



REDLANDS CHRONICLES

March 2016

The History of Kimberly Juniors

Bev Cain, Speaker

Monday, March 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

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

BEV CAIN, Honorary Advisor of Kimberly Juniors, will present the history of the organization to the Redlands Area Historical Society at its March 28th meeting, held in the Assembly Room of A.K. Smiley Library at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cain has a long history of involvement in Redlands with the Greyback Council of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Redlands Bicycle Classic, Contemporary Club and with the Kimberly Juniors for the past fifteen years. Cain is serving as co-chair for the upcoming Centennial of Kimberly Juniors. She is the author of "Kimberly Juniors---The First 100 Years---1916-2016.

Helen Cheney Kimberly founded the Kimberly Junior organization in 1916. The goal was to teach high school girls leadership qualities such as parliamentary procedures, club organization and community involvement. Helen Kimberly wanted each girl to hone their ability to articulate ideas and present them in public. One hundred years later Kimberly Juniors learn etiquette, theatre, dance, and parliamentary procedures. The Spring Tea continues in the tradition founded by Mrs. Kimberly. Upon Mrs. Kimberly's death, her daughter, Mary Emma Kimberly Shirk, led the organization until her passing in 1979.

The book order deadline is April 30th at \$50 each. Forms and envelopes to purchase the book may be filled out at the meeting.

Redlands Area Historical Society programs are free and open to the public. Programs are provided to educate the public on the history of the area. Membership information is available at each meeting.

Old House Group

Wednesday, March 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

1018 and 1021 Campus Avenue

SOON AFTER the founding of the University of Redlands in 1907, University Tract #1 was developed, including Campus Avenue. This month we feature two houses on the block nearest the Chapel Street. 1018 Campus features an arched entryway with multiple pillars and a beautiful river-rock chimney. The first directory listing was in 1919, with F.P. Mooney, a SoCal Edison superintendent, as its owner. In the 1930s, the Higgins family made improvements to the house, including a sleeping porch and a bathroom. Frank Gunter, a city councilman and orange grower, lived here from about 1947 until the late 1950s. He built a barbecue with his initial in stone. The Van der Lindes have owned this home for about 43 years. In 1985 they did repairs and remodeled the kitchen. We are pleased to be invited to this home, but are requested to wear the booties provided for us, or otherwise help protect the wood floors.

Across the street, at 1021 Campus, we'll visit a home built in another decade. In 1926, a professor at U of R, William Roberts, moved here, as its first occupant. Like its neighbor, it did not change hands many times. Greg & Lane Schneider bought the house in 1986. They saw potential to make the house suit them well and made several changes. The most dramatic remodeling took place in 2006-7 with the help of the Mission Gables architect. One of the priorities



1021 Campus Avenue

was to add a porch. The resulting Craftsman touches were so
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A Letter from your President...

Dear Redlands Area Historical Society Members,

On February 22nd the Society held its monthly General Membership Meeting at the A.K. Smiley Public Library featuring Christina Perris the Great, Great Grand Daughter of Fred Perris. The program was titled *"Fred Perris, the Engineer who Conquered Cajon Pass"* Christina Perris shared with our members her interesting family history and the astounding engineering feats that are credited to her Grand Father. We thank Christina Perris for preparing such an informative and interesting program for the Society. On February 24th the Old House Group meet at the home of Terry Long and Robin Clarke located 52 Summit Avenue, known as the *Benton O. Johnson Home*. We appreciate the unique opportunity to visit this beautifully restored 1888 home that was built for one of Redlands earliest pioneers.

The month of March we will feature three separate events for our members. The first event will be Part One of the historic walking tour of Grant Street. The tour will be held on Saturday, March 12th and will meet on the corner of Grant Street and Home Place. Part Two of the Historic Grant Street Tour will be held on Saturday, April 2nd and will be held at the corner of Grant Street and Home Place, as well. The cost to attend each tour is \$10.00 and guests are welcome. On March 28th the Society will hold its monthly General Membership Meeting at A.K. Smiley Public Library and on March 23rd the Old House Group will meet. Please look inside the March Newsletter for additional information on each of these upcoming events.

