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## The Times of Alexander H. Willard



Alexander Willard & wife



The gravesite of Alexander Willard



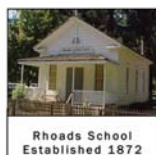
Vice mayor Steve Ly and County Supervisor Don Nottoli with Lewis & Clark reenactors.

The California Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation partnered with the EG Historical Society & the EG Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West for the 2 day seminar & living history encampment that was presented on Oct 8th & 9th at the Franklin Cemetery. Alexander Hamilton Willard, a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, lived his final years in Georgetown (now Franklin) and is buried in the Franklin Cemetery.

The living history encampment had many tents set up with Lewis & Clark reenactors in period clothing teaching about the Expedition and about California in 1852 when Alexander arrived in Georgetown. On Sunday, a seminar was presented on the Lewis & Clark Expedition geology, plants and animals, and about California in 1852.

After the flag rising on Saturday, both Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli and Elk Grove Vice Mayor Steve Ly presented resolutions commemorating the Expedition and the life of Alexander H. Willard. The perfect fall weather helped make this an excellent and memorable event.





## Rhoads School Report

So far, there are 68 classes scheduled to visit the School on field trips. Fifteen of those will be attending on scholarships provided by the Rhoads School Board. The teachers at the schools who will benefit from the scholarships have been notified and are very grateful. About half of the classes are from Title 1 schools and would not be able to attend without the scholarships.

We are working on recruiting and training more docents. We only have 6 right now. With more docents, we will be able to promote the program more. We are contacting some retired teachers from the Elk Grove School District and hope to add them to our ranks.

Pat and Vernon Vincent will take over for Wally Stropp as Thursday Fire Starters. We are grateful to Wally for his loyal service. His wife, Chris has retired as treasurer and we are also grateful for her service. We wish them well in the projects in which they are involved.

Speaking of retiring, Rebecca Fuentes is retiring as our secretary and we are grateful for her service and wish her well. Susan Hernandez, our supply person and one of our docents, has agreed to take on the position of secretary/treasurer for the Rhoads School Board.

We are still in need of an Historian. The Historian keeps a yearly scrapbook of articles culled from newspapers and magazines in which the Rhoads School is mentioned as well as photos and notes about events at the school.

The latest Ardent Magazine has a 4-page spread about the Rhoads School. Don't miss reading about the history of this beautiful old building. Thanks to Betty Pinkerton for her wonderful article.



## Treasurer's Report (Oct. 1, 2016)

### OPERATING ACCOUNT

GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$14,414.62
WIGHTMAN MEMORIAL FUNDS	\$7,227.68
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$21,642.30

### RESTORATION ACCOUNT

GENERAL RESTORATION FUNDS	\$18,940.97
FOULK'S HOUSE FUNDS	\$89,735.52
REESE SCHOOL FUNDS	\$239.55
TOTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$108,916.04

### MUSEUM STORE ACCOUNT

\$4,719.16

### RHOADS SCHOOL ACCOUNT BALANCES

OPERATING FUNDS	\$986.63
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$3,131.95
TOTAL RHOADS SCHOOL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$4,118.58

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS \$139,396.08



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Nov. 2016

Nov. 14 -Board Meeting 4PM, Museum  
 Nov. 21 -General Meeting, Election of Officers  
 6:30PM at Old Town Creations, 8717 Elk Grove Blvd.  
 Nov. 27 -Black Tie & Santa 6PM, Museum

### Dec. 2016

Dec. 3&4 -Old Fashioned Christmas 1PM-5PM,  
 Museum  
 Dec. 10&11 -Old Fashioned Christmas 1PM-5PM,  
 Museum  
 Dec. 12 -Board Meeting 4PM, Museum  
 Dec. 17&18 -Old Fashioned Christmas 1PM-5PM,

## **EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - Oct. 10, 2016**

Call to Order: President Brookelea Lutton

**Minutes** of September 12 were approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:** Maryl Lee Babcock, President of Inner Wheel, presented a check for \$250 to the Society. She also presented a doily made by Joyce Amundson, who was active in the organization at one time.

**Announcements:** Thanks to the volunteers who helped decorate the Haunted Stage Stop and those who've been helping with the construction.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills:** The SMUD bill for \$222.25 was approved for payment. One professional cleaning to take place after Christmas is taken down was approved for \$500. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**Rhoads School Report:** Currently there are six docents and an additional four volunteers have expressed interest. There are two new fire starters and they are still looking for a Historian. Fifteen scholarships have been granted to date. A marker/sign is needed to help visitors find the Rhoads School. Jim will let Roberta know of a contact person at the City to help with this.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Applications received from six new members.

**Haunted Stage Stop** - So far over 200 people have gone through the Haunted Stage Stop. Thanks to Annaclare who has attempted to get more volunteers. Dennis will make sure there is an ad in the Citizen.

**Old Fashioned Christmas** - Christmas decorators will be able to begin decorating after November 6.

**Black Tie & Santa:** Barbara has tickets to sell; they are \$40 per person. Ken and Rosemarie Miller arranged to provide any donated toys to **Chicks in Crisis** for children from birth to age 5.

**Nominating Committee** - The 2017 slate of officers were presented to the Board.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Storage/Blacksmith Shop:** The cement floor is down and it has passed inspection. Jim will work with the framer to put together a list of materials that will be needed to start framing. Not all the cement was donated as expected so additional money will be needed to cover the expense. More money will be spent for wood, nails and labor. Labor for electrical was mostly donated but not materials.

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**EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - Oct. 10, 2016 cont**

**Shore-up of Reese School** - Dennis met with Mike and Jim and agreed on what needs to be done, however, someone will need to be available to let Mike on the premises to work.

**New Business:** A request has been received from the Elk Grove Quilt Guild to sell raffle tickets at our Tea with a drawing to be held on September 17, 2017 for an Opportunity Quilt made by guild members. The Board is in favor of this but defers to the Tea Committee for the final say.

The Board approved payment of \$2,000 from sales of the Sheldon-Daylor books and other donations so that the marble column on the gravesite of John P. Rhoads can be purchased. Money to be sent to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Dennis reported that the Louis & Clark event at the Franklin Cemetery went well. Resolutions were presented by Don Nottoli and Steve Ly.

President Brookelea Lutton adjourned the meeting.

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**Our Condolences to the following members' families:**

Cathy O'Neil, Lucille Christesen, and Virginia Signorotti

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**Welcome Our New Members:**

Cat Ricketts, Jim & Michelle Bumb, Ed & Janice Hidalgo, Bill Johnson, Catherine Dunn, Dwayne Barr, Charles & Tara Mundorff and Tim Knox

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**Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation**

The Elk Grove Historical Society has partnered with the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation to present resolutions to the City of Elk Grove and County of Sacramento in pursuing the designation of the last week in September beginning in 2017 as "The Greater Elk Grove Area History Week." The mission of the Foundation is to research, document, record and preserve, present and publish the personal stories and family histories of the Greater Area of Elk Grove. The Foundation recently held a well-attended fund raiser dinner at the Miner's Leap Winery and presented a wonderful program honoring Linda May Mahon Lema and her passion for preserving family histories.