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HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE UPDATE

The first four years of the Library News, 2007 through 2010, have been indexed and are now available on the Society's website. The url is www.sbhistoricalsociety.com. The site has a column at the right with a section headlined "Library News" (in red). Below that are two subheadings (in white) that read "Downloadable Newsletters" and "Partial Index." I plan to bring the index up to date—that is, add 2011 and 2012—before the end of the year. That means we will have all of the newsletters on line, and they will be entirely indexed.

STEELE'S PHOTO SERVICE

Last month we ran an article by Mark Landis on Steele's Photos Service, and the story was accompanied by many examples of Mr. Steele's work. Dave Rutherford has another photo by Steele (shown below), which is pertinent to the story, and which we thought might be of interest to our readers.



Courtesy of Dave Rutherford

Steele's Photo Service truck

GENEALOGY VOLUNTEER WANTED – RECEIVE FEES FOR SERVICES

Our website has a section listing all of the family data sheets prepared by Mary Lewis. This list serves as an index to the 35,000 files that make up the Lewis collection, which attracts people from all over the country seeking to obtain information on their ancestors. Examples of recent inquiries are shown on the following pages. So far, I have been answering the incoming inquiries by sending out requested files. As yet, we have not charged for these.

Usually I just send out the Mary Lewis file and that's that, but sometimes I do a little more work. Some family genealogists have been glad to share information and family photos, so it adds to our files here at the Heritage House Library. Now, I think there is probably a genealogist out there who would like to do this work, especially if there is some remuneration involved. This would come from fees charged for sending out the Lewis files or for any additional work.

If you think you might be interested in doing something like this, contact me and we can discuss it further. We will provide digitized copies of the Mary Lewis Collection, which I think runs to about 400 megabytes, plus other material such as digitized versions of local books—Brown and Boyd's three-volume history, Ingersoll's Century Annals of San Bernardino, etc. Considering the size of all these files, a person probably would want to invest in an external hard drive (available for around \$100 or less). That should be the only investment.

Whatever plan we agree upon would have to be submitted to the Board of Directors and receive their approval before proceeding.

Here are eight recent inquiries (names and email addresses have been deleted for privacy):

1) Subject: Re: a native here! have info for story, etc.

Date: June 20, 2012 7:22:35 AM PDT

Hello: I just stumbled onto your San Bernardino site and was hoping that you could help me. I am a native of the "Colton/Bloomington/Rialto" area and want to write about our old auto court/inn on Old Valley Boulevard/US Highway 99 back in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. My memory is fairly sharp and I want to share what I can recall with the younger folks in California.

I can't seem to find a "connection" to the auto court/early-early motels in that area. So, I turn to you all, hoping that you can find an address for me. I'm 75 and was born in L.A. county but we moved to the auto court as owners in about 1938/39. I do recall being there until the mid-1940s, probably after the war was over, or just about over. I do remember being in Bloomington at the auto court on V-J Day, etc., etc.

I don't want to bore you with my life story, however, as I mentioned my memory is still pretty good!! By the way, I did go to lower school grades in Rialto, Bloomington and then on to Colton Union High School.

Thank you so much for any information you can send my way!!! Thank you for putting the energy and momentum into the history of that area. It was a gorgeous, awesome place when I was a child!!

Sincerely,

B
Redding, CA

2) **Subject: Request for Help and Assistance (UNCLASSIFIED)**

Date: June 19, 2012 3:53:32 PM PDT

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: FOUO

Greetings,

I have a great great great grandfather who was a Mechanical Dentist living in San Bernardino, California in 1870. His name was Dr. Ebenezer Burton Haslett. He was married to a Vera Davenport and they had a daughter together. He evidently committed suicide in San Bernardino in 1870 and there was a big write up about him in the newspaper there.