In June three members of your Board of Directors will be termed out of office due to the requirements of our Society's bylaws. In addition, another longtime board member has decided to not seek a second three-year term. The bylaws state in summary that each member of the Board of Directors is eligible to serve two three- year terms consecutively and at the end of the two consecutive terms the board member will have to leave the Board of Directors for a minimum of one year before they can be nominated again to serve on the Board of Directors. If you have ever had an interest to serve the Society at this level, please contact me. Interested members will be considered by the Nominating Committee and presented to the General Membership for approval at the Annual Heritage Awards ceremony in June. Your board members who will be leaving office in June are as follows: Bill Blankenship, President, Leslie Irish, Chair of the Old House Group, Sue McClure, Chair of Hospitality and Sandie Green, Director.

I know that most of our members have already renewed their annual dues. However, if you have not had an opportunity to do so, please take a few minutes today and renew your dues. The Society dues for 2016 have been held at \$30.00 for an individual/family. Your dues each year enables us to provide each member with informative monthly programs, opportunities to tour Redlands historic homes through the Old House Group and an impressive newsletter that is informative and also serves as a reminder of the many opportunities you have each month to participate in the Society. In addition, many members each year choose to support the Society with an additional level of sponsorship: if there is anyone who would like to upgrade their existing family membership of \$30.00 to a sponsorship level, we will subtract the portion you have already paid to accommodate you being able to fit into one of the following categories of Sponsorship: \$50.00 Donor, \$100.00 Patron, and \$250.00 Corporate Underwriter. In 2016 a Corporate Underwriter contribution includes your name or your business name to be listed prominently in each newsletter for the entire year. We thank each of our members for their continued support of the Society and for helping achieve our mission of educating the community on the many historic resources in the Redlands area.

I will look forward to seeing you at one of the many events that we have planned for our members in the future.

Bill Blankenship

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Teaching and Marriage

-by Tom Atchley

FRANK BROWN remained in Lugonia and Crafton after the Kenwood Colony committee returned east in March 1877. Brown contracted with Myron Crafts to do some survey work while seeking employment. Brown surveyed land surrounding the Crafton Retreat and suggested irrigation improvements that Crafts with Native American labor could accomplish. The Mill Creek Zanja lost a great deal of water to evaporation and seepage from the mouth of the creek to the intake

major percolation problem once and for all.

The greatest suggestion Brown provided Myron Crafts was the idea of a reservoir to store his water. Crafts owned water in Mill Creek four hours daily from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Irrigating at night was practical for grain crops but not for fruit trees and especially citrus. Brown presented survey maps that indicated a diversion from the Zanja that could follow a contour to a natural canyon that with a dam would create a

too. Brown surveyed the irrigation plan of the Tolles property using the Sunnyside Ditch water. Tolles planted the first citrus in Lugonia in 1874.

Brown also met James Brown Glover, a Missouri man, who had to be surprised to find a man with parts of his name and Edward Glover Judson combined. Glover pioneered in the Berry Roberts settlement in 1870 and applied for a homestead while working land in Crafton with Israel Beal. Frank Brown surveyed the Glover property and helped



Myron Crafts



Eliza P. R. Crafts



Col. William R. Tolles

above Greenspot. Brown suggested using either steel pipe or concrete pipe to reduce the loss of water. According to Beattie, the steel pipe was installed to the mouth of Mill Creek in 1877 saving 25% of the Zanja flow. Unfortunately, the Mill Creek owners chose to lay their pipeline too close to the creek and all was washed away in the 1884 flood.

When water became precious with the Barton Land and Water Company in 1887, the Mill Creek owners became interested in a new pipeline. The Redlands Electric Light and Power Co. built a pipeline in 1892 that solved the

twelve acre reservoir. Crafts built the Crafton Reservoir in 1882 following the Brown survey of 1877. Brown traded his room and board for his labor and Myron, Eliza and Frank became steadfast friends.

