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BRODERICK-TERRY DUEL

Just a little northeast of our meeting place in Doelger Center is a secluded forest glade, where, 130 years ago, two men paced off stated steps, turned, and fired at one another.

One man, David Broderick, a U.S. senator, was mortally wounded. His opponent, David Terry, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, had seen Broderick's pistol fire prematurely, and took careful aim in return.

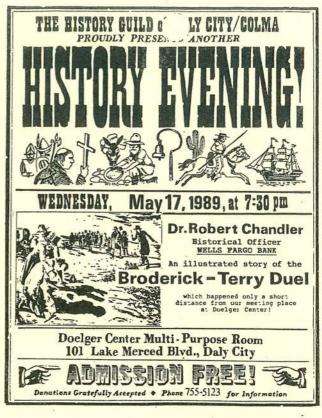
The events leading up to the duel, and its aftermath, will be related at our May 17th meeting, 7:30 p.m., Doelger Center, by the History Officer of Wells Fargo Bank, Dr. Robert Chandler, with slides also to be shown.

Members and friends of the Guild might want to explore the duel area for themselves. It's easy to get to. You can either come from the north entrance off Lake Merced Blvd., where a landmarks sign points the way...or from Westlake, going north on Wilshire, left on El Portal to the little park part way down the street. From there you can see an obelisk which flanks the pathway leading to the duelling glen itself. There are two markers in the forest glade, indicating the standing positions of Broderick and Terry.

Dr. Chandler is a noted historian, receiving his PhD from UC Berkeley. His published articles have appeared in "The Californians", "Pacific Historian", "Southern Pacific Quarterly", "Civil War History", "Council on America's Military Past", and numerous other history-related journals.

DALY'S HILL DEDICATED

Daly's Hill has been recognized and commemorated in granite plaque fashion! The area at the top of the hill which had been known since the late 1800's as such was the center of a happy ceremony on April 8th, when a beautiful granite plaque was presented by members of the E Clampus Vitus organization to Crocker Lodge #454 F&AM, to be affixed to the



Hillcrest Drive facade of the Masonic Temple.

Born of collaboration among the Clampers, Masons and Bunny & Ken Gillespie as DC historians, the plaque was created by the artisans of Donohoe & Carroll, pioneer Colma monument makers.

Measuring 2'x3', the plaque shows an etched representation of Daly's dairy farm, and an inscription which reads:

WHERE DALY CITY STARTED

Near this site from 1868-1907 was the 250 acre "San Mateo Dairy" ranch operated by pioneer resident John Donald Daly, for whom Daly City was named upon incorporation of the city in 1911. Among his philanthropic gestures was the opening of his Daly's Hill property to refugees of the disastrous 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

Dedicated by
YERBA BUENA CHAPTER No. 1, E CLAMPUS VITUS
and
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April 8, 1989

The inscription on the plaque was written by Bunny Gillespie.

About 300 people attended t' dedication, with Clampers arriving (ire engines and flat-bed trucks to the cordoned-off Hillcrest Drive.

The plaque was paid for by the Clampers, with Crocker Lodge making a financial contribution, and hosting a splendid buffet luncheon treat after mid-day celebration.

Geno Fambrini coordinated for the Clampers, with Bud Durham of the Masons acted as m.c. for the ceremonies outside the temple. Both are members of the Guild. Ken Gillespie gave a brief history of John Daly's proprietorship of the dairy ranch and later contributions to his namesake city.

Four of DC's five council members were in attendance: Mayor pro-tem Jim Tucker, Al Teglia, Jane Powell and Tony Giammona. Other notables present were City Clerk Lorraine D'Elia, State Senator Quentin Kopp and County Supervisor Mary Griffin.

ELECTION TIME UPCOMING

Another Guild year has passed, and it's time for the election of officers for the coming year, July 1989 through June 1990.

The past year has been rewarding, with good meetings, enthusiastic parti-

cipa n, much information received and diss nated, and the Guild is in very solid financial and community condition.

The same officers, however, have been leading the Guild since July of 1986, when By-Laws and Officers were first elected.

A Nominating Committee, headed by Jane Powell will make recommendations at the upcoming May 17th meeting, and, if there are no further nominations, will offer those named for election on that night.

If you would like to serve as an elected officer of the Guild, please indicate such interest by calling Jane Powell at 992-2757.

The current officers are listed on the back page of this bulletin. They all are performing well, but do not necessarily wish to become a dynasty!

A HAPPY ITALIAN EVENING!

There was a lot of Italian spoken, for real and attempted, at March's tribute to "The Achievements of North County Italians". President Ken opened the meeting with an Italian rhythm clacker to set the tone of the evening.

