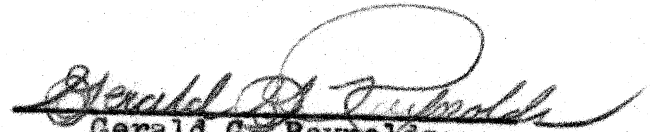
Tommy's Hamburgers  
22950 Lyons Ave.  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

INVOICE

Please find enclosed 22 Historical photographs of the Santa Clarita Valley dating from the 1850s through the early 1930s. These are copies from the originals in the Society archives.

Eighteen 8"X10" photographs at \$8.50 each.....	\$153.00
Four 11" X 14" photographs at \$11.50 each .....	\$ 46.00
Total	<u>\$199.00</u>

Thank you for your  
interest in the Society

  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

BY-LAWS

Section 1

Name and Object

A. The name of the corporation shall be  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

B. The objects of the society shall be those set forth in  
its Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2

Administration

The affairs of this society shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of Seven (7) members, who shall be elected by the regular members of this society, with such qualifications as shall be determined from time to time by the regular members, and each member of said board shall be a regular member of this society

There may also be such additional Boards or Committees as shall be determined from time to time, consisting of those persons who may be selected therefor, and invited to become members thereof by the Board or Directors.

Section 3

Officers

Its officers shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such additional officers who shall be appointed or elected by the Board of Directors. Such officers shall be elected from and must be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

President

The President shall have executive supervision over the activities of the society within the scope provided by these by-laws. He shall preside at all meetings. He shall report annually

on the activities of the society. He shall appoint the members of committees and delegates not otherwise provided for.

## Section 5

### Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, incapacity, or resignation of the President.

## Section 6

### Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretaries

A. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the society and of the Board of Directors, maintain a list of members and render an annual report.

B. Corresponding Secretaries. There may be one or more Corresponding Secretaries appointed by the Board of Directors. They shall, in the order of their seniority, in the absence of the Secretary, perform all of the duties and exercise all the powers of the Secretary. They shall also have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

## Section 7

### Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors, and may hold other offices in the society. He shall furnish, prepare and keep a full set of books of accounts, showing every detail of the business and the society's accounts, and all receipts and disbursements of every name and nature, the amount of cash on hand, and the amount of money owed by the society or owing to it, and such other information as may be, in the judgment of said Treasurer, pertinent, or such as may be required by the Board or Directors.

## Section 8

### Powers of Directors

A. General Powers of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the management of the business of the society, and subject to the restrictions imposed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation or by these By-Laws, may exercise all of the powers of the society.

B. Specific Powers of Directors. Without prejudice to such general powers, it is hereby expressly declared that the directors shall have the following powers, to wit:

1. To adopt and alter a common seal of the society.
2. To make and change regulations not inconsistent with these By-Laws, for the management of the society's business affairs.
3. To appoint and remove, at pleasure, all officers, agents and employees of the society, prescribe their duties; fix their compensation and require from them security for faithful service, if they so deem necessary, and in their discretion, from time to time, to devolve into the powers and duties of any officer upon any other person for the time being.
4. To appoint and remove or suspend such subordinate officers, agents or factors as they may deem necessary, and determine their duties and fix, and from time to time change, their salaries or remuneration.
5. To pay for any services and/or property purchased by the society, either wholly or partly in money, bonds, debentures or other securities of the society.
6. To borrow money and to make and issue notes, bonds and other negotiable and transferable instruments, mortgages, deeds of trust, trust agreements and to do every act and thing necessary to effectuate the same.
7. To designate from time to time, the time and place of its meetings or to authorize the President so to do. To appoint such committee or committees on any subject within the powers of the society's Articles of Incorporation and to define the powers and duties of such committee.
8. To select and designate such bank or trust company as they may deem advisable, as official depository of the funds of the society and to prescribe and order the manner in which such deposits shall be made and/or withdrawn.

C. Compensation of Directors. Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their service as directors, but by resolution of the Board, a fixed fee and expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at each meeting. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the society in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

## Section 9

### Committees

A. The Board of Directors may, by resolution or resolutions, passed by a majority of the whole board, or the President, upon authority conferred upon him by the Board of Directors, designate and appoint such committee or committees on any subject within the powers of the society; such committee or committees to have such powers; to exercise such duties or to perform such services as may be perscribed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors and/or by the President, upon authority conferred upon him by the Board of Directors. Such committee or committee shall have such name or names as may be stated in these By-Laws or as may be determined from time to time, by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

B. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and report the same to the Board when required.

## Section 10

### Members and Dues

A. Any person interested in the history of the Santa Clarita Valley and surrounding area, who applies for membership in any classification of membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall thereby become a member.

B. Annual dues for individual regular members shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

C. Annual dues for contributing members shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

D. Annual dues for business, institutional, or professional members shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

E. Annual dues for corporate members shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

F. Dues for life members shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

G. Dues for junior members (under 18 years) shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

H. Annual dues shall be payable in advance and members in arrears more than six months after payment is due shall be dropped from membership.

I. Each regular membership shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote at all meetings of members of this society.

J. Associate, honorary, junior, sustaining or other memberships shall consist of those persons, firms, associations or organizations specifically provided therefor from time to time by the Board of Directors and amendment of these By-Laws. No such membership shall, however, at any time be entitled thereby to vote at any meeting of the members of this society.

## Section 11

### Annual Meeting of Members

A. There shall be an annual meeting of the Regular members of this society, to be held in the Santa Clarita Valley, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the third Wednesday of January, in each year. The first meeting of the regular members of this society shall be on the 21st of January, 1976.

No change of the time or place for an annual meeting of regular members of this society shall be made within sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the next annual meeting of said members.

At each annual meeting of regular members of this society, there shall be elected a Board of Directors of this society for the ensuing year, at which meeting, each regular member shall be entitled to one vote, and at which meeting such other business may be transacted as may be found, from time to time, necessary, desirable or useable.

Special meetings of the regular members of this society may be called by the President or any two (2) directors, from time to time, and shall be held at such place as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine or may be called by any director of this society for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors, in the event, for any reason, vacancies shall occur in the board reducing the members thereof to less than a quorum.

Notice of the calls for any annual or special meeting of the regular members of this society shall be given by the Secretary or such other officer as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine, to each regular member not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the holding of such meeting, whether annual or special.

B. There may be annual meetings of all members of this society, whether regular or otherwise, at which meeting any action may be taken, as the Board of Directors of this society may determine necessary, advisable or useful, except however, no election of directors of this society shall occur at such meetings.

## Section 12

### Liability of Members

No member of this society, either regular or otherwise, shall be personally or otherwise liable for any of the debts, liabilities and/or obligations of this society.

## Section 13

### Associate, Honorary, Sustaining, or other members

The Board of Directors shall have power to admit by invitation as associate, honorary, sustaining or other members of this society and for such period as they may elect, such persons of prominence or note, as it may think proper, or such persons that may render this society any single benefit or service which it may wish to recognize in this manner and to renew such invitations at its discretion. Such members shall enjoy such privileges and benefits as may be determined by the Board or Directors, except that they shall not vote or hold office.

## Section 14

### Donations

This society may accept gifts, legacies, donations and/or contributions and in any amount and any form, from time to time, upon such terms and conditions as may be decided from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## Section 15

### Certificates of Membership

A. Certificates of Membership. Certificates of Membership, numbered and with the seal of the society affixed, signed by the President or Secretary or such other officers as may be designated by the Board of Directors, shall be issued to each member certifying the class of membership, held by him or it in the society.

B. Lost Certificates. A new certificate of membership may be issued in the place of any certificate theretofore issued by the society, alleged to have been lost or destroyed, and the directors may, in their discretion, require the owner of any such lost or destroyed certificate to comply with such rules and regulations as they may make from time to time in connection therewith.

C. Transfer of Certificates. Certificates of Membership in this society shall not be transferable.



## Section 16

### Miscellaneous Provisions

A. Corporate Seal. The corporate seal of the society shall be in such form as the Board of Directors shall determine and shall contain the name of the society, the date and state of its creation and such other matters as the Board of Directors, in their discretion, may determine. Said Seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed, affixed, reproduced or otherwise.

B. Principal Office. The principal office shall be established and maintained in the Santa Clarita Valley, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

C. Other Offices. Other offices of the society may be established at such places as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate or the business of the society may require.

D. Checks, Drafts, Notes. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the society for all debts of the society shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary or Treasurer or by such officers as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

E. Notice and Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice is required by these By-Laws to be given, personal notice is not meant unless expressly so stated; and any notice so required shall be deemed to be sufficient if given by depositing the same in a post office box in a sealed post paid wrapper, addressed to the person entitled thereto at his last known post office address, and such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the day of such mailing. Any notice required to be given under these By-Laws may be waived by the person entitled thereto. Members not entitled to vote shall not be entitled to receive notice of any meetings except as otherwise provided by statute.

F. Assent to Meetings. Any action of the majority of the Board of Directors of this society, although not at a regularly called meeting and the record thereof, if assented to in writing by all of the other members of the board, shall always be as valid and effective in all respects as if passed by the board at a regular meeting.

## Section 17

### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this society shall be the calendar year.

Section 18

Amendments

The regular members, by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of such memberships issued and outstanding, or the directors, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors, any at any meeting, provided the substance of the proposed amendment shall have been stated in the notice of the meeting, amend or alter any of these By-Laws.

file

Mr. and Mrs. Poirier  
Tommies Hamburgers  
22950 Lyons Ave.  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

January 2, 1979

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Poirier:

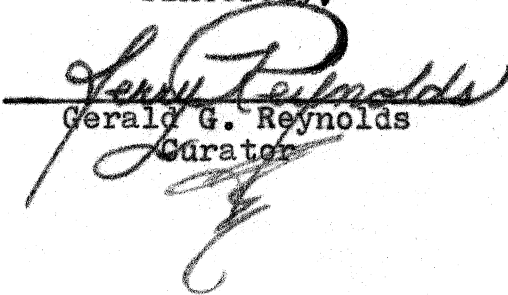
The photographs decorating the walls of your business are reprinted from the originals in our collection. They illustrate the growth of the Santa Clarita Valley from the 1850 s through the 1930 s.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the local Historical Society I wish to express my thanks to you for helping us to preserve something of our rich cultural heritage.

We appreciate your interest in the Society and look forward to continued mutual assistance in the future.

The very best of luck in your new business.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

January 13, 1979

Mr. James MacIntosh, Vice President  
Newhall Land & Farming Corp.  
23823 W. Valencia Blvd.  
Valencia, California, 91355

Dear Mr. MacIntosh:

On the evening of your reception I had the opportunity to visit with you, and believe that I mentioned our Society's interest in preserving two of the very few remaining buildings in our valley that can be termed historical: The Saugus Depot and Henry Mayo Newhall's 100-year old original Ranch headquarters home. Your response was one of awareness, and an understanding due at least in part to your wife's support of Heritage Square.

We realize that you are very busy, but when I learned that Tom Sutton is leaving the Company it seemed that you might be the person to approach with our ideas. Several alternative plans or possibilities have been discussed among our members. Among our membership of over 200, we have a good number of willing workers interested in restoration projects. Also, we would eagerly launch fund-raising in many directions if fortunate enough to get some basic support.

New officers are elected at our next meeting, and before that time I am very eager to make this last effort toward reaching a sympathetic ear. Could you possibly meet with me, our Landmark Chairman, Mrs. Betty Pember, and our past-President and Curator, Jerry Reynolds? We would keep it very to the point and as non-time-consuming as possible.

Thanking you for considering this,

Sincerely,

*Mini White*  
president

January 13, 1979

Mr. Steve Hinderer,  
Director of Public Affairs  
Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power  
P.O. Box 111, Los Angeles, Ca., 90051

Dear Mr. Hinderer:

The enclosed memorial program will serve as an introduction to my reason for contacting you. Our Society State Landmark status for the St. Francis Dam site on the 50th anniversary of its disastrous break, and placed a plaque of our own design and making high on an overlook above the remains of the dam. At that time we did not accept the official bronze plaque which the State provides because we felt that it would be a target for the shooters that swarm up San Francisquito Canyon. It is still available to us, and, as our "low-profile" plaque and its monument base ~~were~~ stolen and vandalized in November, we would very much like to find a protected and suitable place for the State's monument. The housing area for Power Plant #2 seems ideal, if your Department could approve it.

As the program also indicates, we had fine cooperation from the U.F. Forest Service and County Fire Camp #4, both of whom created a fenced area and constructed the stone and concrete base for our plaque. The Forest Service and County would be willing to help us with a new base, we feel sure. The wording would be in agreement with your ideas and suggestions, and not necessarily as it appears under the picture of the St. Francis Dam on our program.

I spoke in some detail with Dick Nelson of your office, so he may be able to give you further information. My home phone number is (805) 259-2138, and mail will reach me at the Society's P.O. Box 875, Newhall. Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Mimi White, President



Newhall Land and Farming Co.  
Glenn A. Ratzak, Vice President  
P. O. Box 55000  
Valencia, Calif. 91355

January 15, 1975

Dear Sir:

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season has passed, it is now time to pause and consider renewing your membership in the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

Dues for Corporate Membership: \$50.00 per year.  
(January 1, thru December 31).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Ed Blancher*  
Ed Blancher,  
Membership Chairman

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Newhall Signal  
W. Keith Hesketh, General Manager  
P. O. Box 877  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

January 15, 1979

Dear Sir:

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season has passed, it is now time to pause and consider renewing your membership in the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

Due for Corporate Membership: \$50.00 per year.  
(January 1, thru December 31).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Ed Blancher*  
Ed Blancher,  
Membership Chairman

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# SAUGUS



# 350

508 Lincoln Ave.  
Saugus, Ma. 01906  
January 17, 1979

Dear *Friends,*

The Town of Saugus will soon be celebrating its 350th Anniversary. As Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, I would like to invite your organization to participate in our celebration.

First of all, let me briefly point out to you that back in 1629, Saugus was called Saugust with a "t". Saugust at that time consisted of the following present towns: Lynn, Lynnfield, Nahant, North Reading, Reading, Swampscott, and Wakefield. The Indian name of Saugust means "long and extended," and the Indians applied the name to the beach at Lynn and Swampscott (now known as Lynn Shore Drive).

Due to religious "spats" the United Parish of Saugust deteriorated into numerous religious sects which eventually led to the birth of new communities. Therefore, one of the proposed programs of the anniversary is a 350th Coming Home Party of all the towns that were once called Saugust. There are tentative plans for a marathon race through all the "Saugust neighborhoods".

Here are a few of the other activities that have already begun or will soon be taking place. First, the Committee is introducing Anniversary T-Shirts. They are now in the process of being distributed through the local merchants, Town Hall, Public Library, Civic Organizations, School Department, and the Saugus Ironworks. The T-Shirts are available in four colors (blue, tan, yellow, and white). On the front of the shirt is a bright-looking Town Seal exclaiming our 350th Anniversary, while on the back of the jersey is the anniversary slogan-- "I've Joined the Celebration." We would appreciate your co-operation in distributing the T-Shirts. You don't have to buy them, just donate the space so that they can be displayed to your patrons (see enclosure).

Another project calls for the painting of the roads along the parade route red, white, and blue. The dividing line in the middle of the road will be painted white (approximatedly 12 inches wide). Then red and navy stars will be painted every thirty feet on top of this white line. The project will begin when the weather clears this spring.

A beautification program is the next objective. Included in this plan is the rejuvenation and maintenance of every rotary and island in the Town of Saugus this spring. To accomplish this task, several of the Civic Organizations have agreed to donate money to build these areas.

**"I've Joined the Celebration!"**



# SAUGUS



# 350

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A Saugus Night at the Pops has been arranged. The concert will be held at Symphony Hall in July. Our plans are to rent the entire House (2300 seats) for our townspeople.

Plans are being formulated to bring a descendant(s) of Henry Mayo Newhall from Saugus, California. You may not know, but Saugus, California (established in 1876), was named by Henry Mayo Newhall, who was originally born in Saugus, Massachusetts in 1825.

To publicize and celebrate our Anniversary, I am estimating a cost package of \$20,000 for various festivities including the grand parade which is tentatively scheduled for either September 16th or 30th.

In our attempt to bring people closer together, we plan to have activities that will entertain everyone. The key to this or any other celebration is the publicity behind it. Our advertising resources include newspapers, radio, billboards and television networks.

We encourage your participation in the Anniversary as we feel it will be beneficial to you as well as the Town. Your involvement in our celebration will show the citizens of Saugus that you are concerned about their welfare and growth for the future.

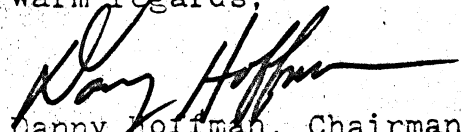
Therefore, we would appreciate any assistance your company may provide. Through the generosity of people like yourselves, we will have a successful Anniversary.

As of this writing, several oil companies in the area have agreed to paint the back of their trucks with the anniversary slogan- "I've Joined the Celebration"- Saugus 350.

Through donations already received, the Saugus Flying Machine made its debut on Thanksgiving Day at the High School Football Games across the North Shore. The airplane displayed a 200 foot banner which read "I've Joined the Celebration"- Saugus 350.

Please contact me at 233-0549 at your earliest convenience to discuss your participation or you may write to me at the above address. The Anniversary Committee is looking forward to working with you to make the Anniversary a memorable event for the people of Saugus.

warm regards,

  
Danny Hoffman, Chairman  
Anniversary Committee

**"I've Joined the Celebration!"**

# SAUGUS



# 350

508 Lincoln Ave.  
Saugus, Ma. 01906  
January 21, 1979

Dear *Mr. Reynolds,*

In regards to our telephone conversation, please accept this letter as your invitation to participate in our celebration. Attached you'll find a communication which is being distributed through the businesses in our community.

Today, town anniversary's are so abundant across the country they don't receive as much publicity as they deserve. However, how often does a community on the east coast of the country have a "sister town" on the west coast with one family name synonymous in both areas---Newhall.

As you know, in 1830 two Newhall brothers emigrated from England and settled in the Indian Village of Saugust (with a "t"). 195 years later on May 13, 1825, Henry Mayo Newhall was born in the newly incorporated Town of Saugus, Massachusetts.

As a young boy and throughout his life, Henry was a talker with a thirst of success. At age 15 in 1840, he bid farewell to his family and Saugus, Massachusetts to embark on a life that would span three careers. His careers of auctioneering, railroads and real estate made him a man of wealth and stature in California.

Therefore, I find no better time than our Anniversary year to honor Henry Mayo Newhall for his remarkable achievements. I am requesting your cooperation in establishing a "double ceremony" celebration including inviting back to our Town of Saugus a descendant(s) of Henry Mayo Newhall. This "double ceremony" could consist of erecting some sort of statue or plaque simultaneously with the exchanging of memorabilia from each of our communities.

Henry Mayo Newhall's recognition is long over due in this area. Although many of our townspeople are aware of Saugus, California they are nevertheless innocent of its inception. I believe the salute to Henry Mayo Newhall will benefit each community.

Please contact me at 617-233-0549 at your earliest convenience to discuss your participation or you may write to me at the above address. I am looking forward to working with you to make the Anniversary a memorable event for the people of Saugus, Massachusetts and Saugus, California.

warm regards,

*Danny Hoffman*  
Danny Hoffman, Chairman  
Anniversary Committee

**"I've Joined the Celebration!"**

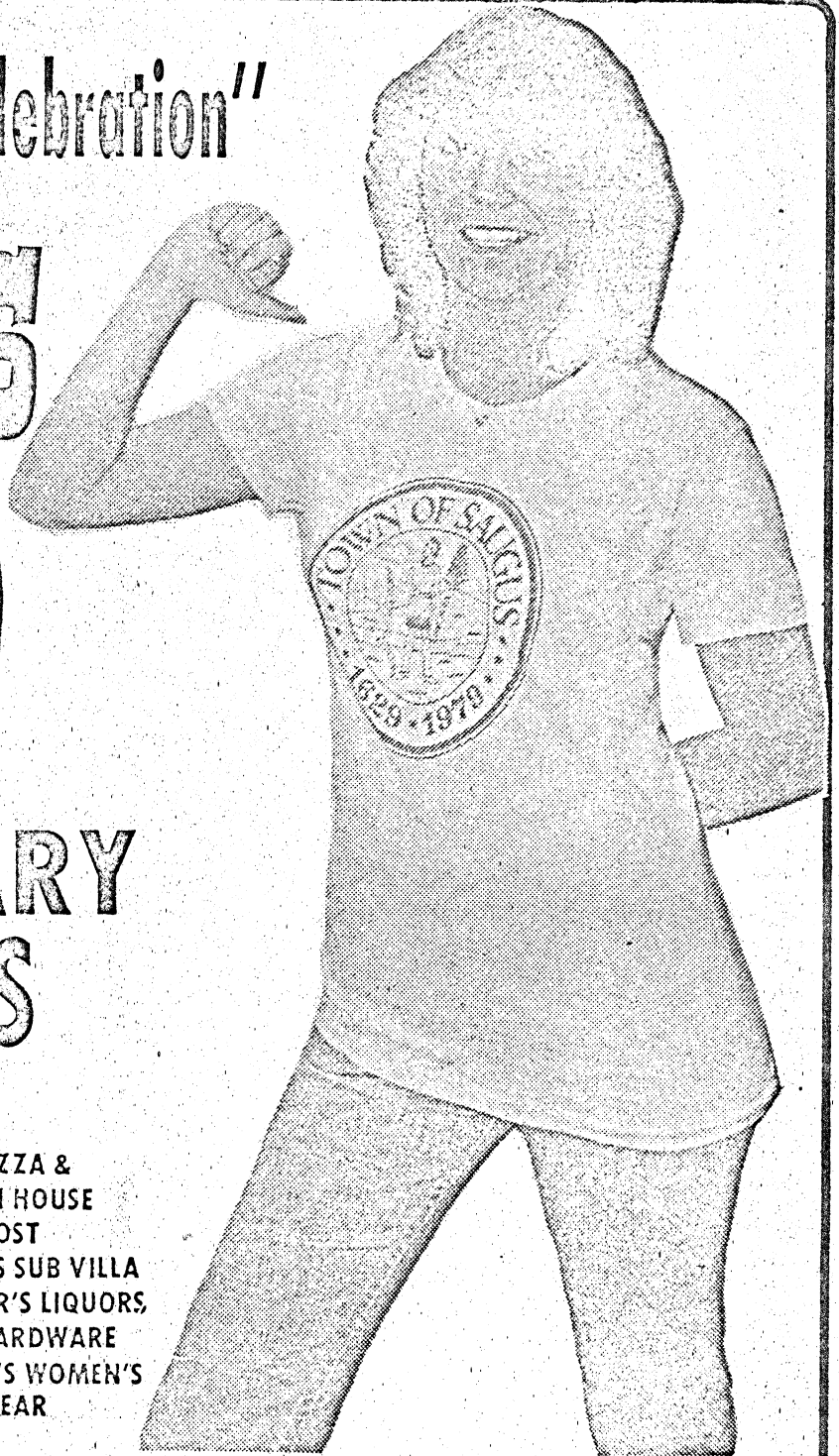
"I've Joined The Celebration"

# SAUGUS 350

## ANNIVERSARY 'T' SHIRTS

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- SAUGUS TOWN HALL
- HOFFMAN'S SAUGUS
- SAUGUS BANK & TRUST
- SAUGUS CO-OP BANK
- COGLIANO'S MKT.
- SURABIAN'S LIQUOR EXCHANGE
- KOWLOON RESTAURANT
- PRINCE PIZZA & SPAGHETTI HOUSE
- V. F. W. POST
- SANTORO'S SUB VILLA
- McCARRIER'S LIQUORS
- SAUGUS HARDWARE
- ELIZABETH'S WOMEN'S SPORTSWEAR



ANY CIVIC ORGANIZATION OR RETAIL OUTLET IS WELCOME  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAUGUS 350  
'T' SHIRT PROMOTION BY CALLING: **233-0549**

# SAUGUS



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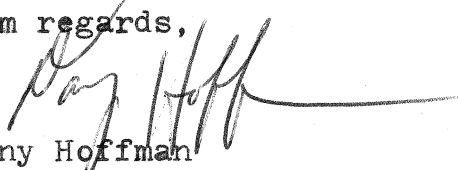
February 28, 1979  
508 Lincoln Ave.  
Saugus, Mass. 01906

Dear Jerry,

Enclosed you will find nine dozen adult tee shirts and eight dozen children tee shirts. The tee shirts sell for \$3.50 each. I will be happy to split the profits on the shirts with you 50-50. There is approximately a dollar profit on the colored (blue, tan, yellow) adults as well as children tee shirts. A \$1.50 profit is on adults white tee shirts only. While, the boys white tee shirts amount to \$1.75 profit on each shirt sold.

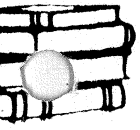
The Saugus 350 bumper stickers will follow.

warm regards,

  
Danny Hoffman

<u>whole sale</u>		cost	per	tee shirt	(includes freight from manufacturer)
Men's	colored	\$	2.40		
Men's	white	\$	2.00		
Boys	colored	\$	2.40		
Boys	white	\$	1.75		

**"I've Joined the Celebration!"**



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

*SCV Historical Society*

Dear Friend of the Libraries of SCV:

Your most generous donation in the amount of <sup>4</sup>25<sup>00</sup> has been gratefully received and acknowledged. We cannot fully or adequately express our thanks for your contribution but we can tell you how much it means to help our libraries.

Your contribution will go toward the purchase of new books for our children and adults that use the library system and your name will be entered as a Charter Membership in our organization.

Thank you most sincerely for your support and this is a thank you that comes from the heart of every officer and member of this organization.

Gratefully yours,

*Jo Anne Darcy*  
Jo Anne Darcy, President

Friends of the Libraries of Santa Clarita Valley

# *Santa Clarita Valley Night*

23085 Conde Drive / Valencia, CA 91355 / Phone (805) 259-1477



February 2, 1979

SCV Historical Society  
Attn: Cynthia Neal Harris, Pres.  
P. O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mrs. Harris,

On Thursday, May 10, 1979, the second annual Santa Clarita Valley Night will be held at Dodger Stadium. The Los Angeles Dodgers will be playing the New York Mets, beginning at 7 p.m. The evening is not only designed to honor the Santa Clarita Valley, but, more importantly, it is an opportunity for friends, neighbors, and families to join together for a time of wholesome entertainment.

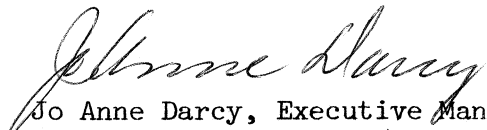
The evening is being sponsored by members of the community and supported by school organizations, Chambers of Commerce, church groups, and many youth organizations. We sincerely hope that you will be able to join with us and participate in the Family Night at Dodger Stadium.

The program is not primarily a fund-raising activity. There are, however, financial incentives for groups and organizations that choose to participate.

In the very near future, a representative of the organizing committee will be contacting you, either by phone or in person, to present details of the program.

Please plan to be with us on May 10th.

Most sincerely,

  
Jo Anne Darcy, Executive Manager  
NEWHALL-SAUGUS-VALENCIA CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sheila Sales, Coordinator, JoAnne Darcy, Pamela Dixon, Jim Foster, Bonnie Mills,  
Cliff Sales, Clyde Smyth, Bill White

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
February 6, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Cynthia Neal-Harris.

Present, according to the sign-up sheet were: Gerald Height, Miles Metfessel, Eva Mitchell, Mimi White, Fred Trueblood Jr., Paul Kline, Cynthia Neal-Harris, Jo Anne Darcy, Phyllis Russell, Carol Lagasse, Betty Pember, Walt Klinger, Tom Mason, Frenchy Lagasse, Ruth Newhall, George Von Hause, Gerry Reynolds, Helen Blancher, Ed Blancher, ~~Dave Abbott~~, Eleanor Von Hause and Alice Kline.

The treasurer's report was submitted as were outstanding bills to be paid, by treasurer Paul ~~Kline~~. Motions to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills were made by Betty Pember. Motions were seconded and passed.

The president welcomed the new board of directors, expressed her confidence in a bright year for the society and outlined a 14-point program for activities.

1. Save Our Station. (The rescue and preservation of the Saugus railroad station.)
2. Locate a permanent home for the society; meeting hall, offices, museum.
3. Increase society membership.
4. Develop historical programs.
5. Develop articles in newsletter.
6. Promote youth involvement and interest in history.
7. Organize tours of historical and archeological sites.
8. Become involved with other historical societies.
9. Conduct geneological studies.
10. Create an historical guide map and printed guide tours.
11. Preserve and record local historical landmarks.
12. Record and photograph historical landmarks existing today.
13. Record oral histories of oldtimers in the valley and transcribe these reports in to written reports.
14. Locate, record and preserve archeological ~~\$\$\$~~ sites and graveyards in the valley.

The president also set up tentative committee structures for the year.

Betty Pember will remain Landmark Chairman and will be aided by Dave Kohut.

Mimi White will be in charge of marketing and sales of such items as the society's booklets, pamphlets, calendars, etc.

Publicity (open)

Historical map of community, Walt Klinger

Youth historians, Connie Worden, Frenchie and Carol Lagasse.

Program, Eva Mitchell, JoAnne Darcy, Gerry Heidt.

Oral History, Alberta Knoch (tent.)

Annual Ice Cream Social, Frenchy and Carol Lagasse

Refreshments, Russ Lowe, Grace Williams, Lenore

Representatives to other societies, Carol Lagasse, Eva Mitchell

Geneology, Alice Kline, Jim

Newsletter, George Von Hause, Eleanor Von Hause, Tom Mason, Tony Newhall, Fred Trueblood, Phyllis Russell.

The Landmark Committee report regarding progress made to date in preserving the Saugus Railroad Station led to a lively half-hour discussion that brought into sharp focus the magnitude of those problems.

Stated simply they are a. to gain title to the building; b. to find some place to relocate it; and c. find some way to finance the moving and restoration.

In her report Betty revealed some of the problems her group is having. Its efforts to place the station on the National registry of Historical Sites because its exact date of completion has not yet been determined.

She said there were various complicated ways to get county financing for part of the project if we demonstrate we own the building and it would be legally possible to locate building on part of Hart Park in Railroad Canyon that was not part of the original Hart estate. Mrs. Pember moved to write a letter to the proper county authorities requesting site near Hart property and outline number of requirements for such a move. Motion passed.

