

California Pioneers of Santa Clara County Quarterly Luncheon

Saturday, December 10; 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

THREE FLAMES RESTAURANT

Banquet Room

1547 Meridian Ave in San José

For Reservations E-Mail "sccpioneers@aol.com" with your menu selection
or call: 408-554-7587

Reservations Must be made before Thursday December 8

Cost \$25 (make checks payable to California Pioneers and bring to Luncheon)

The Menu Selection are:

Three Flames Special Steak

tri-tip steak topped with sautéed mushrooms.

Salmon

Grilled and topped with dill sauce

All above served with Salad and Herb Roasted Red Potatoes

Pasta Rose

penne pasta in a pink cream sauce with green onions, mushrooms and fresh basil

Coffee and Vanilla Ice Cream for Dessert

No Host Bar for soft drinks, beer and wine

Parking is limited in front of the restaurant; however, ample parking is available in the rear and close to a separate banquet room entrance.

BASIM JABER, Historian/Archivist - Almaden Air Force Station, Founder - USAF 682nd Radar Squadron Veterans Association will be our speaker
www.AlmadenAFS.org bjaber@jaber.net A lifelong South Bay native and freelance photographer, Basim Jaber has researched the history and geography of

Mt. Umunhum and the Almaden Air Force Station since 2006. He has organized and hosted several successful veterans' reunions for the USAF 682nd Radar Squadron who manned the radar station atop Mt. Umunhum between 1957 and 1980. He continues to archive historic images and artifacts from Almaden Air Force Station to help preserve the memories and history of this special Cold War relic. His relationship with over 200 (and growing) veterans and dependents who lived and served on the site has earned him their respect, trust, and status as their official historian and archivist. Basim has assisted several media agencies in producing newspaper, TV, and web media coverage of the site and its fascinating past. These include CBS-5 KPIX "Eye on the Bay", NBC KRON-4 News, *San Jose Mercury News*, *The Los Gatos Patch*, KQED "QUEST" TV, and *Almaden Times Weekly*. His unprecedented photographic documentation of the entire site has proven invaluable to preserving the history and memories of Almaden Air Force Station. Basim's research is purely volunteer-driven and non-profit in nature. For more info, visit www.AlmadenAFS.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY PAUL BERNAL

I am happy to report the Pioneers board completed our retreat with



excellent results. We authored a new mission statement, wrote a vision statement, and set some exciting goals for the organization. We fine tuned the board function, and created a new set of committee resources. We will continue to provide all the same service and programs that we have always provided, but in addition, we will focus on five new main action items that we are committed to achieve.

Our new Mission Statement is: "Our mission is to promote, preserve, and celebrate the history of Santa Clara County and the heritage of its past generations. We collect, archive, educate; and encourage research and scholarship."

Our Vision Statement includes:

- Continued fiscal responsibility.
- An increased membership.
- Higher visibility in the community.
- A more inclusive membership across all age, ethnicity, culture, profession, and geographic location.
- To become a foremost historical organization, linking other historical groups.
- To be a respected resource for education, research, and scholarship.

The Major Goals are:

First Year Goals:

1a. Volunteer program and chairman; increase the number of volunteers by at least 30 people. We are fortunate to have one of our new board members, Joe Melehan, as our new volunteer czar. Gayle Frank and Bev Blockie will assist Joe. Beginning in October, they will devise a game plan

for allowing members to participate more in Pioneers activities, and he will draw volunteers from the community.

1b. Internet public outreach. We have already improved our stretch into the world wide web. Our Pioneers Film Archive is a big hit on the internet, thanks to Bill Foley. Our multi-talented webmaster Tim Peddy improved our home website. We intend to use this incredible tool of communication to share information and attract people to our mission. Bill Foley, along with Tim Peddy and Mary Lou Lyon will prepare a monthly electronic calendar of events that will include all history, museum and library events that will be of interest to the Pioneers. In this way, we keep our membership informed, we provide a service to our many sister organizations, and we foster cross-fertilization with groups that share our vision.

1c. Fun social event. The planning starts now with Ken Machado, assisted by Jim Zetterquist and Professor Rose Marie Beebe, to create a fun annual social event for the Pioneers. We want to celebrate the pioneer families that came before us, enjoy each other's company in the present, and grow fellowship into the future. A fun social event will allow us to achieve this.

