

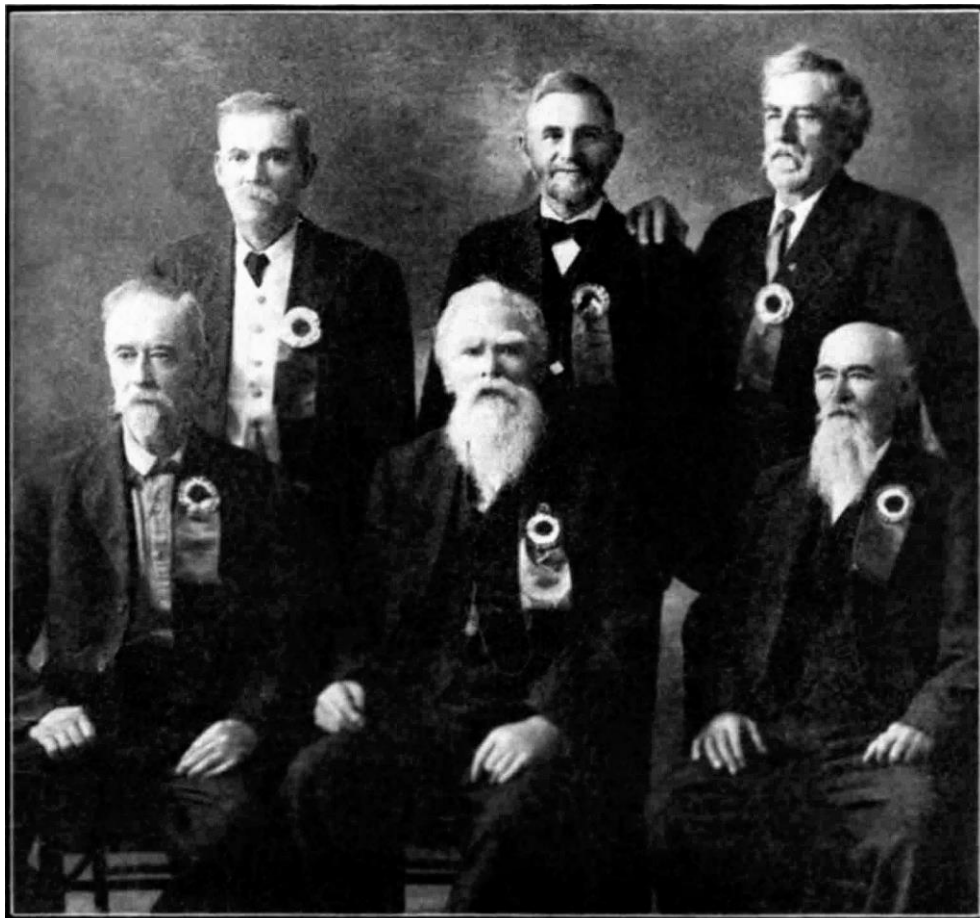


City of San Bernardino
Historical and Pioneer Society
P.O. Box 875, San Bernardino, CA 92402
www.sbhistoricalsociety.com

LIBRARY NEWS MAY 2013

By Richard D. Thompson, Librarian

UPDATE ON STODDARD-WAITE REDEDICATION CEREMONY
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013
(See flyer below on page 33)



From 1914 Santa Fe Magazine

PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE SIX MONUMENT BUILDERS
Left to right, standing, are Richard Weir, John Brown, Jr., Jasper Corbet.
Seated are Sydney Waite, Sheldon Stoddard, De La Montaigne Woodward.

In this current newsletter and in past issues, the Stoddard-Waite Monument in Cajon Pass has sometimes been referred to as the 1913 Monument, when, in fact, it was built in 1912. It was the dedication that

was in 1913—May 19, 1913, to be exact. Differing times for construction completion and dedication ceremonies have occurred in other building projects in the area. For instance, the Court House has the date 1926 in large letters over the entry door, but it was not ready to move into until 1927. St. Bernardine's Church, as another example, held a cornerstone ceremony in 1910, no doubt timed to occur during the Centennial ceremonies then underway, but the structure was not completed until 1912.