Frenchy Lagasse suggested the station might possible be located on Standard Oil property near the pioneer oil refinery, and Ruth Newhall offered to telephone Mr. Shay, a Southern Pacific executive in San Francisco in regard to a time frame in our acquiring legal title to the building from Southern Pacific.

President Neal-Harris suggested the people scheduled for the regular meeting might be able to tell us more about moving costs and other problems.



It was also disclosed that no person in the various administrative levels of the Department of Water and Power had any objection to placing the St. Francis Dam memorial plaque on DWP property where it might have less chance of vandalism. The state will provide the plaque but a slight change in wording will need to be made. A meeting is set Feb. 21 at Power Plant No. 2 to explore the matter further.

Some discussion was held surrounding an invitation from Saugus, Mass., to join them in some manner of centennial celebration they are planning but no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned about 9:00 p. m. and refreshments were served.

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Mr. Danny Hoffman  
508 Lincoln Ave.  
Saugus, Ma. 01906

February 8 , 1979

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am in receipt of your package containing the Anniversary 'T' shirt, bumper sticker, letter and press releases. Thank you very much for sending them out.

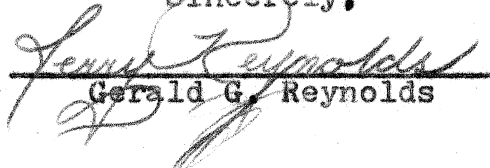
Regarding our telephone conversation, I have spoken with members of the Newhall family and they would be delighted to come out in September. Scott and Ruth Newhall have visited Saugus-East in the past and were much impressed with the community, especially the old iron works. Scott is the great-grandson of Henry M. Newhall and Sarah Ann White. It is not known yet which of Henry M.'s descendants would be able to get away for the celebration, however, rest assured that someone will be there. I understand that you have already spoken with Tony Newhall.

Our Historical Society is very excited about the "double ceremony" and plan some culminating event to happen on both sides of the country at the exact same time. The 318 members liked the 'T' shirts and stickers. Many are anxious to buy them. It would be very amusing to walk around Saugus-West with a sign on your chest proclaiming the town to be 350 years old. There is also talk of chartering a plane or train car to carry a group out to your celebration. Local business and the media are showing interest in the idea of a double ceremony.

Would you kindly send us a price list for the 'T' Shirts and the bumper stickers. Also we would like to know the exact date or dates of the celebration so we can start co-ordinating events here.

Thank you, again, for the package. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds

2/10/49

"THE CROCUS  
PROPHET OF SPRING"



*How fragile is the crocus,  
And yet a symbol strong and true;  
To prove that although seeming dead,  
All life is born anew.*

Mary Louise Lincaid

Popping its delicate head above ground, sometimes before the last bit of snow has vanished, the lonely crocus is first to bid a fond adieu to winter. Heralding the arrival of spring, the crocus is a harbinger of the floral beauty that awakens across the land.

Creators of the World's Finest Note Stationery  
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300 Greenbrier Road  
Summersville, West Virginia 26651

Dear Andy,

The member of Alkekik Chapter  
DAR wish to thank the Santa  
Clarita Valley Historical Society  
for their contribution to the  
Nurse's Scholarship fund which has  
been established in the name of  
Betty Brown Harris.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Hoode  
Corresponding Secretary

(This is a typed copy of the attached hand-written letter.)

2-20-79

Historian  
Newhall Signal & Saugus Enterprise

Dear Sir:

I'm writing to see if you might have the information I've been wondering about for many years. I was going through pictures my uncle took between 1922 and 1929. He took some on Sunday, Mar. 11, and then again on Mar. 15, 1928. He used to call it, "the canyon of death." I can't find anything among the dozens of pictures he took of the canyon, and Newhall, and Saugus, that would answer my questions. I'm moving out of state soon so I would like to find a few answers before I go.

My relatives had lived in the San Francisquito Canyon (we all called it that), as far back as I can remember, and even back when my mother was a child. After the dam break, my grandparents and my uncle moved up there, and from the time I was two until I was nine, they lived on two different farms, which I recall were both owned by Ruiz or Ruis. I don't know which spelling is correct.

My family told me a lot about the area and my relatives, the Fraziers (Lena was my grandmother's sister). Three of them were drowned in the dam flood when it broke. I remember the Raggios and Ruiz's (or Ruis). It seems I used to play with a girl named Rosemary or Rose Marie. All my family are gone now. My uncle who worked for Harry Carey, and who took the pictures, would be a big help now, but we lost him in Mar. of 1968. My mother is the last of my family, and at 72 she has forgotten a great deal about the canyon.

I'm 50 now, and a few years ago, I went back to see it. I wanted to see a place that to me was so beautiful. At least as a child I remembered it that way.

I remember that every few days my grandfather would take my hand and we'd walk down the driveway that was bordered by olive trees, and around the hill that faced the main road. Far back on the side of the hill that faced the road was a large tree. I still remember a silvery fence that seemed six feet high, and a walk that went around the grave, that my grandfather kept clear of weeds and leaves. There were flowers growing there, and I still remember orange like daisies. I think there was a water faucet and a hose that he watered the flowers with. I used to tell my own children about the grave and yet I couldn't remember who slept there. I thought he had such a beautiful resting place - beneath a tree, on the side of a hill, with all those flowers growing there.

A few years ago when I went back, my relatives and I drove up and down the canyon, but I could only find one tree on the side of a hill, and I could see no fence beneath it. I knew that I'd never be back to the canyon again, so I asked my sister-in-law to go with me. We stepped down on the barbed wire and slipped through into the field. We tore our hose and clothes on the weeds that were so high, but I'd gone this far so I just kept going. We finally got up the side of the hill, and I just couldn't believe what I saw. The fence was there, but it was only

about waist high. I was looking down on it instead of looking up as a child. The fence was falling down, and was dark with the corrosion that came from more than forty years in the wind and rain. The gate was half open, hanging there without purpose. A huge shaggy mat that was an oak tree, seemed to cover the area as if hiding it from passer-bys. Weeds were everywhere; no flowers could ever grow here. A dead animal had also found it's final resting place. It seemed as if the odor of dampness and decay was everywhere.

I saw a white bible that lay there and I picked it up, and thought maybe it might have something inside that would tell me about the person burried there, but I quickly put it back. It had a zipper around it, and if broken the pages would be open to the elements. To me that would be sacraligious. The picture there was partly broken. We guessed it was of the man burried there. I also remember that the name on the stone was, I think, Ruis. I wasn't there even five minutes. I just wanted to leave as fast as I could. I felt like I'd lost something very precious to me.

I seem to remember that there was one family who lost ten or twelve in the flood. Could that be the multiple grave of them all? I'm an R.N. who has worked in the field of psychiatry more than ten years, and I guess finding the why, when and how of things has become part of my behavior pattern. What a child remembers can be somewhat distorted as to reality, as their thoughts are part real and part fantasy.

Anyhow, before I close the book on my historical jaunt into the past, I would really like to find out whatever information is available on the hillside grave.

If you have no information regarding this, could you possibly pass on my letter to any Historical Society you may have in the Newhall-Saugus area. I have enclosed a few dollars for your trouble. I thank you for whatever information you could send me.

In asking your help, I feel I have almost written a book.

Please excuse my unstructured letter as I have written it more or less on the spur of the moment.

Thank you for your time and whatever information you are able to send.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jean Adkinson

Please refer any information to:

Mrs. Jean Adkinson  
1027A Justin Ave.  
Glendale, Calif. 91201

(I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.)

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Santa Clarita  
Historical Society  
Newhall, Calif.

Dear President =

your Society sounds  
super, some day I'll be  
out to attend a meeting -  
my daughter and  
her husband, are moving to  
Newhall to live, March 1  
1979.

I want to make them a  
member of your Society -

Inclosed <sup>\$1</sup> 10.00 for a  
membership for each -

I understand the dues  
are <sup>\$1</sup> 5.00 each for one year

address of 2<sup>2</sup> new members

Wally and Joyce Brattan

24355 La Glorita

Newhall, Calif.

Del Prado.

no phone yet

Joyce is my daughter -

I have been a member

of the San Fernando Valley

Historical Society for

10 years.

Thank you

Carol Phelps

THE  SIGNAL

March 2, 1979

Mrs. Cindy Neal-Harris  
Blue Cloud Mineral Co.  
28945 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Saugus, Calif. 91350

Dear Cindy:

First, enclosed is \$27 that we have received to date for sales of 1979 Historical calendars in the Signal offices.

Second, I received yesterday a letter from a Mrs. Jean Adkinson of Glendale who offers some recollections of her childhood in San Francisquito Canyon and is asking some questions about the families who lived there. To make her letter more readable, Joyce has typed up a transcript from her hand-written copy.

I have sent Mrs. Adkinson some clippings from our paper about the dam dedication last year. I think she would be a very good subject to interview as a oral history project.

I hope someone can take the time and contact her.

Sincerely,

  
Tony Newhall





Mr. Tom Buckley  
Southern Pacific Company  
General Offices  
610 South Main Street  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90014

March 2, 1979

Dear Mr. Buckley:

We understand that Southern Pacific maintains very comprehensive archives on the history of the company. Our Society is interested in confirming the date of completion of the Saugus Depot.

After diligent research of the meager records available to us, we have established the present depot was built and put into operation in 1887, after the original smaller station was moved south to the town of Newhall. The line from Saugus to Ventura, (L.A. Lines, January 1, 1891, "A Railroad Center") Santa Barbara to Elwood ("Story of Ventura County" compiled by Title Insurance & Trust, 1956) was completed in 1888.

We would appreciate your verification of our research and analysis of this 1887 date for completion of your station at Saugus (also called "Surrey") Depot.

Very truly yours,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

# THE SIGNAL

March 2, 1979

Mrs. Jean Adkinson  
1027A Justin Ave.  
Glendale, Calif. 91201

Dear Mrs. Adkinson:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding your upbringing in San Francisquito Canyon. I read it with great interest and I know the area well.

As you know, the St. Francis Dam collapsed exactly 51 years ago this month. Last year was the 50th anniversary of the dam break and a commemoration was held in San Francisquito Canyon, including dedication of a plaque and holding a reunion of the survivors. Enclosed for your information are clips from The Newhall Signal of January 18, March 15 and May 22, 1978, which includes stories about the dam. The paper of January 18 shows a photo of the cemetery in the canyon showing the graves of members of the Ruis family who died in the disaster.

There is also an extensive book published about the disaster which was reissued last year. It is called "Manmade Disaster", written by historian Charles Outland of Santa Paula, and it may be able to answer many of your questions.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Cindy Neal-Harris, President of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. I am sure they want to keep a record of your recollections in their archives and they may be in contact with you to provide further information about the canyon.

I am returning your check for \$3 as there is no cost involved for this information.

If you need any further information, you may contact Cindy Neal-Harris, Jerry Reynolds or Mimi White at the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, P. O. Box 875, Newhall, Calif. 91322.

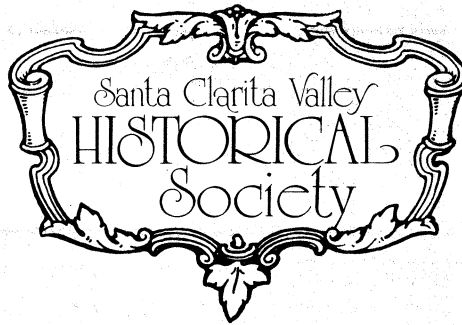
Sincerely,

Tony Newhall  
Publisher

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NEWHALL  
CALIFORNIA 91321

805 • 259-1234  
213 • 365-1600



Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Fallin III  
25506 Avenida Escalera  
Valencia, Ca. 91355

March 2, 1979

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Fallin:

On behalf of our Society, I would like to thank you for selling one hundred of our Calendars.

It's people like you who help make our efforts worthwhile. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

We thank you again and hope you keep up the interest in our Society.

Very Truly yours,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*J.P. Reynolds 2/28/79*



George J. Nigro  
P. O. BOX 5816  
Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91413

March 3, 1979

Dear Mr. Nigro:

Our Society would like to know if you are still interested in moving the Saugus Depot to the site of the Old School House Emporium Shopping Center, and if so, if any progress has been made to any specific date for moving the station.

We would also like to know if any specific provisions has been made for our Society to have a meeting place on your premises?

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*H. Blancher 2/21/79*



Mr. & Mrs. W. Brattan  
24355 La Glorita  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

March 3, 1979

Dear Wally and Joyce,

Welcome to our area! Welcome to the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society! We hope you find your new home and neighborhood live up to your expectations.

Your mother, Mrs. Carol Phelps, has been your benefactress, sending us your membership dues for the year of 1979.

Our general membership meeting is on the 3rd Wed. of each month. Our next meeting will be held on March 21, 1979. We will be sending you our newsletter with the details of the meeting and meeting place. Our membership is comprised of people of all ages as well as children active in our society.

We will look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

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Carol M. Phelps  
16933 Horace Street  
Granada Hills, Ca. 91344

March 3, 1979

Thank you for sending us \$10.00 for memberships for your daughter and son-in-law. What a Wonderful way to acquaint your family with a new area!

We look forward to seeing them at our next meeting on March 21, 1979. We will send your daughter our newsletter telling her the location of our next meeting.

We will certainly welcome you at any of our meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*H. Blancher 3/3/79*



Linda Gould  
P.O. Box 2125  
Canyon Country, Ca. 91351

March 3, 1979

Dear Linda:

On behalf of our Society, I would like to thank you for the two brass rubbings of the two headstones in the Pioneer Cemetery that you donated to our Society.

We hope we can find a permanent home for our Society soon, so that we can put them on display for everyone who pays a visit to our museum can see them.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*Helen Blancher 2/28/79*



Gene Kronnick  
16515 Canyon Lane  
Canyon Country, Ca. 91351

March 3, 1979

Dear Mr. Kronnick:

You were considered a Charter Member, and a member in good standing for the years your dues were paid.

However, no record of your dues for 1977 or 1978 are in our books. This year 1979, is the first year that we have sent out individual due bills to past members.

Sorry about the misunderstanding, but you are now reinstated as a member in good standing.

Sincerely yours,

*Ed Blancher*  
Ed Blancher,  
Membership Chairman

EB/hb

*EB ym 10/16/79*



Tuesday, March 5, 1979

Minutes of the Meeting

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society,  
Placerita Junior High School, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President Cindy Neal-Harris at 7:40 PM. The Secretary, Fred Trueblood, was absent due to illness, so the minutes of the last meeting was not read, and no roll call was taken. Helen Blancher was asked to record the minutes of this meeting.

Paul Kline, Treasurer, gave a financial report for the month of February. The total cash received: \$907.75; total expenditures: \$63.39; cash balance on hand: \$2,425.39. The financial report was approved as read. The Treasurer reported he received a bill for newsletter correspondances. Jo Anne Darcy moved that "the newsletter correspondance bill be paid." Motion 2nd by Eva Mitchell. Motion passed, and treasurer directed to pay the bill.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that she sent two letters of inquiry, two sympathy cards, two get well cards, one letter in answer to an inquiry, and three thank you letters, one welcome to our Society letter.

Mimi White reported that she visited the power plant and found an excellent spot for the bronze plaque that will replace the original plaque that commorates the St. Francis Dam Disaster. Mimi says she talked with a Mr. Rice, and he seems very cooperative and anxious to help our Society in any way he can. Mimi reports that we now need a "lay-out plan" for placing the plaque. It was suggested that we mount the plaque on a large stone. Betty Pember, was appointed to call Dave Kohut to see what he could do to help secure a large stone. It was also discussed that if necessary, Betty could consult a commercial corporation to see what could be done to secure a large rock to mount the plaque on.

Jerry Reynolds reported that Cal State Northridge has conducted a primary "Dig" in the area that the Asistencia De San Francisco has been considered to be located. They have already found a section of old corner stones of the foundation. Jerry said he has offered the services of our Society to help in the "Dig". Jerry said that he thought that we should try to get the Asistencia on the National Registry.

Subject was brought up about the old Newhall Home being endangered. It was suggested that maybe we could put a plaque in the old Newhall Home at or about the same time the Saugus, Mass. ceremony was taking place. Betty Pember moved that "The Society write Newhall Land Farm Foundation for possible assistance in securing the Newhall Home." Motion was 2nd and passed. After further discussion, Betty Pember and Connie Worden and Jerry Heidt were appointed to pay a personal visit to Newhall Land & Farm offices to see what their feelings were on the Newhall Home. Possible sites to locate the Newhall Home were: Mentryville, Pioneer Oil Refinery and Hart Park.

Cindy reported that we have not received an answer from Mr. Nigro as to what his plans are for the Saugus Station, so we can't proceed with any plans yet.

Dorothy Riley reported that the Oak Tree Committee has been very busy attending meetings with officials to see what can be done to save Oak Trees in our area. Dorothy reported that the Regional Planning Commission was meeting the next day at 1:30 PM to discuss zone changes and the Oak Ordinance. Dorothy read a proposal that the SCVHS support the Oak Ordinance and oppose any zone changes that will allow the Oak trees to be cut down. Ed Blancher moved that we send the letter as written and be signed by our Board of Directors. Motion 2nd by Frenchy Lagaase and a discussion was held. Vote was taken and motion failed to pass. Letter was given to Tom Mason and Jerry Heidt to revise the wording. Letter was re-submitted and approved.

Ed Blancher wanted to know if the Board wanted to continue with the name badges, as he had used all the allotted funds for the project. Everyone seemed to agree that the badges went off well and Paul Kline moved that "\$50.00 be allotted to continue making badges". Motion 2nd. Ed said that he didn't think he would need that much to make them. Paul Kline ammended his motion to "alot .25¢ per new member for badges". Motion 2nd and motion passed.

Eva Mitchell reported that she had lined up a program for our March General meeting. It is entitled: "Pre-History of our Area". Rick Wessel, Archeology at Cal State Northridge and Mike McIntyre, Masters Canidate in Archeology, will present the program.

We discussed changing our Board meeting night. Jo Anne Darcy said that we could get the Chamber of Commerce to let us use a room if we changed our board meetin to Monday night. After a show of hands of who could make the meetings on Monday, the Board meeting night was changed to Monday, on the 1st Monday of each month. Next Board meeting will be held on April 2nd.

Walt Klinger talked about a plan that he had for a local map of Historical sites located in our valley. Jo Ann Darcy suggested that we could get with the Chamber of Commerce and combine efforts on a local map with the Chamber. Walt was instructed to see what he could come up with from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mimi White passed around two booklets entitled: "Southern California 100." Betty Pember moved that we purchase "Southern California 100", volume 1 and 2 for our Historical Society Library." Motion 2nd and passed. Mimi said we received a donation of a book called "Highest High School in California" by Everett O'Rourke.

Discussion was brought up that Bob's Big Boy pictures captios had not been changed. The Corresponding Secretary will make zerox copies and send to Bob's Big Boy Resturant the changes, that were submitted for our files. Jerry Reynolds stated that he had not received a couple of pictures from Craig Obera to date. It was decided that any action should be handled by our attorney.

Jerry Reynolds talked about getting an exploratory party out to Mill Canyon to see an old building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen Blancher*

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

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ASSISTANT MANAGER

March 6, 1979

Ms. Helen Blancher  
Corresponding Secretary  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Ms. Blancher:

In reply to your letter of March 2, we asked our Engineering Department in San Francisco to check the date of the construction of the Saugus station. Our records indicate that it was built in 1911 and I am sure this is correct. Your information regarding the 1887 date for completion of the station must refer to an earlier station building.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in your research.

Sincerley,

  
Thomas C. Buckley



March 7, 1979

Carolyn Llewellyn  
Regional Planning Commissioner  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

REFERENCE: ZONE CHANGE NO. 6340(5)

Dear Mrs. Llewellyn:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society considers the native Oaks of our valley to be an irreplaceable heritage asset.

The applicant for the above referenced zone change has stated that developing at the densities proposed would result in the loss of 400 Oaks. In the spirit of the new Urgency Oak Conservation Ordinance passed on February 6, 1979, we strongly recommend to your good commission that present planning be adjusted to conserve the indigenous Oak trees to the maximum extent possible, and urge that the Commission's judicious action reflect their concurrence with this recommendation.

In this way, each Oak on this hillside property dotted with trees could be given specific consideration.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Neal-Hernandez*

The Board of Directors of the  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Post Office Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

c.c: Norman Murdoch

file

Linda Smeins Fusco  
1900 Camino de la Costa, #4  
Redondo Beach, Calif. 90277

March 7, 1979

Dear Ms. Fusco:

Thank you for your letter of February 28 inquiring about houses built in our area between 1870 and 1900, that are still standing.

Henry Mayo Newhall, founder of the towns of Newhall and Saugus, built a ranch house in Victorian style in 1876. It is presently located in the parking lot behind Magic Mountain Amusement Park, off of Castaic Canyon Rd.

A fully restored school house stands in Pico Canyon, 4 miles west of Newhall. The Felton School was built in 1885 for the children of the mining camp known as Mentryville.

David C. Cook built a mansion in Piru in 1886. This Gothic Revival structure, complete with stone tower and wooden turrets has been restored and furnished with Victorian furniture by Scott and Ruth Newhall who reside there.

The Saugus Station opened its doors on Sept. 23, 1887 when the Southern Pacific spur line was completed to Santa Barbara. It is one of the finest examples of existing train stations in the state. The building is located at 25824 San Fernando Rd. in Saugus.

Charles Alexander ("Alex") Mentry built a 13 room mansion in Pico Canyon in 1889. It was one of the first homes completely heated and lighted by gas. Even the fireplaces were not functional, having gas stoves installed in them. It is on private property owned by Standard Oil Co. (Chevron, U.S.A.), phone (805) 257-3641.

If you have further questions or need more detailed information feel free to contact me at the above address or call (805) 255-6023.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds,  
Curator

file

Claire G. Radford  
Historical Consultant  
1750 Kanola Road  
La Habra Ca. 90631

March 10, 1979

Dear Ms. Radford:

Mrs. White has forwarded your letter of the 1st to me for an answer to your question about Francis Pliney Fisk Temple and the old Los Angeles Petroleum Co.

The first Star Oil Company was formed in 1865, buying up some 200 oil claims in Pico Canyon, west of present day Newhall. On January 8, 1869, through a lease agreement with Star Oil, William W. Jenkins, Sanford Lyon, and Henry C. Wiley spring poled the first successful oil well in this state at a place now known as Mentryville.

Prospecting for oil brought in "gushers" in Wiley Canyon and Placerita (the famous White Oil of Placerita was a major attraction at the U.S. Centennial exposition in Philadelphia).

A group of businessmen realized the need for a refinery near these and other oil drilling operations, forming the Los Angeles Petroleum Refining Company on July 16, 1873. There were eighteen directors including F.P.F. Temple, Pio Pico, General Edward F. Beale, and Col. R. F. Baker. On the 30th of July they began construction of a two still refinery at Lyon Station (present day Eternal Valley Cemetary) in Newhall. Unable to produce smoke free kerosene, they shortly went out of business, beset by financial troubles. The old Star Works shortly followed suit.

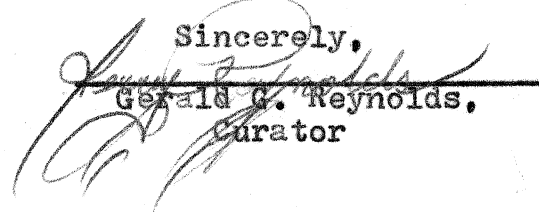
Another Star oil co. was formed on July 8, 1876 under the name of California Star Oil Works, moved the two stills from Lyon Station to their present location in Railroad Canyon, Newhall, and imported two more from the east coast. The second Star was very successful.

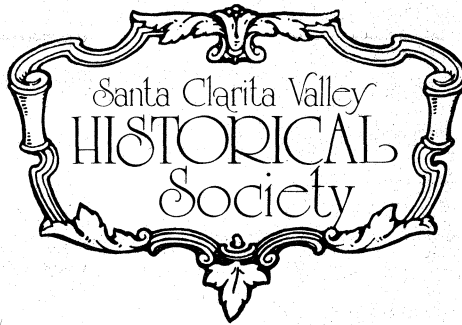
Written sources include Standard Oil Co., Formative Years in The Far West, by Gerald T. White. History of the Newhall Ranch, by Ruth W. Newhall. Men of the Tejon, by Walton Young. Petroleum in Calif. (1900) by Lionel V. Redpath.

The lady in our area who knows a lot about the Temple home is Anita Ruby Jenkins Kellogg, 28032 No. Ermine, Canyon Country-91351.

If I can be of any other assistance, please feel free to write or call be at (805) 255-6023.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald C. Reynolds,  
Curator



Mrs. Jean Adkinson  
1027 A Justin Ave.  
Glendale, Ca. 91201

March 13, 1979

Dear Mrs. Adkinson:

Tony Newhall, of the Newhall Signal, has forwarded your letter to our Society.

We found your letter quite interesting, and thank you for the privilege of sharing with us. Would you consider doing a oral history of your recollections of your memories of the San Francisquito Canyon area? If so, please contact us either by letter or phone. Our president, Mrs. Cindy Neal-Harris, 805-252-7808, or Mrs. Mimi White, Chairman of Oral History, 805-259-2138.

We also thought that you might be interested to know that our Society has for sale, "Manmade Disaster" by Charles F. Outland. This book is quite detailed on the St. Francis Dam Disaster.

Please find enclosed an application for membership to our society, if you are interested. We think you might find our newsletter interesting, even though you may not be able to attend our meetings.

Again, thank you for any consideration you will give to us.

Sincerely yours,

*Helene Blodgett*  
Corresponding Secretary



16 March 1979

Newhall Land & Farming Co.  
23823 Valencia Blvd.  
Valencia, CA 91355

Please don't "file" this, at least until you've read it. I need your help.

I am trying to trace the movements of my grandfather and his family between the time they left Liverpool, England on 23 July 1890 and the time he applied for a homestead on property located in Hasley Canyon, near Castaic Junction on 12 October 1898. I have exhausted ALL other sources at my disposal and you are my last hope.

The reason that I think you might be able to help me is because when I was very young, I can remember my grandfather saying that he had worked on "The Newhall Ranch". I think that he might have been working on "The Ranch" when he made application for the homestead because he listed his residence as Newhall.

Maybe you have employment records or payroll records covering the period in question. If so, I would be most appreciative of any conformation of my grand-dads employment. I am particularly interested in the inclusive dates of his employment and, if available his address during his time of employment. I would be happy to do the search if the records were available to me.

My grandfather's name was Cornelius Bartlett. (He also had a brother, John Soleirol Bartlett, that may have been employed there.)

I hope that you can help me.



~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Oswald Bartlett  
13045 Del Monte Dr. 42 R  
Seal Beach, CA 90740

P.S. Good thing ~~isn't~~ I'm not applying for a job as typist.

THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY

Post Office Box 55000  
Valencia, California 91355  
(805) 255-4000

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

805-255-4050

March 20, 1979

Mr. Oswald Bartlett  
13045 Del Monte Dr. 42R  
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

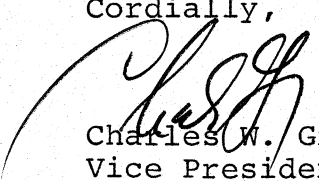
Thank you for your letter and your inquiry about your Grandfather's employment with our company.

Unfortunately, our company records do not go back to the era you described. The company has undergone a number of changes and reorganizations since the time in question. I suspect that the ranch maintained only rudimentary records at the time your Grandfather was located here.

I have sent a copy of your letter to the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society which may be able to help.

I am sorry that we cannot be encouraging. I wish you good luck in your search.

Cordially,



Charles W. Gray  
Vice President  
Administration

CWG/jh

CC: Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY

Post Office Box 55000  
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March 20, 1979

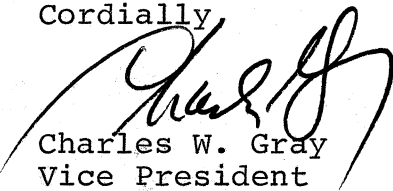
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Att: Mimi White  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91321

Dear Mrs. White:

I hope that you may be able to help this person in his search for his roots.

Thank you.

Cordially,



Charles W. Gray  
Vice President  
Administration

CWG/jh

Enclosures



Newhall Woman's Club  
P.O. Box 449  
Newhall, Ca. 91322

March 17, 1979

Dear Past Member:

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season has passed, and the income taxes have been made out, it is now time to pause and consider renewing your membership in the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, if you have not already done so.

Dues for membership are \$15.00 for Service Club Memberships for January 1, thru December 31, 1979.

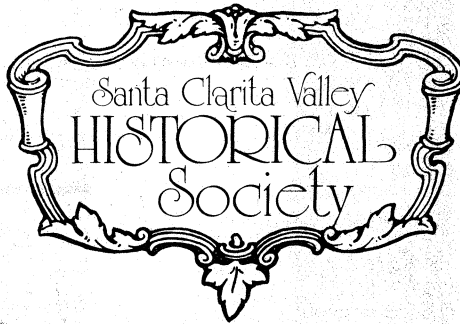
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Blancher,  
Membership Chairman

enclosure-renewal form

EB/hb



Frederick Stephens, Jr.  
Vice President of Commercial Operations,  
Newhall Land & Farming Corporation,  
23823 W. Valencia Blvd.,  
Valencia, Calif., 91355

March 17, 1979

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Early in January, as you know, we sent a letter to your Corporation regarding two endangered and historic structures, eliciting help and advice in relation to saving them. Our Society's aim is to save the few remaining significant old buildings and sites of the area, with the Saugus Station and Henry Mayo Newhall's hundred-year-old ranch house being uppermost at present.

We have recently been informed that there is a possibility that NL&F may restore the latter for use as a visitors' center. In our opinion this is the finest solution and would give the most appropriate status to this structure. If this does come about, perhaps the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society members could aid in the restoration work. But if the plan does not mature, we would like to be given first opportunity to develop another action for its preservation.

Our Society has hoped for a type of cultural heritage representation of early agriculture, transportation, and industry. The last, in relation to oil, has a good start with the Pioneer Refinery and the restored buildings at Mentryville. These all began within the same time frame and led to the development of this valley. In face of the current growth escalation, we feel NOW is the eleventh hour to save, preserve and restore, and regret that we were not organized sooner than three years ago!

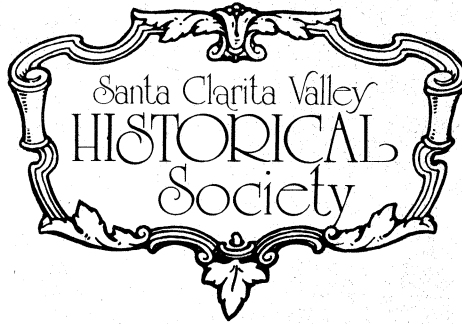
Because our aims and interests are centered in your corporation's very roots, we greatly hope that we can cooperatively work together to save what little is left.

