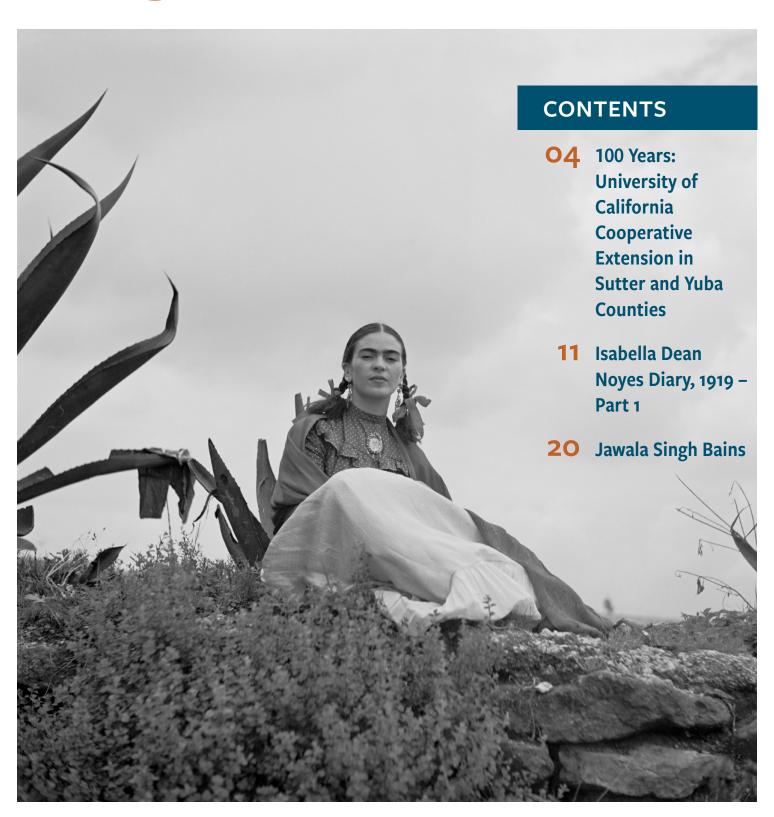




## BULLETIN



#### **ON THE COVER:**

Frida Kahlo, seated next to an agave plant, 1937 Credit: Toni Frissell, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

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Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County



#### **Museum Association**

The Association is a 501(c)(3) organization that fundraises and supports the operation of the Museum.

Applications to join are always accepted (available on the Museum's website). If you are interested in history and want to do something meaningful for our community, please consider applying! New applicants to the Association are approved by a vote of the full Association. Members serve for 4 year terms.

#### **Current Association Members:**

Mike Morris, President Margit Sands, Vice President Babs Cotter, Secretary Amber Milner, Treasurer

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Scott Hankins Chuck Smith
Mark Hartney Phyllis Smith

Tony Kurlan

#### **Exhibits**

As you know, we're doing some work on our building right now. This means that we won't have a temporary exhibit until June. However, I think you will all be as excited as I am about the temporary exhibit we will have when we re-open our exhibit spaces. **Frida Kahlo's Garden** is a traveling exhibit made available to small museums by the Mid Atlantic Arts Alliance, and it is made possible by NEH On the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This exhibit is adapted from the exhibition **Frida Kahlo:** Art, Garden, Life, which was organized by guest curator Adriana Zavala at the New York Botanical Garden.

Here is how NEH On the Road describes this exhibit:

"Frida Kahlo (1907–1954) is considered one of the most significant artists of the twentieth century. Her body of work, consisting of some 250 paintings and drawings, is at once intensely personal and universal in scope, and relies heavily on the natural world. The exhibition Frida Kahlo's Garden transports visitors to Kahlo's garden to experience her world as she did.

The garden at Casa Azul (or Blue House), Kahlo's lifelong home in Coyoacán, Mexico City, was a creative refuge and a source of inspiration for the artist and her husband, Diego Rivera (1886–1957). The garden, which was filled with native plants, housed Kahlo and Rivera's collection of pre-Hispanic artifacts and folk art displayed on a four-tiered pyramid inspired by the Mesoamerican city of Teotihuacan. This exhibition offers insights into the ways in which the garden at Casa Azul, the diversity of plant life in Mexico, and the rich cultural history of the country nourished the creativity of the world's great artists."





TOP PHOTO:

Traditional Dress from Oaxaca, Mexico, 2017 Credit: Photography by Carolyn Kallenborn

#### **BOTTOM PHOTO:**

Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo Studio, Mexico City, 2012 Credit: Rod Waddington from Kergunyah, Australia via Wikimedia Commons

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF SUTTER COUNTY

Our building work has begun!!

The Museum **IS** open during this work – only our exhibit spaces will be closed. Come shop with us, attend a program in the garden, or plan a visit to the park behind the Museum!

The first step for our work was getting everything out of our interior storage room, half of our outer storage building, and our kitchen. Thank you to everyone who came in to help pack and move things!!

Asbestos removal was done January 22-25. New flooring was installed in the kitchen and bathrooms the week after that, and the kitchen was reassembled.

Our new shelving was installed the week of February 11th. As you're reading this, we are moving things back into storage, in preparation for the next step – new flooring throughout the museum!

A number of small things have been taken care of too – we've installed a new HVAC system in our outer storage building, upgraded our security system, and have pulled out our front counter to prepare for the new flooring.

As with any construction projects, we've had a few surprises and unexpected issues pop up, but overall things are going smoothly. I can't wait to show you everything we've been doing!! As we expected, there have been some surprises that have come up during these projects, one of which was having to spend \$5,000 running more electrical power to our storage building to handle the new HVAC system. The other factor we're dealing with is prices are constantly on the rise due to tariffs on so many different products.

The bottom line is that we're stretching our funds a little thin, and we still have things to take care of. Here are some of the projects we're still figuring out:

- Monument sign
- Improved entryway
- Landscaping improvements
- Front counter redesign and rebuild
- Benches in the galleries
- New retail fixtures in the store
- Signage for our Donor Wall
- New Native American exhibit

If you would like to join our revitalization efforts, and can contribute any amount to help us meet our goals, it would be greatly appreciated. Just let us know that your donation is for our building projects. The support we have received over the last three years from this community has been astonishing, so I know we can meet our goal with your help!!

Thank you for your continued support!!

#### In the Museum Store

Yes, the Museum Store is **OPEN** during our building work!! We have lots of great gift items, many made right here in California. Looking for local postcards? We've got them! A Sutter Buttes cutting board? Come on in! Books on local history? Our shelves are full of them! Come shop with us and get a sneak peek of the work we're doing!

#### **Events**

We're putting together a lot of programs for the Spring!

We're hosting the **2019 Day of Remembrance** programs put
together by the Japanese American
Citizen's League.

Friday, February 15th at 6 pm will be a reception with refreshments and live music.

Saturday, February 16th at 2 pm we will watch 2 films, **Mr. Tanimoto's Journey** and **Searchlight Serenade.**Both will have introductions by people connected to the films.

Sunday, February 17th at 2 pm

Tragedy, and the film Art of Gaman. These will be followed by

Amache: The Story of an American

we plan to watch the film Camp

an origami demonstration.

During all of these events an exhibit titled Connecting the Pieces: Dialogues on the Amache Archaeology Project will be on display, as will ikebana flower arrangements representing each internment camp, and personal artifacts. All these events will be held in Ettl Hall.