Sheldon Stoddard and Sydney Waite were among a group of hardy pioneers who came with a wagon train traveling from Salt Lake City across the desert wastes in late 1849, a group who became famous as the "Death Valley '49ers." The 17-year-old Sheldon and 12-year-old Sydney traveled with their respective parents and, according to them, entered via Coyote Canyon (now Crowder Canyon). This claim was disputed by other members of the Pioneer Society, who held that the wagon train entered the western Cajon Pass, and the subject led to many an argument over the years. To maintain tranquility, the monument was placed below the junction of the two roads so that the dispute between the two factions would not become an issue.

On one side of the monument is the inscription "Santa Fe and Salt Lake Trail, erected by the Pioneer Society of San Bernardino, 1912." On another side, etched on a brass plate, is the inscription "Sheldon Stoddard and Sydney P. Waite came over this trail in 1849 and helped erect this monument in 1912." The location was chosen so that motorists traveling by could easily pull over and contemplate the history of the trails/roads serving the area. It also happened to be a nice spot for picnics. However, in 1915 the County built a brand-new paved road from the mouth of the canyon to the summit. Even though the monument was not very far from the new road, it was difficult to see. and the Pioneers decided to build another one, next to the new highway. This was built (and dedicated) in 1917. Fortunately, Stoddard and Waite and the others were still alive for the dedication ceremonies at the new location.

STODDARD-WAITE MONUMENT REDEDICATION PROGRAM

Sponsored by the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society

Saturday, May 18, 2013

- 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Heritage House in San Bernardino at 8th and D Streets.
- 9:10 a.m. Welcoming address by President Steve Shaw, slide show depicting history of the Pioneer Society.
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation to Stoddard and Waite family members. Comments from families.
- 9:50 a.m. Adjourn meeting, take a rest break.
- 10:00 a.m. Begin convoy to the 1917 Monument on Wagon Wheel Road in Cajon Pass.
- 10:30 a.m. Car pool to 1913 Monument site or walk (under freeway), approx. 300 yds.
- 11:00 a.m. County Museum caretaker Mike Hartless on Indian village, burial ground.
- 11:15 a.m. Historian Nick Cataldo on history of site (Inman Ranch) and general area.
- 11:30 a.m. Comments from Stoddard and Waite families.
- 11:45 a.m. Return to 1917 Monument (east side of freeway).
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (either McDonald's, brown bag, or convenience store).
- 12:30 p.m. Historian Richard Thompson on 1917 Monument, Brown Toll Road.
- 1:00 p.m. Historian John Hockaday on Camp Cajon (inspired by monuments).
- 1:30 p.m. Walk up toll road to bridge piers for Crowder Canyon. Drive to Upper Toll House site

This program is designed to be as flexible as possible. Those who do not wish to attend all of the activities can be selective. The presentation at the Heritage House stands alone, so that a person can attend it and nothing else, or he or she can skip the Heritage House program entirely. Those who just desire to see the 1913 monument can attend just that part, which is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Those who just want to see the 1917 monument can limit their participation to 12:30 p.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. Or at 1:30 p.m. or so, you can walk up to the Crowder Canon bridge piers and look at the remains of the toll road, then return to the 1917 monument, and from there drive to the Upper Toll House site.



RECENT DONATIONS

—*Gillespie Collection*

Several weeks ago Shirley Gillespie donated three boxes of historical material, mostly pertaining to San Bernardino. Included is the book *Eliza Lives: The History and Recollections of the Pioneer Robert Singleton Family*, compiled by Shirley's aunt, Gloria Gillespie White. This is an updated version of the spiral-bound book published in 1983. There are many pamphlets, books, *Heritage Tales*, post cards, etc. About half a box pertained to Pacific High School, including yearbooks for 1956 and 57, plus newspaper clippings related to the school up to and including its last hurrah (1983). The heart of the collection is the family photographs, primarily of the Gillespies. The donation is very much appreciated.

