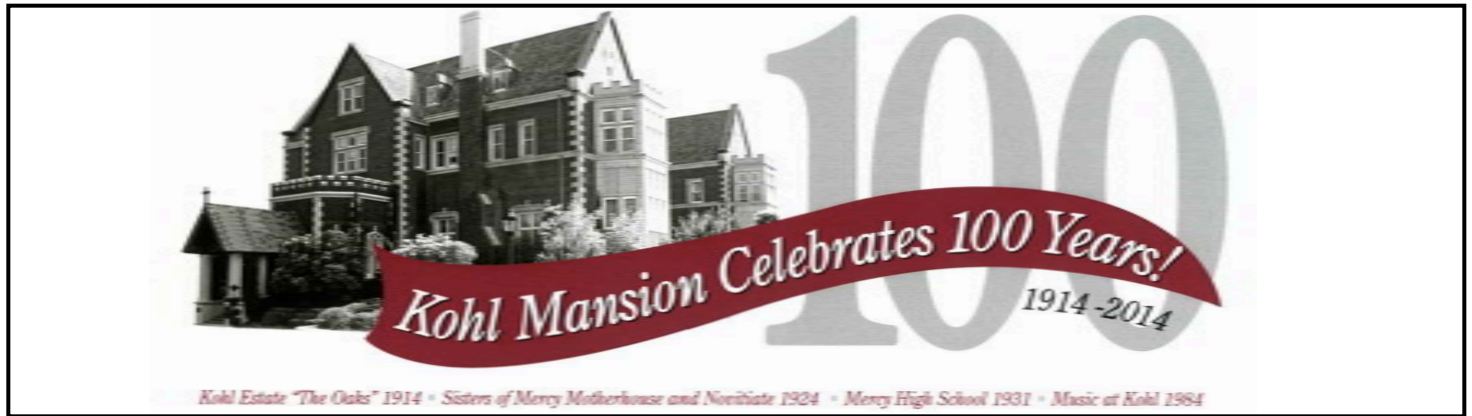


THE RECORD



Visitors to this area are always delightfully surprised when they see one of our historic mansions for the first time. What a thrill to be driving down an otherwise ordinary suburban street and look up to see a gilded age mansion in plain view.

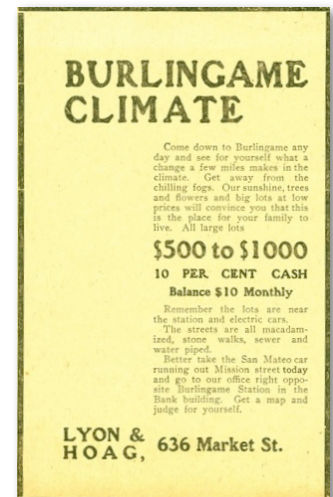
This year our community is celebrating the 100th birthday of Kohl Mansion. The current owners and stewards of the property, the Sisters of Mercy, have already sponsored numerous activities this spring, including a local book night, a living history and an historical lecture. If you've missed these events, you can still participate in the mansion's big birthday bash -- a party on the green planned for Sunday afternoon, August 3 from 1 - 3 p.m. In December, the centennial year will conclude with the popular Cafe de Kohl and a music concert (www.kohlmansion.com).

Kohl and the other local mansions still standing (e.g. Carolands, La Dolphine, New Place) allow us to travel to another time. They were built after the Great Earthquake of 1906 and before there was such a thing as a "world war." It was a time of great promise for San Francisco -- the railroad had linked us to the rest of America for almost 50 years and the newly-completed Panama Canal promised to increase our visibility even more. Los Angeles, its future economic boom centered around the film industry, was still dormant compared to San Francisco. San Francisco had earned the right to host the Panama Pacific International Exhibition because it was the city that "knew how" -- and local residents "knew how" to live in style! Get a feel of what that lifestyle was about, and come by!

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New Acquisitions



Thanks to: Kathleen C. Murphy Thompson (granddaughter of James R. Murphy, early city clerk, station master and Burlingame Ave. homeowner) for multiple scanned image related to the lives and activities of the Murphy family, including the **Pacific City Family Pass shown at left**, as well as the official paperwork from Southern Pacific hiring Murphy to his position as Station Agent and Postmaster (in 1893 and 1895) in Millbrae, where he served before he came to Burlingame. Murphy's daughter Jessie is one of the two children standing before the train station palm in that well-loved photo on our website; **Russ Cohen** for