Sincerely,

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Cnthia Neal-Harris, President

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Betty Houghton Pember,  
Preservation and Landmarks Chairman

CNH/hb



Daniel J. Gordon  
D. G. ASSOCIATES  
Dimensional Graphics  
18350 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, Ca 92708

March 18, 1979

Dear Mr. Gordon:

In reference to Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, Newhall,  
letter of Oct. 2, 1978.

I'm sorry that these corrections are so late in  
getting to you, but due to lack of communications in  
our organization, the person who was supposed to have  
sent them apparently didn't. I have been commissioned  
with the job of sending them to you.

Enclosed please find three pages listed with the  
corrections.

Sincerely,

*Helen Blancher*

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*J. Reynolds 12/16*

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BOB'S BIG BOY, NEWHALL.

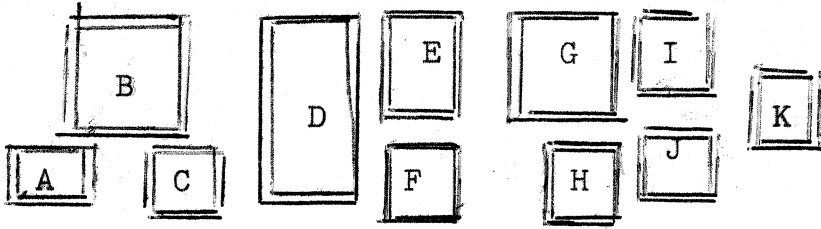
WEST WALL

A. O.K.

B. O.K.

C. U.S. Army Gun Emplacement, "Ghost Dance Uprising", South Dakota, 1891.

D. Sioux Indian Encampment, Pine Ridge, South Dakota



BOB'S BIG BOY, NEWHALL.

SOUTH WALL

A. Water Wagon on Pine Mountain, near Fillmore, Calif-1897

B. O.K.

C. O.K.

D. Red Cloud, War Chief of the Teton Sioux. Photo 1887, Pine Ridge, So. Dakota

E. Union Station, Downtown Los Angeles, Ca.

F. Mentryville. Family of Charles Alexander Mentry.

G. O.K.

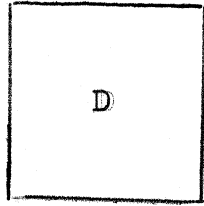
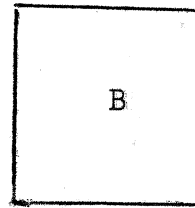
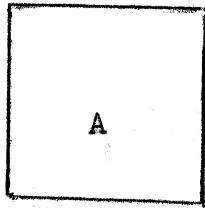
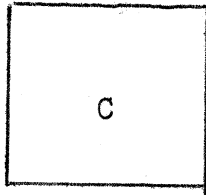
H. American Horse of the Oglala Sioux. Bridger Montana, 1880s

I. Sioux Indians at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, circa 1890

J. O.K.

K. Group of Sioux Indian Chiefs- Pine Ridge South Dakota.





BOB'S BIG BOY, NEWHALL .

EAST WALL

- A. Family of Francisco Deceta, Castaic. 1913
- B. The name of "Mentryville" is misspelled.
- C. Change name of Mentryville
- D. Same as above.

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MESSAGE

REPLY

TO [ OLD ORCHARD SCHOOL ]

GLENN GRAY

[ MIMI WHITE ✓ ]

DATE March 12, 1979

Please add the following dates to the application filled out by the Santa

Clarita Valley Historical Society:

April 18

May 16

June 20

Thank You.

All of the other information will be the same.

BY

*K. J. ...*

SIGNED

NEWHALL SCHOOL DIST. JT

25022 NORTH HAWKBYRN • NEWHALL, CALIFORNIA 91321 • PHONE (805) 259-5225

M E S S A G E

R E P L Y

TO MEADOWS SCHOOL

CLENN GRAY

MINI WHITE ✓

DATE MARCH 13, 1979

Please calendar April 18, 1979 for the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society meeting from 7:00-10:00 P.M., 80 to 100 people. They would like to use the Multi-Purpose Room and have access to the kitchen just for water. Also, a public address system would be helpful, and they will need 2 tables and 100 chairs.

Thank You.

BY

Form NR73® The Drawing Board, Inc., Box 505, Dallas, Texas

SIGNED

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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
General Membership Meeting  
March 21, 1979

President Mrs. Neal-Harris opened the meeting at 7:40 P.M. in the old Orchard Elementary School. Tom Mason led the pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Harris reported that the Secretary, Fred Trueblood had resigned as Secretary, due to illness. She asked for volunteers. No one volunteered. The minutes of the last meeting was not read due to the fact that there were no minutes to read.

Paul Kline, Treasurer, gave his report: He had a balance on hand of \$2425.39. He took in \$350.00 that night.

Corresponding Secretary reported on coming events, and stated that the local Chamber of Commerce asked us to nominate someone for Man or Woman of the year. The nominations were to be referred to Joanne Darcy.

George Von Haase reported that he had a "Tentative Tour" sheet sign up list being passed around.

Jerry Reynolds reported that he received a "Sample" of the tee Shirts from Saugus, Mass. in the amount of 204 shirts, selling for a cost of \$3.50 each. The Saugus Celebration will take place Sept. 30, 1979. Jerry reported that the Saugus Celebration Committee was sending us Bumper Stickers also, but no price was quoted.

Dorothy Riley gave a report that the Oak tree Committee has decided to sell Tee shirts with the Oak tree imprinted on them for \$3.50 each. A list was passed around for those interested in buying a tee shirt. Dorothy reported that the County is drawing up a permanent Oak Tree Ordinance.

Ed Blancher, Membership Chairman reported we have 234 members. He reported that he still had badges for some of those who signed up last year but have not renewed this year.

Eva Mitchell introduced the speakers from Cal State Northridge, Mr. Wessell and Mr. Mc Intyre. The subject of the night was "Pre History of Our Area".

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Monday, April 2, 1979  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Board of Directors, Santa Charita Valley Historical Society,  
Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce, Newhall, California

The meeting was opened by President, Cindy Neal-Harris at 7:30 P.M. The Board watched the Yee Family for a few minutes on T V.

Minutes of the past month board meeting were handed out and approved as written.

Treasurer gave the financial report for the month of March. February balance: \$2425.39; receipts: \$554.25; expenditures: \$358.36; balance on hand March 31: \$2621.28.

Corresponding Secretary gave a report of 12 letters written during the month of March. It was also brought up that the Chinese Historical Society sent a renewal form for membership. We discussed joining other Societies, and it was decided that we would honor each Society as an Honorary Member and exchange newsletters, without exchanging monetary dues. Cindy reported that she still needed a Board Secretary and asked for volunteers.

George Von Haase reported that he is setting up a Wildflower tour, but no exact date can be given due to the fact that the flowers are not in bloom just yet. He had contacted a bus line and the cost will run about \$230.00 for a 6 hour tour with 47 passengers. He asked what the board felt that we should charge for the tour per person. It was decided that \$6.00 per person should cover the cost. We talked about a possible tour to the site that the speaker, Mr. Wessel and Mr. McIntyre spoke about at last month's meeting.

Speakers for the April meeting will be a representative from the Ventura County Historical Society sharing "Making History Come Alive", by sharing with us how they founded their museum.

We discussed selling the Saugus, Mass. Tee Shirts. We decided to try to sell at \$3.50 each, and if we don't sell all of them, we will send back the left overs.

Cindy told everyone she would be gone for the April general meeting and Ruth Newhall, Vice President will be taking care of that meeting. It was suggested that the Society treat the Speakers from Ventura to a dinner. It was agreed that the Society would pick up the tab, for the speakers dinner.

We discussed the Society's left over calendars-what to do with them. Connie Worden will call School Superintendants to see how

feel about taking our left over calendars.

Jerry Reynolds moved "that we give the Docents, Debbie or Sharon for door prizes." Motion 2nd and passed.

Mimi White had a letter from a Mr. Oswald Barlett trying to trace movements of his Grandfather Cornelius Bartlett. Letter was given to Alice Kline, to see what she could come up with.

Dave Kohut talked about getting the plaque on a big boulder at the power house. He suggested that we use a chunk of the Dam. He suggested that there are a few groups looking for a service project, and they may be able to help us secure either a chunk of the dam, or a large boulder, and will ask around to see if possible.

Dave Kohut was appointed to take care of selling the tee shirts from the Saugus, Mass. while Jerry Reynolds is on vacation.

Betty Pember reported that the committee took a letter to the Newhall Land and Farm Corp. to see about the Newhall Home, and found that the Firm is open to a proposal. Connie Worden will draw up a poroposal, and a tour will also be taken to see just what shape the house is in. We discussed ways to restore the house.

Corresponding Secretary was asked to send a thank you letter to last months speakers.

It was moved by Paul Kline and 2nd to pay the Society's Insurance bill.

Mrs. Kline brought up the fact that she had not received her negatives back from Craig Obara, for from any of the board. After discussion, it was decided that the president would contact our attorney and the corresponding secretary would write a formal letter asking the attorney to do what necessary action was needed in this case. Mrs. Kline was asked to please write a legal description of what was not returned to her from Mr. Obara. She agreed to do so.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*For Files*

April 2, 1979

Oswald Bartlett  
13045 Del Monte Dr. 42 R  
Seal Beach, Ca 90740

Dear Mr. Bartlett,

Your letter to Newhall Land and Farming Co, was referred to the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. Since I live in Castaic, and am also working with the genealogy section of the Historical Society, it was given to me to answer. I am not a professional genealogist but I will give you some ideas you may not have tried, and also look around and consult some of the local old timers, and see if by chance they knew of your grandfather. Unfortunately, two of them died not long ago, men who had been here over 65 years.

I am wondering if you have tried the 1900 census for the address of your grandfather in 1900? Some people do not realize that it is now available to view. These can be used only at the National Archives Branch at Laguna Niguel.

I know I couldn't help you with the employment records, and am I correct in presuming you have already gone through the County records for copies of the homestead proceedings, and the land description, as to whether he got the land? I would include his brother in the various searches, as there is the chance they might have applied next to each other, or bought and sold together.

If your grandfather was married in Los Angeles County, you might make an effort to obtain the APPLICATION for a marriage license. Unless asked for, and almost demanded, they tend to deny having such information. That would give his address at that time. Possibly the church where he married might also have records of some kind, such as if he happened to be a member, his address or something like that. Naturalization records also might be a good source to find out exactly where he lived if he was naturalized. Voting records are also public records and might be checked, if he was naturalized.

I will check around, and if I find out there is anyone that does remember him in this area, I will notify you. If you think we might be of any other help, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Alice B. Kline (Mrs Paul O.)  
for Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
PO Box 875  
Newhall, Ca. 91321

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# Southern Pacific Land Company

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

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R. L. STACY

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B-8135-Saugus-Station Building - 9

April 2, 1979

Mrs. Cynthia Neal-Harris, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mrs. Neal-Harris:

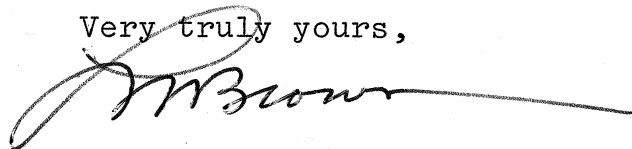
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Very truly yours,



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→ bcc. T. Buckley, L.A.

APR 2 1979

Helen: Please file.  
Thanks,  
Jerry

Mr. Danny Hoffman  
508 Lincoln Ave.  
Saugus, Ma. 01906

April 3, 1979

Dear Danny:

You can hardly imagine my surprise, after requesting a few Saugus T-shirts, to having 204 of them land on my doorstep. The 250 bumper stickers came a few days later, along with the very classy logos printed on felt.

I was contacted a couple of weeks back by Mr. Fred Picariello, who resides locally, and has a brother in "your" Saugus. Brother John, I understand, is very active in the "Saugus 350" celebration and is probably well known to you. At any rate, we decided this was just the "Saugus Connection" needed to kick off the publicity from this end. I am enclosing some clippings for you and hope that you like our Cyndi Garcia, who was just voted "most likely to succeed in a wet Saugus T-shirt".

We are currently dickering with the Newhall Land and Farming Co. to gain possession of Henry Mayer Newhall's house. Things look very good at the moment, and, if all goes well, we will have a dedication of this fine Victorian mansion as a cultural and Historic monument to coincide with the Saugus 350. I can think of nothing that would symbolise the ties of our two communities more than this.

By the way, since the enclosed clipping came out in The Signal, we have sold over 25 shirts. Checks will follow.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry Reynolds  
Curator

Helen:  
Please file  
*[Signature]*

Mr. Wally Blake  
P.O. Box 2160  
Culver City, Ca. 90230

April 7, 1979

Dear Mr. Blake:

I understand that you are currently negotiating to purchase Callahan's Old West Museum.

The Society is anxious to preserve as much of the History of the Santa Clarita Valley as possible. We are currently working to save the Saugus train depot, Henry M. Newhall home, Beale's Cut, and the site of the Assistencia de San Francisco. We have been successful in marking the oil town of Mentryville, Lang Station, and the St. Francis Dam site.

Callahan's is certainly a valued and colorful part of our past that should be revived and preserved for future generations.

If there is any way that the Society can be of assistance to you in your enterprise, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
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Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator



Mr. John S. Mac Intosh  
23015 Soledad Canyon Rd  
Saugus, Ca 91350

April 16, 1979

Dear Mr. Mac Intosh:

The Historical Society Board met on April 2, 1979 and at that meeting, Mrs. Alice B. Kline was present, and made a request that her negatives she gave to the society be returned to her.

She has made a previous request for these negatives, after seeing that they were copied and placed in a local Bob's Big Boy Restaurant. The Board has agreed that she should be given back the negatives in October of 1978. At that time, a Mr. Craig Obara was on our Board of Directors, and had the negatives in his possession, as well as other photos and materials of the Society. Mrs. Mimi White wrote to Mr. Obara, by direction of the Board, requesting that all of the Societies materials be given back to the society, and that she would be available to pick them up. To this date, Mr. Obara has not returned all of the materials, only part of the materials. Mr. Obara was removed from our Board of Directors in November, 1978.

Since Mr. Obara has not returned all of the materials as requested, therefore, the Board has directed that I should write to you asking that you take the necessary action to obtain the rest of the materials.

Enclosed please find a copy of a list of what Mrs. Kline claims is missing, and also a copy of the letter that Mrs. White wrote to Mr. Obara. Mr. Obara's address is: 20110 Keaton St., Canyon Country, Ca. 91351. Telephone number 251-3571.

We would like to clear up this matter. <sup>you have</sup> Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,  
*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*file copy*

April 26, 1979

Dear Cindy :

I have certainly let you down this Spring in so far as the discharge of my refreshment committee duties is concerned. I feel particularly bad about this since I told you I'd be glad to help.

When I accepted the assignment I had forgotten that my S.A. Philharmonic season tickets were for the third Wednesday of each month. This, plus the fact that all my Wednesdays for the next 13 weeks will now be taken up with the Lockheed Golf Tournament, is forcing me to ask you to please remove me from the refreshment committee.

Believe it or not, I really do want to get personally involved with the activities of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. After this golf tournament has been completed I'll try to arrange my evenings more effectively so that future Wednesdays will be free.

Respectfully,  
Russ Lowe



Castaic Union School District  
Castaic P.T.A.  
P.O. Box 128  
Castaic, Calif. 91310  
May 1, 1979

Dear S.C.V. Historical Society,

Thank you very much for your donation of 2 Saugus T-shirts  
for our 'SPRING FLING' Carnival on May 5, 1979. Castaic P.T.A.

sincerely appreciates your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Dona R. Stucker  
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Raffle Chairwomen

Sandi L. Pinkston  
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THE  SIGNAL

May 3, 1979

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P. O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Gentlemen:

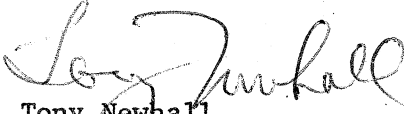
We were all saddened recently by the death of Fred W. Trueblood, Jr., who passed away on April 9, 1979. Fred was a charter member of our Historical Society and, as a Newhall resident for over 40 years, contributed greatly to the work and to the membership programs of the Society.

He was also a former owner and editor of the Newhall Signal.

In his memory, The Signal would like to contribute the enclosed check for \$50 to the Society to be used as the Society may wish.

Could you please acknowledge this donation to his son, Fred W. Trueblood, III.

Sincerely,

  
Tony Newhall  
Publisher

TN:jp  
enc

May 7, 1979

Mrs. Anne Trueblood  
P.O. Box 508  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mrs. Trueblood and Family,

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society extends its sympathy in your bereavement and wishes to inform you that a generous contribution in memory of Fred Trueblood, Jr. has been made by Tony Newhall, Publisher, The Newhall Signal and Saugus Enterprise.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

May 7, 1979

Mr. Fred Trueblood III  
27770 Church St.  
Castaic, California 91310

Dear Mr. Trueblood and Family,

We were all saddened by the death of your Father. The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society extends its sympathy in your bereavement and wishes to inform you and your family that a generous contribution in his memory has been made by Tony Newhall, Publisher, The Newhall Signal.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MAY 7, 1979

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The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Board of Directors met on May 7th, at the Chamber of Commerce Building on Walnut Street, Newhall, California. The Meeting was called to order by Cindy-Neal Harris, President, at 7:40 P.M. The April Minutes were read and approved as read. Copies of a Santa Clarita Flier (program) were handed out. Cindy asked for discussion on selection of a new Secretary, <sup>MAY 16th</sup> ~~recording~~ to replace Fred Trueblood. The Treasurer, Paul Kline, gave his report noting a Balance of \$2621.28. A round of applause was given to Mimi White for the sale of Calendars. Ruth Newhall made suggestion of combining the two Bank Accounts to draw interest on both. Paul will look into this matter.

George Von Haase gave a report on the Wild flower Tour. The wildflowers were not as pretty as last year. The new bus broke down and they had a long wait for another, but a pleasant one. The Society almost broke even. A good time was had by all. A discussion for more Tours was made.

Cindy read a letter from the Signal. A contribution of \$50.00 to the Society in memory of Fred Trueblood was included. Cindy read correspondence mail as Helen Blancher, Sec. was on vacation. Discussion of Chemical Waste Dump to be in this area. Motion was made for the Society to take a stand against the Dump. Seconded and passed. Tom Mason will draft a letter from the Society regarding this matter.

Mimi White announced that the Lopez House in San Fernando needs support and visitors to keep the Historical House from being closed by the City. Jerry Reynolds will do a Trip of the Week article in the near future for the Sunday Signal.

Ruth Newhall announced the Los Angeles Flower and Produce Market will have a Walkathon Tour on May 11th, also, she will conduct Tours on June 23rd at the Piru Mansion. The cost will be \$4.00 per person. The Signal will carry an article about the Tour later on. The monies to go to the Piru Community Center.

President Cindy, asked Dorothy Riley, Oak tree Chairman, for her report. She made a request for a letter from the Society of support in the renewal of the Oak Tree Temporary Ordinance. A discussion was called for by the President. A motion was made and seconded. More discussion, then motion was passed. Discussion was called on the re-placing of a new marker at the San Francis Dam Site. Cindy asked Dave Kohut for his and Frenchy Lagasse' decision about a marker base. They found three possible markers. Dave discussed possible ways of moving the slabs. He will contact the Dept. of Water and Power. Mimi White will send to Sacramento for wording of the plaque.

Discussion on the Saugus T-shirts plus 99 license plates Jerry received from Saugus, Mass. for sale. Board decided not to try and sell the plates. It may be too much for the Society to take more on, plus California Drivers could not use them on their cars. Dave Kohut made suggestion on announcement in the Signal for the sale of the T-shirts. Cindy showed clipping from the Saugus, Mass. newspapers on Saugus, California Commemoration of Sister Celebration.

The option on the Saugus Depot was picked up by Mr. Nigro. Still not sure if the Society will ever have a space in the Saugus buildings.

The Fourth of July Parade Float was discussed. The theme is "A Parade with Music". Mimi White suggested the once upon a time "HAP-A-LAN Dance Hall" of Lloyd Houghton's which was here in Newhall. Mimi will talk to Lloyd for permission, Betty Pember gave the Society the piano which is at the Reynolds home and Ruth Newhall volunteered to play it on the float. It is the piano which was used at the Dance Hall.

The big discussion of the old Newhall Ranch House which was built in 1890 was then started by Ruth Newhall showing pictures of the house in its present state. Tom Mason took the wonderful pictures which was shown. Much discussion was held as the new owners to be "Six Flags" have to be contacted. Ruth Newhall suggested that the Society send a letter to Newhall Land and Farm from the Board of Directors to certify our intentions of the Preservation of the Ranch House/.

Mimi White made the announcement about the Friends of the Library Membership drive. Jerry Reynolds made the motion that the Society become a Member. Ruth Newhall seconded the motion. The Membership Fee is \$25.00.

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING OF May 7, 1979

The members voted on the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The President asked for the discussion on the calendars we were going to give to the Schools. Connie Worden stated the schools would accept the calendars and she will deliver the said amount to the Board Meeting. Each school can take what they may use. Fifty Calendars had been passed upon to be given to the schools.

Ruth, Cindy, and Connie are on a Committee to Select a new Recording Secretary to fill out the year. Suggestion was made to pick from 1979 Nomination members. Chic Kiersted and Anne Lynch, *to Be ASKED.*

Carol Lagasse announced that Ruby Kellogg was in the Henry Mayno Memorial Hospital and not doing too well. Card of Get-Well wishes was signed by all present to be sent to Ruby and <sup>x</sup>John Wayne, who is a Honorary Member, of our Society.

Alice Kline asked if any information or return of negatives of pictures from Craig O'Bara had been received by the Society. Lawyer John MacIntosh had been informed to contact Craig; but to this date no answer from the Lawyer either. Cindy is to call Mac Intosh to see where we stand.

Mimi White had a few pamphlets on Lang Station and "My First Wild Turkey" by H. Clay Needham for sale. All went fast except a few will be save for our Society Library for the future.

President Cindy-Neal Harris called the meeting to adjourn at 9:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frenchy Lagasse, Sec. Pro-Tem.

May 10, 1979

Mr. Tony Newhall  
Publisher  
The Newhall Signal  
P.O. BOX 877  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mr. Newhall,

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Very truly yours,

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

May 15, 1979

● Santa Clara Valley  
Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Meridian, California 91322

Dear friends:

My sister Nehma had an old photograph enlarged and sent it to me on my fortieth wedding anniversary, April 30, 1979.

The reason she sent me the picture is due to an experience we had in a court about our property in San Francisquito Canyon.

● The people working for the County in the Valencia Civic Center think I am crazy when I tell them about St. Francis Dam, and my recollection of Pre-Dam days there.

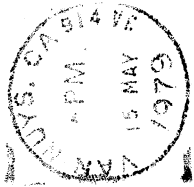
When I tell folks where the San Francisquito School was located they do not believe me probably due to erroneous information they have obtained somewhere.

Should you be interested in regard to the San Francisquito School photograph please let me know. A Highway Patrol friend of mine told me last Sunday that vandals destroyed the monument you people had installed by the Dam, I'm sorry to hear that from him.

Respectfully, Harold W. Queen



Harold W. Haem  
10550 Edison way  
No. Hollywood, Calif. 91606



Santa Clara Valley Historical Society  
Post Office Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

JOHN S. MacINTOSH  
— ATTORNEY AT LAW —  
23015 SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD  
SAUGUS, CA 91350

May 16, 1979

Mr. Craig B. Obara  
20110 W. Keaton  
Canyon Country, Ca. 91351

Re: Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

Dear Mr. Obara;

The Society has contacted me with regard to the return of any and all photos or negatives still in your possession, which are the property of the Society or its contributors.

Special interest is directed toward the return of all photos and negatives as loaned by Alice B. Kline of Castaic. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of a list prepared by Mrs. Kline and request your comments as to which of these photos or negatives have been returned, which you may still have and reasons for any discrepancies.

Please drop me a line and hopefully we can then lay this matter at rest.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN S. MACINTOSH

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I feel that 6 months is time enough for any competent Society and Attorney to take care of this matter satisfactorily.

*Alice B. Kline*

Alice B. Kline  
27808 Ferguson Dr.  
Castaic, Ca 91310

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May 19, 1979

Mrs. Robert C. Williams  
25217 Via Tanara  
Valencia, California 91355

Dear Mrs. Williams and Family;

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society extends its deepest sympathy in your bereavement at the loss of your husband and father, Robert C. Williams. Our thoughts are with you and your family in your time of need.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President



Mrs. Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

May 21, 1979

Dear Mrs. Neal-Harris:

Yesterday, May 20, 1979, Mr. Craig Obara presented to me a series of 35mm negatives of photographs he had taken of pictures in the personal collection of Mrs. Alice Kline of Castaic, California. They are, to the best of my knowledge, as follows:

Teton Sioux Chief Red Cloud, Pine Ridge, So. Dakota.  
1890 picture of 5 Sioux-Wet Moccasins, Red Horse, Capt. Sword, and Yankton Charley., and One that Clinches.  
American Horse of the Hunkpapa Sioux.  
Indian encampment-group drying meat.  
Sioux Indian Ghost or Sun Dance.  
Pine Ridge Indian Agency.  
Camp of Sioux, Pine Ridge, S.D., Jan. 17, 1891.  
30 people at the Pine Ridge Indian Agency, S.D.  
Lt. Taylor and his scouts, Pine Ridge-Jan. 19, 1891.  
1st Infantry Band, Gen. N.A. Miles H.Q., Pine Ridge, S.D., Jan. 19, 1891.  
Rifle Guns at Pine Ridge, S.D.-Jan. 18, 1891.  
Gen. Brook's camp on White Clay Creek, 2 miles no. of Pine Ridge.  
Pine Ridge Agency, S.D. on Jan. 16, 1891.  
State Insane Asylum (1869-70), Lincoln, Nebr.  
Back view of Sioux Lady with cradleboard and baby.


In addition, Mr. Obara gave up several negatives that he did for Mrs. Kline on a personal contract basis and not related to the Society:

2 negatives of a group of ladies.  
3 negatives of people in a buggy.  
6 negatives of a portrait bust of a lady.  
4 negatives of a portrait bust of a gentleman.

Mr. Obara stated that these were the only photographs that he copied from the Kline collection. There were several others, but he did not make copies of them.

At the next Board Meeting (June 4, 1979), the photographs of Mrs. Kline's ancestors will be returned to her (second list). If Mrs. Kline wants the 1890s North Dakota pictures returned to her they will be. If not they will be duly catalogued and entered into the files of the Society.

I am satisfied that the matter is now closed as far as the Society is concerned. After checking the books of Mr. Obara's B.C. Photographics I find that he did not make a profit in his deal with "Bob's Big Boy", but broke even. If Mrs. Kline wants to pursue any further independent action, that is up to her.

  
Gerald C. Reynolds  
Secretary

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MEADOWS SCHOOL

GLENN GRAY

MIMI WHITE ✓

3/22/79

Please cancel the April 18 meeting  
for the Santa Clarita Valley  
Historical Society, they will be  
able to use Old Orchard School  
after all.

Thank You!

DATE

SIGNED

RECIPIENT KEEP THIS COPY, RETURN WHITE COPY TO SENDER

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MESSAGE

REPLY

OLD ORCHARD SCHOOL

GLENN GRAY

MINI WHITE

MARCH 22, 1979

DATE

Per Bob Nolet, please re-schedule

the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
meeting for April 18, in the Multi-Purpose  
Room. The Placerita Parents group will  
use the sixth grade classroom.

Thank You!

SIGNED





May 23, 1979

Mr. Kenneth Hahn  
Chairman  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Hahn:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is concerned with the preservation of our priceless heritage such as Indian artifacts, oak trees and local historically important sites and buildings. We ask your assistance in affording a high priority to these goals in the Los Angeles County General Plan currently under consideration by your Board. As a matter of dedication to our goals, we strongly oppose any development that would destroy any archeological, historical, or environmental resources. In particular, we are opposed to the installation of the Class I Dump in Sand Canyon which would endanger the environmental and archeological wealth of our area.

As you are aware, our area is situated in an active seismic area with numerous faults. The proposed dump site is almost on the very epicenter of the very destructive Sylmar/Newhall Earthquake of 1971. With the establishment of the Class I dump site, the potential for irreversible contamination of our valleys drinking water supply would become very real indeed. Since this area has already experienced the second worst disaster in the history of California, (the St. Francis Dam break of 1928 - approximately 500 lives lost), we do not wish to become ourselves statistics for a far worse disaster by the insidious contamination of our valley.

Nothing can be done now for the victims of the collapse of the St. Francis Dam but you do have the power to prevent another major catastrophe. Our Society of more than 300 members, wish to go on record that we are unalterably opposed to this dump with all of its disadvantages being located in or adjacent to our valley for the reasons as previously stated.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*

Cynthia Neal-Harris, President

cc: Baxter Ward  
E. Edman  
Pete Schabarum  
James Hayes

Caroline Riggs  
1303 Glenoaks Blvd.  
San Fernando, Calif.  
91340

May 27, 1979

Dear Miss Riggs:

Thank you for your assistance in preparing my article on the Lopez Adobe. As I promised, two copies of this feature are enclosed.

I understand that the fine old home may be closed due to low attendance, which would be a shame. I am sure that some developer would love to get his hands on that prime location.

Before making a few suggestions, which you may have already considered, let me preface my remarks with my qualifications to make these judgements.

I am employed full time as Tour Co-ordinator and community relations for the State Department of Water Resources. Our Visitor Center at Castaic has more visitors than the rest of the state's centers combined. I work part time for The Newhall Signal as a columnist and reporter and am Curator of our local Historical Society. Formerly I was with the Hearst "Castle" State Monument.

First, I think, that you need a telephone number that can be reached on a regular basis.

Hours of operation should be extended to at least 8 hours per day, 5 (preferably 7) days a week.

A corps of professional guides could be augmented with docents.

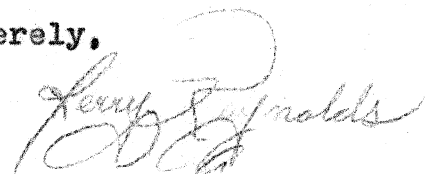
Professional lecturers can go into the community showing movies and giving slide talks to civic groups and schools.