Second Year Goal:

2. Increase membership by 10%. Gayle Frank, as well as all Pioneers members will be ever-vigilant for potential new members. This will only be accomplished by a group effort. Remember, it never hurts to ask. Send friends and family to our website, and hand out membership applications.

Third Year Goal:

3. Inventory of all Pioneer collections complete.

1) Create a complete professional inventory of all Pioneers assets. This will be phased in over three years, starting with the Paulson House and its contents. The capable Mary Berger will head up this task, along with her vast team of committee members: Tim Peddy, Tudy Fisher, Joan Bohnett, Gayle Frank, Bill Foley, and Rick Helin.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped with our annual Admissions Day BBQ. It was a wonderful success mostly because of the leadership of Tim and Barbara Peddy. This is the first year we introduced children's activities, thanks in part to Barbara Johnston of History San Jose. We were fortunate to have many guests who had never been to a Pioneers event, and never been to History San Jose. As a result, we have new members.

The Pioneers are on the move.

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ADMISSIONS DAY BAR B Q PHOTOS BY DENNIS MENA



Klem Gets Top Award

The Pioneers Admissions Day BBQ was a great success. This year we added childrens games and activities, which kept our future Pioneers happily occupied. The recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award was announced at the BBQ. Gertrude Klem received our top volunteer award.

At a young 92 years old, Gertie is our most active volunteer, setting the bar high for all others. Gertie was a vital member of the Stevens' Estate Committee, where she tirelessly sorted, cleaned, researched and inventoried thousands of items that were donated to the Pioneers. Over an eight month period, she and her fellow committee members logged in over 1,300 volunteer hours. Her positive can-do attitude, her ever present smile, and her kind words inspired and motivated her fellow volunteers.

Immediate Past President Jim Zetterquist adds: "Gertie not only has earned the Pioneers Volunteer of the Year Award, she deserves The Stevens Estate Team's Most Inspirational Player Award, which might qualify Gertie for "Sainthood." Simply put, we Pioneers love and appreciate Gertie!"

Gertie never turns down the opportunity to help out, and when she takes on a task we are assured an outstanding result. Anyone who has worked alongside Gertie knows how fortunate we are to have her with the Pioneers.

--- Paul Bernal, President

PIONEERS HOST THE CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES The Conference of California Historical Societies was formed by leading local historical society proponents of our state in 1953. We were represented by Clyde Arbuckle, who became the third President in 1958-1959. San Jose was host for the Annual Meeting June 21-23, 1956, June 16-18, 1976, June 10-13, 1999 and the for Annual Fall Symposium September 30-October 1, 2011. The event went off very well with many volunteers making light work. We began with a workshop on Friday, September 30 upstairs, over the fire museum. Bill Foley presented his successful program of copying home movies and pictures to conserve them and the history of our valley that they represent. His interesting lecture was followed by two librarians, Lauren Miranda Gilbert and Sandra Stewart from San Jose Public Library's presentation of SCAN JOSE. This program puts barcode readers which smartphones can pick up to guide visitors on three tours, "A Walk Around the Plaza", "Tragedies and Calamities" and "Old Santa Clara Street." Other tours are projected. After lunch in the plaza, visitors were given a map of History San Jose to visit a number of buildings manned by docents. Friday evening dinner was at the Hays Mansion with the always popular program put on by Portraits of the Past, on the theme, Suffragettes in California. On Saturday morning, the visitors boarded a bus for a tour of the Bernal Ranch and New Almaden, followed by lunch by the creek. Boarding the bus again, they were taken to Historic St. James Square where they were taken to the old county courthouse steps and into two historic churches and the old post office. Dinner was at the Three Flames on Meridian with a power point presentation by Darlene Thorne on her collection of Suffragette postcards. Photos by Richard Kurkowski





Richard Kurkowski, photographer

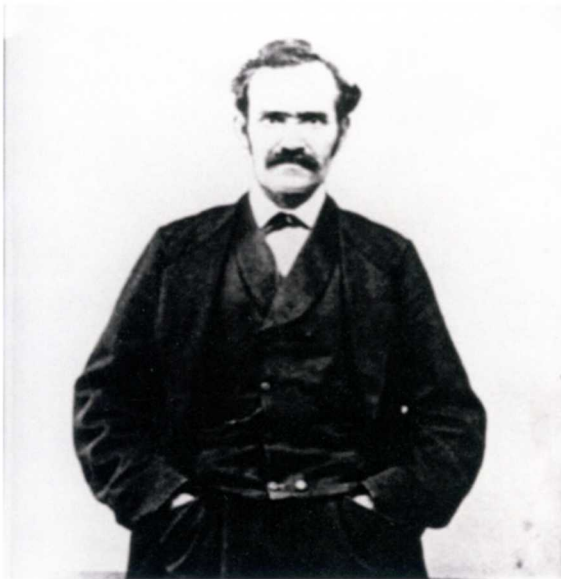
A Day of Remembrance Paulson House Remember 45'

