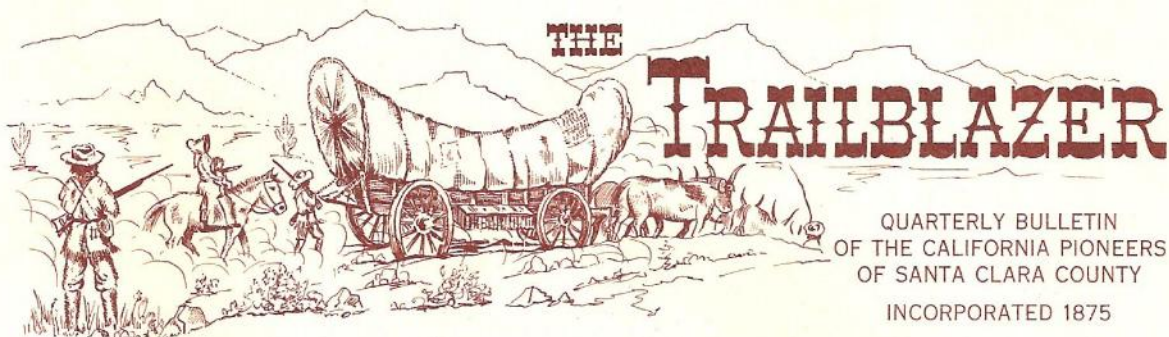




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El Pueblo de

SAN JOSE de GUADALUPE, 1777-1977

WHALE BLAZERS

Even before the advent of the Padres and Spanish explorers, California already claimed its own roses - fragrant, vibrant, pink and wild! However, with the Spaniards came the lovely Castilian rose, a reminder of the homeland. This old world rose, it is said, caressed the adobe walls of Luis Maria Peralta's San José home almost two hundred years ago.

Lomas Lagrimas or Hills of Tears lies approximately four miles south of San José. It was so named because early settlers coming from the State of Sonora, Mexico stopped here as provisions gave out, causing the children in the migration to weep.

San José 1852 - Vigilance Committees were in vogue and this no doubt was the reason the jail was vacant for the month of February.

For the first fourteen years of American occupation San Joséans lit their homes with candles or whale oil lamps. By 1860 the Common Council granted a 15 year franchise to the San José Gas Co. On Jan. 21, 1861 it delivered the first gas made of coal to 84 new-lighted and delighted consumers. The following year brought about the town's first street lamps, all seven of them. The task of lighting the lamps was considered a stepping stone to success. A number of locals who made their mark in the political and business scene would boast in later years that they had been lamplighters in San José. U. S. Senator Samuel Shortridge was one of these.

Oct. 21, 1870 - Among the many unusual items deposited in the corner stone of the new Normal School were: samples of silk cocoons and threads; a copy of the foundations of the first public school in San José, dated Oct. 26, 1811, written in Spanish; not to be overlooked was a numbered ticket to the Grand Industrial Fair at Nevada City. The proceeds, had the ticket won a prize, was to be donated to the Normal School.

April 1, 1870 - The city was out of debt and had been since 1865. There was \$42,913 in the city treasury, one half of which belonged to the school fund.

H. C.



Under the authority of Governor Felipe de Neve a party left San Francisco on November 7, 1777 under the conduct of Lt. José Joaquin Moraga. After days of painstaking explorations, sixty-six worn and tired settlers paused beside the banks of Rio Guadalupe. Here on November 29, 1777 in the name of King Carlos III the site was christened "El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe."

This pueblo, the mother of California cities, was to be cradled in an unpretentious adobe on the Market Street Plaza of 1797.

On March 27, 1850 by American incorporation, it became the "City of San José," the alcalde became the mayor, the ayuntamiento became the city council and an American community stood in place of a Mexican village with Josiah Belden as first mayor.



THE CITY SEAL

In elegant penmanship the City Council minutes of July 23, 1859 duly inscribes: "A resolution requesting Mayor Belden to furnish a municipal seal as offered by Mr. Ben Cory and accepted."

