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Our program confirmation has been delayed this month and rather than delay the printing of this newsletter please see the flyer enclosed for program details for the October 9, 2003 general meeting of OCHS..

DONATIONS Continued from Last Month

The following is beginning pages of the Tustin Journal written by Horace C. Snow. To give a little insight to family connections Carol Jordan (author of *Tustin: A City of Trees*) was consulted about family connections of members that are mentioned in the journal.

Hiram K. Snow and Horace C. Snow were brothers. John Pettis married their sister Ella Snow. Maggie is Horace's wife. Elvy (Elva) is Hiram's second wife.

Horace's daughters: Grace Snow married Frank Frees, her sister, Martha (Mattie) married Sherman Stevens, their son is Clarence.

Photo at right believed to be Snow siblings in front row, spouses in back. Exception? May and Hubard.

SNOW FAMILY JOURNAL January 1890 to December 1891

Wednesday, Jan 1. [1890]

I now promise to turn over a new leaf and shall celebrate the event and commencing a Diary for the year. The aim and scope of this Diary will be a sort of family record for each day what any one did worthy of note will be jotted down. Our family now consist of Father [Horace C.] & Mother [Maggie] Snow, Horace J. [James] Snow, [15 years old, son of Horace C. Snow]

Frank Frees & Grace Frees nee Grace Snow and Master Norman Frees. Our dumb family consists of our horse, Dave, one cow, one dog, Tige, one cat and two orphan mules. Weather clear in a.m. cloudy in p.m. Horace and I brought up to the barn 15 boxes of windfall oranges and Horace and Frank brought up 21 boxes Lemons. Being a Holiday no steady work was done. Sherman, Mattie and Clarence [Stevens] took lunch with us. Elvy and Elveta took dinner with us. Hiram called in the evening. Maggie and Horace went to the cemetery in P.M. Bowman had the mules. Christmas presents arrived from Martha.

Thursday, Jan 2

Sunshine & clouds. No rain. Put bedstead in Artists room for the hired Girl. Cut down apricot trees most all day. Frank and Horace brushed and packed oranges in P.M. Mattie and Clarence over twice to-day. Bowman had the mules.



Friday, Jan 3rd

Bad day. Rained before noon and balance of day. Also showering all night. Horace, Frank and I picked up all the windfall oranges in P.M. Took things easy in P.M. Hired girl arrived just before noon. The long delayed mail came about sundown. A few Christmas presents from Eureka.

Saturday, Jan 4

Considerable sunshine today but rained powerfully towards sundown. Was all day in Santa Ana with Sherm. Looked into wagon business and after the old lumber a/c. [account] Mattie and Grace came over and had Clarence's picture taken. Mrs. Bundy spent the P.M. with Mother Snow. Elvy and Minnie called about dark.

HORACE WROTE IN HIS JOURNAL EVERYDAY BUT I HAVE SKIPPED DAYS WHERE DAILY ACTIVITIES WERE REPETITIOUS OR ROUTINE.

Monday, Jan 6

Cold morning with frost. Mother threatened with headache when she got up but fought it off bravely. Then went down to Utts and bought "Prize Baking Powder" with crockery thrown in. Trimmed apricot limbs all day. Frank and Horace clipped lemons all day. Frank, Grace, Horace & Minnie called on Mrs. Tedford, the Bride in the evening.

At right:- Home of Horace C. Snow, Tustin CA. "Our second home where Benjamin Marsh Frees was born October 14, 1890." Written by Grace under photo in Frees family album. Below- Frank and Grace Frees. Married in Tustin July 20, 1887



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Tuesday, Jany 7

John Pettis commenced work today. Got the old spring wagon and hauled up walnut trimmings., the pumpkins and 1 load lemons. Frank cut lemons all day. Dr. Sheldon paid \$5 a/c.

Wednesday, Jany 8

Jackson gave the Red Coats fits this day years ago. Worked on apricot trees all day. John ditto. Frank still on lemons. Selected my naval trees at the Nursery, 75 at 50¢ each. Sherm paid \$4.50 on a/c.

