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CHINO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings to the Chino Valley Historical Community:

"Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our wonderful members. We are all looking forward to another great year for the Chino Valley Historical Society. As a Board, we are committed to providing our members, as well as our community, with the opportunity to have access to the rich history of the City of Chino. None of this would be possible without your generous support, the stories you share, and the continued presence you have had at the Old Schoolhouse Museum. Our goal for 2018 is to continue our pursuit of an expanded exhibit at the Museum to showcase the tools and artifacts donated to us throughout the years, as well as to continue providing opportunities for our members to participate in social activities sponsored by the CVHS. Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Old Schoolhouse Museum soon!"



Sincerely,

Ryan Cummins
President, CVHS

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HISTORICAL PLACES

Yorba-Slaughter Families Adobe, 17127 Pomona Rincon Road, Chino, CA, 91708. The Yorba-Slaughter Adobe, built in 1852-53, is historic and is one of the oldest standing adobe residences in San Bernardino County. The Adobe now functions as a County of San Bernardino Museum.

The Yorbas

The Yorba family was among the most influential in the early history of the Prado Basin. José Antonio Yorba was granted the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana, 60,000 acres between present-day San Diego and Santa Ana, in 1801. His son, Bernardo Yorba, added to the family holdings with the purchase of 18,000 acres in the Rincon area from Juan Bandini.

Bernardo's son, Raymundo (*also spelled Raimundo*) built the first house at the Yorba-Slaughter Adobe site in 1851. The structure burned and was replaced by the present structure in 1852-53. The Adobe, built by Indian laborers from a rancheria east of the property, was known as "Buena Vista." The road at the foot of the hill was a regularly used part of the Fort Yuma to Los Angeles Road, and the Yorba Adobe was an optional stage stop for the Butterfield Overland Mail from 1858 to the start of the Civil War. The Rancho was prosperous, and Raymundo Yorba was the most affluent of the land owners in the Prado Basin.



The Slaughters

The property was purchased in 1868 by Fenton M. Slaughter, an American born in Virginia in 1826, a veteran of the Mexican War of 1846; and later a blacksmith, surveyor, and sheep and cattle broker in the Los Angeles area. Following his purchase of the property, Slaughter vastly increased his wealth and influence. He raised cattle, introduced merino sheep to California, bred fine race horses and mules, and raised grain and grapes. The Adobe became the center of a small settlement called "Rincon." A post office was established in 1870 (*probably in the Adobe itself*), and there were a general store, saloon, blacksmith shop, dairy, and the Vine Slope Winery by 1879. Fenton Slaughter was an active and influential political force, serving in the state legislature in the early 1870s and as a San Bernardino County Supervisor from 1885-1890. He died at the Adobe in 1897, leaving nine children.

The Adobe

The Adobe residence was originally one story with a sleeping loft: the four rooms on the main floor and three in the loft were arranged side-by-side. Nearly every room had an exterior door. Wide porches were built on all four sides; porches on the east and south sides were later enclosed.

Next door, the ornamental concrete block house was built between 1906 and 1909. It, too, had porches that were later framed to create more rooms. It was to become the principal residence at Buena Vista; the Adobe was apparently unoccupied between 1916 and 1929 and for a time was used to grow mushrooms.

Restoration of the Adobe was started in 1928 by Julia Slaughter Fuqua, the third child of Fenton and Dolores Slaughter. The Adobe was designated California State Historical Landmark No. 191 in 1934, and the property was purchased by the County of San Bernardino in 1971. Major restoration and seismic retrofitting of the Adobe was completed in September, 2000.

References

San Bernardino County Museum, "The Yorba-Slaughter Families Adobe" Website "www.sbcounty.gov/museum/branches/yorba".
Office of Historic Preservation "Yorba-Slaughter Adobe" Website "ohp.parks.ca.gov/ListedResources/Detail/191".



CHINO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INFORMATION NEEDED INSERT

The City of Chino Old Schoolhouse Museum and the Chino Valley Historical Society are in search of identifying pictures that are in the archives. The photos are from the 1930's.

Please review the pictures on this insert. If you are aware of whom they are in the picture, please notify the Old Schoolhouse Museum staff at (909) 334-3278 or at schoolhousemuseum@cityofchino.org.