We had a long and busy weekend and I'm just getting to a mountain of e-mail. Paulson House Remember 45' was very successful; the two day total was well over 450 visitors. Sometimes, it was wall to wall visitors. The elevator got fixed in time and was used repeatedly. The Park was full of very active and energetic people of all ages. A lot of Trailblazers and brochures were given out, many of whom have promised to join the Pioneers. We'll see of course. It was a success because of those who contributed their time and energy to making it so. A special thanks to: Jerry Rosenthal (the great story teller, he had people sitting on the floor around him) He brought memorabilia from his time in WWII and Ken Machado's Fathers Silver Star, and a great story of how he got it. Barbara Peddy brought Memorabilia from her sister and two brothers; one of the brothers, George, was there on Sunday. Bob and Bev Fisher (and family) Memorabilia from Bob and other Family Members. Marylou vonRotz, Joanne Souza and others who could only spend a little time there. Many compliments were given to the Docents by visitors for their great work. Even I got involved and had fun talking and showing people around! Tim Peddy

Herhold: A hunt for two historic tombstone

By Scott Herhold
Mercury News Columnist

"Prune King" Louis Pellier, in a shot taken in the early 1860s.... (courtesy History San Jose)



If you care about history, a headstone hunt seizes the imagination like a magnet. It gives us a way to decipher the past, honor our ancestors and learn where we came from. And it has a touch of mystery.

So when San Jose's official historian, Judge Paul Bernal, let me know that an intrepid group called In Grave Danger—more on them in a bit—was searching for Louis Pellier's gravestone, I had to pay heed.

A century and a half ago, Pellier was one of the most important people in the valley, the Gordon Moore of his era. In the mid-1850s, he and his brother, Pierre, had brought over

cuttings of the French prune to San Jose. It became Santa Clara Valley's dominant crop.

In 1872, Louis Pellier died at age 55 in an insane asylum in Stockton. He was buried in what was called the Kell Cemetery, in the hills southwest of the current location of Highway 87 and Curtner Avenue (On the freeway, you slice through part of the old cemetery site).

As befit a man known as the "Prune King," Pellier's grave was decorated with a solid 3-foot-tall marble headstone that noted he had been born in St. Hippolyte, France, in 1817. It was a just-the-facts kind of epitaph. But the stone had undeniable elegance.

The next year, 1873, Pellier's 15-year-old nephew, also named Louis Pellier, died of typhoid fever. And he, too, was buried in the Kell Cemetery, also called the Holy Cross Cemetery. The nephew was given a smaller marble stone.

Disrepair

Over the years, the Kell Cemetery fell into disrepair. Weeds sprouted around gravestones. Development lapped at the edges of the property. When Highway 87 and the light rail went through in 1984, the remains were moved to Calvary Cemetery on the East Side.

Somewhere in those years, the gravestones of the two Pelliers went missing. And the In Grave Danger group, which includes Bernal, Milt Peddy, Jim Zetterquist, Rick Helin and the young Bill Foley, was interested in recovering them.

In truth, their search was broader than that. The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County, the organization to which the men belong, also has looked for the missing headstones from the Hacienda Cemetery in New Almaden.

The way they found the Pelliers' markers involved a bit of serendipity. Peddy, a longtime Pioneer, was visiting the California Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, where he chatted with librarian Ralph Pearce.

Peddy mentioned his interest in the old Kell Cemetery. Pearce replied that he knew that a longtime Coyote rancher, Lee Lester, had preserved one of the Pellier stones. Lester, who once owned property next to the dilapidated cemetery, had saved the marker because it was being used for target practice.

Arbuckle connection

Pearce also checked with History San Jose, which had records showing the tombstone of the Prune King himself was—lo and behold—gathering dust in a History San Jose warehouse. It had been removed for safekeeping by former city historian Clyde Arbuckle.

