



**FRESNO COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS & RECORDS
ADVISORY COMMISSION**
October 17, 2013
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Central Library
 2420 Mariposa
 Fresno, CA 93721



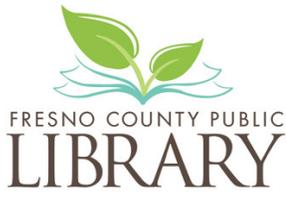
AGENDA

Please contact Karen Coletti at 600-6237 or karen.coletti@fresnolibrary.org if you are unable to attend this meeting.

- 1) **Call to Order.**
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions.**
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda.**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** of June 17, 2013. Attachment (1)
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a) Approval of proposed changes to By-Laws. Attachment (2-4)
 - b) Courthouse Park grounds markers/memorials and sculptures: Courthouse Cupola update. *(Raven)*
 - c) Centennial Businesses: Review and approved application from Fresno Business Journal Application. Attachment (5) *(Raven)*
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a) Approval of Photography Copyright Agreement between Spectrum Art Gallery and the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission. Attachment (6) *(Pappas)*
 - b) Approval of Mountain View School House as a Historical School. Attachment (7) *(Pappas)*
 - c) Update on archival binders for the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission applications. *(Pappas)*
- 7) **Reports and Administrative Action Items.**
 - a) Chairman's Report. *(McFarland)*
 - b) Vice-Chairman's Report. *(Taylor)*
 - c) Secretary's Report. *(Przyasny)*
- 8) **Public Comment.** *Limited to 3 minutes per person.*
- 9) **Announcements.**
 - i) Tour of new San Joaquin Valley Heritage and Genealogy Center for those interested.

Future Meetings		
November 21, 2013	4:00 PM	???
	4:00 PM	
	4:00 PM	

- 10) **Adjournment.**



Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes June 17, 2013

The regular meeting of the Historic Landmarks & Records Commission was held at the Central Library on June 17, 2013.

Members present: Randy McFarland, Roger Taylor, Penny Raven, Donald Shantz, Susan Pappas, James Kus, Stephen Barile, John Baltierra, Nancy Enloe, Ethan Kytte, Janice Stevens, Pat Hunter, Bud Olson, Lou Catalo, Penny Raven, Elizabeth Laval.

Members absent: None.

Members of the public: None.

Call to Order: Chairman Randy McFarland.

Welcome to Commissioners and Visitors: Chairman McFarland.

Approval of Minutes January 17, 2013

- **Moved:** 1st Baltierra; **Seconded** Kus.

Review of By-Laws and Moratorium on Review and Acceptance of Applications. McFarland and Prysiazny updated Commission on By-Laws, with members providing comments. Moratorium to continue until staff meet with County Counsel and other County staff to resolve questions and to present recommended final draft of by-laws to Commission at the next meeting.

Comments from the Public.

- Pappas updated Commission on the Spectrum Photography Gallery Project.
- Pappas reported on Historical Landmark applications archival project.

Records. None.

Landmarks. None.

Courthouse Park grounds markers/memorials and sculptures. None.

Inventory of Historic Sites in Fresno County. Suggestions for other applications. None.

Centennial Farms.

- Burton Farm application was reviewed. Approval tabled until a meeting where the Burtons can attend.

Centennial Businesses.

- Raven gave an update on the Fresno Business Journal. Raven will approach Journal with additional questions Commission had regarding application.

Centennial Communities.

- Pappas reported that agenda items were approved by Board of Supervisors.

Centennial Schools. No update.

Threatened buildings in the City of Fresno. No update.

Threatened buildings in the County of Fresno. No update.

Reports and Administrative Action Items.

- a) Chairman's Report. None.
- b) Vice-Chairman's Report. Monument restored in Eaton Plaza.
- c) *Secretary's Report:*

Meeting Schedule.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
June 17, 2013	4:00 PM	Central Library
October 17, 2013	4:00 PM	Central Library
November 15, 2013	4:00 PM	

9) Adjourn 6:00 P.M.



Fresno County

Historical Landmarks and Records Commission

BY-LAWS

Bylaws - January 1979

Revised - February 28, 2006

Revised – November 12, 2013

SECTIONS:

- I. Membership
- II. Terms of Office
- III. Internal Organization
- IV. Meetings
- V. Quorum
- VI. Termination of Membership
- VII. Powers and Duties
- VIII. Research and Information
- IX. Definitions

I. Membership:

The Commission shall consist of 17 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors from the following:

5 - Board of Supervisors Appointees, one from each District

12 - General Public Appointees representing regions of Fresno County

Members are typically those who have training, expertise or a strong interest in preservation, architecture, architectural history, engineering and related fields.

The County Librarian shall serve as Secretary and ex-officio member of the Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission without vote.

II. Terms of Office:

Terms shall commence at confirmation and end four years later. There is no limit on the number of terms served. All terms of office shall be for four years.

III. Internal Organization:

The Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission shall organize by electing from the membership a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The County Librarian will serve as Secretary to the Commission. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve for one year. There shall be no limit on the number of years of office.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected annually at the first meeting occurring in each fiscal year (July to June).

IV. Meetings:

The Commission shall hold regular meetings at least three times a year at a date and time to be fixed by the Commission, and the meetings may be held upon the call of the Chairman or any three members.

V. QUORUM:

The majority of currently appointed members shall constitute a quorum.

VI. Termination of Membership:

Following County Ordinance Code, Chapter 2.68.010: Member Attendance at Meetings:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by the Ordinance code, a non-elected member of any board, commission, committee or council appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be deemed to have resigned his or her membership for absences in excess of the following:

Two (2) regular meetings in a calendar year if the board, commission, committee or council has six or fewer regular meetings per calendar year if a member of the Commission fails to attend three consecutive meetings, unless excused by the vote of the Commission for good reason, his/her membership shall automatically terminate and his/her successor shall be appointed in the manner herein prescribed for the filling of vacancies. (Ord. 06-006, § 1 (part); Ord. 02-029, § 1 (part); Ord. 88-003, § 1; Ord. 0-83-022, § 1; Ord. 605, § 1, 1979)

Notice: County Ordinance Code, Chapter 2.68.030.

