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Savannah Update

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LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

California Historical Landmark No. 1046. This is a day that many of us have long awaited. The Savannah has finally achieved state historical landmark status. Following our January 20th approval the final touches were performed by the California state director of Parks and Recreation when he signed the document on March 6, 2012 declaring us to be California Historical Landmark No. 1046. Kudos to all of those involved in the process over the years including Eric Chase and Sandy Flint our representatives in Sacramento.



More good news. On February 3, 2012 a donation of \$10,000 was given to Savannah by Stephen Gill, Chairman of the Board of the M. C. Gill Corporation which is located in El Monte, CA. Stephen's generous donation is greatly appreciated and much needed to help cover our yearly costs and expenses.

A special thanks to all of the Friends of Savannah for their help with the March 3, 2012 Yard Sale. Board members Ross Plasencia and Joanne Russell-Chavez said that over \$600 was raised for Savannah because of all your efforts.

In the upcoming months we look forward to the Memorial Day celebration which is being planned by the city to be held at Savannah. Also, like last year, we plan to participate in Rosemead's 4th of July Parade. A formal dedication of the state historical landmark plaque is also being planned.

Lastly, I want to give a special thanks to Heather Hooper for all of her unsung efforts in producing our Savannah Updates.

Sincerely,
Dwain Carlo Crum, President
Savannah Memorial Park



The City of Rosemead will hold their annual Memorial Day ceremony at Savannah Memorial Park on Monday, May 28, 2012. Please check their web site for details (City of Rosemead Calendar of Events).

Please join us in remembrance of our veterans who served our country so bravely and fought for the freedoms we all enjoy.



HISTORIC LANDMARK

Plans are underway for a celebration of our new Historic Landmark designation. As soon as details are known, we will put them on our website (www.savannahcemetery.org) and, of course, publish them in the newsletter.



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NOTABLE QUOTABLE

"People are trapped in history, and history is trapped in them."
James Baldwin, *Notes of a Native Son*

**An Early Pioneer . . .****Jacob Mitchell Callan**

Settling in El Monte in 1855, Jacob M. Callan became one of the first village blacksmiths. He operated his shop on the lot later occupied by succeeding blacksmiths, J.W. Broaded, and in more recent years, H. A. Burdick, father of the present (1936) Chief of Police, Lester C. Burdick.

Jacob M. Callan was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in the year 1832. His parents were of Irish and German descent. He attended the local public schools of his home and later learned the blacksmith trade. About 1850 he embarked on a sailing vessel for California making the long voyage around Cape Horn and arriving in San Francisco several months later. For a time he worked in the mines of Northern California, later coming south as a cattle drover and settling for a time in the Old Mission district, now Montebello, where he started a blacksmith shop.

In 1855 he moved his shop to El Monte where for many years he followed his trade and acquired several acres of land. This land was mostly located on the west side of town and north of Main Street. Much of his land here was washed away in the floods, which came later forming the Rio Hondo. He acquired several town site lots however, and also purchased forty acres of land in Rosemead from L. J. Rose.

Mr. Callan was a man of considerable influence and as the village blacksmith, was a friend of everyone. During the Civil War which caused so much strife and bitter feelings between the Northern and Southern Sympathizers, Mr. Callan's quiet and

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 28, 2012

Memorial Day Ceremony

(see page 1 for details)

July 4, 2012

City of Rosemead Annual Parade

In Planning

Historical Landmark Celebration

(more details to follow)

kindly manner settled many personal differences, and helped materially to allay the bitter partisanship, which existed in those stormy days.

In 1861, he was married to Miss Ruth Jane Glenn, a native of Jackson County, Missouri, who with her uncle, Silas Glenn, came to California by ox-team from Texas, and settled in El Monte in about the