I am trying to find out where he is buried at in San Bernardino, if there is a death/burial record on him, and whatever became of his wife and daughter. Any help or assistance that you could provide to me would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

D

San Antonio, Texas

3) **Subject: Noble Family**

Date: June 28, 2012 4:55:38 PM PDT

I am writing to inquire what information you may have on the Noble family, particularly brothers John and Newton Noble of San Bernardino sons of Philena or Philenia Munson who was the second wife of Oliver Noble and the second wife of Dr. Stephen Dodd and Philena was also of San Bernardino. I notice that they are listed in the MARY LEWIS COLLECTION.

J

Oliver Noble b. 1781-84 son of **Aaron Noble** and **Eunice Bagg**. The intention of marriage of Aaron and Eunice was published 22 May 1769 Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Aaron and Eunice removed soon after their marriage to Pittsfield, Otsego, County, New York. Oliver m. **Thankful Crosby** b. Feb 1784 daughter of **Obadiah Crosby** and **Mary Foster**. Oliver Noble was enumerated in Charleston, Montgomery County, New York in 1810 with one male under age ten (b. 1801-10), one male of age twenty six and under age forty five (b. 1766-84), three females under age ten (b. 1801-10), and one female of age twenty six and under age forty five (b. 1766-84). Enumerated in Charleston in 1820 with two males under age ten (b. 1811-20), one male of age ten and under age sixteen (b. 1805-10), one male of age twenty six and under age forty five (b. 1776-94), two females under age ten (b. 1811-20), two females of age ten and under age sixteen (b. 1805-10), one female of age twenty six and under age forty five (b. 1776-94), and one female of age forty five and over (b. before 1775). In 1825 or 1826 Oliver and Thankful removed to South Bainbridge (now Afton), Chenango County, New York. Enumerated in Bainbridge in 1830 with one male of age ten and under age fifteen (b. 1816-20), one male of age fifteen and under age twenty (b. 1811-15), one male of age forty and under age fifty (b. 1781-90), one female under age five (b. 1826-30), and one female of age twenty and under age thirty (b. 1801-10). Thankful d. at Afton and her large ornately inscribed slate marker is in the East Side Cemetery.

Mrs. Thankful wife of Oliver Noble died Jan. 18. 1830 AE. 45y. & 11m

A pattern she through changing scenes of life

A pious christian & a faithful wife

A mother kind a sweet & soothing friend
Twas thus she lived & peaceful was her end

Oliver m. (2)**Philenia Munson** (sometimes Philena) b. 12 Dec 1811 Locke, Cayuga County, New York daughter of **Caleb Todd Munson** and **Sarah Coston**. In Ingersoll's Century Annals of San Bernadino County, 1759-1804 the biography of John Noble of Chino states "he was born in Cayuga County, New York, August 22, 1837. His father, Oliver Noble, was a currier and tanner, and married Phylina, a daughter of Caleb Munson, of Cayuga county, a prosperous farmer and fruit grower. His father, Oliver Noble, was a currier and tanner." The biography of George W. Noble in the History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania relates that his grandfather Oliver Noble was a tanner, currier and shoemaker and died in the fall of 1839 in Cayuga County, New York. Philenia was enumerated in Genoa, Cayuga County, New York in 1840 next to the family of her sister with one male under age five (b. 1836-40), one male of age five and under age ten (b. 1831-35), and one female of age twenty and under age thirty (b. 1811-20). Philenia's father d. 23 Jan 1849 (ts and vital record) in Genoa, ten years after the death of Oliver Noble, and is buried in the Palmer Cemetery and her mother d. 28 Sept 1854. Perhaps Oliver Noble is buried in Palmer Cemetery. Philenia removed to Illinois with her two young sons and if she removed with any other family members it is not known who they were as her parents were still living in Cayuga County. Philenia m. 14 Dec 1847 in Illinois, Dr. **Stephen Dodd** b. 28 Apr 1784 Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey. In The Male Descendants of Daniel Dod, of Branford, Conn., A Native of England 1646 to 1863 by Bethuel L. Dodd, M.D., and John R. Burnet. 1864 - date of marriage given by Philenia Dodd as Dec 14, 1847 and in another letter she wrote Dec 15, 1848. Stephen Dodd's first wife was **Phebe Babbitt** and they were m. 1 Nov 1809 and were the parents of sixteen children, one set of triplets. Stephen Dodd was a farmer, physician and minister in the Presbyterian Church. He and his family removed from New Jersey to Ohio about 1814 and to Illinois about 1837. Phebe d. 3 Oct 1847 56y (ts). Stephen and Philenia and family enumerated in District 37, Whiteside County, Illinois in 1850, physician. In the 1850 agricultural census of Lyndon, Whiteside County, their farm consisted of 50 improved acres, 176 unimproved acres, 1 horse, 2 milch cows, 2 other cattle, 5 sheep, and 3 swine. Enumerated in Wysox, Carroll County, Illinois in 1860, farmer. Stephen d. 28 Aug 1868 81y (ts) Milledgeville, Carrol County, Illinois buried Bethel Cemetery.

