



# REDLANDS

# CHRONICLES

April 2013

## Seven Generations of the Hinckley Family

Christine Beguelin Gallacher, Speaker

Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Assembly Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library  
125 W. Vine Street

The Frank and Sarah Hinckley family settled on Cottonwood Row in the Mission district in 1883. Since that time seven generations of the family have lived in Redlands. Christine Gallacher is a fifth generation member. She will be reviewing the family's illustrious history from the early beginnings of the city of Redlands.

Christine's great-grandfather, George S. Hinckley (1879-1958) was the city engineer for Redlands for over 40 years. George also served as the street superintendent, water supervisor, and park superintendent. George's wife, Edith Parker Hinckley (1880-1981) came to Redlands from Pasadena where she rode in the first Tournament of Roses Parade in 1899. Edith wrote several books on the history of Redlands such as "On the Banks of the Zanja", "Redlands 1950-1960", and a biography of her father-in-law. Edith lived to the age of 101.

George and Edith's son, Horace was the head of the Bear Valley Mutual Water Co. for nearly 40 years. Their daughter, Irene (Christine's grandmother) also wrote a book entitled "Growing Up in Redlands".

Christine will be presenting many family photos and memorabilia. The Historical Society will have a unique opportunity to learn about one of Redlands' earliest families.

## Old House Group

Wednesday, April 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

11 Grant Street

Shan McNaughton has agreed to host our April meeting at his family home on Grant Street. As you may know Shan is a local preservation minded-architect.

The Historic Resources form on this house indicates a deed of sale for lot 7 of Ladd's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition was recorded on May 3, 1888, from TW Ladd to John Carroll, for sum of 600.00. By 1896 the San Bernardino County Directory lists Jay D Clark living in the residence and shows his occupation as a Mason.

The house is of brick construction with a gabled roof. Records indicate that the home was owned by the City of Redlands when it was recorded as a historical resource in 1983. Since purchasing the home the McNaughtons have added to the home and during the excavation for the addition a historic cistern was encountered which Shan was able to

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11 Grant Street

# A Letter from your President...

I would like to begin by thanking all of our members who in the past month attended the special events that were sponsored by the Redlands Area Historical Society (RAHS). The events included our Fern Avenue walking tours, General Membership meeting and the Old House Group meeting.

Springtime in Redlands brings many community events that define our community and these are two of my favorite. The Redlands Bicycle Classic celebrated its 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and again brought thousands of spectators to see world class bicycle racing through the streets of historic downtown Redlands. What a great opportunity to showcase our community. The Redlands Horticultural and Improvement Society will be hosting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> its 101<sup>st</sup> consecutive Annual Flower Show and Garden Tour. First founded in 1889 the Society's purpose was to assist in beautifying Redlands and to encourage our early community members to create gardens. They celebrate the fact that they are California's oldest garden club. If you have never participated in either of these events I absolutely encourage you to do so.

The previous month brought to our members a special presentation titled "Elias F. Everitt and his Photographic Studio: 1897-1924" presented by **Michelle Nielsen, Curator of History/Archives, San Bernardino County Museum**. Her presentation was a preview of an eight month display that will begin in the fall of 2013 due to the generous financial support from the RAHS Society, Redlands Camera Club and private donors. Also in the month of March, the Old House Group led by **RAHS Society Board Member, Leslie Irish** treated our membership to another unique opportunity to tour the Daniels Family Home which is located at 333 Poppy Road and was constructed in 1908. This unique home was the original carriage house of the Olivia Phelps Stokes and Caroline Phelps Stokes estate. I would like to thank the Daniels Family who have owned the home since 1959 and were so gracious to give our members this special opportunity.

April will bring to our members our monthly program and the Old House Group meeting that are both further detailed in this month's newsletter. I would also like to inform all our members that the **2013 Heritage Awards and Ice Cream Social** will be held on a new date of **Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Burrage Mansion**. This year's event will begin at 6:00 PM where we will recognize approximately ten owners of local residences and their businesses for their careful stewardship of these fine examples of historic Redlands architecture.

