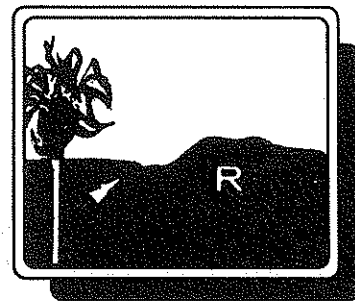


# REDLANDS CHRONICLES



February, 2008

## “Citrus Industry and a 2005 Man of the Year”

William T. Hardy, Jr.

Monday, February 25, 2008, 7pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

The Redlands Area Historical Society has tried to keep the theme of its February or March program focused on citrus. February 25th we continue the tradition with William T. Hardy, Jr., an expert on the citrus industry in Redlands, and the 2005 Man of the Year for Redlands. Bill Hardy personifies Redlands with his roots in the citrus business and the leaves in the sunlight of Redlands culture, charitable organizations, and civic leadership.

Bill Hardy is a lifelong Redlander. He graduated from the University of Redlands and has received the 75th Anniversary Heritage Award offered to less than 100 of all the thousands of University of Redlands alumni. His link to citrus and business involved the ownership of the Redlands Fruit Association, an international fruit and produce exporting association and past director of Redlands Federal Bank.

Bill is linked with many hours of service to the City of Redlands. He has served on the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board for years and was the founding director of the Watchorn Lincoln Memorial Association. He was the chairman of the 1998 expansion committee spiriting donations to complete the work. In 1988, Bill was a member of the Redlands Centennial steering committee.

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OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008  
11460 Terracina Boulevard  
7 pm

Roger and Ann Schmidt will graciously host the February 2008 OLD HOUSE GROUP Meeting on Wednesday, February 20th, in their 83-year-old two-story home located on the west side of Terracina between Brookside and Olive.

The Schmidts have researched the history of their vintage home and discovered that the first owners were the Gudmundson family. Descendants of the original owners have visited and told Roger and Ann interesting facts about the house and the people who

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*The Schmidt Home on Terracina Boulevard.*

A Letter from your President...

If you missed the program last month with Nicholas Cataldo, "The Earp Clan in Southern California," just remember we are having Gerry and Linda Brassfield make a DVD of each program. Just ask them for a copy at the next meeting. Nick also brought along an excellent Wyatt Earp impersonator in full dress regalia. Finding out that sixteen-year-old Wyatt played along the "Banks of the Zanja" in 1864, where I grew up, captured my attention.

I wonder if he trapped and killed members of the same gopher family I was still trying to wipe out in 1964? In 1864 those gophers were trying to get the corn of Nicholas Earp and in 1964 they were terrorizing young navel orange trees close to the Zanja. I received 50 cents bounty for dead gophers in those days. So you see, Wyatt and I have much in common. We were both sort of bounty hunters for a period of our lives and in the same proximity of the west!

Redlands Conservancy conducted a meeting to discuss the SAVING of the ZANJA January 17th. Several of our historical society members were present and we all voiced a common determination to save the historic ditch. Mick Gallagher, Redlands City Councilman, was there too. My days with Mick started in the early 1960s when he ventured east from his neighborhood to build hay forts at Crafton Dairy and participate in orange fights. Those Crafton orange fights can be traced to the decline in the naval orange industry. Green oranges, which are especially hard and hurtful, follow the same trajectory of a well-thrown baseball. New 1960 neighborhoods along Lincoln and East Citrus were filled with juveniles that ravaged the nearby groves. Maud Garland, who moved to Dearborn Street in 1888, spoke of the Judson Street rowdies that lived nearby. Now, of course, I'm not suggesting Mick Gallagher fit this mold. He just, by coincidence, grew up there.

Recent news coverage of the City Council reviewed the city purchase of Zanja water rights in 1926. The city really paid Old San Bernardino zanja water right holders for the closing of the zanja. The zanja was abandoned from Texas and West State west to Old San Bernardino. Zanja water was replaced by the city well located on Texas and Redlands Blvd. near the present railroad-bridge that crosses the Mission flood control ditch. Water was piped from this well to west Redlands effectively avoiding percolation and evaporation loss. This brought an end to the Zanja along Brookside Avenue, Barton Road and Old San Bernardino. Only traces to the shallow ditch remain on Van Leuven Road in Loma Linda or Orange Avenue in Redlands.

Sandie Green, Old House Group chair, continues her fine leadership last month with a visit of 105 Garden Street. This month the Old House Group is on Terracina with my previous Valley College instructor Dr. Roger Schmidt.

The Junior Redlands Area Historical Society is now an official club at Redlands High. They had one very active Saturday at Hillside Cemetery and have a candy sale fund-raiser this month. John Paul Frehner, the club president, is very enthusiastic while only a sophomore. The Redlands Facts had a story about them last week.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming programs with Bill Hardy, Jack Dangermond, Robert Hodges, and the June Ice Cream Heritage Awards program June 10th at the Carriage House in Prospect Park.