We're planning the third installment of our **Dinner Theater Fundraiser!** The third in the trilogy about just-plain-Rick Archer, this one is called **Noir Pointblank.** March 8, 9 and 10. Tickets are \$50 and are available now at the Museum!

We have two programs planned for Spring Break. The first is on Tuesday, April 16th at 11 am – West Coast Falconry is returning to do another fantastic free-flight show with their beautiful birds. West Coast Falconry does shows that are accessible to adults and kids alike, so plan to bring the whole family!

On Friday, April 19th at 10 am, we'll be doing the **Enchanted Forest** children's program that was so popular last year.

But the biggest and most important event of Spring will be our **Grand Re-opening Celebration!!** Mark your calendars for June 15th, it's going to be quite the party!! More details will be announced in the next Bulletin.



All performances are in Ettl Hall

Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County
1333 Butte House Road, Yuba City

TICKETS: \$50 In Advance Includes: Show \$15 & dinner/wine \$35

#### **100 YEARS:**

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN SUTTER AND YUBA COUNTIES

By Jessica Hougen

Working with the UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) office and the Bi-County Farm Advisor, we prepared an exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the UCCE Yuba-Sutter Extension Office. It was on display in the Agricultural wing of the Museum during much of 2018.

In 1913, the University of California created a division of Agricultural Extension in preparation for federal funding that would become available in 1914 through the Smith-Lever Act. Through the Agricultural Extension a Farm Advisor could be requested by California counties. Sutter and Yuba Counties put in requests in 1918. Both were granted, and Farm Advisors were assigned and began work in that year. In 1974, the Sutter and Yuba County Farm Advisors merged their offices, in order to maximize resources and better serve the community. This office continues to operate in this manner today.

In early 2018, two boxes of historical materials related to the UC Cooperative Extension in Sutter and Yuba County were discovered. These boxes contained annual reports of the offices from 1918 through 1959, some personnel files, and short histories of the activities of the offices written by different Farm Advisors over the years. From this we learned quite a bit about the history and economic impact of the Cooperative Extension Farm Advisors in Sutter and Yuba Counties.



Gene Serr, Assistant Farm Advisor, Sutter County. Later UC walnut breeder. 1924



Cover Crop Demonstration. Wheatland, Yuba County. 1939



Bean variety test field meeting, Yuba County. 1940

The work of the Farm Advisor has not changed over the years, with the exception of the years of World War I and II. Throughout the last century, the objective has been to work with the agricultural community to increase production and conserve resources, through direct work with growers, working with youth in 4-H and with homemakers. As described by B. H. Crocheron, long-time Director of Agricultural Extension in California in the early years of the program, the key to success in this work is that it is "A local program of work locally determined and locally applied." In other words, each Cooperative Extension office runs demonstrations and tests, and solves problems determined by local growers.

In certain periods of our counties' history, the duties of the Farm Advisor changed dramatically to meet national needs. The Cooperative Extension in both Yuba and Sutter Counties began during World War I. This impacted their

work from the start. During World War II, nearly all regular programs provided by the extension were abandoned in support of the war effort. Many new programs were delegated to Farm Advisors directly from the Federal Government, including Food for Freedom, Salvage, Labor, Fire Protection (to protect farms), Farm Water Supply (sources in case of emergency), and organizing State Militia (for protection of community objectives). Regular programs of work were gradually adopted when the war ended and wartime programs were closed down.

Farm Advisors have been instrumental in helping our agricultural community recover after disasters, and have played a large role in water use issues in our two counties, including a massive 25-year study on agricultural irrigation needs and possibilities in Yuba County begun in 1938. This study led directly to the formation of the Yuba County Water Agency (now the Yuba Water Agency) in 1959.





Pig Club 1918, Sutter County (later called 4-H)

4-H, which started in 1918 in Sutter County and 1921 in Yuba County, has continued to be an important part of the work carried out by the Cooperative Extension. In early years, membership began with perhaps thirty kids per county, mostly in clubs devoted to animal care. Over the years it has grown to be hundreds of kids in 13 clubs in the Yuba-Sutter area, carrying out projects not only in animal sciences but in many other sciences, technology, health, leadership, and the arts.

The Cooperative Extension office has grown over the years, with some programs growing to fit the needs of the community, and all-new programs created to work toward the same objectives. The Home Demonstration Agent, which started in both counties in the 1930s, developed into the Nutrition and Family Consumer Science Advisor. This change was the direct result of the work done by Home Demonstration Agents during World War II regarding nutrition, food preservation, farm home

betterment, and family sciences. And in 1984, the current Farm Advisor, Janine Hasey, started the Master Gardeners Program for Yuba-Sutter. UCCE Master Gardeners are trained volunteer representatives of the University of California Cooperative Extension, providing horticultural advice and information to our home gardening community.

For agricultural communities, the impact of the University of California Cooperative Extension through the last 100 years cannot be overstated, and it is vital work that continues to grow and meet the needs of each office's community today.



#### 1920 -

The first annual **Peach Growers** contest. These were held annually through 1923 to encourage peach growing. (S)

The Yuba County Cooperative Extension office was established, located in the Ellis building in Marysville. William Harrison was appointed the first Farm Advisor.

July 1918 -

1919 -

1919 -

According to Farm Advisor Sullivan, his chief work in 1919 was the establishment of an adequate system of roads for use of growers. (S)

The Farm Advisor began tree pruning demonstrations "...which ultimately revolutionized the practice." (S)

1919

1921 -

The Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance

approving an emergency

tuberculosis control plan

Mid 1930s -

for cattle. (Y)

4-H club work began with only boys included. (Yuba)

**March 1918** 

March 1918 -

Cooperative

The Sutter County

Extension office

was established,

located in Mission

Hall in Yuba City. J.

E. Stiles appointed

Farm Advisor.

**July 1918** 

1918

1920

1934 -

1921

1926 -A growing interest in walnuts was noticed, which continued

through 1927. (S)

1926 -Girls were included in 4-H for the first time. (Y)

1926 -Orchard acreage was at 14,000 acres vs. 1,000 acres in 1918. (Y)

1926

Farm Advisor M.D. Collins transferred to Yuba County from Lassen County. (Y)

1929

-1930 –

1918 -

(Sutter)

Club work (4-H)

began with a small

group of children.

The first 4-H camp at Dobbins was held. (Y)

-1930s –

"...the nature of Extension work changed materially due to federal programs created during the Depression... little time for the educational phases of extension work." (S)

Agricultural Extension Results in Sutter County covering 1925-1931 made by Giannini Foundation (UC), showing a total value of \$3,053,108, with an average annual total of

1931 -

Survey of

The Farm Advisor's office "...assisted in organizing several Federal Agencies such as Farm Security, Production Credit, Farm Debt Adjustment, Conservation demonstrations..." (Y & S)

Mid 1930s

1930

1930s

\$436,158.

1934 1931

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#### 1935 -

WPA project at Camp Ruth (4-H camp), which continued through 1936. (Y)

#### 1938 -

A conference was held to establish a 25-year program for agricultural development in Yuba County. One of the main projects was a water development program for irrigating the farm lands of the county (identify all potential water sources that could be brought into the county, where to construct storage reservoirs, etc.). Browns Valley Irrigation District identified as one site, now Merle Collins Reservoir.

