

## From Windsor to Eureka by Wagon, 1909

*It took the Hembrees nine days to reach their destination*

by Mary Ellen Goode Hembree

[WHS thanks the Spinaz family for contributing Mary Ellen Hembree's journal. For clarity, dates, captions and some punctuation have been added.]

One hundred and seven years ago three members of the Hembree family set out from their Windsor farm on a road trip to Eureka, a distance of approximately 207 miles. Travelers in the party were Mary Ellen Goode Hembree, age 60, her husband, Andrew Jackson "Father" Hembree, age 62, and one of their sons, James "Jim" Hembree, age 37.

An older son is probably more familiar, Dr. Atlas T. Hembree, in whose retirement home Windsor's museum is located.

Although automobiles were available in 1909, Mary, Andrew and James traveled in a spring wagon pulled by two horses. Today the trip would take about 4 hours at an average speed of 58 miles per hour with time out for a stop or two along the way. The Hembrees' 1909 trip took nine days, which Mary described in her journal as "*one of the most pleasant trips of our lives.*"

Upon returning home, Mary Ellen sent her handwritten journal of the trip to her daughter Mattie Hembree Cartwright (Mrs. George Cartwright). Following is a transcription of Mary Ellen Hembree's journal.

**From:** Mrs M. E. Hembree  
Windsor, Calif.

**To:** Mrs G. W. Cartwright  
1204 H St, Eureka, CA



Mother and Father Hembree

Mary Ellen and Andrew Jackson Hembree

### A Camping Trip to Eureka

#### Day 1, Wednesday, June 15, 1909:

After a great deal of talk as to the whys and wherefores of the trip we started, Father, Jim, and I, to Eureka to visit our daughter Mattie and her five little daughters. We traveled in a spring wagon with two horses. Made the start at 3 P.M. Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1909. It was quite cloudy and we feared rain.

Camped 3 miles south of Cloverdale on a little stream. Jim slept outside the tent, tho advised differently by his parents. About 2 A.M. the rain began to "patter, patter on the roof" and our driver moved inside, and ever after occupied a corner of the tent.

#### Day 2, Thursday, June 16, 1909:

Thursday morning dawned so dreary

and misty-but after a late breakfast we decided to move forward. Did not rain to amount to any thing, just enough to scare us.

Thursday we nooned on Russian River near Pieta, (still cloudy).

Thursday night [we] camped 2 mile south of Ukiah on R.R. [Russian River]. Automobiles and buggies crossing the bridge all night. It kept up a little drizzle all night.

#### Day 3, Friday, June 17, 1909:

Friday morning dust well settled and indications of a clear up. By noon we were delighted to see the sun peeping through the clouds. Nooned three miles north [of] Van Arnsdale, 7 miles south [of] Willets.

Just after leaving Willets we met an Auto. Team became frightened, one of the

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## Mission Statement

*The mission of the Windsor Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and disseminate the history of Windsor and the Russian River Township through museum exhibits, historic sites, educational programs and printed materials.*

## President's Message



## Current Events and Future Prospects

Wow, it turns out that we had a better crop of hops than I expected. I was behind getting the trellising up this year and it turns out that the hops are really on a strict schedule of up and down! I did not get them up the trellis in time and I worried they would not be ripe in time for our September 3 harvest, but they turned out just fine. We had a great turnout at the Hop Harvest and Heritage Day with over 100 members and friends helping and enjoying a great lunch. This year, besides Edna Honsa and Clara Brock, who once worked weighing hops on the Steele Ranch, we were treated to stories by hop grower Joe Rochioli and his wife, Vivienne. What a treat.

Especially good news recently is that the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, the De Young Museum, has agreed to sell an original oil painting titled "Near Windsor" to the Windsor Historical Society. The painting was created by world-famous local artist Lorenzo Palmer Latimer (1857-1941), who grew up at the family ranch on Chalk Hill Road, and the painting depicts a scene that is probably located in that area.

Artist Lorenzo Palmer Latimer was the son of Judge Lorenzo Dow Latimer, the husband of Sarah Rich. Their story is recounted in the *Windsor Walk* of April, May, June, 2012. We are very excited about this possible acquisition and are soliciting donations for the purchase. If you would like to contribute to this important piece of Windsor history, please send WHS your donation soon. We must make the purchase by January 2017.

