



February 2012

## GROWING UP IN REDLANDS

1920'S, 1930'S & 1940'S

Monday, February 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library



We have assembled a distinguished panel of experts who will discuss what it was like to grow up in Redlands during the 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's. Explore what a typical day in the life of a child was like during the 1920's. How did the Depression Era affect family and daily life? What were their hopes and aspirations? School life at Redlands High School will be reviewed. Finally, we will look at how World War II changed the lives of families here in Redlands.

Our panelists will include: Clara Clem ('44), Joyce Dangermond ('50), Mary Agnes Donald ('48), David Farquhar ('40), Jacquie Farquhar ('40), Gene Hinkle ('40), Armando Lopez ('44), Wayland Reynolds ('40), Sally West ('44), and Lois Fair Wilson ('41).

Join us for an evening of reminiscing and viewing of photos of formative years in Redlands. For the children of the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's your chance will be next year!

### A SNEAK PEAK AT MARCH'S PROGRAM

Our speaker in March will be Marsha Gebara who will present the history of the Redlands Bowl and the Redlands Community Music Association.

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## Old House Group

February 22, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

William Moore Residence

928 Cajon Street

The February meeting will be held at the home of John and Kristen Anderson. This Queen Anne Victorian is pictured here in 1988 as it was photographed by Mary Stoddard on the Historic Inventory Form during the Redlands Historical Inventory Project. This form indicates that the home was built in 1895 for William Nichol Moore, the founder of the Moore Brothers Stove Manufacturers of Joliet, Illinois. Records show that Moore came to Redlands for the climate and saw citrus as a good investment. After settling permanently in Redlands around 1900 he became president of the Elephant Orchards Packing Company. Around 1904 he also built the Spanish Revival home called "the Peppers" on East



*The Moore Residence at 928 Cajon Street was built in 1895.*

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## A Letter from your President...

On January 25<sup>th</sup> the Old House Group had the opportunity to spend an evening at the home of Char and Larry Burgess, known as the Fisk – Burgess Home. What a tremendous opportunity for our members to experience this nationally registered treasure, but to also see the Burgess's collection of Redlands memorabilia, art and the many antiques pieces that are original to the home. Thank you Char and Larry for your generosity!

Each January brings us a new year and also is the time when the Redlands Area Historical Society's (RAHS, the Society) Annual Membership drive begins. Your January newsletter included a remittance envelope and an orange membership renewal form. I would like to thank all the members who have already renewed their 2012 dues. I would also like thank the members who have taken the next step and decided in these tough times to raise their level of contribution status to the *contributing, donor, patron or corporate levels*. If you have not had an opportunity to renew your dues for 2012, please take a moment and complete the membership renewal form and forward your check to the RAHS post office box. Again, thank you to all of our members who continue to support the Society in the important mission of education and preservation of Redlands Historic Resources.

In the coming weeks we have planned several events for your benefit. The first two events in February are fundraisers for the RAHS. On February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> RAHS Past President, Tom Atchley will conduct walking tours of Cajon Street. Each tour will begin at 9:00 a.m. and cost \$10.00 per person. The first tour will meet at the corner of Highland and Cajon Street and the second tour will meet at the corner of Cypress and Cajon Street. Also in the month of February the Society will hold its monthly General Membership Meeting on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Assembly Room of A.K. Smiley Public Library. The title of the monthly program will be "Growing up in Redlands" and the panel of speakers will share their stories and pictures of life in Redlands during the 1920's, 1930's and the 1940's. Finally, the Old House Group will be holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 22<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, please see the article in the newsletter on this unique Victorian cottage located on Cajon Street.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> the Redlands City Council, Planning Commission and Historical and Scenic Preservation Commission will hold an official public workshop on "Historic Preservation". The two hour workshop will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 35 Cajon Street. Redlands City Council member, Paul Foster and the leadership of the Society and the Redlands Conservancy have been working together to plan a workshop that will serve as a vehicle for the City and the Community to examine the current practices and future strategies of historic preservation. The workshop will feature expert testimony from speakers on preservation strategies in surrounding communities and remarks from our elected and appointed city representatives. Thank you, Councilman Foster, for helping make this workshop possible.

I will look forward to seeing you at one of the many events that we have planned in the month of February and please come out and participate in the February 28<sup>th</sup> Historic Preservation Workshop. On behalf of your entire Board of Directors I want to thank you for your continued support of the Society's mission of education and preservation of Redlands historic resources.