Dr. STEPHEN DODD DIED AUG. 28, 1868 In the 81st year of his age

PHEBE WIFE OF Dr. STEPHEN DODD DIED OCT. 3, 1847 In the 56th year of her age

Philenia removed west again and if there were family members other than children who accompanied her they are unknown. Philenia and daughter Mary Ann were enumerated in Roscoe, St. Clair County, Missouri in 1870, her sons and daughter Lydia having removed to California and enumerated in San Bernardino, California. Philena went to California where her children were residing and was enumerated in San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California in 1880 in the household of daughter Mary Ann and her husband. Philenia d. 2 or 14 Mar 1883 San Bernardino County, California buried Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, Block 4-1-7. Granddaughter ----, wrote of her: "She was a real gentle woman, she was well educated for her time and wrote beautiful letters, some of which are still in existence today with fine penmanship, beautiful thoughts, well expressed."

Children of Oliver and Thankful:

1. daughter b. c. 1804.
2. daughter b. c. 1806.
3. **Alonzo Crosby Noble** b. 20 July 1808 Schoharie County, New York.
4. daughter b. c. 1810.
5. daughter b. 1811-20.
6. daughter b. 1811-20.
7. **David P. Noble** b. c. 1817.
8. **Aaron T. Noble** b. 9 Feb 1820 Estabrook, New York.
9. daughter b. 1826-30.

None of the above daughters have been identified.

Children of Oliver and Philenia:

10. **Newton Noble** b. c. 1834 Locke, Cayuga County, New York.

11. **John Noble** b. 22 June 1837 Locke.

12. perhaps **Martha Noble** b. c. 1839 d. 5 Apr 1847 8y (1847 Locke, New York vital record).

Children of Philenia and Stephen:

Lydia Dodd b. 1849 was enumerated in San Bernardino, California in 1870 residing in the household of brother Newton Noble, m. Henry Paltridge/Partridge. Lydia enumerated in household of sister Mary Ann in 1880.

Mary Ann Dodd b. June 1853, usually known as Anna, m. 24 Oct 1878 in San Bernardino, James Allen Noyes. Enumerated in San Bernardino in 1880, tinsmith; Los Angeles in 1900, machinist. Children: child d. young, Mable Noyes b. Jan 1881; James Allen Noyes, Jr., b. 13 Apr 1883 d. 20 Dec 1953 Orange County, California; Alice Noyes b. Apr 1884.

10. **Newton Noble** b. c. 1834 removed to San Bernardino County, California, m. c. 1858 **Rose Sausevaine** b. Aug 1843 California. Enumerated San Bernardino, San Bernardino County in 1860, farmer. They purchased in 1862 the Chapin Ranch near Banning. They resided in the adobe house on the property and converted it into a stage stop and opened the first post office in San Gorgonio Pass in 1868. The property lay along the Bradshaw Trail, a heavily traveled route from Arizona to Los Angeles in the 1860's and 1870's. During the last years of the Civil War, the trail was the only way in and out of southern California by stage. In 1869 James Marshall Gilman removed to southern California looking for a cattle ranch to purchase. While staying in San Bernardino he heard about the Noble Ranch of 160 acres for sale in the San Gorgonio Pass which he purchased along with about 200 head of horses and cattle and continued to operate the stage stop. Newton and Rose enumerated in San Bernardino in 1870, sheriff of county, which position he held from 1869 to 1873, his sister Lydia residing with them. Removed to San Timoteo Canyon. Enumerated there in 1880, farmer, Newton enumerated as maimed, crippled, bedridden or otherwise disabled, Rose enumerated as unable to read and write.

