



EAGLE ROCK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Digitizing History – Scanning is just the Beginning

It wasn't that long ago that keeping your photographs in order meant making a photo album or filling a slide reel and then storing them in a safe place. Now we have moved to a digital world and many want their pre-digital photographs in that world. Sharing photos with friends or relatives or preserving fading photos are two major reasons why people choose to digitize. The payoff can be great, but digitizing photographs is a time investment, so it pays to do it right. Our next meeting will feature David Dellinger, our new president, and Anne Mar, Assistant College Archivist/Metadata Specialist at Occidental College, who will

discuss digitization standards, file formats, resolution, naming conventions and scanner techniques. Even if you have someone else do the scanning, you will also find out that scanning isn't the end, but really the beginning of the process. Think of your photos being re-born in the digital world. David and Anne will also go over techniques that can be used to store and perpetuate the lives of those newly scanned photos. The storage techniques of today are most certainly not going to be the storage techniques of the future. You will now be a steward of your digital assets and as such you

will need to revisit them on a regular basis to make sure that they are still accessible. In addition to helping you digitize your analog memories, we also are greatly interested in seeing your photographs of Eagle Rock. Maybe you will be so inspired as to donate your Eagle Rock-related digital assets to our archives! The presentation will show you the techniques. It will be followed by a hands-on "scanning day" on the Saturday immediately following the presentation. We will have several scanners and technicians ready to help you learn the craft. We look forward to helping you on your journey.

DIGITIZING YOUR ER MEMORIES SCANNING AND STORAGE TECHNIQUES



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EAGLE ROCK
2225 COLORADO
TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 7:00
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

Hello Eagle Rock!

I'm your new Historical Society president. Before I get too far, I would like to thank Frank Parrello, our outgoing president, who skillfully lead us for the past two years. Luckily he will stay on the board, as he is a valuable resource of history and historical preservation. I haven't been in Eagle Rock as long as many of you, nor do I have a professional background of historical preservation, but I do come with a desire to preserve and protect the history of our great little part of the world, and a keen interest in making that history known and accessible. We should not lose sight of the fact that what happened yesterday or this morning is also history, not just what happened long ago. History starts yesterday, maintaining that history is for tomorrow. I both live and work here in Eagle Rock, working in the IT Department at Occidental College. My great-grandparents moved to Southern California in 1912, but it wasn't until my wife and I bought a house here one hundred years later in 2012 that I really found out what a special place this is.

I hope to continue the collaboration with other local historical societies and archives. We have great working relationships with Occidental College's Special Collections and Archives and with the Highland Park Heritage Trust. We have just started talking with the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley to possibly have joint outings. We also have been working on getting our message out by expanding our website, www.eaglerockhistory.org. It's now powered by Wordpress, which



allows multiple people to add content simultaneously.

I also want to thank our members. We have several new members who have been actively helping organize our archives and helping at our meetings. We are a small organization, so any help that you can give is a tremendous boost. Many of us on the board have full-time jobs, so the time each person can devote to the Society is limited.

David Dellinger, President

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The objectives of the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society

- to preserve, clarify through research and to perpetuate the history of Eagle Rock Valley
- to make this history available to students, researchers, libraries and all interested persons
- to preserve and protect our local landmarks, especially the Eagle Rock

Membership is open to all who would further these objectives

Public Archive Hours 10 to 12 every Saturday
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It's time to renew your membership. If you have already paid your 2018 dues, thank you. If not, please take a moment and mail your check now. If we have not heard from you, a dues form and envelope are included with this newsletter.

Thanks, we depend on you.

...A Little Help from Our Friends — History is Made of This

Fred Karger immigrated here in 1903 from Deutsch Liebau in Austria via Galveston, Texas. He arrived here at age 14. In the photo he stands with his Maxwell, his dog, and his gun, beside the family home on El Rio Avenue. (Courtesy of Doris Karger Thielen and Elmer Lorenz)



Cousins Robert "Bobby" Grey and Ray Goodwin celebrate Christmas of 1924 at the end of Glacier Drive. In the distance can be seen the house which would be home to the Blackadder family and, to the left, the Rock. (Courtesy of the Goodwin family)



John and Annetta Lorenz visited the Annandale valley around the time of their marriage in 1910. The area behind them would be annexed to Pasadena on August 17, 1914. The trail into the hills became La Loma Road. (Courtesy of Elmer Lorenz)

Our Town, Our History

After returning from wartime service in the Marines, John Luther constructed his family home on Kipling Avenue on weekends. He was an aerospace engineer with no background in construction, but being a practical man, he studied and taught himself to build his modernist influenced house. He raised his family, served his community as a Scoutmaster, and remained an innovator and teacher in vehicle design. (Courtesy of the Luther family)