Crafts appreciated the work the young engineer provided. He loaned Brown a horse and buggy and presented him to the neighborhood. Colonel William R. Tolles received a Civil War soldier's claim for 160 acres in 1874. Tolles built a home on the northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Church Street. Tolles was a fellow Connecticut man and provided Brown with lodging,

Glover abandon the old Berry Roberts Ditch to favor the better Sunnyside Ditch.

While conducting his work, Brown inquired about the water history of every ditch in the east San Bernardino Valley together with the climate history. Brown interviewed mountain men John Brown, Sr., James W. Waters and Daniel Sexton, whose experience dated to 1842. George Crafts came to the area in 1858 and Myron in 1861. Both men had knowledge of heavy rainfall years, droughts, floods and normal years.

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Brown interviewed Old San Bernardino families that came to the valley in the 1850's along with Ben and Eliza Barton. Brown began a graph depicting Southern California weather patterns that began with Mission San Diego records of 1769 followed by Mission San Gabriel records of 1777. The last sixty years of the graph specialized in the San Bernardino valley rainfall. Brown knew the particular climate characteristics of the valley even before he built the Bear Valley dam.

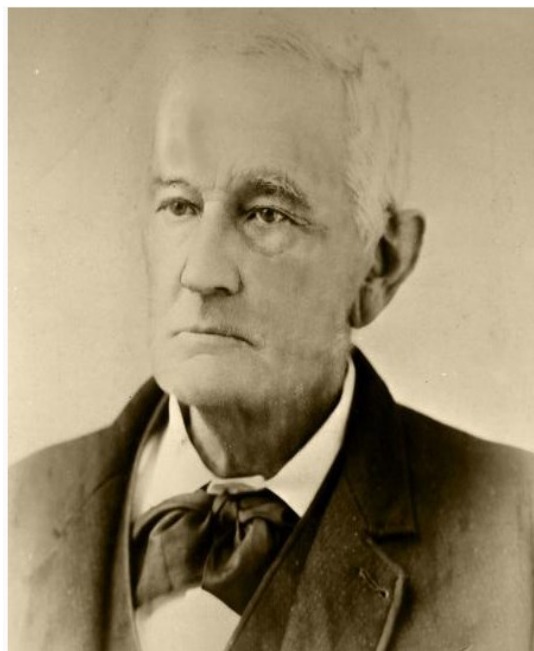
Brown did the same investigation of water rights that dated from the 1850's. His interviews with Myron Crafts covered the lower and upper settlement agreement of 1866 concerning Mill Creek. Myron Crafts was a fountain in exhaustive water history since Crafts testified in all the cases. In fact, Myron

records kept by superintendents noted that the "San Timoteo Canyon School house was uncomfortable with no conveniences for teaching but still Miss L. Dodd was working earnestly." "The pupils in this out of the way place, compare favorably with any I have found in the county, in spelling and in geography." This evaluation by Superintendent John Brown, Jr. in 1872 was typical for the period. The superintendent complimented school trustees St. Clair, Roberts and Humphrey for their success.

Superintendent Paine visited San Timoteo School in 1876. W. R. Wozencraft was the instructor and Paine revoked the Wozencraft teaching certificate due to intemperate behavior. Wozencraft regained and then lost the certificate again for "incompetence." The

of Alessandro and San Timoteo Canyon Road. Brown never commented on his time as a teacher but the records of Superintendent Horace C. Brooke indicate the children liked him. Brown attended one Teacher Institute in 1877 with the 34 other county teachers. Brown voted to end corporal punishment with eleven other teachers, including George Beattie. Brown did vote to expand arithmetic, social geography, spelling and penmanship. Brooke gave Brown a renewal of his teaching certificate June 25, 1879. Brown's monthly compensation for teaching was \$50 per month.