So on a Saturday nearly two weeks ago, the In Grave Danger crew swung into action. They met with Lester to retrieve the nephew's gravestone. Then, the following Friday, they hauled the Prune King's larger stone from the warehouse to Calvary Cemetery.

That's where I caught up with them: The rescuers showed me both stones, which are in remarkably good condition for being nearly 140 years old. Though a detail is missing here and there, the engraving is legible.

The idea now is to find a place at Calvary for the markers. A single stone now honors the remains from the Kell Cemetery, including the Pelliers. Somehow that seems to cheat the Prune King and his nephew.

"There's something beautiful about returning a marker to its intended place," Judge Bernal told me by email. "When the two Louis died months apart, their families erected monuments to their memory. They didn't expect the headstones to be separated from their loved ones. We're honoring that long past commitment."

Bob and Irene Johnson spent their 70th Wedding Anniversary at their mountain cabin near Yosemite on September 20th with their son Colin, daughter Kathie, son

in law Richard and three grandsons, Bill, Mark and Eric. A good time was had by all. The weather was beautiful!

REMEMBERING THE PIONEERS IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

One of the best ways to support the Pioneers is through your estate planning. You can make a gift to a charitable organization such as the Pioneers through your will or trust. The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County is a 501(c)(3) organization and therefore your gifts are tax deductible. Ask your attorney about including the Pioneers in your estate plan or contact our legal advisor, Ken Machado, for further information. Ken can be reached at 408-280-7577 or email at ken@machadolawoffice.com.

JOHN COCHRANE, PIONEER RANCHER AND HIS MORGAN HILL RANCH

The A.P. Hill photograph of the orchard in bloom that hangs in the Paulson House dining room depicts springtime at the Cochrane-Jackson Ranch that was in the valley of the Coyote Creek just east of Morgan Hill. Given to the Pioneers by Gladys Jackson, it reminds us of what was the Valley of Heart's Delight.

Miss Gladys Jackson's grandmother, Aphelia Farrington Cochrane, the widow of John Cochrane, was a very well know ranch owner in Morgan Hill. The Farrington's were early settlers of San Francisco. Aphelia and her sister Emma came across the Isthmus in 1859 when their widowed mother returned east to bring her children to the Pacific Coast.^[1]

Aphelia Farrington, born 11/3/1845 in Bangor, Maine, was educated at the Denman school on Bush Street, San Francisco. In 1864 she married John Cochrane.

Born in Amherst, N. H., he came to California in 1848 via Cape Horn. His fortune came from the mines he owned and large holdings in various parts of California. Cochrane put together a large, dairy farm, that he called the Pioneer Dairy on 250 acres adjoining the Presidio (could this have been the old Briones Dairy?); he also set out the first cherry orchard in California after sending East for the trees.

He owned and managed the McNulty ranch in Colusa County, that was famous as the largest grain ranch in the world. Founded by Dr. Glenn McNulty, the McNulty had frontage of ten miles on the Sacramento River. Mr. Cochrane operated this place until selling it in 1869. After the sale, Mr. Cochrane moved his family to the Santa Clara Valley where he had earlier purchased the old McElroy ranch.

Being a proper lady, Aphelia Farmington Cochrane would not ride astride. Her saddle was from the San Francisco saddle maker, L.D. Stone who started business in 1849. According to Matson, the Carmel Valley saddle maker, Stone had discontinued using deer hair for padding in 1860. The Cochran Side Saddle, displayed in the Paulson House, is stuffed with deer hair and probably came down from the Colusa ranch when the family moved as we found the saddle in with the artifacts that came to the Pioneers after Miss Jackson's death. It is believed that the wonderful square grand piano was also at the McNulty Ranch before it came to Morgan Hill.

The McElroy Rancho was developed when the Pueblo of San Jose sold Pueblo Tract IV as part of the deal to finance the needed schools for the growing pueblo. The new Cochrane Ranch was located on the watersheds of the Coyote

and Packwood creeks, twenty miles south of San Jose. It bordered the Canada San Felipe y Las Animas (The Weber Ranch) on the north, just above where Coyote comes out of the hills. To the west, was Martin Murphy's Ojo de Agua de la Coches while to the north west was Fisher's Rancho Laguna Seca (Pioneer's President Emeritus Bob Fisher is a descendant) .

