

# TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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*It is our mission to identify, preserve and promote the historic legacy of the Temecula Valley and to educate the public about its historical significance.*

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Lake Skinner in Auld Valley, September 14, 2013  
(Photo by Jeffery Harmon)

## **Auld Valley Harvest, 1908 Part 2**

**By Rebecca Farnbach and Jeffery G. Harmon**

Other newspaper accounts tell how the farmers hauled their 1908 crops to market. George Baisley took several loads of grain and barley to San Jacinto. Sumner Tune of San Jacinto had an eight-horse team hauling hay for Sanders. William D. Baisley hauled hay from the Roripaugh ranch. The Rawson camp moved to Diamond Valley, hauling grain from there to Winchester. W. L. Matthews took a load of barley to the Winchester rolling mill.

It took Lewis Rawson four-weeks to haul twelve railroad cars of hay to Temecula.

*“A.E. Buck of Auld this week sold four carloads of wheat to the Olive Milling Company for \$1.62 ½ per cental. The total shipment amounted to \$3000.”* (August 21, 1908, RDP)

*“The past five days Messrs. Matthews, Baisley, Roripaugh and Buck have been hauling their grain crop to Temecula, loading cars to be shipped to the Olive Mills. They loaded four cars of wheat and barley. They were assisted by Charles Smohl and teams of Alamos.”* (August 22, 1908, RIE)

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# Calendar Of Events

**Saturday, November 9 – 5p.m.**  
Annual Dinner

**Saturday, November 23**  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Pu'eska Mountain Day,  
Pechanga and City of Temecula  
Celebration at the Civic Center

**December – No meeting**

**Monday, January 27 – 6 p.m.**  
Lynn Cude, Pam Grender and  
Bonnie Martland present:  
*Three Temecula Women:*  
*Ramona Wolf, Helen Hunt*  
*Jackson and Mary Jane Welty*

**Temecula Valley Museum  
Exhibition**  
*2013 Hoffman Challenge Quilt  
Collection Ends November 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Marvelous Miniatures*  
November 16 ~ January 5

**Thursday, November 21-7 p.m.**  
Temecula Valley Museum  
Gallery Talk  
Justin Farmer presents:  
*"Indian Cradles of California"*  
Book signing following Talk

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## **Welcome New Members:**

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Ted & Pat Calvin  
Kathleen Casas  
Dominique Daniels  
Wendy Lesovsky

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## **Thank you for Renewing your Membership**

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Jack Bauer  
Roger & Lynn Cudé  
Bob & Pam Grender  
Naomi Woods  
Anthony & Myra Zamora

## **Auld** (Continued from Page 1)

Life in the valley settled down after the harvest. William Thompson sold his farm t to William Auld for \$1,000. Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Ashman moved into the Thompson home in mid-July. Within a few short weeks, a baby girl, Katherine, was born at the Ashman home. Tony soon found employment on the Pauba Ranch.

Deer season began. A camping wagon with a hunter or two traveled from Los Angeles and settled in the valley for the season. Another couple, touring the country on burros, camped for a time on the Auld ranch. Out-of-town family and friends also visited the valley.

As September came, the Hyatt school opened with a new teacher, Miss Edith Conway. The harvest machines fell silent, the fields lay fallow, and fires returned to the area.

*"Fires have been raging in the surrounding mountains for several days during the past week. On Friday, the smoke was so thick, one could scarcely see far, as though everything was enveloped in a dense fog."* (September 9, 1908, RIE)

The bad weather continued, but all the crops had been sent to market.

*"We have been enjoying some fine, cool weather this week. Last week was very warm and we experienced another electrical storm, accompanied by some hail and a heavy downpour of rain. Nearly three-fourths of an inch of rain fell."* (September 20, 1908, RIE)

As the days grew shorter in the Auld Valley, the farmers and the ranchers thanked Providence for another profitable season, despite the many challenges. In a few months, they would plant seeds and watch their crops until another harvest season would begin.

### **Note:**

Many names of local people are listed in the newspaper accounts of the harvest season in 1908.

Frank Morgan of Los Angeles hired Mrs. Jehle of Hemet to cook; he baled hay for Rawsons and Frank Sanders.

Bert S. Cummins, a farmer, had a harvesting crew of W.E. Starr, Charlie Garrison (sack sewer), Alice Roripaugh (cook); they harvested on the Nicolson Ranch in Diamond Valley.

Arthur Buck, who owned 1,000 acres in the southern part of the valley, hired cooks Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Taylor and Lee Taylor. They harvested for George Baisley, William Swain, Frank Sanders, W.L. Matthews and a Mr. Summers.

Ramon Lopez did grain heading for John Nicolas.

William Newport harvested in Long Valley.

Other crops mentioned are straw, potatoes and olives.

## 1913 Year in Review

Miss Ruby Aiken was a teacher in Temecula. 1/6/1913 RDP  
E. E. Barnett, Roripaugh brothers, and Mr. Hall of Temecula had the good fortune recently while boring for artesian water to strike a flowing well at 600 feet.

1/16/1913 RIE (Auld)  
W. Leonard Bonney and Margaret Stahl's historic flight to Elsinore on March 25, 1913.

Roripaugh brothers of Temecula planted a large acreage of sugar beets.