The secretary to the board, commission, committee or council shall give prompt written notice to a member who will be deemed to have resigned his or her membership upon the occurrence of one additional absence. Such notice shall contain a statement advising the member of the

absences and the consequences thereof together with a copy of this chapter of the ordinance code. Failure of the secretary to give notice or failure of the member to receive notice shall not alter the automatic resignation provisions of Section 2.68.010. (Ord. 06-006, § 1 (part); Ord. 02-029, § 1 (part))

Waiver: County Ordinance Code, Chapter 2.68.035.

Where a member has been absent from meetings such that one additional absence will result in an automatic resignation, that member may petition the board of supervisors for a waiver of one or more of the prior absences. Such petition may only be made once per calendar year. The granting of such petition shall be based on good cause as determined in the sole discretion of the board of supervisors. (Ord. 06-019, § 1)

VII. Power and Duties:

The Historical Landmarks Advisory and Records Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in promoting, aiding, and encouraging the preservation of historic landmarks and records;
- B. Study and make recommendations with respect to the establishment of historic landmarks of county-wide significance;
- C. Establish general policies to carry out the purpose of this chapter and recommend to the Board of Supervisors such bylaws, rules, and regulations as in its opinion may be required in the carrying on of a historic landmark preservation program;
- D. To acquaint the general public and other public officials of the aims, requirements, and needs of the historic landmark preservation program.
- E. Cooperate with the County Library, City and County Historical Societies and concerned local organizations to determine if any of their records are of local historical significance and make recommendations to those agencies regarding the final disposition of the records.
- F. Maintain a County Register of Historic Resources, which includes buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts that have sufficient integrity and are significant in Fresno County's history.

VIII. Research and Information:

The County Librarian provides secretarial support as needed, including the preparation of agendas, supporting documentation and minutes of meetings. Should the Commission need assistance with historical research they will work with library staff as any other

member of the public. Upon request, the County Librarian provides assistance to County Departments needing historical information related to landmarks.

IX. Definitions:

a. **Historic Landmarks:**

An **historic site** is an official location where pieces of political, military or social history have been preserved. Historic sites are usually protected by law, and many have been recognized with the official **national historic site** status. A historic site is any building, landscape, site or structure that is of local, regional, or national significance.

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HISTORICAL LANDMARKS ADVISORY
AND RECORDS COMMISSION
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Meetings:

The Commission shall hold regular meetings at least five times a year at a date and time to be fixed by it, and the meetings may be held upon the call of the chairman or any three members.

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- D. To acquaint the general public and other public officials of the aims, requirements, and needs of the historic landmark preservation program.
- E. Cooperate with the County Library, City and County Historical Societies and concerned local agencies to determine if any of their records are of local historical significance and make recommendations to those agencies regarding the final disposition of the records.
- F. Advise the Board of Supervisors on the placement of markers, monuments and sculptures in Courthouse Park, to develop guidelines to support their placement both permanently and temporarily, and to catalog and maintain the history of each item placed in the Park.

Research and Information:

The County Librarian may, with the approval of the Commission, prepare manuals, bulletins and reviews on historical landmark programs and research, and shall, upon request, give assistance of a technical nature to community agencies and organizations having problems related to historical landmarks and records.

Chapter 2.68 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Sections:

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2.68.010 Member attendance at meetings.

Except as otherwise specifically provided by this ordinance code, a nonelected member of any board, commission, committee or council appointed by the board of supervisors shall be deemed to have resigned his or her membership for absences in excess of the following:

A.

Two regular meetings in a calendar year if the board, commission, committee or council has six or fewer regular meetings per calendar year; or

B.

Two consecutive regular meetings or three regular meetings in a calendar year if the board, commission, committee or council has from seven to twelve regular meetings per calendar year; or

C.

Three consecutive regular meetings or five regular meetings in a calendar year if the board, commission, committee or council has thirteen or more regular meetings per calendar year.

(Ord. 06-006, § 1 (part); Ord. 02-029, § 1 (part); Ord. 88-003, § 1; Ord. 0-83-022, § 1; Ord. 605, § 1, 1979)

2.68.030 Notice.

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code. Failure of the secretary to give notice or failure of the member to receive notice shall not alter the automatic resignation provisions of [Section 2.68.010](#).

(Ord. 06-006, § 1 (part); Ord. 02-029, § 1 (part))

2.68.035 Waiver.

Where a member has been absent from meetings such that one additional absence will result in an automatic resignation, that member may petition the board of supervisors for a waiver of one or more of the prior absences. Such petition may only be made once per calendar year. The granting of such petition shall be based on good cause as determined in the sole discretion of the board of supervisors.

(Ord. 06-019, § 1)

2.68.040 Special meetings of the board of retirement.

For purposes of this chapter, special meetings of the board of retirement of the county shall also be deemed to be regular meetings.

(Ord. No. 13-001, § 1, 3-12-2013; Ord. 02-029, § 1 (part))

2.68.041 Special meetings of the civil service commission.

For purposes of this chapter, special meetings, including adjudicatory hearings, of the civil service commission of the county shall also be deemed to be regular meetings, except that each adjudicatory hearing shall be considered one regular meeting regardless of the number of hearing days. Further, the reference in [section 2.68.010\(C\)](#) to "Three consecutive regular meetings" shall not apply to the civil service commission of the county.

(Ord. No. 13-001, § 1, 3-12-2013)

2.68.050 Preemption.

This chapter shall supersede any approved bylaw, rules or regulations relating to absences by members of such boards, commissions, committees or councils.

Subject: Emailing: Fresno HLRC Application for Centennial Business
From: Coletti, Karen (Karen.Coletti@fresnolibrary.org)
To: corvino@pacbell.net;
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 4:49 PM

Fresno County Historical Landmarks & Records Commission
Application for the Register of Centennial Business

Criteria for placement on the Register of Historic Fresno County Businesses:
All business enterprises, except those which qualify under the Centennial Farms Program, which have conducted the same or related business activity for at least the last 100 years, regardless of change in location, ownership or name, are eligible for placement on the register Register of Historic Fresno County Businesses.

Company Name: The Business Journal
Chief Executive Officer: Publisher Gordon Webster
Street Address: 1315 Van Ness Suite 200
City: Fresno ZIP: 93721 Telephone: (559) 490-3400

Original Company Name: Abstract of Records
Founder(s): Morris Shelby Webster
Founding Date: 1930
Original Business Address: Approx. 2140 Merced St. (current Valdez & Valdez law office)

Original Business Activities:
Public Records Publishing (Legal & Real Estate)

Notable Facts, Other Addresses, Name Changes:

Other addresses - Moved by eminent domain a number of times, Offices used to be at Federal Courthouse and Radisson sites downtown.

