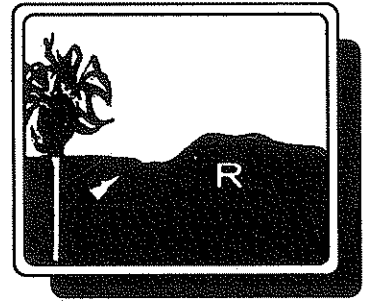


REDLANDS CHRONICLES



October, 2006

Landmarks of the San Bernardino Valley, Past and Present

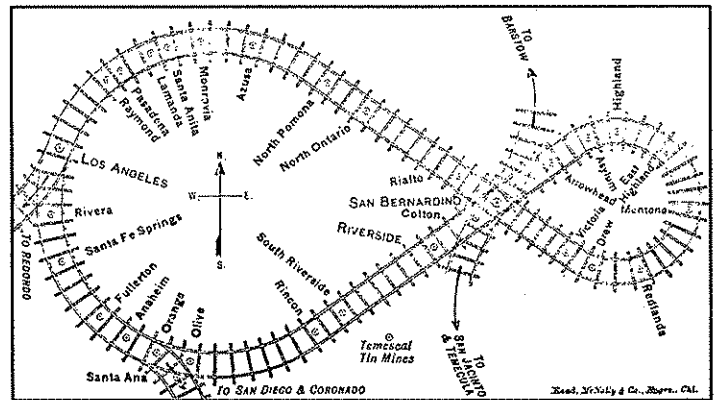
Mark Landis, *San Bernardino Sun*

October 23th, 7:00pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

The Redlands Area Historical Society meeting for October 23, 2006 is on "Landmarks of the San Bernardino Valley, Past and Present." Our speaker is Mark Landis, who has lately been writing local history stories for the San Bernardino Sun. His PowerPoint program is an historical tour of some of the valley's best-known landmarks, using a mix of vintage photos and postcards along with current photos. Mark began writing for the Sun as a freelancer in 2001. He commented that "writing this column has opened the door to some great experiences and best of all, it's given me the opportunity to meet a host of fascinating people." He'll be driving down from Victorville, after fulfilling

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A sketch of the "Kite-Shaped Track" from an early promotional brochure published by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Rwy.



Historic photo of the B.H. Jacobs home on east Cypress Avenue.

OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING

Wednesday October 18, 2006 7:00 pm

221 East Cypress Avenue

Marcus and Theresa Curtis will be graciously hosting the October 2006 OLD HOUSE GROUP Meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm in their "HERITAGE AWARD" winning home at 221 East Cypress Avenue.

Designed by T.R. Griffith - the architect who also designed A.K. Smiley Library - this beautiful Eastlake Victorian home was considered the "most expensive home in Redlands" when it was built. In 1976 when this home received its "HERITAGE AWARD", it was desig-

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A Letter from your President...

Most important this month is the tremendous "Thank you!" which goes to Walker and Renie Price for agreeing to take over the Old House Group Resource List and to Marsha Veiga for stepping in as our Publicity Chair. Both of these jobs are vital to our organization! Thank you so much for giving of your time and talents to the Redlands Area Historical Society.

This is a good time to do my annual VOLUNTEER commercial because we can not survive without all of your help. It is time for you history buffs out there, who have often thought about pitching in but never found the time, to make the commitment. First I will be calling for those interested in helping me man (and woman) the beautiful historic Morey Mansion for the Y-Alliance Holiday Home Tour. Yes, Janet Cosgrove has again graciously agreed to open her house to another home tour! Thank you Janet for all you do for this community and particularly for serving on our board.

Secondly, it is time to look ahead to June 2007. Yes, I know Halloween hasn't even arrived but there is no time like the present to start thinking about board positions for the coming year. Most importantly we will be searching for a President. The right person for this job is one who truly cares about the history of our area and preserving the past. Please let me know if you have ever had an urge to be President of RAHS. I know someone out there is secretly yearning to take over my job. Please seriously consider throwing your hat into the ring. We need to keep this wonderful organization thriving into the future.

Finally, a word about upcoming events. This is going to be an exciting year of change as we try some new fundraising endeavors. First up will be our Historic Walking Tours of State Street on Sunday, November 19, 2006, in conjunction with the Redlands Art Association's Art-on-State Street. We are planning several tours throughout the day for a mere \$10 to be guided by Redlands finest historians. Please join us as we stroll down State Street. We also have a brand new beautiful Morey Mansion ornament for sale. Whenever you stop by the A.K. Smiley Public Library Heritage Room or visit the Morey you can view and purchase these ornaments. They make wonderful gifts.