#### 1940 -

The Cooperative Extension office was directed to host the federal Farm Security Administration program. The Home Demonstration Agent worked with the Migratory Labor Camp, and Agents assisted in the Agricultural Conservation Program. (Y)

#### 1940 -

"A study of county tax income and expenditures was made by the US Bureau of Economics in cooperation with the Extension Service and Land Use committees...due to the large settlement of 'Dust Bowl' farmers located within the County..." (Y)

#### 1941 -

A lot of interest was shown in growing olives. It was noted in the annual report that "Due to the war, olive oil could not be imported from Italy." (Y)

#### 1941 -

The Farm Advisor noted in their annual report that the price of agricultural products was going up due to defense programs. (Y)

1935 1940 1941

#### 1942 –

Wartime programs that the Cooperative Extension office ran for the Federal Government included: Food for Freedom, Salvage, Labor, Transportation, Cost of Living, Rationing, Fire Protection (to protect farms), Farm Water Supply (sources in case of emergency), Farm Machinery (rationed), and State Militia (for protection of community objectives). Due to this, "Several Extension Service Programs were abandoned for the duration of the War." (Y)

#### 1942 –

"A continued and increasing emphasis has been placed on the dairy improvement program." (Y)

#### 1942 -

Growers reported issues in the labor supply, which caused a few ranches to lose portions of their crop. (Y)

#### 1943 -

Irrigated pasture over 4,000 acres. (Y)

#### 1943 -

The first demonstration of a mechanical shaker for walnuts and prunes. (Y)

#### 1943 –

"Extension Service took over the recruitment and placement of farm labor during the latter part of June and were in full operation July 1." This continued through 1947. (Y)

#### 1943 -

"Approximately 275 Mexican Nationalists assisted with the crop harvesting." (Y)



#### 1944 –

"During May and June in connection with the Sutter County office a recruitment program was arranged and carried on to get soldier help from Camp Beale for the thinning of the peach crop." (Y)

1942 <sup>1</sup>1943 <sup>1</sup>1944

#### 1945 -

Camp Beale gave assistance to Yolo County to harvest the tomato crop, as labor shortage was still an issue. (Y)

The first 4-H camp was held since 1942. (Y)

#### 1947 –

In response to the very high land prices of the last few years, the Farm Advisor worked with the County Assessor to do a study on land use and land valuations, changing the way agricultural land was assessed. (Y)

#### 1948 -

The Farm Advisor gave assistance to the GI agricultural program. (Y)

> 1949 -Approximately 10,000 acres irrigated pasture. (Y)

1950 - Field day with farmers

#### 1950 -

100 acres of a new crop, Safflower, were planted. (S)

#### 1950 -

The Cooperative Extension began working on some projects with the U.S. Forest Service, including test plots and brush burning, which continued through 1951. (Y)

**1950** – The irrigation study continued. (Y)

1950

#### -1944 –

"Prior to the picking season negotiations were undertaken with authorities in charge, toward using prisoners of war (German) during the harvest period." (Y)

#### 1944 –

Several farmers constructed mechanical shakers for walnuts. (Y)

1944

1945

1946

1947

#### 1948

1949

#### 1952 -

Crops in order of importance: cling peaches, dried prunes, walnuts, almonds, plums. (S)

The Yuba-Sutter Dairy Herd Improvement Association was formed.

#### 1952 -

Rice is the largest crop in Sutter County at approximately 65,000 acres/approximately \$13 million gross income.

#### 1952 -

Safflower acreage now over 9,000 acres. (S)

#### 1951 -

Trials were held on spray thinning of prunes. (Y)

#### 1951 -

Substantial increase in tomato acreage. (Y)

#### 1952 -

The annual report noted that "A water resources department has been established by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors" to continue the work started by Collins and his 25 year irrigation study. (Y)

**1952 –** Approximate acreage: Field crops, 40,000; Beans, 5,000; Dry range, 100,000; Irrigated pasture, 20,000; Fruit and nut, 7,500. (Y)

#### 1955 -

First year demonstrating a new system of walnut pruning which is better for mechanical shaking of trees. (Y)

1952

1955

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1951



In the field. Three men and one woman sampling soil.

#### 1958 -

Action was taken towards forming the Yuba County Water Agency. A legislative bill was drawn up to be submitted in 1959 (will build on irrigation studies, surveys, and other work done by the Extension office). (Y)

#### 1957 –

Sutter County is now the nation's #1 county in Safflower production.

#### - 1958 –

The annual report noted that "Christmas tree production on private land is beginning to take on the aspects of a real business in our forest area" and that more than 20 land owners had planted. (Y)

#### 1959 -

Yuba County is the 6th county in the state in prune acreage, and the 4th in cling peach acreage.

1957 1958 1959

#### 1959 -

The Yuba County
Water Agency was
created with the
purpose to develop
the Yuba River for
agricultural needs
(irrigation, etc.).
The Farm Advisor
attends all meetings
at the request
of the Board of
Supervisors. (Y)

#### July 1, 1974 -

The Sutter and Yuba County Extension Offices were combined to better serve the community.

#### 1974 –

A proposal was put forward for a new office facility adjacent to the Agriculture Commissioners office on Garden Highway, in part because the U.S. Postal Service was beginning to charge the Cooperative Extension rent.

#### 1976 -

The Cooperative Extension moved into the new building on Jan. 1.

1959 July 1, 1974 1974 1976

#### Isabella Dean Noyes Diary, 1919 – Part 1

Day by Day - January 1, 1919 through December 31, 1919

Mother Noyes, as she refers to herself in this diary, began 1919 with a proper diary. Other efforts of this frustrated author were written in unused pages of small notebooks – the kind that are given away for free to customers from various businesses. In 1919, however, the year she turned 65, she had a real diary that she kept for the entire year.

A century ago World War I ended with an armistice declared November 11, 1918 and a peace treaty was being ironed out in Europe. Soldiers were mustered out of the Army and going home to pick up their lives. The influenza pandemic stormed into every corner of the world, including the Sutter Buttes, from January 1918 to December 1920 before it finally burned out. Events from the world stage find themselves mentioned in Isabella Noyes diary, but her focus is on family, farm and all the moments that fill an ordinary day.

Over the next year, we are publishing her diary season by season. The first installment begins on January 1 and ends on March 21, 1919.

#### FAMILY CONNECTIONS:

Edward A. Noyes married Isabella Dean (author) – 1876

#### THEIR CHILDREN:

#### Bernice

(Mrs. Otis W. Hill, and daughter Grace)

#### Abbie

(Mrs. Antone Vagedes. Children – Necia & Winton)

#### Myrtie

(Mrs. James L. Haynes)

#### Charles A. Noyes

(Maud)

#### Edna

(Mrs. Leroy H. Meyer)

#### Remarks for the year 1919

#### Wednesday, January 1, 1919

Clear and cold with a heavy frost. Thermometer registering 22°. Half past eight strong North Wind came up and blew all day. A very disagreeable day. Edna and Mrs. Meyer called. Gave Edna her Christmas present, a Beacon Blanket Robe. Charlie Noyes went up to his place brought back a truck load of wood. Just received news that August Heihn of Santa Cruz had passed away.