Muriel May Older stands behind her house on Hill Drive. She attended Rockdale Elementary, Eagle Rock High, Glendale City College and Oxy. She married Ted Horstman in 1943. They lived with Muriel's parents, Louis C. and Annabelle Older, in this house for a while before moving into the home they built on Hartwick Street in June, 1950. That house was part of the "Lemon Grove" development, the last tract of farmland to be developed in Eagle Rock. (Courtesy of the Horstman family)



In 1961, celebrity resident, Ann Tyrrell, "Vi" of "The Ann Southern Show", honored Elena Frackelton Murdock, for her 75 years of community leadership. Local and state politicians opened the refurbished Eagle Rock Boulevard where the tracks had been replaced by planted medians. Mrs. Murdock, the Grand Marshall of "Progress Days", led a parade featuring community organizations, and a carnival and evening dance were held on the Eagle Rock Lumber grounds, in celebration of fifty years of Eagle Rock's progress. (Photographs by Joe Friezer)

Henk Friezer donated the Friezer Collection of thousands of photographs to Occidental College's Special Collections. Mrs. Murdock compiled a photo scrapbook of early Eagle Rock History and her memoirs of her girlhood here in the late 1800's, the source for much of our information about the period.

Mysterious 1877 Diary Unearthed

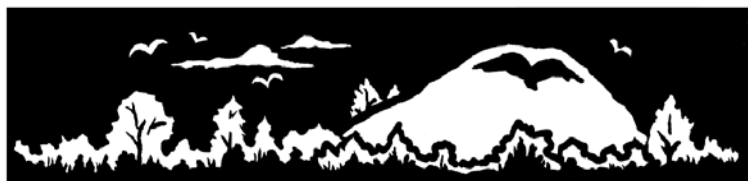
By James Arredondo

It was a brisk, sunny day when I arrived home early from work. I was in the process of disposing of some old tree stumps we had just removed the week before, an eyesore remaining from the time we bought our home in 2009. I let the dogs out and after about 15 minutes, our dog Mathayus, brought me an old book wrapped in a leather bound case. He does bring us things occasionally. Once I got it into the house though, we discovered it was a memorandum or diary from 1877, written by a 15-year-old boy named Frank S. Sheldon from Minnesota while he lived there. According to the LA county tax records, our home was built in 1898 but the building biographer found articles in the LA Times that states there was a "cozy cottage" on our property as early as 1887. David Binkley built the house that

now stands on the property and had purchased the property from E.M. Brown 11 years earlier in 1887. Why would this diary be in Eagle Rock? Were Frank Sheldon and Mr. Brown or David Binkley related? I don't know yet.

I have read the diary in its entirety and investigated various clues and did see that John Adams was mentioned as a visitor to this young boy, Frank Sheldon. There was a known John Adams who lived in Eagle Rock at this same time period. Is this the Eagle Rock connection? And if so, why would John Adams be visiting Minnesota? Or is this simply a coincidence? Many questions left unanswered. Please visit our archives, open Saturdays from 10am - noon at 2225 Colorado Blvd. Have a page-by-page look at this intriguing and beautiful dairy for yourself!





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FIRE IN THE HILLS

1964: BEFORE AND AFTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 7:00

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The Member's Corner



Jake Lang

Born and raised a fourth generation Angeleno, Jake's known a lot about LA, but not Eagle Rock, until now. After moving from LA to Bainbridge Island, WA, followed by a twelve year, on-and-off again residency in NY, he returned to LA to pursue a PhD in literature at UCLA, where he's been teaching for the last eight years. He and his girlfriend, Betsy, called Los Feliz home up until two months ago, when they moved to Eagle Rock and came upon our radar.

In addition to feeling that "Los Feliz was becoming too overwrought, affected, and difficult to park in," Jake cherishes "the feeling of being in a small town secreted inside a major metropolis." Jake's also here to be close to his best friend's new bar, where he plans on serving beer and wine when not working in literature. The new bar, named "Walt's" after Jeff and Brad Johnsen's father, will be opening next month in the iconic Connors Plumbing building on Eagle Rock Blvd. Jake hopes it will be a place to reminisce about the neighborhood, spin some local lore, and share stories—both historical and fictional. Jake became an Historical Society member immediately after moving in, and with the wonderful help of Anne Mar at Occidental College Library, has mined through the microfilm of old Eagle Rock Sentinel newspapers to share colorful anecdotes from the past with future customers. What's your story? Come down to Walt's and let Jake and the rest of the bar know!

-Katie Taylor