

Nadine Hathaway Profile Transcription

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Raised in Hollywood – attended Fairfax High [school], and U.S.C. for one year, before marrying Richard Hathaway in 1935 and moving to Florence Ave.

In addition to raising 6 children, Nadine involved herself in Community affairs here, and in neighboring Whittier and Rio Hondo. These included Little Lake School District, Boys and Girls Scouts, and recreational programs in these areas.

Wishing to complete her college degree, Nadine took a class or two each semester at Whittier College between 1954 and 1961. Then she taught adult remedial reading courses in the 70s, 2 years of freshman English at Pioneer High School, and earned a master's degree in teaching in 1970.

In 1965, from the SFS Community Council, five persons formed our historical Committee, you all know one member—other familiar names are Jim Seamon, Franklin Anderson, Ruth Gramse, City Librarian (at the time) , and Ann Bartunek.

In 1983 Nadine founded the Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society, which in 1986 was absorbed into today's Hathaway Ranch Museum, occupying 4 acres of Hathaway property. From this museum came many of the artifacts making our Heritage Park display possible. And what about raising 6 children and helping her husband and run the ranch on top of these accomplishments? Here is proof it can be done, Nadine, we thank you for being part of our SFS life.