A dispatch from Tombstone, Arizona, Says: Advice's from Campas Sonora state that the renegade Apaches attacked Gavillan Mine, sixty miles from here, on December 33, killing an American, supposed to be Newton Noble, a farmer; the sheriff of San Bernardino county, Cal.; Charles Woeberling, a German; the superintendent of the mine, and two Mexicans. They also carried a little girl into captivity. There are many Americans prospecting in that part of the county, and more murders are feared, Cowboys are raiding the cattle ranches in the vicinity of Tombstone (Cochise County, Arizona newspaper, January 7, 1882).

Newton d. 1896 Prado. Rose enumerated in Los Angeles in 1900, mother of eight children, six living, parents born Spain. Rose d. 8 Jan 1905 buried Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, San Bernardino with Newton.

26. **Mary L. Noble** b. June 1859 California.

27. **John N. Noble** b. c. 1862.

28. **Joseph Noble** b. c. 1865.

29. **Anna Rose Noble** b. May 1867.

30. **Caroline Noble** b. c. 1869.

31. **Henry Noble** b. c. 1879.

11. **John Noble** b. 22 June 1837 removed to Denver, Colorado late in 1859 involved in mining and in 1860 removed to California where he raised cattle and grain in the Yucaipe Valley. Later, he pursued the same business near San Jacinto. Removed to San Bernardino. John m. 1868 at San Bernardino, **Margaret Emily Miller** b. 3 May 1850 Creek Nation, Indian Territory, Oklahoma in a wagon enroute to California daughter of **Joshua Miller**. Enumerated in San Bernardino in 1870, farmer. Enumerated in San Bernardino in 1880, grocer's clerk. Removed about 1882 to Rincon, conducting a general store and post office for about ten years at what became known as the Greenfield Ranch. Emily d. 14 Mar 1884 (History of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties by John Brown, Jr., and James Boyd) or 14 May 1885 (marker). In 1897 John removed to Chino, San Bernardino County. John enumerated on Fourth

Street, Chino, San Bernardino County in 1910, widower, living alone, mechanic in sugar beet company, own home. John d. 8 Apr 1912 buried Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, San Bernardino.

32. **Newton John Noble** b. 2 Aug 1868 California d. 27 Jan 1874.

33. **Joshua Oliver Noble** b. 29 Nov 1870 d. 16 Jan 1874.

34. **Margaret Louise Noble** b. 15 Sept 1873 California.

35. **Frederick Noble** b. 14 Sept 1875.

36. **Frank Noble** b. 25 May 1880.

37. **George Noble**.

38. **Charles Noble** b. 24 Feb 1883 d. 21 Jan 1885 (name and dates inscribed on monument with mother).

39. **James Noble** d. 26 July 1887.

Margaret Louise Noble, who was born September 15, 1873, is now Mrs. John E. Strong, their home being on Rincon Road, seven miles south of Chino. She acquired her early education in the old school on the Rincon, known today as the Pioneer School House, and finished her education in Los Angeles. In 1892 she was married to Harrv L. Field, a native of Connecticut, and descendant of Cyrus Field. He died in Rhode Island in 1899. By this marriage Mrs. Strong has a son, Eugene L. Field, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, May 4, 1895, was educated in Massachusetts, graduated from the high school at Corona, California, and for a time was associated with his uncle in the sugar refining industry at Rocky Ford, Colorado, and also at Oxnard, California, and is now a resident of Los Angeles. Eugene L. Field in 1916 married Miss Anna Valentine, of Rocky Ford, Colorado. They have two children, Eugene Lawrence Field, born March 11, 1918, and Gwendolyn Louise, born February 26, 1920. After her marriage Margaret Louise Field lived for seventeen years in the East, in the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In 1910 she returned to California and in 1911 became the wife of John E. Strong. Mr. Strong was born in Nova Scotia in 1860, and came to California in December, 1886, and soon settled at Rincon. He has built up a prosperous ranching business.

