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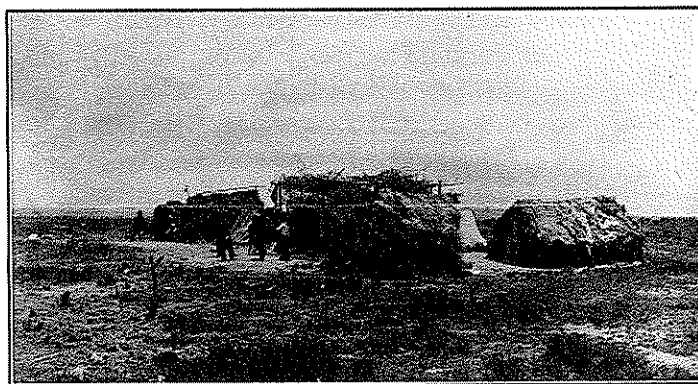
Indians of Redlands and the San Bernardino Valley Area

Britt Wilson, Archaeologist

Monday, January 25, 2010, 7pm

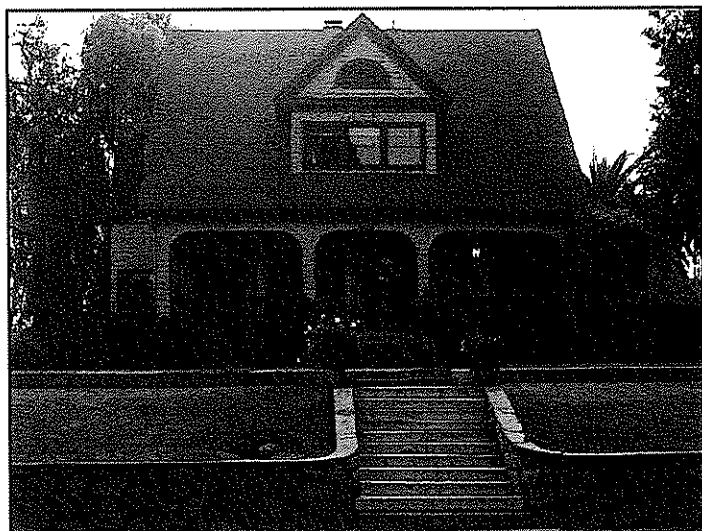
Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

The Redlands Area Historical Society will dig into the roots of valley history with a presentation on the "Indians of Redlands and the San Bernardino Valley Area." Prior to the arrival of Europeans, Native American settlements were located throughout the San Bernardino Valley including Redlands. Even after contact, several of these village sites remained active and new ones were established. Britt Wilson will give a PowerPoint presentation on some of these sites as well as some historic photos of Native Americans of the area.



Native american settlement near Tennessee Street and Brookside Avenue in Redlands

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The Sandstedts' home on Olive Avenue

The Old House Group Meeting

Wednesday January 27, 2010, 7pm

Arthur E. & Alice L. Reesor House

1603 West Olive

Lori and Carl Sandstedt own this beautiful early craftsman style bungalow near the intersection of West Olive and Bellevue which was built in 1908 by Arthur E. (1871/Canada) & Alice L. (1860/Illinois) Reesor. The 1910 census shows Alice and Arthur living at 210 West Olive Avenue within what at that time was Mission Township of San Bernardino

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A Letter from your President...

As the new year begins this letter stands as a reminder to send your annual dues. We tried last year to move the dues to the beginning of the Historical Society season with the first meeting in September. We failed miserably and found most of you paying the dues in January, our traditional dues month. So make our treasurer happy with the new year and use the envelope enclosed to mail your check. My dreams of retirement with a Cadillac drifted with the current recession.

We have been busy sprinkling our money into the community. We gave \$1000 to the Heritage Room of A.K. Smiley Library and another \$367 for an audio-visual cart for the Assembly Room. The old cart bit me more than once with electricity for both the Historical Society meetings and the fall and winter class. I'm looking forward to the electrical devices working on the new cart.

We gave \$1000 for the restoration of the Barton School House to The Grove School. The school has been moved from its Nevada Street site and hopefully has a new roof at this writing. One of my former students, Andrew Christopherson, a teacher at Grove, is managing the school repairs and delving into its history. If you have information please forward it to Grove School care of Andrew.

Last June we donated \$500 to Valerie Turpin. Valerie was a Redlands High senior and future college history major.

Last year the Historical Society also donated \$1000 to the Kimberly-Shirk Association for the 100th anniversary of the Kimberly Crest Gardens.

Our annual October walking tour of Hillside Cemetery remains popular. We launched four bus tours of the Mill Creek Zanja, a tour of West Olive Avenue, and another of Buena Vista Street. Buena Vista was a really crowded scene as the tour covered the sidewalk and much of the street itself as we descended to Olive.

