



JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY COLMA

GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT MARK

I hope that everyone had a nice summer. We have some great programs in store for you this fall, beginning with our own Dana Smith. She has been pursuing a Master's Degree in Museum Studies at San Francisco State University for the past few years with the goal of sharing information from the university with our museum and bringing interns and Master's projects to our Daly City History Museum. Her degree will allow her to officially supervise interns and we expect our first intern to begin in September.

For her Master's thesis, Dana has created a fantastic timeline on large panels, *A Walk Through Time*, highlighting local events in Daly City and their relationship to events on the wider stage of history. She will be having her official unveiling at our own museum on Saturday, October 5, between noon and 3:00 PM. This is so close to our traditional fall get-together that we have decided the exhibit opening will take the place of our regular September meeting. We expect that the exhibit will remain on display ongoing, so if you aren't able to join us that day you will have a chance to see it on a future visit to the museum. Since this will be a daytime event taking place over three hours, there will be no formal lecture, however, Dana will be on hand to answer questions and chat during this special open house exhibit along with other docents. Of course, we will have refreshments, and you are invited to go through the rest of the museum at your leisure that day. We hope you are able to join us for this very special Guild event and to help us celebrate both Dana's academic accomplishment and our museum's first special exhibit. Complimentary parking will be available from our friends at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1399 Brunswick Street--corner of Hillside Boulevard--one block away. There is also a metered city parking lot on the corner of Bepler and Mission Streets, across the street from the museum and one block north and free street parking along Hillside Boulevard on the hill behind the museum.

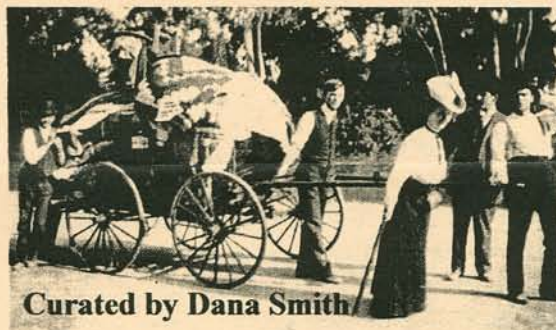
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MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE & EXHIBIT OPENING

Saturday, Oct. 5
Noon – 3 PM

Daly City History Museum
6351 Mission Street

A WALK THROUGH TIME



Curated by Dana Smith

Come join us on a journey through 10,000 years highlighting local events and their relationship to events on the wider stage of history. The exhibit is a timeline displayed on custom-made exhibit cases constructed by volunteer carpenter Rob Keil, with Plexiglas installed by Richard and Michael Rocchetta. The project was inspired by the online universal timeline created by Algis Ranikas, and his research was a major source of information along with books published on Daly City history and materials from the History Guild archives, including news clippings, first person histories and the Chandler Photo Collection. Dana wrote grants and received funding from the Carl and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation and First National Bank of Northern California to produce the exhibit.

REFRESHMENTS – FREE ADMITTANCE

Photo of refugees fleeing the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906. San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library.

(President's Message, cont'd)

We are equally excited to announce that our long-awaited Guild web site is in the final stages of completion and slated to debut this fall. This will be a dedicated web page operated by the Guild which will announce our programs, museum days/hours, and have such features as information about becoming involved in the organization, a regular calendar feature, information about the collections, history resources, advertisement of merchandise for sale at the museum, a link to our Facebook social media site, and more. We have often been asked why the Guild doesn't have its own web site such as the Colma Historical Association or other similar groups. It has always been a priority, but like so many other elements of running an organization, time and web talent were necessary.

We are very fortunate to have gained the services of Ellen Reilly, a skilled graphic and web designer, who has agreed to create our site at a greatly-reduced cost to the Guild. Ellen has a non-profit background and believes very much in the Guild's mission to bring local lore to the community. At our last board meeting she made a special presentation of the draft format and participated in a group input session. Please take note that our web site is dalycityhistorymuseum.org.

We certainly will announce when the site goes live, in the next couple of months. In the meantime, please keep checking back and do follow us on Facebook [see below] where we have a great deal of photos, links to video, announcements, program listings, and more. Also, please remember to 'Like Us!'



Welcome to dalycityhistorymuseum.org, the website for the History Guild of Daly City/Colma and the Daly City History Museum.