Mr. Cochrane put together one of the best dairy ranches in the state. He employed Swiss butter and cheese makers and mostly sold his products in San Francisco. For better access, he needed a road down to the El Camino and the railroad. He completed the construction of Cochrane Road in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane had five children: Emma F. died at the age of eleven years; Minnie B. passed away at the age of nine years; and Charles, the youngest, died when sixteen years old; Aphelia May became the wife of A. J. Jackson and the mother of two children, Alfred and Gladys; Elsie B. married Henry Doer and after his death moved in with her mother.

Mr. Cochrane passed away on November 20, 1899. Mrs. Cochrane continued operating the more than 4,000 acre ranch until her death in 1947 at the ripe old age of 104! In 1914, Mrs. Cochrane built the ranch house on a rise that over looked the 125 acres of orchard that they had planted along the creek bottom.

In 1949, the Santa Clara County Water Conservation District purchased the land along the Coyote for the anticipated Anderson Dam leaving about 2,000 acres. The water district moved the old frame house up onto a point above the proposed water line. The new site looks to the North West with a beautiful view of Anderson Lake. Gladys and her foster sister, Ruth Lowe, continued to live in the house and operated the remaining portion as a cattle ranch

The 1984 earthquake knocked the house off its foundations and rendered it unusable. The ladies moved out of the house to another property that Gladys owned in Jackson Oaks. Gladys passed away the day before Christmas 1984, some say of a broken heart from the loss of her beautiful home. Ruth survived until 1986.

Miss Jackson gave the 38 acres surrounding the house to the Pioneers. Gladys's sister-in-law left her half of the ranch to Clarence Unger while Gladys's portion went to Eugene Unger. Early in 1998, the county purchased the 1,700 acres adjacent to the house from the Ungers.

Austen Warburton along with Susie Wilson, a longtime friend of Gladys, convinced her to leave the 38 acres surrounding the house along with the furnishing to the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. Sister Emma took the name of her step-father, A. J. Van Winkle while Aphelia remained a Farrington. Emma F. Van Winkle, as she was known to the art world, was a graduate of the Hopkins Art Institute in San Francisco and is recognized as an artist of considerable note. She also spent some years in France polishing her skills. The Pioneers of Santa Clara County own many of her works.

A SHORT RECENT HISTORY OF THE PIONEERS

Since we do not really have a program that will give orientation for board members, a little history is in order: how we got to where we are and who did wha to whom with what.

The Pioneers of Santa Clara County became the owner of record of the Cochran-Jackson Ranch when Miss Gladys Jackson passed away in 1984.

Austen Warburton, longtime leader of the Pioneers, was also Miss Jackson's

eye of one of Parks real estate people. She failed to answer any questions put to her. She was unable to open storage areas where Jackson furniture and art were stored, and was unable to answer questions as to why the Pioneers had not been provided with a key to their property, with insurance policies and other items covered by the terms of the lease (Paragraph 5 of the lease provides "... LEESEE shall maintain appropriate insurance coverage which will extend to LESSOR...").

We noted that the grass, and in some cases brush, had grown right up against the fence lines and the out-buildings. The parking areas and the road also had great amounts of grass that could easily be ignited by a catalytic converter. The fire danger was extremely high!

We found that the new water tank was designed to hold 5,000 gallons of water. The Fire Marshall told the County they must have a 50,000 gallon water reserve tank. Someone in the County may have misplaced a comma and lost a zero.

We found that the house had been leased to a county employee at something over \$1500 a month. That person had several small children and a dog that caused some damage to the Jackson-Cochrane furnishings.

We were able to arrange a second visit to the Ranch but no one from Parks showed up and we were escorted by the tenant. At this time, we were able to get into the storage area over the garage to inspect some of Mrs. Jackson's furniture and art works.

The heat in the room has degraded the furniture and mishandling, heat and the sun has caused damage to the paintings. As we didn't examine all of the paintings, we don't know the extent of the hurt but it was noted that at least one of the paintings had holes poked through the canvas. There was mouse/rat damage to some of the furniture. The exterior of the building is in need of paint as I noticed some peeling on the exterior of the garage. The question of fire protection was not answered, so I notified the State Fire Marshal, but, we did obtain keys to the gates. Because of pressure brought by the Fire Marshal, Parks and Recreation began to correct the fire risk, but we heard nothing about insurance protection for the Pioneers.

The folks at Parks had failed to follow the BOS (Board of Supervisors) directives, had rented our property to County employees and among other things had failed to protect the Jackson property. Overall, the people at Parks and Recreation were at no time cooperative. Our Board then considered that the county was in default.

