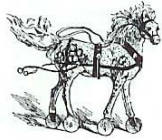


Windsor Walk

A Historical Journey to the Past for the Future



When We Were Young

Dorothy DuVander Johnson's early years in Windsor

by Dorothy DuVander Johnson

My twin brother, Don, and I were born July 3, 1908 in my aunt's home on Dutton Avenue in Santa Rosa.

When my brother and I were three months old my father and mother bought four farms on Pleasant Avenue in Windsor. Perhaps you're wondering why they bought four farms, with four houses, which was about 100 acres with various fruit trees, apples, pears, peaches, grapes, etc., but mostly prunes.

Well, my father needed all those homes for the extended family

Five generations of DuVanders have lived on Pleasant Avenue continuously since 1908.



Twins Don and Dorothy DuVander on their first day of school, September 1914

Back (left to right), George DuVander (father), Jean Wilson (cousin), Laura DuVander (mother)

he brought with him to Pleasant Avenue: his parents, a brother, a sister with a baby (Pat Elsbee), and a married sister.

What the Sam Hill . . .

At one time my father rented one house to a Mr. Sam Hill. I have heard the term "What the Sam Hill are you doing?" Maybe that is where it originated.

My grand nephew Monty Hartley is restoring the 100-year-old barn, and he is calling it the "Sam Hill Barn."

My brother has six children, and four of those children and their children live there now. There are five generations of DuVanders who have lived on Pleasant Avenue continuously since 1908.

Three of the original houses are still there and are over 100 years old as they were not new when my father purchased

them. The fourth house was sold to a Ray Billings in 1918. He had the house torn down and built another house, with the lumber, on Chalk Hill Road. It is still there.

In 1918 my father had a new house built on the same property. It was a two-story stucco home with five bedrooms and cost \$9000.

My brother left Pleasant Avenue

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Mission Statement

*The mission of the
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*is to found,
maintain, and
operate a
community
historical museum
and association
in order to collect,
store and display
historical artifacts,
to develop a fund of
information and
knowledge of the
history and culture
of the Windsor area.*

President's Message

RESOLUTION NO. 131-96 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR

"WHEREAS, the Cunningham Home was built in circa 1850 and is the oldest known structure in Windsor . . ."

With this introductory language the Windsor Planning Commission passed, approved and adopted on April 11, 1996 a recommendation to designate the Cunningham House, Hembree House and Gardens an Historic District. The Windsor Town Council will vote on this during the month of May.

"This is a giant step toward the restoration and preservation of Windsor's most significant historic treasure."

Steve Lehmann, President

This is a giant step toward the restoration and preservation of Windsor's most significant historic treasure. Special thanks to the vision and hard work of Barbara Siegler and Barbara Ray, who have guided this project along for many years.

But this is not the end of a project. This is the beginning. We have lots of work in front of us and this work will take the time and energy of every member of the Historical Society and then some!

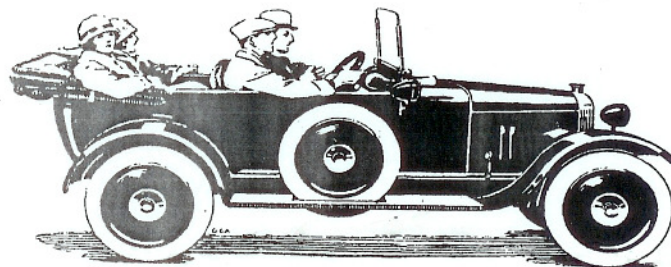
Which brings me to the subject of membership.

This is one of the last issues of the *Windsor Walk* that we will be able to distribute to non-members. I think you will agree that the *Windsor Walk* is a wonderful publication well worth the cost of membership. Please take a moment and fill out the membership application and join today. The *Windsor Walk* will be available to non-members at a cost of \$2.50 per issue.

The Windsor Festival

In closing, I want to invite you all to the Windsor Day Festival and Parade. The Windsor Historical Society has entered Chris Edy's (Chris is WHS Vice President) 1923 Dodge Brothers Touring Car, and I'm sure you'll recognize some of the passengers. We will also have a booth at the festival, where we'll sell slices of homemade pie, Cunningham House mugs, *Windsor, Birth of A City*, by Gabriel Fraire, and Historical Society publications. I look forward to seeing you there.