The Cypress Avenue Walking Tour had twenty participating. We plan to have the trip return next year in the form of an armchair tour of Cypress Avenue with a power point program in the library.

My son, Brian, gets married Saturday March 1, so I expect chaos until March 2.

Tom Atchley

Hardy, continued

Active in the clubs of Redlands, Bill is a past member and director of the Redlands Community Foundation. He was a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Redlands from 1977-1981. His membership with Noon Kiwanis is from 1979-1993 and 2004 to the present. He has logged many hours with the Family Service Association as well.

Bill and Frank Moore, past owners of the *Redlands Daily Facts*, tapped his leadership and council for the Moore Historical Foundation. The foundation published several popular local history books cherished by Redlanders today. Bill was president of the foundation in 1983 and 1989.

Very active with youth activities, Hardy is the past president of the YMCA of the East Valley.

Always providing leadership, Hardy was chairman of the class of 1966 University of Redlands reunion. In 1988, he was a member of the U of R Alumni Association. He was co-chairman of the replanting of the Centennial Grove at the corner of Colton and Grove Street.

Hardy has served on the Parish Council of The Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and also participated in decisions for Sacred Heart School finance committee. Hardy is a past regent for Thomas Aquinas High School in San Bernardino.

Redlands Historical Society meetings are open to the public and membership is \$25 per year. Members receive a monthly newsletter that includes Old House Group and Genealogy activities.

The theme for this year's programs is "History Makers." Bill Hardy certainly is a history maker for Redlands.

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## One Hundred Years Ago...

Reprinted from *The Citrograph*

Rev. J.N. Field, financial manager of the University of Redlands, has secured cash pledges of over \$40,000 for this new institution of learning. Calculating all resources up to this week, there is \$200,000 in sight, and none of the large and wealthy churches have yet been canvassed, the board determining to take the weaker churches first. It looks as if the \$500,000 desired will not only be reached, but passed. The University endowment ought to be at least a million to start off with. Over eighty students have been enrolled. The University of Redlands is an assured success.

Old House Group, continued

occupied it. One of the Gudmunsons was a musician and was thought to have hidden some of his compositions in an old brick kiln located in the backyard. Only a brick retaining wall remains and no sign of the missing music was ever found.

About 1949 May Gudmundson sold the property to Henry and Marjorie Noble who lived in the house fifteen years. When the Schmidts purchased the property in 1964, a former owner had converted the garage to either additional living space or an office. Between the original house and the former garage a one-bedroom apartment was constructed. Although not as well built as the original house the apartment has been very useful to the Schmidts. A number of college students in need of a place to live have stayed there. The noted Redlands artist Christine Curry was a tenant when she attended art school and some of her work can still be seen in the apartment.

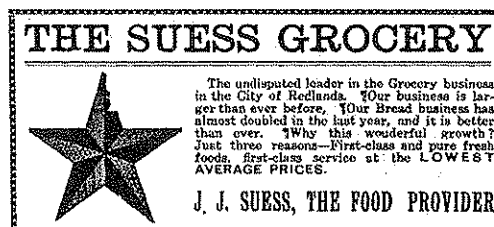
Roger and Ann have enjoyed their vintage home for over forty years and they look forward to sharing it with the OLD HOUSE GROUP February 20th.

## NEXT OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING

Wednesday March 19, 2008 7 pm

Home of Tor and Julie Shuler

610 S. Buena Vista



The building on the corner of Orange and State streets occupied by J.J. Seuss' Star Grocery, is again to be remodeled and added to in order to accommodate the rapidly increasing business. The whole of the two fronts is to be cement coated and the 40 x 40 rear building is to be run up two stories, the second floor, to be occupied by the bakery department. This will leave the entire floor and basement, 40 x 118 feet, for the grocery and delivery departments. What is now, and has been for years, was the original Redlands Pioneer grocery, started by Forest Ball on Citrus avenue, almost on the ground now occupied by the Citrograph printing plant.

## Redlands Junior Historical Society Helps with Hillside Cemetery Project

The newly-formed Redlands Junior Historical Society came out in force to help with our Hillside Cemetery project on Saturday, January 19, 2008. The club members are students at Redlands High School who are interested in local history. The club president is John Paul Frehner who is Board member Kathy Beall's son. Tom Atchley is the club's advisor.

Rebecca Bennett was the Function Coordinator. Rebecca contacted the Hillside Cemetery and volunteered to assist in greatly needed clean-up of some of the gravesites. Hillside staff recommended that the club rake and clean the Block 4 area of the cemetery that has a lot of oak trees which continually drop acorns that tend to sprout and are a maintenance headache.