#### Thursday, January 2, 1919

Clear and cold with a killing frost. Thermometer registering 26°. Sun came out and it turned out to be a very pleasant day. Miss Young washed. Joe Prime and Theodore Vetter came down from Charlie's place, were here for dinner. Took

all the horses back with them.
Papa Noyes, Bob Hooper and Milo
Warren put straw in barn. Charlie
Noyes brought down another truck
load of wood. Mother Noyes sick
all day.

#### Friday, January 3, 1919

Clear and cold with a white frost. Thermometer registering 26°. Proved another fine day. Edna and Mother Meyer called. Edna had heard from Roy. He was in a hospital at Brest France with a bad knee; poor boy. Charlie brought down a truck load of wood. Truck with two Butchers from Modesto. Then Greeks with their truck all looking for calves. Next came two trucks loaded with furniture from S. G. King Co., left a rocker for Maud. Last but not least came Theodore Vetter and the old mule with a small load of wood. Mrs. Epperson and Mrs. Onstott with

sewing for Red Cross.

#### Saturday, January 4, 1919

Cold and clear with a heavy frost. Thermometer registering 24°.

Turned out to be a very pleasant day. Edna and Mother Meyer stopped a few minutes on their way to Marysville. The Alfalfa Cultivator shipped out to station. Men put it together. Charley and Maud came in with a truck load of chunks. Chunks look good these cold mornings. Mother Noyes making new curtains for living room.

#### Sunday, January 5, 1919

Clear and cold. Thermometer stood at 25°. Nice and warm in the sunshine from 10 o'clock until sunset. A very quiet day. Mr. Warren went hunting, killed five jackrabbits, one squirrel and a hawk. The Butchers from Modesto came with some cattle to leave

until they could get enough for a car. Had Miss Young try a new recipe for Pumpkin pie. It was pretty good but not like the old recipe.

#### Monday, January 6, 1919

Clear and cold with a light frost. And the cat came back. Vetter to work, Papa Noyes and son Charlie went down to Mother N. place and the watering troughs and part of the pump. Mrs. Reines came down to trade cows with the Modesto Butchers, but the cow did not. Graphophone man wanted to put new phone here. Mother Noyes began making a shirt for Red Cross. Edna ran in for a few minutes. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt died early today at his home on Sagamore Hill at Oyster Bay. August Pundle died today of influenza at Santa Cruz.

#### Tuesday, January 7, 1919

Clear, not quite so cold. Papa
Noyes, son Charlie and Bob Hooper
went up to Charlie's' place and
marked pigs. More men to weigh
and ship cattle, brought in a fine
bunch about noon. Broke several
saw blades trying to saw off their
horns. Had to cut a link in the chain
to get chute open, finally got cattle
in car. Edna and Mother Meyer were
a couple of hours. Edna telephoned
to Mr. Borland of Sacramento. A.
Bosard called, left circular for Never
Slip tractor.

#### Wednesday, January 8, 1919

Clear and cold. Thermometer registered 28°. Mother Noyes washed. Theodore Vetter and Mr. Warren hauled hay from Neisen barn. Modesto Butchers brought in two bales of hay for their cattle. Papa Noyes and Charlie killed a hog. Put calves below railroad track and began feeding hay. Finished shirt for Red Cross. Tony just phoned that Mrs. Mike Keenan had passed away – influenza developed into pneumonia. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt buried today as a plain American citizen at Young's Memorial Cemetery at Oyster Bay. One of the greatest men of his time.

#### Thursday, January 9, 1919

Not quite as much frost. Sun just peeped out then hid his face for the rest of the day. Papa Noyes cut up the hog. Charlie cut and ground the sausage meat. Mother Noyes cut lard and mixed the sausage. Miss Young washed and rendered the lard. Edna Meyer called just as were finishing, gave her a piece of fresh pork. Tony Vagedes cleaned up the butcher shop and brought scraps down for dogs and chickens.

#### Friday, January 10, 1919

Raining a little this morning – continued cloudy with a little rain all day. Modesto Butchers brought in four calves – may get carload by Saturday. Will Poole called and left circular for Bates Steel Mule Tractor. H. Betty Watkins agent was around. Bought a large bottle of vanilla – one dollar and ten cents. Men fixing fence. Mother Noyes and Miss Young ironed.

#### Saturday, January 11, 1919

A clear bright sunshiny morning.

More like spring than winter. Edna
Meyer stopped on her way up town,
took our orders and brought back
the goods and mail. Mr. Haven came

over, borrowed platform barrel and sausage grinder – getting ready to kill hogs. Men still fixing fence. Mother Noyes scrubbed, sewed and finished ironing.

#### Sunday, January 12, 1919

Cloudy during the early morning, sun finally came out and it proved a very nice day. Modesto Butchers brought in another calf. Our old dog Sport dropped dead. Buried back of the big granary. Antone, Abbie, Necia and Winton Vagedes came down and spent the afternoon.

Twenty new cases of influenza in Sutter.

#### Monday, January 13, 1919

Heavy fog, damp, cold and disagreeable. Maud washed – hung clothes out but did not get them dry. Modesto Butchers shipped their cattle today – just a week getting a car load. Theodore Vetter and [illegible] hauled manure. Papa Noyes shot little Joe. Theodore brought Miss a box of candy. Cut up the last of our squash and not a seed. Miss is laughing because I told her to be sure and save the seed.

#### Tuesday, January 14, 1919

Foggy, damp and cold. Charlie cut
Papa Noyes hair – his first attempt
at hair cutting. Done a good job. Mr.
Haven returned the sausage machine
with a plate of sausage. Norman
Haynes and son came down with
their wood sawing outfit and sawed
up all our four foot wood. About
three o'clock who should come in
but Edna with all kinds of sausage.
Robert Morehead and wife called
collecting for Armenians.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reports of what became known as the Armenian Genocide began reaching American shores in 1915. Armenians in the Ottoman Empire numbered over 2,000,000 in 1914 and by 1922 fewer than 400,000 remained. Reports appeared in national newspapers and responses to the relief efforts came from all corners of the country.

#### **Inserted Newspaper Clipping**

California- The wedding anniversaries are as follows: One year, cotton wedding; two years, paper wedding; three years, leather wedding; five years, wooden wedding; seven years, woolen wedding; ten years, tin wedding; twelve years, silk and linen wedding; fifteen years, crystal wedding; twenty years, china wedding; twenty-five years, silver wedding; thirty years, pear wedding; forty years, ruby wedding; fifty years, golden wedding; seventy five years, diamond wedding. We cannot trace the authorship of the lines referred to.

#### Wednesday, January 15, 1919

Cloudy with a little rain in the morning. Oil men came out and took oil barrels away. Maud finished drying her clothes. Charlie hauled chunks and put them in the woodhouse. Bob Hooper went to store, masked on account of the influenza.<sup>2</sup>

#### Thursday, January 16, 1919

Raining at last. Just a good gentle rain with no wind. Theodore Vetter came down as usual. Mr. Roberts called. He is teaching a lady at Sutter to run a car he sold her. Charlie and Theodore went down to haul hay. Theodore said he did not hire out to haul hay. Charlie said what in Hell did you hire out to do? You go right home and stay there – don't you come back. Theodore went.