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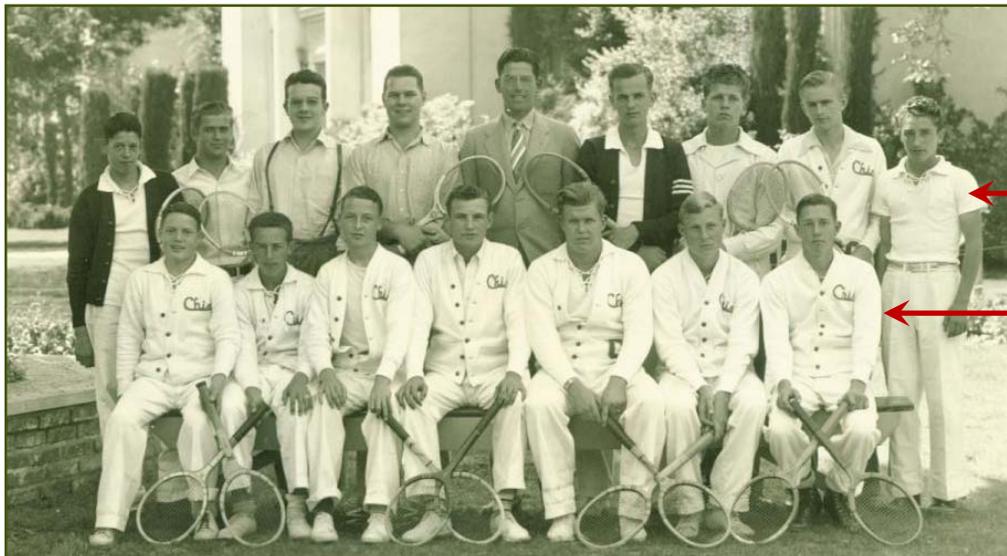
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CVHS BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The Chino Valley Historical Society Board regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse Museum. The general membership meeting is held once a year in October at 10:00 a.m. at the Chino Community Building. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Chino Valley Historical Society, please contact (909) 334-3278 or email to historicalsocietychinovalley@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE — MAY 20, 2018

Chino Valley Historical Society and the City of Chino invite you to celebrate Chino's Pioneer Heritage at the

PIONEER PICNIC
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018
12:00 — 2:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY BUILDING
5443 B STREET
CHINO, CA 91710

The Pioneer Picnic is a potluck-style event. Please bring your favorite entrée, side dish or dessert to share, and bring your own plates and utensils.



DONATIONS ♦ FUNDRAISERS ♦ SPONSORSHIPS ♦ MEMBERSHIP

September, October, and November 2017

- \$ 10,000 ♦ McCombs Family Foundation
- \$ 500 ♦ Frank Naumann
- \$ 500 ♦ Chino High - Class of 1967
- \$ 100 ♦ William Pine
- \$ 5 ♦ L. Garcia

Barnraising Donations/Fundraiser Received

- \$ 1,000 ♦ Al McCombs
- \$ 500 ♦ O.F. Wolfenbarger, Inc.
- \$ 500 ♦ Raymond Vanzant
- \$ 243 ♦ Chino Community Center Corporation
- \$ 100 ♦ H. Dewitt
- \$ 30 ♦ B & J Hansen

Membership – 308 Members

Welcome new members James B. and Becky L. Hansen.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

The Chino Valley Historical Society is soliciting donations to have a small barn built in the back yard of the Old Schoolhouse Museum. It will be utilized to display artifacts, old farm equipment, supplies, and other items as needed.

If you are interested in donating, please contact the Old Schoolhouse Museum at (909) 334-3278 or by email to historicalsocietychinovalley@gmail.com and a form will be mailed to you.

Photo by: Raymond Santoyo



Chino Valley Historical Society – 2018 Membership Request

Name of Business/Organization: _____

Name(s): _____

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Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mission Statement

Founded in 1970, the specific and primary purpose of Chino Valley Historical Society is to encourage and promote the study of the history and culture of the City of Chino and the surrounding areas. We strive to collect, classify, publish, and disseminate historical information, data, facts, and folklore with reference to the City of Chino. We locate, mark, and restore historical places and structures in the areas that are recognized as historical landmarks and worthy of recognition and perpetuation. FEIN: #51-0181108 CA 501C(3) non-profit.

Membership Information

Yearly membership fee is collected once a year for January 1 through December 31.

Membership includes: Invitations to community and history events, Newsletters on current historical projects and history features (email or mail) and opportunities to volunteer at events.

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| \$25 | — | Single (one person) | Please mail completed form and payment to: Chino Valley Historical Society P.O. Box 972 Chino, CA 91708-0972 (909) 627-6464 Email: historicalsocietychinovalley@gmail.com |
| \$50 | — | Family (2 or more) | |
| \$10 | — | Senior 65+ | |
| \$1,000 | — | Organization/Business | |



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