Form completed by: Gabriel Dillard
Title: Managing Editor

Other names:
Wendell May chaser
- Daily Real Estate Report and Abstract of Records
- Daily Legal Report

Type of Documentation Acceptable for Verification of Founding Date

- Please include copies of one or more pieces of documentation. Such documentation is necessary for the completion of your firm's entry into the Register.
- Entry in City Directory and/or County History
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Company Archives (published company history, business correspondence, early Journal)

- Founding date?
- Prev. locs & dates
- Who is actual Founder? - Date?

letterhead, bills.)

- Advertisement in historic magazine or newspaper
- Listing with another business association or Business License Department records
- Personal papers (oral interviews, diary, or correspondence)
- Other, specify:

Please check categories which best describe the original and current nature of the business or industry.

Original Current

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Agriculture: Specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Banking & Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Agriculture, Horticulture & Ranching |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Communications (including telephone telegraph). <i>publishing</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Construction & Architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hostelries & Restaurants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Insurance: Specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Manufacturing: Specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Medical |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pharmacy |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mining & Metallurgy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Petroleum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Real Estate: Specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Service: Specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wineries, Distilleries, & Beverage Producer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: Specify _____ |

Notable Facts: Entry might include significant events in the history of your business including mergers, expansion into other fields, change of location, company's innovations and contributions, and comments on the longevity of your business and your buildings. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

Please see 125th Anniversary publication

Do you have a business records library or collection?

Yes

Does it contain drawings, photographs or other graphics materials which might accompany your entry in the register?

Yes

125th

anniversary

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Publisher's note

Part of the mission of Pacific Publishing Group, Inc. and The Business Journal is to shine a light on the region's crucial and dynamic industries. By covering businesses from a news perspective as well as assisting in their marketing efforts, we seek to celebrate the real job creators.

That's the work that keeps our staff busy, so we often don't have the time to celebrate our own accomplishments. That's the point of this special insert, highlighting 125 years of Pacific Publishing Group. We hope our readers indulge us the chance of tooting our own horn as we offer a little bit of company history starting with my great-grandfather M.S. Webster, who bought the company in 1888 for \$180, two years after it was originally founded.

Not only is this special publication intended to celebrate Pacific Publishing Group, but also the institution of the family business in general. An estimated 80-90 percent of all business enterprises in North America are family-owned. While not all of these businesses will make it to four or five generations, each represents a dream of independence as old as this country itself.

We hope you enjoy this special publication, which gives our readers a glimpse at the people behind our products. And speaking of noteworthy accomplishments, be on the lookout for something similar next year to celebrate The Business Journal's 20-year anniversary as a news publication.

Gordon M. Webster, Jr.
President, Pacific Publishing Group, Inc.

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Vice President of Sales & Marketing: Tracy Lifer
Managing Editor: Gabriel Dillard
Production Manager: Art Pineda
Graphic Artist: Leah Canseco-Decker
Marketing Consultant: Kaysi Coelho

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Five generations in the business of business

>> BY BEN KELLER AND GABRIEL DILLARD



PHOTO BY RAY A. WALLER II
Gordon Webster, Jr. and daughter Ashley Webster are the fourth and fifth generation Websters in Pacific Publishing Group's 125-year history.

What today is a multi-title publishing company fulfilling the growing business-to-business niche in the Central San Joaquin Valley started off 125 years ago as a home-based printing company serving Fresno's frontier business community.

What Pacific Publishing Group, Inc. is in 2011 compared to then is a testament not only to American ingenuity and can-do spirit, but also to the close bonds of family that extend beyond just meeting the bottom line.

Pacific Publishing Group traces its roots back to 1886, less than six months after the incorporation of the city of Fresno. Originally founded by H.C. Miller and called the Abstract of Records, the business was purchased by Morris Shelby Webster in 1888.

M.S. Webster came to Fresno from Contra Costa County in 1876 at age 15, working as a sheepherder in the Sierras before landing a job at First National Bank, where he got his first taste of the business world.

Legacy is born

Looking to strike out on his own, M.S. Webster bought the publication from Miller for \$180. That's when the real work began. Up until the relatively recent widespread use of computers and electronic communication, collecting public records for publication involved some serious legwork.

"We gathered all the deeds, all the trustees, all the new civil cases, all the new judgments," said Gordon Webster, Jr., fourth-generation owner and current president of Pacific Publishing Group. "It was like 14 different things we gathered that businesses can use"

With his wife — native Californian Charlotte Stiltz — M.S. Webster had two sons, Norman and Lloyd, both of whom became involved in the family business at a time when their father had the publication adjudicated by the local courts. This qualified the paper for printing court-required trustee sales and other legal notices. Today, the printing of public notices is still a key source ▶

1888: Formerly a shepherd, Morris Shelby Webster purchases the financially troubled Abstract of Records for \$180 two years after its founding and works from home typesetting and printing court records. It is the oldest newspaper in Fresno County with constant family ownership.



M.S. Webster

1909: The printing operation moves from its T Street address to a site where Fresno City Hall currently sits.



Fresno City Hall



Norman A. Webster

1911: M.S.' son Norman A. Webster enters the business at age 18 followed by his brother Lloyd seven years later. Both became partners with their father until 1924 when Lloyd retires from active participation due to illness. That same year, M.S. Webster has the newspaper adjudicated and changes the name to the Daily Real Estate Report and Abstract of Records.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE POP LAVAL FOUNDATION.
A view north along Van Ness Avenue in downtown Fresno from 1926.

of revenue for Pacific Publishing Group.

While the Webster boys both maintained equal ownership in the company for many years, Norman ended up carrying the torch as the paper grew in size and readership, especially in the 1940s, when the name was changed to reflect an added emphasis in real estate sales and records.

Norman A. Webster invested more than 60 years in the Daily Real Estate Report and Abstract of Records up until his retirement in 1979, but not before his son, Gordon M. Webster, Sr. came on board in 1948.

Under his leadership, the business incorporated in 1976, purchased its first building in downtown Fresno and evolved again with a new name — the Fresno Daily Legal Report — in order to broaden readership.

Diversification

In the mid-'80s, with the help of his two sons Gordon Webster, Jr. and Norman G. Webster, Norman A. Webster also acquired a separate commercial printing company producing publications such as a directory of Fresno County judges and attorneys that would later blossom into a product still being produced today called The Legal Directory.