Schools, Senior Citizen Tours, and other groups should be contacted and encouraged to visit the home.

Dig up a real juicy scandle. Nothing attracts visitors as much as notoriety. (He said with tongue in cheek)

Future generations would curse us if we let this magnificent house fade into oblivion.

Sincerely,



June 1, 1979  
Santa Clarita Valley  
Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Friends,

Thank you sincerely for  
your letter of May 19, 1976

From your President Cynthia Carl-Harris  
& to my family regarding the unexpected  
death of my husband, Robert C. Williams,  
You sympathy is very much  
appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Dorcas D. Williams

file

Li Zuch  
538 Harding Ave.  
San Fernando, Ca.  
91340

June 7, 1979

Dear Ms. Zuch:

Please find enclosed 7 illustrations showing something of the close ties between our two vallies. The drawing are mine, however you have my written permission to reproduce them. The photographs are the property of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society and you have permission to use them.

Some brief description may help in your press release-

"Don Pedro Pages"- a member of the Portola expedition, the first Europeans to explore both of these vallies in 1769. Could also be called "Don Gaspar de Portola", as no one knows what either one of them looked like.

"Asistencia de San Francisco"-The Santa Clarita was a holding of Mission San Fernando and they ran cattle out here. In 1804 the mission padres set up a granery at Castaic Junction which became a sub-mission or satellite of San Fernando.

"Mexico-1822 to 1846". Don Antonio Del Valle was appointed Administrator of San Fernando Rey after it was secularized in 1834. He was granted the Santa Clara Rancho San Francisco in 1839 and set up house-keeping in the old Asistencia. He was a close friend of Gen. Andreas Pico, who owned the ex-mission San Fernando. They visited back and forth and hunted together in the Lake Hughes area. Pico Canyon, here, is named for the general. Del Valle is on the left, Pico to the right, riding along the Santa Clara Riverbed.

"Beale's Cut". General Edward Fitzgerald Beale solved the massive transportation problem of getting goods over the mountain barrier between San Fernando and the Santa Clarita by having the army dig a 90 foot slash through the mountains. The Cut( also known as San Fernando or Fremont Pass) was the only northern outlet for Los Angeles trade from 1861 to 1876, when the railroad was finished.(This shot is from the 1939 movie "Stagecoach". Whether or not you mention it is up to you).

"San Fernando Tunnel"- This picture, from Title Insurance, shows the first train through the big hole hand dug by Chinese labor. It is reproduced in every Calif. History book and probably the best known rail road photo in the country.

"Saugus Station". The property for this depot was sold to the Southern Pacific on Nov. 30, 1886 by Henry M. Newhall. It opened on Sept. 23, 1887 when the spur line to Ventura and Santa Barbara was completed. Trains from L.A. and San Fernando usually stopped here for water prior to continuing northward, or dropped off passengers and freight bound for the coast. Now abandoned by the S.P., the local Historical Society is fighting to save it from being bulldozed.

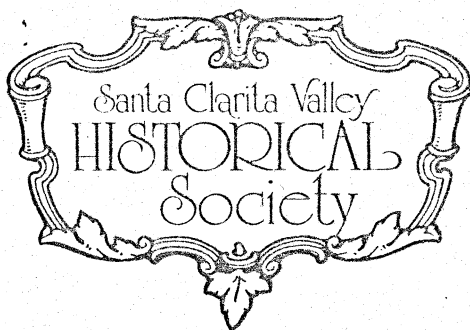
"Movie Still". Motion pictures were being filmed in the San Fernando and the Santa Clarita as early as 1911. Hollywood started as the "Motion Picture Capitol of the World" in 1913 when C.B. DeMille shot the Squawman there. Flicks were shot in Chatsworth, Mission Hills, Newhall, and Vasquez Rocks, principally. The first box office bonanzas were "Westerns" with such stars as Bronco Billy Anderson, William Surry Hart, and Tom Mix. Here is one shot that sums up the History of the Santa Clarita and the San Fernando. Tom Mix is seen actually jumping Tony, "The Wonder Horse", over Beale's Cut.

Concise details and dates can be found on the back of each photograph. I hope that these few pictures will help you in your work for the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (805) 255-6023. Please return the pictures to my home address, listed below.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds,  
Curator

23428 Happy Valley Dr.  
Newhall, Calif., 91321



Daniel J. Gordon  
D. G. Associates  
Dimensional Graphics  
18350 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, Ca 92708

June 19, 1979

Dear Mr. Gordon:

In reference to letters of Oct. 2, 1978 and March 18, 1979.

Our Society wrote to you concerning incorrect captions on the pictures at the Bob's Big Boy Resturant at 23911 Wiley Canyon, Newhall. In my letter of March 18, 1979, I enclosed copies of a list of correct captions to be made and the captions have not been corrected as of this date.

Some members of our community are upset about the captions not haveing been changed. Do you or do you not intend to make the corrections?

Please find enclosed another copy of the lists of correct captions.

If there are any questions regarding this please feel free to contact our President, Mrs. Cynthia Neal-Harris on 805-252-7808.

Sincerely,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Enclosures: three (3)

cc: Bob's Big Boy Resturant  
23911 Wiley Canyon

cc: John Barringer, Vice President  
Property Development  
Bob's Big Boy Resturants  
1001 E. Colorado Blvd.

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Mr. Louis M. Keil

June 23, 1979

434 Main Street  
Saugus, Mass. 01906

Dear Mr. Keil:

Saugus, California is an unincorporated town in the County of Los Angeles. There is no Town Clerk. Therefore your letter of May 17 went to the Hall of Records in Los Angeles, then to the Newhall-Saugus Chamber of Commerce, and finally to me--so please excuse the delay in getting a response back to you.

I have had some correspondence with Mr. Richard Provenzano of Peabody and Mr. Danny Hoffman of Saugus regarding our mutual background and plans for the "Saugus 350".

Yes, there is a definite connection between the two towns of Saugus, and that connection was Henry Mayo Newhall.

Mr. Newhall was born in Saugus, Mass. on May 13, 1825. He came to California with the Gold Rush in 1850, however was not exactly successful as a placer miner. Newhall took up his old trade of auctioneering in San Francisco and, in time, became a partner in a small railroad. The Southern Pacific bought the line, paying each of the three partners \$1,250,000 and making them directors on the S.P. board.

Newhall invested in land and, on Feb. 20, 1875 purchased the 48,611 acre Rancho San Francisco (here in the Santa Clarita Valley) for the princely sum of \$90,000, or slightly less than \$2.00 per acre.

On June 9, 1876 Henry M. deeded a railroad right of way to S.P. for a whole dollar, 100 feet wide and 8 miles long. Four months later the site for a railroad station was deeded over for another buck. The railroad built a station house, which Charles Crocker named "Newhall", after the former owner. A town, called Newhall, gradually grew around the depot.

On November 30, 1886 another site for a depot was granted by Newhall to the Southern Pacific. This deal was made by Henry M., Jr., as senior was killed in a riding accident on March 13, 1882. Henry M. Newhall, Jr. insisted on the Saugus name for his father's birthplace. Again, a town grew up around the station house.


Today, Saugus-West is largely rural with cattle and horse ranches, truck farms, and some tract homes, a couple of elementary, and one High School. The population is about 12,000 souls.

Saugus, California is located about 40 miles north of Los Angeles along Interstate-5. The elevation is about 1200 feet in a very dry high desert climate. The town is surrounded by mountains, making it a sort of bowl in the Santa Clara River Valley. The river, by the way, only flows during the winter rainy season (that is from November to April). Average annual rainfall is 17 inches. Summer temperatures soar to 105 degrees plus, while, in the winter it drops to below freezing at night. Snow is unheard of here.

I am sorry to say that no one here knows of the accomplishments of Mr. Wallace Nutting. It is interesting to know that he restored the Iron Master's house at the old works. Certainly the Saugus Iron Works are renowned as your most famous landmark.

I do hope that I have answered all of your questions. If you have further inquiry feel free to contact me through the Historical Society, or at my home-23428 Happy Valley Dr., Newhall, Cal. 91321.

Sincerely,



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Gerald G. Reynolds,  
Curator



NORMAN MURDOCH  
Planning Director

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Acting Chief Deputy

ROBERT W. CHAVE  
Deputy Director

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Secretary to the Commission

June 25, 1979

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Valencia Corporation  
27151 Henry Mayo Road  
Valencia, California 91355

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Zoning Case No. 6340-(5)

This will serve to notify you that the change of zone requested for property in the Newhall Zoned District was acted upon by the Regional Planning Commission at its meeting of June 13, 1979.

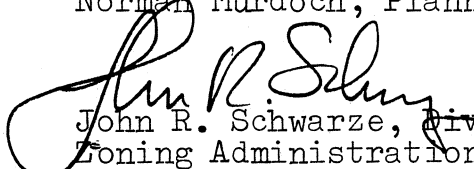
A copy of the Commission's resolution on this matter is attached along with a map describing the area recommended for change of zone.

A letter containing the Commission's recommendation has been forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, who, according to law, must hold another public hearing on your petition. At this hearing the Board will consider the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission together with any other evidence presented and will then render its decision. This decision may or may not be in accord with the recommendation made by the Commission.

You will be informed by the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors as to the date of hearing before the Board.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
Norman Murdoch, Planning Director

  
John R. Schwarze, Division Chief  
Zoning Administration

JRS:GRC:jcm

Attachment: resolution and map

cc: Ronald R. Horn, Tom Lee, Manford Brown, Dorothy Riley,  
Cynthia Harris, Mary Miller, Lee Santoro, Estella Lopez

THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
ZONING CASE NO. 6340-(5)

Whereas, The Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has conducted a public hearing in the matter of Zoning Case No. 6340-(5) on March 7, 1979; and

Whereas, The Commission finds as follows:

1. That the subject property is a 460.7 acre parcel which in the past has been used for cattle grazing with vacant parcels to the north; with field crops and a small oil tank farm to the east; with single family homes, hospital, and medical offices to the south; and with institutional uses to the west;
2. That the potential for this area of Valencia for urbanization was just recognized in 1965 when the Regional Planning Commission approve the "Valencia Master Plan". This potential was reaffirmed by the adoption of subsequent plans including the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide General Plan in 1977. Based on these events the applicant has provided an extensive utility and service system for the new town in Valencia;
3. That modified conditions have occurred in the 20 years since the subject property was zoned A-2-5. These pertain to the development of the Community of Valencia, the preparation and adoption of the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide General Plan, and the increased demand for more affordable housing and accompanying commercial;
4. That the recommended changes of zone will help to satisfy this demand for more affordable housing while at the same time broadening the housing types in Valencia; also it will provide, in part, for the commercial needs of the community;
5. That this recommendation consolidates the various RPD requests in one overall density in order to provide for greater flexibility in design to allow for the maximum preservation of the oak trees on the property, consistent with the need for affordable housing in this community;
6. That the total number of individual oak trees preserved and the final density of the proposed project will be determined at the Conditional Use Permit hearing but in no event will the number of trees preserved be less than 500 nor the overall density greater than 7.8 units per net acre;

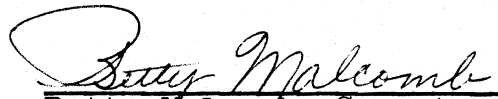
7. That in order to make the above determination, the applicant has agreed to provide a detailed inventory of the estimated 1000 oak trees on the subject property for the Conditional Use Permit hearing; it will show their size, location, health and status with respect to the proposed project;
8. That to insure a maximum discussion of the design and tree preservation issues, the Commission declares its intent to hold the Conditional Use Permit hearing before the five member Regional Planning Commission and not the Zoning Board;
9. That the subject property is in a proper location for the recommended changes of zone in that it has proper access for residential and commercial development and adequate public services and facilities;
10. That the potential impacts of the proposed project have been considered and the implementation of this proposal will cause no significant adverse effects on the environment which cannot be adequately mitigated through available controls;
11. That the recommended changes of zone are consistent with the goals, policies, and programs of the existing Los Angeles County General Plan and with those of the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide General Plan;
12. That establishment of the proposed zones at such location with the lack of demonstrated environmental hazards, with the need for more affordable housing and accompanying commercial services, with the presence of existing infrastructures, and with the compatibility with existing development is in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Regional Planning Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. Change of zone from A-2-5 (Heavy Agriculture - five acres required area) to RPD-1-7.8U (Residential Planned Development - one acre required area - 7.8 units per acre) and C-3 (Unlimited Commercial) for property as shown on Study "A" dated June 13, 1979 on file with this case in the office of the Department of Regional Planning;

2. That the Board of Supervisors approve the Final Environmental Impact Report, certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State Guidelines and the County Guidelines and that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report, and determine that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
3. That the Board of Supervisors find the recommended zoning is consistent with the Los Angeles County General Plan;
4. That the Board of Supervisors hold a public hearing to consider the above recommended change of zone.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on June 13, 1979 pursuant to Section 65501 of the Government Code of the State of California.

  
Betty Malcomb, Secretary  
County of Los Angeles  
Regional Planning Commission

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1979 - 7:30 P.M.  
NEWHALL-SAUGUS-VALENCIA CHAMBER BUILDING

JUNE 4, 1979 MINUTES

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by President Cynthia-Neal Harris. Minutes of the May 7, 1979 Board Meeting and future events calendars were distributed.

MINUTES: Approved with inclusion of correction to increase March 1979 Treasurer's balance to \$4,601.05 instead of the \$2,621.28 as recorded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Paul Kline reported a new May 1979 balance of \$4,650.13 plus approximately \$2,100 in time savings account. Expenses (current) approximately \$71.71 approved upon motion by Mimi White, seconded by Walt Klinger. Vote: Consensus. Motion to transfer \$3,500 to time savings account approved without dissent. Motion by Tom Mas on, seconded by Frenchy Legasse.

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT: The Board approved suggestion by President to establish a Memorial Record Book. Paul Kline given Memorial Record Book assignment. Newest entry would include a \$50.00 check from Tony Newhall given in memory of Fred Trueblood, Jr.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED BY CORR. SECRETARY:

Thank you letter to Tony Newhall for Memorial donation.

Letter of Sympathy to Robert B. Williams' Family.

Letter of Refreshment Chairman Resignation from Russ Lowe - Reason prior commitments.

Letter to J. Mac Intosh, Attorney at Law - Re: Request to trace return of Mrs. Alice Kline's negatives from Craig Oberra.

Letter from J. Mac Intosh, Attorney, to Craig Oberra requesting return of Mrs. Kline's negatives dated 5-16-79. Outcome - Mr. Jerry Reynolds visited Mr. Oberra and obtained the negatives in question which he turned over to Alice Kline that evening.

JULY 4TH PARADE: Dave Kohut agreed to chair event. Requested Committee volunteer back up following meeting.

JUNE 20, 1979 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM - Mrs. Darcy reported that the Club Curator, Jerry Reynolds, had consented to giving a program on the "History of Santa Clarita Valley."

HONORARIUMS: Motion by Mimi White, seconded by Ruth Newhall to allocate a \$25.00 Honorarium to former Wildflower and Fault Tour Guides, Mr. & Mrs. Bakker. Approved. Vote: Consensus.

Motion by Ruth Newhall, seconded by Jo Anne Darcy to give a \$25.00 honorarium to Mr. & Mrs. Waddingham as a small token of the Club's appreciation for their May presentation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Bob's Big Boy Restaurant - Request approved to initiate second inquiry letter requesting correction of title captions on their wall photographs in the Newhall facility.

St. Francis Dam Landmark #919 - Mimi White detailed recent conversations with Dick Nilson of Department of Water and Power. It was agreed to use the 3/12/78 dedication date on the bronze plaque and project a Sept. 1st, 1979 placement date.

200 FT. Carved Turtle - Inquiry from Victor Gilder regarding archeological find of a 200 ft. carved turtle. Mr. Jerry Reynolds assigned to investigate.

Newhall Ranch - Mrs. Newhall reiterated that the Ranch was in escrow as part of the ownership transfer by Magic Mountain to Six Flags, Inc. Last planned inspection by Jerry Heidt and Committee didn't materialize because of mix-up. Next inspection planned for Monday, June 11, 1979 at 9:15 A.M.

Alberta Knoch Photos - Noted that Mrs. Knoch's photos had been returned to the President by Tom Mason for transfer to the owner.

Pop Morgan - Jerry Reynolds was given assignment to contact Mr. Warner by June 6, 1979 regarding background history of Agua Dulce.

Santa Clarita Valley History - Mrs. Newhall is still collecting information for a condensed digest of Santa Clarita Valley which she hopes to complete this year.

Perkin's Slides - Mr. Ted Lampkin has "no recollection of whereabouts of Perkin's slides." Will have to await Mr. Val Perkin's return to California.

Barbara Cook as Future Program - The President requested the Program Committee to contact Barbara Cook as a source for a future program.

Secretary and Director Appointments - The President appointed Jo Anne Darcy as Secretary and Ruth Newhall as Assistant Secretary for the remainder of the term of office.

Motion: Tom Mason moved to approve Alice Kline's appointment as replacement Director for Fred Trueblood, Jr. Motion seconded by Ruth Newhall and carried without dissent.

Soledad Township Map - It was moved by Alice Kline, seconded by Betty Pember to allocate \$12.00 to purchase the SCV census collection for 1880 and 1890. Vote: Consensus.

COMING EVENTS:

- Monday, June 11 & Saturday, June 30 - 10:00 A.M. - FREE -  
Touching, Feeling Experiencing Museum - 200 No. Los Angeles  
at City Mall.
- Friday, June 15 & Sunday June 24 - Pasadena Festival of the Arts Tour of  
Private Homes of the 1879 era.
- Now thru June 16 - Historical Photos of Los Angeles - 412 Parkview Street  
in Los Angeles - Photography Center. Free.
- Sunday, June 17 at 10:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. - Fort Tejon Civil  
War (Mock) Battles. Contact Mimi White 259-2138 for reservations,  
rides or ride offer.
- Wednesday, June 20 at 7:30 P.M. - Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Meeting Program - History of Santa Clarita Valley by Curator, Jerry  
Reynolds, at Old Orchard School, 25141 Avenida Rondel, Valencia.
- Thursday, June 21 to Saturday, June 23 - 25th Annual Meeting of Conference  
of California Historical Societies - Sonoma Inn, Sonoma, Ca.  
Information - Call Cynthia Neal-Harris 252-7808 or Elva Meline at  
213-365-7810 - Andres Pico Adobe.
- Saturday, June 23 - All day Tour of Newhall owned Victorian Mansion in  
Piru. More details at June meeting.
- Thursday, June 21 - 6:30 P.M. - Sierra Club Hike & Picnic Supper. Contact  
Jim Rooks 251-5807 or Ed Blancher 252-3329.
- Sunday, June 24th - 1:30 & 2:30 P.M. - Early American Folk History -  
San Marino Huntington Library. Free - 213-449-3901.
- Monday, July 2nd - 7:30 P.M. - Board Meeting of Santa Clarita Valley  
Historical Society at 24275 Walnut Avenue, Newhall.
- Monday & Tuesday, July 2nd & 3rd - Work detail for 4th of July Parade Float.
- Sunday, July 15 - 7:30 P.M. - Annual Ice Cream Social & Picnic. Supper at  
Mentryville Picnic grounds. RSVP a MUST. Call Carol 259-4944 or  
Kathleen at 255-4643
- Sunday, July 8th - 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. - Breakfast at Andres Pico Adobe -  
SFV High School, 10940 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills - Call 213-365-7810.

ADJOURNMENT - Approved upon motion by Jerry Heidt, seconded by Dave Kohut.  
Time: 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anne Darcy, Secretary  
SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUNE 4, 1979 S.C.V. Historical Society Meeting:

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Minutes of May 6 Board Meeting: Frenchy Lagasse

Special Report: Jerry Reynolds

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kline

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Income? Number of new members paid?  
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Correspondence: Helen Blancher

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Dr. Meeker expressed the following intent in the Commission's future approval of the Conditional Use Permit for Zone Change Case No. 6340. This was adopted by formal motion of the Regional Planning Commission.

"That the proposed removal of any oak tree must be justified in terms of specially considered alternatives; and that the approval of a proposed specific plan is explicitly contingent on maximum oak tree preservation."

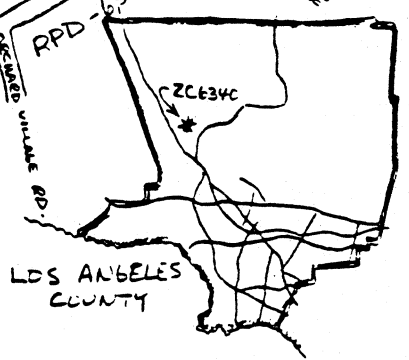
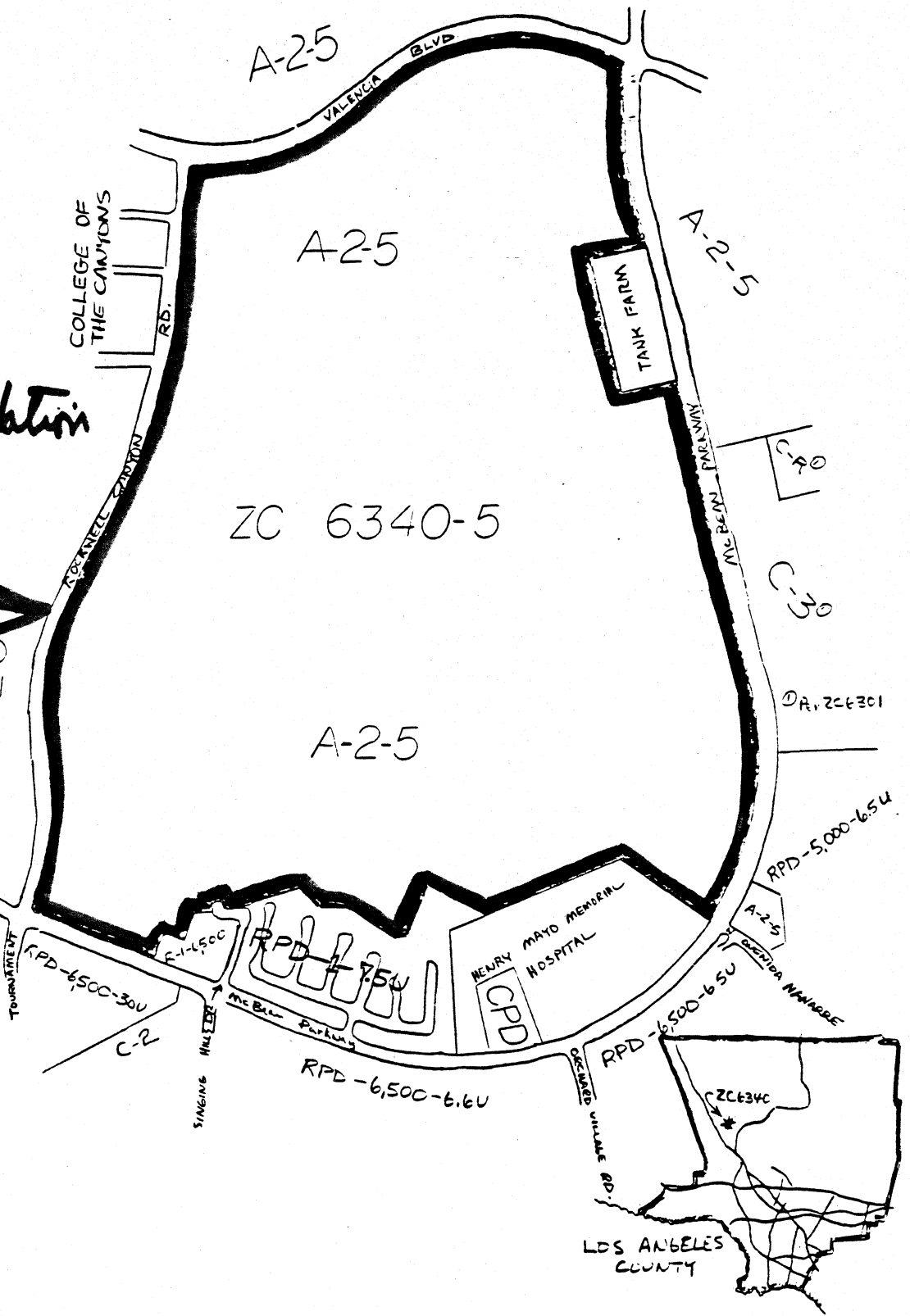
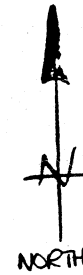
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# D.G. ASSOCIATES, INC.

## DIMENSIONAL GRAPHICS

June 26, 1979

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Attention: Ms. Helen Blancher

RE: Bob's Big Boy and Your Letter  
dated June 19, 1979.

Dear Ms. Blancher:

Thank you for your reminder on the above mentioned project. I assure you all is under control.

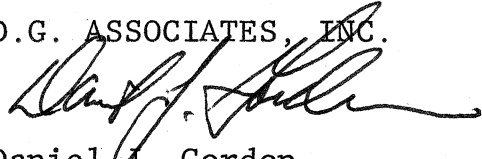
Our installation man has been very sick and is just now getting back to work. In fact, he was scheduled to go to Bob's today and change the tags. He was there once before and got three of the tags changed before the restaurant got so busy he couldn't finish his work.

Everything will be completed today. Should you have anymore complaints or problems, please let me know. Enclosed is a copy of the packing slip signed off.

Again, let me stress this was not our fault and we are doing our best to make everyone happy. Thank you for consideration and understanding

Sincerely,

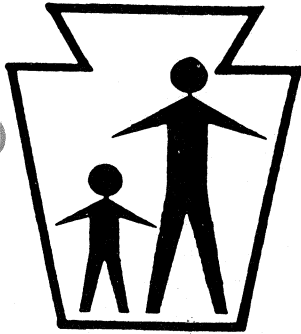
D.G. ASSOCIATES, INC.

  
Daniel J. Gordon  
President

DJG/smg

cc: Mr. John Barringer, Vice President  
Bob's Big Boy, Inc.  
Glendale, California

Enclosure (1)



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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB

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P.O. BOX 822  
NEWHALL, CALIFORNIA 91322  
PHONE (805) 259-9449

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Dan Sherlock  
Executive Director

Dear Auction Donor:

All of us at the Santa Clarita Valley Boys' & Girls' Club would like to express our sincere thanks to you for your contribution to our '79 Benefit Auction.

Our annual fund-raising Auction was held Saturday evening, June 9th here in Valencia and it was a fabulous success! Nearly 1,700 persons attended the event and the Auction items, ticket sales and raffle netted our Boys' & Girls' Club almost \$83,000.

We are very grateful to donors, such as you, who contributed to this success. For your information, the following is the prize you donated and the name of the buyer:

Historical photo

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If there is any reason that the buyer has to contact you, he has been given a certificate and may be calling you shortly.

Your contribution to this Auction is considered a tax deductible contribution to our Boys' & Girls' Club. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 259-2360, Extension 13.

Thanks again for your outstanding and generous donation to our '79 Benefit Auction. Your contribution promises a full year of activity, education and programming for the 3,000 young boy and girl members of our Club.

Sincerely,

Ellen Wayman  
Coordinator, Auction '79



Member  
Agency





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Public Affairs Manager

General Representation

**June 27, 1979**

**Ms. Cynthia Neal-Harris, President**  
**Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society**  
**P. O. Box 875**  
**Newhall, CA 91322**

**Dear Ms. Harris:**

We have been receiving your Newsletter on a regular basis and have found its historical content most interesting. We were particularly intrigued with your excavation project at Asistencia.

In past years, the Society's members have been very helpful to our Company by helping to restore Mentryville, the Felton School and other sites in the Pico Canyon area. Without their help, these sites may not have become such outstanding historical landmarks. Because of this assistance and support, it now gives us great pleasure to enclose a contribution of \$250 which we hope will help the Society carry on with other projects which will preserve California's heritage in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Sincerely,

*Jean Palmer*  
**(Mrs.) Jean Palmer**  
**Community Relations Representative**  
**Phone: (213) 489-4134**

**JFP:rt**  
**Enclosure**

THE  SIGNAL

Dear Cindy:

Here's a letter for the record and my reply.

I also have a spoon and some armbands which I'll bring to the meeting.

Best,

*Ruth*

July 2



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (SCVHS)  
MEETING HELD - JULY 2, 1979 - 7:30 P.M.  
NEWHALL-SAUGUS-VALENCIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING

PRESIDING PRESIDENT: Cynthia Neal-Harris     SECRETARY: Jo Anne Darcy

The meeting of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society was called to order by President Cynthia Neal-Harris on Monday, July 2, 1979 at 7:45 P.M. in the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber building.

TREASURER'S REPORT:     By Treasurer Paul Kline.  
(As of May 31, 1979)

	\$4,650.13	Checking Account Balance
plus	620.50	Deposits
minus	164.42	Disbursements
	4,000.00	In Savings & Loan Account
	1,106.21	Balance in Operating Account
plus	93.00	Awaiting Deposit from July 2nd meeting

Approved upon motion by Alice Kline, seconded by Walt Klinger.  
Vote: Consensus.

MEMORIALS: To date the account includes \$50 from Newhall Signal for Fred Trueblood, III; \$500 from Hutchinson family; \$10 from Haskell, \$15 from the Legasse's and \$100 from Mrs. Gallagher - all for Ruby Kellogg. Correction: Lagasse spelling; \$500 from Ruby Kellogg -not from Hutchinson family; \$15. from Lagasse family for Fred Trueblood and \$15. for Ruby Kellogg (total \$30.)  
CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from J. Gordon dated June 26, 1979 - Confirmation that title captions will be corrected at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in Newhall.

Letter from Chevron USA - Gene Palmer, Community Relations - Praised monthly publication of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society; many efforts to restore Metryville and Fulton School with an enclosure of a \$250 donation to the Society to continue the historical preservation programs and background supportive efforts by the SCVHS.

CALENDAR EVENTS - Listed as follows: July 4th - Parade float entry, July 8th Adobe Breakfast, July 15th Ice Cream Social in Metryville - \$1.00 per person - RSVP Carol Legasse. No August Board Meeting and a planned showing of the "Stagecoach" movies, August 22, with John Wayne at Valencia Library at 7:30 P.M.



Members were also encouraged to attend the meeting of the Chinese Historical Society on Workshop of Techniques to Taking Accurate Oral History. Call President for date verification in mid August.

REPORTS:

July 4th Float Committee - Art Evans began discussion which was later collaborated by Chairman Dave Kohut. Lengthy float preparations discussed and concluded with thank yous and expressed wishes for a successful entry this year.

