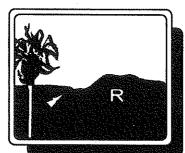
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REDLANDS CHRONICLES



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"Wyatt Earp and the Earp Clan"

Nick Cataldo, Historian Monday, January 28, 2008, 7pm Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library



The Redlands Area Historical Society begins the new year with a program on "Wyatt Earp and the Earp clan." Nicholas Cataldo, the author of *The Earp Clan: The Souhern California Years* will review the history of Nicholas Earp and his family in the San Bernardino Valley and "Redlands area" in the 1860s through 1880s.

Nicholas Cataldo is one of those persistent local historians who pursues history until he has the real story. His pursuit of the Earp family in the San Bernardino Valley is documented and sifted closely for the truth. This book connects our history with that of the Southwest and those few seconds in Tombstone, Arizona, which made the Earp's famous.

Cataldo is a graduate of Cal State San Bernardino and a teacher in San Bernardino since 1978. Over the years he has written local history articles for several publications; and is the author of *Images of America: San Bernardino*, and *Pioneers of San Bernardino*: 1851-1857.

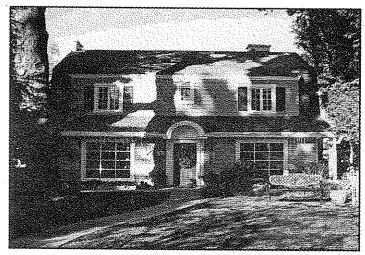
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OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING

105 Garden Hill Drive Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 7 pm

The first OLD HOUSE GROUP meeting of the new year will be at the classic Dutch Colonial home of Jennifer and Matthew Litchfield. The beautifully crafted two story house was built high on a bluff in 1917 and at that time was only the third on the street.

The Litchfields purchased their home a little over two years ago and have been feverishly working on it ever since. Projects include a renovation of all three-and-a-half bathrooms and a new "period" kitchen. An existing basement has been transformed into a walk-in wine cellar any collector would envy.



Jennifer and Matthew Litchfield's home at 105 Garden Hill Drive.

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A Letter from your President...

I was delighted to represent the Redlands Area Historical Society for the dedication and unveiling of the Heritage Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Redlands' plaque on November 3rd. Twenty-five years ago the Heritage Auxiliary launched a fund-raiser to send every fourth grader in Redlands on a history tour of our town. They continue this today with 1,400 fourth graders from every school, both public and private, participating in the tour this school year. Our past president, Judith Hunt, is one of the tour leaders.

Frank Moore, *Redlands Daily Facts* owner and Redlands historian, named the two majestic deodar cedar trees on the corner of West Cypress and Center Street "Mr. Judson and Mr. Brown" in honor of the two Redlands founders. Frank Brown drew a mythical fountain in the middle of the intersection on his 1882 Bird's Eye View of Redlands map. No reference to a fountain was every made by the founders in future years. The Chaffey Brothers in Ontario had a fountain built on Euclid Avenue near the Southern Pacific railroad tracks to demonstrate the fact their land development had plenty of water from San Antonio Canyon. Undoubtedly, this is the reason Frank Brown drew a fountain on the Redlands Colony map that was used to advertise the Redlands land sale in the Riverside Press and Horticulturist newspaper.

E. J. Waite bought two-and-a-half acres of land on the northwest corner of Cypress and Center in 1882 and planted the first navel orange grove in Redlands. Waite would eventually build his Queen Anne Victorian home on the same corner in 1891. The first Episcopal Church in Redlands was also built near the corner in 1886. Dr. Ellen Seymour began managing the Prospect House in 1883. The good doctor did not wish common laborers sleeping in the Prospect Hotel any longer. Judson and Brown built a storage barn and labor headquarters on the northeast corner of Cypress and Center to accommodate the road graders, pipe layers and curb builders. George Stone and his brother built their home on the southwest corner in 1904. Gerrard's Market removed the home with their building in the 1960s. On the same corner 600 feet west, Frank Brown built, in 1882, the first plastered home in Redlands with both telephone and telegraph service. Both Judson and Brown had lived in Lugonia since 1877. Construction on the southeast corner of Cypress and Center began in 1901 for the Holsten residence. The Fairchild family lives in this home today and built the "new" carriage barn in 2007.

While applying for permits for the carriage barn, the city informed the Fairchilds that removal of one of the deodar cedars would be required.