During Norman G. Webster's tenure, the world of printing went through many changes.

"(My dad) had an open mind when we came in the business," said Gordon Webster, Jr., "because this was a time when we went from hot metal into cold type, which is basically desktop

publishing today."

Although Gordon Jr. and Norman had an equal share in the family operation, according to their grandfather's wishes, it was Gordon who took the helm as publisher when heart disease prompted their father's retirement in 1984.

News business

Not many years later, after a move into another downtown building, Gordon took the initiative and added a hard business news component to what had long been only a vehicle for public notices like fictitious business names and trustee sales. That product is called The Business Journal, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2012.

"(The Business Journal) was formed by looking at other business journals across the country that were started in large markets, L.A., San Francisco, Sacramento," Gordon Webster, Jr. said. "I saw our paper as kind of stagnant, not growing into the future and that's why these journals were exciting to me."

Readership was expanded even further to include Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties with three editions of the paper each week — one for local business news and two for just documentary news and public notice advertising.

After selling his stake in the family's printing operation, Webster & Sons Printing, to his brother, Gordon Webster, Jr. then created Pacific Publishing Group to oversee The Business Journal and other products that have since grown as valued

Fresno Daily Legal Report

1971: Gordon M. Webster, Sr. changes the name of the paper to the Fresno Daily Legal Report in an effort to broaden readership. The business also purchases its first building in downtown Fresno after operating out of leased buildings for several decades.



1972: Gordon M. Webster, Sr.'s son Norman G. Webster joins the business followed a few years later by brother Gordon M. Webster, Jr. Both are bequeathed a 25 percent stake in the business from their grandfather while their father maintains 50 percent. Norman runs the press while Gordon works as a staff reporter gathering documentary news like trustee sales and public notice advertising.

1976: The newspaper incorporates. A few years later, Norman A. Webster retires for health reasons after directing the business for 40 years.

1984: Gordon M. Webster, Sr. retires from the business after 18 years battling heart disease. His sons, meanwhile, create a ten-year plan to buy his stock, paying him principal and interest for his share of the business.

1929: A fire destroys the old Woodmen of the World Building at Van Ness and Tuolumne streets where the company resided. Its offices then moved to 2233 Fresno Street and remained there for 33 years. The Fresno County Jail currently sits at the site.



Fresno County Jail

1936: Norman A. Webster takes over as publisher of the paper when M.S. dies from injuries following an automobile accident.

1948: Norman A. Webster's son Gordon M. Webster, Sr. joins the business. The two eventually buy out Lloyd Webster's 50 percent interest in the business.



Gordon M. Webster, Sr.

1962: The business moves to a building at 2138-40 Merced Street when the building it operated in was demolished to make way for a new development.



2140 Merced Street

resources in their own right. The company, now housed in a building at Van Ness Avenue and Merced Street in downtown Fresno, has held up as one of the Central Valley's most treasured records of business news and legal notices.

Succession

And so far, Gordon Webster, Jr. said, it's shaping up to stay that way as the company plans for its fifth generation, still adapting and growing despite some of the worst economic conditions in recent history.

Ashley Webster, daughter of Gordon Webster, Jr. has been working for the company for nearly four years, and currently handles circulation for The Business Journal. As the fifth generation in the company, she said there's a lot of pressure to keep the Webster legacy going. She takes every opportunity to learn more.

"I get to work with my dad and learn hands-on on a day-to-day basis like he did with his dad," said Ashley Webster, 25. "I learn so much by just having conversations with him and watching how he deals with situations around work."

While the publishing industry has been turned on its head by the economy as well as the digital revolution, Gordon Webster, Jr. has taken steps to meet the challenges head on.

"If we can get through this, we can get through anything," Webster said. "Right now we're holding our own."

Reporter Michael Kincheloe contributed to this story.

PIONEER EDITION: Actual photograph of this newspaper only a few days before M. S. Webster became the owner.

Abstract of Records, FRESNO COUNTY.

H. C. MILLER & Co., Proprietors.

458 FRESNO, CAL., AUGUST 31, 1888. Up to 5 P. M.

This copy contains an accurate and reliable note of all papers filed for record in Fresno County California, on the above date. Published daily (except Sundays).		BRALL J W to W M BRALL—Lots 24 and 25, b 1, Irvington's second addition Fresno	19.00
H. C. MILLER, Searcher of Records, Manager. Copies of back numbers can be had on application.		McMULLIN JOHN to F LOCKER ET AL—S 1/2 of NW1-4, sec 31, T 13, R 21.....	1,200
Deeds.		CLARK & MCKENZIE to C W KOHL—Lots 23 and 24, b 7, Windsor Terrace	550
HUGHES T H to A CADWELL—Lots 1 to 10, b 1, and lots 21 to 24, b 9, lots 13 to 15, b 13, Hughes' addition to Madera		Mortgages.	
CADWELL A to T E HUGHES—100 acres in sec 22, T 11, R 18, SW of railroad near Madera		CADWELL A to T E HUGHES—Lots 1 to 10, b 1; lots 21 to 24, b 9; lots 13 to 15, b 13; Hughes' addition to Madera, 10 per cent eighteen years.....	2,000
DAVID ARBER L ET AL to H BOLITHO—sec 18, T 12, R 19		VARDOLPH F D to GERMAN SAVINGS & LOAN SOCIETY—Lots 5 to 8, b 20, and lots 11 to 16, b 75, Fresno, 9 per cent one year.....	5,000
GRADY W D to H BOLITHO—82 1/2 of SW 1/4 sec 21, T 13, R 19 and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of sec 17 and SW 1/4 sec 18, NW 1/4 sec 19, T 13, R 19		LARSON C to FRESNO LOAN & SAVINGS BANK—Lots 17, 18, 19, b 77, Parkhurst and Fresno, 13 per cent one year	1,000
McAFEE C W to ROBERT PERRIN—Half interest sec 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, T 13, R 19		JOSEPH ANTON to L ROWE—NW 1/4, sec 20, T 16, R 21, 1 per cent per month, two years.....	8,000
HAGGIN F B ET AL to McAFEE & PERRIN—Same property above.....		HUGHES T H to A CADWELL—100 acres, SW of railroad, in sec 22, T 11, R 18, near Madera, 9 per cent two years....	18,00
CADWELL & KEPT to O B OLNEY—SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of sec 4 sec 25, T 14, R 20		Notice of Action.	
KING'S RIVER LUMBER CO to THOMAS BROWN ET AL—Several thousand acres in eastern part of the County.....		First Nat. Bk vs. J. W. Livermore, \$ 97-10 acres adjoining Kingsbury in ne sec 25 T 16 R 22.	
NEELY JAMES to H W NEELY—NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 sec 23, T 14, R 22.....		Jas Neely claimed ne 1/4 of SW 1/4 sec 31 T 14 R 22	
STRINE G W to A G DEANSPORT—Lots 3 to 5, 17 to 20, b "B B," Fresno		Release of Mortgage.	
		Burks N B to M A Brookman.	
		F I & Sav Bk to O Larsen et ux.	
		Weygant Hannah to S N Straube.	