4) **Subject: Mary Lewis Collection**

Date: July 1, 2012 12:29:35 PM PDT

Hi,

I just saw the San Bernardino Historical Society website today.

I am writing because I am interested in one of the Mary Lewis Collection records.

My 2nd great grandfather Jacob Lewis died in San Bernardino County about 1901 or 1902 in the area of Manvel. At the time, he drove a large mule team hauling supplies to a ranch in or near Pahrump, Nevada. He was married to my 2nd great grandmother Alice Sears in Resting Springs, Inyo County in 1880 although they only stayed together very few years.

I have no information on him before 1880 except that he might have been born in North Carolina in 1833. I don't know when he came to California or how long he lived in the San Bernardino area. He might have had other wives before and after Alice Sears.

The Mary Lewis Collection has a listing for "Lewis, Jacob.pdf" which I am interested in looking at to see if this is possibly my ancestor.

Please let me know how to proceed. Thank you so very much.

Best wishes,

C

5) Subject: James Humphries

Date: July 5, 2012 5:26:12 PM PDT

Great Granddaughter of James Humphries (born 1832, lived in San Bernardino when first settled by Mormons), I would appreciate any information you might have on my Great Grandfather.

Thank you.

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6) Subject: Inquiry about 1940 census online

Date: July 9, 2012 6:39:13 PM PDT

I have been trying to track down the census information for a friend, S. L., who, as a 12 year old, was living with her family on --- 42nd Street in 1940. Though finding it easy to do similar searches for other friends, I have carefully gone through the 40 pages listed for 42nd St. three times and come up empty. I could not find that street address, her family or any of the neighbors she identified. I am starting to wonder if there is a screw-up in the online matching of streets and relevant pages in the census for the city of San Bernardino. Do you have any knowledge of this?

Thanks,

F

Santa Barbara

P.S. I know that in a few months the census information for 1940 will be accessible by name.

7) Subject: Ferdinand Grotzinger 1860-1932 Riverside CA

Date: July 10, 2012 10:10:23 PM PDT

I beleive Ferdinand Grotzinger died in 1932 in Riverside Ca (He is listed as one of the Pioneers of San Bernadina County etc.

Do you know if there is an obit for Him? I am trying to find out which George and Mary Grotzinger are his parents.

thanks

P

8) Subject: Request re Motherspaw family

Date: July 11, 2012 9:31:31 AM PDT

While doing some genealogical research on the Motherspaw family, I recently found your website and the description of the Mary Lewis Collection. According to the index there should be entries for John Motherspaw and William Motherspaw. If copies could be obtained of what Ms. Lewis collected for this family I would be most appreciative. Any charges will be gladly paid.

If this is the correct family, I am seeking to learn more about the Motherspaw family into which Inez Motherspaw was born. She married John L. Collins 6 October 1919 in Lead, South Dakota and they spent their married life in Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY. The probate record of Inez Motherspaw

Collins identifies her parents as William Motherspaw and Maude Perkins. Inez was born 20 January 1897 in Del Rosa, San Bernardino Co., CA. The Motherspaw family appears to have moved around quite a bit which has complicated research. They have been found in Illinois and Iowa, as well as California. The mother of Inez died prior to 1900 and Inez was raised by her maternal aunt (Sallie Perkins) and her husband (Theorus Stoner). Up until finding the probate documentation, Inez's family has been a mystery. Therefore, anything additional which might be available in your collection would be most helpful.

Thanks,
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NOTE Since mailing out this newsletter, Sylvia Andrews, who lives in the Calico area, has volunteered to be our Society's genealogist.