

Gifts to the Society

In each issue of THE QUARTERLY there appears a list of the donors and gifts made currently to the Society.

The Society is making an especial effort to build up its collection of historic materials, such as diaries, letters, account books, early newspapers, theatre and other programs, pictures of early-day life in California and costumes. We need your help.

Every member of the Society has some historic article that would be welcomed, and THE QUARTERLY sincerely hopes that the names of all our members will be recorded from time to time in the gift column.

MARCO R. NEWMARK,
Chairman, Committee on Gifts and Bequests

MR. JOHN C. AUSTIN: Leather covered album containing photographs of the Madame Ida Hancock House, "Villa Madonna," with views of the exterior and interior with furnishings of this most beautiful mansion; a bound album of photographs illustrating the changes made architecturally in Saint Vibiana's Cathedral; a photographic history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles dating from 1850, when the Rev. John Brier held first services in the home of Mayor J. S. Nichols, to the building of the sturdy brick church at Eighth and Hope Streets in 1920 under the pastorate of the Rev. Elmer Elsworth Helms; a history of the present Los Angeles City Hall, the officials of 1928, the architects, contractor, sculptors, painters and committeemen, and the materials that went into its erection; *St. Mary's Academy*, an illustrated year book of 1912, showing various views and buildings of the academy; a package of photographs: St. Vincent's present eight-story modern building at Third and Alvarado Streets, Shrine Auditorium, exterior views and interior shots of stage and backdrop, Convent of the Carmelite Sisters of Alhambra, laying of the cornerstone of Frank Wiggins Trade School.

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- DOMINGUEZ ESTATE CO. (From M. Charles Crawford): Photographs of Will Rogers, Charles Lindbergh and J. L. Maddux standing beside the first passenger plane "Ford Box Car," also photograph of a comparative plane of today.
- MR. EDMUND DUCOMMUN: Plat of the Ducommun home place survey made in 1885 by H. J. Stevenson, showing Pico Street on the northern boundary crossed by Charity, Hope and Figueroa Streets.
- MR. JOHN FINNALL: Ancient portable writing desk of 125 years ago which was owned by U. S. Marshall William C. Richardson, who was killed by Charles Cora, a noted San Francisco gambler. The death of Richardson and the subsequent murder of James King of William precipitated the Vigilance Committee at San Francisco in 1856; lithograph of East Los Angeles in 1888 by H. S. Crocker and Company; three framed photographs showing scenes of old Los Angeles — these pictures are well preserved under glass.
- MR. AND MRS. DUNCAN GLEASON: Book: ISLANDS OF CALIFORNIA, *a History of Catalina, the Channel Islands, and the Farallones*, by Duncan Gleason. These fabulous islands are colorfully depicted by the author both through words and illustrations of his own; periodicals; two articles from a series "*The Lost Islands of San Pedro*," appearing in *Sea* magazine — these articles are illustrated from drawings and paintings by the author-artist and tell a story of the islands along with the birth of Los Angeles Harbor, covering the era from the coming of the first sailing vessel into port, down to the present time.
- MR. JAMES C. HANLEY: Magazines — two issues of the *Pony Express* of 1952, telling stories of pioneers and old trails.
- MR. RAY HOWARD: Book: NARRATIVE OF A NATIVE, by Robert M. Clarke, a biographical sketch typical of the hardy pioneers who came to California in 1850. — this story was compiled by the author as a tribute to his parents.
- GEORGE H. KRESS, M. D.: Bulletin of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, which has served the community for eighty-two years.
- MR. J. GREGG LAYNE: Photographs: historic photographs of Glendora in 1907, air view in 1914; two Los Angeles City Directories for 1933.
- MR. GUY E. MARION: Photograph of fifteen former presidents of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.
- MISS ANNA MCKEE: Photographs: Incline Railway of historic Mount Lowe in 1900; Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting of 1923; Retail Hardware Men's banquet of 1913.
- MRS. DAISY ROSE MONTGOMERY: Bound biography of Guy Rose, the donor's brother, native son and renowned artist, by Earl L. Stendahl —

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Guy Rose was an illustrator for *Harper's*, *Scribners*, *Century* and *Youth's Companion* magazines, attaining medals both at home and abroad for his work.

