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NOTES

1886

- San Jose Land Co. organized by M.W. Wicks. There were more than 30 others included in the company.
- First building erected in town site—a land office N.W. corner Bonita and Depot St.
- Jasper Teague got deed and water rights to 40 acres on Cienega Ave. D.C. Teague later owned this tract. Crawford P. Teague got deed and water rights to 16 acres on Cienega Ave.
- First citrus grove set out by C.P. Teague and D.C. Teague on Cienega Ave.

1887

- A planning mill was built on the east side of San Dimas Ave. south of the Santa Fe Railroad.
- April 21 – Railroad wreck at Mud Springs—7 flat cars loaded with lumber broke loose at Ontario and collided with a construction train.
- San Jose Land Co. incorporated February 28.
- Santa Fe R.R. ran the first train thru San Dimas in May. Thomas A. Gore became agent for the Santa Fe and served in S.D. for five and ½ years.
- A Freight car was used as a depot.
- Post Office established—E.M. Marshall first Postmaster.
- Brick kiln built and operated by the San Jose Land Co. on the W. side of Amelia St., south of Cienega.
- Big wind storm in December. The Lordsburg Hotel, which was under construction, was blown flat to the ground.
- Tunnels started at Mud Springs to increase the flow of water from the artesian wells.
- Early settlers here got their mail at the Citrus P.O. located about the N.W. cor. Citrus Ave. and Badillo St., Covina.

1888

- First dwelling erected in San Dimas town site. North side of First St. between San Dimas and Iglesia St. Completed early in 1888.
- Hotel building on San Dimas Ave., between Bonita Ave. and First St., completed late in 1888. Hotel building cost \$20,000.
- Early in the year (in May) the planning mill started operations. Operated by Brownlee and Bowers.

1889

- Santa Fe R.R. Station completed.
- The San Jose Land Co. built a reservoir at Ramona and Allen Ave. Covered 20 acres, capacity, 4,000,000 gallons.

- First restaurant in S.D. operated by Mr. Tom Gore on Bonita Ave.
- Private school held in basement of hotel, Miss Jessie McCormick, teacher
- Puddingstone Dam first proposed by surveyor William Mount.
- Prof. Tibbets built the house on the east side of the entrance to San Dimas Canyon, on the high point.
- Mr. Robt. M. Teague started citrus nurseries (later the largest in the world) when he bought 10,000 citrus trees.

1890

- Second Post Office building built, S.E. cor. Bonita and Depot St., for Mrs. Ella Brownlee, second Post Master.
- Mr. Wm. E. Mount worked out and turned in to the County officials the first data on the great Puddingstone Dam.
- First Mud Springs District School opened in the Mills building on Bonita Ave. First school board was Mr. Tom Gore, Mr. David C. Teague and Mr. Peter Taylor.
- James H. Judson built his home—cor. of San Dimas Ave. and Commercial St.

1891

- First Grammar School building—Cataract St.
- First band in San Dimas was organized by Lew Aldrich (son-in-law of James H. Judson), there were 7 members.
- The last of three big windstorms that year—blew for three days & blew down a portion of the freight shed at the Santa Fe Depot. It was never replaced.
- First orange crop in San Dimas, belonging to D.C. Teague, was destroyed by the severe wind storm.
- Robert M. Teague Citrus Nurseries organized.
- Wells drilled at Mud Springs, first in the district.
- February 23 – big rain and flood.
- December 10 – tremendous wind and sand storm coming from the north.
- Mr. W.E. Mount built the James H. Judson reservoir.

1892

- First house built on Glenway Ranch
- Mr. Ed C. Hartman took charge of the 500 acre Billings Ranch, now known as the Ames Ranch. Mr. Hartman's home was in Pasadena.
- Dec. 17 – "Norther"

1893

- Edward C. Hartman married and moved to San Dimas. He lived in the Kinny house on W. Bonita for years. This house is now the home of B.F. Caldwell.
- March 24 – heaviest rain of the season and in some localities the heaviest in years. The railroads suffered most.
- June 22 – financial panic. Peoples Bank in Pomona did not open.

1894

- First house on south Depot St. built by E.A. Heald.
- June 27 – great railroad strike.

1895

- Well drilled on the I.N. Walker Ranch pumped between 11 and 12 inches of water.
- Grading was started for the Southern Pacific Railroad in San Dimas. Mr. William Burton was in charge, Mr. Magee was bookkeeper.
- Dec. 28 – heavy windstorm.

1896

- First Baptist Church built on the N.E. corner of Cataract and Commercial St. Dedicated September 27.
- San Dimas Grammar School was enlarged.

1897

1898

- First wedding in First Baptist Church—Lola Brownlee and William Middleton, March 15. Minister Rev. A.J. Donaldson, Hattie Teague and Bert Brownlee attendants.
- Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Day. A severe electrical wind from the N.E. began blowing towards evening and continued all night, doing some damage. A number of babies died as a result of this electrical storm.
- Mr. J.C. Enell put down the first well in the San Dimas Wash, east side of Walnut. It pumped 85 inches.

1899

- December 25 – Christmas morning. Severe earthquake, big landslide on Mt. San Antonio (Old Baldy). It did quite a bit of damage in San Jacinto.
- Mr. James W. Walker put down the second well in the San Dimas Wash, west side of Walnut St. It pumped 140 inches at first, later was reduced to 75 or 80 inches.
- Mr. Hubert Knox was appointed Post Master.
- W.H. Poston Co. of Pomona came to San Dimas.

1900

- San Dimas Irrigation Co. founded.
- San Dimas Citrus Union was incorporated.
- San Dimas Orange Growers Association organized.
- Big storm beginning November 17, lasting until Nov. 22, flood washed out the Southern Pacific tracks both east and west of San Dimas and left a passenger train marooned at the depot in San Dimas. Passengers taken to Pomona next day by busses.
- The D.C. Teague home built on Cienega east of Walnut.
- First citrus packing house built, cor. San Dimas Ave. & Bonita.
- During the storm Nov. 17 to 22, ten inches of rain fell.

1901

- San Dimas Horticultural Club organized.
- H.L. Forseman established a plumbing and tinning business.
- Methodist Episcopal Church built on west 2nd St.
- Charles H. Cannon home built on northeast corner of Covina Blvd. and Amelia Street.
- From 1901 until 1913 San Dimas was known as "The Frostless Belt."
- Robert M. Teague home built, cor. Bonita Ave. and Iglesia St.
- Mr. William H. Macy became Post Master in January.
- Mr. Knox had resigned because of his wife's illness.
- Dr. Walter Stopley came to San Dimas, 1st physician.