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STODDARD-WAITE MONUMENT REDEDICATION CEREMONIES

Our rededication of the Stoddard-Waite monument on May 18, 2013, was a great success, with five members of the Stoddard family in attendance, and one from the Waite family (see photos below). In addition, there were several other attendees who were descendants of pioneers, and some of those pioneers participated in the original ceremony. Joe Fondy's grandmother was there in 1913, and that event was overseen by Gregg Gridley's great-grandfather, John Brown, Jr.

I thought it would be nice to have a photographic review of the ceremonies, and my thanks to Mark Landis and Linda Brassfield for the following pictures:



**County Museum caretaker Mike Hartless addresses the audience.
Our webmaster Joe Fondy provided the colorful bunting draped over the marker.**



Photographs taken May 18, 2013

The 1912 Stoddard-Waite Monument, dedicated in 1913, as it appears 100 years later..

Left: Inscription states "Santa Fe and Salt Lake Trail, erected by the Pioneer Society of San Bernardino, 1912."

Right: Etched on the brass plate is "Sheldon Stoddard and Sydney P. Waite came over this trail in 1849 and helped erect this monument in 1912."



Historian Nick Cataldo speaks on the history of the area



We had a great turnout and the weather was perfect



Group photo of some of the attendees



This 1913 Model T Ford was provided by Devore resident Don Kirtley. On the left is the Stoddard family, and on the right, in the back seat, is Kathleen Waite (wearing a cap)..



Left: Kathleen Waite.

Right: Stoddard family members:

Front seat passenger on left is Nancy Armstrong, the "driver" is Robert Sleppy. Back seat, from left to right, is Ginger Urquhart, Donna Fees, Debra McFadden. (This is the same order as they appear in the Model T photograph above left)



The "Santa Fe and Salt Lake Trail" Monument in Cajon Pass, dedicated in 1917.

After we left the 1913 rededication site, we went to this 1917 landmark, which commemorates pioneers Stoddard, Waite and others who came to Southern California by way of this route. The marker is located east, and a little bit north, of the Stoddard-Waite Monument, just a few hundred yards away. After we took a break for lunch, I gave a talk on the 1917 monument and the Brown Toll Road.



Stoddard family members at the 1917 monument.

Front left is Debra McFadden, and front right is Donna Fees. In the back, from left to right, is Robert Sleppy, Ginger Urquhart, Nancy Armstrong.



**Kathleen Waite and friend.
Kathleen is a direct descendant of Sydney P. Waite.**



**Gregg Gridley and grandchildren.
Greg is a descendant of John Brown.**



Historian John Hockaday is the last speaker on the program, the subject being Camp Cajon. They are at Coyote/Crowder Canyon.



Nick Cataldo takes some hardy souls on the hiking trail in Crowder Canyon



Coyote/Crowder Canyon

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