For those of you who enjoy the Redlands Historic Walking Tours you will want to mark your calendar for a very special tour of Olive Avenue which will be led by Past President and Redlands Historian, **Tom Atchley**. The two part **Olive Avenue Tour** will be held in the evening on **June 22nd and the 29<sup>th</sup>**. I will look forward to seeing you at one the many events that we hold each month.

*Bill Blankenship*



*Home of Major S. Lang was built in 1890 at 702 West Fern Avenue. The tower was removed in the 1940's along with making the right gable hipped, changing the home completely.*

# HERITAGE AWARDS

2012

## Hurff Residence

712 S. Buena Vista Street

Built 1925



The Redlands Daily Facts announced the Francis H. Hurff home construction on October 17, 1925. The stucco Spanish Bungalow style home would be built on Buena Vista Street between Palm and West Cypress by contractor Garrett Huizing for \$5,500. Mrs. F. M. Hurff had Huizing build her 636 Buena Vista home for \$10,000 in 1924. The latest Huizing subdivision would include ornamental street lamps, landscaped yards, oak trees, and alley access on the east side of the street. Huizing's office/home was located at 615 Buena Vista and remained there until all the lots were sold in the Huizing Buena Vista Subdivisions #2 and #3.

Architecturally, this Spanish Revival single-story home uses the jazz stucco coating. The red flat tile roof was redone in 2009 with the original design in mind. Pueblo style clay pipes provide attic vents on the side of the home. Two enlarged clay pipes adorn the chimney with once again Pueblo accents. The street side entrance windows are multi-paned and decorated with Spanish spear-pointed window awnings. The ribbon driveway leads to the original 1925 garage awaiting a Model-A Ford or used Model T. Formality is introduced with the Roman arched doorway entrance. Today the home has three bedrooms.

Brooke Sawyer is listed as the owner in the 1930s adding a bedroom and bath for \$1700 in 1937. Sawyer was an employee of W.C.C.V. Radio in 1933. Mrs. C. H. Gaylord remodeled the roof in 1943 and C. T. Sallerder improved the plumbing in 1945. William Moore purchased the home in 1947 and remained the owner until 1966.

William G. Moore was publisher of the *Redlands Daily Facts* for decades until the family sold the paper in the 1980s. Bill, with his brother editor, Frank E. Moore, wrote a column for the *Facts* called "With a Grain of Salt." This column educated Redlanders about their history from the Native Americans, Spanish, Mexican Land Grant and the creation of Redlands. Bill collected historical photographs of Redlands and included many of them in his 1983 *Redlands Yesterdays: A Photo Album--1870-1920*. The Moore Historical Foundation, which he founded with his wife, Josephine, published the book. Moore Junior High is named for his father Paul Moore but Redlanders associate the name Moore with Paul, Bill and Frank.

Various owners including Leon Trowbridge, Lee Lombard, and Ronald Lombard pulled permits for the roof, furnace and 100 amp electrical panel.

Dr. Scott Nelson and Marni Nelson purchased the home in March 2010. Dr. Nelson works for the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Loma Linda Hospital. He spent months in Haiti after the earthquake donating his time and talents to the children injured there. Dr. Nelson and family returned to Haiti last year to continue aiding the children.

This 2012 Heritage Award is given to the Nelson family for the care of this historical home. Their worldwide philanthropy is in keeping with a Redlands tradition.

- by Tom Atchley

# Presidential Visits to Redlands

- by Tom Atchley

President William McKinley was the first of three presidents to visit Redlands. His arrival on May 8, 1901 has been dubbed "McKinley Day" and regarded for the first forty years of the century as the high mark letter day of Redlands. The *Redlands Daily Facts*, The *Citrograph* and the *Redlands Review* wanted McKinley "to see the prettiest part of God's footstool from Canyon Crest Park and Prospect Park.

President McKinley arrived at the Southern Pacific Depot on Orange Street. Traveling with him was Secretary of State Hay, four other members of his cabinet, a senator, four Congressmen and a rear admiral. The eight-car train came from Indio drawn by a 135-ton Mastodod engine with a photo of the president covering the engine light. In Redlands, California Governor Henry T. Gage headed a welcome delegation with community leaders Edward S. Graham, president of the Board of Trade; Frank P. Meserve, J.J. Suess, Henry Sinclair, Anthony G. Hubbard and Dr. Walter P. Power with other notables.

