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STODDARD-WAITE REDEDICATION CEREMONY UPDATE

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18, 2013

Last month we discussed plans for the rededication of the Cajon Pass monuments built in 1913 and 1917. Since then we have some new developments. John Marnell, Past President of the Mohave Historical Society, has agreed to be the Transportation Committee Chairman, and that means we can rest assured that this important post will be handled in a thorough and professional manner. His attention to detail has resulted in some rather spectacular successes in his role as editor of *Tales of the Mojave Road*, the publication entity for Dennis Casebier's excellent series.



Sheldon Stoddard (left) and Sydney Waite in a photograph provided by Steve Shaw. The ribbons on their lapels are from the San Bernardino Society of California Pioneers. They were made of such substantial materials that several of them still exist in very good condition.

Interestingly, we have discovered that Mary Harris, the grandmother of our webmaster Joe Fondy, had a significant role in the opening ceremonies of the 1913 dedication when she was a young girl.

Sue Payne, the chairman in charge of contacting Pioneer families, informed me that she is in touch with John Henderson, descendant of an important pioneer clan. John's ancestor, also named John Henderson, was the president of the Pioneers in 1928, when the Society held their annual picnic at Camp Cajon, just a very short distance from the monument location. Sue believes that the Hendersons will be represented. She also said that the Poppett family has expressed interest in attending.

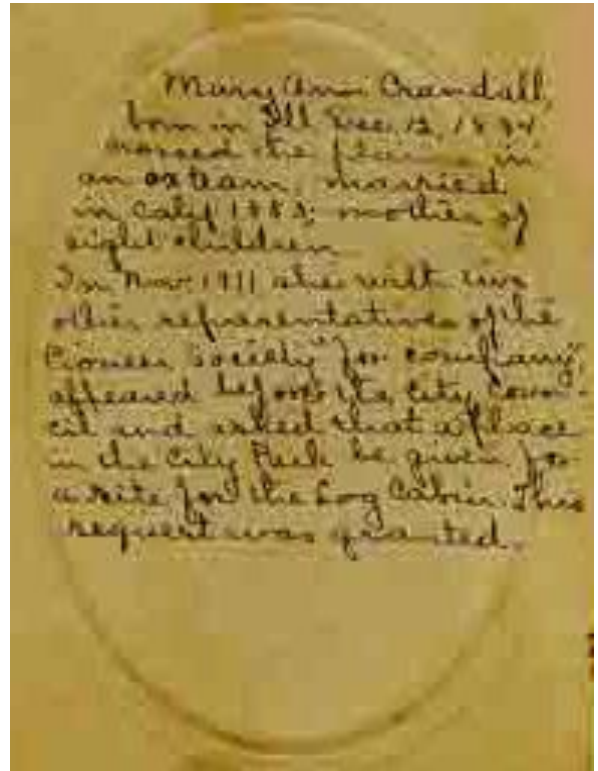
Some of these people will have to travel great distances to be at the ceremony. With that in mind, Chairman Nick Cataldo has planned an all-day program. It will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Heritage House in San Bernardino, and end late in the afternoon. Since not everyone will want to see the entire agenda, events will be scheduled so that guests can pick and choose what to attend. The 1913 monument dedication, for example, will be about an hour long. Nick is preparing a detailed program.

CITY APPROVES LOG CABIN IN PARK – 1911

This January being the 125th year since the founding of the Pioneer Society (see flyer on last page), I thought this old photograph of “Mother” Crandall apropos, since it was she who was instrumental in getting the city’s approval for the log cabin, which became a permanent home for the San Bernardino Pioneer Society. It does not have anything to do with the founding, but the event was important in the history of the organization. It is no doubt why we still have a Society.



Mary Crandall, wearing Pioneer Society ribbon



Back of photo, which is mounted on stiff cardboard

Somebody, perhaps Mary Crandall herself, wrote on the back of this photo, first giving some basic biographical information and then telling of her appeal to the City Council to place a log cabin in the city park, then called Lugo Park

JUNE 30, 1973 – A DAY AT COZY DELL IN CAJON PASS

In 1973 my family and I visited Cozy Dell, then owned by Bill Hubbard. We saw the concrete pit where Bill kept his rattlesnakes. He took us to the creek where several beavers had built dams and ponds. We also saw where the large concrete walls of the Santa Fe Railroad had been laid down by the 1938 flood.