Tish Sandos, Heritage Auxiliary member and tour guide, was outraged to learn that either Mr. Judson or Mr. Brown might be removed and launched the "Historic Corner" project with a beautiful ashlar-cut granite monument dedicated to the trees and our founders. She located local artisan and rock cutter Gary Kasler to construct the pedestal and mount the brass plaque.

The event fell on the 25th Anniversary of the Heritage Auxiliary tours for fourth graders. A fourth grader from every school in the Redlands School District boundaries attended the dedication carrying signs from their respective schools. Mayor Jon Harrison and a Judson and Brown elementary student and Kingsbury student unveiled the monument.

On this positive note that history IS appreciated in Redlands, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tom Atchley

Newsletter Deadline

All RAHS members are encouraged to submit articles for the Redlands Chronicles to Nathan Gonzales at ngonzales@akspl.org by the 1st of each month.

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Old House Group, continued

Matthew and Jennifer have taken the time to learn about the period of their classic home and have corrected many former renovations. Their goal has been to return the house to the way it might have looked in the early years of the last century yet practical for a young family today. Outside a former parking area has become a small swimming pool for a son and daughter six and nine. There is a lovely patio area with mature shade trees which the entire family enjoys throughout the year.

Jennifer and Matthew and their two small children enjoy their one-of-a-kind home and garden. They look forward to sharing their hard work with the Old House Group and hope to learn more history of their charming "new" old house.

See you there on January 16th at 7 pm!

NEXT OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING Wednesday February 20, 2008 7pm Home of Roger and Ann Schmidt 11460 Terracina

Earp Clan, continued

He writes a bi-weekly local history column for the San Bernardino Sun. He has been active with the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society since 1980. He is the past-president and editor of publications and now a member of the Board of Directors.

Cataldo has regular history jaunts into Cajon Pass and other points of historical interpretation.

Cataldo discovered that Nicolas Earp settled on rented land owned by the Carpenter family in 1860s Crafton. The ranch was ten miles from San Bernardino with ten acres of peach and apple orchard and 35 acres in grapes. Nicholas Earp commented on the fine climate April 2, 1865 and the peace and freedom of avoiding the Civil War while living here.

This past year, Cataldo and Tom Atchley walked the edge of the Mill Creek Zanja in the section believed to be ranched by Nicholas Earp and family.

The program is free to the public at 7:00 p.m. A. K. Smiley Library Assembly Room. DVDs of the program may be purchased for \$15.00 from Gerry and Linda Brassfield of Blue Eagle Video. Cataldo will have copies of his book available for sale at the program.

Walking Tour of West Cypress Avenue

The Redlands Area Historical Society will conduct a walking tour of Cypress Avenue Saturday, January 19th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Cypress Villas leasing office at 301 East Cypress Avenue. The tour will end at the parking lot of Cope Middle School or 1000 West Cypress. The tour leaders are Tom Atchley, president, and Ron Running, board member, of the historical society. The tour fee is \$10.00 per person with the proceeds going toward the historical society publication fund.

West Cypress boasts many architectural styles with Victorian homes, California Bungalow, Classic Box, Spanish Revival, and California Ranch. Cypress Avenue was the first street in Redlands influenced by the Levitt model homes constructed in New York at the end of World War II. Redlands even copied the naming of the subdivision streets with the "L" from Levitt & Sons Long Island 1947 suburban community. Redlands didn't bulldoze a potato patch like Levitt did. We began the systematic removal of orange groves for large subdivisions. The streets are now named Lemon, Lime and Lytle, and they are our Levitt town.

Several historical society Heritage Homes are along the tour route, including the Jacobs 1895 Victorian, 130 East Cypress, Holsten 1901 Fairchild home, Waite Queen Anne Victorian 1891, and the Frank Brown 1882 modified home. Several other homes may qualify for Heritage Home designation in the near future.

Places of historical interest include the corner of Cypress and Center Street, J. S. Edwards's 1882 first home, Cypress Court, and Fourth Street clinker-brink neighborhoods. One 1920 neighborhood would eventually violate the 1964 Civil Rights Act with an exclusionary contract requirement not to sell to minorities. Evidently Redlands was not always a community that practiced tolerance.

On a national note, Kingsbury Grammar School began the morning school ritual of the Pledge of Allegiance in 1898, thanks to Mary Fackler, first grade teacher.

The tour is planned for just under two hours. Dogs are welcome on a leash and well-behaved. Dress in comfortable shoes and plan on several street-crossing adventures dodging traffic. If the weather proves to be uncooperative, the tour will be moved to the following Saturday.