— Steve Lehmann



Windsor and Mark West — 1868

A Santa Rosa editor visits two neighboring communities



The following was submitted by Harry Lapham, Mark West Area. The article appeared in the *Sonoma Democrat*, June 20, 1868. Subheads have been added.

Last week we struck out in search of unfortunate delinquents and new subscribers for the Campaign Democrat. The first place on the route was:

Mark West

Be it known to the outside world, "and the rest of mankind," that Mark West is a little old town situated about four miles from Santa Rosa, in a north westerly direction, on the main road to Healdsburg and Cloverdale. We mean no disrespect in calling Mark West "a little old town." It is of small dimensions though in the midst of a lovely, rich agricultural country. Kruse's store*, Heilshorn's hotel*, the Post Office, and Haar's saddlery shop* comprise the business part of the place. We observed a handsome new school house on the edge of town, and several handsome young school girls thereabouts. A fine large bridge spans Mark West Creek at this point. The gentleman whose name the town bears settled there in 1840, and the huge old adobe building which he put up in 1841 — quaint, old, and venerable looking — is yet in a good state of preservation. More than one early emigrant to Sonoma county had his heart

gladdened by the sight of that old institution, where he found a generous welcome from Mark West, his pioneer countryman. We learned that the crops in that vicinity are doing finely, and the farmers speak cheerfully of the prospects.

**Kruse's store: James Kruse, age 39 in 1867, registered July 29th. Native of Prussia, a merchant in Santa Rosa precinct, naturalized October 19, 1858, Sonoma County, Seventh District Court. Source: 1875 voters register. No James Kruse was listed in the 1860 census.*

**Heilshorn's hotel: John Henry Heilshorn, age 44, native of Germany, a merchant in Santa Rosa precinct, registered August 3, 1867. Source: 1875 voters register.*

**Haar's saddlery shop: 1875 voters register shows only one Haar, a Martin Haar, age 46, native of France, a carpenter in Petaluma, naturalized August 16, 1871. The federal census of June 28, 1860 shows him as age 32, a saddle line maker, personal property worth \$500, living in the Russian River Township, Windsor post office.*

After hazing a few delinquents, meeting with very encouraging success, we left for

Windsor

Windsor is a good old fashioned country town, considerable larger than Mark West, and there is an air of business life about it fully warranted by the large trade done at this point, the country being thickly settled*. It is located midway — eight miles — between Santa Rosa and Healdsburg, on the main road.

Business: Windsor boasts a number of stores and saloons, a hotel, express office, post office, blacksmith shop, tin shop, saddler shop, etc.

Agriculture: The land around Windsor is good and farmers generally speak well of the crop prospects.

School: Windsor has a flourishing school attended by one hundred and twenty five children.

Church: One of the features of the town is the "free, anti-sectarian church,"* which was built some years ago, through the energetic exertions of Elder Kirkpatrick. It is a large frame building and looks much better than most of the churches through the county. This free institution serves many useful purposes, aside from religious exercises.

Town meetings: Town meetings are held there — in, and traveling lectures and wandering politicians hold forth to admiring audiences. We should return thanks to several worthy gentlemen at Windsor, for their kindness and courtesy in assisting us to un-earth delinquent subscribers and capture new ones, but fear to get them into trouble. Raid at Windsor, generally speaking, good; though we found some of our old patrons had gone to Oregon, some to the Geysers, some down on the river and some had gone to the devil, we suppose for their bills remain unpaid, and no chance for collection. Next week we shall continue our newspaperial raid.

**"Thickly settled": Windsor's population in 1877 was 250.*

**Church: Windsor Methodist Episcopal Church.*

We'll have more details on 1868 Windsor businesses in upcoming *Windsor Walk* issues.



Contributions to WHS

Sincerest thanks to the following for contributions of antique items for Windsor's future museum.

From . . . **Doug and Sylvia Hanemann**

- A very special small leather handbag.

