

# COUNTY COURIER

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## Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum

**M**ore than two hundred years after his birth in England, William Workman's (1799-1876) life helps us to learn more about nineteenth-century Southern California. Co-leader of the first expedition to enter Southern California from an eastern based land route in 1841, he was a prominent cattle rancher, farmer and businessman.

In 1981 the City of Industry opened the Homestead Museum on Workman's half of the 48,790 acre Rancho la Puente he shared with his friend and business partner John Rowland. Dedicated to researching, collecting, preserving and interpreting the diverse history of Southern California and the Temple and Workman families, the Museum uses the Workman House ( a Victorian-era home constructed around an 1840s adobe) as a case study of life in Southern California between 1840 and 1880. The site also includes La Casa Nueva (a 1920s Spanish Colonial Revival mansion), built by Workman's grandson and oil tycoon, Walter P. Temple and his family who represent another case study of the Los Angeles region for the period covering the 1910s to 1930. Also featured is El Campo Santo a



La Casa Nueva, a 1920s Spanish Colonial revival  
*Courtesy of the Homestead Museum*

Door detail at right  
*Courtesy Westways*

cemetery developed by 'Workman in the 1850s (one of the oldest private cemeteries in Southern California) and a mausoleum, built by Temple in the 1920s. The cemetery grounds are the resting place for the remains of Pio Pico, the last governor of Mexican California, as well as various prominent pioneer families.

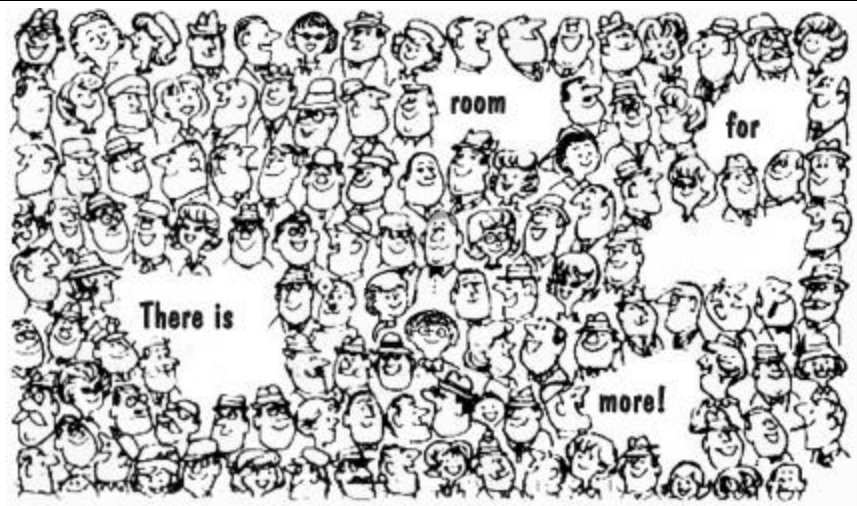
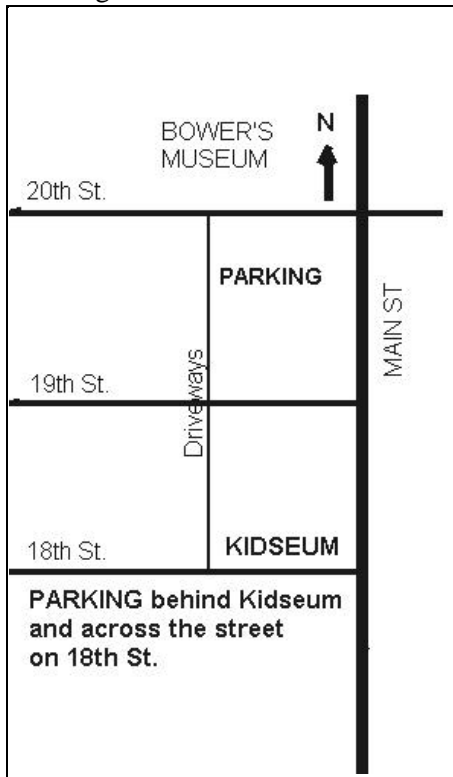
Our program this month, April 10, 2003 will be a presentation by



Craig Chyrchel, the Public Programs Assistant at the Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum. He assists in coordination special events, community outreach and publicity. His

involvement with the Museum began as a volunteer in 1997 and he come on staff in 2001. He received his BA In history from California State University, Fullerton in 1997 and is currently pursuing his MA There, as well. Mr. Chyrchel has previous experience as a public school teacher and as an administrator in the life insurance industry.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear about this museum and the families from another part of Southern California. We will begin promptly at 7:30 in the Kidseum. (See map below) Refreshments will be served following the meeting and the public is invited. Parking is free.