FILE PHOTO
A photo of the original Abstract of Records from 1888.



FILE PHOTO
Top: A Health Care Resource Guide supplement from 1997. Pacific Publishing Group still publishes such a supplement every year.
Bottom: An issue of the Fresno Daily Business Journal from 1992, a few years before it became The Business Journal.

Fresno Daily Report



1986: Gordon M. Webster, Jr. assumes the publisher's chair and changes the name of the newspaper to the Fresno Daily Report to further broaden readership and circulation.

Mid-1980s:

The Websters acquire Mid-Cal Publishing of Fresno. Father and sons all share an equal stake in the operation.

Mid-Cal Publishing of Fresno

Webster & Sons Purchase Mid-Cal Publishers

By KENT HAMLIN
Special to Fresno Daily Legal Report
With the acquisition of Mid-Cal Publishers last year, Webster & Sons...

1992: With the blessing of his father and grandfather, Gordon M. Webster, Jr. converts the newspaper from a format of legal notices to one that emphasizes hard news as well while expanding its coverage across four Central Valley counties. A few years later, he changes the name to The Business Journal to reflect the change.

The Business Journal



1997: Gordon M. Webster, Sr. passes away. Not much later, his sons buy each other out, leaving Gordon H. Webster, Jr. to own the newspaper and Norman G. Webster owning the printing business.

PROFESSIONALISM, EQUALITY KEY TO FAMILY BUSINESS SURVIVAL

>> BY CLAY MOFFITT

Given that family businesses combine potentially combustible relationships with economic and financial challenges every company faces, it is almost a miracle any of them last a year, let alone 125 like Pacific Publishing Group.

But a number of company owners in the Valley said emphasizing the "business" part of their family business is the key to their longevity.

"When it comes to making business decisions — they're business decisions," said Bill Betts, manager of Betts Spring Company, which was established in 1868 and is the oldest family-owned business in the Valley. "We really try to think about the things we're doing and base it simply on that fact."

How family members treat each other will ultimately determine the stability of the relationship. To have a healthy work environment, they will have to treat each other like any other associate.

"I think the difficult thing for a lot of people is to look at them as you would somebody of the same talents and skills that wasn't a family member," said Ed Darden III, president of Darden Architects, Inc., which was founded by his father Ed Darden, Jr. in 1959.

James Orloff of Orloff Jewelers goes as far as to say the child should not be directly under the parent in terms of management.

"I believe you have to have your management team or your staff train them, and you have to stay away from it," Orloff said.

Orloff said he feels a parent will have the natural instinct to parent their children at work and tend to micromanage their responsibilities instead of treating them as a regular employee.

Conversely, a child may have the tendency to look to a parent as his or her mother or father instead ▶



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The Betts Family, from right: Mike Betts, president; Bill Betts, Sr., past president; Joe Devany, production manager; Bill Betts, Jr., procurement and logistics manager; John Devany, sales manager and Don Devany, senior vice-president.

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A photo taken at Betts Spring Company's original San Francisco facility in 1876. The shop was located on Market Street where Bloomingdales is located today. The company relocated to Fresno in 2009.



FILE PHOTO

James Orloff, owner of Orloff Jewlers in Fresno's Fig Garden Village shopping center.

of a boss.

"Most people that have worked with their parents have experienced challenges at times," Darden said. "You're so used to calling someone 'dad' or ignoring his instructions that when you go into business and it's his business, it's hard to adjust to that."

Animosity over business decisions can rip a family apart, which makes the ability

to separate home life from work life vital to longevity.

"We never took work outside the office, and I think that was to my dad's credit," Darden said.

In addition to potentially causing tension in the home, work conversations can also alienate family members who aren't involved in the business.

"We're excited, we're passionate about the business

and we think about things at all hours of the day," Betts said. "But we also have to keep in mind that our family members don't always want to hear all those great ideas."

Many family businesses subscribe to the ideology of bringing in the younger generation to take over the company. However they cannot give their kids any shortcuts.

"I believe you have to start

them off at the very bottom," Orloff said about bringing kids into the business.

An unqualified heir can destroy a family empire in a short period of time.

"No business should be given to a relative unless they are exceptional and they can earn and deserve the respect of the peers," Darden said.

Even if a company starts out with strictly family employees, generally there will come a time when it will expand to the point where it can't survive without coworkers from outside the family.

At that point, the company needs to address the ugly topic of favoritism and how to avoid it. Employees need to feel they can move up and be promoted within the company in order

to keep them motivated and satisfied with their job.

"From a standpoint of an employer, if I had an employee that I thought was as talented as I thought I was, then I would give that guy the same opportunities that my dad was giving me," Darden said.

In addition to keeping their workers motivated, managers and executives outside of the family can bring a diversity of skills, experience and mindsets.

"For our business, it's important it's not only family members in position of authority," Betts said. "We have other vice presidents within the organization that are not family members that bring a lot of prospective from years and years of industry experience." ●

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FRESNO'S EARLY HISTORY MARRIED TO THE SOIL

>> BY CHARLES MCCARTHY

James Faber, regarded as Fresno's first resident, landed (some say literally) in 1872 at Central Pacific Railroad's newly designated Fresno town site and set up its first business in the sand and scrub grass near what later became H Street.

One story of Faber's arrival is that he convinced the conductor of a southbound work crew supply train to keep his merchandise aboard past the southern end of the line in Merced. Approaching the Fresno site, Faber's wares were tossed from the slow-moving train, beginning near what's now Belmont Avenue.

Agricultural business was why the Central Pacific moved its Fresno Station site south from the San Joaquin River closer to the then-open spaces near where in 1867 grower Anthony Easterby had set up an irrigated farming business.