While our site is under construction, visit our [Facebook page](#).

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GUILD BOARD AUTHORIZES AN ANNUAL AUDIT REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

History Guild members are invited to join an Audit Review Advisory Committee to review Guild financial records for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year. This committee will be totally independent from the Board and Treasurer and will determine its own process and schedule. The task for committee members will be to study our year-

end financial reports and bank records to find any errors, make recommendations and make a report on their findings. We need some people who are good with numbers and detail to volunteer their skills and time. Volunteers are asked to sign up by the **September 30th deadline** by contacting Guild President Mark Weinberger by email or phone to indicate your willingness to serve. 650-757-7177
president@DalyCityHistoryMuseum.org

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Colma Historical Association – Ninth Annual Fundraising Dinner, Saturday, September 21. Doors open at 4 PM, dinner served at 5 PM. Colma Community Center, 1520 Hillside Blvd. Dinner prepared by chef Dennis Fisicaro includes Italian sausage with polenta and gravy, antipasto, bread, green salad, dessert, wine and all manner of drinks. \$40 per person. 650/757-1676.

San Mateo County History Museum's **San Mateo Rancho Day Fiesta.** Saturday, September 21 from noon to 4 PM at the Sanchez Adobe, 1000 Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica. Free family event recreates life on a rancho in Mexican California with music, dancing, food and crafts.

Pacifica Historical Society exhibit at the Pacifica Fog Fest: September 28th and 29th along Palmetto Avenue in Pacifica. If you are planning to visit the fest, don't miss the Pacifica Historical Society exhibits.

Ingleside Terraces Homeowners Association centennial sundial event: Sunday, September 29th from noon to 3 PM at the sundial in the middle of Entrada Court. Music, food, historic displays. Directions: One block past Holloway Ave. on Junipera Serra Blvd. turn right on Estero Ave, left on Alviso Street, right on Urban Drive, left on Borica Street and left on to Entrada Court.

Free Cypress Lawn Lectures and Walking Tours: Lectures: 2nd Floor, Administration Building, 1370 El Camino Real, Colma, 2 PM - 4 PM.

Sept. 15th Michael Svanevik will speak on "Influenza – the 1918 Pandemic; **Oct. 20th** Douglas Keister presents "Stories in Stone: Paris."

Walking Tours: On Saturdays starting at 1:30 PM at the Noble Chapel (located on Cypress Lawn's East Gardens). Information: 650.550-8810 or send an email to lenipanopio@cypresslawn.com

Sept. 21: Terry Hamburg presents "The Magnificent Angels of Cypress Lawn;" **Oct. 12:** Terry Hamburg leads the tour "Gargoyles, Foo Dogs and More;" **Oct. 26:** "Only in October Tomb Walk" by Michael Svanevik.



THE REAL SAGA OF WHO OWNED THE LAND THAT BECAME THE 'DALY' MILK RANCH

By Russ Brabec

A popularly accepted fact is that John Daly purchased his dairy land directly from M. Holmesworth. While Holmesworth did own the land prior to Daly, there were several property transactions with well known pioneers after Holmesworth and before Daly that can be found in information from the San Mateo County record of deeds.

Holmesworth's name is on the 1868 San Mateo County Map as the owner. Other spellings are Hollingsworth and Hollingshead. Israel Graham Knowles sold 66.66 acres to Bartholemew S. Hollingsworth, a Sutter County resident, for \$2,400 in August 1867. Bartholomew S. Hollingsworth, aged 84 years, died at Oakland in January of 1885. His partner, Georgie McBride of Santa Clara County, sold her undivided half of the property to Monroe Greenwood in April 1885.

Greenwood De Wolf filed a 19-lot subdivision map entitled "Ocean View Tract" in June 1885, which comprised most of the land from Mission Street to Junipero Serra Boulevard and from 158 feet north of the County Line to 1,188 feet south of the County line. Most lots were 564 feet by 220 feet. A 60-foot wide Greenwood Avenue ran through the property connecting all the lots. Horace and Monroe Greenwood sold their 69.45 acres to both William Kinne and John Daly between June 1885 and August 1886 in four transactions.