St. Francis Dam Plaque - Mimi White reported that the Bronze Plaque would be delivered to the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce soon. Quiet mini dedication to follow.

August Board Meeting - It was moved by Alice Kline and seconded by Walt Klinger to approve the cancellation of the August Board meeting. Vote: Consensus.

Programs - Jo Anne Darcy reported that the September program would be a presentation by Winston Wutkee. The October program would involve a slide and vocal presentation about the History of the Borax Mines.

1980 Calendar - Discussed and rediscussed. No action taken.

Old Newhall Ranch Home - Motion by Betty Pember, seconded by Alice Kline and carried to send a letter to Six Flaggs, Inc. indicating the Club's desire and request to preserve the old Newhall home on the Magic Mountain property. Will discuss with Connie Worden also.

Harry Carey, Jr. - It was moved by Betty Pember, seconded by Tom Mason and carried to approve the honorary membership of Harry Carey, Jr. in the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ed Blancher, seconded by Paul Kline and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo Anne Darcy, Secretary  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PLEASE NOTE: CORRECTIONS NOTED ON PAGE ONE WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPT. 4, 1979 REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING.



July 12, 1979

Mrs. Ruth Newhall  
Vice President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Post Office Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mrs. Newhall:

Ned DeWitt has forwarded to me your correspondence to Mr. Jim Dickason regarding the old Newhall cattle house that is on the Six Flags Magic Mountain property.

At this time, we have no plans relative to the house. As you can probably guess, we are in the midst of a transition period and as we move along with our plans if any of our thoughts pertain to the Newhall house, I will advise you. In the meantime, if you or any of your directors desire to inspect the house, we would be delighted to accommodate you.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Howells", written in a cursive style.

Dan Howells  
Vice President & General Manager

DH/mb

# THE SIGNAL

July 30, 1979

Mr. Dan Howells  
Vice President & General Manager  
Magic Mountain

Dear Mr. Howells:

Thank you for your letter about the old cattle house on your company property. The Historical Society would indeed appreciate being notified if you contemplate action regarding the house. The chances of the Society's being able to engage in any extensive restoration work are, at the moment, remote, though it is possible that one or more of the directors might take you up on your offer to allow us to inspect it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth Newhall  
Vice President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical  
Society

Mr. & Mrs. Bailey Haskell  
24633 N. Newhall  
P O Box 477  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July 16, 1979

Dear Bailey and Berthe:

Thank you for your donation of \$10.00 to our Society  
in memory of Anita Ruby Jenkins Kellogg.

Mrs. Kellogg was a real asset to our Society, sharing  
her memories of our Santa Clarita Valley. She is  
loved by all of us who knew her. We all miss her.

I'm sure she would have been very happy knowing you  
cared enough to make this contribution in her name.

Sincerely,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. Warren W. Gallaghe  
20 E. Woodland Dr.  
Lincoln, Ill 62656

July 16, 1979

Dear Warren and Jeanne:

Thank you for your donation of \$100.00 to our Society  
in memory of Anita Ruby Jenkins Kellogg.

Mrs. Kellogg was a real asset to our Society, sharing  
her memories of our Santa Clarita Valley. She is  
loved by all of us who knew her. We all miss her.

I'm sure she would have been very happy knowing you  
cared enough to make this contribution in her name.

Sincerely,

*Helen Blancher*  
Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Lagasse  
27201 W. Pico Canyon Rd.  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July 16, 1979

Dear Frenchy and Carol:

Thank you for your donation of \$30.00 to our Society in loving memory of Anita Ruby Jenkins Kellogg and Fred Trueblood.

Both Ruby and Fred were real assets to our Society, sharing their memories of our valley, and loved by all of us who knew them. We certainly shall miss them.

I'm sure they both would have been very happy knowing you cared enough to make this contribution in their names.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Lagasse  
27201 W. Pico Canyon Rd.  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July 16, 1979

Dear Frenchy and Carol:

Thank you for hosting the Annual Ice Cream Social.

Even though many times we seem to take for granted all your help, we do really appreciate the many hours you both have put in to make the Societies Birthday Party a success, as well as some of our other projects.

We need more dedicated people like both of you in our Society!

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Clanton Block  
25446 San Fernando Rd.  
Saugus, Ca 91350

July 16, 1979

Dear Sir:

We'd like you to know that we won the Grand Sweepstakes Award in the 4th of July parade---and we couldn't have done it without your help!

Thanks ever so much for the use of the flat bed truck and for your support of the Historical Society.

We need more people like you folks in our community!

Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary



Chitwoods Van & Storage  
24625 San Fernando Rd.  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July 16, 1979

Dear Mr. Chitwood:

We'd like you to know that we won the Grand Sweepstakes Award in the 4th of July parade---and we couldn't have done it without your help!

Thanks ever so much for the help with storing and moving the piano.

We need more spirited people like you in our community!  
Thanks again for your support!

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. Ted Lankin  
24913 Walnut  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July 16, 1979

Dear Ted,

We'd like you to know that we won the Grand Sweepstakes Award in the 4th of July parade--and we couldn't have done it without your help!

Thanks ever so much for your help with our sound system.

We look forward to your continued support of our Society.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Gwinette  
23123 Conde Dr.  
Valencia, Ca 91355

July 16, 1979

Dear Wayne and Earlene:

We'd like you to know that we won the Grand Sweepstakes  
Award in the 4th of July parade---and we couldn't have  
done it without your help!

Thanks ever so much for the use of the piano.

We need more people like you folks in our community!  
Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

July 16, 1979

Chevron U S A  
Jean Palmer  
Community Relations Representative  
605 W. Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Ca 90015

Dear Mrs. Palmer:

On behalf of our Society, I would like to thank you for the contribution of \$250 to our Society. We are pleased to know that the Community Relations Representatives appreciate the work we are doing to preserve the Historical Landmarks of our area. Only with the support of others, can we carry out some of the proposed projects.

We are pleased to find that our newsletter is of interest as well as interesting to people outside of our valley. We hope you people will continue to find our newsletters interesting.

Thank you again for your interest and support of our Society.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary



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NBC Television Stations Division  
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

3000 West Alameda Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91523 213-845-7000, 849-3911

Bud Carey  
Station Manager

July 16, 1979

Dear Ms. Neal-Harris:

Please be my luncheon guest on Thursday, August 9, 1979 at the Ranch House Inn, 27413 North Tourney Road, Valencia, at 11:45 a.m.

This is one of a series of luncheons we hold during the year in different communities throughout Southern California. At this luncheon, we have invited key people from Valencia, Saugus, Newhall and Canyon Country.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, there will be a brief slide presentation that will give you an idea of what the station has been doing in the areas of service to your community. We will then open the floor to a discussion of your interests and concerns. The meeting will close promptly at 2:00 p.m.

We hope that you will be able to attend and meet with members of our management, program and news departments. I look forward to meeting with you. Please call my secretary, Helen Freeman, by Wednesday, August 1st at (213) 845-7000, extension 2463, and advise whether or not you can attend. Please feel free to call collect any time during business hours for your response.

Sincerely,

Bud Carey

BC:dcw

# Associated Historical Societies

## OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

REPRESENTING 7000 MEMBERS

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San Dimas Hit. Comm.  
Santa Fe Springs  
Whittier

July 17, 1979

Dear Member,

**The Associated Needs You!**

The Board will soon be planning the 1979/80 calendar and we must ask for your assistance. Three mini-conferences will be scheduled--October, January, and May--but we need a hosting organization for each one.

Hosting a meeting is not difficult. You provide the location, and we work with you on the program details, luncheon, etc. The Associated also takes care of printing and mailing the fliers, all the registrations, money, bill-paying and bookkeeping. You have a chance to show your local area to many interested people from all over Los Angeles County.

If you are willing and able to host one meeting this year please contact me immediately. Neighboring societies can also co-sponsor a mini-conference. If you have program ideas I'd also like to hear about them.

With your help this will be an outstanding year for the Associated.

Cordially,



Ann E. Wiedel  
Vice President  
AHSIAC  
10702 - 8th Place  
Inglewood, Ca. 90303

phone: (213) 754-9700

Helen file

July 20, 1979

Mr. W. C. Harris  
P.O. Box 125  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Walter;

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society we would like to express our appreciation for your generous loan of the piano on July 15. The Annual Ice Cream Social was a success because of the efforts of many devoted members like yourself.

Thank you again for making the Historical Society an important part of your life.

We wish you the very Happiest of Birthdays.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*  
Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President S.C.V.H.S. 1979

CNH/ch

Newhall School District  
25022 N. Hawbryn Ave.  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July 23, 1979

To the Newhall School Board and Principal of the  
Old Orchard Elementary School:

Thank you for the use of the Old Orchard Elementary  
School auditorium for our monthly Society meetings.

We look forward to using the school again in the  
fall season of 1979.

Thank you,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary



Harry Carey Jr.  
4513 Vista Del Monte Ave.  
Sherman Oaks, Ca 91403

July 23, 1979

Dear Debbie,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to let you know that our Society has voted to make you an Honorary Member of our Society.

Our Society appreciates your interest and support that you have shown us in the past and look forward to your continued support.

Please accept with our heartfelt sincerity.

Sincerely,

Helen Blansher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. Harry Vartanian  
16001 Soledad Cyn Rd  
Canyon Country, Ca 91351

July 23, 1979

Dear Harry,

We'd like to thank you for driving the truck for  
the 4th of July parade.

We won the Grand Sweepstakes Award and 1st place  
for the non commercial adult float, thanks to your  
support.

We look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. Waddingham  
9132 Fourth Ave.  
Inglewood, Ca 90305

July 23, 1979

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Waddingham:

Ed and I heard how much everyone enjoyed your slide presentation. We are sorry that we missed it. We were on vacation when you made it up to our meeting. We did get to see your presentation on the "Victorian Home" at the San Fernando Historical meeting, and we enjoyed that.

Ed and I would like to know when you are scheduling other slide presentations, so that we can try to make it down there to see them.

How much are the dues to join your society?

Sorry we didn't make it to the Barbecue-but we will try to make it to the Fiesta.

Our Historical Society Board voted to pay \$25.00 to you both for your gas and expenses, because they appreciated your coming in spite of the distance you folks had to travel to get here. Please find check enclosed.

Sorry I'm late in getting this to you, but better late than never!

Very truly yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Send an application for membership to:  
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Blancher  
19853 Keaton St.  
Canyon Country, Ca 91351

Enclosure

Mr. Charles Evans  
14234 Montford St.  
Arleta, Ca 91351

July 23, 1979

Dear Chuck,

Thanks for helping build our 4th of July Hay-a-  
Land Float. We won the Grand Sweepstakes Award  
and the 1st Place Non Commercial Adult Trophy and  
we couldn't have done it without your help!

Thanks to people like you who care.

We look forward to your continued support.

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. Bob Porter  
24450 Wayman  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July, 23, 1979

Dear Bob,

We certainly enjoyed having you play your sax at  
our Ice Cream Social.

Many comments were made to the effect that the  
group was good.

We look forward to your continued support of our  
organization.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. G. Bakker  
450 W. Ave. 43  
Los Angeles, Ca 90065

July 23, 1979

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bakker,

Our Society enjoyed your presentation during  
the "Wild Flower " Bus Tour- yes, evn the Rattle-  
snake!

Our Board voted to pay you \$25.00 for your gas and  
expenses, because they appreciated your coming in  
spite of the distance you folks had to travel to  
get here.

Please find enclosed a check for \$25.00.

Sorry I'm so late in getting this to you, but better  
late than never!

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Enclosure

Mr. Lorin Chitwood  
22813 Market  
Newhall, Ca 91321

July 23, 1979

Dear Mr. Chitwood:

Our Society would like to thank you for the use of  
your truck to haul the musical instruments out to  
our Ice Cream Social in Mentryville.

Our members appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

**HARRY CAREY JR.**

July 25, 1979

Dear Helen:

What a very pleasant surprise! You are all so very kind, and I am greatly honored to be an Honorary Member Of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

I think I am safe in saying that the Carey clan goes back a long way up in that country and my only regret is that we still don't "run a few head" up there.

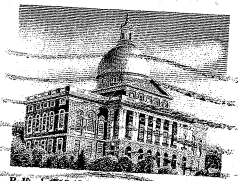
Anyway there are many happy memories and beautiful people in our past, and I'm proud to still be a part of it.

My fondest regards and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,



**HARRY CAREY JR.  
4513 VISTA DEL MONTE AVENUE  
SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA 91403**



**Architecture USA 15c**

Mrs. Helen Blancher  
Santa Clarita Valley Hist. Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, Calif. 91322



Helen - fib

July 30, 1979

Mr. Thomas Mason  
24535 Arcadia Street  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mr. Mason:

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society we would like to express our appreciation for your contributions to both the ice cream social and the 4th of July float.

You have devoted many hours of your time for the benefit of your Society's projects. We hope that you will continue to make the Society an important part of your life.

Yours Sincerely,

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President-1979



## OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

ST OFFICE BOX 2390  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95811  
(916) 445-8006



August 2, 1979

Jas. H. Matthews & Co.  
Post Office Box N  
Sun City, CA 92381

Gentlemen:

Will you please manufacture one historical landmark plaque, Purchase Order No. 01719, with the following wording:

## ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE

THE ST. FRANCIS DAM, PART OF THE LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT SYSTEM, STOOD 1½ MILES NORTH OF THIS SITE. ON MARCH 12, 1928, THE 185-FOOT HIGH CONCRETE DAM COLLAPSED JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT, SENDING 12 1/3 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER ROARING DOWN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY 54 MILES TO THE OCEAN. THIS WAS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S GREATEST DISASTERS; OVER 450 LIVES WERE LOST.

CALIFORNIA REGISTERED HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 919

PLAQUE PLACED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
IN COOPERATION WITH LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER,  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.  
DEDICATED MARCH 12, 1978

Please send us a rubbing for the plaque as soon as it is completed, so that we can verify the text.

When the plaque is completed, please ship to the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce, c/o Mrs. Joanne Darcy, Manager, 24275 Walnut Street, Newhall, CA 91321.

Sincerely yours,

*K. Knox Mellon*  
Dr. Knox Mellon  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: SHRC Mr. C. P. Sweet, Jr.  
OHP Staff Mrs. White  
Public Information Mrs. Darcy

Mr. Fred Mc Gillion  
13805 Doty #68  
Hawthorne, Ca 90250

August 5, 1979

Dear Fred,

Thanks for helping our Society win the Grand Sweepstakes Award in the 4th of July parade.

We appreciate your coming so far to play your sax especially for us. We couldn't have won without your help. Thanks to people like you who care.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. William Armstrong  
23365 Barbacoa  
Saugus, Ca 91350

August 5, 1979

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong,

We'd like you to know that we appreciate your helping us with the 4th of July float. We won the Grand Sweepstakes award--and we couldn't have done it without your help!

Thanks ever so much for your support!

We look forward to your continued support of our society, and hope that you will attend some of our meetings.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Monday -

Dear Helen,

Please accept Alvin's  
apologies for being unable  
to come to the Wednesday  
night running of "Stage Coach".  
He has gone to Georgia  
on location, and says that  
he hopes he can make  
the next event.

May thank -

Mailey Carey

HARRY CAREY, JR.  
4513 Vista Del Monte Avenue  
Sherman Oaks, California 91403



Santa Clara West. Inc.  
Helen Blavcher  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall  
Calif. 91322

August 14, 1979

Bud Carey  
Station Manager  
KNBC 4  
3000 West Alameda Avenue  
Burbank, California 91523

Dear Mr. Carey:

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society may we extend our appreciation for allowing us to participate in your Community Day in the Santa Clarita Valley on August 9. We exchanged many thoughts and your company, I am sure, came away with a better understanding of our unique Valley.

Enclosed please find some dates of the more important historical events that have occurred in this area.

Please call on our Society for any information you may need pertaining to the history of the Santa Clarita Valley.

Very truly yours,



Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President-1979

805 252-7808

or

Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber Office  
805 259-4787



PRESIDENT - Cynthia Neal Harris

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING HELD SEPT. 4, 1979  
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, NEWHALL - 7:30 P.M.

SECRETARY,  
Jo Anne Darcy

The regular meeting of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 4, 1979 at the American Legion Hall in Newhall. President, Cynthia Neal-Harris presided.

STATE FRANCHISE BOARD & CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

The President reported that a letter had been received from the State Franchise Board on August 11, 1979 apprising the SCV Historical Society that "as of 8/1/79 it was suspended as a non-profit organization for failure to pay annual fee and file necessary papers. Calls to the State Franchise Board (SFB) revealed that the SFB had not received forms or fees for 1977 and 1978. If the SCV Historical Society could show "just cause" they could be reinstated by paying fees required."

Background information regarding correspondence with the Charitable Trust Department from March 1976 to present indicated that CT1 & CT2 forms had not been properly filed and penalty fees of up to \$319.52 might be required by September 15, 1979.

COMMITTEE ACTION: It was moved by Tom Mason, seconded by Betty Pember and carried to authorize necessary payments and establish a committee composed of the President, Alice & Paul Kline and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Blancher to study and correct the situation.

PROGRAM REPORT: (September & October)

Chairman Eva Mitchell reported that the Sept. 19, 1979 program would be "An Indian Freeway - An Indian Doing" by Winston Wutkee of College of the Canyons. Jo Anne Darcy reported that the Oct. 17, 1979 program would be "The History of the U.S. Borax Mines in Agua Dulce and USA" by an officer of the U.S. Borax Chemical Corporation.

OAK TREE REPORT:

Chairman Dorothy Riley reported that another zoning hearing was set for September 20, 1979. Concerns were expressed about proposed classification, confusion of density policy, clustering provisions and land use. Advice from Bob Theobald of Regional Planning indicated a need for concern by the SCV Historical Society and renewed efforts to prevent what was termed as "a Bad policy."

COMMITTEE ACTION: Initiate a letter of protest by the SCV Historical Society and encourage as large an attendance as possible at the hearing before the



Board of Supervisors on September 20, 1979.

SAUGUS - 350 YR. CELEBRATION:

Tony Newhall reported that he would be attending Saugus, Mass. on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and would personally attend the celebration and take with him a framed Resolution from Assemblyman Cline, a bound copy of the History of the Newhall Ranch and a compilation of the history of Santa Clarita Valley. Other suggestions offered by the Board included a Golden Spike, SCV Historical Society Calendar, sample bottle of oil from Standard Oil Celebration, Saugus Depot pictures, and an Honorary Membership in the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

ACTION: It was moved by Dave Kohut, seconded by Tom Mason and carried to donate 12 Golden Spikes and 12 SCV Historical Society Calendars.

Vote: Consensus.

To be Noted: Treasurer, Paul Kline, reported having a box of Golden Spikes in storage at his home.

MAP REPORT:

Chairman Walt Klinger displayed a draft copy of a proposed map. It was agreed to schedule a meeting with Walt Klinger, Tom Mason and Tony Newhall to work out a finished copy of a map and Historical Site Brochure for Santa Clarita Valley.

CALENDAR REPORT:

The majority expressed agreement that preparation and distribution of a yearly SCV Historical Society Calendar should be established.

Action: It was moved by Ed Blancher, seconded by Walt Klinger and carried to prepare and distribute for sale a 1980 Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Calendar. The committee will be chaired by Tom Mason with committee volunteers, - - - - Walt & Dolores Klinger, Connie Worden, Betty Pember, Jerry Reynolds, Dave Kohut and Jerry Heidt to assist. A theme is to be selected and 12 good pictures chosen by the Committee as soon as possible.

JERRY REYNOLDS REPORT:

Mr. Reynolds has been in contact with Ranch House Inn regarding a new brochure for public distribution. He also learned of a new archeological dig in Vasquez Rocks proposed by Mission College. He is currently working on a letter of Authorization to notify the SCV Historical Society of any proposed "digs" in the area in order to protect the archeological history and finds in the area.

TOUR OF TROPICO MINES:

This proposal was received with enthusiasm backed up by a supportive show of hands expressing agreement for a proposed tour in the late Fall. More to follow next meeting. Jerry Reynolds is the contact.

#### SAUGUS DEPOT:

The need to expedite proceedings to establish an authentic date to send to the National Register for the Saugus Depot site was emphasized by the President. Tom Mason expressed his belief that the site date was 1886 or 1887. Delores Klinger volunteered to inquire at 20th Century Studio Research Library. Jo Anne Darcy will check on the Antelope Valley Press, Ledger Gazette and Kern/AV Historical Society. As the 1905 fire destroyed the original Southern Pacific Railroad records in San Francisco the search there was reported to be at a stand still. Jerry Heidt offered to contact Vincent Plukas of Security Pacific Bank. Carol Lagassee will contact Stand Oil Company.

#### LANDMARKS REPORT:

Chairman Betty Pember reported contact with Mr. Hinkle, owner of the old Newhall Jail office. A title search is in process. Pardee House -- some information was found in Pearl Russell's Obituary report. It was known to have been called the Good Templar's Hall and located on Pine Street in Newhall - Title search to follow. Old Newhall Ranch Home -- Letters to and from Ruth Newhall and Six Flags/Magic Mountain were read by President Cynthia. Although restoration plans seemed remote, new General Manager Dan Howell offered onsite inspection and discussion whenever the SCV Historical Society requested.

#### GUIDE TO HISTORICAL SITES IN L.A. COUNTY:

It was moved by Betty Pember, seconded by Walt Klinger and carried to purchase 20 Historical Site Guides in Los Angeles County at a cost of \$5.57. Mr. Walt Klinger was assigned the responsibility of ordering the books.

#### CORRECTIONS TO JULY 2, 1979 MINUTES:

Correct - Carol Lagassee 's name spelling.  
Correct - Last line of first page should be John Wayne - not John Wagner.  
Correct - "Memorials" 1st page \$500 from Ruby Kellogg - not Hutchinson family;  
\$15 from Lagassee family for Fred Trueblood and \$15 for Ruby Kellogg.  
(total \$30.00).

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Paul Kline gave the report. Present Checking Account Balance = \$1,620.98 plus Savings Account of \$6,000 plus \$173.28 reported interest. Report accepted upon motion by Betty Pember, seconded by Jo Anne Darcy.  
Vote: Consensus.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Harry Carey, Jr. dated July 25, 1979, accepting with gratitude Honorary Membership in the Society.

Letter from Canyon Country Chamber requesting \$20 Trophy donation for Frontier Days Parade.

Motion: Moved by Tom Mason, seconded by Walt Klinger to approve \$20 trophy donation for October 6, 1979 Frontier Day Parade.

Letter from SCV Friends of the Libraries for Patron Membership in the group and appreciation for supportive help with their August 25, 1979 Book Sale.

Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Waddington - thank you for \$25 donation which they donated to the Centinela Valley Heritage Foundation. Also extended an invitation to the membership to attend their September 16th Bar-B-Q at the Centinela Adobe. Time: 1 - 6 P.M.

Recommendation: Agreed to allocate equal sums to each Chamber for future parade donations.

ADJOURNMENT: Time 9:39 P.M. Motion by Eva Mitchell, seconded by Dolores Klinger.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anne Darcy, Secretary  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 1979

Reynolds  
Bobby Houghton  
Judy Kohn  
Thyllis Kussell  
Carol Lagasse  
Frenchy Lagasse  
Eva Mitchell  
Tommaso  
Mrs. Harris  
Ed. Blancher  
Johnnie Darcy  
Helen Blancher  
Loretta Brock  
Dorothy Dinger  
Walt Kline  
Paul & Olive Kline  
Judy Reynolds

Guests:  
Curtis Darcy  
Milt Diamond  
Mr. Knack

excused:  
Connie Worden at School Board meeting  
Ruth Newhall on 7 week vacation  
George Von Haase leaving for vacation

Mimi White in Paris

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 1, 1883  
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 13, 1891



ANNUALS, 1884-1934  
QUARTERLIES, SINCE 1935

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
LUMMIS HOME  
200 East Avenue 43 • Los Angeles, California 90031  
Telephone 222-0546

September 7, 1979

Miss Jo Anne Darcy, Executive Manager  
Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 799  
Newhall, Calif. 91321

Dear Miss Darcy:

I realize the attached is not the information you are seeking, but thought you might be interested.

Have you tried the Newhall Public Library? I understand that A. B. Perkins (real old timer in the area) left considerable material to the library.

Another suggestion would be the History Department of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History at Exposition Park.

Sincerely

*Margaret J. Cassidy*  
Margaret J. Cassidy  
Executive Secretary

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September 7, 1979

California Place Names: Erwin G. Gudde. University  
of California Press 1969.

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"Saugus (Los Angeles) the name of the railroad station was originally Newhall, for Henry M. Newhall. When this name was transferred on February 15, 1868, to the station two miles south, the old station was renamed Saugus after Newhall's birthplace in Massachusetts. The name means 'outlet' in Algonkian dialects and by chance fits the locality near the outlets of San Francisquito, Bouquet, Mint and Soledad canyons. (CFQ, IV, 404 f)"  
CFQ- California Folklore Magazine

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"Newhall: town, Creek, Pass (Los Angeles) a station of the Southern Pacific was established October 28, 1876, at the present site of Saugus and named for Henry M. Newhall (1825-1882), owner of the land, a prominent California pioneer, railroad promoter, and resident of San Francisco. February 15, 1878, the depot and the name was transferred to the new site. (Co. Surveyor)"



*Kern-Antelope Historical Society Inc.*

POST OFFICE BOX 325  
ROSAMOND, CALIFORNIA  
93560

Sept. 7, 1979

Dear Ms. Darcy,

No, I am sorry to say, we do not have any material on the Saugus Depot. However, I should think surely the railroad (Santa Fe?) which first served that area would have dates and other information which you need. No doubt you have already contacted them about this, and certainly they should have something in writing - if not, can they explain why not? Maybe such an explanation would lead you to another source.

Would a San Fernando paper of that year (1888) have a reference to the activities in the Saugus area?

Hope you find the missing piece to this puzzle!

Sincerely,

Grace Pickus

President

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FROM PALMDALE PHONE  
~~XXXXXXXX~~

Jo Anne Darcy, executive manager  
Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 799  
Newhall, Calif., 91321

September 14, 1979

Dear Ms. Darcy:

Thanks for your letter of Sept. 5 regarding the Saugus depot.

You compliment us--we hardly have a news department let alone a research department.

It is unlikely--though possible--that we might have something in our dusty newspaper files about the Saugus depot, since we date back to 1886 when railroading was a big thing. Unfortunately, a fire in 1912 destroyed everything prior to that time, so any references at about the time it was constructed would have been lost. After 1912, we have bound volumes and microfilm copies of the paper, but they are maintained chronologically, not topically by clips, and it would be virtually impossible to locate an item about the depot--if it existed--without painstaking day-by-day, page-by-page research over weeks upon weeks.

The Los Angeles County Library, 1150 West Ave. J, Lancaster, maintains files of the Ledger-Gazette and other newspapers, and may have files dating back that far. They might have them arranged topically, although I am not aware of their system. It's worth a try.

Sorry we can't be of more help. Best of luck in your search--and research.

regards,

*Alan Brown*

Alan Brown  
city editor  
Daily Ledger-Gazette  
Lancaster



file  
*CP*

September 8, 1979

Dr. James L. Dodson  
Curator  
Los Angeles Valley College Historical Museum  
5800 Fulton Avenue  
Van Nuys, California 91401

Dear Dr. Dodson:

Thank you very much for the kind words regarding the presentation at the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. I am glad that you liked it well enough to ask me to speak at Los Angeles Valley College.

I would be honored to put on a little show for Historical Museum Association Monday, October 8. I have my own projector, however I would need a screen.

I look forward to meeting you again at 3P.M. in the Conference Room at the college. If there are any changes you can reach me at (805) 255-6023. A letter would reach me at my home address quicker (we don't pick up Historical Society mail with any regularity). That would be 23428 Happy Valley Dr., Newhall 91321.

Sincerely

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator

*file*

September 8, 1979

Mr. Bob Weaver  
14550 S.E. Fair Oaks Lane  
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Thank you for your letter of 24 August inquiring about photographs of Lang Station. You mention doing research on the Sterling Borax Works in Tick Canyon, also.

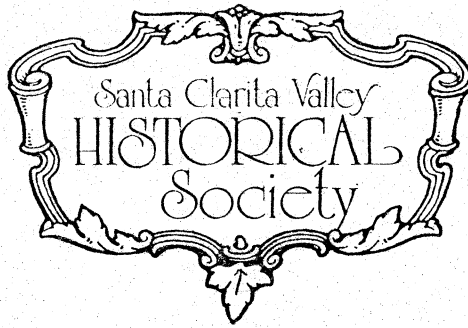
The Society has a number of photographs of Sterling, the mining camp of Lang and of the Railroad Station going back to the early 1900s and showing the locations as they look today. We also have materials relating to John Lang (who killed the largest grizzly bear on record), Henry Shepard and Louis Ebbenger (the discoverers of the borax deposits), Thomas Thorkildson (The "Borax King"), howlite, and other things that may help you with your book.

We will be glad to send you a proof sheet of our file photos, or a list of pictures of the mine, camp, and/or station. The Society charges \$2.00 per proof sheet, 50¢ for each 3½ x 5 print, \$2.50 for a 5 x 7, \$8.50 for 8" x 10" prints, and \$11.50 for an 11" x 14".

We will be happy to assist you in any way that we can, and wish you the best of luck in your enterprise. We would also be interested in purchasing a copy of the book when published and feel that several of our 318 members would want one for their personal reference.

Sincerely,

*Gerald G. Reynolds*  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator



Certified Mail  
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PO5-8256501  
"P. R. Requested"  
received Sept 19.

September 10, 1979

Mr. Steve Scott  
Tax Examiner  
Franchise Tax Board  
Sacramento, California 95857

REFERENCE: 102 SS/CORP. NO. 0759822/POSTING CONTROL SC7VH

Dear Mr. Scott:

In reference to our telephone conversations of August 13, 1979, both with Mr. Paul Kline, our Treasurer, and myself, President, of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, we are enclosing the 199 forms for the years 1977 and 1978.

Due to the serious illness of several of our past officers and the death of two others the requirement to file the yearly 199 form was overlooked. The pre-labeled 199 forms, to our knowledge, were never received by our Treasurer, Paul Kline, and were only received after he requested them from your office on August 13, 1979. The only form he had previously received was for the current list of officers which he returned to the office of the Secretary of State believing that was the only filing requirement of our non-profit exempt organization.

We are gravely sorry for this failure to file the 199 form and a packet of information on this matter has been supplied to each of our Directors of the Board. Mr. Kline has assured me that the 199 forms for 1979 will be filed before the deadline of May 15, 1980.