Easterby hired Moses Church to irrigate his fields, along present-day Chestnut, Clovis, Belmont and California avenues.

Before Faber could even build a store, customers came from Millerton, followed by other business owners who were tired of facing Millerton's almost yearly floods. If the Central Pacific was first to commercially recognize Fresno Station, many soon followed.

Farming attracted ethnic Armenians, Germans from Russia and Italians as well as farmers frozen out by blizzards in the Great Plains or impoverished in the insect-ridden Dixie states. Ethnic neighborhoods and businesses grew up around Fresno's downtown business core.

"The commercial core of Fresno was wholly within downtown," said local historian William Secrest, Jr. "Urban sprawl diffused those functions."

"Redevelopment forces fought to save downtown against urban sprawl and the Fulton Mall. Arguably, redevelopment lost most of its steam when the city council approved Fashion Fair."

Perhaps one example of a business moving from downtown is the Fresno Agricultural Works, founded in the late 1870s by inventor James Porteous. A prolific inventor, Porteous held 25 agricultural patents including the world-famous Fresno Scraper. Porteous founded the Fresno Agricultural Works, doing business for years downtown where the Del Webb complex now stands on Tulare Street across from Courthouse Park.

In the 1950s, Porteous' business was reorganized, becoming what's known now as Fresno Ag Hardware in North Fresno.

Through all of its early development, Fresno businesses had newspapers for information and the business of advertising. Secrest counts the Fresno Weekly and Daily Evening Expositor as the first newspaper from 1870 to 1898. The Expositor started in Millerton and moved to Fresno shortly after the arrival of Faber and his merchandise.

Secrest said The Business Journal is the "oldest newspaper still in existence in Fresno." The Republican started in 1876 and ended in 1932 when The Fresno Bee bought its assets. The Bee itself was a relative latecomer in 1922.

Secrest said that the development of the Highway 99 corridor through Fresno along Broadway Street led to the Hughes Hotel on the southwest corner of Tulare Street becoming "the premier hotel between San Francisco and Los Angeles" for many years.

The opening of other hotels in downtown Fresno and motels along the Highway 99 corridor spelled doom for the Hughes. Secrest said that it had settled into a decline (and had been "disastrously remodeled") when the big fires of July 1953 hit downtown Fresno.

Gottschalk's entered the retail world in 1904 on Fulton Street just a block east of the Hughes Hotel. And other downtown commercial enterprises, including Louis Einstein & Co. and Kutner-Goldstein, were still in business, but not for long.

Gottschalk's survived a small fire in July 1953 and expanded into the 21st Century, when it was taken down by what Secrest called "the 800-pound gorillas of contemporary retail."



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A southern view of I Street (Broadway Street) in downtown Fresno from 1917, with the famed Hotel Fresno on the right.

On Broadway, Henry Dermer's and Walter Smith's clothing stores later faded as did Cooper's on Fulton Street.

Coopers started 10 years after Gottschalk's.

The Electric Motor Shop opened downtown in 1913.

It has become one of Fresno's older surviving businesses.

The chain stores: Penney's, Famous, Roos Bros. (later Roos/Atkins) and Montgomery Ward arrived during what Secrest called the "second wave of downtown's development." That's when the Victorian-era commercial district, some of it built substantially in brick and granite, was being displaced by the medium-grade skyscrapers which now line the Fulton Mall.

"All but Famous eventually fled to the greener retail pastures of northern Fresno," Secrest said. "Penney's held on until 1986. The Gottschalk's flagship store closed about two years after Penney's downtown store."

Entertainment in Fresno was also downtown, peaking during the 1930s and 1940s in fancy motion-picture theaters like Warner Brothers, Wilson, Kinema, State and Hardy's. Some of these began in the post-World War I era as vaudeville venues.

Fresno's recreation mainstay at the turn of the 19th Century into the 20th was Zapp's Park, at what's now Olive and Blackstone avenues. The Zapps, who owned the park, offered swimming and platform diving in a huge lagoon along with picnic areas, pony rides and a zoo.

After Zapp's closed, residents of the 1920s subdivisions between Olive and Patterson and Blackstone and Glenn avenues enjoyed tremendous growth in their lawns and shrubbery. That's where Zapp's zoo cages had been.

Swimming moved to commercial pools like the indoor downtown Crown Plunge and outdoors to De Vaux, Weymouth and later the Swim Park north of Blackstone and Clinton avenues.

When horseback and Fresno Traction Company street-trolley cars were the primary downtown transportation, the Barton Opera House entertained Fresno folks. A latecomer opening downtown in the

1950s was the Crest Theater. But just before World War II when movies became all the rage, the Tower Theater opened at Olive and Wishon avenues, sparking its own shopping district complete with drug store, restaurants and lots of free parking.

"The commercial core of Fresno was wholly within downtown. Urban sprawl diffused those functions."

William Secrest, Jr.
Fresno Historian

Downtown also had its share of "drug and sundries" stores like the Owl, Potters, Buker and Colson. Mainstay gathering places in Fresno's drugstores were the "soda fountains" which dispensed root-beer floats and other cooling refreshments on hot summer days. Perhaps that's why such businesses also could be found in mini-business centers across from Fresno, Roosevelt and Edison high schools.

For those with adult thirsts, the Fresno Brewing Company run by Ernst and William Eilert began selling their liquid refreshments in 1899. Their brewery is now gone but the office still stands south of downtown in what became known as the warehouse and manufacturing district along the Santa Fe Railroad tracks.

That's where wineries and packing houses like Roma Wine and Sun Maid bloomed in the early 1900s. Sunland Sulfur Company manufactured the chemicals that kept the Central Valley's crops growing.

A familiar site where the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe tracks run close together and parallel to each other south of Fresno is where cakes of ice slid along a conveyer belt toward workmen who prodded the ice into railroad refrigerator cars. That's how much of the Fresno area's fresh agricultural produce got to markets all across the nation.

Factory whistles from this area could be heard all over Fresno. Children growing up in the 1930s and '40s heard the morning whistles instead of alarm clocks. The 10 o'clock whistle meant it was time to park the tricycles and enjoy a fresh apple. The noon whistle was obviously lunchtime.

Perhaps the most memorable day was an afternoon in August 1945, when all Fresno's commercial whistles sounded at once signaling the end of World War II and a return to business as usual. ●

Added Info. Requested by Commission

After receiving your application in March for Centennial Business recognition by the Fresno Historic Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission I presented the information from you to them for their review.