From . . . **Windsor Service Alliance Thrift Shop**

- A variety a photographic items — a very old, and very heavy, film projector; an old wooden tripod; a projection screen.

- Several small linen . items.

- A set of silver flatware.

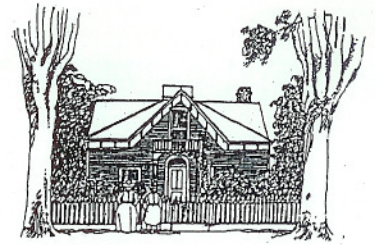
- A delightful old china creamer.

- A couple of old Bibles

- Several old cookbooks.

- A circa 1960 doll.

Caretaker of above items: Barbara Ray)



Cunningham House, circa 1850

Funds and Donations Still Needed for Cunningham House Restoration

WHHS invites you to donate services, materials and/or cash for the Cunningham House Restoration Project. The project will be completed in several phases with Phase One expected to begin this year. During Phase One, the building will be reinforced, preserved by weatherproofing and painting, and have certain exterior architectural details restored. Interior restoration will follow.

If you wish to donate cash for the Cunningham House Building Fund, please make your tax-deductible check payable to the Windsor Historical Society, designating it for the Cunningham House Building Fund. For more information, call Steve Lehmann, 838-6152.

WHS Members Making History in '96

This May Be A Record!

Al McCracken, according to reliable sources, probably holds the record for most years with the same post office box. The box number was assigned to Al at the old post office on Windsor River Road, and remained his number when the post office moved to Lakewood Shopping Center. In all, Al's been collecting his mail from that box for 65 years!

Our Man Stan Has Moved

Stan Arata has moved from the old homestead in Windsor to a retirement community in Healdsburg. We'll miss seeing Stan around town. However, on a positive note, we are happy to report that Stan, who descends from Windsor pioneers, will still be available to help us gather Windsor history.

Classy History

Steve Lehmann believes you're never too young to learn about Windsor history so he is currently visiting local elementary school classrooms to show slides of Windsor's by-gone eras and tell her stories. Thanks, Steve!

WOW Presentation

Barbara Ray shared facts about Windsor history at a recent dinner meeting of Women of Windsor (WOW). It was great fun!

If you have an item to share about a WHS member, call Barbara Ray, 836-8008.

Al Stein,

A very sincere thank you for your tireless efforts and most excellent work in obtaining donations for the Cunningham House Restoration Project. You are very special man!



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 in 1947 when he and his cousin, Pat Elsbree, bought 320 acres where Lakewood is now, and on up to the foothills, for \$39,000.

Dirt Roads and Cattle Fences

The roads in Windsor were all dirt roads. On Pleasant Avenue everyone had fences and gates next to the road, as cattle and sheep were driven from the hills above to take the animals to market. The fences kept them out of people's yards.

Horses, Buggies and Cars

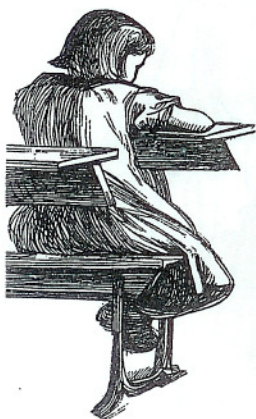
For transportation we had a buggy, wagons, and a covered surrey with fringe on top. We would go to Santa Rosa (9 miles) about twice a month in our two seater surrey. The trip probably took about two hours.

Later my father bought a 1915 seven-passenger touring car, a Studebaker. I learned to drive in that car, and it was like a truck, with a very large wooden steering wheel.

The speed limit was 25 miles per hour. My father told me I could not use the car if I drove that fast so I drove 20 miles per hour.

School Days under the Oaks

Don and I attended our first day of school in 1914. We had no kindergarten, no preregistration, and our parents didn't escort us to the school. A family



photograph taken that morning shows us holding hands. I think Don and I were very glad we had each other.

It has been said, with twins, one is



Before
 Don (l) and Dorothy (r)

After
 Dorothy (l) and Don (r)

Around the turn of the century, little boys commonly wore lacy dresses, patent leather shoes and long curls. In the above photos, taken the same day, Don makes a transition from a feminine dress (l) to a more masculine tunic and pants set (r). Look carefully and you'll notice that Dorothy's bangs are crooked; brother Don had taken scissors to them the day before.

more aggressive. In the photograph, I am carrying the lunch pail. It was a small metal box, and held lunch for both of us.

