

REDLANDS CHRONICLES

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The History of Patton State Hospital

Anthony Ortega, Speaker

Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Assembly Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library
125 W. Vine Street

REDLANDS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S first program of the new year will cover the history of Patton State Hospital, presented by hospital historian Anthony Ortega.

Clinician Ortega has delved into the history of the California State Asylum for the Insane and Inebriates that was founded in Highland in 1893. Ortega recently developed and founded a psychiatric museum at Patton. Ortega produced a slide show over the past fifteen years that tells a compelling story.

Over the years the treatments at Patton included lobotomies, "shock treatments," hydrotherapy, and vocation therapy. At one time the

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Old House Group

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

E.M. Cope House

933 Walnut Avenue



*An unidentified woman sits in her rocking chair
on the porch of the Cope house.*

THE COPE NAME is well-known in Redlands because of the Graham-Cope building, erected by those two business partners of hardware, feed and fuel. In addition, E.M. Cope lives on in the nearby school named for the former school board member.

Edward Cope purchased the Davis Donald-built home for his bride in 1901. This photograph shows how isolated it was when it was new at the turn-of-the-century. It was reported that the slightly modified home was finished for \$5800, and a barn was added for an additional \$1500.

Mr. Cope, known as a civic leader and philanthropist, lived here until his death in the 1954. From then on, the owner was his daughter, Dorothy Cope Weller. She, in turn, lived in the house until her death in the 1980s.

Jerry and Sharon Hoyle acquired the house in 1986 and lavished a lot of attention on restoring it, and adding new elements that would complement its original beauty.

The brand new owners are Travis and April Losey, who are graciously inviting the Old House Group to view their 10-room Heritage Award-winning home at 933 Walnut Avenue. -by Robin Grube

A Letter from your President...

I am hopeful that you all had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year will bring happiness to you and your entire family.

On December 7th the Redlands Area Historical Society (RAHS) held its annual holiday party at the home of Jack and Norma Marrin. Their beautifully restored Mediterranean-style home and gardens located 1225 Cajon Street were a perfect venue for the festive event. On behalf of the Society's membership, I would like to thank the Marrins for making this year's gathering a great success.

Each year during the Christmas season it is our family tradition to drive through the many historic neighborhoods of Redlands and see the Christmas lights. The beautifully decorated homes demonstrate the incredible holiday spirit of our community members and is an opportunity to also enjoy the diverse historical architecture that exists in Redlands. To further make this annual tradition more meaningful we use the RAHS published book titled "A Celebration of 125 Years of Redlands Historic Homes" as a point of reference for the history of many of the homes that you see as you drive through our community. This must-have reference book is still being sold in the Heritage Room of A. K. Smiley Public Library, or at various RAHS events, at a cost of \$15.00 for the spiral bound version - which is perfect for the annual Christmas driving tour and your future walking and driving tours in the new year. Additionally, if you have not already purchased the newest RAHS book which was released in October 2015, titled *Souvenir of Redlands, California* (originally published by Fred C. Hoogstraet in 1898 and 1903) it is also available at a cost of \$25.00 per copy.

In 2016 we will have a full schedule of Old House Group meetings which are held each month at a Redlands home, also on the fourth Monday of each month we will hold our monthly General Membership meetings at the A.K. Smiley Public Library Assembly Room. Our January 25th program is titled "*The History of Patton State Hospital*" and will feature our special guest speaker, Anthony Ortega who is the hospital's historian. For additional information about this upcoming event and others please look for the specific write-ups in our monthly newsletter and I will look forward to seeing you at one of our future events.

At the beginning of each year the Society asks our loyal members to renew their annual dues and we are hopeful that many of our members will decide to take the next step and choose a level of sponsorship for 2016. Our annual dues and sponsorships make it possible for RAHS to be the dominant voice of historic preservation in the greater Redlands community. To assist you with a contribution and the renewal of your membership dues we will provide an envelope located inside of your RAHS Newsletter.

I hope you all have a happy and prosperous 2016 and I look forward to seeing you all at one of the many events that we have planned for our members in the coming months.