Look at that car!! My 1966 Chevrolet two-door Impala at the old cafe and garage at Cozy Dell — 1973

The garage enclosed an old barn (Bill thought it dated all the way back to the toll road days of the 1870s). In the 1920s the old highway ran right through the center of the property, between the cafe/garage on the one side and the residence on the other—"Like it was right out of Old Mexico," Bill said. The wooden buildings were razed by a later owner, and the two-story house built by the Roesch family was burned down in a large fire, so there is little, if anything, to memorialize the old site.

FRED SCHWALM PHOTOGRAPHS



On the left is a photo of a young dapper Fred Schwalm. On the right Fred is parked with his fellow cyclists in a photo taken on May 20, 1910, celebrated by some as the Centennial of San Bernardino

These are a couple of the photographs that Fred Schwalm, a Native Son of the Golden West, gave me about 30 years ago. He was born in San Bernardino in 1888 and had a good memory right up until he died 96 years later. The reason I introduce him here is that he also gave me an original tintype taken of

his mother as a young girl. Her name was Isabel Lopez, and Fred told me that her family was very large and prominent in 19th-Century Southern California. Her birth date is not known, but, based on Fred's age, it was probably early to mid-1860s. Tintypes of known persons from San Bernardino are very rare, and this will make a nice addition to our growing photo collection.

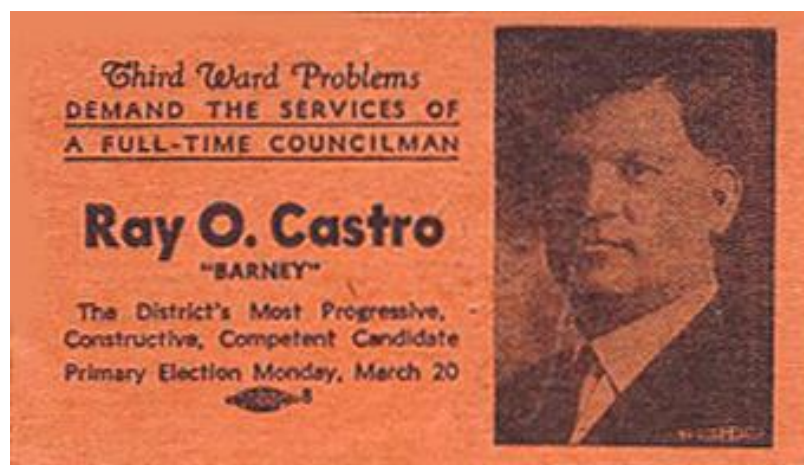


Tintype of Isabel Lopez as a young girl

STEVE SHAW DONATIONS

President Steve Shaw bought an envelope of ephemera mostly from the 1930s, including the two items pictured below, and donated them to the Society.

— **Candidate handout.** This was a scratch pad freebie passed out by City Council candidate Ray Castro. On the back is a 1939 calendar. Does anybody know if he won?



— **Military Order of the Cootie.** A while back somebody gave us a large framed photo of the members of the San Bernardino contingent of Cooties. When the donation was announced at a meeting, Steve said one of our doctors in attendance (probably Brian Elikor) spoke of the Order's growth following World War I. There is a Wikipedia entry telling of how the Order was established as a way of making fun of such serious matters as infestation of the trenches by lice. Even after being deloused, the little critters would return within a couple of days. This card admits a guest to a "Supreme Scratch."



DOES THIS OLD HOUSE STILL EXIST/

Steve Shaw purchased this photo recently and the only information on it is that it was taken in 1910 in San Bernardino. Does anybody recognize it?



BIG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

*Celebrate the 125th Anniversary
of the
San Bernardino Society*



*of
California Pioneers*

*Food
&
Drinks*

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*Western
Re-enactors*

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*Dress
in
Costume
(If you want to)*



*Special
Displays*

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*Historical
Programs*

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*Things
to
Buy!!*

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