#### Friday, January 17, 1919

The glorious rain still comes down. Oil men came out today and filled tank with gasoline. Edna stopped on her way from Sutter and took dinner with us. Louis Stohlman drove in to get his mail from Edna. Albert Graves called to collect money for the Armenians. We did feel as though we could spare it. Sent shirts up to Red Cross Headquarters by Bob Hooper.

#### Saturday, January 18, 1919

Clear as could be – not a cloud in sight. But the sun did not get to show his face. The fog came in so dense. Papa Noyes and Charlie put an advertisement in the Sacramento Bee for a party with a good outfit to clear 50 acres of level land. Well today a man came in answer to the ad – without even an ax or saw. Would hardly take no for an answer. Tony bred his cow to Don. Put calves down in Tony's place to feed out hay in barn.

#### Sunday, January 19, 1919

Rained hard at interval during the day -0.75 of an inch of rain. Papa

Noyes sick all day. Did not go down to the barn. Mother Noyes wrote out lists for groceries to H. L. Dean and Co. After dinner began making a scrapbook of war pictures, a good pastime for a rainy day. Water coming down in the Tule rather fast.

#### Monday, January 20, 1919

Cloudy and rainy in the morning

– but sun came out and it was not
such a bad day. Charlie worked on
auto most of the day. One of the
Morehead's men came to see about
renting some land. Read the ad in
the Bee – thought we might rent
land after it was cleared.

#### Tuesday, January 21, 1919

Rained a little in the morning – wind came up and blew the clouds away.

Maud washed – was able to get her clothes dry. Had a letter from Joe

Prime – said Mr. Strang had cancer of the throat and might live two weeks or two months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The influenza pandemic began in 1918 and extended into 1920. No corner of the world was untouched by this virus. An estimated 50,000,000 people died worldwide and approximately 675,000 in the United States.

#### Wednesday, January 22, 1919

Clear in the early part of the morning but fog came in and remained until noon. Edna and Mother Meyer called on their way back from Miss McLaughlin's. Edna told me that Mr. Strang was buried today. I can hardly believe it with no word from Sister Lizzie [Isabella's sister]. Albert and Maggie Graves seriously injured in an auto collision near Loma, both taken to Rideout Hospital in Marysville.

#### Thursday, January 23, 1919

Raining with a strong south wind.

Miss Young washed – quit raining and hung out her clothes. Wind blew a gale. The sun came out about ten o'clock. At one o'clock the wind went down and the remainder of the day was fine. Papa Noyes and son killed fifteen pigeons. They looked good – will taste better. Pigeons are quite plentiful here at the present time.

#### Friday, January 24, 1919

North wind blowing hard. First sunshiny morning we have had for some time. Wind switched around to the south. Sun went out of sight until evening when it shone so bright that it dazzled the eye. Men sheared sheep. Had stewed pigeon for dinner and supper. Antone, Abbie, Necia and Winton Vagedes came down and spent the evening.

#### Saturday, January 25, 1919

Sun came out clear and bright.

Quite a frost. A nice day. Johnson
the Butcher brought in a bunch of
red hogs to load and ship to Colusa.
Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Forderhase called
on Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes [Charlie
& Maud]. Received our groceries
from H. L. Dean and Company.

Everything satisfactory.

#### Sunday, January 26, 1919

Sun rose bright and clear. Proved a regular spring day. All remained at home. Rather lonesome. Edna came over for a few minutes – took the Kodak home with her.

#### Monday, January 27, 1919

Sun came up bright and clear, a light frost. Charlie began digging alfalfa. Mother Noyes washed her hair and made two aprons. Antone came down for a few minutes, going to put a lane from the gate on his new place. Eggs are down to 40 cents a dozen.

#### Tuesday, January 28, 1919

Heavy fog. Papa Noyes and son Charlie are going to take Mr. Ware up to the Pennington Ranch to see about clearing the land. The man Ware wanted \$150 an acre to clear it. So they did [not] do any business. Edna came over and took her summer dresses home. She had a letter from Roy [her husband who was in the Army]. He was about ready to leave the hospital.

#### Wednesday, January 29, 1919

Sun rose clear and bright – very little fog. Mother Noyes washed, had a good day. Papa Noyes and Mr. Warren killed and dressed a hog. Edna ran in for a few minutes. Charlie is still running the Digger.

#### Thursday, January 30, 1919

Clear and bright, a lovely day. Papa Noyes cut up the hog. Mother Noyes cut up and rendered lard and mixed sausage. Oil man came in and filled tank – wanted to steal one of our pups. Moved Albert and Maggie Graves from the Old Rideout Hospital to the new one of on Fourth Street. Edna came in and took Mother Noyes on a flying trip to Yuba City.

#### Friday, January 31, 1919

Clear with a strong north wind, inclined to be a little cool. Papa Noyes painting truck. Charlie still digging alfalfa. Edna came over – took Mother Noyes to the store – and then home with her – spent the afternoon. Edna and Mother Meyer planted garden. Mrs. Wilkerson was buried today.

#### Saturday, February 1, 1919

Cloudy with every indication of rain only a little too cold. Antone came down and paid Mother Noyes for the steers. Mr. Haven brought the seeder home. Received the protest against the Sutter Butte By-pass assessment number six. So Papa and Mother Noyes signed up for \$1.00 per acre to fight the case.

#### Sunday, February 2, 1919

Cloudy with a south wind. Sun came out about noon and warmed things up a little. Papa Noyes and son Charlie took a truck load of barley up to Charlie's place near Pennington. Another long, lonesome Sunday. Charlie Hill of West Butte suffered a stroke of paralysis. Tony Vagedes took his son, Otis Hill, over to his father.

#### Monday, February 3, 1919

Sun came up bright and clear, a fine day. Charlie finished going over the alfalfa a second time. Mr. Haven sowed barley over the piece near the house. Maud washed. Mother Noyes worked in yard trimming up chrysanthemums and pulling weeds and old geraniums all killed by heavy frost.

#### Tuesday, February 4, 1919

Cloudy with a little rain. Charlie harrowed in the barley. Papa Noyes reading The Heart of the Sunset<sup>3</sup>. Mother Noves worked in yard and transplanted new violets. About three o'clock it was raining so everyone quit work and came to the house. Charlie Hill passed away at his home at West Butte from a stroke of paralysis.

#### Wednesday, February 5, 1919

Raining. Antone, Necia and Winton called for a few minutes - want to get L. J. Stratton's address. Mother Noyes hemmed curtains. Miss Young<sup>4</sup> washed and hung clothes in laundry room, succeeded in getting them dry enough to iron.

#### Thursday, February 6, 1919

Cloudy with strong south wind. James Haynes came over and bought a pig. J. F. Corbett called in the interest of the Colusa Implement Company. A. K. Bosard and William Abdilgard called to see what the prospects were for selling a Monarch tractor. Mr. Warren went to Marysville.

#### Friday, February 7, 1919

Rained at intervals all day. Antone brought Abbie, Necia and Winton down and they spent the day. Mother Noyes and Abbie Vagedes called on Maud after dinner. George Forderhase called to see about getting some wheat - we had none to spare.

#### Saturday, February 8, 1919

Cloudy. Papa and Mother Noyes

Wedding Anniversary - married 43 years and this is the first time we ever attended a funeral on our anniversary. We went over to West Butte, accompanied by Otis and Bernice Hill, to attend the funeral of Charlie Hill (Otis' father). After services at the church, the long funeral procession was formed and the remains brought to the Sutter City Cemetery and buried. Mr. & Mrs. Charley Stohlman came home with [us] for dinner. Edna and Mother Meyer spent the afternoon.