When we met this Monday, the Commissioners expressed great interest in the important part The Business Journal has played in Fresno - both then and now. They also requested information on the following:

1. What is the actual (month, day and year) that the newspaper originally began? MARCH 1886
The application states 1880 and the accompanying story state 1880
- ? What was the date of the very first issue - month, day and year? MARCH 1856
3. When did the name change to TBJ? 2-3-1992
4. What were the exact addresses of all of the various locations of the business and during what years?

It would be most helpful if I could have this information by July 31st.

Thank you very much.

Penny Raven
559-486-1710

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- ⑩ 1315 VAN NESS (.CURRENT)
- ⑧ 2514 TULARE ST
- ② 1135 T ST. (1903)
- ① 135 EFFIE (1888)
- ⑥ 2138-40 MERCED ST.
- ③ 1125 N ST. (1909)
- ④ WOODMEN BLDG.
VAN NESS + TULUMNE (1926)
- ⑤ 2233 FRESNO ST. (1929) 33 YRS
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Fresno County Historical Landmarks & Records Commission
Historic Places Application

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Mountain View School house
2. Historic name: Mountain View School house
3. Street or rural address: 29881 Burrough Valley road
City Tollhouse zip 93667 County Fresno
4. Parcel Number: 140-252-15
5. Present Owner: Ray & Deborah Mendoza
City Tollhouse zip 93667 Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use empty
Original Use School House

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Prairie (One room school house)

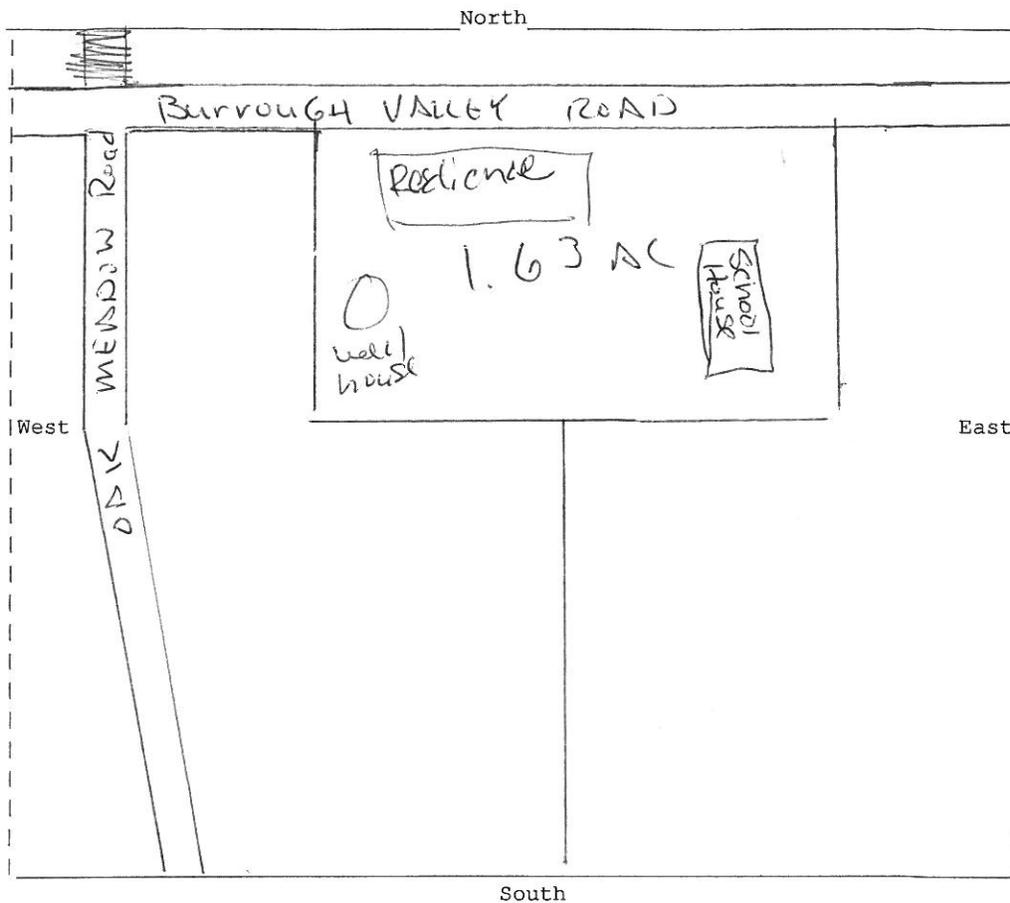
The architectural style should be identified from a list of accepted style identifications from the following list.

Adobe	Arts & Crafts	Art Deco	Austrian Succession
Baroque	Beaux Arts	Byzantine	Cape Cod
Chateausque	Classical	Revival	Colonial Craftsman
Dutch Colonial	Eastlake	Egyptian	English Tudor
Four-Square	French Tudor	Georgian	Gothic
Half-Timber	International	Islamic	Log Cabin
Mediterranean	Mission	Monterey	Normandy
<u>Prairie</u>	Pueblo	Ranch	Richardsonian
Romanesque	Second Empire	Spanish Colonial	Stick
Swiss Chalet	Victorian		

7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alternations from its original condition. Descriptions should include such characterizing details as exterior material, roof shape and material, number of rooms, interior materials, fireplaces, and other parts which may represent a specific style. Include additional elements of the site such as detached garage, barn, tankhouse, outhouse, corral, entrance gate, pond, canal, storage shed, kiln, packing shed, gardens, arbors, landmark trees, and others.

the physical shape of building is fair condition.

8. Construction date: Estimated 1916 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approximate property size (feet) 324 Frontage 250 Depth of approx. acreage 1.63
12. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
13. Alterations: Bath room & Bedroom on north side of building (conversion) (21' x 14')
Room added to south side of building (21' x 12') Door & stairs added to E side of building
14. Please enclose a photograph, black & white if possible.
Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): 1993
15. Locational sketch map. (Draw and label size and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks.)



16. Surroundings: (check more than one if necessary)
 Open land Scattered buildings Densely built-up
 Residential Industrial Commercial
 Other: _____
17. Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning
 Vandalism Public works project
 Other: _____
18. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
19. Related Features: One room school house.

SIGNIFICANCE

20. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Mountain ^{View} School House.

