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OFF TO THE KLONDIKE WITH NEIL!

Summer's nearly over, and now it's nearly fall, and time to start another History Guild year, to explore new and intriguing facets of events of the past that had relationship to the environs of our area.

On Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 20th, we'll start off with a great program by our own NEIL FAHY, presenting slides and commentary on "SAN MATEO COUNTY SOURDOUGHS TO THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH IN 1898". The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m., so come early to chat and exchange summer experiences.

Neil has done extensive research on those brave men (and women) who left our area to brave the rigors of gold-seeking in the far north, under physical and emotional conditions that were almost beyond comprehension. Through newspaper articles, personal journals and letters, archival photographs, etc., he has pieced together a fascinating story of some of 100 individuals that he found had made the journey to the jumping off points of Skagway or Nome.

BRODERICK-TERRY DUEL ON TARGET

Our May meeting certainly was a rouser, with a full house at the Doelger Center (153 by count), an excellent program on the Broderick-Terry Duel, and the introduction of individual name badges for History Guild members.


Dr. Robert Chandler, History Officer of the Wells Fargo Bank, wove a fascinating tapestry of the tempestuous times of San Francisco in the 1850's, of Vigilantes and Violence, when political tempers seemed always on the bubble.

Step by step, with a well-orchestrated slide accompaniment, Bob brought us all to the canyon a few hundred yards from where he spoke, where the antagonists paced, turned and fired, resulting in the mortal wounding of Senator David Broderick.



Although the duel site is officially as located by the markers in the now-

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WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20, 1989 at 7:30 pm



**S.M. COUNTY
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forested glade, just inside the County Line, other reports and journals have placed the site as far away as near to Lyon's in Westlake, or near the clubhouse of the Lake Merced Golf Club.

Jane Powell, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, gave her report, which recommended the election of the same officers as on the previous slate, and which are listed on the back of this bulletin. It was moved to elect said officers, and after that was accomplished, to have them installed by simple declaration.

So, your officers are re-elected. Although full notice was given of opportunity to serve the Guild as a Director or in the other offices, no calls were received by Jane. Oh, well, maybe next year!

Another highlight of the meeting was the display and demonstration of dueling pistols by member Richard Hill, who showed two beautiful firearms, and took the audience through the process of loading, priming, and all the other activities which are involved with such weapons.

The last part of his report was quite startling, and brought the audience, and President Ken Gillespie in particular, to a state of immediate attention and interest. Let's just say that you had to be there to understand the reaction.



Boatloads of would-be prospectors in the Whitehorse Rapids of the Yukon River. Some 150 boats crashed in this short stretch of water.

Others struggle (right) up the snow-clad Chilcoot Pass, where each person had to tote the equivalent of 1 ton of provisions to gain clearance into the Yukon territory.

JOHN DALY RANCH DELINEATED

Maps have been received by the Guild which show the boundary lines of the San Mateo Dairy, the property of John Daly, at the top of the hill in Daly City.

Divided into two tract areas, named Hillcrest and Mission Street, the acreage was subdivided into lots in January, 1907, with street names and designations, which went a long way toward the settlement of the area into a community.

The larger of the two contiguous parcels, Hillcrest, ran on roughly a 45° angle in a northwesterly direction from Bepler and San Jose Ave. to the end of what is now Mission Circle, southwest to half-way down that angled street, and northwesterly again to the County Line.



It followed the County Line directly west along Merced Ave. (non-existent now until it hit the S.P.R.R. tracks, roughly where BART's tracks are currently.

The tracks formed the westerly border of the properties south to what became the north half of the block of Los Olivos, up to Mission Street.

All of that was the Hillcrest Tract. The Mission Street Tract was immediately

adjac to it on the south, and extended south through the other side of Los Olivos, Los Angeles (later Los Banos), Merced (later Knowles), through the first depth of subdivided lots fronting on Knowles.