3/21/1913 RDP (Auld)

Glenn A. Calkins and three passengers drove a 1913 Ford from San Diego to Riverside, a distance of 117.1 miles, in four hours and 15 minutes. The average speed was 27 ½ miles an hour. April 8, 1913 RDP

Mac Machado announced the formation of a bank in Temecula.

5/15/1913 RDP  
Steve Connolly, Jr. died, aged 25. 5/20/1913 RIE (Elsinore)

Note: His wife, Ellen W. (Magee or McGee) died October 16, 1912 at the age of 21 years and was buried in Temecula.

R. R. Smith, express messenger, was compelled to go to Temecula on account of derailment of a passenger train. 5/28/1913 RIE (San Jacinto)

A San Diego motorcycle club passed through Temecula. The cyclist drove 538 miles, an average speed of 20 miles per hour. 6/1/1913 SDU

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## **Auld** (Continued from Page 2)

### Honey Harvest of Auld Valley

Honey, another important commodity in the valley, was also threatened in 1908. *An apiary of 300 stands of bees was burned around, saved only by care previously taken in clearing wide spaces of ground around them.* (June 2, 1908, RIE)

*“Mr. Press is in the valley extracting honey from Rawson brothers’ apiary and reports a good crop of excellent honey... William Thompson is helping Dr. L.L. Roripaugh extract honey. The hives are full and bees still working on alfalfa and wild buckwheat.”* (June 22, 1908, RIE)

*“Auld brothers are busy extracting honey this week. There seems to be plenty of honey regardless of the bad weather.”* (June 25, 1908, RDP)

*“Dr. L. L. Roripaugh and A. E. Buck went to San Jacinto yesterday, hauling off the honey crop of two and one-half tons. The honey crop in the valley this year has exceeded that of several previous years. Auld Bros. have secured about five tons of fine honey.”* (August 22, 1908, RIE)

Side note: The next time you are at the Little Temecula History Center, be sure to see the new bee exhibit.

On January 27, 2014  
The Premier Performance of

### NOTABLE WOMEN OF TEMECULA

At the January meeting, you will meet  
three notable women of Temecula:  
Mary Welty (portrayed by Bonnie Martland)  
Ramona Wolf (portrayed by Lynn Cudé)  
Helen Hunt Jackson (portrayed by Pam  
Grender)

You will be taken back in time to the 1800's  
and you will learn how each of these ladies  
lives intertwined with the history of Temecula.

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July 4 There was a hydroplane demonstration at Elsinore.

August 13<sup>th</sup> The Inland Road was officially named The Mission Road.

The Annual Temecula Fiesta took place August 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Barnett became members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Elsinore. 8/18/1913 RDP

Mr. Friedemann, the Temecula butcher, who gladdens the heart of the Murrieta people three times a week by delivering both meat and ice at their doors, was the lucky man to kill a large buck last week. 9/5/1913 RDP (Murrieta)

Ruth Dehn, teacher at Pujol J. W. Martin, teacher at Little Temecula. 9/13/1913 RDP

The Annual Feast of St. Michael at Pechanga was held September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

A trainload of cattle was shipped from Temecula Monday. Think of the money cattle represent at present prices. 10/5/1913 RDP (Murrieta)

Stephen Connolly, Sr., former stoner contractor and quarry man of Temecula died in the county hospital after a year's illness. (10/21/1913 RIE)

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Barnett of Temecula are in the city today in the interests of the residents of their new school district, to be called the Santa Gertrudis. (12/8/1913 RDP)

#### Abbreviations

RDP ~ Riverside Daily Press

RIE ~ Riverside Independent Press

SDU ~ San Diego Union

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## *President's Message by Bonnie Martland*

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### "A Sense of Place"

I know the thought I want to convey, but familiar phrases such as "the way it was," or "back in the day" seem inadequate. The thought is more than a particular moment for a group of people or a certain period of time. "A sense of place" is multilayered, more difficult to pin down, and perceived differently by each individual. I've noticed that in some communities the sense of place is immediately evident, and in more generic communities, it can be more difficult to perceive. Temecula has a unique sense of place.

Those of us who have lived here through the "*Where the hell is Temecula?*" era, and before, are taken aback at the rapid change that has altered Temecula's unique sense of place that first drew us here.

After our practice session, Pam Grender, Lynn Cude and I, drove down the hill from De Luz and viewed the Temecula Valley. The late afternoon autumn color and crispness of shadows and shapes highlighted the vista laid out below us. Pam remarked that in Temecula she can still feel connected to the land despite the growth...if she worked at it.

We had been talking about the lives of Helen Hunt Jackson, Ramona Wolf, and Mary Jane Welty for our presentation. We then discussed the Indians, Mexican governors, ranchers, the railroaders and several Old Town characters. Finally we shared about the people that have contributed...and continue to contribute to Temecula's special sense of place, of community, of working together.

As we welcome more settlers and their new contributions it is becoming more difficult to make a connection to Temecula's past residents. The City of Temecula's motto, *Old Traditions, New Opportunities*, says it well. Temecula's Old Town is the heart and soul of our city, providing that special sense of place ...the Old Traditions of our motto. Let's come together as a community and find a way to save the Temecula Hotel; old traditions, new opportunities, community, a sense of place.

Bonnie Martland