William Henry Kinne, born October 1835 at Nova Scotia, possibly at Gaspereau, Kings County, where his wife was born. He was a resident of San Mateo County from 1865, Sheriff of San Mateo County 1887-1892, and purchased 1.19 acres of land from Israel Knowles for \$2,000 in **July 1868**. This parcel is shown as the "Milk Ranch" on the 1872 Map of the Mission Street Extension Homestead Association with the rough boundaries of Mission Street, Bepler Street and Mission Circle.

Justus Bepler had sold this 1.19-acre parcel to Israel Graham Knowles in April 1864. Kinne sold one-half interest in this parcel to John D. Daly for \$2,000 in **May 1878**, and Daly sold it in March 1907 along with most of his properties. "Mr. Daly, formerly of Fifield & Daly, has formed co-partnership with Mr. Kinne at Colma for carrying on the dairy business, and they are now building a large barn for that purpose on Mr. Kinne's place" – **August 1876**. "Daly & Kinne (John Daly & William Kinne), proprietors San Mateo Dairy, depot at 1010 Valencia Street." – San Francisco City Directory 1880-1881.

During the 1890s Kinne moved into other interests in southern San Mateo County and he transferred his land ownership to Daly. Mary Eliza, Kinne's wife, died in 1899. He married Nettie a year later, and by 1903, they were living at Willits in Mendocino County. The Kinnes removed to Redwood City after a couple of years where William died in June 1921. William and Mary Eliza are interred at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. Although Nettie buried her husband by his first wife, she did not have his name engraved on the grave monument. Nettie sold the Redwood City home in 1923, and moved to Yosemite to live with her son. She died at Oakland in July 1940, at the age of 87, outliving her son.

DONATIONS AND GUILD NEWS

Thanks are due to Board member Marcus Gonzalez and wife Grace who donated a comfortable stool for museum docents to use when sitting at the historic library reception desk... Gregory Kennedy, who owns Occidental Power Solar Co. in the historic brick water department building a few blocks north of the museum, donated vintage Volunteer Fire Department pictures and documents from his decedents Fire Chiefs John Joseph Kennedy and John Elmer Kennedy... We have had many interesting visitors over the summer including 42 participants in the Park & Rec summer program at Marchbank Park, Lloyd Chandler from Reseda, California, the son of the late Sam Chandler, who was the longtime Daly City Librarian for 25 years and author of the book *Gateway to the Peninsula*, and recently a group of volunteers who regularly clean up the Mussel Rock area led by Helen Nicely. The Mussel Rock volunteers enjoyed an impromptu lecture by Don Flemming, former Director of Community Development, on Native American artifacts from Mussel Rock... Excellent historical articles by Daly City Historian Bunny Gillespie are now featured regularly in the city newsletter *Fogcutter*... Dana Smith's SFSU intern project at the California Society of California Pioneers researching and writing the biographies of pioneer artists is part of their new website at <http://www.californiapioneers.org/wp/artists/> ... Guild member, author and videographer Rob Keil has announced that his documentary on Westlake is nearing completion this fall after years in the making with the help of Monique Lombardelli who completed a documentary herself entitled *People in Glass Houses: The Legacy of Joseph Eichler*. Keil and Lombardelli are co-producers of *Little Boxes: The Legacy of Henry Doelger*, which will debut soon. Rob has agreed to present a showing to the Guild at one of our regular future Doelger Center meetings... Marc Christensen from the nearby Merced Triangle Neighborhood Association has been doing research at our museum

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for an article on the upcoming 40th anniversary of BART's arrival in Daly City with assistance from our docents Michael Rocchetta and Mark Weinberger. He signed up as our newest member!... Rich Rocchetta's new historic camera exhibit at the Colma Museum is a must-see display for all photography buffs.

IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN...

By Dana Smith

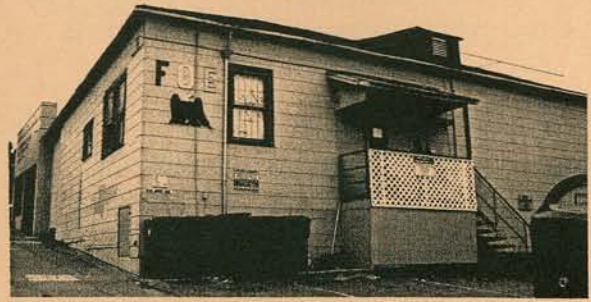
In September of 1908 John Marchbank came to the Vista Grande area and invested part of the fortune he amassed from saloons and gambling in the Alaskan Klondike gold rush of 1897. Among his real estate investments were the former Knowles ranch and two local casinos. The first was named "The Northern," the same name as his saloon in Dawson. He later opened the A Mon Chateau at Junipero Serra and School St. for higher class gamblers. Its name was later changed to the Villa Mateo.