A little bit behind schedule, or at least behind my optimistic schedule, the

outdoor display building is still in the planning stages. Maybe not this year, but by next year we will have a new building between the Hembree House and the parking lot of the Senior Center that will display many items that are too large for our museum. This building is funded by a very generous donation from George Greeott and the Greeott family. It is impossible to express in words our gratitude to the Greeott family for their contributions to Windsor history are everywhere at the museum.

Once again we were saddened to learn of the passing of a long time member and former board member. Jess Shannon passed away last month after a long illness. He was a longtime board member serving until his health required he retire in mid-2011. Jess was an avid historian and hung beautiful framed pictures of Windsor history on the walls of the Windsor Country Club Mobile Home Park. The Historical Society met at the park for many years through his generosity. Jess and his wife, Mildred, attended many, many events and have been longtime supporters of the historical society long after his service to the board. Thank you so much, Jess, I'll miss you.

I almost hate to tell everyone about such a fun thing to do, but as a dedicated historian I must. If you type in "CDNC" into your search engine of your computer it should find "California Digital Newspaper Collection". When you click on that link you will find a box to type in search terms. This is where Healdsburg newspapers are located with a full searchable index. You can look up anything but be warned ... it's hard to stay focused. You will get sidetracked at every turn because it is so interesting. Have fun, and please report back to us when you find some new interesting Windsor History. I am surprised and astounded almost daily.

Have fun and see you around the museum. The John Burton collection is here for only another month!

See you around.

Steve



# WHS Member News

## WHS Board Member Profiles: Ken DelGreco



**WHS board members Ken and Marilou DelGreco enjoy the natural beauty of Sonoma County, a place Ken long dreamed of living.**

In childhood Ken was fascinated with figuring out how things work, and that curiosity carried over into adulthood. Coincidentally, during that time, the area around San Jose was converting into what is now known as Silicon Valley, so he naturally ended up working in the tech industry. He continues in that field to this day as an electrical engineer.

Ken also met Marilou, his wife of 28 years, while both were working at Hewlett Packard. She is currently the treasurer of the Windsor Historical Society.

Ken became acquainted with the Windsor Historical Society in a very serendipitous manner. He describes the event: "While visiting the Windsor Library one day I noticed an art show off in a side room. The wood carvings and other sculptures were simply amazing, like nothing I'd ever seen before. I stopped in to inquire about them and found they were made by George Greeott. George wasn't there that day, but I wanted to meet him and went back several more times over the next week, missing him each time, until finally we met. In the meantime, the docents at the show convinced me to join Windsor Historical Society and the rest is history (sorry about the pun)."

Ken and Marilou have two daughters: Elizabeth is currently living, working and pursuing a graduate degree in San Rafael. Stephany is in college in San Jose.

When time permits, some relaxing activities Ken enjoys include . . .

- reading (mostly nonfiction relating to the history of technology)
- growing vegetables in his garden
- woodworking
- listening to classic rock
- making small electronic and mechanical gadgets
- generally, just tinkering in the garage

**K**en DelGreco was born in Palo Alto and grew up in San Jose. During those years Ken's family spent a lot of time camping and fishing in the North Bay. Ken always had a fondness for the Sonoma County area and knew he would like to live there someday. That day arrived in 2000, so he is a relative newcomer to the area.

### Welcome

#### New Sustaining Member

Arden Dunton

### New Members

Darrell & Laurie Bertacco

Tim & Michelle Cambra

Jeanette Doyel

Adam & Jenny DuVander

Thomas Jacobson

Chester & Benita Morris

### Memorial Gifts

#### In memory of Lola Mae Biancalana

Dennis & Kathleen Bohall

John & Colleen Laubinger

Bill & Cheryl Strong

A corporate matching gift  
from Allianz Global Risks US  
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#### In memory of Walter Brock

Clara Brock & Arleen Rusche

Bob & Edna Honsa

Stephen & Jan Lehmann

Trevor & Cassandra Will

#### In memory of Charlie Owens, Stephen Barr & Jess Shannon

Stephen & Jan Lehmann

### Monetary Donations

WHS greatly appreciates receiving recent monetary donations from the following:

Clara Brock

Contributions — large and small — help us preserve Windsor's wonderful history for future generations.