The minutes of September 9, 1850 penned: "A seal was presented and adopted. The cost of the seal and press being \$48."

In the custody of the City Clerk this 127 year old symbol continues to render faithful and official service to municipal government.

The seal depicts a sheaf of wheat and grape vines, two of the area's earliest crops.

----- H. C.



Pueblo School Days

The following is from a Spanish translated document introducing education to Pueblo San José de Guadalupe by Jose Maria Estudillo, Commandante at Monterey, Oct. 1811.

"The inhabitants of the neighborhood acting in behalf of the families have by contract, appointed informed Corporal Rafael Villavicencio to instruct their children under the authority of the commandante. Villavicencio obligated himself to teach children of this pueblo and vicinity, to read, write and dispel the Doctrine of Faith and to be paid therefor at the rate of 18 reales (\$2.25) per annum by every head of a family in grain or flour.

"Firstly - The pay of 18 reales annually by each and every head of a family, I think, is quite sufficient for the teacher. He is to perform with vigilance and strictness without giving his attention to anything but teaching.

"When the teacher observes the absence of any scholars, he will notify their fathers who will give some satisfactory reason why they were absent, and should they be absent a second time, then the local military deputy and commissioner will be informed.

"Lastly - During the time in which the children are in school, their fathers will be exempt from being responsible to God for them, and the teacher will be the one who is thus responsible; as he will, also, in consideration of his pay, be responsible for the education and teaching of the holy dogmas of the religion.

"As the teacher is responsible for the education and good example of his scholars, and as he must answer to the State for the fulfillment of his obligations, he has the right to correct and punish his scholars with advice, warnings and lashes in case of necessity. --- no excuse shall be accepted, nor to pardon anyone from punishment who fails to learn or commit to memory the lesson which may be given.

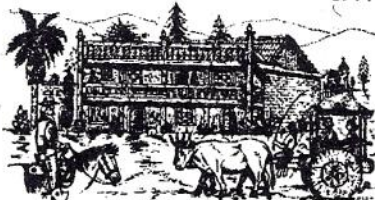
"Having made known that it should be registered as I command: God preserve you many years. José Maria Estudillo."
(Courtesy City of San José Archives)

STATEMENT (budget) Issued by Antonio Suñol, Trustee of
THE PUEBLO OF SAN JOSÉ DE GUADALUPE in the year of 1838

MONEY RECEIVED (taxes)				each	total
Jan.	From	14 Barrels	of Brandy	\$ 3.00	\$42.00
"	"	12 Gallons	" "	.20	2.40
Feb.	"	1 Barrel	" "	3.00	3.00
July	"	3 Barrels	" "	3.00	9.00
"	"	1 Barrel	Imported Liquor	10.00	10.00
Aug.	"	9½ Barrels	Domestic "	3.00	28.50
Sept.	"	3 Barrels	Domestic "	3.00	9.00
"	"	8 Barrels	" "	3.00	24.00
Nov.	"	18	" "	3.00	54.00
"	"	1 Barrel	Imported "	10.00	10.00
Dec.	"	6 Barrels	Domestic "	3.00	18.00
"	"	15	Corn Brandy	3.00	45.00
"	"	Various fines		--	25.00
"	"	Registration of Branding Irons		--	3.50
"	"	Store Licenses		--	43.20
					<u>\$326.60</u>

MONEY PAID OUT				
Jan.	to	Ygnacio Martinez	for annual bookkeeping	\$120.00
"	"	Salvio Pacheco	for bookkeeping	4.40
"	"	Same		60.00
"		for repairing roof and floor of Court House		65.00
"	"	a file case (cabinet)		29.00
Feb.	to	Angelo Romero	for guarding Court House	17.40
Mar.	for	3 hides	for the roof of Court House	6.00
"	"	one bottle	ink	1.00
"	"	writing	paper	5.00
"	"	sealing	was (gluing)	.40
Aug.	"	repair	Court House door	1.00
"	"	leg	irons	.40
Oct.	"	candles	for jail use	.40
"	"	wagon	beam	1.40
Nov.	"	lock	for jail stocks	1.40
Dec.	"	boarding	Indian workers	8.50
"	"	a	letter writer	3.00
"	to	Ygnacio Martinez	making out this statement	1.40
				<u>\$326.60</u>

1777 - BICENTENNIAL - 1977



San José - California's First Pueblo

* NOTE: In the budget of the year 1841 "Money Received" included besides the tax on liquors \$24 from "confiscated hides." "Disbursements" included: one table cloth \$9, one broom \$1, expenses of prisoners \$5, 11 beams of alder trees for a bridge \$16.40, lock and pitcher for the Court \$3.20 and rent of a school house \$15.