*Bill Blankenship*

# BURRAGE MANSION

- by Tom Atchley

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June 11

*The Facts* reports the real estate transfer for consideration of \$17,500, from Redlands Orange Grove and Water Co., to A. C. Burrage; 17.57 acres in blocks 56 and 57, Map No. 10, Redlands Heights, west of cemetery.

July 31

Albert C. Burrage's 17 acres is being laid out as a park. Isaac Ford is doing a topographical survey of the tract. When completed on the plat an expert landscape gardener will lay out the grounds for planting the property—*The Facts*.

August 13

Work begins on a 250,000 gal. reservoir, Crescent Ave. retaining walls and stone gutters.

September 20

### A Moorish Palace Proposed Residence of Albert C. Burrage

Today Chas. C. Coveney arrived from Boston to take charge of construction of the magnificent residence of Albert C. Burrage. The property purchased from Redlands Orange Grove and Water Co. is just west of Mrs. George W. Bowers residence and is a splendid building site.

Coveney met with prospective bidders at the Windsor Hotel for instructions.

"The building is in pure Moorish style of architecture and in size and finish will rival any private residence in Southern California." Casual inspection of the plans appears the building will cost upwards of \$50,000. The floor plan is in the form of a letter

H, the dimensions being 100 x 136 feet. The house will face a little west of north, the main entrance being in the north side of the crossbar of the H. Around the whole house there is a continuous porch nine feet wide, the length of the porch aggregating 685 feet. The building is to be two stories high, the exterior covered with cement. The porch columns will be of brick, uncovered, and the porch floor of cement. The roof will be of Spanish tiles. Over the main entrance, in the bar of the H, are two towers such as are found upon mission buildings in Southern California, and two over the rear entrance upon the opposite side of the H bar. The rear entrance is finished exactly as the front. The reception hall is large, extending across this portion of the house, with a fountain in it and open to the skylight above. To the left, under the junction of the crossbar with the east wing or upright of the H, is the circular dining room, to the north of which is the living room and to the south the kitchen."

Plans provisions have seventeen bedrooms, and there remains unfinished in the second floor sufficient area for from ten to twelve more rooms. Cost of the dwelling, barn and stables and improvements upon the grounds will involve an expenditure of at least \$100,000. - *The Facts*.

September 26

### Contract Let for Mission Mansion of Albert C. Burrage

Contract filed with the county recorder for the erection upon Redlands Heights, of the Mission mansion of Albert C.

Burrage. Winter residence of Burrage family of Boston. Summer residence of Burrage just completed for \$500,000. The plans were drawn by Chas. Brigham of Boston, whom Chas. C. Coveney represents in letting the contracts. Brigham finished the Boston home in 1899.

Lynn & Lewis won the bid out of five bidders all of Redlands except Dryden & Pittle of Los Angeles. Here are the bids:

Firm	Dwelling	Stable
Lynn & Lewis	\$22,685	\$3585
J. F. Byrne	\$24,542	\$4174
Dryden & Pittle	\$27,290	.....
D. M. Donald	\$30,093.62	\$5530
A. E. Taylor	\$30,443	\$5530

Several omissions and alterations have been made since the plans were drawn. The style is Mission, or that of Christian, Spain, lacking the exterior ornamentation, which characterizes the Moorish. It is 136 feet by 126 feet. It will be constructed of brick, covered in cement plaster on the exterior, colored white and having red Spanish tile. All sides to have 9 foot veranda. The building is forming the letter H. Seven bedrooms with bathrooms for the family will be in the west wing; the circular dining room, library, living room, kitchen and laundry will be in the east wing. Central portion of the first floor will be occupied by a hall designed in the Pompeian style, with colonnades surrounding a fountain, the walls to be covered with rural decorations. There will be four guest chambers with bathrooms in the central portion of the second story. The servants' quarters will be in the second story. Two towers for observation

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purposes occupy the center of the main front.

The building is to be finished by January 1, 1901 and ready for occupancy when Mr. Burrage expects to come with his family to occupy it.

Stable is also Mission Style. Accommodations for half a dozen horses, a coach house and other rooms. Large swimming pool, tennis courts, lily ponds and a main terrace leading from Crescent. Work began yesterday.

