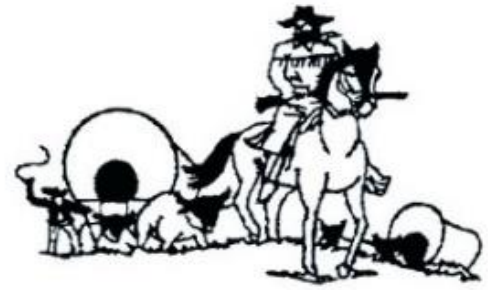


Nacitone Foundation

Lockwood, California

"Enrich Your Future and Discover the Past"

First & Second Quarter 2021



Presidents Message

Hello from Nacitone,

I am pleased to say Nacitone is back in action after the yearlong Covid restrictions. I would like to invite everyone to stop by Nacitone for a look around at what we have done at the museum. With the spring cleaning almost complete. Weeds mowed and new items on display. The trees we have planted are growing well and we are looking at planting more in the near future. To sponsor a tree give Neil Whitty a call or contact any director. I would like to reach out to all the volunteers who make Nacitone what it is. Thank you for your time. I would also like to thank the community members who have donated items to display. It amazes me how much history is tucked away in people's barns, sheds and closets waiting for some place to be displayed. History lost is gone forever. It seems that in these times it is so easy to change or even erase history to fit a political or personal agenda. History should be an education. If it is bad we should learn from our mistakes. If it was good let us build on it. As always at the end of my message I would like to invite you to stop by Nacitone. Check out the exhibits enjoy the view of our community. Nacitone is open for public viewing the first Saturday of each month. If you have a group that would like to tour please give us a call. We can set up a time for your group.

Hope to see you at Nacitone,

Donald Gillett

President Nacitone Foundation Inc.

Dates to Remember

Museum Meeting Time – 6:30 pm Museum Monthly Meetings- 3rd Tuesday

Meeting Dates for 2021- June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct 19, Nov. 16 & Dec. No Meeting

Museum Open 1st Saturday of each month – 10 am to 4 pm or by appointment

COMING EVENTS

Clam Chowder Feed – Plans for next Fall – take out

POTLUCK DUTCH OVEN COOK OFF - SATURDAY MAY 22, 2021 HOSTED BY LESTER & DAWN PATTERSON

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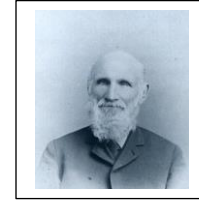
Lockwood

Lockwood a San Antonio Valley in the extreme southern end of the county, centering around the intersection of Jolon road (G14) and Lockwood- Jolon Road (G18), about 2.5 miles North of the North end of San Antonio Lake and 6 miles Southeast of Jolon. The name was applied when the post office was established in 1888 by Lair Patterson who suggested that it be named for Belva Ann Lockwood. According to Lester Patterson, Jr. Lair Patterson was one of eleven children, four of whom moved from Ashland, Oregon, to California in the early 1880's; "three to Hungry flat now Lockwood, one at time not together. They all came here to homestead (160 acres) each..... We are on our fifth generation here in Lockwood to present." The

Postmaster at Lockwood in 1975 reported that "the people who first came and settled in the area...called the valley 'Hungry Flats' as it was bare of vegetation" (Roth). Olive Wollesen told JDJ that one of her neighbors told me that a man named Lockwood was hanged from a tree on the road from Lockwood to San Lucas (way back before the post office was named of course) and the tree was there for many years afterward and was called the Lockwood tree. If Mr. Patterson had a private urge to honor the man named Lockwood.... It has not come down through the Gillett family in anyway. Lockwood, or the area around it, was previously known as Hungry Flat, Hungry Flats, Jolon Flat or The Flat.

Ref. Names & Places of Monterey County

Henry & Lavina Bushnell



Recognize this couple?

Find out in our next newsletter

Behind every strong person is a story that gave them no choice

Potluck Dutch Oven

This year's Dutch oven is a potluck gathering,

Hosted by Lester and Dawn Patterson

Bring your favorite recipe and Dutch oven along with your gear, including ingredients, Dutch oven stands, and briquettes, pop-ups, chairs, tables, drinks, etc..... this event is just for fun and sharing some good ole food with friends. Eating around 3:00 pm. For questions call Lester at (831)235-7358

The event this year is NOT sponsored by the Nacitone Museum. It is not a fundraisers.

Nacitone Museum



The Directors have been busy moving equipment and leveling areas to organizing machinery. Rob Johnson and Neil Wollesen have put a lot of energy into this project

We are disappointed that we had to cancel our

Clam Chowder feed

Hope to reschedule

FALL 2021

Historical Cattle Brands

By their brands ye shall know them!

In the cattle country that's scripture and just as sacred, in a way. A man's brand is his own and all the animals that wear the brand are his property.