*Thank you!*

# Condolences

## Walter Earl Brock (1929-2016)



ATC Walter (Bud) Earl Brock USN (ret.), 87, passed away on April 9, 2016 in San Marcos, California, due to complications associated with peritoneal dialysis. Walter was born on January 12, 1929, in Windsor, California, to Jasper O. and Alma B. (Purcell) Brock. Walter spent his youth in Windsor helping the family, working in the orchards, harvesting prunes and with other farm chores. He attended Windsor Grammar School and graduated from Healdsburg High School in 1947. In 1948 he married Beatrice Hassett and they had three daughters, Judy, Diane and Melody. They were divorced in 1959.

It was always a passion of Walter's to fly radio controlled airplanes, so it was no surprise to his family that after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Navy where he served as an aviation machinist's mate first class, spending three years in Japan and later as Chief Aviation Electronics Technician on the USS Lexington, traveling to Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Walter met Elizabeth (Bette) Wuebbens in Chula Vista, California, and there was an immediate connection between the two. They married in 1962. The newly married couple, along with Bette's children, Steve and Chris, was transferred to Japan for Walter's second three-year tour of duty. Returning back to the States in 1965, Walter retired from the Navy in October 1967.

Walter then began his second career working for Sandia Laboratories as head of security equipment in Livermore, California, retiring permanently in 1987. Walter and Bette moved to Rio Vista, California, to enjoy the retirement life of living in a 55-or-older community. There Walter took up golfing, spent more time flying his radio-controlled airplanes, and traveling around the country in the couple's 5th wheel.

One of the many pleasures Walter enjoyed was telling stories to his children about growing up in the early years in California. One of his favorites was about his Grandmother Martha Brock selling Alexander Valley acreage that she had promised to give to her sons, Jasper (Walter's father), Edwin and Leonard Brock. The sale occurred after the death of Martha's husband and the boys' father, Cullie Brock, and may have helped pay for burial expenses. Martha sold her 60 acres in Alexander Valley for \$3,000. Although Walter had sympathy for his grandmother, he always ended this story with a chuckle, commenting that if the Alexander Valley property had remained in the Brock family, they might have been a little better off financially than they were.

After a lengthy period of ill health, Walter learned he was a candidate for a kidney transplant in 2010, which meant he had to change some of his lifestyle, but being a retired Navy Chief, Walter followed his medical procedures fastidiously. He decided to make a major change in his life by moving to San Marcos, California, into an independent retirement facility in November 2015 to be closer to his daughter Chris Fisher.

Walter is survived by his sister, Clara Mae Brock and spouse Arlene Rusche, Santa Clara, California; daughters Judy (Gregg) Thompson, Vancouver, Canada, Christine (Rick) Fisher, Vista, California, Diane Allen, West Seattle, Washington, Melody (Steve) Snyder, Vashon Island, Washington; son Steve Wuebbens, Piedmont, California; sixteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Elizabeth (Lange) Wuebbens Brock passed away in April of 2004.

Graveside services were held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Shiloh Cemetery, Windsor. Remembrances may be made in Walter's memory to the Windsor Historical Society & Museum, 9225 Foxwood Drive, Windsor, CA 95492.

The poem "A Sailor's Prayer" has special meaning for Walter's daughter Melody, her step-sister Chris, her husband Rick, and Melody's sister Judy, who were in the hospital room with Walter before he passed. According to Melody, "We had asked for a chaplain and as it turned out, he, like Dad, was retired from the Navy. The chaplain felt it only proper to recite the poem for Dad. It was very spiritual. Dad would have been pleased."



### A Sailor's Prayer

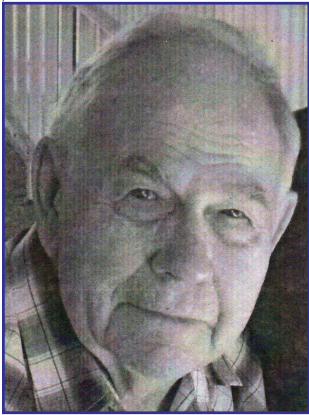
Sailors pray,  
For fair winds and a following sea  
  
The smell of salt in the air,  
The feel of their skin as it's touched by the spray  
  
An albatross soaring above,  
Dolphins in the ship's wake at play  
  
To witness a work of art that only God can create,  
The sunset at the end of day  
  
At night a million stars in the sky,  
Safe anchorage in an island's lee  
  
When the time comes to die as for all it must,  
To awake in Sailors Heaven where nothing ever rusts  
  
And always there would be,  
Fair winds and a following sea.

