

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Nancy Sherman

CHECK OUT THESE FOOTSTEPS:

The year is 1850 and the Honorable Thomas Oliver Larkin, former United States Consul to Mexico, is leaving Monterey for the last time. He will present his recollections of California History from 1846-1850 to the Fair Oaks Historical Society at the April 28th Meeting.....Members are invited to come dressed in the attire characteristic of the 1800's.....Heard tell that an infamous gambler from the Sailor Bar Diggins will also sneak in to entice you punters with his various gambling devices....



.....my informant is none other than our illustrious Vice President, Pete White.

QUARTERLY POTLUCK - GENERAL MEETING

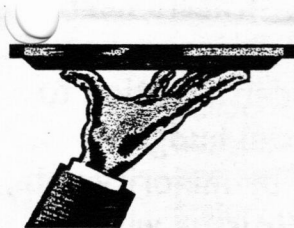
APRIL 28, 1998 — 6:00 PM

SPEAKER: BOB RUSSO

FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

7997 CALIFORNIA AVENUE

Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share with members.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: STEVE ABBOTT

Many things have happened since the last meeting.....First, we have solved some of our storage problems with the help of the Cemetery Board. We also have plans to solve the rest of the storage problems by having antique style cabinets built. Our counter top display cases will sit on top of the storage cases. Bob Vogel has agreed to build these cases. We are assured that he is a fine cabinet maker.....Second, we have a new antique display case, which formerly held

IN MEMORIAM: Please join me in extending your condolences to Gerhardt Steinke and his family. Gerhardt's wife (and teacher, professor, linguist, and editor) Elisabeth, passed away on February 6, 1998.

cigars.....Thirdly, we have made a formal request to the Sacramento County Library to buy and house microfilms of the FAIR OAKS PROGRESS and the SAN JUAN RECORD in the Fair Oaks branch of the Library.

- ▶ Pete White has been surveying various methods for inventorying our holdings and keeping historic records.
- ▶ Our membership has grown to 111 members as of this printing, per Darlene Aylward, Membership Chairperson.
- ▶ Your Board has confirmed the appointment of Lois Frazier as the History Center Curator.
- ▶ Bob Massey will start his short colorful presentations once again.
- ▶ Again, we can look forward to the FOHS Historical Exhibit in the Club House at the Fair Oaks Fiesta this year. If you have something to add to the displays, you are welcome to do so.
- ▶ In addition, we will also have an exhibit in the Fair Oaks Library during the month of July.
- ▶ If you know anyone who can assist us as an attorney, we need someone to come forward to help us write "a letter of indemnification" from us to the Cemetery District.
- ▶ I have a request in for someone who would like to participate in a short term project creating dinner placemats, using photo copies of our historic photographs, and also making these placemats available for purchase from our membership and the public. If you would like to help with this task, please let your officers hear from you.
- ▶ Due to an oversight on the action of FOHS Board, we will re-consider a motion to revise our Budget/ or rescind an earlier motion to establish a special budget category that sets money aside for a "building fund". The Board, by majority vote, elected to rescind the motion which established this category. This issue will be addressed at the business portion of our meeting.

As a celebration of the Gold Rush and the SESQUICENTENNIAL, come to the best dinner in all of Sacramento County. It's ironic that the best dinner in Sacramento County is held in Fair Oaks and across the street from the best restaurant in Sacramento County. Which goes to show you "that you can charge more, but you can't beat home cookin' "!

DOCENTS' REPORT: LOIS FRAZIER

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank the docents, Darlene and Mike Aylward who helped Steve Abbott and I open the History Center in March for our Open House. The dates for the next openings will be April 12, Easter Sunday and May 10, Mothers' Day. I will be hosting the Ottoman School fourth grade class on a tour of the Cemetery on May 19, 1998. Read on further and see the heritage that helped to create our history.

THESE FOOTSTEPS CAST MANY A SHADOW IN FAIR OAKS HISTORY:

What's in a name? What's in a name in a cemetery?

Ask Warren McWilliams -- he'll quote you the name and address of the former resident.....Ask Lois Frazier -- she'll quote the name and the family history of the former resident.....Ask Lowell Sherman -- he'll reflect and recall that former resident and his/her family members and pass on an interesting memory.