Just yesterday my family and I returned from eight days in San Diego's Mission Beach. We had a lovely relaxing time walking everywhere and digging in the sand each day. But nothing can compare with one's own bed and the serenely quiet tree-lined streets of Redlands. It was fun to get away but life is good here in our own little piece paradise.

Judith Hunt, President

Old House Group, continued

nated as the B.H. Jacobs/A.N. Dike home built in 1895.

Marcus and Theresa researched the history of their vintage home and discovered that it might have been built in 1895 or perhaps as early as 1885. They also found that the first owner - the B.H. Jacobs family - lived in the home for about 10 years. The second owners - the A.N. Dike family - owned the home for approximately 80 years but the home was actually vacant for 20 of those 80 years. Other owners included an attorney who was the only owner to remove items - including architectural features and period fixtures - from the home. Fortunately, the next owners - the Tony Springer family - began revitalizing the home. They brought in the well known painter Bob Bucter to repaint the exteriors. The Springers also embellished the interiors with vibrant Bradbury and

Bradbury wall papers. The next owners - the Smiths - enjoyed the home for 7 years. Marcus and Theresa acquired the home from the Smiths about a half year ago and now, once more, this classic Victorian home is filled with Eastlake furnishings.

Marcus and Theresa are "passionate" about everything Victorian. Their goal is to continue to restore their home back to that era. They have been working on lighting and fixtures as well as painting and wall paper. They found some of the original exterior trims in the basement and Marcus crawled out on the roof and balconies to reinstall them.

Marcus and Theresa love "everything" about their well-preserved home and its history. They consider it a special treat that they have been able to speak with many of the previous owners.

SEE YOU THERE!

Landmarks of the San Bernardino Valley, continued

his work day schedule with Southern California Edison. He designs electrical distribution systems for commercial and residential facilities. He has a passion for local history and has spoken to several historical societies in San Bernardino County.

His slide program begins with the valley's early founders, Rancho San Bernardino, Mission San Gabriel, Mormons and the founding of San Bernardino. Mark highlights the "beginning of the citrus industry in the valley and its evolution into the unique "citrus culture" that had such great influence on Southern California growth."

One of the aspects of the program that is near-and-dear to Redlanders is the section on the Santa Fe Railroad's highly promoted "Kite Shape Route" excursions that ran beginning in the 1890s. The "Kite Route" traveled on a figure eight shaped course that began at the La Grande depot in Los Angeles. The depot in San Bernardino was the crossing of the "eight" and the route's famous eastern "loop" ran through Redlands, Crafton, Mentone and Highland before returning to San Bernardino. The excursion made special extended stops in Redlands for day tours of the Smiley's Cañon Crest Park.

Our own Edith Parker Hinckley wrote "Two Girls and a Kite" recalling one of her first visits to this valley before meeting and marrying George Hinckley. Mark Landis will surely entertain us all with this tour of our past.

THOMAS CARROLL

ICE CREAM PARLOR,

121 Orange Street Redlands, Cal.

One Hundred Years Ago...

Reprinted from *The Citrograph*, October 6, 1906

"The people over on the Lugonia side of the city want a park - and they want it bad, and they are going to get it, too. What is wanted is a location on the trolley line, so that all incoming visitors over that line may not fail to see it. They want not less than thirty acres, and they want a generous supply of piped water, so that indispensable mineral may be on tap at any time. When the people over in Lugonia all unite on one proposition on one harmonious plan, they are sure of attaining their end. We favor the park proposition most heartily, and will do what we can to further the proposition."

Sunday, November 19, 2006

Redlands Area Historical Society, Inc.

in conjunction with the
Redlands Art Association's
Art on State Street

presents

HISTORIC WALKING TOURS
OF STATE STREET

Tours begin at 11am, 12pm, and 1pm

Space is limited!
For reservations, call (909) 307-6060

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\$1.50 EXCURSION

TO

LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, Oct. 31.



On the above date the SANTA FE
will run a Popular Excursion from

Redlands to Los Angeles

and return for \$1.50 the round trip.
Tickets are good for day of excursion only.