Thursday, Jany 9

Beautiful day. Was over toward Orange to see wagon for sale. Nobody at home. Then went to Santa Ana. Frank and I packed oranges and lemons in P.M. John dug out Apricot trees in a.m. & set out Blackberry cuttings in P.M. Mattie and Sherm over for dinner.

Friday, Jany 10

Plunged desperately into apricot trees and did up the job at 4 o'clock P.M. Had a heavy shower just before noon.. Cool day. Maggie sick all night with neuralgia. Was up at 2 this morning. Not much better today. Tried an Anti *Pyene?* Pill. Gave her sleep.

Saturday, Jany 11.

Maggie had another bad night. Suffered much was up before 3. Is better this evening. Very cold last night. My thermometer said 30° at 6 o'clock a.m. Think it injured young lemons. Hauled up the apricot limbs, burnt the brush and then John plowed the tract. Looks fine. John commenced plowing in the walnuts.

Saturday, [Sunday] Jany 12

A very frost night. Lucky if it did no damage. Beautiful day. While unting Willie about noon, Old Jim took his halter rope and then struck out for life and liberty. Frank and I out and after him. Didn't the old Satan look magnificent racing up and down the Valley. Got Polly out and tried to win him with affection, but

he wasn't looking for this. After chasing him hither and yond for an hour we got him into Bowman's backyard, and with two others and Mrs. Bowman, caught the old Fox — confound him. Lead him home looking meeker than Moses. Hiram and Elvy called in the evening. Maggie sat up some today. So much better.

Monday, Jany 13.

Quite a rain this forenoon, too wet for outdoor work. John plowed in P.M. I trimmed apricot trees in P.M. Maggie improving. Did not leave her room to-day. Mattie and Clarence with us this afternoon.

Thursday, Jany 16.

Trimmed brush all day. Frank went over to Santa Ana for Quinine Pills & wine for Mother Snow. Brought Mrs. Tedford home with him. Getty picked 103 boxes Navels and 133 konahs.

Wednesday, Jany 22

... In P.M. All handy packed Oranges & Lemons. Packed 5 boxes W [Washington] Navals for Eureka & 2 for S. F. Got 24 boxes ready for shipment. Loaded wagon this evening. John put two boxes on.

Thursday, Jany 23

Was up early this morning and fed the Mules. At 7 ¼ o'clock Frank drove off with calmness and determination for Newport. Hiram sent his team also. I picked oranges for Getty. Frank returned about 6 ½ o'clock in the evening, balked but not subdued. Had to leave his load in sight of the promised landing and come home for another start. Hiram's wagon got stalled and all the King's oxen couldn't pull it out.

Friday, Jany 24

Frank and John made an early start this morning. Found the oranges safe and with stile and tact put the loads on the wharf and arrived home before dark. I pruned the tops of apricots all day —30. Horace paid the Fiddler \$5.00 a/c.

Monday, Jany 27

John finished trimming the tops of the apricot trees. Frank and I picked up the brush in forenoon. Frank burnt up brush in P.M. Hiram and I went to Santa Ana and then to Orange.

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I paid the water assessment in the Grand —\$50. Came home by way of Bishops and saw the tents. Grace gave two lessons in Crayon and made \$1. She was highly elated. Sold 1 box lemons —\$1.25

Saturday, Feby 1

Up early Bowman had Dolly today. At noon had 11 boxes Oranges & 14 boxes Lemons ready for shipment. Bowman came around this way at noon and took them to Tustin Depot. Train starts for S.F. Sunday morning. Frank and Horace went hunting this P.M. Came home loaded down with two Quails and 1 cotton tail. Maggie went to the cemetery this P.M.

Sunday, Feby 2.

Lovely day. Was over to Ella's and up to Hiram's. Sherm, Mattie & Clarence to Dinner. Addie went to Santa Ana with Dave in P.M. Frank & Grace went to church in evening.

