



REDLANDS CHRONICLES

October 2012

Hatfield Buick: 100 years & Going Strong

Monday, October 22, 2012. 7:00 p.m.
Assembly Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library
125 W. Vine Street

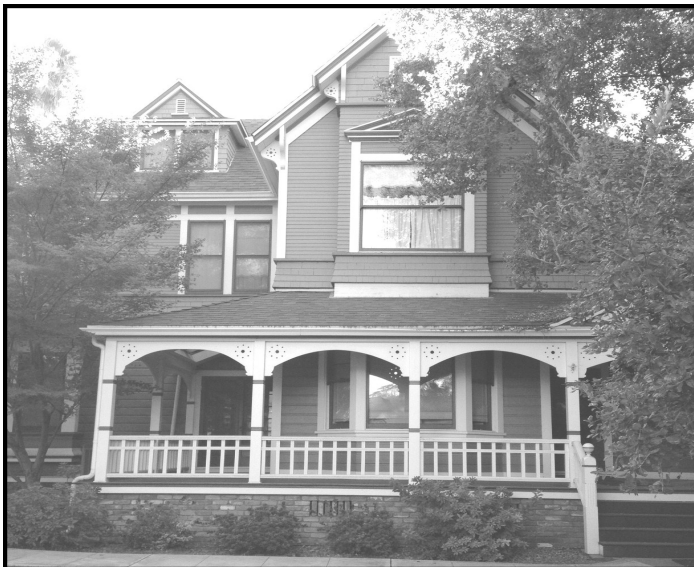
Our speaker for October will be Bill Hatfield, president of the Hatfield Buick GMC dealership. Established in 1913, Hatfield Buick will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year. Bill's grandfather Bert Hatfield started the company which originally was located on West State Street in Redlands. In 1953 Bill's father, John and uncle, Bob, joined the company after their service in World War II.

As the country's oldest Buick dealership, Hatfield Buick has endured its share of hardships over the years. The company started after Redlands suffered the crippling 1913 freeze. In 1942, General Motors stopped manufacturing Buicks during the war years. More recently the company survived a potential closing due to the economic troubles facing General Motors.

Bill Hatfield has worked for the company since 1974. He was honored in 2003 as Redlands Man of the Year.



Bill Hatfield, center, will be our October speaker.



The Edward Judson home was constructed in 1888.

Old House Group

Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
E.G. Judson Home
653 W. Highland Avenue

We begin the 2012-2013 Old House Group Season at the home of one of the founding fathers of Redlands.

Dr. Murray Brandstater has graciously agreed to help us kick off our celebration of the upcoming City of Redlands, 125th birthday, with a tour of his (E.G. Judson) home. This property was the recipient of a 1982 Heritage Award. The home was built by Jerome Seymour of Seymour Planning and Mill in 1888 for a disclosed sum of \$4000.

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A Letter from your President...

Greetings to all of our members . . . October is here and fall has finally arrived after what has been an amazingly hot August and September. The month of October brings not only the changing of the leaves but school carnivals, Oktoberfest and the many homecoming celebrations at our local high schools and our beautiful university. Fall is a time to celebrate what is special in Redlands.

Redlands Area Historical Society (RAHS) began the fall celebration just one week early with the official kickoff of Historic Preservation Week. This year Redlands City Council officially proclaimed the week of September 16th – 21st as *Historic Preservation Week*. In the proclamation the Council encouraged its residents to increase their awareness of the many historic resources which are a part of the heritage of our city and was signed by Mayor Pete Aguilar.

As part of the week's activities there were two standout events that were sponsored by the Redlands Area Historical Society and deserve mention. The first event was held on Monday, September 17th at the Contemporary Club and was a lecture titled "Mission School: A History" lead by **RAHS Immediate Past President, Tom Atchley**. The lecture had nearly one hundred RAHS members and guests in attendance and many of the attendees were former students of the Mission School. Mr. Atchley recently produced a book on the history of Mission School that was published by the San Bernardino County Museum Association. The second event was the annual Old House Group potluck dinner which was held in partnership with the Redlands Conservancy. The dinner was held at the Mission Gables Bowl House in the Talbert Courtyard.