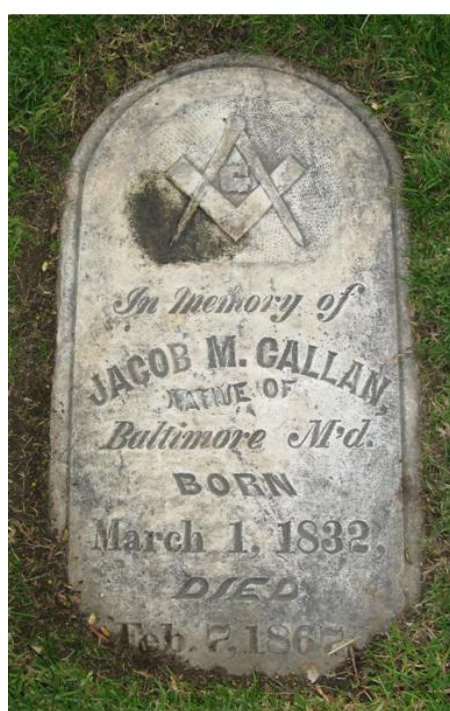
year 1860. Her parents were James B. and Elizabeth Glenn, both of whom died in Lamar County, Texas. [Note: Mrs. Glenn did not die in Texas. She also came to California and is buried at Savannah.] Mrs. Callan's trip to California with her uncle was an eventful one, but common to many in the early settlement of California. One attack by Indians occurred, but luckily no one was killed; and the party was held up at Apache Pass, in Arizona, by "Cochise", the Apache Chieftain, who took four head of steers as tribute for the party not being molested.

To Mr. and Mrs. Callan were born four children, only one of whom survives, a son Jacob M. of Fullerton. Mrs. Callan, following the death of her husband, was married to M. F. Quinn, of El Monte in 1868.

Mr. Callan was a Democrat, though liberal in his views, preferring to vote for the candidate rather than to follow the political precedence. He, at one time, supported Frank Burns, a Republican, for sheriff, in a spirited election, defeating Thomas Sanches. Fraternally, he was a member of Lexington Lodge, No. 104, F. & A.M. He continued active in the operation of his blacksmith shop until his premature death in 1867.

(Source:

http://theusgenweb.org/ca/losangeles/ElMonteBios/CALLAN_Jacob.htm)



OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS



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Glen Linch	

Financial News

	Year Ended 12/31/11
Donations	\$ 7,905.00
Plot sales/burials	5,900.00
Other income	<u>12,707.65</u>
Total Income	\$26,512.65
Administrative expenses	\$ 4,272.60
Cemetery maintenance	19,315.20
Utilities	5,977.60
Other expenses	<u>3,538.98</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$33,104.38</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (6,591.73)</u>

*Help improve these numbers! Send a donation:
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CITY OF ROSEMEAD ANNUAL YARD SALE



March 3rd, Savannah participated in the annual Yard Sale sponsored by City of Rosemead to raise funds. Many thanks to all those who donated items and the tireless volunteers who spent countless hours gathering together the items for sale, transporting the items, setting up and tearing down the booths, and for their hours manning the booths. Board Members: Joanne Russell-Chavez, Bob Bruesch, and Ross Placencia. Volunteers – Virginia Garcia, Susan Young, Mary Faras, Lydia Martinez, Edie Shopper, Leticia Placencia, Jim and Beverly Morten, Ed Stepanian, Frances Chavez, Mary Ellen Perea, Randy Chavez, Andrew Gomez, and Michele Hewitt. And thank you to Gail Tazawa and Mary Faras for their generous donations.

From the Past . . .

Los Angeles Times, October 1, 1933

FRANCISCO RITES TO BE TOMORROW

Covered Wagon Pioneer's Body to Be Interred in El Monte Cemetery

Funeral services for Mrs. Kate B. Francisco, pioneer resident of Southern California and widely known Los Angeles clubwoman, who died last Thursday will be conducted tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at the Bresee Brothers' chapel, 866 South Figueroa street.

Active pallbearers were announced yesterday as William L. Riley, Hugh McGuire, Charles Smith, Edward Powell, Leslie R. Hewitt and Douglas Adams.

Mrs. Francisco, who died at her summer home at Laguna Beach, had maintained a home at 143 South Figueroa street for years. She was born in a covered wagon near Fort Cummings, N. M., near the present city of Deming, while her parents were on their way to California from Texas. She was 64 years of age at the time of death.

Actively interested in civic welfare work, she was one of the original organizers of the City Mothers Club of Los Angeles and was a life member of the Friday Morning Club. She was also a member of the exclusive Covered Wagon Club.

She leaves her husband, Andy W. Francisco, whose father was once allied with Gen. Harrison Grey Otis in the operation of The Times, and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Atheran of San Francisco and Mrs. Nellie Durand.

Interment will be made in the Savannah Cemetery, El Monte.

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