The Board started to remove our materials from the ranch and from Teresi's home; we made arrangements with History San Jose, as they already had a lot of our belongings, to store the Jackson possessions. That was the start of our current relationship with HSJ.

Some issues with the Willow Glen location made another move necessary. The obvious solution was HSJ. They made a meeting room available and the Pioneers' relationship with HSJ blossomed.

In the meantime, the Digital Clubhouse Network had been forced out of their quarters in Mt. View. I arranged a meeting with them and HSJ; the DCN and their Stories of Service program also moved to HSJ.

At my request, and with the approval of the Board, The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority came to one of our board meetings at HSJ and made a

pitch to purchase the Jackson Ranch from the Pioneers. After negotiations, an agreement was reached and the Pioneers became solvent. The price was \$1,050,000. with a non-refundable deposit of \$20,000.

At the time of the sale of the ranch (December 2005), the Pioneer's financial condition was approximately as follows:

Regular checking account		\$24,000	
Income, monthly	\$1,000.		\$25,000
Petty Cash			200.
Saving accounts			\$51,500.
Life Membership Account		\$19,300.	
CDs			\$25,350.
Net Worth			\$121,500.

Included in the figure was the \$20,000 deposit from Open Space. So, our actual worth before the sale of the Jackson property was around \$100,000.

The entire proceeds of the Jackson Ranch sale (\$1,030,000) were deposited by wire transfer in a new account in the Pioneer's name at RBC Wealth Management managed by Pioneer Life Member Chuck Evans. Evans not only managed our account, but was also the manager of the west coast operation of RBC. They did not charge us for managing our account.

The use of one of HSJ's empty buildings became attractive and after touring those available, the board selected the Paulson House. Barry Swenson Builder agreed to provide the architectural services at no cost and as he also owned a small non-union contracting firm, he offered SVC at no profit. Payment arrangements were that SVC would submit progress bills to our treasurer who would then instruct RBC to issue payment.

Gould, the architect, worked on the premise that the Paulson was to be a "living" house, not a straight museum. The rationale was to provide a meeting place, to display our possessions and to share with the community, i.e. Stories of Service, the use of the Paulson House when it was not required for Pioneers purposes. After all, Stories of Service was collecting history and need a small space for an office and interview areas. Our parlor was an ideal place to video their stories. The Digital Clubhouse Network paid certain costs for use of the building. DCN and HSJ sat in on all of the meetings. Gould obtained all of the permits – took 48 hours – and demolition started almost immediately. All went smoothly until PG&E told us that it would be six months before they would even look at our project! And, we would have to move poles and lines at our expense. The stress level went up (my first TIA) and political favors had to be called in... when it finally was over, no new poles, no lines had to be moved and no additional costs!

Because of dual use of the house, locks had to be put on doors, arrangements made for Pioneers to be present when SofS folks were there. The Pioneer office was the front bed room; the DCN office was to be the small back bedroom. At no time was there the intent to create a historically correct interior. We did try to change the name to the Jackson House, but HSJ would not allow that to happen. Programs such as The Day of Remembrance (now called Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive), recognized nationally, the Stories of the Fallen and the taking of the DCN national were hatched in the Paulson House.

Alida Bray, CEO of History San Jose, felt that the Digital Clubhouse was

very important to HSJ so she made much larger space available in the hotel. The use of the Paulson House by the Stories of Service program was no longer necessary.

While there was some objection to selling the Jackson Ranch, most of the objectors changed their minds when it became obvious that the County Parks Department would never follow the directions of the BOS, and Miss Jackson's will, to make the ranch a public place and a museum. We tried to follow her wishes, but later boards have followed their own desires and the Jackson-Cochrane family wishes have faded into the background. If there are any questions, ask me.

Jerry Rosenthal, President Emeritus

New Pioneer Members --July to October, 2011

We have received many new members over the summer. Keep up the good work and continue bringing new members into the Pioneers!

Russell Robinson is a native Californian and retired from Lockheed. His ancestors include the Zumalts and the Baileys who came to California by wagon train, arriving in September, 1849. Joseph Zumwalt is credited with founding the E Clampus Vitus group in the 1850s. Russell has written a story about Joseph that can be found on the Clamper web site at

http://www.mountaincharlie1850.org/zumwalt_story.html.