Last summer during the Redlands Community Music Association's season at the Redlands Bowl, I was honored to present a Heritage Award to the City of Redlands for the Prosellis. The award was presented to Jon Harrison, Mayor of Redlands, and City Councilman Mick Gallagher. Standing tall also on that stage was Curtiss Allen, Sr. proudly managing the stage and Community Sing.

We are all going to miss the efforts of Sandie Green and Nathan Gonzales. Sandie has been the Old House Group chair and Hospitality Committee chair for as long as I've been a member of the board and longer. Nathan has completed each Newsletter for the past eight years. We hope to replace Nathan with Marie Reynolds with the January Newsletter.

Steve Spiller is the new Heritage Award Committee chair. We begin in earnest to select and research this month.

I attended a tour of the Burrage Mansion December 21 with the members of the Redlands Junior Historical Society club of Redlands High. The number of renovations taking place both to the interior and exterior of the mansion are simply remarkable. Tim Rochford, the owner, is the personification of a hyperactive steward. This is something the mansion and grounds deserve in their long history.

Let's hope the recession subsides soon this year.

Your president, Tom Atchley

Newsletter Deadline

All RAHS members are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Marie Reynolds at sccmarie@yahoo.com by the 1st of each month.

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Old House Group, continued

County. Arthur's occupation is shown as an Orange Grower or Farmer though it also indicates that he did not immigrate to the US until 1906. The 1920 census shows the Reesors owned 332 West Olive, and by the 1930 census the Reesors owned and lived at 538 Cajon and are listed as having no occupation, presumably they were then retired.


Original records are not on file at the City as the house was outside of the city limits at the time of construction. The earliest permit record at the City was issued in 1944 to owner Ms. Betty E. Teeple for roofing, followed by owner Mary Richardson (1946) using Burgess Electric to install wiring and the Home Equipment Company to install a gas furnace. Between 1944 and 2005 a total of 22 permits were issued for improvements to the property. Rounding out the 1940s the home received new roofing and electrical wiring. During the 1950s owner Charles Ziilch built a carport and storage, built a retaining wall and installed sprinklers, added a water softener, a meter loop, an electric range, and contracted termite repairs with Snyder Termite Co. Nothing is recorded as occurring at the property during the 1960s, but by 1977 owner William McCall again re-roofed the home. In 1985 owner Robert Harrigan added an air conditioning unit. and in 1986 owners Mr. and Mrs. P. Norrigan installed a pool on the property. In 1993 owner K. Hammontree reroofed the house. Permit records culminate with the present owners Carl and Lori Sandstedt rebuilding the garage, patio, and the carport (2003), upgrading the electrical service (2005), and replacing the heating and the air conditioner (2009).

Information on the ownership in intervening years is obtained from city directories and utility records. These indicate that the home was occupied by J. H. Beamer (Real Estate Agent) and Mrs. J. A. Gamble, (Attorney), in residence by 1919. In 1925, another residence behind the original home appears and W. G. and Julia Steeves, Norman H. Steele, and W. A. White are listed as renters.

The home is the winner of the 2006 Historical Society Heritage Award and is described in that record as two story with high steep gable roof, painted an olive green color with shingle siding. The center return gable dormer has red highlights around the windows and is further decorated with a half round vent in the gable. A wrap-around porch over an elevated lot allows for spectacular views of the San

Gabriel Mountains in the distance. A well constructed cut stone retaining wall faces the street below. This early craftsman predates rules which dominated later designs. Mark your calendars for the January 27th meeting and come enjoy a tour of this beautiful home.

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Indians of Redlands, continued

Britt Wilson, a Redlands resident and archaeologist, has been conducting surveys throughout Southern California on Native American sites. He has a deep interest in native cultures, particularly the Apache, Cahuilla, and Serrano people. Previous to working as an archaeologist, he was the Cultural Resources Coordinator for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. In addition, he has surveyed Serrano Indian sites in the San Bernardino Mountains near Big Bear Lake.

Wilson is also a volunteer archaeologist surveyor for the Bureau of Land Management. As a volunteer, he has recorded, on his own, over 250 new sites, including rock shelters, milling sites, etc. He has worked in Anza Borrego State Park, the San Bernardino National Forest, and BLM lands across Southern California in addition to his work on Indian reservations.

Wilson has an MA degree in Public Administration and a BA in Business Administration but clearly loves archaeology. He is a member of the San Bernardino County Museum Association, the Society for California Archaeology, the Malki Museum, the Dorothy Ramon Learning Center, the Mayflower Society, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He often surveys with his two dogs and adult son, all from Redlands.

Historical Society meetings are free and open to the public.