At lunch time on fair days, we children sat under the many oak trees in the school yard; when it rained, we sat in the school basement.

Most schools in the country were one room schools, but Windsor had a three room school.

Miss Mattie Washburn

My teacher was Mattie Washburn for the first three grades. Miss Washburn taught 40 years in the same school, which was built in 1908.

Two of my three sons went to this school, and later, I taught school there.

In 1950 the school was sold to the Hanna House Movers and was later destroyed by fire.

Three Days in a Wool Dress

One day when I was teaching in Windsor School, it was very cold so

I wore a warm long-sleeved wool dress. The second day it was still very cold so I wore the same dress again. And on the third cold day, I wore it one more time.

That morning when school started, a little boy sitting just in front of me looked up at me, very serious, not being smarty, but seemed to be thinking out loud. He said, "Same old dress." I taught school for 30 years, but I never again wore a dress more than two days!

Life Without Locks

I liked living in Windsor. It was any easy going life, everyone knew each other, and we never locked our doors. Groceries and purchases left in our buggy or car were never stolen. Actually, we couldn't have locked our cars if we had wanted to. The cars had isinglass curtains that snapped easily on and off.

Old Town Was New

When I was growing up, what is

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John Lindsay and His Family

(continued from Tombstone Territory in January newsletter)

by Chris Edy



I often wonder what Windsor looked like in 1850. For John Lindsay, Windsor, or as it was called then, the Russian River Township, was the place for him. He stated in the Lindsay history that the grass was as high as the horses' backs, and the water was clean. Unfortunately, John Lindsay died in 1851 after only two years on his new homestead.

After John Lindsay died, his wife, Susanna (McClain) [also spelled *McClane* and *McClanen*] Lindsay, continued to live on the family farm just west of town. Of the twelve children born to John and Susanna, Jasper, the 9th child, continued to live with his mother until the farm was sold in 1867. In time, Susanna went to Idaho, where she had relatives. She died there in 1885.

Jasper stayed in Windsor. He operated Lindsay and Clark Dry Goods, which was located where the fire station is, on the corner of Windsor Road and Windsor River Road. Around 1867, Jasper married Esther.

Other Lindsay Children Sought Fortunes Elsewhere

The other children of John and Susanna Lindsay sought their fortunes elsewhere, some returning to locales where other relatives lived in Idaho, Indiana and Ohio. Tilford Lindsay, who was the traveler in the family, left the area in 1851. It is thought he may have returned briefly to the Russian River Township to accompany his

mother to Idaho.

Edger Lindsay moved from the area in 1861; Calven Lindsay may have left at the same time.

William Lindsay relocated to Idaho and married Nancy Boatman. In the spring of 1861, William and Edger Lindsay eventually arrived in Gold Hill, Nevada, where they set up a quartz mill.

new responsibilities. As a man with many skills and great experience traveling long distances on horseback and by wagon, he was chosen to be wagon master of a company of 47 people traveling from Mercer County, Missouri to Middle Valley, Idaho in May of 1881.

A Pioneer's Diary, 1881

One of the forty-seven people in Tilford Lindsay's wagon train was Mrs. Emily Towell, who wrote in her diary:

May 12th *We passed through Goshen City and drove to Grand River Bottom where James, Mahala and Frank McCloud joined us. The night was spent there.*

June 5th *At dusk little Frank McCloud, son of James and Mahala McCloud, became very ill and went into a violent spasm.*

June 10th *George Todd and James Rhea remained with the McCloud family to help care for Frank. The rest of the group went on to look for a better place to stay. Everyone was reluctant to leave part of the number behind with sickness, and possible death as their grim host. After driving 16 miles we were overtaken by James Rhea at Willow Island,*

who was bringing us word that Frank had passed away. There were many mounds at the side of the road, giving mute evidence of suffering and sorrow.