Russell's ancestor, Nancy Ann Bailey, is mentioned in the book "Shirley's Letters from the Gold Fields. The "Native Daughters and Sons of the Golden West" erected a monument to her and the California Pioneers at Rich Bar on the Feather River. Nancy died in 1851.

Russell has served as historian for the South Bay Yacht Club in Alviso and has worked to preserve the Club's history. He was a principal representative for the Club to negotiate and monitor the moving of the club-house in 1983-1985 when a new levee was constructed by the Water District. He also was involved in producing a DVD about the Club's history.

Mary Hanel was born in San Francisco and lives in San Jose. She is a Librarian at the Santa Clara City Library. Her expertise includes history and genealogy and she is especially interested in Santa Clara City and Santa Clara County. Her mother, Joan O'Keeffe Hanel came to California from New York in 1953 and her father, Stanley Louis Hanel, arrived in California in 1954 from Nebraska.

April Halberstadt arrived in California in 1963 from Missouri. She lives in San Jose and is a historian. April is a writer with twelve books published and two still in process. Her favorite subject is Santa Clara County pioneer Henry Morris Naglee. April is the former director of the Saratoga Museum and is very interested in local history. She currently serves on the Santa Clara County Historical Commission, the Sourisseau Academy at San Jose State and the Board of the San Jose Woman's Club. For many years April has been associated with the Collections Committee at History San Jose.

Hans Halberstadt arrived in California with his parents in 1945 and now lives in

San Jose. Hans is a noted author with more than 60 books to his credit. Many of the books feature his photography and a few of them, such as his book on "woodie" station wagons, are now considered rare and collectible. A recent book, Trigger Men, has just been translated into Japanese for the Asian market. Hans and April have lived in the Naglee Park area since 1973. Hans is currently serving on the Santa Clara County Grand Jury and enjoying the experience very much.

Walter Gil is a native San Josean and is a real estate broker. His mother came to California in 1925, his father in 1910. His pioneer ancestors names include Gil, Partel, Karnes, and Sabo. Gil lives in San Jose.

Ralph Pearce is a native Californian and is a Library Clerk at the California Room, San Jose Public Library. His ancestors, Reuben and Juliana Phillips, came to Cambria, California in the 1850s. Ralph lives in San Jose.

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Linda Lee Lester is a native Californian and works in business investments, as a rancher and is a homemaker. Her mother came to California in 1930 and her father was born here. Nathan Larabee Lester is her pioneer ancestor. Linda lives in Gilroy.

Gregory Taylor lives in San Jose and is interested in local history. His family arrived in Chico California in 1917. His mother is Nancy Rae Taylor (came to California in 1948) and his father is Larry Dean Taylor (arrived in CA in 1952.) Gregory was born in Sacramento but has moved to many locations within the state, always discovering the history of that area. For example, he learned everything he could about the gold country when he lived in Grass Valley and then, John Bidwell, when he lived in Chico. He came to this County at the age of 33 and feels "it is the greatest county in the world."

Dorothy Lanini is a native San Josean and lives in San Jose. She is retired but previously worked at San Jose State University. Her mother, Alvera Muzzio, was born in San Jose in 1903. Her father came to California in 1910.

Anne Louise Heigho lives in Los Gatos and was born in New Jersey. She arrived in California in 1976. She lists her occupation as "professional volunteer" which is great for the Pioneers! She is an accomplished musician and hopefully she can play for us on the antique piano at the Paulson House.

Jenny Ruth Walicek was born in Saratoga and now lives in San Jose. She is a teacher, tutor and writer. Jenny and her husband, Bruce, have two children currently students at UC Santa Cruz. Jenny's parents were also born in California. Her California (Pasadena) pioneer ancestor is Charles Fleming Clendenen (great grandfather) and later, her father, Roderick Clendenen moved to Los Gatos with his mother.

Joseph Moless is a native Californian and lives in San Jose. Joseph is a Law School Dean. His mother and father (Joseph Moless) came to or were born in California in 1906 and 1895 respectively.

Pioneer Membership Report

Bring a Friend to Join the Pioneers!

This summer, a concentrated effort was made to reach all those Pioneer members who had not yet paid their 2011 dues. We are happy to report that we have received 38 more paid members. Our membership totals 476 with 49 still unpaid. If you have not paid your 2011 dues please send them in as soon as you can. The label on your newsletter will have the expiration date of your membership.