But often the brand is of even more importance than the name with which it is linked. Ranches often are called after the brand and cowboys ride for a certain "iron." The brand in such instances stands for more than a mere mark that shows ownership of livestock. It's a symbol, a way of life and a manifestation of history.

Brands, passed from generation to generation, are laden with historical import. Too often the history is forgotten.

That some of the older brands of Southern Monterey County, but regrettably not all, can be preserved for the wonder of some future generation, they are included in this book. Some day there may be a race of people who won't know of the smell of singed hair and the bawling of a frightened calf.



The oldest brand in the state originated in this county on the ranch of Alberto Trescony in 1846.

It is now registered to Julius Trescony, present owner of Rancho San Lucas and some cattle each year re branded with the old mark. The brand was patterned after the brand of Mission San Antonio. It was approved by the Mexican government in Monterey. The original copy of the request, written in Spanish by Alberto, is a prized possession at the Trescony ranch.

Slang name for the Skeleton Snakes of Wes Eade was "skillet fulla snakes." It was first packed by Eade steers in 1882.



The 60-year old Reynolds Land Company brand is still in use today.

Boone Ford burned this F into the hide of his cattle about 1890.



The other brand at Rancho San Lucas is the one of J. A. Trescony, father of Julius. The Rafter J has marked Trescony cattle for more than 70 years.



This Lazy J S was the brand of S. J. Smart, father of Les and Bill Smart, the present registered owners.

The brand once owned by Francis Doud of Monterey, which was carried by hundreds of head in the early 1860's and was later the brand registered to Tom Doud, owner of the Doud ranch on the Jolon road, is now the property of the Doud estate.



One of the oldest brands in the county is this intricate symbol of Walter and Martin Jefferson.

Smart Brothers' Cloverleaf S was registered by S. J. Smart in 1903.



This is the 50-year old brand of A. H. Schmidt of Soledad.

This is called a Cahanga by F. W. Nason of Jamesburg. The brand is about 50 years old.



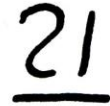
Mariana Gil is the owner of this horse brand, which is said to be so old that its early history is not remembered.

This was the first brand used by Zeke Ray in the Bryson country in the 1870's. It's called the One Bar.



This 77 belonged to Jim Bengard of Lewis Creek and commemorates the year it was recorded—1877.

This bar 21 was the original brand of Jeff Harris and dates back to 1870 or before. The bar was added when the law required brands to be recorded. This is still in the Harris home.



M. Ray Harris used this unrecorded brand in the early 1900's.

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The old Herbert iron, owned by Stanley Herbert, is now the property of Charles E. Prentiss of Greenfield

Dating back to 1851 is the brand of A. H. Schmidt of Soledad. This snakey looking S was owned by his grandfather, William Schmidt, of Blanco.



This brief resume of the brands of the Salinas Valley area hardly dents the surface. History—years of drought and dust, years of flood and famine and years of lush feed, happy years and sad years, years when cattle prices dropped or years when the cattlemen paid off the debts, generations of ownership and changes from hand to hand—history of the people, of the ages and of a way of life are tied up in the symbols that are burned into the hides of cattle. Would that it all could be told.

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More History



Katie Eringer Ellis



Came to Hames Valley with a wagon and four mules in 1882

Motherly hearts are kindly hearts
Brings comfort near,
Motherly smiles are sunny smiles
Bright with happy cheer . . .

These words are part of a framed tribute owned by Mrs. Katie E. Ellis, a kindly old woman of South San Lorenzo avenue in King City. A tribute to a pioneering mother who helped her husband build a home out of the early wilderness of Hames Valley back in the early 1880's.

Hames Valley was almost virgin territory in those early days, covered with chaparral and chamiza that looked foreboding to the early settlers. It took strong backs and an eye for the future to see the valley the way it is today with fertile grain land and pastures. It took the true pioneering spirit. And that spirit was received

honestly by Katie Ellis. Her father, Elias Eringer, a carpenter and farmer, was a Douglas county, Illinois man. It was here that Katie was born in 1865. Her mother Sarah (Dukes) Eringer must have had the same spirit.

When Katie was 13 years old the family took an emigrant train to Los Angeles. "The city was too crowded (even in those days) so we left after six months for Fresno," said Mrs. Ellis.

They lived around Fresno, and later the family shifted its fortunes to Placer county. And it was here, near Lincoln, at a Methodist campground, Katie Eringer married Silas Patton Ellis, August 4, 1882.

FROM GEORGIA

Silas Ellis had been born in Georgia on October 27, 1852. He

had gone west at an early age and had met the Eringers in Los Angeles and came north with them. He worked with Elias Eringer in his farming enterprises.

After the young couple were married both families moved north for awhile before setting out for the territory called Hames Valley in southern Monterey county.