San Mateo County Supervisor James Casey lived a few doors away from the Villa Mateo and had obtained the saloon permit for Marchbank. Casey patronized the Villa Mateo but claimed there were no gambling tables because "gambling is illegal." The Northern was at the Top-of-the-Hill only two blocks from the new city hall. Policemen who frequented The Northern failed to recognize any signs of illegal gaming.

In 1947 both The Northern and the Villa Mateo clubs closed. That same year John Marchbank died of a heart attack at his Heater Farm horse ranch in Walnut Creek. One historical account noted that both clubs were torn down. In my search for a photo of The Northern I contacted Russ Brabec, and learned that The Northern was not destroyed. It was sold to the Colma Vista Grande Aerie of the Eagles and moved to a nearby location at San Jose Avenue and Shakespeare Street. It is none other than the modest building that houses the current Eagles Lodge. Russ found articles in the *Daly City Record* and *San Mateo Times* from 1947 reporting that The Northern building was moved from its site just north of Marchbank's home on San Jose Avenue, which still stands today in declining condition.

1913 - TIDBITS FROM THE TIMELINE

There were four different water companies in Daly City when the voters approved a bond issue for \$100,000 to install a municipal water system, purchase the existing privately owned Crocker system, and build a pump house and a reservoir of a million gallon capacity... A land boom revived with Crocker, Hillcrest, and Kinney tracts... The PG&E plant east of Cow Palace closed. Since 1906 it had processed oil into gas leaving deposits of coal tar and lampblack, later identified as carcinogenic when housing was built at the site.



Top photo of The Northern casino building now in use as Elks Lodge. Bottom photo of Marchbank home, 2013.



MASTODONS AND SABER TOOTHED CATS IN DALY CITY AND PACIFICA?



Don Flemming, former Daly City Director of Community Development, recounted on his recent visit to the Daly City Museum how bones from Pleistocene era mammals were found at the lake that was removed for building the Fairmont Shopping Center in 1987 at the Daly City/Pacifica border at Hickey Blvd. and Gateway Drive. The bones were taken to the Lawrence Hall of Science at UC Berkeley, including those of a mastodon and saber toothed cat. During the Pleistocene epoch many mammals grew to unusually large size (referred to as megafauna mammals) and then went extinct around 12,000 years ago during the last ice age. Their demise is attributed to climate change and human hunting.

REMEMBERING ED MAHONEY AND AL SCHWARZBACH

Ed Mahoney passed away suddenly on July 25th at the age of 66. After retiring from Safeway, Ed worked for the last ten years in community development for Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Ed was interested in history and collected OLPH items to donate to the History Guild. Our condolences go out to his wife Linda and family. Longtime Guild member Al Schwarzbach passed away on June 12th at age 87. Al served as an officer in the Navy, received a degree in Civil Engineering, and worked many years with Wells Fargo Bank in commercial real estate. He was active in Daly City community issues, including serving as President of the Jefferson Elementary School District and volunteering for the Boys and Girl Scouts programs. Our condolences go out to his wife Denise and family.

The Entrada Court Sundial, shown in 2013, was built in 1913 in the new Ingleside Terraces development in SF to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal and was the largest sundial in the world at that time.

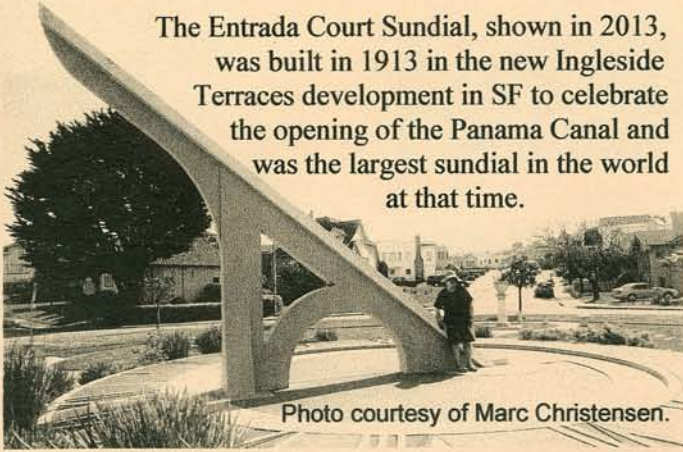


Photo courtesy of Marc Christensen.