**October 10**

**The Burrage House—Pushing work on the Foundations—Lynn & Lewis**

Lynn & Lewis, contractors for the Burrage Mansion are pushing work in short time allowed by the architect. 40 men and 18 teams involved in excavating, laying the foundations and hauling materials. Mr. Lynn expects to have foundations completed by next Monday. "They are being constructed in a most substantial manner, resembling a citadel or fort more than a private residence; they are so massive." "The outer walls, supporting the columns of the porch, are three feet thick of granite."

Excavating for the reservoir, upon the knoll behind the home is also being done. The reservoir will be of granite and cement lined, 80 x 50 feet in area and nine feet deep in the form of an ellipse. It is higher than the house and will carry water to all parts of it. Another reservoir on the site is 12 x 20 feet in area, covered with matched lumber, for water for domestic use only,

and a swimming pool, 20 x 40 feet in size, the water to be heated by steam.

The large retaining wall of granite on Crescent Avenue is almost completed.

The site of residence is one of the most commanding in the city. Broader view of the valley. "Enormous amount of labor will have to be expended to bring the place into the artistic condition contemplated.

In the absence of supervising architect all the work in under the control of Isaac Ford.

Crescent Avenue contract was to Lynn & Lewis \$4,000.

**November 17**

*Citrograph* reports interior finish \$15,000, plumbing and wiring \$8,000.

**December 12**

**Great Activity at the Burrage Building on The Heights**

A great deal of work has been completed according to *the Facts* reporter. The building may now be seen except for the two towers. Lathers all began their work yesterday. Excavating for the swimming pool in the rear court was almost completed with some of the heavy stone work laid.

This pool is 48 x 28 and six feet deep at the deepest part.



October 29

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**The Burrage Mansion Isaac Ford in charge**

The foundation is practically completed. Contract for electric wiring was awarded to Woodill & Hulse Electric Co. of Redlands. given.

Plumve & Jay of Los Angeles were awarded the plumbing contract. They have begun their work.

**November 3**

Lynn & Lewis have all the brick walls and masonry completed. Stone and cement swimming pool and steps from

Lynn & Lewis contracts have 65 men employed. Woodill & Hulse Electric Co. has 8 men installing 21 miles of wire.

G Walin, the Redlands manager, is in charge of the electric wiring. This company did all the electric fixtures and electrical for \$10,000.

Contract for fluming and ditches was awarded to Lynn & Lewis, 20 men working on this.

Contract let for a large quantity of pressure pipe to be placed all over the grounds, upon which work begins today.

At grading 30 men and 10 teams are engaged, the labor being done by the day. Upon the plumbing 4 men are at work.

# 1901

January 5

Richard Setchfield and 13 men plaster interior.

January 26

Burrage Residence is nearing completion. A. W. Bemis, private secretary of Burrage, arrived from Boston Monday. He will supervise the furnishing of the mansion.

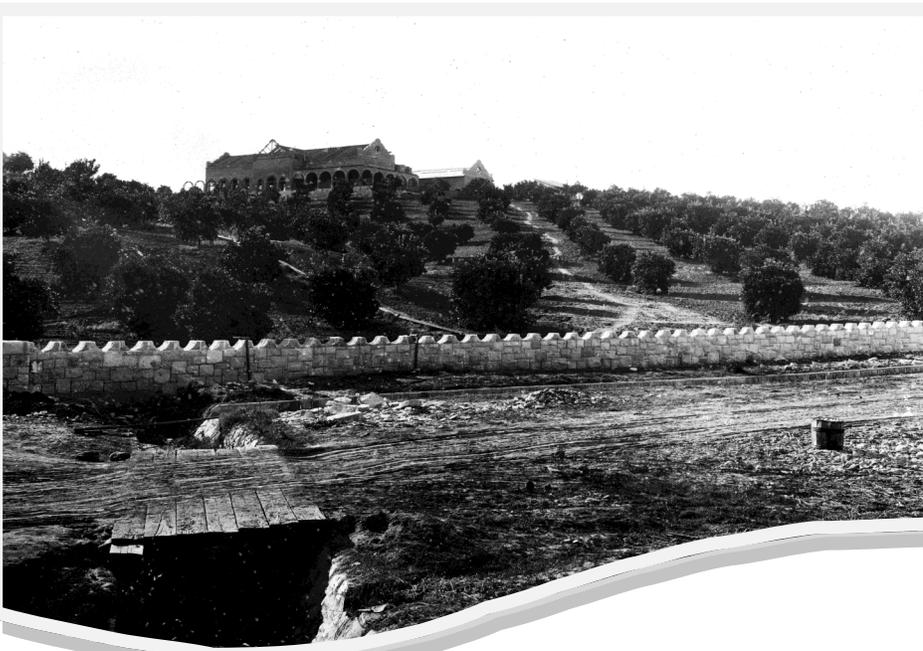
February 1

**The Big House, Burrage Mansion rapidly nearing Completion**

Brocatello marble flooring in the reception hall, old brass chandeliers, Mexican mahogany are adorning the dining room.