-C. D. Williams



# Condolences

## Jesse Bob Shannon (1932-2016)



Jesse “Jess” Bob Shannon, 83, died peacefully on August 8, 2016, with his family by his side. He was born on December 18, 1932 to Robert Chester and Almer Lorene Aufill Shannon in Hedley, Donley County, Texas. The family moved to California in 1943 and settled in Healdsburg, where Jesse graduated from high school.

Jesse married Mildred R. Edmunson on October 1, 1965. He worked in construction, and some of his favorite memories were driving large trucks during the construction of Warm Springs Dam, which was completed in 1982.

Jesse served on the board of the Windsor Historical Society (WHS) for a number of years

and hosted WHS meetings in the clubhouse at the Windsor Country Club Estates Mobile Home Park where he and Mildred lived. Jesse appreciated Windsor’s history and displayed historic photographs in the clubhouse.

Jesse was active in other areas of the community, too. A gentle, quiet man, he was content to serve behind the scenes. Mildred said, “If there was food to be cooked, he was usually in the kitchen.” He was also an avid bowler and enjoyed competing with longtime friends at the Windsor Lanes.

A longtime resident of Sonoma County, Jesse is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Mildred, sons and their wives, Robert and Carol Shannon, Kenneth and Dee Shannon, Stanley and Barbara Edmunson, Steven and Esther Edmunson, his brother Norvin Shannon and sisters Lenore Matthews and Lanell Cook, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to honor Jesse Shannon’s life was held on August 21 at the First Baptist Church of Windsor. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Jesse to the local Alzheimer’s Association, 1211 North Dutton Avenue, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.



Mildred and Jesse Shannon at the museum during WHS’s holiday open house, December 2012.

## Charles “Charlie” Owens (1928-2016)

Charles “Charlie” Owens passed away in Windsor on April 14, 2016 at the age of 87. He was born on September 18, 1928 in California to Charles and Ann Owens.

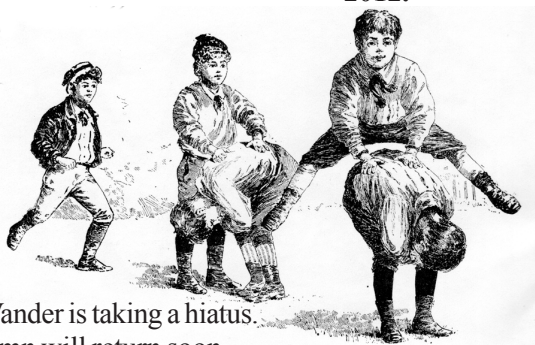
Charlie was the foundation of blended families and is survived by his wife of 43 years, Opal Owens, sisters Pat Merritt and Betty Redding, brothers Bill Owens and Tom Terwilliger, children Richard Owens, Leonard Avilla, Bruce Avilla, Tania Montes, Joni Barajas and Lee Cox, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Charlie enthusiastically greeted all who passed the family on the main street in Old Downtown Windsor [295 Windsor River Road, next to the Jaded Toad BBQ & Grill]. Many people remember his friendly greetings.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corp, an athlete, a rodeo rider of broncos, avid fisherman, hunter, and gold miner.

During most of Charlie’s working career he was a Teamster truck driver.

There is one phrase that all agree describes Charlie Owens: “He was always there for me.” He will be greatly missed. His memorial service and burial in Shiloh Cemetery were held on April 22, 2016.



Jim DuVander is taking a hiatus. His column will return soon.



## **Polenta Dinner Contributors** (continued from Jan/Feb/Mar Windsor Walk)

*Due to technical problems, the following were inadvertently omitted from the list of contributors to February's WHS polenta dinner. Please accept our apologies for the error and our gratitude for your contributions.*

**Lagunitas Brewing Company** (and  
for contributing to our Hop Harvest  
event in September)  
**Selby Scrap Metal Design**  
**Sierra Nevada Brewing Company**  
**"Snoopy's Home Ice"**  
**Sonoma Raceway**  
**St. Florian's Brewery**  
**Steve & Glenda Castelli**  
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**Terry & Claudia Carroll**  
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**Walt Disney Family Museum**  
**Wanda & Jim Botsch**  
**Wayne & "D" Graner**  
**Winchester Mystery House**  
**Wise Acre Farms**

## **November 7, 1916 Election Day**

### **EAST WINDSOR PRECINCT**

**Polling Place:** school house  
basement. **Board of Election:**  
**Inspector,** Ira E. Smith; **Judges,**  
James Crosbie, James B. Sheppard;  
**Clerks,** Ed. G. Long, Sheridan  
Peterson, Stewart W. Rich.