Note: There is a 50 ft. diameter sundial in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in nearby Colma. Originally constructed from plants, during the 1960s the dial was changed to concrete and aluminum.

MUSSEL ROCK VOLUNTEERS TAKE A FIELD TRIP TO THE DALY CITY MUSEUM

A Group of volunteers led by Helen Nicely visited the Daly City History Museum after a trash clean up at Mussel Rock. If you would like to help with their efforts, contact helennicely@hotmail.com. Don Flemming is shown just to the right of the little girl, with Helen to his right and museum cases in front displaying artifacts from the 1977 archaeological excavation of the Native American village at Mussel Rock. Don helped with the excavation and, among other items, discovered the sea otter bones in our collection that were a major food source for the tribe. (Yes, there were once sea otters in what became Daly City!) The current Waste Transfer Station was built on top of the village site.



AN INTERESTING DALY CITY CHARACTER: CHARLES GARRY

Charles Garry, a flamboyant Depression-era socialist who earned his law license without attending college, began his legal career defending militant trade unions and was brought before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1948. Garry then became a civil rights attorney who represented a number of high-profile clients during the 1960s and 1970s, including the Black Panthers and the Peoples Temple. Garry was known for

courtroom dramatics that led in one instance to a policeman under intense questioning jumping from the witness stand to pull a gun on Garry.

Garry lived in the older part of Daly City on Wellington Avenue and became the pro-bono lawyer for Original Daly City Protective Association in the early 1970s in their fight to save the neighborhood from redevelopment plans to bulldoze the existing homes and relocate residents. His wife Louise was also an outspoken ODCPA member. At a Daly City Redevelopment meeting in 1973, shown below in a photo from the *DC Record*, there was an exchange of insults that led to Garry challenging Commissioners to settle it with fists in the parking lot.

At one point, Charles Garry, the famed Black Panther attorney who is representing the ODCPA and lives at 482 Wellington Ave., and Commission Chairman Alfred Banfield threatened each other.



Memphis attorney Mark Lane was also retained by the Peoples Temple and both attorneys were in Guyana with the fateful investigative delegation led by Congressman Leo Ryan in 1978. When Ryan's party left for the airport, the lawyers stayed behind. Garry and Lane were taken into custody, fearing for their lives as Jones' followers gathered around the vat of poison to commit mass suicide. Lane convinced two guards to let them go by promising that if he and Garry survived, they would write about the glories of Jonestown.

Garry and Lane hid in the jungle for 14 hours to avoid being caught before they started to trek through the jungle. They had to pass a guardhouse at the exit of Jonestown and planned to defend themselves with spears made from branches found in the jungle. The guardhouse was empty and they continued on to the airstrip where the Ryan delegation had already been ambushed.

Garry died at age 82 in Berkeley, California in 1991. In 2007 a documentary was made about his life, *The People's Advocate: The Life & Times of Charles R. Garry*.



Charles Garry shown meeting the media with Kathleen Cleaver of the Black Panther Party.



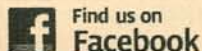
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FIRST CLASS MAIL



A recent photo of the museum shows our distinctive paint job - we used the colors of moss green, beige, and black. Our neighbor Billy Wiggins regularly volunteers to water plants, weed, and sweep the sidewalk in front of our building. A nearby cleaners, inspired by the museum's flowers, hired Billy to plant flowers in front of their business. Are we starting a beautification trend?



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER!

Wednesday, November 20, 7 PM at the Doelger Center for our end-of-the-year general meeting. Lorri Ungaretti recently self-published a history, *Stories in the Sand: San Francisco's Sunset District 1847-1964*, and she will be our guest lecturer talking about her new book with a special emphasis on Doelger history. She has also written three books on neighborhoods in San Francisco for Arcadia Publishing Company.

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