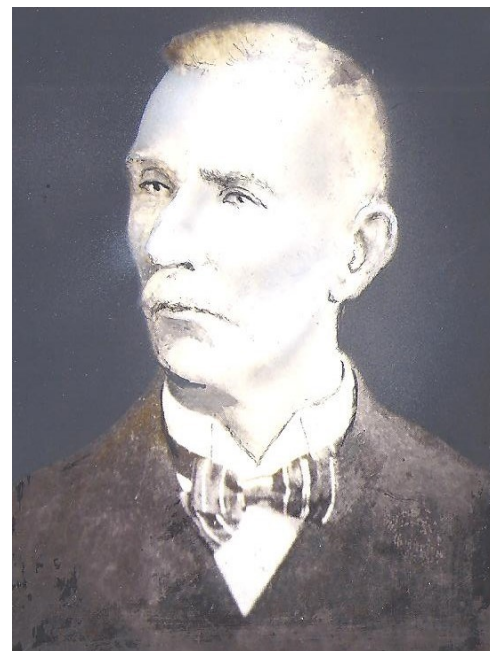
The school board and superintendent granted Brown a leave of absence in December 1877 to return east to marry. According to family tradition, Brown met Jessie Freemont Smith while



Ben Barton



Eliza Barton



James Brown Glover served on the first City Council and was County Supervisor for decades..

Crafts caused much of the litigation. Lewis and Henry Cram recalled the same for the North Fork Ditch in Highland. Brown took notes in his day books and then later transcribed the notes into graphs and timelines.

The closest neighbor to the Crafton Retreat was Charles Treat Paine, then the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. Paine named the Lugonia School for the Antonio Maria Lugo Rancho Grant. His western neighbor, Dr. William Craig, used the Lugonia name for his wine label in 1873, predating the school. County school

incompetence was due to fits of intoxication. Paine asked Frank Brown to replace Wozencraft. Brown accepted and passed the county test with 80% and received certificate #114 September 7, 1877. Brown's experience with the Seaside Male Academy and his command of mathematics made the test easy. Brown tutored young George Beattie, who passed the test on the third attempt and became the teacher for Lugonia School.

Brown became the teacher of the San Timoteo Canyon School that was located on a bluff above the intersection

attending Yale. Jessie was born June 20, 1856 in Washington, Litchfield County, Connecticut. She was two months older than Frank and one inch shorter. Her father, Cornelius Ray Smith (1817-1859) was a book publisher in New York and, like Brown's father, died while Jessie was only three. Her mother, Emeline Rich Smith (1823-1899) gave her daughter away in the wedding.

Frank Brown decided to make the return west a combined honeymoon with sight-seeing. He chose the Isthmus of Panama route since each end of the trip

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involved a sea voyage. Crossing the plains prior to Pullman sleeping cars promised no privacy in crowded train coaches while the sea voyages allowed for sleeping quarters and a dining room. Jessie proved a valuable asset to Frank Brown that somehow adapted to life with a hyperactive husband and eventually eight children. She braved living in Big Bear while the dam was constructed with a new born son, a two-year-old, a three-year-old and the four-year-old Emeline. J & B gave Jessie power of attorney so she could record deed documents with the County Clerk's office. J & B transferred legal ownership of dozens of Residence Tract lots to Jesse. This enabled Jesse to promote and sell the lots when both men were busy or out of town.

Frank and Jessie arrived back in Lugonia the first week of February 1878. They moved in with Judson on Pioneer Street in his small home. Frank returned to teaching and attended to the J & B nursery each afternoon and planted experimental fruit trees throughout the valley. Brown bought 10 acres on the northwest corner of Lugonia and Church Street from Col. Tolles. Brown followed the sage advice of Charles Nordhoff of planting no more than 10 acres since that was more than enough for one farmer. Tolles donated the land on the corner for

the Lugonia School. The Sunnyside Ditch ran along the north side of Evergreen Avenue (Lugonia) and young cottonwoods fronted his property. Brown began to build a home and by the early summer the project was completed. He planted a deciduous orchard of peaches and apricots. Their neighbor to the west was the Fred Perris family. Perris was the pioneer civil engineer of the valley. J & B never had adjoining property as some histories have mentioned.