Tuesday, Feby 4

Sorted Lemons and Oranges all day. Frank 6 boxes Lemons. Horace picked up Oranges. One little chick appeared to-day and strayed from its mother. When put back the old hen took its life on the spot. Got the Incubator home to-day. Will fix it up this week. John plowed all day.

Wednesday, Feby 5.

Worked part of the day among Oranges & Lemons. John plowed all day. Ten chicks out and old hen in the coop. Hiram and I gave Carey? note for \$500 on two months at 10%. Frank packed 4 boxes Lemons this A.M. & 6 boxes oranges this P.M.

Thursday, Feby 6.

A pretty good Santa Ana came up with the sun and held the frost off and on all day. Blew off a good many Oranges. John finished plowing and then hauled dirt around the house. Getty picked about 100 boxes W. Navals. Frank and Horace worked mostly on the Oranges. Fixed up the Incubator with 91 eggs.

Friday, Feby 7.

Shipped by team to Newport Pier 10 boxes Lemons, 15 boxes Oranges at 10¢ per box. John and I went to McHenry's ranch near Bartletts and got 1625# hay at 40¢ a hundred.

Saturday, Feby 8

Frank and Horace went hunting all day with Dave. A good many Cotton Tails got badly scared and two of them actually died. Proceeded with my grindstone frame. John harrowed most to the day. Sent 6 boxes to S.F. This morning.

Wednesday, Feby 12

Wind went down in the night. John worked for Hiram. Footed it up to Santa Ana and bought me a span new 2 horse wagon —Studebaker. Cost me \$92.50. Also brought home 10 sacks rolled barley. John Gowan paid \$24.50, balance of his note.

Thursday, Feby 13

John took the mules and Wagon with 31 boxes of Oranges and started for Newport Pier. Arrived home at 6 o'clock in the evening. Only for having to grease the wagon so often would have made the trip quicker. Helped raise the fumigation tent frames this afternoon in Hiram's Lemon orchard.

Friday, Feby 14

John hauled dirt. Maggie and I enjoyed ourselves picking oranges in the forenoon. Helped on the tents in P.M. Toward evening discovered that our magnificent Pine in the front wind break had blown down. It filled me bosom with regret. Sent Mrs. Richard a box of Oranges. Frank packed 7 boxes oranges.

Saturday, Feby 14

Rather cool day with many clouds. John hauled dirt all day. Shipped 10 boxes by rail to S.F. Fumigation rig finished to-day. Will fumigate this evening until midnight. Paid John \$8 on a/c. Brown cut up the pine stove length. Nearly two tun.

Monday, Feby 17

Cloudy and sprinkly all day. With Dave and the old wagon went to Santa Ana and bought me a pair of grain leather shoes, \$2.75. Also 48 harrow teeth, 50 bolts, zinc tub, etc. and on my way home 3 x 4 pine joist for harrow. Took them down to Eddys after lunch to be Will be done tomo row. Then says I, I have my new harrow, my new plow, my new wagon, my new Double Harness.

Tuesday, Feby 18

Rained & showered all day. Wet and water everywhere. No work today. After dinner took a tramp around Tustin and home by Hiram's. Letter from Geib with bills for two lots of denim. The old furnace under the Incubator was up to 115° this morning. Shouldn't wonder if those chickens were cooked before they knew it.

Wednesday, Feby 19

No rain but some cloudy. Tolerable fair. John and I hauled gravel from the Ranch-3 loads and spread it on the road near Adams. Also hauled the wood from the fallen pine. Frank put a handle in the hand ax and chopped some wood. Notified the Vandals to keep their cows off my grass. Brought home my new harrow. Way up.

Thursday, Feby 20

John hauled gravel from the ranch all day Mother and I took a ride in the morning —Dept. [store] meat market. Cut up brush in P.M. Threatened rain all day. Frank and Grace & mother went to a social in the evening. A very select party and a very pleasant time. The two lots of denim from M.G. & Co. arrived in Santa Ana.