Dues are still \$25 annually and can be sent to the address below. Life Membership is a one-time fee of \$250. We have also expanded the membership levels for those members who would like to contribute more to our mission. Please see the article on new membership levels in this issue of the Trailblazer. If you have any questions about membership please call Gayle Frank at 408-275-6889.

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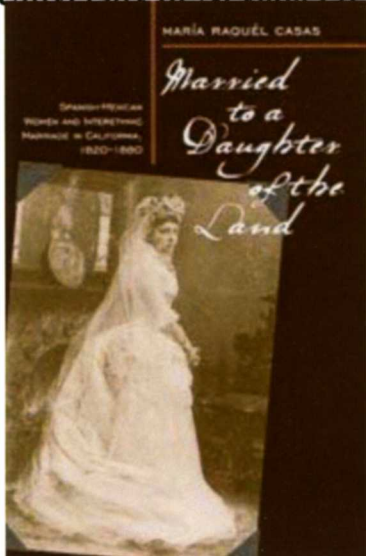
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Married to a Daughter of the Land: Spanish-Mexican Women and Interethnic Marriage in California, 1820-1880. By María Raquel Casas. (Reno, NV: University of Nevada Press, 2007. xiii + 261 pp. \$35.95)



In the 1870s, eighty people of Mexican ancestry who had lived in California before the Gold Rush were interviewed by Hubert Howe Bancroft's staff. The interviews or testimonios offer first-hand accounts of life on the far northern frontier of Mexico. In *Married to a Daughter of the Land*, María Raquel Casas draws upon the testimonios and other primary sources such as court documents and archival collections to analyze the significant role of Californio women in the public and private sphere, especially in terms of marriage, land ownership, power, and identity. The study of the Mexican period in California history is relatively neglected, especially in contrast to the Spanish period. This book helps to fill

that void.

Casas's first chapter offers a solid, well-researched treatment of the historical roots of Spanish women's rights to illustrate that Californio women's lives cannot be understood through the lenses of British or Anglo-American legal systems, societies, and cultures. The women presented in *Married to a Daughter of the Land* are strong, powerful, and influential. This book dispels, once and for all, the long-standing, romanticized stereotypes regarding Californio women. Casas does an excellent job of incorporating and interpreting primary sources to help set the historical record straight. For example, in the chapter "A Reckless Breed of Men," she provides a variety of well-documented examples demonstrating how the Californio women fought to hold onto their land. She emphasizes that even if the women were not literate, they were "cognizant of their legal rights" and even though "women, on the whole, faced limitations based on their gender.... they fully negotiated the social spaces open to them." (119)

Casas explores many important themes in this book such as gender and class, land ownership, race, interethnic marriage, socio-economic agency of women, patriarchal authority, as well as political issues that impacted the Californio women. For the most part, Casas's understanding of the testimonios is accurate. Unfortunately, there are a number of instances where she misinterprets the testimonios. One such example involves Apolinaria Lorenzana. (201-202, fn 28) For example, Casas states that Apolinaria "was given the surname Lorenzana after the bishop of Mexico, whose patronage had made their journey to California possible." (202) This statement is partially true: Apolinaria was abandoned in 1793 at the Real Casa de Expósitos [Royal House for Abandoned Children] in Mexico City. She, like all of the children who were dropped off there, did receive the last name "Lorenzana" in honor of the Cardinal Archbishop who founded the institution in 1767. However, Lorenzana's "patronage" did not fund the "journey to California." The journey was part of a 1799 colonization plan organized by the viceroy in which sixteen children were sent to California. Casas states that Apolinaria was accompanied by her "mother who soon married a soldier and returned to Mexico." (201) The children were accompanied by a teacher, María de Jesús Lorenzana, who had been abandoned at the Casa and had lived there her entire life. As an older woman, she was probably more like a mother figure and Apolinaria referred to her in those terms. Therefore, Casas's puzzlement as to why the "mother" abandoned the "daughter" is misplaced. (202) Before this book goes into its next printing, I would urge Casas to correct these misunderstandings and the many misspellings of Spanish words and names that appear such as "Lorenzano, and OsuZa (sic) de Myron (sic) for Osuna de Marrón." (219)

In spite of these concerns, this book as a whole is a valuable resource. It enhances our perception, understanding, and appreciation of the integral role of Californio women in the social and economic development of California during the Mexican period and beyond.

-- Reviewed by Professor Rose Marie Beebe, Santa Clara University, and
Pioneers Board member

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