—*Mathews Photographs*

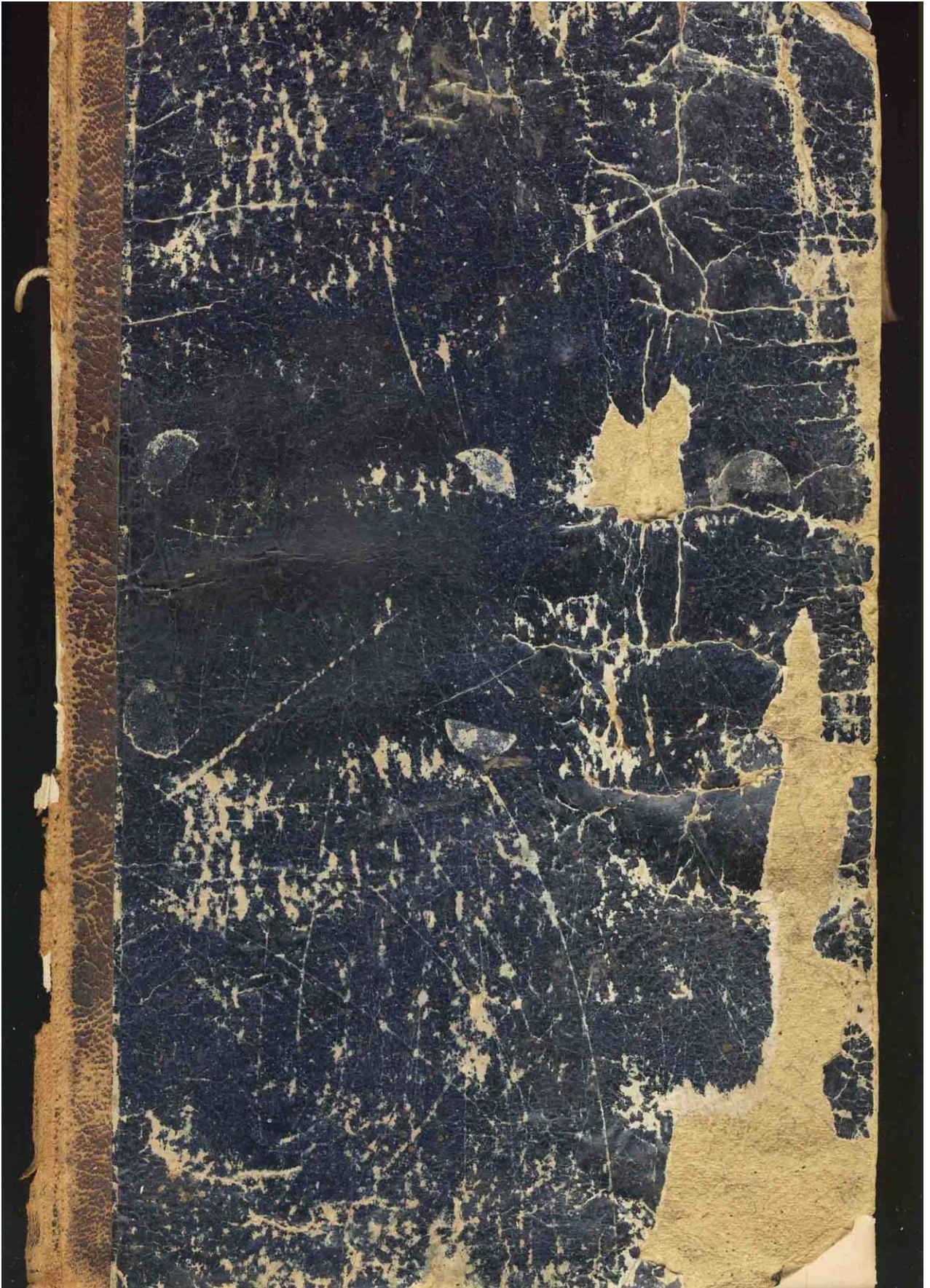
Society member Bob Mathews made his historical family album available for scanning. Mark Landis and his stepdaughter spent a full day scanning the photos, and President Steve Shaw has been adjusting the photographs for printing, a major task in itself. We worked in conjunction with Fran Elgin of the Mohahve Historical Society (Bob's ancestors lived in San Bernardino and Oro Grande) and that Society will receive copies of the photographs. There were well over 100 pictures, and I will show a sampling in a future issue of the newsletter. Our genuine thanks to Bob for his contribution, and to Mark and Steve for all the work they have done.