We have been advised that we are not a charitable trust by our volunteer legal counsel and are discussing the matter with Mr. Duane Reule currently. We will forward a copy of that correspondence to your office.

We respectfully request your office to waive the penalties referred to in your message of August 15, 1979. Our Society, Mr. Kline, and myself extend our apologies and thank you for your consideration and understanding in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*  
Cynthia Neal-Harris

President

\* I KNOW YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN THIS EDITORIAL....

Jim Foy - KNBC

KNBC EDITORIAL

HOG FARMS AND CHEMICAL WASTES

10,000 people up around Saugus aren't going to like this one. That's how many people signed a petition to keep an industrial chemical reprocessing plant from being built on 720 acres there. They're saying "dump the dump."

As we see it, the reasons for building it are stronger and more compelling than the reasons against it; if, and only if, the other possible locations don't measure up.

First, what we're talking about isn't a dump. There's a need for something to be done with hard-to-handle industrial wastes: oils, solvents, pesticides, acids and many others. Right now, those wastes are being mixed with trash at a few spots - dumps - and buried, hoping it'll all go away. Trouble is, industrial wastes don't go away. And Southern California is running out of places to hide those wastes. The new plant won't just bury them. It'll re-process, re-cycle or chemically destroy them, too. We think that's good.

On the negative side, no one wants to live anywhere near a plant like that. Families living within a few miles of the place say they prefer the hog farm that's there now. And they say spots out in the desert would be just as good and would bother fewer people.

That's the point that we think needs more study; study we think should and can be done by county authorities, focusing on the geologic and ground water questions.

Then, if the Saugus location turns out to be the best available spot, the plant should be built there.

The problem of what to do with industrial chemical waste won't go away until an advanced technology plant starts working somewhere.

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Broadcast times: 9/10-6:55PM; 9/10-Sign-Off; 9/11-6:55 AM

Time: 1:46



15 September, 1979

Duane Reule  
Deputy Registrar  
Registry of Charitable Trust  
P.O. Box 13447  
Sacramento, California 95813

Re: P7248

Dear Mr. Reule:

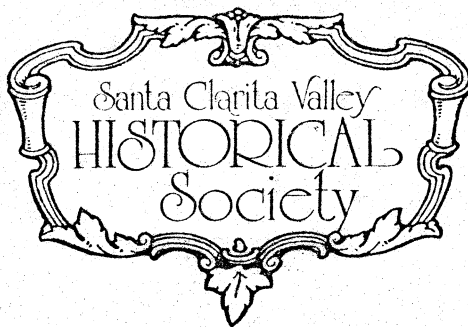
We are in receipt of your letter dated 5 September, 1979, containing your discussion regarding charitable trust, C T 1 and C T 2 forms, and the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society's disallowance of its tax exemption.

We have filled out the required "199" forms for the 1977 and 1978 years and have mailed them as of 10 September, 1979.

We explained to Mr. Steve Scott, tax examiner for the State Franchise Tax Board, that our Society has experienced much illness and death of two of our directors during our formative years. Our current treasurer, Paul Kline, believed he filed all required forms requested by all governmental agencies since he assumed the duties in January 1978. The pre-labeled "199" forms never reached Mr. Kline until Mr. Scott forwarded copies to him 15 August, 1979.

As we look over our records there would seem to be a lack of two way communication between your department and our historical society regarding what constitutes a charitable trust and what role the society plays. Our society is incorporated as a charitable and educational non-profit tax-exempt organization as of December of 1975 with the California State Franchise Board. Our society is devoted to the education of our community to the history of its area and state. We hold monthly meetings January through November in a local elementary school. The programs are of historical value to our members, service clubs, community leaders, school children and other historical societies in Southern California.

Our society is served by volunteers who pay \$5.00 per year for membership. Our only asset is a small bank account. We administer no monies as a trust nor hold such monies. Thus you can understand our surprise when we were advised through your correspondence and phone conversations four years after our founding date that our



...society had not fulfilled certain requirements of a charitable trust. To the best of our knowledge our society never applied, requested nor has been identified as a trust.

In view of the above we respectfully request that we be exonerated of the requirements of filing the forms, "C T 1 and C T 2" and the accompanying monetary penalties be waived for this period and eliminated to date as a future requirement of our society.

It is our sincere hope that the data furnished is more than sufficient to enable your department to arrive at a favorable decision in our behalf.

Thank you for your consideration in this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President-1979

cc: Paul Kline  
Steve Scott

# KRONNICK Realty

"SINCE 1961"

(805) 251-3100

17956 SIERRA HIGHWAY • CANYON COUNTRY, CA. 91351

September 17, 1979

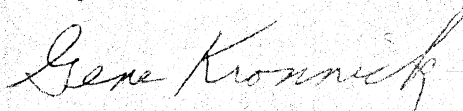
Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
State Capital Building  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Governor Brown,

My belief of the need for a railroad transportation across our valley, in the form of possible San Joaquin passenger train service, continuing northerly through our state to Bakersfield and on to Oakland prompts me to write to you.

I believe that it is of a great importance to this area and appreciate the time and thought you are giving this matter.

Very truly yours,



Gene Kronnick

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17956 SIERRA HIGHWAY • CANYON COUNTRY, CA. 91351

September 17, 1979

Assembly Robert C. Cline  
19240 Nordhoff St., #208,  
Northridge, Ca. 91323

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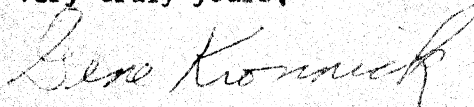
Adriana Gianturco  
Calif. Dept. of Transportation  
1120 N. Street  
Sacramento, Ca.

Dear Ms. Gianturco,

My belief of the need for railroad transportation across our valley, in the form of possible San Joaquin passenger train service, continuing northerly through our state to Bakersfield and on to Oakland prompts me to write to you.

I believe that it is of a great importance to this area and appreciate the time and thought you are giving this matter.

Very truly yours,



Gene Kronnick

# THE SIGNAL

September 17, 1979

Mrs. Cindy Neal-Harris  
c/o Blue Cloud Mineral Co.  
28945 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Saugus, Calif. 91350

Dear Cindy:

My trip to the Saugus 350 anniversary is now 11 days away and I am madly putting together all the items that I will be taking as gifts from this community. The following is a brief list of things I will be taking along:

1. Framed State Assembly Proclamation from Robert Cline.
2. A copy of the book, "The Newhall Ranch".
3. An 11" by 14" framed portrait of H. M. Newhall.
4. Photo collage of the Saugus Train Depot (taken by Tom Mason).
5. Color photo of the Canadian Bicentennial Train passing the Saugus Depot (taken by Mr. Gildersleeve).
6. 12 Gold Spikes and 12 - 1979 Historical Society Calendars.

In addition, Tom Mason made an excellent suggestion of my contacting Saugus High School and asking them to prepare a gift for their counterparts, the students of Saugus (Mass.) High School. I sent a letter to the principal, who in turn read it to the Student Body and they have formed a special committee who are feverishly working on a project to take with me. In fact, it will probably deserve some newspaper coverage.

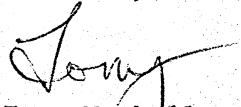
We also discussed at our last board meeting the thought of presenting an honorary membership to the Saugus, Massachusetts, Historical Society. I have found out that their president is Mary E. Borg and she is very active in local history and in the community. It might be a nice idea to present her with an honorary membership, including a certificate, from our Society. Does anyone have time to make one up?

September 17, 1979

Also, it was recommended that I take back to Saugus any leftover license plate frames and leftover t-shirts, plus any revenue from the sales of these items. If I take these, I will need them as soon as possible, so can you let me know who is in charge of these.

If you come up with any further ideas on what I can take back to the Saugus anniversary, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Tony Newhall  
Publisher

TN:jp

cc: Jerry Reynolds  
Tom Mason  
Connie Worden

Mr. W. C. Harris  
P. O. Box 125  
Newhall, Ca. 91322

September 18, 1979

Dear Walter,

Thanks ever so much for your help with the Ice  
Cream Social.

Our Board appreciates your support and has voted  
to present you with a check in the amount of \$5.00  
toward your gas expense.

Please find check enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

Enclosure

9-18-79.

Check enclosed in  
memory of:  
Leland E. Bowman.

Please send acknowledgement  
to his wife  
Jesseann Bowman  
at P.O. Box 1053

Murphy  
Calif 95247

Card to read from:

Uncle Bryan's Aunt Helen

Thank you,  
Helen R. Bone

ck in amount  
4 20 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

September 27, 1979


The Los Angeles Conservancy  
849 S. Broadway, Suite 1225  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90014

The Los Angeles 200 Bicentennial Committee:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is interested in the plans that your organization is formulating for the Bicentennial. Our Valley is rich in the history of Los Angeles from the Don Gaspar de Portola party to the discovery of gold in 1842, to the cut in the mountains near Newhall (Beal's Cut) to allow Los Angeles to move freight north to the coming of the railroad in 1876 (Golden spike driven at Lang). Our area has played an important role in the development of the City of Los Angeles.

Please advise how our Historical Society may be involved in the upcoming celebration.

Very truly yours,

  
Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President-1979

# THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY

## NEWS RELEASE

The Los Angeles Conservancy, a historic preservation organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the built environment in the Los Angeles area, is hosting a presentation for the preservation community by the Los Angeles 200 Bicentennial Committee at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, at the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange building, 618 South Spring Street, in Los Angeles. This presentation will focus on how your group can become involved in the city's upcoming birthday celebration.

Mayor Bradley and the Los Angeles City Council established the Los Angeles 200 Committee for the purpose of planning and coordinating a twelve month program of events and activities to commemorate Los Angeles's bicentennial anniversary, September 4, 1980 through September 4, 1981. In order for the Bicentennial to be a success, they need your group's help, collaboration, and participation. Please come Monday, September 24 and tell them what you would like to do and how you would like to help; let the Bicentennial Committee tell you what they can do for you, before and during the year of celebration. Please bring any information you have on your organization, so that we can become acquainted with your projects and goals. This is an excellent opportunity for the preservation community to come together and exchange ideas and information about projects vital to our city. We look forward to seeing you there!

(Free parking is available in an attended lot at 636 South Spring Street - please park there.)

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Bicentennial Presentation - September 24, 1979

Yes, I will attend  Sorry, I cannot attend

Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



September 28, 1979

Ms. Mary E. Borg  
President, Saugus Historical Society  
Saugus, Massachusetts

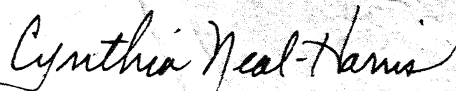
Dear Ms. Borg and the Citizens of Saugus:

During this period of national and international concern over the conservation of natural resources it must be remembered that history is an irreplaceable natural resource. If we do not preserve history it will pass us by.

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, wherein a second "Saugus" is located, warmly extends it's congratulations to Saugus, Massachusetts and the Historical Society on the 350th anniversary celebration.

The 350th anniversary is a memorable event and we are proud to be a part of it. Although separated by some 3,000 miles it demonstrates the close ties that are maintained by those who are dedicated to the preservation of a priceless heritage: our history.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President



October 1, 1979 Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Meeting  
Board of Directors:

Agenda:

7:30 Call to order by President, Cynthia Neal-Harris

Minutes of the September 4, 1979 Board Meeting/Jo Anne Darcy

Treasurer's Report/Paul Kline (a) State Franchise Board

(b) Charitable Trust

(c) Money made on Saugus, Mass shirts

(d) Bills to be paid

1. Newhall-Val- Saugus Chamber dues \$30.00

2. Frontier Days \$20.00

3. Picture Frames/Eva Mitchell \$14.05

4. Typesetting/Map ? 125.00 ?

5. additional Bills

(Helen Blancher read letters written to State & Trust)

October Meeting: Jo Anne Darcy U.S. Borax Mines  
November Meeting ?

Historical Map: Walt Klinger/ Tom Mason  
Ranch House/ Jerry Reynolds

Calender 1980: Tom Mason

Landmarks: Betty Pember

1. St. Francis Dam Plaque/Dave Kohut's Rock
2. Jail/ Adolph Henkel sent item in mail ?
3. Saugus Depot Date/ Jerry Heidt et.al.
4. Other reports

Oak trees: Dorothy Riley Meeting @ L.A. Co.  
T Shirts

Coming Events/ Correspondence: Helen Blancher

1. Saugus, Mass. letter
2. Standard Oil/100 Year Book
3. Earl Schmidt Family
4. Oak Tree Letter
5. Thank you to Winston Walkee
6. Additional

(notes for thank you Jerry Heidt)

Membership Letter of 1980 Dues: Ed Blancher

Vasquez Rocks Dig: Jerry Reynolds

Tropico Mine Tour: Jerry Reynolds

Signals @ Valencia Library: Does the Society want them (about 1970's)

Chamber drawing; S.C.V.H.S. has received 10 tickets/\$1.00 each

Additional Old & New Business :



SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
7:30 P.M. - NSV CHAMBER BUILDING

PRESIDENT: CYNTHIA NEAL-HARRIS  
RECORDING SECRETARY: JO ANNE DARCY

President Cynthia Neal-Harris called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Reception Room of the NSV Chamber on Monday, October 1, 1979.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the September 4th and 19th meetings approved upon motion by Alice Kline, seconded by Jo Anne Darcy. Vote: Consensus.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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Mr. Baxter Ward  
L A County 5th District  
500 N. Temple Street  
Room 809  
Los Angeles, California 90012

October 1, 1979

Dear Mr. Ward:

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society feels that the zoning in case #1340 should NOT be changed. This Society is not in favor of the "Density Transfer Policy" and resists any tampering with the Density Provisions as originally mapped in the Santa Clarita Valley General Plan.

We feel no action should be taken until the County Wide General Plan is clarified, as it applies to the Santa Clarita Valley.

Sincerely yours,

*Cynthia West-Harris*  
Cynthia West-Harris,  
President

890 ym/ks 10/1/79

cc: Joan Pichler  
Kenneth Hahn

CWH/hb

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October 5, 1979

Santa Clarita Valley  
Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91322

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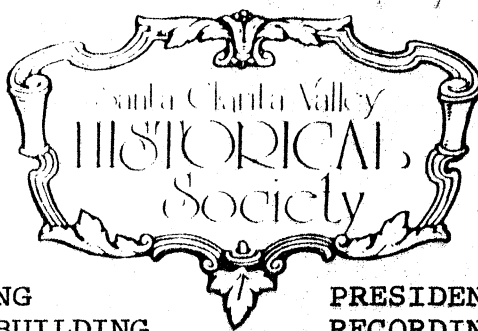
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I have been unable to reach you at the telephone number you gave me during our conversation of October 12. I did receive the material you mailed to me concerning the problem. I would like to discuss Mr. Reule's letter with you if you could call me at our Woodland Hills office.

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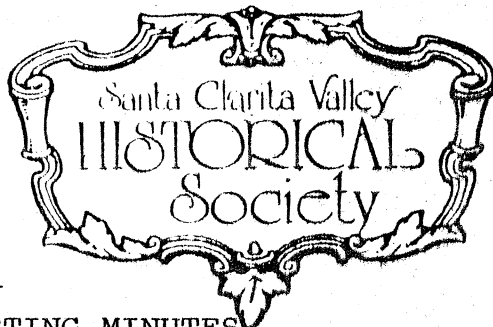
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SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1979 - 7:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT: CYNTHIA NEAL-HARRIS

MINUTES of October 1, 1979 - Approved. Motion by Jo Anne Darcy, seconded by Mimi White.

TREASURER'S REPORT: By Paul Kline, Old Balance of \$1,316.38 reported. Income \$91.25 less expenses of \$308.07 = New Balance - \$1,099.56.

MOTION: To approve report as submitted and authorize payment of new bills made by Betty Pember, seconded by Mimi White. Vote: Consensus.

CHARITABLE TRUST: General opinion expressed was to authorize payment of fines and fees. (\$296.00) by November 15, 1979 to reinstate Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society as a charitable Trust.

MOTION: By Betty Pember, seconded by Ed Blancher with the advice to be very cautious and timely with future handling of tax forms and billings. Possibility exists that fines may be returned after review of explanation.

YEAR END REPORTS DUE - December 3rd Board Meeting.

All Chairmen and responsible committee leaders were advised to submit finalized and detailed reports of every committee assignment by Dec. 3, 1979

LANDMARKS REPORT by Betty Pember. A rare document in the form of an 1890 (dated) insurance policy of the Good Templar Hall (later Pardee Home - Pacific Telephone Building) was reported to be in the Chairman's possession. Because of the policy's fragile condition, the Board approved transfer to the California State Archives Historic Preservation Building in Sacramento for treatment and lamination. Mrs. Darcy assigned to contact headquarters for pricing and information. Follow up (next day) Cost quoted at \$12.00 per hour. Each item must be delivered and assessed individually for accurate pricing. Mrs. Darcy offered to hand deliver the policy during her trip North the latter part of November.

MOTION: to approve allocation of funds to pay for process work and lamination (if it is not covered by another organization) made by Betty Pember, seconded by Ed Blancher. Vote: Consensus.

Mrs. Pember encouraged any and all members to help on the Landmark Committee as many volunteers were needed.

1980 CALENDAR REPORT: Tom Mason, Chairman. Calendar at printers. Ready for review Wednesday.

MOTION: To approve order of 1,000 at approximately 75¢ (plus tax) made by Alice Kline, seconded by Walt Klinger. Vote: Consensus.



SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES - Continued

Suggestion to obtain permission to sell calendars at Country Faire Antique Guild accepted.

HISTORICAL MAPS REPORT - Walt Klinger

Maps are almost ready for print. Art work still in process.

TROPICO MINE TOUR - Chairman, Jerry Reynolds.

Report given by President in absence of Chairman. Tour to be November 17, 1979. Bus leaves Valencia Civic Center at 9:00 A.M. and returns around 3:00 P.M. Cost: \$8.50 per person including transportation and tour. Everyone advised to bring lunch and beverage.

DECEMBER TOUR - To be at the Legasse home December 9th. Entry fee to be payment of 1980 dues or new member application & fee.

SPRING TOUR - to be at the Newhall Mansion in Piru. Date pending.

JANUARY 1980 PROGRAM - Will try to secure loan of new History of Antelope Valley film done in new process called "Photomation." Betty Pember to check on this. Mrs. Darcy to check with Mr. Heidt about clearance for January date and any future program he may have scheduled so as to avoid conflict.

NOVEMBER 20TH PROGRAM - Mr. Bill Myers to present History of the "Big Red Cars," Newhall Tunnel and Trains program. Mr. Harris to tape record for future rewrite by Mrs. Darcey in December.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

Mrs. Pember suggested early bid for new Senior Citizen's Multipurpose Building in 1980 with programs, "Old Timers" Meeting or other program. Mrs. Pember assigned to represent club in matter.

ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS FILM AT COC - Mrs. Darcy reported that a film on the history of Acton and Saugus, Massachusetts was copied in 1976 by Acton Chamber and given to College of Canyons for storing. It was suggested a future program. The February program is in planning process with Mr. Pluka and Jerry Heidt.

CENSUS REPORT: 1880 census typed by Chick Kiersted. 1900 census in process of being typed. More information next meeting.

1980 NOMINATIONS - Mrs. Ruth Newhall appointed as Chairman. Mrs. Alice Kline accepted as Committee member. Ten or more Director nominations must be obtained. List of elected Directors who will be eligible for re-nomination in 1980 will be researched by Alice Kline.

ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE: New bronze plaque put into place and dedicated at ceremony November 5, 1979 - 2:00 P.M. Attendance - approximately 25 people. Misspelling of wording on plaque discussed. Mrs. White

SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES - Continued

assigned to send letter in this regard.

Appreciation expressed for Department of Water & Power (Mr. Wright and Mr. Harris) cooperation with project and their offer to put shrubbery, etc. around the plaque area. Thanks to Dave Kohut and committee for help with stone placement, etc.

NEXT MEETING: Set for December 3, 1979 - 7:30 P.M. at Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber Building.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 9:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anne Darcy, Recording Secretary  
SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY



State of California  
Department of Justice  
George Deukmejian  
(PRONOUNCED DUKE-MAY-GIN)  
Attorney General

P. O. BOX 13447  
SACRAMENTO 95813  
(916) 445-2021

*file*

October 5, 1979

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
OUR FILE No.: P7248

Santa Clarita Valley  
Historical Society  
P. O. Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91322

Attention: Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President

Dear Ms. Neal-Harris:

Reference is made to your letter of September 15, 1979, which was received in this office on September 27, 1979.

There seems to be some confusion as to the reason that this organization was assessed taxes by the Franchise Tax Board and the necessity of the organization to comply with the requirements of our office. Let me review our file and the requirements with you.

On December 9, 1975, the organization was granted exemption from California franchise tax by the Franchise Tax Board. The purpose of the organization was stated as being charitable and educational. A copy of the determination letter was provided to our office.

Organizations formed for charitable purposes including educational purposes are required to register with the Attorney General and to make annual periodic reports to our office. The requirement is found in the Uniform Supervision of Trustees for Charitable Purposes Act, Government Code sections 12580 through 12597. The requirement applies to all charitable organizations whether they are formed as trusts, unincorporated associations or whether they are incorporated.

On March 22, 1976, we wrote to the society at 22366 Barbaboa Drive, Saugus, CA 91350. Our letter was a notice to the organization to register pursuant to the Uniform Act. We received no response to this letter.

On May 31, 1977, we again wrote to the organization at the same address stating that registration with the Attorney General had not been completed and asking for the current status of the organization. A response was received from Treasurer T. H. Sanders on July 25, 1977, claiming that the organization was not subject to registration and reporting with our office because it was formed

for educational purposes. We responded to Treasurer Sanders on July 27, 1977. Our letter stated that organizations which are schools and have a regular faculty, curriculum, student body, and facility are excluded from the registration and reporting requirements of the Uniform Act; but other educational corporations are not. There was no answer to that letter so we sent a reminder on December 2, 1977.

On January 20, 1978, we received a response from Treasurer Sanders indicating that the organization is educational and requesting forms for compliance with the Uniform Act. We were provided a new address by Sanders as P. O. Box 875, Newhall, CA 91321. The Forms CT-1 for registration and CT-2 for periodic reporting were sent to Sanders at the new address on January 20, 1978.

By May 1, 1978, there was still no compliance with the registration or reporting requirements of the Uniform Act. Consequently, another letter was sent to the organization in care of Sanders. That letter did not generate a response.

On July 24, 1978, a letter addressed to the Franchise Tax Board with a copy to the organization was sent. That letter directed the Franchise Tax Board to disallow tax exemption pursuant to 23703 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, if there was not compliance within an additional thirty days. Since the organization did not comply with the registration (CT-1) and reporting (CT-2) requirements of the Uniform Act by February 23, 1979, the Franchise Tax Board did disallow the organization's tax exemption for the year ended December 31, 1977. An assessment of \$200 tax plus interest resulted.

On August 30, 1979, you called our office and spoke with Mrs. Joyce Toole. At that time, Forms CT-1 and CT-2 to be used for registration and reporting compliance were again sent to you.

On the following day, I called you; and we discussed the tax assessment generated by the Franchise Tax Board because of the organization's failure to comply with the registration and reporting requirements of our office. I reviewed the file with you at that time and indicated that under the circumstances outlined then and again reviewed in this letter, we would not ask the Franchise Tax Board to cancel the assessment issued for the organization's failure to comply with our registration and reporting requirements.

In addition, on August 27, 1979, I had a telephone conversation with Paul Kline and wrote a letter to him dated September 5, 1979, which you have and which again discussed the reason that the organization's tax exemption was lost and providing forms upon which the organization could comply with our registration and reporting requirements.

October 5, 1979

As you can see from the above summary, it has not been four years after your founding that we advised the society of its requirement to register with and make periodic reports to this office pursuant to the Uniform Act. It appears rather that there has been a lack of continuity of communication and responsibility within the society.

In fact, as of this date, the organization is still not in compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of the Uniform Act. To bring itself into compliance, it is required that Form CT-1 be completed and returned to us with the attachments required by the instructions on the reverse of the form including a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a copy of the Bylaws. Further, periodic reports on Form CT-2 are required for the years ended December 31, 1976, 1977, and 1978.

For continued failure to comply, the Franchise Tax Board will be asked by us to disallow tax exemption for additional years resulting in further taxes plus interest being incurred.

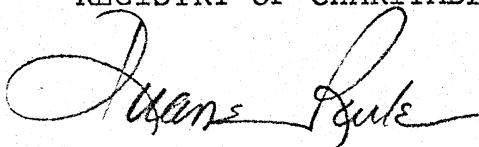
Under the circumstances summarized in this letter, we do not believe that this office made any error in asking the Franchise Tax Board to issue the assessment of tax due to the organization's failure to comply with the registration and reporting requirements of this office; and for this reason, we will not ask the Franchise Tax Board to cancel the assessment resulting from the disallowance of tax exemption. That liability must be paid with interest; and in addition, the registration and periodic reports which are seriously delinquent must be promptly filed with this office.

The fact that the organization has now filed Forms 199 for 1977 and 1978 with the Franchise Tax Board does not satisfy its requirement to register with this office on Form CT-1 and to make periodic reports to us on Form CT-2.

Your prompt attention should be given to the matter of compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of the Uniform Act.

Very truly yours,

REGISTRY OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS



DUANE REULE  
Deputy Registrar

DR:jy

Enclosures

# THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY

October 5, 1979

Ms. Cynthia Neal-Harris  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
PO Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91322

Dear Ms. Neal-Harris:

Thank you for your letter of September 27th concerning the Los Angeles 200 Bicentennial presentation that we hosted. The Los Angeles Conservancy has no connection to the Los Angeles 200 Bicentennial Committee - the LAC is a non-profit, membership organization concerned with architectural preservation in the greater Los Angeles area. On this occasion, we hosted the presentation for the 200 Committee so that they might make contact with the various historical and preservation groups in L.A. I have enclosed for your information the printed information that was handed out that evening. It is very complete and covers what was said.

The 200 Committee is prepared to offer considerable expertise and advice on projects, as well as coordinate events through their office. They cannot offer any financial assistance, but can attempt to match needs with corporate monies that they have contact with.

If your organization has any ideas in mind, I urge you to phone the 200 Committee to discuss them. They have set a due date for submittal of October 31st, however, it is my understanding that this can be broken, especially since you have not received the information until such a late date.

Thank you again for writing and for sending a sample of your newsletter. Our next one is due out in November and I will be sure to send one out.

Sincerely,



Tina Silvey  
Program Coordinator

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## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP) has two main objectives: one is to create an awareness of the role of design, architecture and planning in shaping lives and enhancing the aesthetic of the urban environment; the other is to facilitate the implementation and completion of community based improvement projects such as community centers, mini-parks, cultural facilities, housing alternatives, child care centers, and other community projects during the Bicentennial Year. Projects will range not only in size from small "self help" projects to major development, but in foci from revitalization, renovation to newly designed and executed structures, plazas, and parks.

The Los Angeles 200 Committee has committed itself to overseeing the NIP by sponsoring neighborhood meetings, workshops, seminars and community planning sessions, as well as assigning teams of volunteer consultants to assist with individual projects. The Committee is prepared to provide technical assistance in architecture, community and neighborhood planning, transportation planning, site planning, engineering, landscape architecture and real estate economics.

The major schools of architecture and urban planning based in Los Angeles and the professional societies in the environmental design fields have indicated interest in participating in this project. In addition, universities and colleges throughout the Los Angeles area have been contacted to join in the effort and assist with neighborhood improvement projects.

Projects will vary in subject just as Los Angeles neighborhoods vary in characteristics and needs. For example, a densely populated central neighborhood like the East 60th Street Block Club in East Los Angeles may undertake a recreational and cultural facility such as a youth center, whereas a historically significant area like Carroll Avenue may seek to underground unsightly utility wires and re-lamp its streets. Other neighborhoods may wish to improve important public spaces with murals, sculpture, or landscaping.

The orientation of the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force of the Los Angeles 200 Committee is to help neighborhood groups, organizations, and associations in their own efforts to improve their communities. It is our belief that it is the people of the neighborhoods who hold the key to understanding the problems and needs. The Neighborhood Improvement Task Force will first listen and then work with individuals and groups within a neighborhood to combine the resources of professional volunteers with the community to resolve problems and meet the needs as identified. The neighborhood will be involved in every step of the process, from problem identification through design solution to implementation. The Task Force will take every opportunity to employ the concept of participatory design. Thus, the process itself is the methodology for both objectives: design education and the enhancement of urban Los Angeles by the completion of physical environment improvement projects which are innovative in their solutions and reflective of the background and special needs of the neighborhoods.

Many neighborhood projects will be completed during the Bicentennial Year if the Los Angeles 200 Committee begins now to provide assistance in building planning, financial counseling, site planning, engineering and construction management services. The Committee, however, recognizes that many worthwhile neighborhood improvements require more time for development than the two year planning horizon with which it is currently working. The Task Force will assist those projects to the extent that the projects are able to become plan ready by the Bicentennial for implementation in the 1980's. Thus, technical assistance will be subject to the scale of the project. In the case of major projects, the preliminary and feasibility phases of the projects will be addressed rather than rendering of contract documents. For small scale projects of a completely "self-help" nature, it will be possible to assist in the rendering of contract documents. In either case, such projects' chances for success will be greatly enhanced by technical assistance in program design, in the preparation of funding proposals and identification of appropriate funding sources.

#### Neighborhood Improvement Project: Methods

The NIP has been in the planning stage for the past six months. Mr. Jim Bonar and Ms. Barbara Thornburg have contacted all the councilmen from the City of Los Angeles to obtain lists of key community organizations in their councilmanic districts. These organizations are being contacted to participate in "neighborhood meetings" which will be held during the weeks starting with the 10th of September and running through until the end of November, 1979. The purpose of this first series of meetings is to inform the community of the plans and objectives of the Bicentennial, and to discuss in depth the Neighborhood Improvement Project. The Committee's brochure and materials will be distributed as well as application forms for the Improvement Projects.

It has been determined by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force, the policy body for this project, that any neighborhood organization which represents a resident constituency will be eligible to approach the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force for assistance. Organizations such as block clubs, community development corporations, resident or homeowners associations, and community service organizations have been encouraged to apply. Recognition for Bicentennial endorsement and technical assistance will be given to those projects which meet the following criteria:

- Are innovative;
- Respect the historical development of the neighborhood;
- Instill neighborhood pride;
- Include participation of the neighborhood's cultural resources; and,
- Strengthen the neighborhood's ability to meet the needs of the future.