#### Sunday, February 9, 1919

Rain was pouring down this morning - 0.75 of an inch. Cleared away during the afternoon and looked as though the rain was over.

#### Monday, February 10, 1919

Raining hard all day. Mother Noyes wrote several letters and cut out aprons for Meadow Valley. No washing. Bob Hooper went up to Post Office for the mail. Sent shoes to Marysville to be half soled. Eggs were 40 cents a dozen.

#### Tuesday, February 11, 1919

Rain. Rain. Think farmers will have enough for a while. Finally stopped. Maud washed and the wind came up and the clothes soon dried. Began raining again at four o'clock.

#### Wednesday, February 12, 1919

Sun came up clear and bright. Mother Noyes washed and got clothes dry. Took clothes in early, as it began raining about five o'clock.

#### Thursday, February 13, 1919

Threatening rain. Miss Young did

not dare to try washing. Remained cloudy all day. After dinner Charlie took Mother Noyes, Maud and Miss Young over to Mr. Meyer's where we spent a very pleasant afternoon. Old wagon tramp stopped for something to eat. Papa Noyes gave him a large plate full, but it was not enough as he stopped at every other house trying to get more.

#### Friday, February 14, 1919

Still raining. Valentine's Day. Made two - one [for] Necia and one for Winton. Sent one to each one of the grandchildren. Received a very pretty hand made one from Necia. Grandpapa received a cute one from Winton. After dinner it was dark and dreary. Maud came over. She and Miss Young were soon double crochet-chain-and treble - until Mother Noyes got busy sewing. Three wood choppers were here for supper – took them to hotel for the night.

#### Saturday, February 15, 1919

Sun came out. Miss Young washed. Papa Noyes and son Charlie took the three wood choppers up to Charlie's place to cut wood. Mother Noyes and Maud drove Old George and the buggy up to Abbie Vagedes and spent the day. Returned at twenty minutes after four. Miss Young ironed during the afternoon.

#### Sunday, February 16, 1919

Foggy - finally rained a little, but not enough to hurt anything. Florence Forderhase and nephew - also Mr. Foster - came to look at the Herefords<sup>5</sup>. Edna came over and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Heart of the Sunset by Rex Beach, published 1915.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Household help for Mrs. Noyes.
 <sup>5</sup> The Hereford cattle belonged to Mother Noyes. She mentions them in multiple entries, takes pride when they are praised by others and they are treated differently than the rest of the cattle on the ranch. For example, in a later entry in the diary she mentions that her cattle were vaccinated against anthrax when that dreaded disease was identified in Sutter County.

we went over to Myrtie's only to find them gone. Came back and stopped at Abbie's a few minutes and then on home. Coming in cold – seems too cold to rain. Perhaps we will have snow for a change.

Monday, February 17, 1919
Sunshine and clouds with a little north wind. Papa Noyes and son Charlie drove the calves up as far as the Forderhase place where they were met by Joe Prime and John Stewart who drove the calves on to Charlie's place near Pennington. Charlie and his father reached home at three o'clock. Mother Noyes finished ironing and mending. No one washed. Maud went up to Abbie's with Bob Hooper. North wind blew a gale during the night.

## Tuesday, February 18, 1919 Sun came up bright and clear with a strong north wind. Maud washed. A tramp came up and began beating the dogs. He was told to get out of here in not very pleasant terms. He

went.

Wednesday, February 19, 1919
Cloudy, threatening rain. Mother
Noyes washed. Sun came out.
Wind came up and the clothes
were soon dry. Edna called, said
Margaret came home Tuesday.
They both are going to Marysville
Thursday. About four o'clock
it began to rain. February has
certainly been a wet month.

Thursday, February 20, 1919 Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Noyes, and Miss Young went to Marysville and spent the day. Fog lifted – sun came out and it proved a very pleasant day. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes called on Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Forderhase.

#### Friday, February 21, 1919

Cloudy – soon began raining – continued all day. Mother Noyes ironed and cut out some sewing. Men could do nothing but the chores.

#### Saturday, February 22, 1919

Foggy most of the morning, finally raining. Had a thunder shower and then it cleared off with a north wind. Papa Noyes and son Charlie fixed up tools to take up to the wood choppers camp. Papa Noyes brought in a garden trowel and a pair of clippers.

#### Sunday, February 23, 1919

Cloudy. Looks like rain but no rain. Had an early dinner after which Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes and Miss Young started in the auto for Charlie's place. Going out to the highway then up by Live Oak where we left Miss Young with her brother while the rest of the party went on. The roads were rough, full of chuck holes. Found Mr. & Mrs. Prime well. Wood choppers doing fine. Windg began blowing.

#### Monday, February 24, 1919

Clear with hard north wind. Farm advisor Sullivan called. Took in the livestock. Seemed to be a very pleasant young man. Antone Vagedes came down for a hog. Necia and Winton came with him. Winton went back with Dady (sic) but Necia spent the day. Took Maud and Miss Young for a walk, just about done them up. Had

Jack Rabbit for dinner and fried fresh oysters for supper. President Wilson arrived home from France.

#### Tuesday, February 25, 1919

Cloudy, raining at intervals – a miserable cold day. Mother Noyes finished reading the White Man<sup>6</sup> and spent the remainder of the day sewing on curtains for the cabin at Meadow Valley. Mother Noyes came near coughing her head off from eating a piece of candy.

#### Wednesday, February 26, 1919

Rain coming down in torrents. No washing today. Mother Noyes finished curtains and cut 2 quilt blocks. Quit raining after dinner. Sun came out but the wind came up and blew quite hard.

#### Thursday, February 27, 1919

Cold with a heavy frost which must have damaged the almonds as the trees are covered with blossoms. Miss Young washed. Antone Vagedes and children came down for another hog – the last one. The Arnco man from Berkley (sic) came around to see if we needed any more iron troughs. Clouded up and was raining at bedtime.

#### Friday, February 28, 1919

Not the fairest by any means.
Raining most of the day. Grace
Hill's birthday. Mother Noyes sent
her a small remembrance. Papa
Noyes had a letter from Gordon
True stating that he would stop in
to see him on his way to the sale.
Failed to come. Too much rain.

#### Saturday, March 1, 1919

Came in with a fine misty rain. Cold enough to be snowing in the mountains. Bad weather for stock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Possibly White Man by George Agnew Chamberlain, published 1919.

#### Sunday, March 2, 1919

Howling wind and rain. Rain continued at intervals during the day. When it did rain, it simply poured. Men doing nothing but the chores.

#### Monday, March 3, 1919

Foggy during the morning. Maud washed. Mother Noyes made a new collar and vest for her polka-dot dress. Antone Vagedes brought Mr. Poole down to see the Hereford cattle.

#### Tuesday, March 4, 1919

The sun rose bright and clear with just a few clouds. Bob Hooper and Mr. Warren left right after breakfast for Charlie's place, driving old George, leading two mules and two horses. Left them all up there in the pasture. Drove Mutt home. Mother Noyes washed. Charley Charlie took the truck and brought home some barley. Maud went with him to Miss McLaughlin's. Papa Noyes done chores.