**Some Features of the Finishing---  
Army of Workmen Preparing to  
Evacuate Upon Arrival of the Owner.**

Fifty carpenters are at work on finishing touches, and some 135 total engaged in work on the house. Last car-



Contract for heating furnaces was let to J. F. Dostal and he has four men at work upon this.

The grand stairway from Crescent Avenue to the entrance is being completed. This stairway is about 15 feet wide, of stone and cement, and contains 100 steps. The stair rise by terraces, there being from 5 to 9 steps in a group with large landings between.

The large Crescent Avenue retaining wall is all laid, but a small portion is missing the cement cap, nor is the pointing all done on the face.

Four large orange trees are being removed from the brow of the hill in front of the house to the four corners of the front court. The trees are taken up with balls of earth about 6 feet across. This root ball is boxed and moved by block and tackle, operated by a windlass. Six to eight men are engaged in moving these four trees that are loaded with oranges.

December 22

Ornamentation of grounds by Fred P. Hosp of Riverside—Did Smiley's also



load of Spanish tiles arrived yesterday and are

now being placed on the roof. Tiles give the building a most imposing appearance. The completion of the towers, with their large ornaments in position, relieve the flat appearance of the building. Driveway walls nearly completed and gravel is used to surface the long drive. The grounds are graded and thousands of trees, shrubs and plants laid out.

Woodwork in most rooms is completed. Billiard Room, dining room and reception hall little remains to do. Billiard room is finished with quarter-sawn oak. The mantel is of the same material, richly carved. The dining room has a wide expanse of wood and the finish is of frontier Mexican mahogany. The mantel is a very large one, with carved ornaments.

The main living room is blocked off into panels by strips of wood four inches wide. The woodwork in this room is painted a dead white. The panels will be a rough gray paper.

The first floor of the reception hall is finished in Brocatello marble. There are large turned pillars and about the windows and doors small slabs. Between these slabs the cement walls are to be painted a deep, rich red. The upholstery of the wicker furniture in this room will be dark red silk plush. The basin of the fountain arrived this week and will be placed today. It is richly carved stone and in one piece. "It was exhumed when some excavating was done in Italy, and is supposed to be 300 to 400 years old." The reception hall opens into a balcony with a ceiling of

The bedrooms of Mrs. Burrage, her sons and daughter, are finished in white cedar. The bedroom of Mrs. Burrage's mother is painted dead white.

The many halls are finished in white cedar and the walls covered with dark green buckram. Guest rooms are finished in white cedar and servants' rooms in yellow pine.

Electric lighting is very complete with chandeliers and brackets and the interior hardware throughout is old brass. There is open fires in all the

rooms, the mantels being the same wood as the finish of the respective apartments. There is vitrified tile of various shades in the hearths and tile facings and the tile frames are of brass.

Hot air furnaces using coal of which there are two are used to heat the bedrooms. Wood is used to heat the dining, billiard and living rooms and reception hall. Nearly all the windows have a single sash opening into a recess in the wall above.

The barn is a neat little building and complete with appointments. Stalls for the livestock, consisting of seven horses, a mule, a pinto, a burro and a cow. There are already in the barn five pleasure vehicles and there will be farm wagons and agricultural implements.

Just four months ago ground was broken for this building. Lynn & Lewis, the contractors, have pushed the house and barn towards completion as rapidly as possible.

For a month now, supervising architect, Chas. C. Coveney, has been upon the ground and aided materially in hastening the work, sparing neither pains nor expense to get the desired material and have it put in place. Mr. Coveney said the house will be ready for Mr. Burrage next week, but not finished in every particular. It is expected a large number of workmen will be dismissed tomorrow night.

Feb. 16 p.7, c.2 Citrograph Burrage family arrived from Boston

Saturday the family arrived at the house and are now on the hill

Feb 22 p.2 A.C.