The two segments were the areas to which the refugees streamed after the S.F. earthquake and fire, and which became the core of our burgeoning city.

GRACE PRES. CELEBRATES 80TH

Grace Presbyterian Church recently celebrated its 80th ANNIVERSARY, with a weekend celebration at its Winchester and Hanover Sts. location.

Originally at Hanover and Evergreen, the congregation outgrew that building and moved to the present site in the early 1950's. The longest-lived Protestant Congregation in Daly City, Grace now serves a racially-balanced membership, reflecting the ethnic changes in our community.

REFRESHMENTS REMINDER

Good friends who signed up for goodies for the September 20th meeting are reminded of their thoughtful offer of four dozen munches of some kind:

Mrs. Frank Spadarella
Richard Rodriguez
Elaine Riney
Carl & Bea Hoppe
Esther Appleton

Refreshment chair Mary Hutchings will give a final reminder nearer September 20.

MASONIC MERGER AT TOP-OF-HILL

History was made on July 1, 1989, when Crocker Lodge #454 F&AM merged with South San Francisco #212. The merger has changed the name of the organization, a pioneer Daly City entity, to Crocker Lodge #212, embracing part of each lodge's background. Originally chartered in 1915, on the same parcel of ground at Hillcrest and Mission, the lodge met in wooden building which also had dental offices and commercial tenants.

In 1936 a new structure was created, using part of the street floor, and all of the second floor for lodge purposes, but retaining tenant spaces for part of the building.

Currently, elevator is being installed to supplement the winding stairway access. The merger brings together two long-standing lodges which had been meeting on Hillcrest anyway, strengthening in numbers and outlook the purposes of the organization. Good luck, Crocker #212!

NOTES FROM GOOD HISTORY FRIENDS

A good correspondent is Muriel Vint, beloved former music teacher in the Jefferson Elementary School District. Formerly Muriel Moscone, she now lives in Burlingame and writes fondly of "the good old days", when JESD had the highest academic standing in San Mateo County!

She recalls when Superintendent William Savage taught Art and Current Events once a week, and she wonders why the Board of Trustees has never named a school in his honor. For the record, there is a school site south of Southgate called the Savage School site, or something of the kind, but no structure has been erected, nor is one currently anticipated.

Another faithful penpal is Dorothy Heller, who recently sent for the collection her class picture from Vista Grande School, 7th Grade, with teacher Miss Eckart, and, of course, Mr. Savage.

Yet another contributor, to whom we offer many thanks, is Rose Griffith, of Pacifica, who loaned us a fine videotape (which good Guild friend Leroy Larsen copied) of the 1961, 50th Anniversary Parade. Rose also contributed several DC City Directories. Many, many thanks to all these dear, interested friends!

CONSTRUCTION NOTES FROM 1889

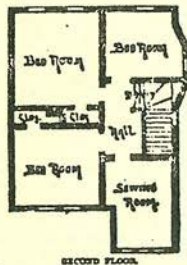
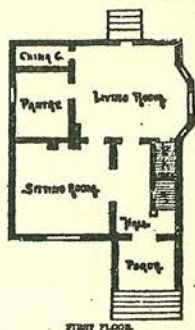
The San Mateo County Fair had a wonderful exhibit from the San Mateo Times, one part of which was a giveaway of one of its predeceasing papers, the San Mateo Leader, a reproduction of an 1889 copy.

Of great interest was an advertisement for a "Thousand Dollar Home", obviously pre-fab, which showed a "Frame Two-story Dwelling - Height of stories, 9 feet 6 inches in the clear, second, 9 feet, cellar, 6 feet 6 inches. First story contains hall, 7x13, sitting room with fireplace, mantel and grate, 12x13, living room 11x14, large pantry and china closet.

Second story contains three bedrooms, 9x10, 10x11, and 10x12; sewing room, 7x9, and three closets. First story was clapboard, second story shingles. Estimated cost of building, \$1,000!

Times have changed in 100 years, no?

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