Historical Land Mark 1880 to Present
 Mountain View School House

21. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
- Architecture Arts & Leisure Economic /Industrial
 Exploration/Settlement Government Military
 Social/Education Religion

22. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Eastern Fresno County Historical Society ; Bud Olsen
~~559-593-1969~~, Bud@efchs.org

23. Date form prepared: 11/20/2012

By: (name) Raymond Mendoza

Organization: _____

Address: 29881 Burrough Valley road

City: Tollhouse Zip: 93667

Telephone: 559 855 8735 Fax: _____

E-mail: Raymendoza520@Hotmail.com

24. Signature of owner Date:

Ray Mendoza 11/20/2012

Please forward completed application to:
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 Historical Landmarks & Records Advisory Commission
 Fresno County Library
 2420 Mariposa Street
 Fresno, CA 93721

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circa: 1890

Mountain View School in Burrough Valley. The school size varied according to the time of year attendance was taken. During the start of logging season in the spring or the end of it in the fall many boys would be absent because of work. Whole families traveled to where the work was so school size would be small. Moving cattle or sheep also affected attendance.

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circa: 1890

A picture taken from a Rod Riggs glass plate inside the Mountain View School in Burrough Valley. Inside pictures were very rare because of light problems and what made this one possible was the light coming in from the windows. Note the wood stove for heat. A flaw in the stove flue caused this building to burn down. Note the gas lamps. These could be lowered to clean, fuel, and light, and then were raised. Check the sun shining through the teacher's beard. Note the students trying to act normal.

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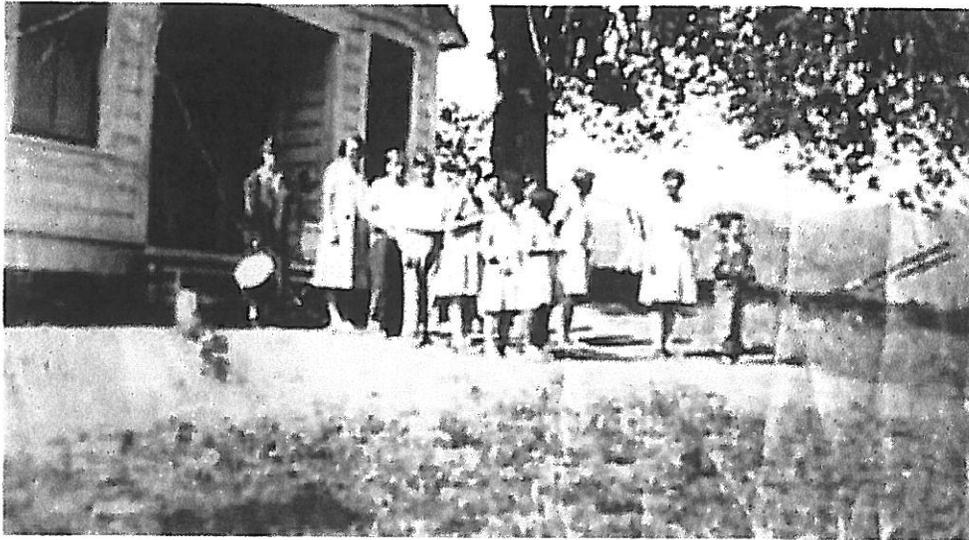
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circa: 1994

The second Burrough Valley School building as it looks today. This building replaced the first school which was destroyed by fire around 1915. When Mountain View School closed with its merger with Sierra Elementary in the 1930's, this building became a private home. It has been remodeled through the years with interesting discoveries. One family found the original blackboards under paneling that had been added years before. Today the house is occupied.

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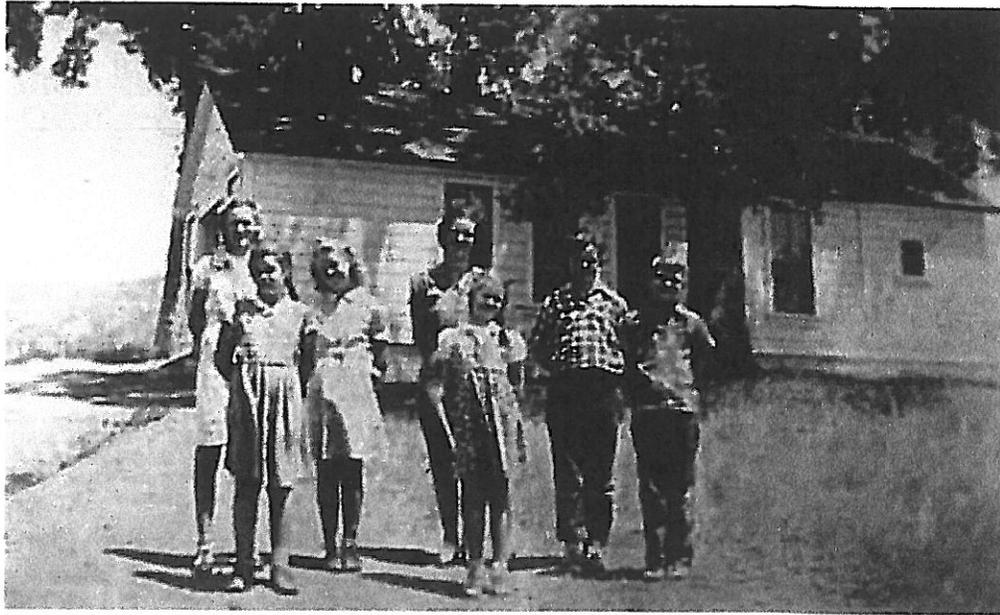
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circa: 1938

Teacher Anne Kent with the Mountain View School students the last year the school operated, about 1938. The Burrough Valley school refused to join the new Sierra Elementary for a few years because they wanted to maintain their independence from "big" districts. When the school shrank to fewer than five students the school was closed and merged with the larger district. This picture was crumpled in someone's pocket and almost didn't survive. Note the band instruments.

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circa: 1938

Teacher Anne Kent with Mountain View School students in front of the second school building. Mrs. Kent went on to teach many years in the Sierra Elementary School system. She was Mrs. Moore in later years. This building is Burrough Valley North Road about one half a mile north of the Spence house.

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circa: 1880

The Mountain View School in Burrough Valley. This building was the first of two, the second replacing the original after it burned down. It was about one mile north of the southern junction of the upper and lower Burrough Valley Roads. The building which housed the second school has been made over into a house and still survives today. The school served all of Burrough Valley. Note the bell tower and the pile of firewood piled by its side.

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