Public Library

March 18, 1901 Mrs. Burrage sent a check for \$20,000 to Rev. Foote Johnson to build the Episcopal Church on the corner of Fourth Street. The church is dedicated to Mrs. Aurelia Burrage.

strong, outstanding Christian." The Church is called the Burrage Memorial Church and was dedicated in April of 1904.

The Burrage family also donated the building lots and building for the Uni-

versity Club on the south-east corner of Cajon and Fern. Albert Burrage was a member of the club.

April 27 Citrograph \$4,000 Conservatory

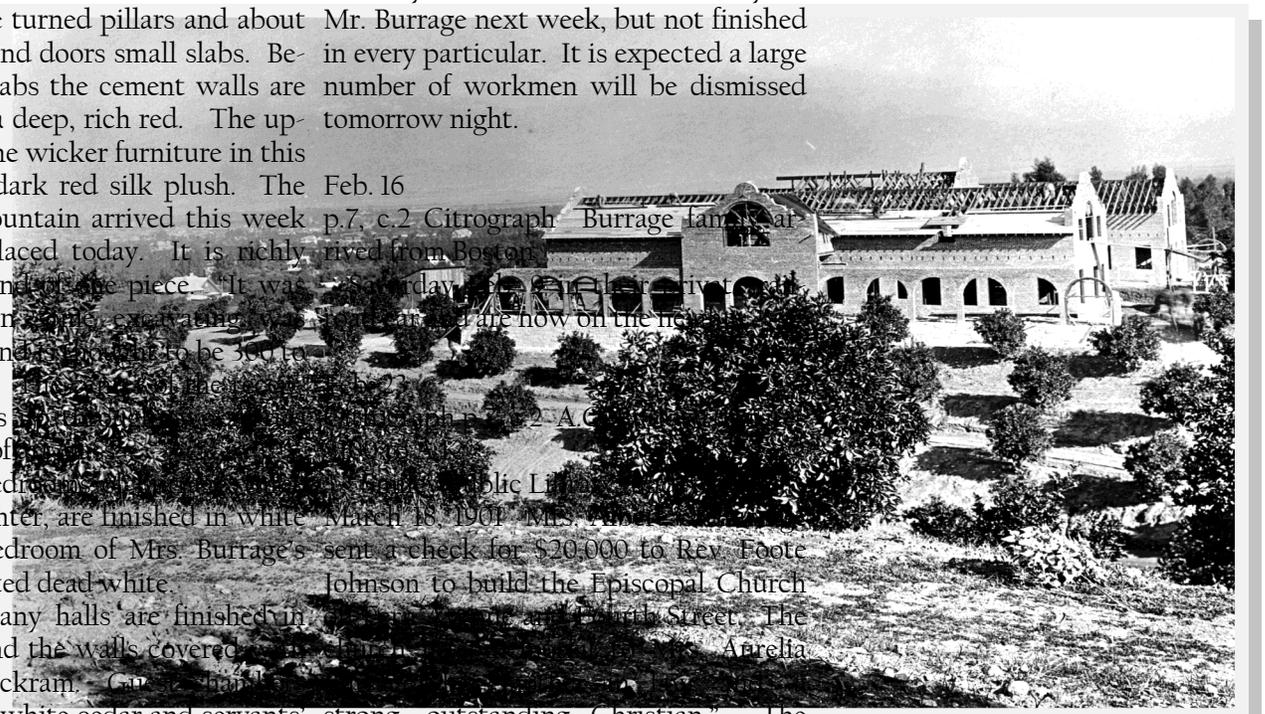
May 4 Citrograph p.2, c.1 Cost of Mission Style home \$125,000.

May 11 Citrograph Fred P. Hosp beautifying grounds. Also laid out

Canyon Crest Park p.6, c.3 Canary Island Palms, Sejo Palms

May 27 Facts Polo grounds under construction.

November 15 Facts Something about the man and his fortune.



# 1902

Jan. 11  
Citrograph Natatorium completed, col. 2

Jan. 25  
Citrograph Burrage family train arrives for annual visit

Aug. 2  
Citrograph Burrage Polo Grounds Building May 17, 24, 31  
S. C. Haver, superintendent of work plants 500 trees

August 5  
Facts Polo grounds completed.