Saturday, Feby 22

Cool wet morning, showered in the night. John and I finished hauling out manure and then hauled in load of dirt. Cultivated in front of house and harrowed in the afternoon .until the rain compelled us to quit. Had good 12 loads of manure. Frank, Sherm, Horace went hunting to-day and brought back 2 fine deer.

Tuesday, Feby 25

Showered in the night. Cloudy all day & commenced raining towards evening. John hauled dirt in A.M. & harrowed til 3 P.M. afternoon. Frank, Horace and I made the chicken pen and set the Mother. Getty brought over boxes to pick oranges. One chicken out to-day. Only 90 more to come.

Thursday, Feby 27

No rain last night. Clear & dry all day. John harrowed all day. I had . . . in A.M. & Frank and I spread manure in P.M. Great excitement over the chickens. Time is up to-day. Frank will watch the Incubator again to-night.

Friday, Feby 28

Cool frosty morning. Spread dirt on the lawn before breakfast. Getty's Boys came early to pick Oranges. Commenced on the W. Navals and finished by noon. Two men picked Konahs in afternoon. I worked all about the premises, trimming wind brakes, hoeing weeds, gathering up the Orange props etc. Frank and Horace planted Onions, Peas & Beans. The old incubator is proving a fraud. Bad luck entirely. Frank set up until 12 o'clock, then Horace till 5 this morning, and when I looked at the temperature at half past 6 it was down to 86°, —19° too low. Ella quite sick. Commenced with a chill.

Sunday, Mch 2

No rain last night and a most beautiful morning. Mother and I went to the Cemetery this forenoon. Mattie & Clarence with us to Dinner. Sherm & Sam Tustin went to Anaheim and bought 50,000 Orange sprouts. Put the 10 lone chickens in the corral. "The Mother", all ready and fired up. Mr. & Mrs. Tedford called towards evening. Horace took a horseback ride with Dolly.

Tuesday, Mch 4

A team took Oranges—20 boxes to Newport Pier this morning. Mother and I went over to Wilson's and got 100 young Orange trees. Set out 60 this PM. John harrowed and cultivated this forenoon. Lawman sent out a man to re-plaster the holes in our walls.

Wednesday, Mch 5

Set 40 Orange sprouts this morning. Dressed up at noon and rode to Tustin with Adams. The Pomological Society was in session and gave a free Dinner. Enjoyed the repast very much. Came home by way of Hiram's and examined Fumigation trees, and came home and picked Oranges for the next steamer. John harrowed all day. Frank cleaned up the trees after Getty. Mother packed 2 boxes Oranges for S.F. and Grace 1. Going to see what they will fetch. Foggy in the night.

Photo of Professor Allen from Boston with school mate Horace C. Snow on the right

**From the EDITOR**

In copying and typing this journal I have changed nothing. Horace's handwriting was remarkable and consistent even if very small at times. A very well educated man, he must have received all As for spelling. That which appears here has been a small part of the first year in his two year journal. What a window into the everyday life of an agricultural family in the 1890s! This is an extremely valuable addition to local history.

We have received other materials of equal interest and value recently. Mrs. Anne Satchell from Newport Beach sent us photographs and articles about the Santa Ana Steam Laundry and paper written for the Society on early Santa Ana by Jessie H. Burns, her husband Colgan W. Burns was manager of the Steam Laundry.

Another contribution from Sally Bedley—more photographs and a letter written in 1943 by Coralyn to her cousin reminiscing about the S.A.

Neighborhood they grew up in. They were both in the first kindergarten photo in last month's *Courier*. These donations will be shared in future *Couriers*.

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**Requesting help with
their Pioneer**

Round-Up on October 26.

They are looking for relatives of Pioneers who are buried at the el Toro Cemetery. These are some of the family names missing in our records. Acuna, Beck, Carle, Fairchild, DeLong, Harris, Juul, Lyons, Rouse, Romero, Salazar, Scott and Thompson.

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- Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- At the Kidseum
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