June 25th *We drove into Cheyenne. Cheyenne was an attractive and pleasant town.*

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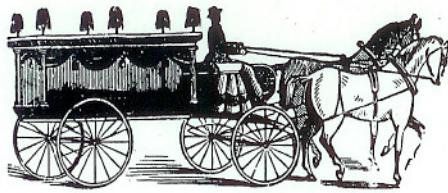


Esther and Jasper Lindsay

Tilford Lindsay, Wagon Master

Tilford Lindsay was born in 1830, in Vermillion County, Illinois. He married America Kelsey on May 30, 1858, and they settled down on Tilford's farm in Sedalia, Missouri.

In 1881, Tilford Lindsay took on



The following article was submitted by Mary Frost. It probably appeared in the *Windsor Herald*, March 1900. Paragraph headings have been added.

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE

James H. McClelland Passes to the Great Beyond

James H. McClelland passed peacefully away at his home just north of town at 15 minutes to 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 13th, 1900. Mr. McClelland had been in declining health for more than a year, and during the past few months his death had been expected at any time.

The funeral . . . The funeral took place Wednesday, the cortege leaving the residence at 11 o'clock, thence to the Windsor M. E. church, of which the deceased was a member, where services were conducted by Rev. LeCell. The choir rendered appropriate and beautiful songs, the floral pieces were many, sweet and beautiful, and the church was filled to overflowing with friends and neighbors who turned out to pay their tribute of respect to the departed pioneer.

Final resting place, Shiloh . . . From the church the remains were conveyed to their last resting place in the Shiloh cemetery. A. J. Hembree, John Hurd, John Keeler, Al Misner, Adam Shane and J. W. Graham acting as the pallbearers.

James McClelland history . . . James H. McClelland was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, January

12, 1833. He came to Windsor, Cal., in October, 1858, where he had, excepting one year spent in San Francisco, continuously resided ever since. He was for a number of years engaged in the tin and hardware business in Windsor, but for many years past had devoted his attention to farming.

On August 16, 1861, he was married to Mrs. Mary J. Cock, who survives him. To them five children were born, two of whom are still living, Mrs. Ella Welch and Mrs. Clara Hembree. He has three brothers and one sister still living, all of whom are in the east.



James H. McClelland was the second husband of Mary Jane Cunningham, daughter of Robert and Isabella Cunningham, two of Windsor's earliest pioneers.

Christopher Robin Is Dead

Christopher Robin Milne, who was the inspiration for his father's *Winnie-the-Pooh* stories, died April 20, 1996, in England. He was 75.

Most Americans are familiar with A. A. Milne's beloved Pooh-Bear stories, which we've been reading since the 1920s: *When We Were Young*, *Winnie-the-Pooh*, *Now We Are Six*, and *The House at Pooh Corner*. In recent decades, the stories were widely popularized as Walt Disney movies.

Many of us, however, did not realize that the fictional Christopher Robin was patterned after a real live youngster, and a bear named Winnie the boy loved to visit at London's zoo. A. A. Milne's son was just four years old when the first book was published in 1924.

It was disheartening to learn that unlike the fictional Christopher Robin, Christopher Robin Milne's life was apparently not a happy story. According to newspaper reports, the child did not enjoy a close relationship with his parents and disliked his *Winnie-the-Pooh* notoriety as an adult.



As early as 1683, when they first arrived in Pennsylvania, "Pennsylvania Dutch" housewives began blending traditional cooking from their homelands with new ingredients found in their new country. Certain foods became traditional, such as this recipe for **Funeral Pie**, which uses raisins and lemons.

Funeral Pie

1 cup seeded raisins, washed	1 egg, well beaten
2 cups water	juice of 1 lemon
1-1/2 cups sugar	2 tsp. grated lemon rind
4 Tbp. flour	pinch of salt

Soak raisins 3 hours. Mix sugar, flour and egg. Add seasoning, raisins and liquid. Cook over hot water for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. When the mixture is cool, empty it into pie-dough lined pie plate. Cover pie with narrow strips of dough, criss-crossed, and bake until browned.