Bill Blankenship

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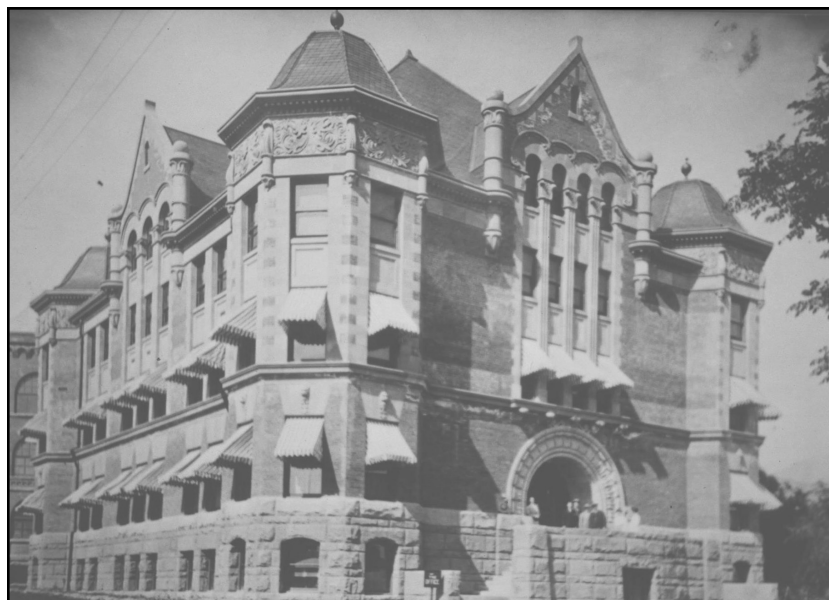
hospital patients farmed over 668 acres surrounding the facility. Ortega will discuss patient life and communal nature of the hospital then and now.

The Gothic architecture of Patton's 1890s buildings represented a major advancement in California psychiatric care. At first managed by the Quakers, the grounds of the hospital were manicured with extensive gardens to assist those suffering mental distress with a faster return to normality.

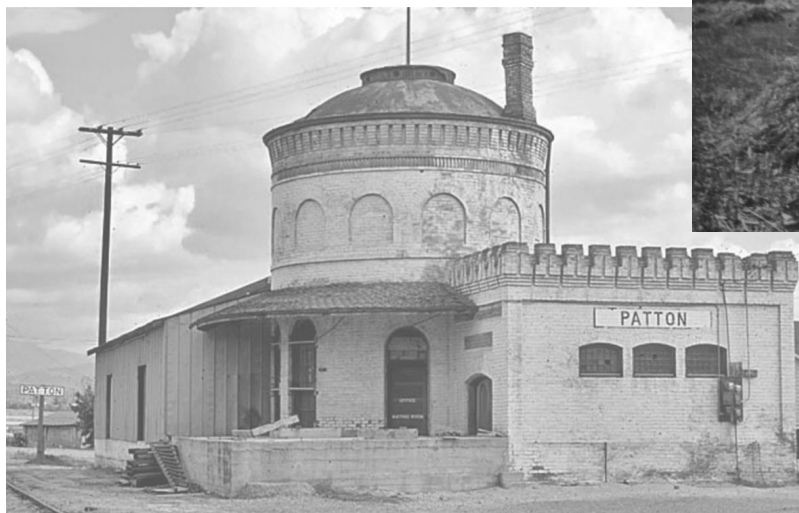
The philosophy of mental care has advanced a great deal in the past 115 years and Patton's history is a microcosm of those changes.

Redlands lobbied the state to have the hospital built in Highland. Local drug stores wanted the pharmaceutical business awhile our Chamber of Commerce sought the prestige of the huge state hospital.

Historical Society meetings are free and open to the public.



Above, the first building was completed in 1893 and was fully-equipped with a water, sewer, and an electric plant. At left, the hospital buildings were connected by underground tunnels that conveniently allowed for meals and other services through them. Below, the State bought 360 acres in West Highland for Patton State Hospital that permitted the patients to farm the land and provide sources of food for the inmates. Governor Gage attended the official ribbon cutting formalities on August 1, 1893.



Patton's Santa Fe Depot is still standing on Highland Avenue.

Newsletter Deadline

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

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Upcoming Events

January 16, 9:00 a.m.	BUENA VISTA WALKING TOUR PART I Meet at Palm Avenue & end at Fern \$10 per person
January 25, 7:00 p.m.	Program THE HISTORY OF PATTON STATE HOSPITAL Lyon Assembly Room A.K. Smiley Public Library 125 W. Vine Street
January 27, 6:30 p.m.	OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING 933 Walnut Avenue
February 13, 9:00 a.m.	BUENA VISTA WALKING TOUR PART II Meet at Fern & end at Brookside \$10 per person
1 st Thursday of the Month	Historic & Scenic Reservation Commission Meetings City Hall Council Chambers 35 Cajon Street