#### Wednesday, March 5, 1919

Sun rose clear. The [nothing written] day was ushered in with a strong north wind. Edna came over with some nice pansy plants, remained for dinner. Mother Noyes ironed. Papa Noyes, son Charlie and Mr. Warren built fence. President Wilsons sailed for France, his second trip across.

#### Thursday, March 6, 1919

Cloudy with south wind which soon changed into a rain which drove everyone in doors. Mother Noyes planted the pansies. Rained until after dinner when all at once the wind switched around to the north and began blowing a gale. Miss Young washed.

#### Friday, March 7, 1919

Clear and bright with a terrible north wind. Miss Young ironed. Mother Noyes ripped up Edna's Goddess of Liberty dress and stitched the bands back on the flags. Mrs. Gene Summy suffered a stroke of paralysis. Charlie and Maud went up to George Forderhase's. Sharkey Huffmaster and the McVey boy are back from the army camp.

#### Saturday, March 8, 1919

Clear with a howling north wind. Mrs. Kellogg came down to see about getting eggs to set an incubator. Men are still fixing fence around the scales.

#### Sunday, March 9, 1919

North wind still blowing. Bob Hooper walked up to Sutter and brought home the Sunday Examiner. After dinner, Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes and Miss Young took a ride out to Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Hayne's home; found all well.

#### Monday, March 10, 1919

Clear and bright, a lovely day. Papa Noyes drove Mutt and the buggy and took the two saddle horses to Marysville to have them shod. Maud washed. Mother Noyes worked in yard. Edna brought the mail and a nice piece of veal. Papa Noyes and son Charlie killed the owl that had been hooting in the Pepper tree, keeping everyone awake this spring.

#### Tuesday, March 11, 1919

Cloudy with every indication of rain. Mother Noyes worked in yard most of the day. Mr. & Mrs. Hampton of Live Oak and Mr. & Mrs. Thompson and daughter from near Redding called to see Miss Young. Mr.

Hampton and Mrs. Thompson are brother and sister – and cousins of Miss Young.

#### Wednesday, March 12, 1919

Clear and bright with a strong south wind. Mother Noyes washed. Papa Noyes and Charlie built a frame for holding wool sacks while filling them. Edna Meyer called during the afternoon. She had two letters from Roy. He was still in France. Lights out. Began raining shortly after seven. Wind blowing a gale. Think we are in for a good storm.

#### Thursday, March 13, 1919

A terrible wind and rain storm – a regular winter day. Mother Noyes ironed. Men doing nothing but the chores.

#### Friday, March 14, 1919

Cloudy with a very little wind; seems good to have it quiet after such a terrible wind. Mother Noyes cleaned house. Papa Noyes and son Charlie made preparations to go up to Charlie's place near Pennington. Had a big treat of fresh oysters from Antone.

#### Saturday, March 15, 1919

Raining – spoiled everyone's plans. Papa Noyes and son Charlie remained at home. Antone Vagedes was an early caller – caught us at breakfast. The sun showed up once or twice during the day. Mother Noyes began making fancy stitches on the sofa pillow. Finished the war book. Have enough pictures for another book.

#### **Sunday, March 16, 1919**

Clear and bright – a lovely day. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went up to Pennington to Charlie's ranch. Miss Young happened to look out the window while washing dishes and saw three buzzards. She said that was the sign that she would see people she had not seen for a long time. After dinner in came the Hamptons of Live Oak, also the Hamptons from Rio Vista so her sign came true. Grace and Bernice Hill came down.

#### Monday, March 17, 1919

St. Patrick's day – another clear day. Maud washed. Mother Noyes worked in yard. Papa Noyes and son Charlie arrived at half past three with 32 head of cattle. Leaving 172 up at Charlie's place. Edna Meyer came over soon after – had good news from Roy. He had landed in New York from overseas.

#### Tuesday, March 18, 1919

Raining. Everyone disappointed as everyone had planned to do some particular thing, but the rain prevented. Mother Noyes worked on pillow. Miss Young stitched up her dress. Maud ironed. Men done odd jobs that they could do under cover.

#### Wednesday, March 19, 1919

Clear with a horrible north wind. Mother Noyes washed the usual weekly wash and a blanket. Mr. McConnell of the Rural Press called to see the Hereford cattle. Thought they were a fine herd.

#### Thursday, March 20, 1919

Clear with a strong north wind. Miss Young washed. Men folks began shearing sheep. Edna Meyer came over and took her Cedar Chest and pictures home. Had a letter from Roy. He was at Camp Merritt. Will be sent to the Presidio to be demobilized. Mother Noyes sent an

order for groceries to H. L. Dean and Company, Sacramento.

#### Friday, March 21, 1919

Clear and pleasant all forenoon.
Men still shearing sheep. Jim Haynes hauling wood. Left his team at the gate and walked in to see if we were all alive. Mother Noyes working in yard. Shortly after two o'clock there came a regular hurricane from the South Sprint blowing in. Mrs. Harry Onstott and Byrd Epperson called with sewing for Red Cross.

#### **Exciting News about Vernon School**

By Julie Stark

Progress has been slow the past five years for the small group whose goal is to preserve Vernon School in Verona in south Sutter County. It is the oldest remaining schoolhouse in the county, built in 1863 and used as a school until the 1940s. The owner of the land, Global AG Properties USA LLC has recently offered to donate the parcel the school is located on to the non-profit that was formed by our group called South Sutter Heritage Alliance. At present, it consists of a board of four officers: Doug Nareau of Nicolaus, President, Jennifer Turner of Verona, Vice-President, Julie Stark, Yuba City and retired Community Memorial Museum Director, Secretary, and Phyllis Smith of Yuba City, former Sutter County Historical Society board member, Treasurer. The donation is being facilitated by the land's lessee, Westchester Group Investment Management, Inc. of Fresno.

Vernon, as Verona was originally named, was the first settlement that served as a supply point for the northern gold mines in 1849. A school was started in 1857 and was held in a hotel and a bowling alley until John Burns donated the land where the school sits today.

We cannot preserve this treasure of our past without your help. The school structure has deteriorated and needs immediate restoration work. SSHA is seeking funds to support the work and looking for volunteers with skills also. Please consider making a monetary gift to support the restoration by mailing a check to South Sutter Heritage Alliance c/o Community Memorial Museum, 1333 Butte House Road, Yuba City CA 95993. Let us know if you would like to volunteer once a plan is made and work gets underway. The small board of SSHA would gladly welcome additional members. We will keep you informed of the progress of the project as it goes along. If we work together, we can save this remnant of our colorful past.





# COMMUNITY MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF SUTTER COUNTY | Jawala Singh Bains, 1885-1977

#### Jawala Singh Bains -

By Kartar Singh Bains & Sukhvinder Kaur Takhar



Jawala Singh Bains' first trip to North America was a long sea trip from his native India to Canada. Although no documents exist, it is known that he arrived in Canada in 1907. That was also the year 901 Sikhs arrived in Vancouver aboard the Canadian Pacific steamer Monteagle. Jawala Singh may have been one of those passengers. The arrival of this ship was one of the triggers for the race riots in Vancouver that year. These riots were directed against Asian immigrants. These riots led directly to the curtailment of immigration by the Canadian government. The following year, 1908, only a handful of Sikhs were allowed to enter Canada.