Bunny Gillespie paraphrased the minutes of the January meeting, and Treasurer Roz Babow gave a welcome



David Broderick lies wounded, felled by a shot from the pistol of David Terry on the 15th of September, 1859, near the southeast end of Lake Merced, at the SF, San Mateo County line.

financial report, stating that had \$4,288.21 in the bank. This brought a vigorous round of applause and a lot of "molto bene's"!

Recognition was made of the two longest tenure dwellers of Westlake, on this, the 40th anniversary of the first occupancy of the homes on Cliffside Dr. Presented with a Certificate of Recognition was Doris Donovan, who spoke charmingly of the first few months in an area with no schools, no shops, no transportation! Amy Barsotti was the other long dweller, and her certificate was later delivered.

Special welcomes were extended to DC Councilpeople Jane Powell and Al Teglia, Colma Councilman Ted Kirschner, who introduced Colma Mayor Phil Lum, JUHSD Board Member Betty Schultz, San Mateo Times Group columnist Lola Garcia, and former DC mayor Ed Dennis.

Featured speaker of the evening was Frank Spadarella, who spoke with great warmth and knowledge of the pioneer settlers of our North County who came from Italy.

Vintage photos were shown, questions on identifications were cleared up in some cases, and many of the pics were donated as archival material to the Guild. Copies of Spadarella-edited books were distributed to a dozen lucky members, as well as posters displaying Spadarella's outstanding photographic talent. The evening concluded with the raffle of two magnificent hanging baskets of Impatiens in bloom, donated by member John Olcese. The lucky winners were Richard Rodriquez and Ted Kirschner. A nose count by Ted Babow showed 159 members and friends in attendance!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GUILD

Recent donations to the Guild come from Valerie Barsotti Tribou, a former Colma resident of the Cavo-Barsotti family, who now lives in The Dalles, Oregon.

Ms. Tribou sent a series of school and family photos, circa 1907, and deeds to Colma properties, a wedding certificate with names of offspring added.

Memorabilia from Westlake has been contributed by Peg Bigan, and local PTA material has come from Betty Schultz,

all the realization that old photos and artifacts are so very precious, and their collection, not disposal, helps weave the tapestry of history. Many thanks to all contributors!

"GOODIES" FOR MAY 17TH

The following Guild members are reminded that they volunteered four dozen "goodies" for the upcoming meeting at Doelger Center of May 17th:

Anita Stagnaro
Ted Kirschner
Belva Carroll
Eda Giusti
Alma Stanghellini

Refreshment Committee chairperson Mary Hutchings will be in telephone touch with you before the meeting, but this is just an advance reminder! Many thanks for your generosity!

CATALOGUING UNDERWAY AGAIN

Cataloguing has been reinstituted at Serramonte Library each Wednesday afternoon, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., where, under the expert guidance of chairman Neil Fahy, Guild members are sifting through newly-acquired photos, documents, journals, letters, etc., to put them into indexed order.

Currently working with Neil are Claire Fahy, Olga Tourkoff, Yolanda Hardiman, Ken and Bunny Gillespie.

NOTE-PAPER AVAILABLE

Packets of six beautiful pen-andink drawings of historic Daly City scenes, in note-paper form, are now available for sale through the Guild.

Created by artist Robert McClay, designer of our Guild letterhead logo, the stationery was produced under the auspices of the History, Arts & Science Commission originally, through the shepherding of Commissionaire Belva Carroll.

Priced most reasonably at \$2.00 per packet, the stationery is an excellent means of keeping historic Daly City scenes alive to friends and relatives.

The Guild also sells Daly City
Fire Department pins, as a fund-raiser

for the firefig. .rs, and Bunny Gillespie's "The Great Daly City Historical Trivia Book", a portion of which proceeds go to the Guild.

NORTH TO THE KLONDIKE

Our September 20th meeting at Doelger Center will feature the story of the San Mateo County residents who ventured to the Klondike in the late 1890's to search for gold, I tell ya, gold!

Developed through massive research by our own Neil Fahy, over 100 travelers from our county have been identified as having made the arduous journey to Alaska...usually through Skagway, up and over the dizzying passes, toting the equivalent of 1 ton of provisions in order to obtain clearance.

This narrated slide presentation is breathtaking in scope, elaborate in its humanness, and a thoroughly delightful evening is in store for us!

CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR TED!

Guild member Ted Kirschner, also a Councilman of the Township of Colma, has been elected Mayor of his town, and was installed by Judge Jose DeLarios in pleasant ceremonies last April 5th.

Ted's vice-mayor, or mayor protem, is Charles Gerrans, also a faithful Guild member...so, we know that the Guild has solid friends at both city halls!

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