The evening had several highlights. First, each attendee brought their favorite homemade main course, side dish and dessert, what a treat! Second, each attendee was treated to a tour of the expertly restored Bowl House from **Jeff Waldron, Chairman of the Board of the Redlands Community Music Association (RCMA)**. Third, President Waldron shared with the group the Bowl House story and the many hurdles that were overcome to save the house. The house has now joined the growing list of Redlands community historic treasures that have been saved because of the hard work of our community members. I would like to specially recognize **RAHS Board Member, Leslie Irish** and her daughter for handling all of details for this year's Annual potluck. In my years as a member of RAHS we have never had a more successful potluck, thank you Leslie for a job well done! I would also like to thank **the Redlands Conservancy** for their partnership of Historic Preservation Week and the RCMA and their Chairman, Jeff Waldron for hosting our annual potluck dinner.

The month of October will bring several more events for our members to participate in. On October 22nd we will have a very interesting General Membership meeting that will focus on the history of Hatfield Buick, led by Bill Hatfield. We will also have our annual Hillside Cemetery tour and the monthly Old House Group meeting.

As your President it is my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events that we have planned for the month of October.

Bill Blankenship

Hillside Cemetery Walking Tour

On Saturday October 27th, the Redlands Area Historical Society will conduct its 4th annual walking tour of Hillside Memorial Park located at 1540 Alessandro Road. We will begin at 3:30 p.m. near the Egyptian Mausoleum and finish before sundown. Tom Atchley will lead the tour assisted by Ron Running, both directors of the historical society. Ron will collect a \$10.00 donation from each person joining the tour. The walk will not be lengthy but uneven surfaces and moderate hills are abundant in the cemetery.

Judson and Brown, the founders of Redlands, never envisioned a cemetery in their preliminary map of Redlands in 1881. When their good friend and mentor, Myron Crafts, died in 1886 the event led to their purchase of 23.47 acres from the Southern Pacific Railroad Land Company. Judson and Brown then donated this Hillside Cemetery site to the Hillside Cemetery Association. The association consisted of six board members: John W. Edwards, E. G. Judson, Charles Putnam, A.L. Park, K.C. Wells and J. S. Edwards. They met the first time June 8, 1886. The city did not take over management of the cemetery until February of 1918.

For some two decades pioneers had lived in the East San Bernardino Valley, and with the exception of the Native American cemetery in Crafton established by Myron Crafts, no other cemetery had been started. Judson and Brown were able to purchase the land cheaply from the Southern Pacific Company for \$2.50 an acre. Charles Gothier, a Civil War veteran and resident of the future Smiley Heights was the first interment followed quickly by Myron Crafts.

The Board of Health listed "consumption" what is today called tuberculosis as the number one cause of death in early Redlands followed by typhoid fever, scarlet fever, whooping cough, meningitis and diphtheria.

Gravestones themselves will be utilized to focus on the pioneer biographies of important people in Redlands history. The 1928 Egyptian Mausoleum reminds Redlanders of their fascination with the discovery of King Tut's grave in Egypt in the 1920's.

During the 1930's, the City of Redlands had some stormy City Council sessions concerning the cemetery when it was learned that Cemetery Endowment Funds were used to purchase Mill Creek Water Rights. A deficit city budget led to the city treasurer to impound city money to review the Endowment Fund questions.

The Great Depression was good for the cemetery. Work Progress Administration spent \$25,000 for 35,000 cubic feet of stone walls, split stone curbs and retaining walls. WPA had 141 men in 1938 building the retaining wall along Alessandro Road spending some \$56,000 on just that wall.

In a Redlands Daily Facts article for 1937 the War Dead History of Hillside Cemetery listed 151 Civil War veterans, 36 Spanish American War vets and 69 World War I burials.

Join the tour and learn many other interesting facts on Hillside Memorial Cemetery, one of the few city-managed cemeteries in California.



Company G of Redlands is shown at Hillside Cemetery attending a funeral for soldiers who died awaiting transport in the Spanish American War of 1898.



*What do you know about
these structures?*



*Can you
guess all
three?*

Call RAHS at 307-6060
and leave a message
or email
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HERITAGE AWARDS

2012



Henry D. Moore Home 1121 Clifton Avenue circa 1891

Henry Davis Moore was born in New Haven, Connecticut in 1838. At about the age of 17 he went with his uncle to the West Indies and worked in the sugar trade for three to four years. Returning to Hartford, Henry had a wholesale carpet business until 1882 when he traveled to Grenada and Nicaragua to follow commercial pursuits. He then returned to Hartford and began manufacturing paper and wood pulp. In the spring of 1891, he moved to California and chose Redlands for his home becoming an orange rancher on Terracina Boulevard. Both he and his wife, Frances, became very involved in the community. Mr. Moore was the president of the West Redlands Water Company and a very active member in the new Redlands Horticultural Club formed in February 1897.