- MR. MARCO R. NEWMARK: Book: ANNALS OF SAN FRANCISCO by Frank Soule, John H. Gihon, M. D. and James Nisbet (1854); Journal of the Southern California Conference Methodist Episcopal Church (1876-1926); pamphlet of Souvenir of the Claretian Seminary at the historic *Dominguez Rancho*; pamphlet issued by Grimes Strassforth Stationery Company in celebration of sixty years of progress in Los Angeles; booklet '*Lew Chew or Rynkyn Islands*' by Ross H. Gast, a story of expedition into Japan by Commodore Perry in 1853; Union Station souvenir booklet of the opening celebration "*Railroads Built the Nation*" (1869-1939).
- MR. JAMES R. PAGE: Book: I. N. VAN NUYS (1835-1912) by his son-in-law, the donor, a personal narrative about the pioneer wheat farming developer and Los Angeles businessman — this was drawn from memory and from family records and is illustrated by reproductions of several photographs from the collection of J. Gregg Layne.
- MISS RUTH PICO: Portrait of Senora Rosario Estudillo de Aguirre, grandmother of the donor.
- THE LATE MRS. C. C. PIERCE: Publication of MAIN MEN AND WOMEN OF CALIFORNIA, — this book contains biographies and photographs of such outstanding figures as Judge Waldo York, Mr. and Mrs. John Truman Gower, after whom Gower Street is named; a panorama of the little city of Los Angeles when her population was about 5,000 (1869) before the coming of the railroads.
- MR. CHARLES PUCK: Painting of the *Rancho Buena Vista adobe*, home built by the Yorbas and now owned by Mrs. Julia Fuqua; package of photographs of missions, adobe ruins in Palm Springs district, hotel and store at Beaumont; Los Angeles and Santa Monica Independence Railway depot; Pershing Square parking lot excavation; freeway clearing from Bunker Hill down Aliso Street; Chavez Ravine district to be cleared for a housing project; *Rancho Santa Margarita* adobe site, depicting present hay and stock barn; Olvera Street scene; page from Los Angeles Census of 1836 showing total population of 2,228; newspaper article from the *Californian* (March 15, 1848) — first notice of the discovery of gold; 1886 *San Diego Sun* quotes, "We could put Los Angeles in a section of our city and she would look like a fly speck on a window pane."
- MR. ROBERT H. RAPHAEL, JR.: Photographs: historic scenes and views of the H. Raphael Glass Company, pioneer glass firm established in 1870 by H. Raphael, Sr. — this firm has continuously operated since that date to the present time; book: CALIFORNIA REGISTER, 1859 — this publication is

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- a year book of facts covering statistics relative to federal, state and municipal government in California.
- MR. JUSTIN SCHRAFF:** Four-column newspaper clipping of historic facts reciting the story of early Lompoc pioneers and the story of the making of the Bear Flag by Nancy Kelly — long may she wave!
- MR. FRANK A. SCHILLING:** Album: pictorial history of the Edison Building and Grauman's Million Dollar Theater — the photographs show in detail the exteriors and interiors.
- SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOS ANGELES:** Through Research Department by William D. Brodek — map surveys, fifty bound booklets of maps with index showing individual ownerships, Los Angeles Real Estate Block Surveys.
- MR. H. H. WEST:** Photographs: unidentified personnel of the office force of Western Union Telegraph Company in 1890; old Los Angeles Chinatown in 1898; City Market in 1900, showing Chinese and Mexican hucksters; a familiar character-about-town whose clothing was made up entirely of old newspapers.
- MISS HORTENSE WHITE:** Photographs: framed portrait of U. S. Senator Stephen M. White at the time of his service in Washington; also a photograph of him as a young man; Senator White's wedding portrait with his bride, Hortense Sacriste; records: gold embossed marriage certificate of the couple issued by Bishop Mora of Saint Vibiana's Cathedral; a presentation of silver, coffee pot and sugar bowl, for use at after-meeting refreshment hour of the Society. The above gifts were given to the *Historical Society of Southern California* in tribute to the memory of the donor's parents.
- MR. WALTER A. WOODS:** Photograph of the pioneer Benjamin F. Coulter, early Christian pastor and founder of Coulter's Dry Goods Company.