### **WEST WINDSOR PRECINCT**

**Polling place:** Masonic Hall.  
**Board of Election: Inspector,**  
Grant Laughlin; **Judges,** Leon F.  
Hembree, Jos. A. Wallis; **Clerks,**  
Adelaide Carmelita Byrn, Margaret  
A. Lubberke, Gertrude Wilson.

*Healdsburg Enterprise, 28 Oct 1916*

### Camping 1909, continued from page 1

horses reclined a moment on the wagon tongue, bending the iron brace so that the end of [the] tongue veered round to an angle of 40 degrees. We managed to get into camp, a distance of 5 miles. A beautiful camping place, an old deserted house called wood pecker house, so called, as the birds of that name had about eaten it up. An old well too, in good condition and actually some flowers.

In the morning the men heated the bent iron by my cookfire. Used the little axe for a hammer, and a stump for an Anvil, repaired our wagon.

Found father's name and date of Aug 5, 1905. The occurrence brought pleasant memories of another pleasant trip to Eureka. Also a feeling of thankfulness that we were still able for the trip again.

### Day #4: Saturday, June 18, 1909

Saturday nooned 7 mile north [of] Sheerwood on Mosquito pond.

Same P.M. we saw a deer feeding in a grain field a few miles from Laytonville. Father produced the little 22. The life of the deer was in danger but we spared it with regrets.

Sat night camped one mile south Cummings on Rattlesnake creek, did not see a snake.

### Day #5: Sunday, June 19, 1909

Sunday morning started up Rattlesnake grade. Father drove. Jim walked most of the way. We had been going up and up for several hours when we came to a cabin inhabited by an old batch. Asked how far we had come up, "3 1/2 miles," How far to the top? ... "9 1/2 miles." Father asked why he did not marry, and he said he had been hunting his mother in law's daughter for many years.

Sunday nooned 2 mile south [of] Bell Springs. Camped that night at Eastview, one mile south of Harris. The view consisted principally of poison oak, decidedly an uninteresting camp.

### Day #6: Monday, June 20, 1909

Monday nooned on Dobbins creek 6 mile south [of] Blocksburg, a beautiful stream, clean nice camp. Men went fishing, said don't cook any meat till we return. I

cooked the meat when they did return.

In the P.M. passed through Blocksburg, was disappointed in the place. It was so very small.

Monday night camped 4 miles north of B-burg. The wind blew so we could hardly get our tent up, and with difficulty, cooked our supper and retired very early.

### Day #7: Tuesday, June 21, 1909

Tuesday morning the wind was blowing terribly and we would have started bright and early, but as usual Jim was looking for breaks and found a serious one, so he had to go back to B-burg for repairs. Father and I remained in camp and the wind blew all day. We were tired and disgusted.

Did not leave camp till 4 P.M. Traveled till night and camped Tuesday night 3 miles north of Larabee at an old mill, quite a picturesque place.

### Day #8: Wednesday, June 22, 1909

Wednesday nooned at an old house on Cooper & Dinsmoor Ranch. Had nice water and found an old table and chairs. Was disgusted to find a can of salmon spoiled.

Wednesday night camped at foot of Kneeland mountain. Had to carry water quite a distance.

### Day #9: Thurs., June 23, 1909

Thursday nooned at Wrangle Town 7 miles from Eureka. Father and Jim shaved and we cleaned up as best we could with the accommodations we had. I had a blister on each cheek and one on the end of my nose.

Reached Mattie's at 4 P.M., found them well and the welcome we received over balanced all hardship and blisters, and we felt well paid for our Trip.

We had a lovely visit with Mattie and little girls. Stayed two weeks.

### **The Return Trip to Windsor**

### Day #1: Wednesday, July 7, 1909

Started home July 7th on Wednesday A.M. 7 o'clock. Every child that could talk wanted to come home with us. It was with a feeling akin to sadness that we parted with the dear little ones with many promises of a return to their hospitable home.



We decided to come another route to avoid Kneeland mountain and at the same time see more of the country. The horses were anxious to go, and just flew over the road through a beautiful country dotted here and there with villages and towns. We traveled up and up the Vanduzen river through the grand old monarchs of the forest, so tall and beautiful that one had to look three times to see the top. Jim and father telling each other what wonderful things they would do if they just had one tree at home. In imagination they made grape stakes, and pickets by the cord.