- *Pennsylvania Dutch Cooking*
Conestoga Products, Gettysburg, PA

A Legacy of Faith — Windsor's Pastors from 1853 to 1897

Church history and statistics in this article were gathered from Windsor Methodist pastor Jerry Smith and from the Windsor Historical Review, November 1971, courtesy of Dave Kellum.

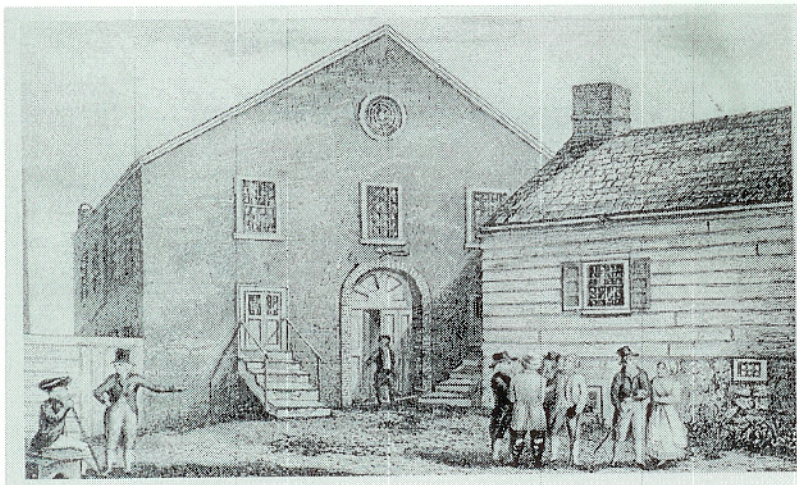
The first recorded religious service in the Russian River Township was held in 1850 in Lindsay Carson's adobe, which served as his home and as a trading post. The adobe was located near the intersection of Eastside Road and Old Redwood Highway. The service was conducted by a Cumberland Presbyterian, J. J. May.

Such services were typical on America's frontiers, where sparse populations consisted mostly of adventuresome men living in rugged conditions. Spiritual needs were met by traveling clergy or laymen, sometimes referred to as "circuit riders," who conducted services in homes, or other available shelters.

Traveling clergy after J. J. May included P. Ripley, a Baptist, and S. M. Smith, a Methodist.

In 1851 families began to arrive and settle the Russian River Township. They needed a proper church, so in 1853 a Parson Cox organized the Shiloh Church (South Methodist). The church was a log shanty that also served as

a school for the children. The following ministers served in Windsor's Methodist churches from 1853 to 1897.



The first Methodist Church in America, built in 1768, New York

- 1853 — Parson Cox
- 1858 — James Corwin
- 1860 — J. W. Stump
- 1861 — W. S. Corwin
- 1862 — W. S. Bryant
- 1863 — Rev. W. Peck
- 1866 — R. A. Leard
- 1867 — J. H. Miller
and Joseph Mills
- 1869 — C. H. Northrup
- 1870 — W. Butt
- 1872 — G. McRae
(or George McReen)
- 1873 — A. K. Crawford
- 1875 — G. R. Stanley
- 1878 — Wm. Huges
*(assigned to serve in Healdsburg;
probably served in Windsor, too).*
- 1879 — H. C. Tallman
- 1880 — W. T. Mayne
- 1882 — H. H. Slavens
- 1883 — T. Filben
- 1885 — J. S. Millsap
- 1887 — A. H. Needham
- 1888 — H. C. Longley
and E. A. Hazen
- 1891 — W. S. Bryant
- 1892 — William Marshall
- 1896 — W. C. Robbins
- 1897 — S. T. Coons

Texas Pioneer Families Eligible for State Certificates

In honor of its sesquicentennial (150 years) celebration of Texas statehood, the Texas State Genealogical Society is issuing commemorative certificates to eligible First Families of Texas. Anyone directly or collaterally descended from a Texas resident of February 19, 1846, or before, may apply. The Texas Genealogical Society plans to publish a book of all qualified families. For an application, send a SASE with 55 cents postage to:

First Families of Texas Certificate
Wanda L. Donaldson
3219 Meadow Oaks Drive
Temple, TX 76502-1752

Information Sought on Civil War Vets Buried in California

Sheila Benedict, Genealogical and Historical Researcher, is seeking information on California men (and women) who served in the American Civil War (Union and Confederate), and are buried in California. Historian Benedict is compiling a set of reference books, which will be as comprehensive as possible, for use by genealogical and historical researchers. If you have a Civil War ancestor buried in California, please call Ms. Benedict at: 805-688-1264 or write to:

Sheila Benedict, CGRS
P.O. Box 9008, Dept. 274
Solvang, CA 93464-9008

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San Francisco: Whittell Building, 166 Geary St.

