

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### **Archives Approved**

At the 1961 session of the State Legislature (Assembly Resolution 25) the Division of Beaches and Parks was authorized to study the historical resources of the state and formulate a long-range plan for the preservation, restoration and interpretation of the historical values and resources of this state. This project is to be done in close cooperation with the Conference of California Historical Societies and all other interested historical organizations in the state. The division has funds for a preliminary study.

The Division of Beaches and Parks has assigned one man full time for a period of approximately six months to work closely with an advisory committee of 10 persons. This committee represents historical interests, in geographical areas of California.

The division is asking help from local historical organizations in its planning of this program. As the first step in the planning and as an aid to the actual historical study the division is developing a historical Information resource file.

The file will be maintained in the Sacramento office of the Division of Beaches and Parks. It will show the location of historical information possessed by individuals, local or private museums, collections and the like. No attempt is being made to include the resources of large libraries and universities at this time. The Monterey History and Art Assn. has been asked to assist in this project, so important to historians and writers.

"If there are local museums, private libraries or collections in your area, we would appreciate having a semi-detailed list of their contents, emphasizing the salient features of the collection," writes H.L. Heinze, the historic study coordinator, Interpretive Services Section, Division of Beaches and Parks.

The data wanted consists of anything from a fine collection of old photographs to one old important photographic negative; from a valuable collection of original documents to one field report of an early survey party. The report, not the articles, may be sent to the address furnished above, or to the Monterey History and Art Assn.

These are the questions to be answered:

Where is the Information?

Name and address of the possessor.

What is the information about? For example, does it pertain to Monterey in the 1790's or to the Chinese mining at Mokelumne Hill?

Specific location, event, person, culture, etc. Name of county.

In what form is the information? Is it a glass negative or a photostat of survey notes, an original diary, etc.

To what period of California history does the Information pertain: Indian, Spanish, Mexican, Russian, English, American?

Heinze explains that the fact that a person's name is listed in this card file as being the possessors of historical information obligates this person in no way to share this information with anyone. It is hoped, however, that people possessing this type of information would be willing to share it with historians doing research on California history.

Local organizations and individuals might start thinking in terms of historic sites, buildings, occasions, remains, shrines, bridges, mines, churches, military installations, etc., that they feel worthy of preservation or restoration either on a local, state or national basis. They might be marked or unmarked.

Contributors are asked to supply the material information on 8 1/2 by 11 paper to the division at P.O. box 2390, Sacramento 11, attention Historical Study Coordinator. The information also may be sent to the Monterey History and Art Assn.