Nooned Wednesday on the Vanduzen in a beautiful forest of redwoods.

Intended camping at Bridgeville Wednesday night but could not get a bit of hay at that place, (had barley). By the way we found hay very high, some times

paying at the rate of \$40 ton but we only failed to get it twice. Traveled on hunting hay, wattered teams and took jug of water as it was impossible to find grazing and water together.

Struck camp at 8 in evening. The cook was allowed a thimble full of water to wash in. Fire soon made tea water on. Father thought to better conditions and upset the tea water so was in disgrace the rest of evening. Still, with strict economy we had plenty of water for tea and the morning's coffee.

#### **Day #2: Thursday, July 8, 1909**

Thursday nooned 4 mile north [of] Blocksburg at our old windy camp. Soon after starting out we found a crobar made out of an old gun barrell. Father said it was the barrell of an old Kentucky riffle

and had killed lots of Indians. All PM father and Jim spun yarns as to what they would tell people of the history of the old gun barrell.

Thursday night we camped on Dobbins creek 6 miles south of Blocksburg. Camped early so Jim had plenty of time to engrave his name on every tree and bridge railing in sight. Put up one of George's signs.

#### **Day #3: Friday, July 9, 1909**

Friday morning we made a turn for Round valley 30? miles distant. Just as we were going up the mountain Jim saw a poor old decrepit jack rabbit, after firing 6 times he was fortunate enough to get the game.

We were overtaken by a man on  
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**The Hembree Family, ca. 1900.** Bottom row, left to right, Aunt Lorinda (Martha Lorinda McCoy Hembree), Annie Hembree, Earl Hembree, Leon Hembree; Top row, Mrs. McClelland (nee Mary Jane Cunningham), Mama (Mary Ellen Goode Hembree), Clara (nee Clara McClelland) Hembree, Ivy Hembree, Atlas Hembree, Elery Hembree and Papa (Andrew Jackson Hembree). (Spinashembree family photo)

horseback that gave us a good deal of information about the roads. He pointed away to the mountain side to the old home of the Burnetts. Had he been living we would surely climbed the mountain to visit him. It was pleasant to hear the record he left behind. "A good honest man loved by all who knew him."

We did not find a desirable nooning place Friday, so sat by the side of the road and ate a cold lunch and fed the horses. We finished the last cookie and longed for more.

One-half mile on we came to a big oak tree that had fallen across the road. Had a hard time backing up hill and holding with might and main to the wagon to keep it from going down the bank, Mind you, the mother helped too and then had to drive around so steep a place that father had to ride the wheel. I offered any assistance and was politely told to get out of the way.

After ½ hour's delay we went on our way over a terrible mountain. After wasting some time and ammunition father killed a grey squirrel. Pretty soon saw such a beauty of a deer. The 22 was gotten ready, but the deer was gone. Same evening we saw an old doe and 2 little ones.

Got to the bottom of this mountain, found a nice stream by the name Kie,wa,kee, (spelled as they pronounce it) and quite a ranch. The man was so glad to see some one that he would not take any thing for the hay. We camped there friday night, caught all the fish we needed for supper and breakfast and 16 fine trout to take along.

#### **Day #4: Saturday, July 10, 1909**

Saturday morning repaired the wagon with a liberal supply of bale rope and wire.

Saturday nooned near the line of Mendicino and Humboldt Counties.

Camped Saturday night North Fork of Eel river. There were fish there but they were very shy.

Met a man who with his family lived 3 miles back in mountains. He would like to have us stopped with them as they were so lonely. We had quite a chat and I found out all tho he lived so far in the woods

that he was a Christian and a mason.

#### **Day #5: Sunday, July 11, 1909**

Sunday we passed a little cabin on a small clearing in the woods. An old man sat on the porch. Of course father stopped to chat and the old man, Morgan, knew him. Years ago they lived in Windsor. The mother and daughter came out and chatted. The girl had gone to school with our girls.

We passed through Covello in Round valley about noon. It is very beautiful. For miles and miles back on the mountain we could see it nestled in among the mountains so far away from any where. It was fine to see and as we drove along we thought and spoke of when the indians roamed wild through that country, and now they have only about ½ the valley. It is 9 miles long and 5 wide. There are government schools and churches and a missionary's residence. Covello was the first P.O. we had passed for 3 days.