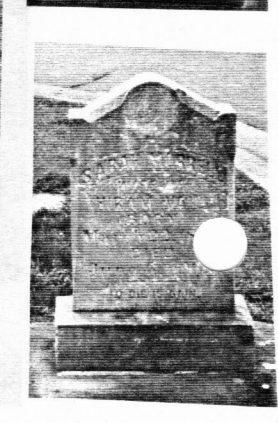
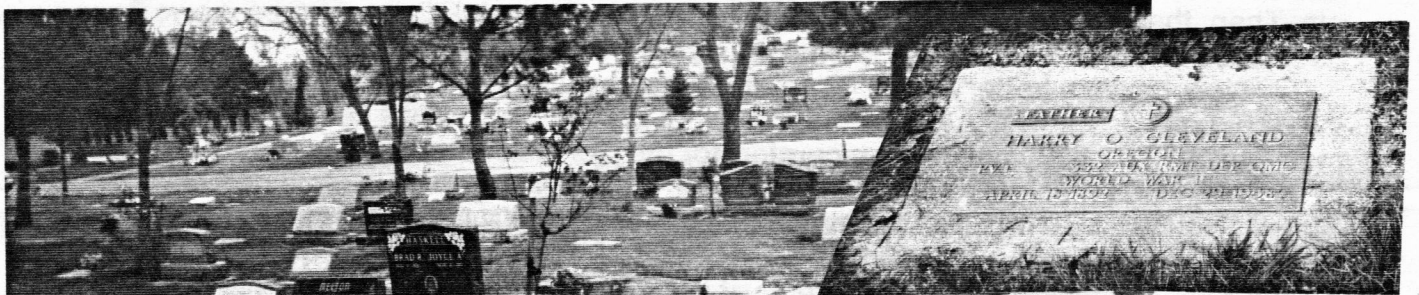
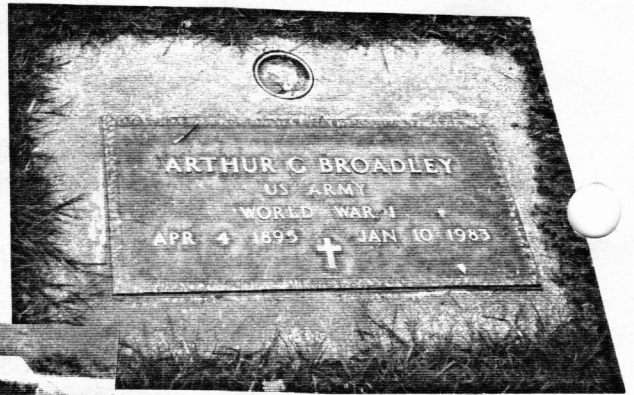