The event was scheduled to begin at noon after the two-hour West Cypress Walking Tour. The students found that not only were the graves covered in acorns and leaves, but many were completely buried under several inches of accumulated silt. So not only did the students gain handy landscaping skills, but they also got a sense of how it might be to work on an archeological dig!

I fully expected the volunteer effort to last approximately two hours. However, much to my surprise the students kept up their work for five hours leaving the entire Block Four raked and cleaned. Over

900 gravestones were photographed with the burial inscriptions and pictures placed on the [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) web site.

The following picture is of some of the students that participated in the project. From the left they are: James Bennett, sophomore, treasurer; Courtney Bennett, sophomore, vice president; John Paul Frehner, sophomore, president; Andrew Kleam, sophomore, member; Rebecca Bennett, senior, function coordinator; Alice Chung, sophomore, fundraising coordinator; and Samathan Kleam, sophomore, secretary.



Many thanks to the Redlands Junior Historical Society for the tremendous job in keeping our Hillside Cemetery a beautiful place.

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## Cemetery Records

This is the final installment of a series of articles written on new resources that can be found on the Internet to locate cemeteries in which your ancestors might be buried.

### German Cemetery Records

[www.volksbund.de/graebersuche/content\\_suche.asp](http://www.volksbund.de/graebersuche/content_suche.asp)  
The National German Military Grave Registration Service database contains the names of more than two million war dead or missing soldiers in WWI and WWII. Unfortunately the site is all in German, but you can search by filling in the blanks for the surname and given names.

### Australian Cemetery Records

[www.coraweb.com.au/cemetaurs.htm](http://www.coraweb.com.au/cemetaurs.htm)  
The Australian gateway site for tracing ancestors has a category for cemeteries in one of the 40 different

categories. At the Cemetery Records webpage there are links to dozens of cemetery sites, organized by National, Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia.

[www.ozgenonline.com/aust\\_cemeteries/](http://www.ozgenonline.com/aust_cemeteries/)

This site organizes cemetery lists within the various Australian states and territories. Within each region there is an alphabetical listing by cemetery name and any additional information for the particular cemetery.

<http://cemindex.arkanglles.com>

Here is another free site is the Australian Cemeteries Index. The purpose of the index is to provide a searchable database for all cemetery inscriptions that have been recorded. It is not a record of the burial, but a record of the inscription on the headstones. This is similar to the [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) web site.

## Hillside Cemetery Project Continues

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2008, 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Hillside Memorial Park  
1540 Alessandro Road, Redlands, CA

Not to be outdone by the Redlands Junior Historical Society, members of the Redlands Area Genealogical Society met on Saturday, January 26, 2008 to continue the efforts to clean and document the gravestone inscriptions on the Internet website [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). The group focused on two of the older areas in the cemetery to help persons doing genealogical research that do not live in the Redlands area.

The picture below is of Sandie Green, Sue Hurlbut, Donna Hunter and Ron Running as they finished their work of cleaning and taking digital pictures of the gravestones in Original Blocks 5 and 6. Missing from the picture is Kym Winkler who has placed over 1,000 entries on the website. Kym not only photos the gravestone, but she researches the individuals and places historical information on each.



The group has decided to meet monthly, weather permitting. The next clean-up day will be held on Saturday, March 1. Volunteers are welcome. Please bring a broom and a digital camera. For further information contact Ron Running (909) 798-1289 or via email at [ronrun5@yahoo.com](mailto:ronrun5@yahoo.com).

\*Feb 16, 2008:

## GSOR's Ninth Annual Genealogical Seminar

Piecing Our Ancestors' Lives  
Magnolia Presbyterian Church  
7200 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA  
Pre-registration: GSOR Members \$15; Non-Members \$17; Registration at the door \$22  
Box Lunch (with pre-registration only) \$8  
Class Syllabus: Pre-order \$10; at the door (while supplies last) \$12  
2008 Seminar Pre-Registration Form  
Pre-Registration MUST be received by February 8, 2008

Keynote Speaker: Gena Philbert Ortega: Piecing Our Ancestors' Lives'

### Speakers and Topics

- Gena Philbert Ortega:
  - California Dreamin'
  - Read All About It
  - Elusive Genealogy
  - Genealogy and the Internet
- Elaine Alexander:
  - Seven Doors to Naturalization Records
  - Five Steps to Passengers Lists
- Nancy Carlberg:
  - Beginning Irish Research
  - Beginning Scottish Research
  - Tax Records
- Gene Cheney:
  - Emigration Research
  - Migration Research
- Lori Thompson Stark:
  - Ancestry.com
  - Identify Your Ancestors Through Land Records
  - Uncovering Clues Through Wills and Probate
- Sandy Walker:
  - Huguenot Movement
  - Jewish Research

---Contributed by Ron Running and Sue Hurlbut