(left) For men and woman concerned about "surplus flesh" — 1910 magazine ad

Notes from other historical groups

California Historical Society Reopens At New Site ... Visit the CHS at its new location, a site gold miners called "Sunny Valley." The building located at 678 Mission Street was once a hardware store, and then a furniture showroom.

Founded in 1871, the CHS has an extensive collection of Californiana from the 16th century to the present, including photographs, manuscripts, books, and paintings.

The gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and seniors. For information call 415-357-1848.

Healdsburg Museum ... Hop Boom: The Hop Years from 1880-1950

Learn the incredible story of Sonoma County's hop industry by strolling through the fine exhibits on display until June 16. The museum is located at 221 Matheson Street and is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

Sonoma County Genealogical Society ... Digging up the Dirt: Exhuming the Skeletons from the Closet:

On April 27, Cal State professor Susan Slaymaker, who is a geologist and a genealogist will speak.

and

Breathing Life into Your Ancestors:

On May 18, Susan Simons will share secrets on how to make your ancestors come to life!

Genealogical Society meetings are held in Room 2004, Lark Hall, on the SRJC campus



Lindsay, continued from page 6

July 4th We crossed a sandy desert about twenty five miles across. During the night it rained and made the air considerably cooler.

August 6th We remained in camp while some of the men went to search for Crane Creek Valley.

End of the Trail

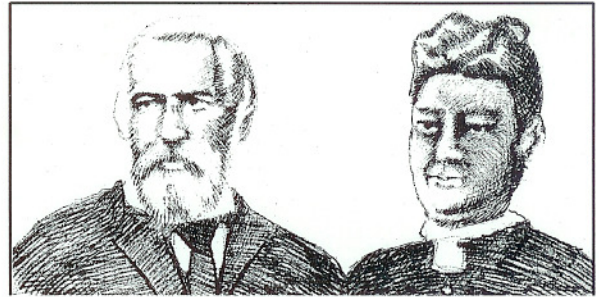
In August of 1881, the caravan reached Boise, Idaho, where the pioneers made their homesteads.

Tilford Lindsay died April 22, 1896, in Indian Valley, Idaho.

Jasper Lindsay lived and died in

Windsor.

I'm glad some pioneers kept diaries and others wrote down family stories. Through these writings, and other historic artifacts that survived, we have a better understanding of what pioneers experienced, their strengths and their weaknesses, and the beauty they saw in the land.



Drawing by Randall Ray, from an old photograph

Tilford and America Lindsay

Chris Edy is pursuing a career in genealogical research. He can be reached at 838-9385.

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now the old town was the new downtown. We had hotels, two-story lodge buildings for the Masons and Odd Fellows, and many small shops.

The candy store just sold candy and ice cream; the hardware store just sold hardware; the grocery store just sold groceries; and the butcher shop just sold meat.



"Toots" Martin

"Toots" Martin was the butcher. He had a 6 x 4 enclosed wagon like a box on wheels, with isinglass in front with a slit for the horse's reins so Toots could guide his horse. He had fresh meat in back (with ice, I hope), and he would go up Pleasant Avenue and other roads selling his meat. He always blew a horn to announce his arrival, which is how he came by his nickname, "Toots."

The children along the road would run to the wagon when they heard his familiar toot. Toots was one of our favorite people because he always gave us free "weenies."

Order in the Court!

In 1907 Windsor had its own court with Judge Latimer presiding. One of his most celebrated cases was that of a Petaluman, a city trustee. He was arrested for operating a gambling device in the form of a cigar slot machine. His trial was held in Judge Latimer's court. After deliberating only 20 minutes, the jury returned a guilty verdict. The defendant was fined \$200 or six months in jail.