### New Members Needed

A word from your Treasurer, we need new members.

A review of our membership income shows that we are down in membership. I am certain that this is due in part to the economy and father time catching up with some of our stalwart members. We are now entering the fourth year of an economic downturn and our interest income reflects this downturn. However, our costs continue to

rise as the post office and our landlords' desire more each year. Our office and storage spaces allow us to store items acquired by the Society. This includes materials gathered over the last 80 years. Items from Irvin C. Chapman collection, school annuals / yearbooks, and scrapbooks would be lost forever without these efforts.

If you are a current member, consider renewal at a higher level. Find a friend to take to a meeting, let us know of potential members who could use a few complementary Couriers as an incentive to join. For \$20.00 per year

we offer ten newsletters and ten programs on a wide variety of interesting topics. Any donations are fully tax deductible as we are a 501c(3) organization.

While our society is still in good financial health, this message to our members is to prevent us from deeply eroding our

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capital in meeting routine operating expenses. With our membership renewal period just beginning, what can you do to help us continue our current level of operations? --- We on the board want to see new faces and new friends in the audience at our monthly general meetings.

John Sorenson  
Treasurer OCHS

## FIELD TRIP

**SATURDAY APR. 12**  
**See details on page 4**

## NEW ADDITION TO OUR COLLECTIONS

John Sorenson

The Society is in receipt of two scrapbooks which covers the school career of Judy Vormittag through the Santa Ana Unified School District during the late 1950s until her graduation in 1964. Schools covered were Edison, Lauthrop, and Santa Ana Valley High. The books reveal a bright and talented young girl and young women. A violinist at Lauthrop, and a life member in the California Scholarship Federation (C S F) honor graduate at Santa Ana Valley. The scrapbook also contains a record of her many activities both at school and with Job's Daughters and other awards. One third of her achievements would have made any parent very proud and honored. On a general note is a collection of weekly high school football programs, the DMV Learners Permit, Grad Night at Disneyland photos. These were important to all high school students of the period – as I remember.

One of the last entries is a newspaper clipping announcing the appointment of Bill Nierman, a Santa Ana Valley High School '64 graduate, to the United States Naval Academy. Bill graduated from the USNA in 1968. He is now a Doctor and a Captain in the U. S. Naval Reserve. The scrapbooks were donated by Mrs. William C. Nierman. I know all thank her for the donation and hope that the post High School years have been as rewarding to her and her community as the Santa Ana years



Photo taken before completion of park site

### GRIJALVA PARK GRAND OPENING SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2003, 10:30 AM

The 15-acre park, located at the Northwest corner of Spring and Prospect Streets in the City of Orange, includes three lighted soccer fields, 291 parking spaces, group picnic areas, a tot-lot, restrooms and concession building, and a nature and jogging trail.

A lighted basketball court, a lighted volleyball court and equipment will be funded and added in the future.

### HOME & GARDEN TOUR **Floral Park**

APRIL 26 & 27, 2003

10:00 AM. - 4:00 PM

rain or shine

Ticket sales & Entrance at two locations.

19th St. & Flower

Heliotrope & Santa Clara

Tickets are \$20.00 at the entrance

Pre-sale tickets at \$17.00 must be ordered by April 18.

For more information call

(714) 543-3218

Or visit

[www.floral-park.com](http://www.floral-park.com)

### Historic Downtown Fullerton

New and large directory maps are being posted in eight locations to help guide visitors and residents to all attractions housed in more than 30 historic buildings.

Maps are placed at the Transportation Center, the Fullerton Museum, the Fullerton Main Library, Fullerton City Hall, the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce and Villa del Sol shopping complex



# FIELD TRIP

To the Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum, 15415 East Don Julian Road, City of Industry..

**Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.**

There is a gift shop and Tracy says the tiles are just one of the beautiful items for sale. We need to let the museum know ahead of time how many are attending so they can provide ample docents.

**Please contact  
Jane Norgren**

**By Tuesday, April 1**

**714-529-5160**

**You will be able to leave a message.**

If you would like to carpool with someone please let Jane know and we will make arrangements.