In addition, proposals will be evaluated by the following general standards:

- Clarity of the proposal;
- Level of physical impact and service to the neighborhood;
- Level of commitment of community resources to the project;
- Potential for matching requested resources to private sector resources; and,
- Proposals' prospects for implementation.

The final decision as to the recipients of the technical assistance is made by the Task Force.

Once a NIP has been endorsed, the Task Force will match volunteer consultants to neighborhoods and projects. This "match" is crucial to the success of the project. The goal is primarily to educate and the consultant is aware that she/he is more involved with the "process" than the actual project. Therefore, community sensitivity is a necessary prerequisite. The Task Force will monitor closely this consulting relationship from the discussion phase through implementation. Projects with a time frame in excess of two years will be facilitated through the Bicentennial, September 4, 1981, and contact with appropriate bridging agencies will be made. The Task Force is also prepared to assist with publicity and additional technical assistance when required.

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To Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present and Shape the Future  
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Jane Pisano, Executive Director  
Los Angeles 200 Committee  
617 So. Olive Street, Suite 900  
Los Angeles, California 90014  
(213) 485-0200

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT PROPOSAL

Much of the Bicentennial Celebration will take place in the diverse neighborhoods that give Los Angeles its unique character. The Los Angeles 200 Committee wishes to offer technical planning assistance to neighborhood generated projects. The purpose of this proposal is to help the Committee identify the neighborhood projects that can benefit from its technical assistance.

1. Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (Zip Code)

Describe the people and geographic area served by the organization:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

3. Description of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Explain how this project will further the Bicentennial goal stated on page 1. Also indicate which of the following theme(s) does project/event emphasize?

"Honor the Past...Celebrate the Present...Shape the Future"

- Los Angeles has history
- Los Angeles has diverse, multi-cultured peoples
- Los Angeles has neighborhoods and neighbors
- Los Angeles has music and dance
- Los Angeles has motion pictures and television
- Los Angeles has theater and art
- Los Angeles has religion
- Los Angeles has an economy looking towards the future
- Los Angeles is the gateway to the Pacific
- Los Angeles has unequalled sports and recreation
- Los Angeles has plans for its environment
- Los Angeles has intellectual achievement
- Los Angeles has a compelling future
- Los Angeles has \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Timing: Is this project a one-time event or will the project extend for a period of time?

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_



6. (Continued)

C. Materials, Tools & Equipment

Estimated Value

PROJECTED SOURCE

_____	\$ _____	_____
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Sub-Total	\$ _____	_____

Total Project Cost (Include A, B & C) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Government Involvement/Approvals: What, if any, municipal departments will be interested and why:

- Building permit: \_\_\_\_\_
- Zoning approval: \_\_\_\_\_
- Traffic control: \_\_\_\_\_
- Security: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_
- Recreation & Parks: \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Department: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Planning and Production Time-Frame:** Give a preliminary schedule of all planning or organizing milestones.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geraad M. Cochran  
St. Rt. #1  
Box 103  
Rosamond, Ca. 93560

October 6, 1979

Dear Jerry and Chris:

Our Historical Society is planning a visit to your interesting "home" as was mentioned to you last June.

We would like to reserve the morning of Saturday, November 17, 1979 with an estimated arrival time of 10:30 a.m. If this date is not possible, please advise of other Saturdays in November that would be open.


We plan to have 50 or 60 people on the tour and understand that your special group rate of \$3.25 for adults and \$1.75 for children is still in effect for visiting the gold mine, mill, Tropic Goldcamp, and Goldcamp Museum.

Do you require the admission fee in advance, or do we pay upon arrival?

Please reply to my home address: 23428 Happy Valley Dr., Newhall, California 91321.

Looking forward to seeing you again, I am

Sincerely Yours,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
GERALD G. REYNOLDS  
Curator

Mrs. E. L. Corwin  
30451 N. Aliso Cyn Rd  
Palmdale, Ca 93550

October 9, 1979

On behalf of our Society, I would like to thank you for the copies of "The South Antelope Valley Foothill News" and the "Antelope Valley Press."

We have turned the copies over to our Curator, Mr. Jerry Reynolds. He says that he finds the articles on the 90th Year of Mail Service, and the history of Acton quite interesting and of historical value for our files.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary



Mrs. Jereann Bowman  
P O Box 1053  
Murphys, Ca 95247

October 9, 1979

Dear Jereann,

In Acknowledgment of a gracious donation received  
by our Society in loving memory of Leland E. Bowman  
from Uncle Bryan and Aunt Helen.

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Cone

R. E. Clarke  
V President  
Public Relations  
Chevron U S A  
605 W. Olympic Blvd  
Los Angeles, Ca 90015

October 9, 1979

Dear Mr. Clarke:

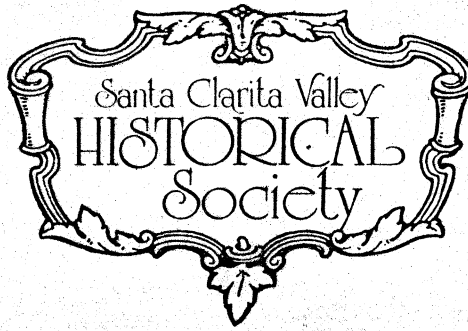
Our Historical Society Board has viewed the booklet "Standard Oil 100 Years", courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Lagasse. Our Board would be honored if we could receive a copy of the booklet for our Society archives.

Would it be possible to receive a medallion also?

Thank you for any consideration given to us in this matter.

Sincerely,

Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary



October 12, 1979

State Senator, Lou Cusanovich  
23241 Ventura Blvd.  
Suite 300  
Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364  
Attention: Mr. Jerry Curry, Deputy

Dear Mr. Curry:

Enclosed please find copies of correspondence requested by you as per our October 12 phone conversation. You will remember this matter concerns the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society and an agency of the State Government, "Charitable Trust."

As you see by our September 15th letter in reply to an August 10, 1979 notice that our Society was "suspended as a non-profit tax exempt organization" by the California State Franchise Tax Board, we acted to the best of our knowledge in 1975 when we filed with the required governmental agencies to make our society educational and meaningful. Our members pay \$5.00 per year to belong and certainly do not receive monetary dividends. Our only reward being that of the perpetuation of the history of the Santa Clarita Valley through volunteer efforts.

We are gravely concerned that we are no longer considered a non-profit organization and are being penalized as though we were a large money-making corporation. Certainly \$200.00 seems an unjust penalty to fit the crime - A crime we are unsure we perpetrated.

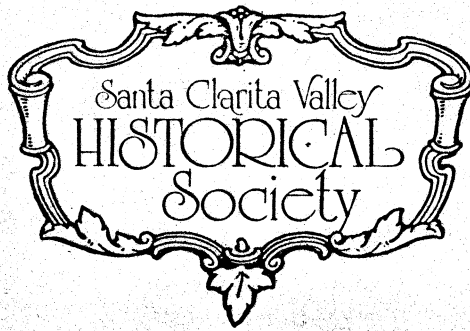
Could you please advise us who the "Charitable Trust" is, what is their charter, what are their responsibilities, functions, jurisdictions and purpose. Specifically what are the responsibilities and functions of the deputy registrar?

Our Society would appreciate your assistance in this urgent matter and consider it of grave concern to your constituents of the Santa Clarita Valley.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*  
Cynthia Neal-Harris, President 1979

Encl. List of S.C.V.H.S.  
Board of Directors



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**Frenchy Lagasse, Young Historicans**

**Tom Mason, 1980 Historical Calender**

**Eva Mitchell, Program**

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**Phyllis Russell, Newsletter editor**

**Mimi White, Past President/Adviser (1978)**

**George Von Haase, Tours/ Mailing Newsletter**

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Mr. Joe V. Kern  
United States Borax and Chemical Corporation  
3075 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles Ca. 90010


October 18, 1979

Dear Mr. Kern:

Along with the other members present at Wednesday nights meeting, I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation about sodium borate and the Sterling mine in Tick Canyon. The only thing missing from your movie was the opening theme and a clip from "Death Valley Days". At any rate, I was so impressed that I rushed out and bought a box of Boraxo.

On behalf of the Society I wish to express our gratitude for the donation of 23 Historical photographs of the Sterling Borax Works in Tick Canyon. If we use them in any future Historical Society publications or exhibits they will be labeled, "Courtesy United States Borax and Chemical Corporation." We consider these to be a valuable record of the past in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator



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**R. E. Clarke**  
Regional Vice-President

**J. W. Daily**  
Public Affairs Manager

General Representation

October 19, 1979

Ms. Helen Blancher  
Corresponding Secretary  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P. O. Box 875  
Newhall, CA 91322


Dear Ms. Blancher:

We are very pleased that you have requested a copy of our Company's booklet "One Hundred Years Helping to Create the Future" commemorating its 100th birthday. We have enclosed two copies, one copy for the archives and one for general viewing. A limited number of bronze medallions were struck for our employees and are in very short supply. We are fortunate to have received an extra one here and gladly share it with you. We cannot think of a more appropriate use for it.

Enclosed too is a small supply of brochures describing our coming exhibit which will be open to the public commencing December 1, 1979 through March 26, 1980 at the California Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park, Los Angeles. We hope you and all of your members will visit our exhibit.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Cordially,

  
(Mrs.) Jean Palmer  
Community Relations Representative  
Phone: (213) 489-4134

JFP:rt  
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October 20, 1979

John MacIntosh, Attorney at Law  
23015 Soledad Cyn. Rd.  
Saugus, Calif. 91350

Dear John:

We, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, would appreciate your assistance in solving the problem with the Registry of Charitable Trusts. I have reread our Articles of Incorporation and can not find that we are charitable. We are educational but 'charity' is not our purpose.

Paul Kline has copies of the State forms 199 for 1976-1977-1978 if you need them as well as the CT-2 forms filled out to the best of his ability. His work phone number is 259-2660.

Helen Blancher is getting copies of the "Uniform Supervision of Trustees for Charitable Purposes Act (Gov. Code Secs. 12580-12597) and the Administrative Rules and Regulations pursuant to the Act (Calif. Adm. Code, Title 11, Secs. 300-306 and 310). She will bring them to you this week, (October 22-26). Her phone number is 252-3329.

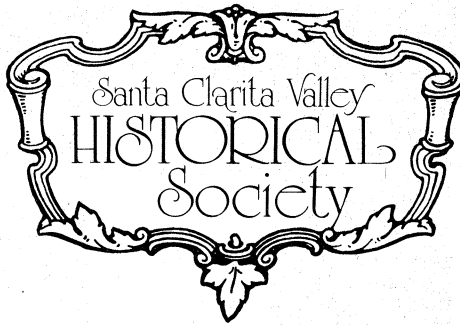
Please write to Mr. Duane Reule in response to his letter of October 5, 1979. If you determine that we must file as a "charitable trust" the CT-1 form is enclosed. Mimi White will bring you on October 22, 1979, our file from Mr. Hon's office which we understand contains a copy of our Federal Exemption Determination Letter as required to complete the CT-1 form.

John, thank you again for your help in this critically urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President

Enclosure: CT-1 form, letter to State Senator Cusanovich, letter from Duane Reule, CT-2 form and instructions.



Mrs. Jean Palmer  
Chevron U S A  
605 W. Olympic Blvd  
Los Angeles, Ca 90015

November 3, 1979

Dear Mrs. Palmer:

Thank you very much for both copies of "One Hundred Years Helping to Create the Future." I'm very pleased to have received the Medallion. It will serve as a nice display together with the booklet now, and in the future as well.

We will most certainly advertise the exhibit being put on by Chevron U S A at the California Museum of Science and Industry starting next month.

Sincerely,

*Helen Blancher*  
Mrs. Helen Blancher,  
Corresponding Secretary

*DR Reynolds 11/3/79*



MEMO

*Helen file copy*  
November 5, 1979

To: Cindy Neal-Harris  
From: Tony Newhall  
Re: Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Suspension as a Non-Profit Organization and \$200 Fine

I have read over all of the information and correspondence that you have given me regarding the Society's recent suspension as a non-profit organization and the accompanying \$200 penalty from the Registry of Charitable Trusts.

Cindy, I am going to take the unpopular view that our Society is at fault; I feel that we have not complied with the laws and that we should expect to pay the \$200 fine.

The matter seems to be fairly clear. According to past correspondence, our Society is indeed a charitable and educational organization and, since we are not an educational institution such as a school, we are required by law to file Forms CT-1 and CT-2 with the Registry of Charitable Trusts.

For your information, the Registry of Charitable Trusts is a department within the State Attorney General's office and it is responsible for watching over charitable organizations within the State of California, which includes everything from the "United Way" to the "People's Temple" and "Synanon", etc. According to the Government Code, all charitable organizations must file required forms with this department.

Our Historical Society, however, has been apparently delinquent in filing these forms, and the letter of October 5, 1979, from Duane Reule, the Deputy Registrar of the Registry of Charitable Trusts, explains the facts of the matter quite clearly. For the last 3½ years, his department has made every effort to get us to file these forms and to comply with the law. He has sent letters to Art Evans' house which have gone unanswered; he has sent letters to our past treasurers, some of which were answered and some of which were not. His final and only alternative was to notify us that our tax exempt status was to be suspended and we were to be assessed a \$200 penalty. I have to agree with his actions: he has finally gotten a response from us.

I know there have been problems within the Board of the Historical Society, but that does not absolve us from complying with the letter of the law.

The fact is that we were given many opportunities to file the correct forms and they were overlooked each time, and I don't think it will do any good to apply any political persuasion to have the \$200 penalty lifted. All we will be doing is seeking political favors which we will some day have to repay; and if we are granted any favors from the Registry of Charitable Trusts, who is to say the same favors shouldn't be granted to other organizations, such as "Synanon" or the "People's Temple."

As the matter stands now, we have to decide what to do. I recommend the following:

First, our Board should appoint an "ad hoc" financial committee (of 1-3 people) dedicated to put the Society's financial and tax affairs in order. This committee

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November 5, 1979

should be made up of competent members of the Society and it should not necessarily include any "attorney friends" of the Society unless the attorney wishes to remain active in the Society's affairs indefinitely, for no charge.

Second, the committee should make a project of reconstructing the Society's financial statements (i. e. balance sheets and income statements) for each of the past four years, 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978.

Third, the committee should see that the Society files all the necessary forms with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board and the Department of Charitable Trusts, and that all fines are paid.

Fourth, it should see that the Society has copies of all codes and laws pertaining to the tax and charitable status of the Society (i.e., Charitable Purpose Act, Uniform Codes Act, etc.).

Fifth, the committee should make a complete list of all financial reporting requirements for future treasurers of the Society, so that we never find ourselves in this position in the future.

Thanks for letting me offer my opinion on this matter. The foregoing are only suggestions that I drafted in a short period of time. I will be happy to volunteer to help the Society clear this matter up.

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November 5, 1979 Board of Directors Meeting for the Santa Clarita Valley Historical

Society: AGENDA: Cynthia Neal-Harris, President:

Minutes: October 1, Board: JoAnne Darcy.

Treasurer's Report: Charitable Trust, bills, payments, balance: Paul Kline.

Coming Events: Helen Blancher

Correspondence: Helen Blancher

Report of Committees: Year end reports due at December 3 Board meeting, Please:

Landmarks: Betty Pember

Calendar: Tom Mason

Historical Site Map: Walt Klinger

Trip/Tour Tropico Mine : Jerry Reynolds/Jo Anne Darcy Guide to Historical Sites L.A. Co. \$

Membership: Ed Blancher, Membership drive Lagasse Home ?

Genealogical Research: Alice Kline, 1880 Census typed by Chick Kiersted. 1900 bought ?

Oak Trees: Dorothy Riley

January Program: Jo Anne Darcy/ Jerry Heidt

Nominating Committee: Need

Additional Committee Reports:

Old Business: -

New Business:

Announcements: -

Adjournment:

*Nov 17 - Members - only -  
Big  
Jan - Nov 10 - Dec 9 -*

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

Saugus Ca. 91350

OUR REF:

DATE: November 8, 1979

SUBJECT:

P.O. CL:

TO: Postal Customer

*Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society*

*P.O. Box 875*

*Newhall, CA 91321*

Effective, November 20, 1979, we will be moving a portion of our Postal operation to the Main Post Office.

After that date our Bulk Mail Acceptance Clerk will be located at the Main Office at:

26081 Bouquet Canyon  
Saugus Ca. 91350

For many of our customers, this change will make us more convenient for them. If, however, there is any undue hardship created for your organization, please contact me so that we can work out a mutually agreeable arrangement to serve you better.

Sincerely,

*Douglas L Leeds*

Douglas L Leeds  
Manager, Customer Service

805 251-2945

*Helen  
File*

# THE SIGNAL

November 9, 1979

Mrs. Cindy Neal-Harris  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P. O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Cindy:

\* Now that I have finished editing the Historical Society newsletter and am having it typeset and hope to pasteup tomorrow, I have some bad news to communicate with you. This will apparently be the last issue of the newsletter that The Signal will be able to typeset.

We have had a hard time finding the time to typeset the newsletter during the last few days and I discussed the matter at a general staff meeting this morning and everyone seems to agree that we just do not have the time to do the newsletter any more in our composing room. The problem is the growth of our paper; we are now publishing full-circulation editions every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. This has resulted in virtually no free time in our typesetting or pasteup rooms. Moreover, my time is becoming increasingly busy and I don't have the time to devote to editing, marking up, pasting up the copy and setting the headlines.

If the Society wishes to continue publishing a professional-looking newspaper, they may have to resort to asking another local typesetter, such as Joyce L'Heureux of Crest Typographers. However, Crest cannot do halftones. Of course, there is nothing wrong with returning to the previous format style, that is typing the newsletter. I am sure the Society is full of good, proficient typists who have time to edit the copy and type up a reasonably good-looking newsletter.

The Society may also want to take this time to study a change in format, publishing a newsletter

Cindy Neal-Harris

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November 9, 1979

in 8½" x 11" style, instead of the present format. However, I am sorry I don't have a better suggestion now.

I am sorry to communicate this bad news to you in this form, but I wanted to get you over the shock of hearing the news so that I could be able to talk to you rationally about it later. I am sure we can find a suitable solution.

Sincerely,



Tony Newhall  
Publisher

TN:jp

Nov. 12, 1979  
Cynthia Neal-Harris, President  
SCV Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, Ca, 91322

Dear Cynthia,

Please accept, effective immediately, my resignation from the Board of the Historical Society.

School Board, Depth the Dump Task Force, Hwy 126 advocacy and career commitments during the year have precluded my fulfilling my elected position with your board. I'm truly sorry, and because I firmly believe in "serve or quit", I am resigning.

The Historical Society is

near and dear to my heart.  
In the new year, and per-  
haps what is left of the  
old, I will try to become  
a better member. Please  
call on me anytime if I  
can be of service.

I am very willing to  
write proposals, seek govern-  
mental approvals, etc., as  
time permits - henceforth.  
Call on me.

Thank you for the pleasure  
of being associated with  
such fine leadership.

Sincerely,

Connie Horden



November 13, 1978

Craig B. Obaro,  
20110 W. Keaton,  
Sausalito, Ca., 91350

Craig:

All organizations hit snags ... especially when new, and at the age of <sup>3</sup>three years we realize that there have been several precautions overlooked in the name of expediency. One, the main or perhaps, was that no policy or statement regarding materials loaned or donated to the Society was ever formulated. We are trying to take it from here regarding this, and our attorney has drawn up a form that we henceforth will use.

The past cannot be entirely disregarded, however, and the various items entrusted to us must be protected. The photographs and negatives which kind people have brought to the Society were all entrusted to us, and it was tacitly understood that they were for our exclusive use. We therefore ask that you return to us all materials, copies, negatives, copies of negatives, or original photos which have come into your hands via donors to the Society, or which the Society has asked you to copy for our purposes.

I will appreciate it very much, Craig, if you will contact me right away regarding this return of our material, and I shall be available to pick it up at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

*Mini White*

president, SCVHS



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

869 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

**BAXTER WARD**  
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT  
974-5555

November 14, 1979

Dear Santa Clarita Valley Resident:

I wish to take this opportunity to give you an update on the status of the application filed by IT Corporation to build a hazardous waste disposal site in Sand Canyon.

Conditional Use Permit

As part of the application process for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), the County required a major Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which was paid for and submitted by the applicant, the IT Corporation. This report was sent to approximately 16 public agencies for review and comment. These comments and inquiries were forwarded to the applicant in May, 1979, for reply. Once the applicant responds, the inquiring agencies will determine if the reply is adequate. If not, the applicant will be asked to submit additional information. When all the questions have been answered completely, the Environmental Impact Report will be placed in the local libraries for review 30 days before the public hearing.

On July 31, 1979, the Board of Supervisors supported my request to have the public hearings on the EIR and CUP in the Santa Clarita Valley, at night, to allow full public participation. It is anticipated, however, that the hearing will not be held until at least the first part of 1980, since IT Corporation has not yet replied to the agency inquiries regarding the Environmental Impact Report.

L. A. County Solid Waste Management Plan

The County Engineer, in conjunction with other agencies, prepared the County Solid Waste Management Plan in 1977 which identified Sand Canyon as a potential Class II landfill site.

I attempted to have the Sand Canyon site removed from the Plan because the residents of Santa Clarita Valley were not notified of the hearings on this Plan nor were hearings held in the Santa Clarita Valley. My colleagues on the Board did not support my request to remove the site. However, the Board did agree to have a hearing in the Santa Clarita Valley on August 13, 1979, to discuss the Plan.

On October 16, 1979, the County Engineer presented to the Board of Supervisors a summary of the testimony given at the public hearing. No recommendation was made by the County Engineer and the report was received and filed by the Board.

Caltrans recently has done extensive roadway repair work because of the instability of an underlying shale formation beneath Highway 14. Because Caltrans stated publicly these unstable formations could extend for miles, I asked the County Engineer to study the geological stability of this site for a landfill. The report will be returned to the Board when completed.

#### The Proposed L. A. County General Plan

This proposed Plan also identified the Sand Canyon site as a potential landfill. On August 2, 1979, I asked that this designation be deleted from the Plan. The Regional Planning Commission is now considering this request. It is anticipated that the revised General Plan will be returned to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the beginning of next year.

In addition, on October 16, 1979, I requested that the Board not approve the contract with Quinton and Associates (the company that prepared the Santa Clarita Valley General Plan) until such time as they fulfilled their contractual obligation by evaluating the impact of a landfill site in Sand Canyon.

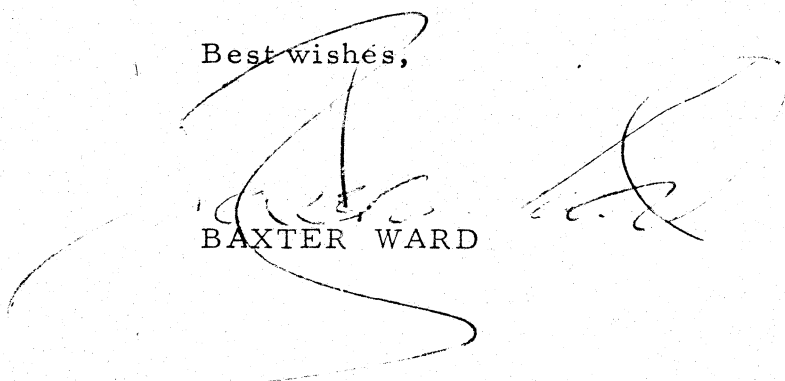
This analysis has been received and on November 1, 1979, I asked the Board to have the Regional Planning Commission consider the negative aspects contained in the Quinton Report prior to the Commission returning the Los Angeles County General Plan to the Board.

I am taking these actions because I believe that the possibility of a landfill operation at the Santa Clarita site not only is totally incompatible with the surrounding area, but would place the Santa Clarita Valley water supply in jeopardy because of the site's basic geological instability.

Hopefully, you will find it possible to express your view at the public hearings to be scheduled.

Many thanks.

Best wishes,



BAXTER WARD

BW:crb

FILE:

NOTE: Young Master Daly is a 4th grade student with an assignment of finding out about how the local Indians housed themselves. Beside the letter he was sent a step-by-step diagram on how to build a Tataviam tract home.

Mr. Mike Daly  
27838 Larkman Dr.  
Saugus, Ca., 91350

November 18, 1979

Dear Mike:

Sunday afternoon at the Castaic Visitor Center is a tough time to try and chat about our local Indians. I know that you studied the relics on display and, as promised, will fill you in on what little is known about them.

We are not even sure of what the Indians of the Santa Clarita Valley called themselves. The Chumash, over on the sea coast, referred to them as Allikliks, which means people who "grunt" or "stammer." The Kitanemuk tribe in the Antelope Valley called them Tataviam, or People of the "Morning Sun." Since the Kitanemuk and Tataviams were closely related and were friends, this is probably what the local Indians called themselves, or close to it.

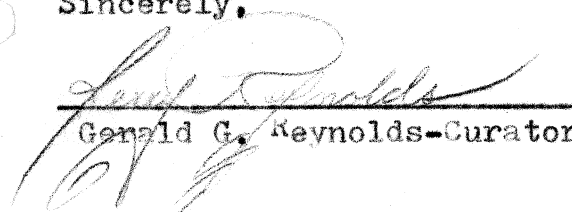
The Tataviams (Allikliks) probably never numbered more than 500 people scattered in about 20 small villages close to water, game, and oak trees. The oaks provides acorns which the Indians ground up on stone slabs called metates, then poured water over to leach out the bitter tannic acid, and made into a sort of taco shell which they ate. Their arrowheads are usually small which means that they hunted squirrel, birds, lizards, and other small animals to eat.

According to early Spanish explorers the Tataviams were short people, very peaceful and friendly. The men didn't wear anything except some beads and the kids didn't even have beads, but looked well fed. The ladies wore a grass skirt.

You were most interested in the type of housing that they had. Their homes were, what would be called, wikiups. Green willow branches were stuck into the ground, held by rocks, and bent to meet at the top forming a shape like a bee-hive. Bundles of California Cane (Bamboo) would be tied together and then fastened to the willow frame. The sides could be removed in the summer for a cool breeze, and, during the winter, a small fire would be made in the middle of the wikiup to keep it warm, the smoke sort of filtering out through the cane walls. It was really perfect for this climate.

I hope that this will help you with your school assignment. If you have any other questions feel free to contact me at Castaic, or call 255-6023.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald G. Reynolds-Curator

SANTA CLARITA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. Box 675.  
NEWHALL, CALIFORNIA 91322

1/6 ARCHIVIST or LIBRARIAN... re... CYNTHIA NEAL HARRIS

I hope that you will excuse the obvious informality. I have your address...  
THANKS to MR. GENE KNIGHT... Public Information Officer for the ANGELES NF. ①  
YOUR SOCIETY... was also suggested by WACE HILES and GLEN JOHNSON of the SAGEUS  
RD. in VALENCIA.

I'm researching the biography of JACINTO DANIEL REYES... who was the first  
USFS DISTRICT RANGER on the old... CUSANTA RANGER DISTRICT... old SANTA BARBARA  
and was the LOS PHOENIX NF. "S.V." was one of the three ORIGINAL RANGERS on  
this FOREST... From 1900 to 1932, HIS Great-Grandfather was the ORIGINAL...  
WHITE SETTLER... in what's now the entire SAN FERNANDO VALLEY... also he was  
one of the SPANISH ALCALDES of the PUEBLO de LOS ANGELES... 1793-95. The  
'Great-Grandfather's NAME' was JOAN FRANCISCO REYES.

You perhaps know... that the SAGEUS DISTRICT of the ANGELES NF. was once  
part of this old... STA. BARBARA NF (now LOS PHOENIX) until September of 1925.  
REYES's early patrols... once carried him into the SAGEUS DISTRICT. There  
was a rather large FIRE in 1919... that burned well into the FOSONGA area...  
well over 8000 acres were burned. Reyes participated in fighting that fire.  
The dates were SEPTEMBER 17 through 27... 1919... (L.A. TIMES archives).

ALSO... the building of the OLD RIDGE ROUTE (from CASTAC to SANBERG) was  
perhaps the MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT on this DISTRICT. HAS YOUR SOCIETY ever  
published any HISTORICAL DATA regarding the building of the OLD RIDGE  
ROUTE, or any of the OLD TRAILS which crossed this area to FOAT TESOO...?  
I believe certain commemorative events regarding the OLD RIDGE ROUTE...  
have been celebrated in your area. I have several items regarding the  
OLD TESOO DISTRICT now the ITT. PINES RANGER DISTRICT... For example... the  
very bad SNOW PROBLEMS in 1924. Would you care to mention "something"  
of what you have... regarding the old RIDGE ROUTE... dates... etc...?

① References...

ART CARROLL (Deputy Supervisor) and GENE KNIGHT (Info. Officer) ANGELES NF. HQ.

Could you suggest the NAME of ANYONE... who is an AUTHORITY on this idea...?

Do you have any information "on" the old BIBBISON RANCH... in BOQUET CANYON...? Doc and LION BIBBISON are "correspondents" of mine... on this OLD TITHE research. Their father THELTIUS... was a "long-time" USFS RANGER on the SACRAMENTO RIVER and in the ANGELES NF... Supervisors' Office... he died in 1977.

I will gladly pay for "XEROXING COSTS" for any information... ALSO for any BOOKS on this area. I will surely appreciate "both" a brochure and a "SOCIETY" business card... for the HISTORICAL SOCIETY. If you've ever been "through" the COAH VALLEY and driven up HIGHWAY 33... you've passed my FAMILY'S CITRUS PACKING HOUSE along the VIARICOPA ROAD... north of COAH re FRIEND RANCHES. I'm a fourth generation NATIVE of the COAH VALLEY. My people planted the very FIRST CITRUS GROVES in the COAH... in the early 1800s. ONE SIDE (?) of my FAMILY... came to this VENTURA area... in 1652... so I simply "AMT NO ONE". I was born in 1929... and both of my parents are deceased... SO... I cannot recall "ALL" of these old events... FIRST-HAND. PEYES was my CO-FATHER. HIS PEOPLE homesteaded in the CREMA area (north of PINE MTN... PEYES PEAK) in 1851. J.D. was born in 1871... he passed away in 1953. My research endeavors are truthfully intended for the HISTORY SECTION of the U.S. FOREST SERVICE... in their WASHINGTON, D.C. headquarters. I'm a member of LOS CALIFORNIANOS... the HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA and the STA. BARBARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

If I might have a "brief response"... including one of your brochures... PERHAPS WE CAN GET TOGETHER (sometime) and explore this OLD RIDGE ROUTE idea... a bit more in detail...? PLEASE feel free to ASK any questions.