We were out of coffee and tobacco. The coffee we could have done without, but not the tabacco. So we nooned a mile and half out of town and waited till 4 PM to get into a store. Jim walked back and got the much needed articles.

Camped sunday night on the middle fork of Eel river. Forded the stream. A sign said "fordable on the riffles". We got to the opposite bank all right but it was a hard pull and snap went our double tree. We got out on the bank of the river, and father and Jim managed to get the wagon up to camp. It was a nice camp and I improved my time by doing some washing in the river.

#### **Day #6: Monday, July 12, 1909**

Monday morning the men, with the aid of Eureka bale rope and wire, mended the double tree and seemed very proud of their job. Breakfasted late monday morning, consequently had no lunch.

Monday night camped on the south fork Eel river, near Eel river hotel. They invited us to drive into an inclosure to camp. Sold us good hay and treated us well, very reasonable in their charges. Opened up my coffee and found it had not been ground. We held a consultation

as to who should go up to the hotel to grind it. Jim said he would pound it, but could not think of facing the woman of the house. I declined on account of my soiled attire, so poor old Dad had to go and he ground it every bit.

#### **Day #7: Tuesday, July 13, 1909**

Tuesday morning lay round camp and rested. Jim tried to fish but was not successful. Father took one in the middle of the river in a boat, and I did some more washing.

Did not stop for lunch. Passed through Potter valley. It was a beautiful valley filled with such wonderful fields of yellow grain. We became very much in love with the place.

Tuesday P.M. held consultation as to whether we should go on to Lakeport, still 40 mile distant, or whether we turn to Ukiah and on home. One of the horses was very tired and the road to Lake was one (a grade) much used by autos. It was left to the Mother to decide and she said go home. Father said [it was] a wise decision as we had been gone then about a month.

That night camped on Russian River 5 miles south of Potter Valley. It had been very warm that P.M. We had drank mineral water, spring water and river water. I had a little spell come over me and my feet refused to carry me, but with a liberal supply of camphor and a good deal of fanning I soon became my usual self.

#### **Day #8: Wednesday, July 14, 1909**

Wednesday we nooned at Hopland. It was very very warm and there was only one willow tree to shade the horses and us.

We made an hour's drive in the P.M. and camped near Pieta on Russian R. Started very early Thursday morning so as to get over the grade before the Autos were traveling. Arrived at Hembrees ranch just at noon. So ends one of the most pleasant trips of our lives. Father was well and we found all well at home.

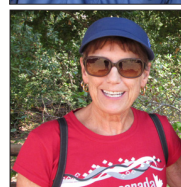
Now, daughter, I expect you to look over errors in this narrative as father and I neglected even to make a note of our camping places, so we thought of what we could leaving out many things and we are hoping sometime to visit you again

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# Hop Harvest & Heritage Day Festival, Sept. 3, 2016

photos by Marilou Del Greco ... except this one →→→





# Windsor Newsmakers from the Past

**NOTE:** Historic articles appear as originally published, unless otherwise indicated.

## September 1876

Santa Rosa, September 25th. — John Price, a citizen of Windsor, on his way from Healdsburg Saturday evening, fell from his wagon, striking his head and face, from which death ensued. Deceased was a native of Missouri, aged about thirty-one years, and leaves a wife and three small children entirely destitute of means of support.

-Daily Alta California, Sept. 26, 1876

## July 1932

The Windsor Epworth League young people held a swimming party and wienie roast on the river at the Wohler ranch Friday evening. Those attending were:

Dorothy Winset, Jenevieve Robbins, Lillian Silk, Mae Kiergard, Margaret Horvath, Wilma Lawson, June Chandler, Andrew Silk, Chester Robbins, Donald Winset, Frank Horvath, Thomas Robbins, Harold Baker, Bill Craven, Glen Smart, Jack Beedie, Frank Craven, Ralph Rowan, Harry Kehn, Floyd Morris and Douglas Jensen.

-Healdsburg Tribune, July 25, 1932

## September 1937

Gene Prat, Windsor service station manager and owner, was honored at a surprise party on his 25th birthday anniversary, Saturday night at Woodmen hall in Santa Rosa. . . . [attended] by approximately 100 guests, was given by Mr. Prat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Prat, his uncles, J. L. Prat and M. Prat, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Groves and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cook. Dancing was held and buffet supper was served.