People who lived in Windsor around the turn of the century still talk about a jail maintained by the town for its errant citizens. From a description of its small size, one would surmise that it would be a most uncomfortable place to serve even a short sentence.

I remember a jail we had in Windsor. It was made of wood about 10 x 10 feet in size with a narrow metal door, and one barred window.

A Lovely Lifetime in Windsor

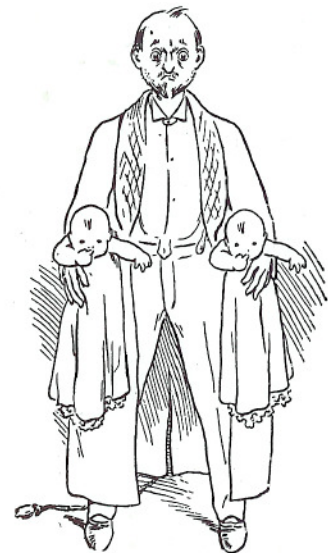
I have lived in Windsor all my life, 70 years on Pleasant Avenue

and 18 years at Shamrock Mobile Home Park. I will be 88 on July 3, 1996. I have seen many changes in Windsor through the years, some good, some bad.

In my opinion, Windsor has developed too fast, but much of it has been an improvement.

There are houses now where we once had fruit orchards. I miss the beautiful white and pink blossoms in the springs. The fields of poppies and blue lupines were lovely.

I have travelled for many years, to every state in the Union (except North Dakota), and to Europe, Hawaii, Mexico, and Alaska, but I like Windsor best. It is home to me.



Thank You for Renewing WHS Membership

Bouquets to the following individuals who have recently joined WHS or renewed their memberships.

Martin and Mary Frost
Dianne N. Graner
Karl Hardina
Mildred Hembree
Bob and Edna Honsa
Robert and June Jones
Rena Locatelli
Mike and Maureen Merrill
Margaret B. Nail
Marie Hardina Teters
E. Jenner and Mona Whiteley

If you have not paid your dues, we encourage you to renew your membership as soon as possible.

And if you haven't yet joined Windsor Historical Society, we invite you to become a member. Just fill out and return the membership form below.



Beautiful Girl, 1847

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THIS NEWSLETTER

Except for one-time-only sample copies, **future issues of the Windsor Walk will be mailed quarterly only to paid members of the Windsor Historical Society.** (The newsletter will be available upon request to non-members for \$2.50 per issue). So, if you haven't joined WHS or renewed your membership, please act now so you won't miss out on exciting future WHS quarterlies.

WHS Meeting Schedule

The Windsor Historical Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Windsor Mobile Country Club 8109 Conde Lane, Windsor.

Each quarter, we have a potluck lunch at a local historic site. Watch the Windsor Walk or contact WHS board members for specific meeting dates and locations. We hope you'll join us.

Oops!

Corrections for the January '96 Windsor Walk

- The contributor of the fire department's new cardiac defibrillator was **Bill Gallaher** (not Gallagher), page 3.
- Former Windsor columnist was **Ethel** (not Dorothy) **Day Hall Thompson**, page 4.

Please accept our apologies.

Windsor Historical Society — Membership Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

AREA OF INTEREST _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership	\$300.00
Family Membership (annual)	\$ 25.00
Family (Senior) Membership (annual)	\$ 20.00

Make checks payable to Windsor Historical Society and mail to P.O. Box 726, Windsor, CA 95492 . . . or give to any WHS board member. Thank you.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Windsor Historical Society

- May 11 Saturday, Windsor Day Parade and Festival
- May 14 Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. WHS Board Meeting
Windsor Mobile Country Club, 8109 Conde Lane
- June 8 Saturday, 12-12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting to elect board members, present awards and enjoy a presentation on Windsor history. Windsor Grange on Starr Road.
- July 9 Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. WHS Board Meeting. Election of WHS officers. Windsor Mobile Country Club.
- Sept. 21 Saturday, 2-7 p.m. Windsor School Reunion for everyone who attended Windsor School on Old Redwood Highway. Windsor Middle School. (More details later).