Very sincerely yours...

Bill Friend (and PLEASE forget the TR... OK?)  
125 North Dunning Street  
VENTURA... CALIFORNIA... 93003

file:

Mr. & Mrs. James Arnhart  
24248 Undine St.  
Valencia, Calif. 91355

November 23, 1979

INVOICE

The following photographs have been processed from originals in the files of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. The titles, sizes and price for each are as follows:

Stagecoach in Pico Canyon	5X7	\$5.00
Southern Hotel, Newhall	5X7	\$5.00
The Newhall School	5X7	\$5.00
William S. Hart in 1925	5X7	\$5.00
Coast Line Stage Timetable(1871)	8X10	\$8.50
Fardee Livery Stable, Newhall	8X10	\$8.50
1929 Traffice Jam, Saugus	8X10	\$8.50
Old Newhall with Wagons(1887)	8X10	\$8.50
Total		\$54.00

On behalf of the Society I wish to extend a very special thank you for the purchase of these Historic photographs of our Valley. I am sure that they will be unique decorator items for your new home. Do bear in mind that the purchase price is a tax deductible donation.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald G. Reynolds  
Curator



December 3, 1979

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda:

7:30 Call to order

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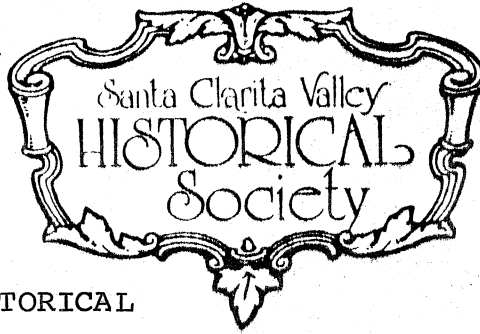
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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY MINUTES

MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 1979  
7:30 P.M. AT NEWHALL-SAUGUS-VALENCIA  
CHAMBER BUILDING

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society held on Monday, December 3, 1979 at 7:30 P.M. in the reception room of the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber Building, President Cynthia Neal-Harris called for order and welcomed all present. Previously a light supper had been generously provided by Mr. & Mrs. Harris as a small thank you for the Board's efforts the past year.

MINUTES - Minutes of the November 5, 1979 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent. Motion by Ruth Newhall, seconded by Walt Klinger.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Paul Kline

Reported an Oct. 31, 1979 Balance of \$1,099.56 -November income of \$575.25 November expenses of \$1,673.03 leaving a balance of \$1.78. Added personal funds of \$270. which brings the present total to \$ 272.78

It was later reported that \$535.00 was received as income during the course of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter - Tony Newhall reported that the Newhall Signal could no longer continue to provide gratis typesetting and paste up. Alternatives suggested included researching another source or preparation by regular type. The President will meet with Committee for final decision.

Membership - Ed Blancher reported that Sally O'Callahan had sent dues payment and applied for membership.

Oral History - Alberta Knoch reported that two interviews were scheduled and that five should be finished by the end of December.

Calendars - Tom Mason reported that 351 Calendars had been distributed to 11 locations. Santa Clarita Nat'l Bank offered to buy 1,000 calendars on a special run. Gerald Heidt reported that Lyons Station was asking their merchants to sponsor calendar distribution. Calendar pricing this year to be 1 for \$3; 2 for \$5 and 4 for \$10.00.

SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES (Continued)

LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL MAPS: Walt Klinger reported that several Guidebooks to L.A. County were still available for \$8.50 each. It was suggested to try to sell the maps, golden spikes, calendars and other booklets at the Metryville Tour.

Pricing for the historical maps was given as 1,000 for \$114.00; 5,000 for \$426.68; 10,000 at \$639.00 in black and white. Use of a special coating would increase the costs to 5,000 for \$439.44 and 10,000 for \$736.70. It was suggested to purchase 10,000 maps and try to recoup some of those monies through donations. Maps reported to be ready for printing.

METRYVILLE TOUR: Carol Lagasse reported that the tour was set for Dec. 9, 1979 from 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. Helen Spencer and Kathleen Lotts assigned to help. Other helpers included Betty Pember, Ruth Newhall, Jo Anne Darcy, Alice & Paul Kline, Cynthia and Norm Harris and any others who would consent. Publicity to be detailed in the Signal courtesy of Tony Newhall.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman Ruth Newhall reported outcome of meetings with Alice Kline and the need for policy establishment regarding husband and wife teams on the same Board. The Committee opted to select 15 nominees of which five had already declined and suggested that husband and wife teams be eliminated from the election process. Reason: In most all cases the non-elected spouse would automatically attend meetings with the spouse and help with the program of work. The complete list of eligible candidates was still in dispute but it was certain that Ed Blancher, Betty Pember, Walt Klinger, Tom Mason, Cynthia Neal-Harris, Ruth Newhall and Jerry Reynolds had been elected for a two year term. Mrs. Newhall would meet with committee to finalize details prior to the Annual meeting in January. It was noted that Connie Worden had resigned because of a heavy work load and inability to attend meetings of the Board. This created another vacancy on the Board.

MOTION: It was moved by Alice Kline and seconded by Ruth Newhall to replace Mrs. Worden on the Board by electing eleven Directors. The candidate receiving the least number of votes would assume the balance of the one year tenure left by Mrs. Worden. Vote: Consensus.

The President instructed the Recording Secretary to be responsible for taking detailed Minutes at the Annual Meeting and Election January 16, 1980.

GENEALOGY: Mr. Jim Dedrickson was thanked for typing and transcribing the 1880 census report. Monies to purchase the 1990 Census report were unanimously approved by the Board. It was suggested that both census reports could be sold by the Society as another source of income.

LANDMARKS: Betty Pember reported that Mrs. Darcy had taken the 1894 insurance document for the Golden State Good Templar Hall (Pardee Home - Telephone Building now the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber Building) to Sacramento for treatment and encapsulation at the State Archives Building. This document along with other information concerning the building would help establish it as a historical point of interest in Santa Clarita Valley.

MOTION: It was moved by Gerald Heidt, seconded by Walt Klinger and carried to approve reimbursement of \$14.00 to Mrs. Darcy for document preparation.

SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES (Continued)

SAUGUS DEPOT - President Harris reported that Mimi White had received a call from George Nigro reporting that the Society could probably get the depot if they had the means and funding to move it to another location in two weeks. Mr. Nigro, who previously had the option to move and have the building relinquished his claim because he could not get proper zoning or flood control clearance on the Saugus School property. Mrs. Harris and Mr. Mason had called Watkins, Hall & Brown of the Real Estate Division of Southern Pacific Railroad Company to set up a meeting to seek release of building to the Society and extension of time for the relocation effort. Meetings were also to be set up with Society Attorneys for legal counsel.

Owners of Clanton Block volunteered use of a portion of their location on San Fernando Road (Lot 22, Tract 1801 Zoning M 1-½) and the other possibilities of L. A. County Park area and Standard Oil (Chevron USA) properties would also be explored for possible charitable trust donation and for Grant funding. Bank of America reportedly can arrange for a \$3,000 grant. Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Pember and Mr. Mason will also meet with Mr. Simpson regarding relocation costs. Tentative donors to assist in the fund raising program to move the building included Mr. & Mrs. Legasse' (\$100), Mr. & Mrs. Kline (\$100), Mr. & Mrs. Knoch (\$100), Gerald Heidt (\$400).

NEWHALL JAIL - Mrs. Pember reported that Mr. Hinkle had offered space in the old renovated Jail Building. It was agreed to proceed with the earlier intent established by Board regarding Newhall Home and Beale's Cut. It was agreed to continue research pursuits in 1980 despite minimal progress reported in 1979.

LANDMARKS & PRESERVATION POLICY:

Mrs. Pember submitted a summation report of the Preservation and Landmarks activities to date which was accepted with the applause and appreciation of the Board.

PROGRAMS: The January 16, 1980 Annual Meeting program would include a film presentation of the History of Antelope Valley. Betty Pember to obtain film.

The February program was tentatively planned by Jerry Heidt to include a presentation by Mr. Plukas of Early Los Angeles.

Other suggestions included a presentation by John Yee of the Chinese Historical Society and Report on the Saugus 350 Celebration by Tony Newhall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dues payment and letter from Sally O'Callahan as reported under membership.

Robert Brenson and Jane Keltner sent offer to work on Historical Meeting.

COMING EVENTS: To be itemized in the December Newsletter.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Set for January 16, 1980. NEXT BOARD MEETING - Set for January 2, 1980.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Frenchy Lagasse', seconded by Walt Klinger to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M. Vote: Consensus.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Anne Darcy Recording Secretary (SCVHS)

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*Alto A. Clinton*

file:

Mr. Bob Weaver  
14550 SE Fair Oaks Ln.  
Milwaukie, Or. 97222

December 7, 1979

Dear Mr. Weaver

Please excuse the long delay in getting back to you with the pictures you requested. Your letter of November 13 and your check for \$2.00 for a proof sheet of Sterling Borax photographs was not received by me until the 2nd of December.

We have just obtained a series of pictures from the U.S. Borax and Chemical Co. These 23 prints date from 1914 to 1917, showing the mill, headframe, minning camp of Lang, and some of the employees. If you would be interested in discriptions or another proof sheet, let me know. You probably have these already, if you have contacted U.S. Borax. The Historian there and P.R. man is Joe V. Kern. He has made quite a study of The Sterling, Thorkildson, and Mather.

Please find enclosed contacts of the 16 photos that we have in our files. I do not know when I whill be able to get the U.S. Borax things copied with the Holiday Season upon us, but will try soon.

Very best wishes for your upcoming book. I am sure that a number of our members will want to buy copies, so do keep in touch. We can supply you with names and addresses of local people who have first-hand knowledge of Sterling.

Sincerely

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald C. Reynolds  
Curator

## Fact Sheet

The Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging, Inc., is a non-profit "public benefit" organization comprised of retired senior citizens working to improve the quality of life for seniors in the Santa Clarita Valley. They are applying for funds to provide multiple services for these seniors.

These services will include:

1. Nutrition
2. Transportation
3. Recreation
4. Health and Welfare Counseling
5. Other related services

The Committee on Aging is currently funded by federal and state funds allocated by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging and has been providing most of these services to seniors for the past two years. They have acquired an outstanding reputation for quality programs.

Your letter of support should include some of the following:

1. Reference to your knowledge of the group.
2. Reference to your interaction or mutual cooperation with the Committee on Aging.
3. Their knowledge of needs of seniors in the area.
4. Their reputation for sponsoring a quality nutrition program for two sites.
5. Their ability to engender the confidence of seniors in the area.
6. Their good track record for quality programs and sound leadership.

Please address your letters to:

Mr. Leon Harper, Administrator  
Area Agency on Aging  
Department of Senior Citizens Affairs  
601 South Kingsley Drive  
Los Angeles, California 90005



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SUMMATION REPORT  
OF PRESERVATION AND LANDMARKS

By Betty Houghton Pember  
Preservation Landmark Chairman

Prepared for the Board of SCV Historical Society  
Newhall

December 1979

I. MENTRYVILLE #512 (Completed)

Several years of attending Historical Society Conference workshops and California History Plan seminars, gave us the fundamentals needed to proceed.

Public relations were important; our local area, the Historical Preservation Community, and, it is believed, even the landowners were made aware of the value of this site.

Comment

The support of agencies involved were excellent.

Recommendation

To maintain interest and surveillance for needed support.

II. ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE #919 (Completed)

A decision was made to ask The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for permission to install the California State landmark plaque at Power House #2.

An enclosed protected area was needed to avoid vandalism. Permission was given and with the assistance of the United States Forest Service and Chief Ranger, Dave Kohut, the unveiling took place November 5, 1979.

Comment

The cooperation of the agencies involved were excellent.

Recommendation

The installation of a roofed wooden standard with pictures, and a brief history, similar to those used in the National Parks, could be used in conjunction with the monument.

Findings

The St Francis Dam research revealed two other preservation projects that need a solution:

1. A memorial plaque was correctly identified and given to an associated organization. It was remounted, given an identifying plaque and is on temporary loan to Mentryville. Identification was achieved by research in old organizational scrapbooks given to the Historical Society.
2. The other project was the acquisition of the Saugus School Bell aka Bee Canyon School Bell. It is now on display at the Felton School House in Mentryville.

Comment

Letters, calls and conferences with the Saugus School District, gained their cooperation.

Recommendation

Obtain definite identification of the school bell. There is a Number, factory name and location on the bell.

### III. NEWHALL RANCH HOUSE

Letters were sent, telephone calls made and a meeting with Newhall Land Co, Vice President, Rick Stevens was leading to what seemed a favorable conclusion.

The sale of the land was a setback; communications were established with the new owners, Six Flags. They gave us a statement that we would be informed as to the future of the house, but they needed more time to evaluate the issue.

#### Comment

The grandfather clause was mentioned as a possible problem, (continuous access on or through private property makes it public domain). Which raises the question, "Could this be remedied by scheduled closings"?

When searching for a possible site for the depot and perhaps the Newhall Ranch House, a call was made to Chevron USA. No definite commitment was given on their part, but we should keep in mind for future plans. The site discussed was the Old Refinery property.

#### Recommendation

Keep channels open with Six Flags. This house should have Historic point of interest status.

### IV. SAUGUS DEPOT

Cindy Neal-Harris has spent many hours in researching this project. National Landmark papers were filed but rejected because a definite date of construction was missing.

#### Comment

Further research was made at The Museum of Natural History. They were very cooperative but the information gained was not the much needed date. Early maps submitted have been useful. On a recent visit to the library at the University of Northridge, Cindy found a definite survey date on the depot, but not a construction date.

The County maps on file at the office on Vermont have interesting old maps of our area.

#### Recommendation

A visit to the Los Angeles headquarters of Southern Pacific was suggested by a member of the California Historical Society. He believes there are some records to be researched. A letter from the landowner is needed for California State Landmark filing, so this might be difficult. Refiling for National Landmark should be tried with the date Cindy has, stating this building was here prior to this date.

### V. GOOD TEMPLARS LODGE

The Newhall Saugus Valencia Chamber of Commerce building, aka Pardee Home, also, Telephone Office.

The Title Insurance and Trust Company was contacted about the availability of their historic picture collection. We were informed that the California Historical Society is now in possession of the collection. A call was made and the location and the hours



open to the public was established.

The Ticor Building on Wilshire was visited, and with the assistance of Mr Mark Fox, a reference to the Good Templars Orphanage in Vallejo was found in the index of the California History Quarterly.

Mr H Clay Needham is believed to be a founder of this Lodge. His granddaughter was contacted and asked for information. She replied with a brief history of the Order. A copy of Mr Needham's affiliation with the Kansas Lodge, and a rare old Insurance Policy, giving the date and location on Pine Street.

#### Comment

The California Historical Society has in their files other items of interest to us. However, there is no Santa Clarita Valley folder. The information will be found in the San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley, folders.

The folders on specific categories, such as Railroads, Oil, Agriculture, Mines, etc.

It was stated a file on other historical collections is available. Should we list our Curators collection?

#### Recommendation

In the letter of thanks to Mr Needham's family, we should request further information on his public service and political career.

The old Insurance policy should be sent to the State archives for preservation and lamination.

The Prohibitionist Party as well as the Vallejo Orphanage records should be researched.

The Historic Point of Interest Papers should be filed.

#### VI. NEWHALL JAIL

The owner was contacted for information; he will furnish what is available when he has time to locate information.

#### Recommendation

A follow up call; the new tax bills will have the legal.

#### VII. MITCHELL HOME

A letter to the Shaffer Land Co Preservation was suggested.

#### VIII. SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOL

A letter should be sent to the appropriate parties, suggesting action on the preservation.

#### Miscellaneous Datum

A list of noteworthy historic points in the Santa Clarita Valley was sent to Mr Tom Sitton at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. This information was to be used by Los Angeles County in their survey for the State of California History Plan.

IX. BEAL'S CUT aka Fremont Pass and San Fernando Pass

This project was in its final stages when it was decided to put it on hold.

The letters from the landowners were received, but they were not as enthusiastic in their statements of permission or maintenance of the site in its original state as was needed for acceptance by the California State Landmarks Commission.

The explanation of this was because of a litigation in process.

A factor developed, and thanks to our local newspaper's cooperation in clearing up the ownership of the marker monuments located at Beals Cut pull-off, this was resolved in the favor of one of the landowners, and further communication with them will be undertaken.

Comment

All necessary letters were written, letters were received and the research material given to another organization. This was done prior to the formation of our local Historical Society, and so there was a discussion on joint cooperation with another Historical Society. These matters of priorities and cooperation can and should be discussed if the new letters of permission are more favorable as this project is ready to proceed, except for filling out the form.

### Summation

There are instruction sheets available for landmark filing. The listed, basic items, will be helpful when considering a site for registration:

1. Letters of permission from landowners are required when filing for a state landmark.
2. A bibliography and supportive material is needed when filing. Publications, public documents and copies of old documents and papers may be used for source.
3. The importance of a historical event, an individuals accomplishments, or the architectural importance of a structure; at least one of these should be established.
4. When asking for a State landmark plaque, it might be advisable, because of vandalism, to provide for security.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Houghton Pember, Chairman

### Acknowledgment

The number of individuals who contributed their time and efforts to these projects and events, included so many of the members that it seemed illogical to list all of them. Therefore, members, please accept the appreciation and thanks of this Chairman.

*Found in 1979 book.*

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society was organized five years ago in order to help preserve the historical heritage of this rapidly growing valley in North Los Angeles County. The Society was subsequently incorporated under the laws of the State of California and has been qualified as a tax-exempt fund raising organization.

From its inception the Society has worked to identify and preserve such historically significant sites as:

MENTRYVILLE - Site of California's first successful oil well.

LANG STATION - A site where in 1876 Northern and Southern California were joined by the railroad.

ST. FRANCIS DAM: Site of California's second largest disaster.

To further our mission to preserve and protect our historical heritage, the Society is now embarking on a project to relocate and restore the historically and architecturally significant Southern Pacific Railway Station now located in the town of Saugus. When moved and restored this building will not only be a permanent monument to earlier days in the history of California but will also provide for a museum, community meeting rooms and a permanent headquarters for our Society.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company established this train station in 1888 and utilized the building until 1977. They now have no need for the building and have donated this 3500 square structure, built almost entirely of California redwood to our Society. They require that the Society move the building from its present location by June 30, 1980; otherwise the building will be razed.

The County of Los Angeles through Supervisor Baxter Ward and the Department of Parks and Recreation have agreed to locate the station on public park property adjacent to the historic William S. Hart Park in the town of Newhall. This new location will require that the

building be moved a distance of approximately three miles.

Professional engineers have examined the building and have estimated that moving, reestablishing and restoration will cost \$50,000.00.

A professional building moving contractor has agreed to donate a portion of the labor and moving costs and will re-locate the building for \$19,000.00.

It is conservatively estimated that one-half of our \$50,000.00 goal will come from industries and individuals within the local area. Plans are now underway for a broad local financial campaign that will provide an opportunity for many individuals, including children, to have an active part in this venture.

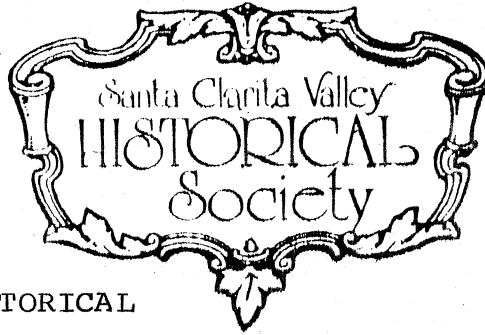
Favorable consideration by your foundation would materially assist the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society and would also serve as a stimulus to other prospective donors.

Should you have any specific questions, or should any member of your Board be interested in an on-site inspection, please advise me.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Newhall, President,  
Santa Clarita Valley Historic Society  
Post Office Box 875,  
Newhall, California. 95322.  
Telephone: (805) 259-1234

*Need another name  
contact*



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY MINUTES

MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 1979  
7:30 P.M. AT NEWHALL-SAUGUS-VALENCIA  
CHAMBER BUILDING

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society held on Monday, December 3, 1979 at 7:30 P.M. in the reception room of the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber Building, President Cynthia Neal-Harris called for order and welcomed all present. Previously a light supper had been generously provided by Mr. & Mrs. Harris as a small thank you for the Board's efforts the past year.

MINUTES - Minutes of the November 5, 1979 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent. Motion by Ruth Newhall, seconded by Walt Klinger.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Paul Kline

Reported an Oct. 31, 1979 Balance of \$1,099.56 -November income of \$575.25 November expenses of \$1,673.03 leaving a balance of \$1.78. Added personal funds of \$270. which brings the present total to \$ 272.78

It was later reported that \$535.00 was received as income during the course of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter - Tony Newhall reported that the Newhall Signal could no longer continue to provide gratis typesetting and paste up. Alternatives suggested included researching another source or preparation by regular type. The President will meet with Committee for final decision.

Membership - Ed Blancher reported that Sally O'Callahan had sent dues payment and applied for membership.

Oral History - Alberta Knoch reported that two interviews were scheduled and that five should be finished by the end of December.

Calendars - Tom Mason reported that 351 Calendars had been distributed to 11 locations. Santa Clarita Nat'l Bank offered to buy 1,000 calendars on a special run. Gerald Heidt reported that Lyons Station was asking their merchants to sponsor calendar distribution. Calendar pricing this year to be 1 for \$3; 2 for \$5 and 4 for \$10.00.

SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES (Continued)

LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL MAPS: Walt Klinger reported that several Guidebooks to U.A. County were still available for \$8.50 each. It was suggested to try to sell the maps, golden spikes, calendars and other booklets at the Metryville Tour.

Pricing for the historical maps was given as 1,000 for \$114.00; 5,000 for \$426.68; 10,000 at \$639.00 in black and white. Use of a special coating would increase the costs to 5,000 for \$439.44 and 10,000 for \$736.70. It was suggested to purchase 10,000 maps and try to recoup some of those monies through donations. Maps reported to be ready for printing.

METRYVILLE TOUR: Carol Lagasse reported that the tour was set for Dec. 9, 1979 from 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. Helen Spencer and Kathleen Lotts assigned to help. Other helpers included Betty Pember, Ruth Newhall, Jo Anne Darcy, Alice & Paul Kline, Cynthia and Norm Harris and any others who would consent. Publicity to be detailed in the Signal courtesy of Tony Newhall.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman Ruth Newhall reported outcome of meetings with Alice Kline and the need for policy establishment regarding husband and wife teams on the same Board. The Committee opted to select 15 nominees of which five had already declined and suggested that husband and wife teams be eliminated from the election process. Reason: In most all cases the non-elected spouse would automatically attend meetings with the spouse and help with the program of work. The complete list of eligible candidates was still in dispute but it was certain that Ed Blancher, Betty Pember, Walt Klinger, Tom Mason, Cynthia Neal-Harris, Ruth Newhall and Jerry Reynolds had been elected for a two year term. Mrs. Newhall would meet with committee to finalize details prior to the Annual meeting in January. It was noted that Connie Worden had resigned because of a heavy work load and inability to attend meetings of the Board. This created another vacancy on the Board.

MOTION: It was moved by Alice Kline and seconded by Ruth Newhall to replace Mrs. Worden on the Board by electing eleven Directors. The candidate receiving the least number of votes would assume the balance of the one year tenure left by Mrs. Worden. Vote: Consensus.

The President instructed the Recording Secretary to be responsible for taking detailed Minutes at the Annual Meeting and Election January 16, 1980.

GENEALOGY: Mr. Jim Dedrickson was thanked for typing and transcribing the 1880 census report. Monies to purchase the 1900 Census report were unanimously approved by the Board. It was suggested that both census reports could be sold by the Society as another source of income.

LANDMARKS: Betty Pember reported that Mrs. Darcy had taken the 1894 insurance document for the Golden State Good Templar Hall (Pardee Home - Telephone Building-now the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber Building) to Sacramento for treatment and encapsulation at the State Archives Building. This document along with other information concerning the building would help establish it as a historical point of interest in Santa Clarita Valley.

MOTION: It was moved by Gerald Heidt, seconded by Walt Klinger and carried to approve reimbursement of \$14.00 to Mrs. Darcy for document preparation.

SCV HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES (Continued)

SAUGUS DEPOT - President Harris reported that Mimi White had received a call from George Nigro reporting that the Society could probably get the depot if they had the means and funding to move it to another location in two weeks. Mr. Nigro, who previously had the option to move and have the building relinquished his claim because he could not get proper zoning or flood control clearance on the Saugus School property. Mrs. Harris and Mr. Mason had called Watkins, Hall & Brown of the Real Estate Division of Southern Pacific Railroad Company to set up a meeting to seek release of building to the Society and extension of time for the relocation effort. Meetings were also to be set up with Society Attorneys for legal counsel.

Owners of Clanton Block volunteered use of a portion of their location on San Fernando Road (Lot 22, Tract 1801 Zoning M 1-½) and the other possibilities of L. A. County Park area and Standard Oil (Chevron USA) properties would also be explored for possible charitable trust donation and for Grant funding. Bank of America reportedly can arrange for a \$3,000 grant. Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Pember and Mr. Mason will also meet with Mr. Simpson regarding relocation costs. Tentative donors to assist in the fund raising program to move the building included Mr. & Mrs. Legasse' (\$100), Mr. & Mrs. Kline (\$100), Mr. & Mrs. Knoch (\$100), Gerald Heidt (\$400).

NEWHALL JAIL - Mrs. Pember reported that Mr. Hinkle had offered space in the old renovated Jail Building. It was agreed to proceed with the earlier intent established by Board regarding Newhall Home and Beale's Cut. It was agreed to continue research pursuits in 1980 despite minimal progress reported in 1979.

LANDMARKS & PRESERVATION POLICY:

Mrs. Pember submitted a summation report of the Preservation and Landmarks activities to date which was accepted with the applause and appreciation of the Board.

PROGRAMS: The January 16, 1980 Annual Meeting program would include a film presentation of the History of Antelope Valley. Betty Pember to obtain film.

The February program was tentatively planned by Jerry Heidt to include a presentation by Mr. Plukas of Early Los Angeles.

Other suggestions included a presentation by John Yee of the Chinese Historical Society and Report on the Saugus 350 Celebration by Tony Newhall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dues payment and letter from Sally O'Callahan as reported under membership.

Robert Brenson and Jane Keltner sent offer to work on Historical Meeting.

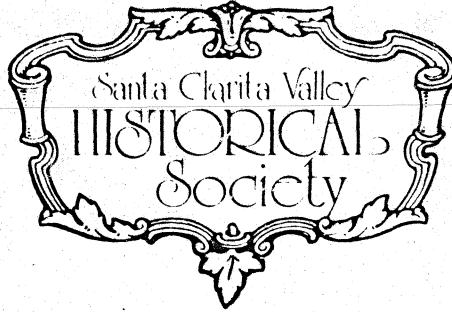
COMING EVENTS: To be itemized in the December Newsletter.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Set for January 16, 1980. NEXT BOARD MEETING - Set for January 2, 1980.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Frenchy Lagasse', seconded by Walt Klinger to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M. Vote: Consensus.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Anne Darcy Recording Secretary (SCVHS)





December 14, 1979

Mr. L. M. Brown  
District Manager, Real Estate  
Southern Pacific Land Company  
610 South Main Street  
Los Angeles, California 90014

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is to reconfirm the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society's proposal for preservation of the Saugus depot building made to the Southern Pacific Company. Mr. Tom Mason and myself appreciate having had the opportunity to discuss this important matter with you, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Watkins in your office on December 5, 1979.

Our Society is pleased that you, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Hall are recommending to the San Francisco Company office that the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society should have the depot. We look forward to receiving written acceptance of our proposal. We feel strongly that a favorable decision on our proposal will be of mutual benefit to your Company, our Society, and the people of the Santa Clarita Valley.

Very truly yours,

*Cynthia Neal-Harris*

Cynthia Neal-Harris  
President

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PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

THOMAS C. BUCKLEY  
MANAGER  
RICHARD C. HALL  
ASSISTANT MANAGER

December 27, 1979

Ms. Cynthia Neal-Harris, President  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
P.O. Box 875  
Newhall, California 91322

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am pleased to inform you that Southern Pacific has decided to donate the Saugus station building to your society, on the condition that it be removed from railroad property within the six-month period you requested in our meeting on December 5.

During that six-month period, which will start January 1 and end June 30, we would like to be kept informed of your organization's progress in lining up the resources necessary to relocate the building. Once the building is removed, SP will execute a bill of sale conveying it to your society in the form of a donation.

Since we share a mutual concern about deterioration of the building at the hands of vandals before it is removed and renovated, I have asked SP's own police department to keep an eye on it, and I would suggest that you ask for similar cooperation from police officials in your area.

Sincerely,

*Richard C. Hall*

Richard C. Hall

cc: Mr. J. S. Harlan  
SP Special Agent, Los Angeles

# Arts museum in L.A. gets \$4.5 million gift

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — In one of the largest donations ever received by the county, the Ahmanson Foundation has given \$4.5 million to the County Museum of Art.

The gift, announced Wednesday during a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, will be used to build a two-level 20,000-square-foot addition to house the museum's permanent collection at the Ahmanson Gallery.

Construction is to begin next summer with completion due in 1981.

The Ahmanson Foundation

was established by Home Savings and Loan magnate Howard Ahmanson, who died in 1968, for the support of educational, cultural and socially beneficial activities.

## 697th bridge suicide

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — An unidentified woman has become the 697th confirmed suicide from the 42-year-old Golden Gate Bridge.

The woman's body was recovered from the water near Fort Point shortly after she leaped to her death from the span Wednesday afternoon, the Coast Guard said.

## \$25,000 in gifts helps renovation of S. Paula Depot

With the help of \$25,000 in gifts, workers have begun transforming the Santa Paula Depot's warehouse into a community meeting room.

A small crew of Santa Paula citizens has started preparing the inside of the building for insulation of walls and renovation of the flooring.

Following the designs of Bill Moniot, who has striven to retain the authenticity of the 91-year-old landmark, workers have already furnished quarters for the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Paula Society of the Arts.

When the meeting room is finished, crews plan to refurbish the caretaker's apartment and level and pave the parking lot.

Those involved say donations are still needed to complete the renovation project. The tax-deductible gifts may be sent to the Santa Paula Community Fund, 133 N. Tenth St., Santa Paula, 93060, or can be taken to any Santa Paula bank or savings and loan.