

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### Monterey Names

Tomorrow, Oct. 17, 1957 the California Historical Society members will meet for luncheon at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The speaker will be member W. H. Hutchinson of Chico, who has written two books about Eugene Manlove Rhodes and has another on the press.

In doing research on the lumbering operations of the Diamond Match Co., Mr. Hutchinson found that, although there is much information on the redwood industry, there is little on the other Sierra lumbering. Mr. Hutchinson has been working on a connected account of modern commercial lumbering there, made possible by the combination of the railroad and the V-flume.

Last Sunday, the Kern County Historical Society dedicated a marker at the Mountain House Butterfield stage station four miles south of Woody on State Highway 142.

The latest volume of Early California Travel Series published by Glen Dawson, Los Angeles, is entitled "Crusoes of Pitcairn Island." This should prove to be of special interest since the original 1858 manuscript, the journal of Josiah N Knowles, may be found in the collections of the California Historical Society through the generosity of Thomas Knowles.

San Francisco's ownership of the Serra birthplace in Petra, Mallorca is well known to Californians. Not as well-known is the fact that an adjoining building has been opened as a library, museum, and "Centro de Estudios" to honor the great Padre and to stress Mallorcan-Californian historical relationships. This spring the "Amigos de Fray Junipero Serra" was organized and began activities with a well-supported concert to raise money for the completion of the Serra center. Mrs. Dina Moore Bowden, a former resident of San Francisco, a native Californian and a visitor to Monterey a number of years ago is arranging these activities her address is Mallorca, Spain.

A note from Mrs. Mana Antonia Thompson gives us more important historical data on several of the early residents of Monterey about whom we wrote a few days ago Mrs. Thompson reports that Dona Dolores Pinto Osio died in the Rodriguez adobe on the west side

of Alvarado street below Franklin and that we made the mistake of calling it the Osio adobe. When we came to Monterey the Osio family lived there and we remember the death of Dona Dolores Osio in 1928. The historic marker on the Path of History also names it the Casa Osio and relates that it was built by Don Antonio Osio, historian and politician.

There was also an Osio adobe home where the State Theater now stands. It extended from the Casa Bonifacio to the corner of Franklin street. In an old-time panorama picture of Monterey in the early days this adobe was still in existence. It was very large, surrounded by a high wall. It was to this home that Dona Osio went when she became the bride of Charles Osio, an educated young Spanish Don, and the couple raised three sons there.

Dona Dolores was born in Santa Cruz, on Jan. 20, 1826. Her maiden name was Dolores Pinto. When she was 7 years old she came to Monterey with her parents and lived with her family at the corner of Pacific and Jefferson Sts.

Don Antonio Osio was married twice. His son, Charles Osio was the husband of Dona Dolores. He died in 1862. A sister of Dolores, Mrs. Jacinto Rodriguez made her home in the adobe now marked on the Path of History. It was there that she went after the death of her husband and there she lived for three quarters of a century. Don Jacinto Rodriguez was one of the signers of the California Constitution in Monterey. In 1890 Dona Dolores witnessed that first signing. Senorita Maria Ignacia Bonifacio was a niece of Dona Osio and her sister.

Dona Dolores and Dona Jacinto Rodriguez's mother was an Amador, after whom Amador County was named in 1854. Jose Maria Amador, a soldier from the San Francisco presidio settled in the valley in 1826. He was successful in mining the creek which became known by his name.

Mrs. Richards, the mother of Robert J. Richards whose letter we used in a story concerning Senorita Maria Ignacia Bonifacio a few days ago, was Carmen Symbreiros de Richards, according to Mr. Richard's report and this name was also used by the maker of a piece of tapestry, which is among a number of items presented to the museum at the Old Custom House a number of years ago. Mrs. Thompson thought that the name must have been Soberanes. We will give further

research to this piece of California history and try to trace the family names further.