It's been a long time ago and Mrs. Ellis doesn't recall whether it was in '82 or '83 when both families came through Soledad and on down to a valley named for oldtimer Ben Hames, early settler in the district.

They had a wagon and four mules when the families arrived. Mrs. Ellis remembers the little valley then as being wild "and nothing at all the way it looks today." They set up camp that first night, put the cook stove on the ground, got a fire started and fetched water. The first meal she thinks, consisted of potatoes, biscuits and probably a rabbit one of the men shot.

Between expert carpenter Eringer, son-in-law Ellis and the Eringer boys, a house was built in no time from lumber hauled from Soledad. After a period all of them filed for their 160 acres of homestead land.

ELLIS CHILDREN BORN

Katie and Silas had a ranch about three-quarters of a mile from her parents. It was here all the Ellis children were born. The first one, Francis Marion, died when quite young. Bert Ellis was born in 1885 followed by Sarah (Mrs. Sarah Edrington of Hames Valley) then Rose (Mrs. Rose King of Santa Helena, Calif.)

The old Ellis place there in Hames Valley is farmed by Bob Peri now.

The first school in the valley was a brush affair. A frame was erected and brush was used for the walls and roof. Later the children attended the Hames Valley school in the center of the valley. It was also used as a church.

Recreation in those times were mostly parties and picnics "on May first and the 4th of July," Mrs. Ellis continued.

She was good with a gun too. Many times she shot hawks that were after her chickens and killed rabbits. Once she killed a rattlesnake in her yard with a shovel after it bit one of the dogs.

She remembers the night her father passed away because it was synonymous with one "of the worst" (Continued on next page)

thunder storms I've ever seen," she said.

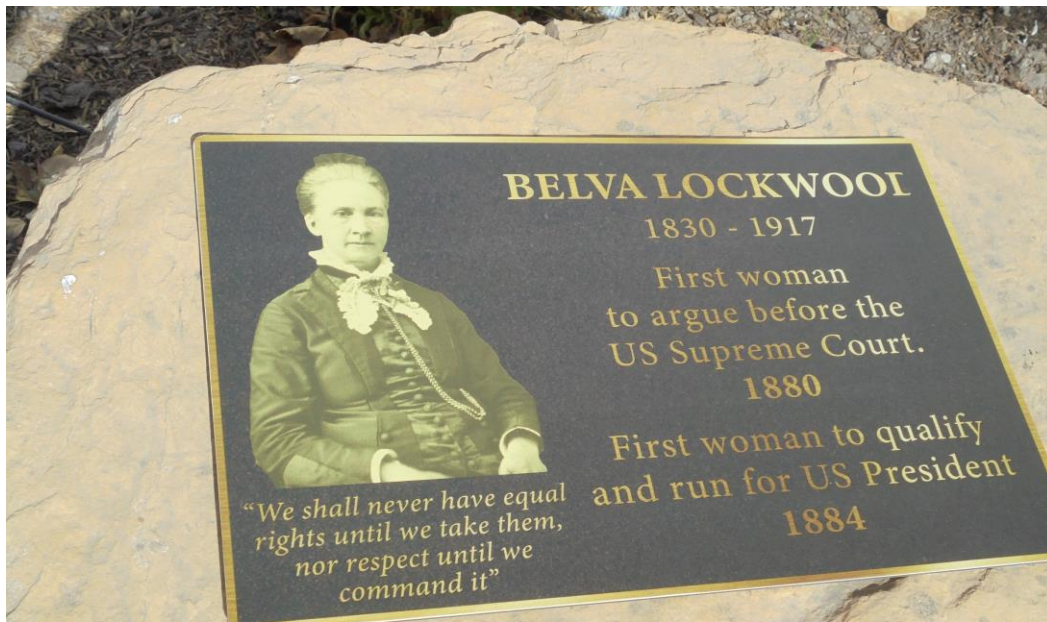
It's been a long time ago but Mrs. Ellis recalls there was a time when no bridge connected Bradley with the west side of the Salinas river. Bradley itself was merely a few frame buildings. The Ellis children went to school there for awhile riding the eight miles or so each day by horse.

Their other source of supply was Newt Johansen's store in Lockwood. San Lucas was the town then and King City was unheard of at that time.

Around 1922 Mr. Ellis' health wasn't so good and they moved to King City, where he died in 1929. Mrs. Ellis has been living there at the home ever since. She has one sister living, Mrs. Mary

Alice Hunter of San Marino in southern California. Her brothers have all passed away. Besides her two children living, she has two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

This pioneer mother and her sunny smiles of remembrance when she talks of the old days, still brings "comfort near" to all her family.



DEDICATION PLAQUE IN FRONT OF THE LOCKWOOD POST OFFICE
PLACE IN A GARDEN OF NATIVE PLANTS.