Just days prior to the McKinley visit the *Citrograph* published May 4, 1901 ran an article by David A. Shaw, a California and Lugonia pioneer. Shaw reminded Redlanders of McKinley's "highest qualities of a gentleman and is removed as far as possible from self-glorification and toadyism. He comes like Grant, and Lincoln, Cleveland, Harrison and most of our ablest statesmen from the humbler walks of life, and will rank in history as among the greatest. Major McKinley carried hot coffee to the boys at Gettysburg and braved the dangers of the battlefield to uphold the Stars and Stripes on more than one memorable occasion, which entitles him to the love and confidence of the people."

Shaw continued with, "I had the honor of meeting Major McKinley at the national convention in Chicago in 1888, when he was a delegate from Ohio. His choice was John Sherman, but I believe finally voted for General Harrison." "Redlands, the queen city of the "afternoon sun," is to be congratulated through its various committees for the grand reception that awaits the presidential party."

McKinley Day was declared "The grandest celebration ever witnessed in the City of Redlands." Red, white and blue bunting, flowered garlands, American flags, suit and tie men, Easter bonnet donned ladies in white summer dresses, youngsters sporting new haircuts and dressed for a Sunday sermon lined all of Orange Street from the Southern Pacific Station to the Casa Loma Hotel standing fourteen deep on each side of the street.

McKinley addressed the crowd from atop the carriage porch of the Casa Loma Hotel. He noted that "the republic can never fail so long as the citizen is vigilant.....when



every citizen is ready to report to the call of the country. We have problems on our hands, but the American people never run away from a difficult problem or a doubtful situation. We will meet those problems in the fear of God, and will carry and maintain the blessings of liberty wherever our glorious banner floats."

McKinley was the first president to visit the state since the achievement of statehood was completed through the controversial Compromise of 1850. McKinley recalled how the first two senators and representatives of the State were welcomed to the much divided Congress. He recalled how citizen soldiers from California did their part to save the Federal Union, while addressing the Grand Army of the Republic uniformed veterans standing approvingly below him. A grandstand facing the Casa Loma Hotel was filled to capacity. While the president spoke a freakish quiet shrouded the proceedings with an occasional

polite applause that cut itself short so no words would be missed.

Completing his prepared speech, President McKinley was taken on a tour of Redlands with Governor Gage in the borrowed Victoria carriage drawn by four milk-white matching horses of Alfred Cameron Burrage. McKinley was welcomed by some 10,000 citizens as reported by the *Los Angeles Times*. The matched white horse team sauntered south on Orange Street traveling under one of three triumphal arches constructed to honor his tour at State and Orange Street. Other arches graced the entrances of Smiley Park at Grant Street and another at the entrance to Canyon Crest Park. The massive Victory Arch, a Liberty Bell wafted a floral welcome, to Smiley Heights and Prospect Park, by a route thereafter known as McKinley Drive.

The president was guarded by Joe Rivera, constable of Redlands beginning with incorporation in 1888. At special request of the President, his party made a detour past the home of General Lawton, who was then serving in the Philippines, fighting an uprising and would later be killed there. Lawton won the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War and did the most to capture Geronimo, the Apache war leader in the 1880's.

McKinley had been popular, since as a senator he advanced the McKinley Tariff, which advocated protectionism of industrial products, citrus and wine. The McKinley Tariff virtually guaranteed California oranges would have no foreign competition. The Redlands McKinley Club in the 1896 campaign erected a downtown wigwam, board-sided and tent topped, seating 1500. Political revival meetings sent a twenty-car train to San Bernardino for a huge McKinley rally.

The invitation to the President to visit Redlands was elaborate and painstakingly prepared. Pepper berries decorated the margin with a view of Mount San Bernardino, all done in water colors, and carefully scripted with the word Redlands beautifully lettered. The City Council passed a resolution to spend \$25.00 on

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decorations for the visit. Far more was spent by private citizens and the Board of Trade (Chamber of Commerce) to welcome McKinley, than the \$25.00 offering by the city.