While walking the new Sunnyside Ditch with Fred Perris, Brown discovered the new ditch did not have right of way access from the Southern Pacific Land Corporation. Brown contacted Jerome Madden, the railroad land agent for the area, and explained the situation. A trespass such as this could threaten litigation. Fortunately J & B were buying so much railroad land at the time that right of way was given and signed over by Charles Crocker, President, and George H. Brockett without incident. The right of way deed included all the South Fork Sunnyside owners of March 27, 1880. They were C. E. Brink, Jacob D. B. Stilliman, J & B, G. A. Conley, George H. Bridett, Edwin A. Holt, William R. Tolles, Laura Strong, A. Humphrey, R. W. Reeves, W. B. Beires, James B. Glover, O. E. Johnson, F. R. Gerard, W. G. Brown, George A. Cook, G. H. Brockett, L. M.



Dr. and Mrs. William Craig

Mosman, Israel Beal, Fred T. Perris, John Mayfield, Asa A. Carter, C. B. Bates, S. A. Hicks, B. F. Chamberlain, John D. Chamberlain, and T. J. Rannaus. This list constitutes a snap shot of the farmers of early Lugonia.

Brown developed a plan to settle the land west of the old Kenwood Colony site that in 1888 was called Victoria. In May, 1878, Judson traveled to New York to secure financial backing for this development. Brown intended to use water rights from the old Timber Ditch to irrigate the land. Judson returned west on the Southern Pacific and just before reaching Colton had a hot cinder fall into his eye. Brown was there to pick him up and helped Judson wash the cinder from his eye. The eye was still injured so Brown took Judson to the Crafton Retreat to recover. This often repeated story by James Edwards somehow became how Judson and Brown met.

Judson had only bad news. No financial funding was secured for the Victoria project in New York or Connecticut. In the future, when investment dollars were required Brown was chosen for Connecticut connections and Judson for New York. In August, the school year ended for Brown. He taught another full year before retiring as a teacher. The two-year-old Cave v. Crafts decision by the State Supreme Court was announced presenting Myron Crafts a defeat in court August 1878. J & B needed additional investment dollars to buy land and water shares if their land development plans could reach fruition. They turned to fruit drying. *



Jessie and Frank Brown eating watermelon on a peak above Moreno Valley.



Aerial photo of the mouth of Mill Creek where the steel pipeline began in 1877.

Crafton Reservoir in 1882.



The San Timoteo Canyon school house was located on a bluff above the intersection of Alessandro and San Timoteo Canyon Road.



Frank & Jessie Brown's home on Evergreen (Lugonia Avenue) in 1878.

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striking that the house was featured on a "Y" home tour.

Tom Atchley will present his usual historical commentary at both houses. First, at 7 p.m., then at the other house at 7:30 p.m., and of course, we will hear from the homeowners as well. Please join us for a fun and informative evening.
- by Robin Grube



Two houses will be toured at this month's Old House Group meeting - 1018 Campus Avenue, above, and 1021 Campus Avenue, below.



The Cass Gaylord home at its original location next to Kingsbury School on Cypress Avenue. Learn more about it on our Grant Street Walking Tours.

Upcoming Events

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| March 12, 9:00 a.m. | Grant Street Walking Tour, Part I
\$10 per person |
| March 23, 6:30 p.m. | OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING
1018 & 1021 Campus Avenue |
| March 28, 7:00 p.m. | PROGRAM - Kimberly Juniors
Bev Cain, Speaker
Lyon Assembly Room
A.K. Smiley Public Library
125 W. Vine Street |
| March/April | CITY OF L.A. WATTLES MANSION SHOWCASE HOME
Designed by architect Elmer Grey
(Architect of the Lincoln Shrine & Lyon Residence)
Tickets available at reitzhausproductions.com |
| April 2, 9:00 a.m. | Grant Street Walking Tour, part II
Meet at Grant & Home Place
\$10 per person |
| May 14, 1:00 p.m. | Mid-Century Modern Bus Tour
\$30 Reservations Required |
| 1 st Thursday of the Month | Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission Mtg.
City Hall Council Chambers
35 Cajon Street |

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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