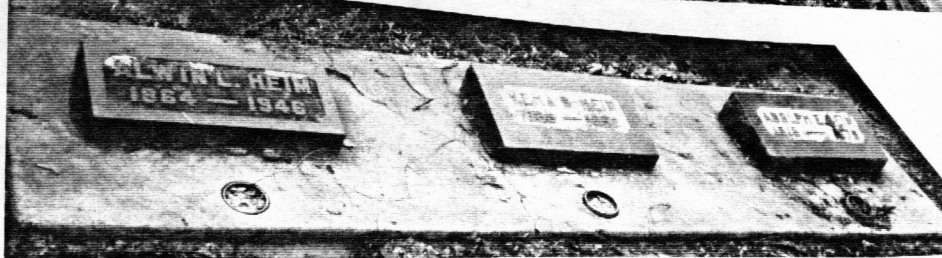
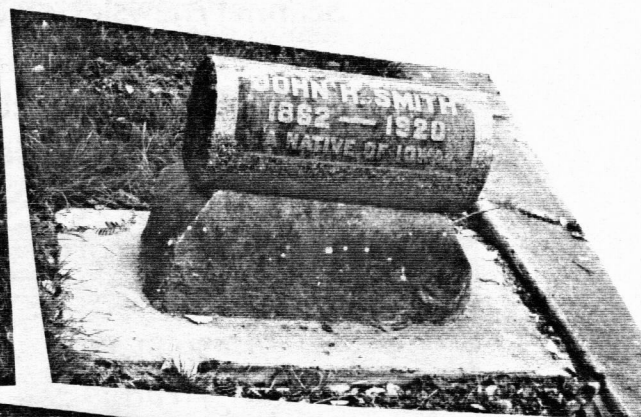
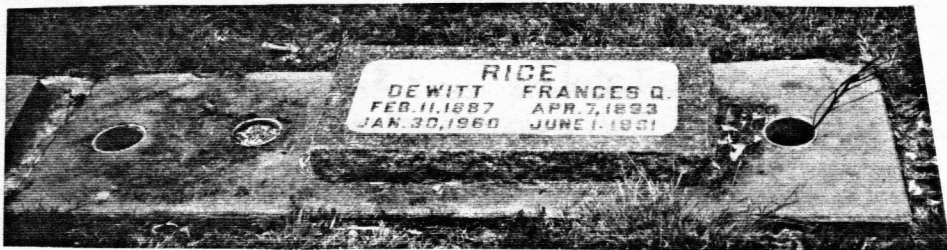
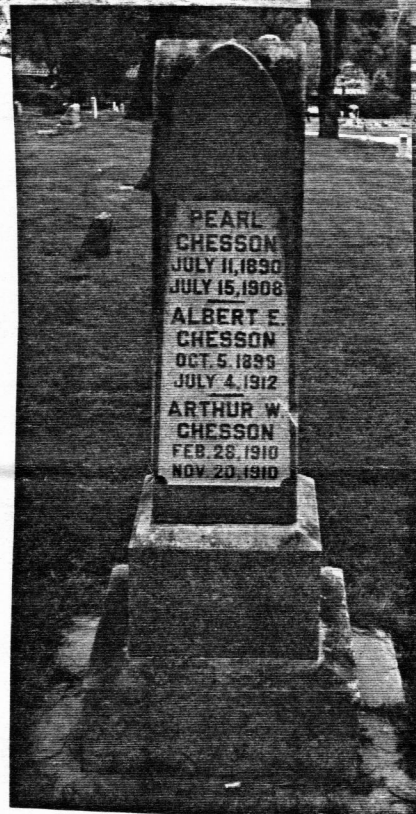
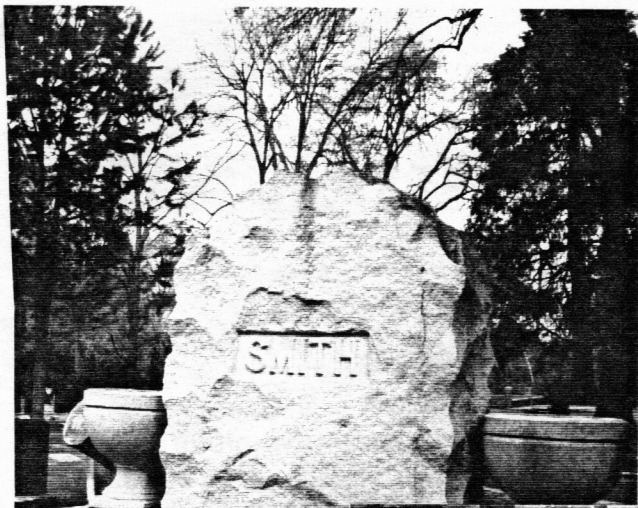
What's in a cemetery?

When I took my own tour with historian, Lowell, I was in awe of the many different historical events that I encountered. Of course, there is the obvious feature -- the names on the headstones. Then, there is the second most obvious feature -- the character/nature of each headstone: how they are different; and how they are crafted, etc. Then, there is the more subtle feature -- the plant material (trees, shrubs, flowers, flags, etc.) And the "plant-ologists" who planted the foliage.

Now I have a better appreciation and greater respect for my historian friends, Warren, Lois, and Lowell. And now I know why Lois is not only the curator for our museum but also the "walking tour curator" for the Cemetery and local teachers and their classrooms..... One hears the name SLOCUM -- aha! One is reminded of Slocum House..... One hears the name FULTON -- aha! One thinks of Fulton Avenue or Fulton's PrimeRib..... the name of MINNESOTA -- aha! One thinks the builder/resident on Minnesota Avenue must have been longing for home in his/her home state..... You see the gravesite of SARA VEIL 1827/1903. You walk a bit further and spot the gravesite of CARIME LIGHTNER 1966/1980. These two sites mark history: Sara Veil was the first person to be buried within the Cemetery Association's grounds. The national organization, MADD, (MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING) had its roots in Fair Oaks when a drunk driver took the life of teenage Cari Lightner and Cari's mother, Candy, began the movement..... and now I want to be a school kid again so I, too, can hear Lois, the **Walking Tour Curator**, tell us more about our history..... *AHA! Maybe we can get her to do one for one of the Open House dates???????*