-Healdsburg Tribune, Sept. 27, 1937

## July 1957

### WINDSOR NEWS

#### *Boy Scout Saves Woman, Daughter from Drowning; Seeks Names of Persons Rescued for His Scout Life Saving Award*



**Ronnie Carpenter**

Two Windsor Boy Scouts, in June, saved three people in two separate accidents, it was revealed this week.

Ronnie Carpenter on June 15th, about 9:30 a.m., saved young Joseph Van Schulze from drowning in the pool at Mark West Springs.

A group of boys, accompanied by their parents, were enjoying a picnic at the resort and youngsters were in swimming. Young Van Schulze, 10, not realizing the depth of the water, was floundering and in trouble. His foster mother who was standing outside the fence saw that the boy was in trouble and pointed to him. How-

ever, she could not be heard, due to the amount of noise. Ronnie, who was at the edge of the pool, saw her point, looking in that direction and realized that Joe was in trouble.

Ronnie, who is still learning how to swim, rushed into the pool and managed to grab Joe and pull him to the shallow water. A young girl handed Ronnie an inner tube which he gave to Joe, in this way helping to quiet him.

The second rescue happened on June 19 at Memorial Beach, about 3:30 p.m. Hugh Bennett saved a woman and her young daughter, about six years of age, from drowning. The girl was floating on an inner tube on the river when she realized she was getting too far out. She became panicky and fell off the inner tube. Her mother jumped in after her; the girl started to struggle and she called for help. Hugh heard the cry for help and swam out to them. He managed to pull them to a point where they could stand up. Jessie Cox, after the two were in

shallower water, helped them to the beach.

The woman, of Spanish extraction, thanked the boys and went on her way. They did not get her name.

Hugh is a Boy Scout and would like very much to get in touch with the person he rescued in order to verify his rescue and obtain his lifesaving award.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the woman and knows anything of the rescue, please contact Charles Pedersen, 595 Jensen Lane, Windsor, phone Vernon 8-6320 or Mrs. Frank Diamantini, 510 Johnson St., Healdsburg, phone 139R.

-Healdsburg Tribune, July 18, 1957



**Hugh Bennett**



**Boy Scout Registration  
Form, ca. 1950s**

**Does anyone know if young Hugh Bennett received his Boy Scout lifesaving award? We hope so.**



# Windsor Historical Society's 2016 Member Awards

## Dan Lavell and DelGreco Sisters Honored



Above, Stephany DelGreco receives WHS's 2016 Outstanding Volunteer(s) of the Year Award from President Steve Lehmann at the Hop Harvest Festival. Stephany shares the award with her sister, Elizabeth, who was unable to attend the event. The award recognizes the DelGreco sisters' volunteer service to WHS. For more than six years both young women have worked countless hours at WHS annual events — the Polenta Dinner Fundraiser, Hop Harvest Festival and Heritage Day Festival, and the Holiday Party.



Left to right, the DelGreco Sisters, Stephany and Elizabeth, grew up in Windsor, attended local schools, and have often volunteered at Windsor Historical Society and other community events.



WHS's 2016 Outstanding Member of the Year Award was given to Dan Lavell, shown above left helping with WHS's hop harvest. Dan is always ready to help with whatever needs to be done around the museum. Most recently, he designed and installed sturdy handrails for the stairs to Clara's Garden.

*Volunteers are love in motion!*

*Mark Your Calendars!*



*WHS Holiday Party  
Saturday, December 10,*

### How to Join WHS

Please join Windsor Historical Society to help preserve our unique local history and operate the museum. Simply select from the following list of memberships and mail your check to:

**Windsor Historical Society**  
P.O. Box 1544, Windsor, CA 95492

- Sustaining Member \$100.00 or more per year
- Life Member \$300.00
- Family Membership \$ 25.00
- Family of Seniors (60+) \$ 20.00
- Individual \$ 20.00
- Individual Senior (60+) \$ 15.00

**Please visit WHS on Facebook and "like us."**  
**Visit our website at [www.windsorhistory.org](http://www.windsorhistory.org).**

### Museum Hours

WHS's Hembree House Museum is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (except holidays) from 9:30 to 4:30. It's a great way to experience Windsor's past.

**WHS Hembree House Museum**  
9225 Foxwood Dr.  
Windsor, California  
707-838-4563



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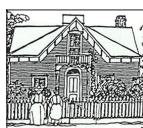
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