McKinley gave his most memorable thoughts of the Redlands visit as he prepared to board his special train. He said, "I want to express my thanks for the warm welcome you have given to us and the great pleasure I have had on the drive about your city, through its parks and its avenues, and in my observation of your beautiful homes. It is hardly conceivable that all this has been done in the period of twelve years. It is the most prosperous looking, and certainly the

handsomest city of twelve years age that I have seen anywhere in my travels. I had felt that, if this is the beginning of my reception as I expect upon the sacred soil of California on the train, what must I expect at its conclusion."

McKinley traveled south on Orange Street by the YMCA building, A.K. Smiley Library following the drive through Smiley Park to West Olive and then Center Street. On Cypress the carriage tour passed General Lawton's home and entered Canon Crest Park using the western entrance. Departing Smiley Heights using Serpentine the carriage trotted east on Crescent to Prospect Park and departed the park by turning left down Cajon to the Southern

Pacific Railroad Station.

Four months later, 4,000 Redlanders were stunned to learn that the president was shot by an anarchist in Buffalo, New York. Eight days later he died of the wounds. The bust of President McKinley, which is in Smiley Park, had a planned dedication for May 7, 1903 to recall the McKinley visit with a planned unveiling that day by President Theodore Roosevelt.

Redlands further recognized the McKinley visit with the dedication of McKinley Elementary School in 1902. The two and a half-story brick building with a tall bell tower was erected on West Olive and Center Street.



*President McKinley downtown, left.*

*President McKinley and his wife leave the Southern Pacific depot, right.*





# *Casa Loma Hotel*



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“repurpose”. Members may enjoy discovering the new use while we tour the home.



Old Homes Group tours are open to members, however, membership is easy to obtain and information / membership forms are available at the OHG meeting and at the regular Redlands Historical Society meetings . If you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to ask a board member at any of our meetings and or call me – Leslie 951-201-5742.



Do you have a favorite local roofer, plumber, electrician, handyman, painter, etc. who likes to work *gently* with old houses?

**Kathy Behrens** is compiling a list of your recommendations.

Contact [kathybehrens@verizon.net](mailto:kathybehrens@verizon.net)

### Newsletter Deadline

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 22 Program, AKSPL, 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker, Beguelin Gallacher
- April 27 Old House Group, 6:30 p.m., 11 Grant St.
- May 8—11 National Genealogical Society 2013 Family History Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada
- May 13—19 Historic Preservation Week
- June 17 Heritage Awards and Ice Cream Social  
Burrage Mansion, 1205 W. Crescent
- June 22 Olive Avenue Walking Tour part I
- June 29 Olive Avenue Walking Tour part II



Colton Avenue with Casa Loma Hotel seen at left.

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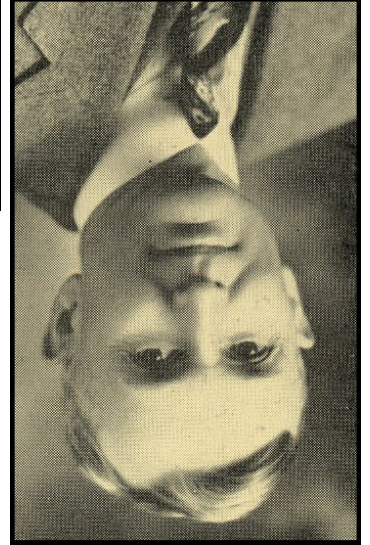
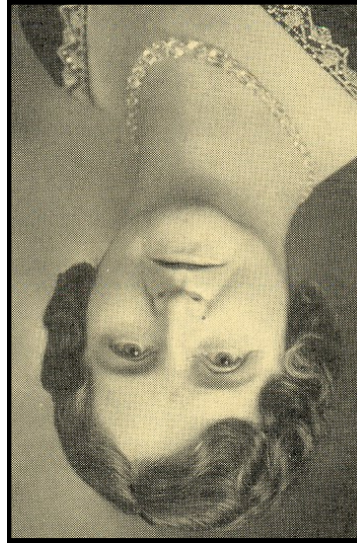
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