TREASURER'S REPORT: LEE SCOTT

BALANCE AS OF 1-6-98: \$8714.21

INCOME: Membership : \$971.00
 Books and tapes : 8.00
 Wine and raffle : 171.00
 Repayment/
Centennial Loan : 550.00
 TOTAL \$1700.50

EXPENSES: Newsletter : \$ 204.28
 Office : 96.75
 Kitchen : 74.93
 Display Case: 377.13

 Total \$ 753.09

BALANCE AS OF 3-24-98: \$9661.12

FOHS 1998 PROPOSED BUDGET/Lee Scott

Balance: 1/6/98: \$8714.21

INCOME: Membership \$800.00
 Publications 50.00
 Raffles 630.00
 Refreshments 814.00
Miscellaneous 50.00
 Total \$2344.00

EXPENSES: P.O. Box \$ 40.00
 Newsletter 700.00
 Scanner/newsletter & 350.00
 Photo work
 Sac Area History Network 25.00
 Sac Co. History Society 30.00
 Refreshments 200.00
 Photo/slide repros 200.00
 Storage Cabinet 100.00
 Book/display case 1000.00
 Matting/framing 300.00
Artifact acquisitions 400.00
 TOTAL \$3345.00

Balance: 12/31/98: \$7713.21

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: DARLENE AYLWARD

Please join me in giving a hearty welcome to the following new members:

Ray and Sue Burmaster

Jerry Kendrick

Dan Scott Family

Gordon and Joan Heidt

Teri and Hugh Gorman

Vickie McGregor

will be voting on the following Life Members as well:

Gene and Twila Laird

Janet and Warren McWilliams

Major Russell Olson

NOTE: If you have received a 98 sticker on your name tag, it means you have paid dues for this year. If NO sticker appears, it is a gentle reminder! Unless you forgot and wore your name tag home after the January meeting, everyone should have one available at our April meeting. Don't forget to turn in you tag at the conclusion of each meeting. Thank you

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

President : Steve Abbott-----961-7174

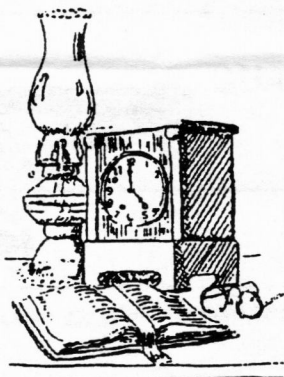
Vice President : Pete White-----967-2661

Secretary : Ralph Carhart -----961-6301

Treasurer/Budget : Lee Scott -----966-4040

Past President: Iva Langness ---967-5054

Parliamentarian : June Melvin --967-5605



STANDING COMMITTEES:

Amenities : Warren McWilliams -----961-9012

Historical : Bob Massey -----967-6197

Membership/Registration : Darlene Aylward -965-8707

Ways and Means : Roseanne Crandell-----967-2102

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

Auditor : Dorothy Dykeman-----967-6713

DocentsMuseum Curator : Lois Frazier-----967-2967

News Editor : Nancy Sherman-----967-1539

Publicity : Bob Erbacher-----966-2524



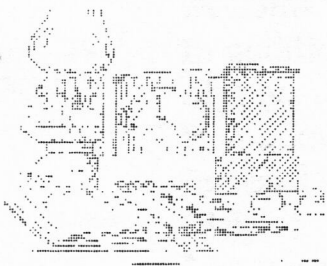
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FAIR OAKS CA 95628



FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPLICATION

NAME _____ **NEW / RENEWAL** _____ **DATE** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____

STATE _____ **ZIPCODE** _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

Membership fees for the fiscal year include:

*Dues are payable on
January 1 and shall
become delinquent
May 1 of each year.*

- Individual.....\$ 8.00
- Family..... 12.00
- Supporting..... 25.00
- Single Life Memder..... 100.00
- Family Life Member..... 150.00

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ number of persons.

Mail with check made out to **Fair Oaks Historical Society c/o Darlene Aylward**, 4205 Bannister Rd,
Fair Oaks, CA95628