Jawala Singh stayed in Vancouver, Canada for seven years, departing in 1914. This was after the famous Komagata Maru incident that is well documented in Canadian and Sikh history.<sup>1</sup>

His next foray to North America was an arduous trip

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lasting over seven years, from 1923 to 1930, that eventually brought him to California. Exact details of this trip are no longer known, but oral family history talks about how Jawala did not have cash for travel. He had to work various jobs along the way to pay for his travels and food. He eventually worked his way across the ocean to Mexico and from there traveled north to California.

In 1930, Jawala Singh Bains arrived in Yuba City to build a new life for himself with the plan to eventually bring his family to Yuba City.

In 1956, Jawala returned to India for a visit to his family and to attend the wedding of his granddaughter, Mohan, to Mohinder Thiara.

Jawala Singh was a kind, humble and honorable man with no formal education. This determination and courage that had seen him through his long journey now served as his driving force to make a permanent home for himself in this city. In the early 1960s, he purchased a 16-acre parcel of land to grow peaches.

In 1964, he finally achieved his dream of becoming a naturalized American citizen. Having achieved his dream of American citizenship, he was finally allowed to sponsor his family to the United States. He returned to India for the final time in 1965 at the age of 80. He remained in India until his death in 1977 at the age of 92.

Komagata Maru sailed from British Hong Kong, via Shanghai, China, and Yokohama, Japan, to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in 1914, carrying 376 passengers from Punjab, British India. Of them, 24 were admitted to Canada, but the other 352 passengers were not allowed to disembark in Canada, and the ship was forced to return to India. The passengers comprised 340 Sikhs, 24 Muslims, and 12 Hindus, all British subjects. This was one of several incidents in the early 20th century in which exclusion laws in Canada and the United States were used to exclude immigrants of Asian origin. (Wikipedia)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Komagata Maru incident involved the Japanese steamship Komagata Maru on which a group of citizens of the British Raj attempted to emigrate to Canada in 1914 but were denied entry and forced to return to Calcutta (present-day Kolkata), India. There they were fired upon by Indian Imperial Police resulting in the deaths of 20 Sikhs.

Jawala Singh had three sons and one daughter who were all raised by his wife Jai Kaur. With her husband gone for most of their married life, it was up to Jai Kaur to raise the children to the best of her abilities. She was able to instill the same desire for advancement and accomplishment in her children that had driven their father.

At the age of 49 (1966) Jawala's youngest son, Kartar Singh Bains and Kartar's sons – Sukhdev, Davinder and Baldev – immigrated to the United States. Davinder became a citizen and petitioned for his sister Mohan and her family to join them. The American dream had been passed from one generation to another.

Jawala's other three children did not come to the United States, but their families have become successful residents of the United States. Sansar Singh was in the military and served in World War II.



Jawala Singh Bains with the family of his son, Kartar Singh Bains, in India (1966) (Left to right: Davinder Singh, Mohan Kaur and her husband Modinger Singh Thiara, Jawala Singh Bains, Baldev Singh (standing), Sukhdev Singh and his wife Surinder Kaur (standing), Kartar's wife Joginder Kaur and Sarbit Singh Thiara (in lap).

Jawala Singh knew his purpose: to ensure a better future for his family. He knew that one day his entire family would be in America and live the American Dream of opportunities. With that goal in mind, he was very successful. He was a man with integrity, character and a good heart. He had great strength and spirit to succeed even during the most difficult times in his life.

His favorite scripture in his bedroom read: There is only one God and love is God.

#### **Timeline of Jawala's Travels:**

- 1907 Traveled from India to Canada when he was 22
- 1914 Returned to India from Canada when he was 29
- 1923-1930 Traveled from India to the United States, finally arriving in Yuba City via Mexico in 1930
- 1956 Returned to India for his granddaughter's marriage at age 71
- **1964** Became a naturalized citizen of the United States at age 79
- 1965-1977 Returned to India at age 80 to live out the remainder of his life

## COMMUNITY MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF SUTTER COUNTY

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Babs Cotter

Jim Staas

Julie Stark

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Martha & Dale Garrison

#### *In Memory of* **Don Burtis**

Babs Cotter

Marnee Crowhurst

Martha & Dale Garrison

D. Ruenell Givans

Marilyn Ornbaun

Annette M. Reynolds

Merlyn Rudge

Sharyl Simmons

Phyllis Smith

Julie Stark

#### In Memory of Laura Jane Coats

Babs Cotter

Julie Stark

#### *In Memory of* **George Emery**

Jerry & Patricia Whitten

#### *In Memory of* **Shyrlie Emery**

Tom & Kathy Retzloff

Merlyn Rudge

Jerry & Patricia Whitten

#### In Memory of Leroy Flagor

Jim Staas

#### In Memory of Buster "Buck" Foster

Connie Cary

Marnee Crowhurst

Sharyl Simmons

Phyllis Smith

Tom & Jolyne Williams

#### In Memory of Daniel "Dan"

#### Goodnight

Connie Cary

#### *In Memory of* **Lillie Inman**

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If you haven't signed up for our **eNewsletter** yet, you should!

Since we're adding programs and events on a regular basis, it's the best way to make sure you know about everything we're up to.

Just visit our website at

#### www.suttercountymuseum.org

and scroll to the bottom. You'll see the box to sign up.



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#### **Donate**

The Museum is a partnership between Sutter County and the Community Memorial Museum Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Association supports all of the public programming aspects of the Museum, including education programs, fundraising events, temporary exhibits, updates to permanent exhibits, and the Museum Store. Donations made to the Association are tax deductible.

There are many ways to donate to the Museum:

- Mail a check
- Come visit us!

  (Yes, you can donate using a credit card.)
- Planned Giving

We also have corporate sponsorship opportunities for our events and temporary exhibits.

#### **Volunteer**

We would not be able to do what we do without our volunteers. Volunteers staff the front desk when the Museum is open. This includes greeting visitors, answering any questions they may have, answering the phone, and selling items in the Museum Store. Volunteers also work on special projects, help at events, make ornaments and help decorate for Trees & Traditions. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested please contact us or come by the Museum!

#### **Our Mission**

The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County shares local stories to strengthen community bonds, to inspire celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, and to demonstrate how understanding the past prepares us for the future.

#### **Membership Information**

Our members are vital to the success of the Museum. The funds we raise from this program help us to properly care for our collection, bring in traveling exhibits, and provide education programs.

Membership benefits include: advance notice of events and exhibit openings, a 10% discount in the Museum Store, and subscription to the Museum's quarterly journal.

For information please call 530-822-7141 or visit www.suttercountymuseum.org

Student (under 18)/ Senior Citizen/Library	\$20.00
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Family	\$40.00
Business	\$100.00





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#### **Calendar of Events**

#### **THROUGH JUNE 14**

Exhibits closed for building work but the MUSEUM STORE IS STILL OPEN

#### **FEBRUARY**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

15, 16 & 17 Day of Remembrance

Events

#### **MARCH**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8, 9 & 10 Dinner Theater Fundraiser

#### **APRIL**

Tuesday

**16 West Coast Falconry,** 11:00am

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**Friday** 

**19** Enchanted Forest Kids

Program, 10:00am

#### **JUNE**

Saturday

**15** Grand Re-Opening

Celebration