RAILROAD COMES TO SAN JOSÉ

Scene taken in the San José yards shortly after train service began in 1864. The engine "San Mateo" is shown here coupled to the afternoon train for the "City."

San José had ample reason to let off steam on Saturday, January 16, 1864. "The San Francisco & San José Railroad" had just been completed and was high-balling it to San José at interrupted speeds up to 40 miles per hour. Hundreds tizzy with excitement milled about at the new 1863 brick depot at Bassett and San Pedro Streets anticipating the triumphal entry.

Although an hour and a half late, pandemonium prevailed when two ornate 4-4-0 American-type locomotives with 60 inch driving wheels and a span of 29 cars filled to capacity with San Francisco celebrants came to a hissing halt at 1:30 P.M. Men, women and children stared at an iron horse for the first time. The military triggered a 36 gun salute and a volley of cannon fire, as crowds roared and bands blared. Folks came in buggies from as far away as Gilroy and Santa Cruz to view technology's latest achievement.

Seven hefty men carved beef for hours at a tremendous free barbecue. Mayor J. A. Quinby and railroad President Thomas Dame made welcoming speeches. A Floral Parade through town followed the bewildering event.

The last train left San José at 9 that evening. Editor J. J. Owen of the Mercury wrote, "--- long to be remembered, it was a glorious sight, such as was never witnessed in San José before."

Talk of a railroad between San Francisco and San

José was gathering steam as far back as the gold rush. By 1849 a group of railroad minded men headed by Judge Davis Divine met to discuss such a road. By 1851 William J. Lewis, a railroad surveyor, was committed to come up with a cost and feasible route. Lewis's cost report at the time was \$1,539,126.17 which included buildings and rolling stock.

In April 1851 a corporation was formed with capital stock fixed at one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for "said road to be known as the "Pacific and Atlantic Railroad Co." The thirteen over enthusiastic directors envisaged the railroad extending to the Mississippi. Plagued by financial woes the drastic venture settled back, re-incorporating as the "SF & SJ Railroad."

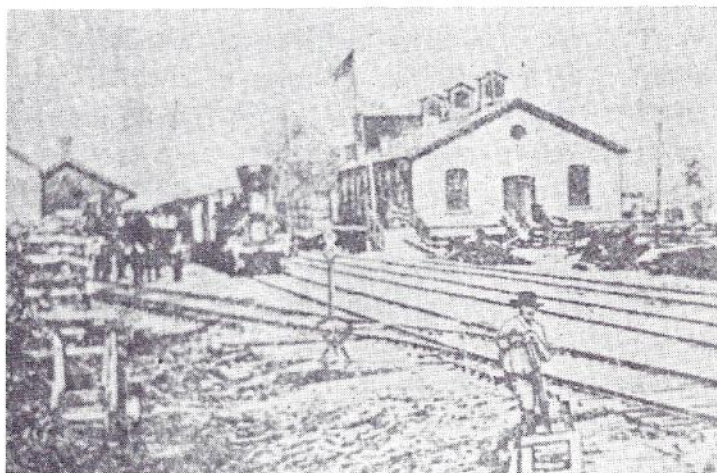
In 1861 after repeated delays in reorganization, plus the difficulties of a Civil War, William Lewis came forth with a subsequent cost survey of \$1,744,680.30. He estimated annual operating costs at \$297,000; receipts to tally \$895,000 with a profit of \$598,000 per annum.