1984 plans for the conversion of the Broadway (formerly the Encore) Theatre at 1157 California Drive into R. Gardens entertainment venue (unrealized); **Ed Eisenman** for two original cloth money bags from the American Trust Co. at 1100 Burlingame Ave. (current location of Straits), 5 binders of alphabetized Burlingame addresses and misc. memorabilia, including a copy of an article by Shirley Jackson, printed in the *New Yorker* magazine; **Helen Kinel**, courtesy of **Shirley Carpenter** for a compilation of materials on the history of Burlingame's United Methodist Church; **Lauralee Gilliam**, relative of Anson Burlingame, for a collection of paraphernalia, including transcribed letters, a lithograph and Chinese calling card related to Anson; **Paul Constantino** for several articles, including one by and about Burlingame native George Fulvio and his volunteer work with Mission Hospice; **Patricia Klein Dunkel**, BHS alumna of class of 1958, for a photograph of 1521 Sanchez Ave., the former residence of longtime member Helen Jones; **Jim Shypertt**, for various articles and leaflets including a Carolands Decorators' Show House Program 1991, and several *Boutique and Villager* newspaper stories about Chateau Remillard (aka Carolands) and a Burlingame Rotary Club roster from 1960; **Ronald Perner** for a 2010 "as built" architectural floor plan of the George W. Gates home, 1214 Donnelly, several photos of the 1214-1218 Donnelly homes affected by the Nov. 23 2013 fire and for a large photograph of an 1896 Town of Burlingame map; **Rich Kirchner** for six early newsprint real estate ads of Burlingame subdivisions 1907-1916; **Ron Bulatoff** for paper memorabilia; **John Ward** for a 1930s ad for car repair shop J.E. French, 327 Lorton (now site of Il Fornaio)

Many thanks for the generous donations made by **Mike McQueen, Rob Adams, Alison McCown and Wally Mersereau**, as well as by anonymous donors **in memory of Charles "Chuck" Mink**, longtime Burlingame High School teacher and SMUHSD administrator. Thanks also to **Vern Bruce** and the wonderful folks at **Millbrae Lock** for security-related items and locksmith expertise for our museum, as well as **Dave Capps, of Capps Glass** for glass repairs resulting from vandalism at our station museum in February.

Thank
you

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**Do you know where you live?
Who developed your
neighborhood?**

**When? Who originally
settled there?**

Join us for our next quarterly meeting as we time travel through our subdivisions. We'll start with Burlingame Park, continue through Lyon & Hoag and the Easton Additions and end up in the Mills Estate! The talks will showcase many old photos and real estate advertisements.

**Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in
the Lane Room of the Burlingame
Public Library. Invite your neighbors
and make this an indoor block party!**

**Welcome New Members:**

Life: Guy S. Anthony
Jok Legallet
Brian McGinn

Individual:

Mike Bohnert
Carol Rossi
Helen Farkas

**In Memoriam:**

Peggy L. Scott Harris
Joseph Earl Harvey

Did you know? There was “a moo-moo here and a moo-moo there” in Burlingame well into the 1940s! In 1912, the *SF Call* newspaper reported that the City of Burlingame issued a warrant for the arrest of Hillsborough resident C. Daniels, manager of the Severn Lodge Dairy, for allowing his thoroughbred Hillsborough cows to stray into Burlingame. The dairy was owned by Henry P. Bowie, Burlingame Country Club member and land owner. It was reported that Bowie had the dairy largely as a “fad” . . . Two years later, in 1914, Burlingame’s Board of Trustees addressed an injury sustained by a child due to an unruly cow. The cow was staked in a vacant lot, but was allowed to interfere with pedestrians. The president of the board opined that perhaps the stock should be kept within enclosures, but then reconsidered thinking that this could be a hardship for animal owners. However, he made it clear he did not favor stock running loose. If staked, they must be securely staked and kept from the streets and sidewalks. The matter was referred to Officer Seger to impress upon the cow owner that her cow must not prove to be a menace to anyone. . . In the 1940s, a resident of Rosedale Avenue in Burlingame Village remembered a cow that rambled through her yard until a cowboy on horseback from Mills Dairy came to look for it and bring it back to the barn. . . The Mills Dairy cows returned to their barn each night by using a tunnel that went under El Camino Real . . . King Spicy, shown above, was a prize-winning bull owned by the Howard clan, who kept cattle in Hillsborough in the late 1800s.



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Calendar

Quarterly Meeting

"Burlingame Neighborhoods"

Thursday, May 22 7 p.m.

Lane Room, Library

SM History Docket Series

"Anson Burlingame - His Legacy"

Dr. David Chai - Saturday May 10

1 p.m. Courtroom, SM History Museum

Party On the Green

Kohl Mansion 100th birthday

Sunday, August 3: 1-3 p.m.

Museum Open:

Sundays: May 4, June 1, Aug 3 1-4 p.m.

Closed in July

*Please remember
us in your will!*

THE BURLINGAME HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message



It has been said that the only thing constant is change.

The last major rail- related infrastructure upgrades took place at our main station just under a decade ago.

Some of you may recall the concerted community effort to get a vastly improved platform project that helped mitigate the closure of South Lane, part of the original Burlingame Square.

Through the efforts of many, Burlingame's main station continues its legacy as the "most beautiful station on the line."

Though legal and financial challenges lie ahead for High Speed Rail, the Joint Powers Board continues to forge ahead with longstanding plans to electrify Caltrain on

the SF Peninsula line by 2019. The most notable and significant changes in Burlingame will be the addition of poles and overhead wires for infrastructure, as well as a commitment by Caltrain to re-open the Broadway Station.

The Society has been actively involved in the environmental 'scoping' process for the past several years, making sure that all agencies involved are aware of all our historic resources, including both stations and our trees. We remain hopeful that Caltrain respects Burlingame's longstanding relationship with our trees, in particular the eucalyptus grove along the railroad that has beautified our city, while screening the rail line, and that planners are committed to keeping tree removals to a minimum.

Fortunately, one thing has not changed in Burlingame -the willingness of clear-minded, passionate people to stand up for what has made our community the special place it remains after more a century.

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