The home is a two and one-half story open gable structure with a wrap-around porch. The high pitched roof emphasizes the vertical elements in its design. The home features double hung windows with fixed panes over the widows on the first floor doors and windows. The front porch has a wooden balustrade in between the simply decorated posts that have corner bracing. The porch eaves have decorative brackets. An upper story window has a unique double wooden awning that is supported by similar bracing found in the first floor porch. A second story porch projects from the basic facade of the building

built with similar trim as the porch below. The attic story has a dormer window. The home has ship-lap siding on the first two floors, with fish scale siding on the upper story.

According to the Redlands City Directories, Frances Moore is listed until about 1911. Other owners that followed were: Stephen and Florence Thorne (1915-21), Frank and Nellie Fox (1924-27), James and Maggie Goodloe (1927-1939). Mrs. Goodloe was a sales lady at the Sidney T. Smith bookstore and a nurse for the House of Neighborly Service. In 1941, Harry Higdon, of the Redlands Plumbing Company, and his wife Lois were listed. Between 1947-50, Edward and Anna Marie Noe lived in the home. Mr. Noe was a route deliverer for the San Bernardino Sun. Lt. Col. Corb Flick and his wife Lucille lived in the home between

1954 and 1965. At this time John and Christine Shone purchased the home. John was the Public Works director of the City of Redlands.

The Redlands Community Hospital purchased the home and in 2006 and obtained a permit to remove the home for the expansion of the hospital campus. Terry and Geneil Vines moved the home to its present location on Clifton Avenue. The home was purchased by Allen and Lori Osborn in 2010. The Redlands Area Historical Society commends the Osborns for their continued stewardship of this stately example of early Redlands architecture.

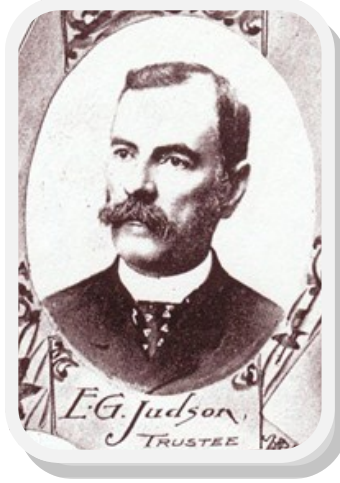
- by Karen Flippin and Ron Running

Presented 11 June 2012



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E.G. Judson was one of the co-founders of Redlands Colony in 1881. He served on the Board of Trustees for the new city of Redlands when it incorporated in 1888. Judson had a successful business in New York City before coming here and meeting Frank E. Brown. While Judson practiced real estate, he might be better described as a city builder. Unlike many Southern California boom-period promoters, Judson lived in the town he founded and did much to enrich the community. Among other things, he grew and donated 15,000 ornamental trees to the citizens of Redlands during 1891 and 1892. These trees were used to beautify the streets of the city and are still a monument to the man that provided them.

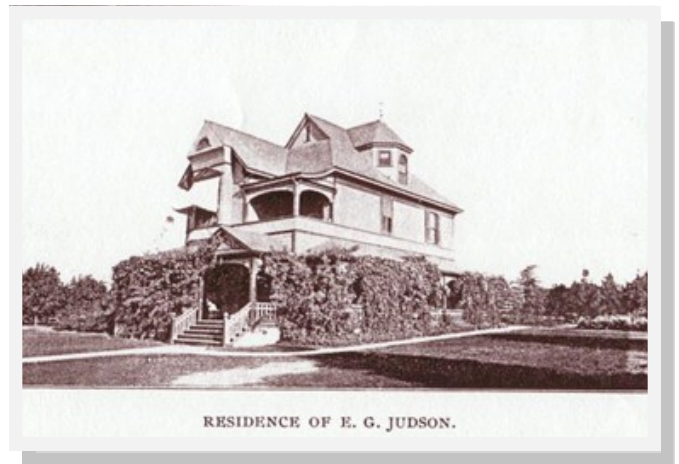


The Judson family lived in the house until about 1910. Following the Judsons, in 1911, the home was owned by attorney and California Supreme Court Judge Henry M. Willis. The Willis' hired R. C. Cunningham to remodel and nearly double the home's size. They added the library and a bedroom above, made a bathroom from the upstairs porch, and generally extended the west wing by reducing the size of the porch. The addition was reported as costing \$2500. The Willis family left the home in 1917 and a number of renters and owners followed. During the 1930's the house was empty for a time and was reportedly broken into and fixtures were removed and drawers were burned. The D. J. Steward family purchased the property in 1939 and again a restoration occurred.