Most of the rolling stock and rails had to be cargoed around the Horn. Eventually the 49.3 mile rail and spike pounding task was put in motion in May 1861 out of San Francisco, a push lasting 32 months.

Folks could now forget six hard hours of stagecoach travel and the eight hours on a side-wheeler steamer.

Notable in this "SF & SJ Railroad" effort were four men whose names are familiar to San Joséans: Judge Davis Divine; Henry M. Newhall; George Polhemus and Peter Donahue, founder of the S. F. Union Iron Works that built California's first railroad locomotive for the road in 1865.

Long before streamliners and railroad automation a wood chopper kept the wood pile lofty for early woodburners. This picture activity is at the original railroad station on San Pedro Street in 1864.



The San José Historic Landmarks Commission

cordially invites you to attend

THE DEDICATION OF

Pellier Historical Park

State Historical Landmark #434

at three p.m. in the afternoon

Tuesday, November 29, 1977

Corner of St. James and Terraine Streets

San José, California

Wine Tasting



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THE DEDICATION OF

State Landmark #433

Commemorating the Founding of

El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe

Two hundred years ago this date

Ceremony to be held

at San José City Hall Gardens

Mission Street at First Street

10:00 a.m., November 29, 1977



Carolyn de Vries

Greetings to one and all:

Every member of this organization should feel a special sense of pride during the San José Bicentennial. We are the fortunate ones who have either on our own or through our ancestors contributed to the history of the glorious state of California. However, these next few days belong to San José alone as the oldest civil settlement in Alta California. I urge all of you to become a participant in as many of the activities as you can that are being so ably planned by the San José Bicentennial Commission.

One special event on November 29th is the Pellier Park dedication at 3 PM. Our Society has given generously of its time and money to encourage this project to completion. At one time it was only a dream of one of our members, Leonard McKay, but through his efforts and with the assistance of Jim Arbuckle, the Pellier Park is now a reality. As your President, I will participate in the dedication ceremony, and there will be a special recognition of those families who gave money for a memorial tree.

Also, please do not forget our December Quarterly Luncheon Meeting on December 3rd at Lou's Village. We have a very special Christmas program planned for you.

LOOK FOR IT HERE

The last quarter was quite active in historical achievements. In Santa Clara on September 23, 1977 the Charles Copeland Morse residence was declared California Historical Registered Landmark No. 904. This outstanding Queen Ann Victorian structure was built in 1892 by Morse, co-founder of one of the largest seed companies in the world, The Ferry-Morse Seed Co.

The New Almaden National Historical District attracted hundreds to the dedication of the restored Bulmore - Carson - Perham Adobes and the New Almaden museum, a Bicentennial Heritage Landmark.

Dr. Cecil Todd, our honorary member who resides in England, wants to inform his fellow Pioneers what he has been doing with himself. Cecil, a renowned author of Cornish history, has just published "The Search for Silver." The 212 page well illustrated work involves Cornish miners in Mexico 1824-1947.

TOUR RESERVATIONS are made at the Quarterly Meetings or by phone calls to Ruth Gross at 294-9830 between the hours of 9 and 12 Monday through Friday. After confirmation by Ruth that space is available, then send checks, payable to "The Californians," to 100 Serena Way, Santa Clara, CA 95051. Trip brochures are available through Ruth Gross.

LET YOURSELF GLOW! A fabulous NEW YEAR'S TRIP with 4 wonderful nites on the Queen Mary in Long Beach topped by a gala New Year's Party on board, exciting visits to "Lion Country Safari," "Farmer's Market" and "Port O'-Call" - all this includes the epic Rose Parade, too. Dec. 30, 1977 - Jan. 3, 1978.

An honest to goodness stern-wheeled RIVER BOAT CRUISE - Greet Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher as you come down the gangplank - Dixieland music - visit the river pilot on board the Delta Queen cruising down Mark Twain's fabled Mississippi. Last 2 weeks of March 1978.

EXPLORE SOUTHERN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO with Austen Warburton. Visit desert wildlife museums, historic missions, Indian ruins, ghost towns - all amid spectacular scenery. Sept. 23 - Oct. 8, 1978.

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