—*San Bernardino City Court Journal from the 1850s*

Another recent donation is a journal containing legal proceedings against defendants charged with breaking some city ordinance or other. The earliest cases date to 1855 and are signed by the mayor of San Bernardino, Charles Rich. However, most of the cases are from 1856 and 57, when Andrew Lytle was the mayor. The Mormons left San Bernardino in 1857, but the city remained incorporated for a few years until the 1860s. The journal was passed down through the generations of Lytle descendants, and was donated to us by a person who has not yet given permission to be identified. This is a significant addition to our history collection, and we are grateful that the donor thought of us.

The journal is about 12" high by 8" wide (see photo below). There are probably 60 pages or so of court proceedings (I haven't had a chance to count them yet). The cases consist of misdemeanors, such as being intoxicated and/or belligerent, speeding (riding a horse too fast through the streets) and fighting. The fines generally run from \$5 to \$20, plus court costs. (A sample of the journal entries is on page 32.)

No effort has been made as yet to identify all defendants brought before the court, but a superficial look shows that they were from all levels of society.



Front cover of 1850s San Bernardino City court cases journal

Majors Court 1856.

The City of San Bernardino, Plaintiff.

vs

Edward Davis, Defendant.

Aug 21st And now on this 21st day of August 1856, John D. Holladay, City Marshal, files Complaint against Edward Davis, the said Defendant, alleging that on Monday the 11th day of August 1856, in the City of San Bernardino, the said Edward Davis was intoxicated, in violation of Section two of Ordinance Number three of said City - And the said John D. Holladay further alleges in his said Complaint, that the said Edward Davis, in the said City of San Bernardino on Monday the 11th day of August 1856, was grossly and fighting, & disturbing the peace, good order and tranquility of said City, in violation of Section seven of Ordinance Number three of said City of San Bernardino.

Whereupon a Summons issued returnable Saturday the 23rd day of August 1856.

Aug 23rd - And now on this 23rd day of August, appears the said Defendant, and says, that he has violated Section two and seven of Ordinance Number three as alleged in said Complaint, and submits himself to the judgment of the Court.

Whereupon the Court having considered of its decree to be rendered herein, it is ordered, adjudged

STODDARD-WAITE MONUMENT

Rededication Program



Sponsored by

The San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society

Come join us for a rededication program and tour of the historic Stoddard-Waite Monument in the Cajon Pass, built to honor the pioneers who came to Southern California in the 1800's.



Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 am



1917 Pioneer Monument

Meet at the Heritage House

796 N. D St., San Bernardino
(corner 8th & D)

9:00 am: A photo presentation will be shown, and pioneer families will be introduced.

10:00 am: Carpool/convoy to the 1917 Pioneer Monument in the Cajon Pass for parking (I-15 s/o Hwy. 138 behind CHP truck scales).

10:30 am: Travel across the I-15 Fwy. by foot, or carpool via high-ground clearance vehicle to the 1913 Stoddard-Waite Monument for additional presentations by local historians.

12:00 noon: Reconvene at the 1917 monument for lunch (sack lunch, or eat at the nearby McDonald's).

12:30 pm: Additional presentations at the 1917 monument.

- Bring sturdy walking shoes, water, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, etc.
- You must be able to walk approximately 1/2 mile on uneven surfaces.
- The program is expected to be complete at around 2:00 pm.



1913 Stoddard-Waite Monument



Saving The Past For The Future Since 1888