### DIRECTIONS to the museum:

57 Freeway North to 60 West. Exit at Hacienda Blvd. Turn right and travel about one mile to Don Julian Rd. Turn left, the Museum is on the right side and there is ample parking



**Santa Ana aftermath from 1933 earthquake**

Above postcard from Charlotte Woodward

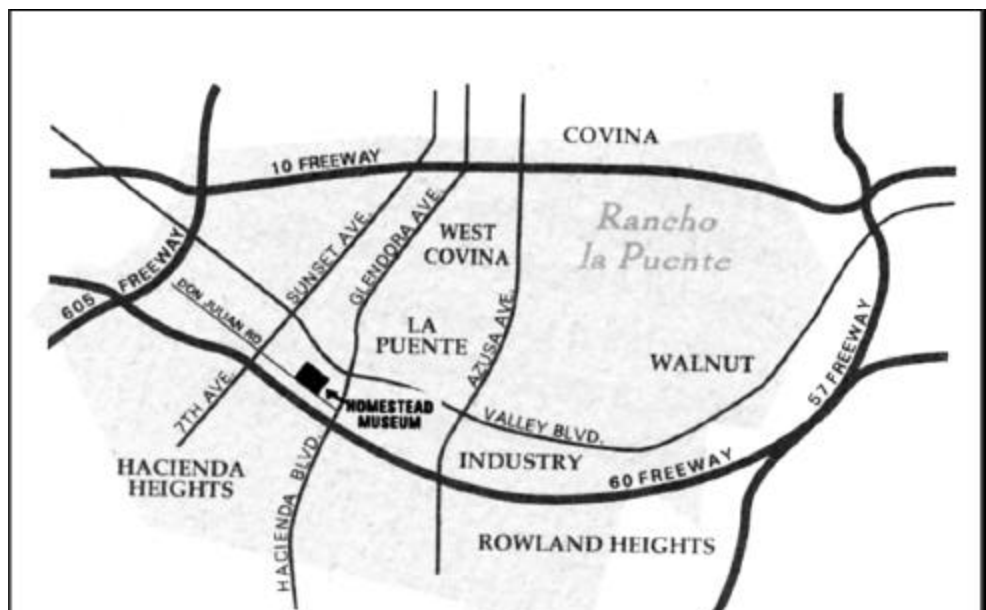
## Naming Contest for the Title of Our Postcard Book

The help from members and friends to gather postcards for our publication has been so successful, it was suggested we arrive at a name for the book in the same manner. The focus would be Orange County, early years to present and including all subject matter such as cities, tourist attractions, businesses, etc. First prize would be the historical sum of \$25 and recognition in the book. Second and third place winners would receive a copy of the book. Mail your suggestions to our PO Box or e-mail any board member (listed on page 5). Duplications will be judged on a first come basis.

Here are some responses:

1. ORANGE COUNTY REMEMBERED Postcards from the Past
2. SOUVENIRS of Orange County Postcard Memories

Our deadline for receiving cards has been extended because of the great response. It is now April 30, 2003.



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**OCHS Calendar**

- Board Meeting
- Thursday, April 3 2003 at 7:00 PM
- Board meetings are open to the membership
- at the Kidseum
- March Meeting
- Thursday, April. 10, 2003
- Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Kidseum at Bowers

**Program**

**The Workman and Temple Family  
Homestead Museum**  
By Craig Chyrchel

**Field Trip**

- Saturday, April 12, 2003
- 10:00 a.m. To The Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum in the City of Industry **see pg. 4**

**Next Meeting**

May 9, 2003- Program—  
Preservation— The Mills Act  
By Phyllis Mueller  
Anaheim Neighborhood  
Redevelopment



Where will you find books on local history? Your best source is your Orange County Historical Society. Books listed below in **BOLD** are pictured and described on our website: [www.orangecountyhistory.org](http://www.orangecountyhistory.org) Don't see the book you are looking for? **ASK US**. If we don't have it we will help you find it.

PLACE A DOLLAR AMT. OPPOSITE EACH ITEM YOU WISH TO ORDER		Proceedings of the Conference of Orange County History	
Bawdy Balboa by Judge Robert Gardner	\$25.00	1988	\$11.00
Cañada de la Brea by Virginia Carpenter	\$10.00	1989	\$11.00
<b>Centennial Bibliography of Orange County</b>	\$70.00		
House of Bernardo Yorba by Don Meadow	\$4.00		
<b>José Antonio Yorba by Arnold Dominguez</b>	\$4.00		
<b>The Portolá Expedition 1769</b>	\$3.00		
Orange Countiana II	\$12.00		
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Orange Countiana IV Architecture: soft cover	\$32.00		
A Window on the Past hard cover	\$40.00		
Orange Countiana V Early Businesses soft	\$22.00		
In Orange County hard	\$30.00		
<b>Orange County Through Four Centuries By Dr. Leo J. Friis</b>	\$15.95		
<b>The Orange Blossom 50 Years of Growth in Orange County</b>	\$40.00		
<b>ORANGE COUNTY The Golden Promise by Pamela Hallan-Gibson 2002 edition</b>	\$37.00		

*All prices include sales tax*

MERCHANDISE TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**Postage and Handling** (\$3.00 first item, \$1 each additional)  
**Orange Blossoms** is \$5 per book, \$1 each additional  
**Orange County The Golden Promise** is \$5 per book, \$1 each additional

**TOTAL DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

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