Karen and Murray Brandstater purchased the house in the mid 1980s and worked hard at restoring the property to earlier glory and condition. They made many repairs to the property including the removal and replacement of the foundation. Before her passing Karen

was an active member in the Old House Group and served on many other boards. She was a much loved and appreciated member of the community and she is sadly missed. Our program chair Ron Running describes her this way, "Karen was a driving force for the good of historic preservation. She was on the RAHS board, and the Historic Commission. She served on Kimberly Crest board, the Prospect Park board and other organizations. Karen was well known and loved by all".

I understand that Karen was a driving force in the formation of the Old House Group and that we have her to thank for the support and the service that the group offers to new owners of old homes and the more habituated and lifelong historic property owners.



It is fitting that we start our year-long celebration of the founding of Redlands in the house of one of the founding fathers and that we acknowledge Karen's contribution and her love of our rich cultural heritage / built environment.

Please join us and visit this wonderful home. No reservations are required but call me if you have questions or wish to nominate another 1888 or older home for this year's celebration season - Leslie Irish 951-201-5742.



Judson home at left.

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.

2012 ANCESTRY NOVEMBERFEST

Annual Family History Fair Sponsored by
The Redlands and Yucaipa Stakes
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

STEPPING STONES FOR GENERATIONS

Saturday, November 3rd, 2012

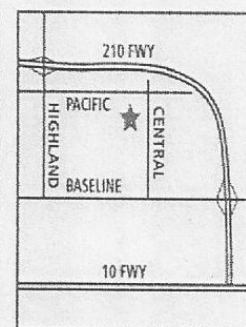
9:00am - 1:15pm

(Registration 8:30 - 9:00am)

7000 Central Avenue, Highland, CA

Provided free
to the
Community

Reservations
not required



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For more information call: 909-794-3844 (leave msg.) or email: ca_redlands@ldsmail.net

9:00 to 9:35	Keynote Address: Researching Like a History Detective, by Gena Philibert-Ortega			
Time	Chapel	Relief Society Room A	Primary Room	Relief Society Room B
9:45 to 10:45	I LOVE Libraries: Using Libraries for Your Genealogy <i>(Gena Philibert-Ortega)</i>	Cloud Storage – How to Preserve & Share Your Family Treasures <i>(Annette Leffman)</i>	FamilySearch.org “Records Search” Tips & Tricks <i>(Karen Strong)</i>	Researching in England and Wales <i>(Gary Croft)</i>
10:55 to 11:55	Google for Genealogy (Part 1) [alerts, search tips, images] <i>(Gena Philibert-Ortega)</i>	Smart Phones, Tablets & Genealogy...There’s an App for That! <i>(Annette Leffman)</i>	FamilySearch.org - Introduction to FamilyTree <i>(Karen Strong)</i>	Youth and Family History – Discover, Serve, Share <i>(Panel Discussion)</i>
12:05 to 1:05	Google for Genealogy (Part 2) [books, patents, scholar] <i>(Gena Philibert-Ortega)</i>	Finding Your Ancestors on Ancestry.com <i>(Shawn Price)</i>	Shoeboxes for the 21 st Century <i>(Liz Bequelin)</i>	<u>Family History Center</u> Indexing, Fan Charts & Wordles, Oh My!! <i>Hands-on activity for Youth and Youth Leaders</i>
9:45 to noon	Hands-on FamilySearch Indexing instruction in the Family History Center			

** Classes and speakers subject to change **





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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12-14	Loma Linda History Fair
October 22, 7:00 p.m.	Program - Hatfield Buick
October 24, 6:30 p.m.	Old House Group
October 27, 3:30 p.m.	Hillside Cemetery Walking Tour
November 3, 9:00 a.m.	Ancestry Novemberfest
Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission 1st Thursday 6 p.m.	

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