August 30  
Facts Mrs. Burrage Church plans, benefactions

Nov. 10  
Facts Benefactions of the Burrage Family

August 8, 1903 Citrograph p.7, c.1 Burrage Placer County gold strike

Feb. 7, 1904 Redlands Daily Review  
Burrages on the Way to Redlands  
Will arrive from their summer home in

Boston where they just completed a Mediterranean trip. Mr. Burrage is one of Redland's wealthiest winter residents. Horses arrived several days ago, sent ahead so they would be ready for the family arrival.

Coming for the first time four years ago, Burrage came in a private car, which was left standing on the Southern Pacific track while he took a drive over the city. He was favorably impressed with Redlands and purchased a home site on Redlands Heights.

Bought property from W. H. Voris, Real Estate on West State, and Burrage pointed out the property he desired. He instructed Voris to locate the owner, the price, and wire him at once between Redlands and El Paso. Voris wired and Burrage sent a check for \$2000 as a first payment and was instructed to close the deal at once.

"Upon his arrival after the home was completed, the railroad track was lined with carriages and barefoot boys, almost as many as when President McKinley visited Redlands. Since then, Burrage has managed to keep his coming secret, and so far has succeed-



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Highland Avenue.

This Queen Anne home with its short tower is seen as a late example of the popular Victorian Style of a number of the older period homes in Redlands. Earlier versions of the Queen Anne style trended to taller towers.

OHG members may be interested in knowing that William Moore's income would have been boosted by the likes of outrageously high end products like this "Moore's Air Tight Heater No. 403B" (circa 1900 – 1910). It was (is) an amazing stove of unusual construction. It was constructed like a furnace within a cast iron filigree jacket with mica windows to view the fire, and the swing top has a gridded, nickel plated cookplate beneath it. In the original ads, the Moore's 403B was said to 'send a rain of heat to every corner of the room!' The Moore Brothers were the predecessors to Bergstrom Stove Works. The Bergstrom brothers; George and Dedrick had earlier in 1878, joined with H. V. Babcock to purchase the Smith, Van Ostrand & Leavens Foundry, becoming Bergstrom Brothers & Company, makers of plows and stoves. Stove manufacturing was important to the comfort of the expanding housing market prior to the installation of gravity flow heaters which of course has now been outdated by forced air heating and cooling systems.

Please join us in touring this lovely Redland home and congratulate the Andersons on their continued efforts at restoration.

For questions or comments please contact – Leslie Irish (951) 201-5742.



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May 1901? Burrage loans his family carriage pulled by four milk-white horses, for President McKinley's visit to Redlands. McKinley was photographed pulled by the matched team on Orange Street, Canyon Crest Park and two photos in Prospect Park.

April 5, 1902 Citrograph Burrage buys mines.

March 26, 1904 Citrograph p.1 Photo of the Burrage mansion

Dec. 12, 1905 Facts p.3 Silent Man of Millions A. C. Burrage

Copper Range Stock controversy was raging in 1905 and Burrage did not wish to comment on the controversy with the press. Article claims Burrage fortune began with either a \$250,000 fee or \$450,000 fee while council for the Brookline Boston Gas Company.

March 7, 1906 Facts p.8 Burrage sends horses to Pasadena Horse show

March 9, 1906 Facts p.4 Burrage Horses win second place in Horse Show.

April 24, 1906 Facts p.8 Mr. and Mrs. Burrage outlandish baseball game—strangely dressed.

April 30, 1906 Facts p.4 Burrage gives \$100,000 to San Francisco earthquake victims.

May 5, 1906 Redlands Citrograph p.7, c.1 Burrage donates \$100,000 to San Francisco earthquake victims.

March 29, 1916 Redlands Review p. 3 175 guests at the Burrage Mansion for a sit down dinner and dance.

June 26, 1918 p.6 Redlands Review Burrage wins court case over mine: Chile Copper Mine—owns 60,000 shares, 8,000,000 lbs. of copper.

February 8, 1919 Facts p.1 Burrage family arrives by special train

May 1, 1920 Facts p.10 Burrage sends Boston Orchid Show flowers to hospitals.

May 12, 1922 Facts p.2 A.C. Burrage awarded Horticultural Medal of Honor in Massachusetts.

February 23, 1924 Facts The A.C. Burrages are here for the weekend. Drove from Los Angeles to visit Redlands. Home is in Boston. Burrage is one of the great copper men.