



Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
PO Box 1255 Rosamond, CA 93560
January, 2019

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

- 2nd Thursday of the month (except July & August)
- 5 pm - at the Wanda Kirk Library, 3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA.

Business Meetings:

- 4th Thursday of the month as needed.
- 5 pm - location to be announced



January Meeting - Continuing the idea of telling your life story, digging up your history, recording history from your relatives and so on, I'm calling this month's topic "Going to Hedge City". It's the story of how my sister and I looked up our Grandpa Webb's family in Missouri. You'll have to come out to find out more about our adventure.

Come out Jan. 9th at 5 pm. at the Rosamond Library to find out what Foster's Market, MO. (at left) has to do with our family (the Webbs) in Rosamond.



The following story of the Duhart Family is taken from the KAHS book, Antelope Valley PIONEERS. Keep in mind that it was written in 1983 when reading about members of the family and where they live.

The Duhart Family

Four generations of the Duhart family originated from Jean Duhart who was born in Bayonone, France in 1852. As a young man, Jean Duhart immigrated to the United States, arriving in the Antelope Valley in 1869 to work for Miguel Leonis. Leona Valley was named after the Leonis family.

Refugia Lebruns Espinosa [sic?] was born in San Diego in 1851, the daughter of early California settlers from Spain and France. Refugia moved to Fairmont on the west end of the Antelope Valley with her first husband Mr. Claus, who died leaving her with several children. One of her daughters, Adelaide Claus, married John B. Leonis, Miguel's nephew.

Jean Duhart and Refugia Claus were married in 1880. The Duhart's home place at Fairmont was called Mud Springs and was the official stage stop on the run from Los Angeles to Bakersfield and other points north. They raised cattle and sheep. Their four children, Delfina, John, Claudia and Louis were born on the ranch. In the later years they purchased a home in Los Angeles so the children could attend school. The family also stayed in this home when their cattle and sheep were shipped to market in Los Angeles. The original house at Mud Springs burned down and another house was built. Refugia Duhart died in 1910 and Jean died in 1919.

Delfina married and moved to the Ventura area. She had three daughters, Frances, Della and Margaret. Margaret lives in Bakersfield.

Happy Anniversary KAHS!

The Kern Antelope Historical Society will be celebrating its Sixtieth Anniversary all 'year' long, ending in May of 2019, the month it was organized. Plans are being made for a 60th Anniversary event. Watch for news about special guests and happenings. We hope you get excited about the history of your community and your family.



Please notice: if you are receiving a hardcopy (black and white copy) of this newsletter and would like to enjoy it in color, it is available at our website: www.kahs1959.org.

Claudia married John Grand and lived in the family home in Los Angeles until her death, just a few years ago. Her daughter, Myrtle and husband George Phillips still live in this home.

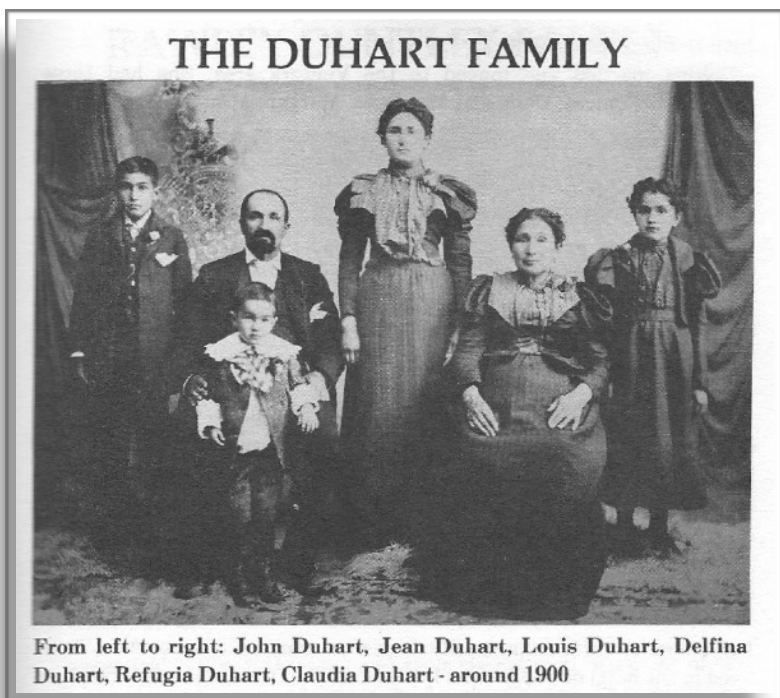
Louis Duhart and his wife Gertrude had four sons: Louis Jr. and Timothy are deceased. Robert lives in Los Angeles and Gerald the youngest lives in Lancaster with his wife Nona and family. Louis Duhart lived at the old home site at Mud Springs until his death in 1940. His family sold the land and it is now the Leona Valley Hunt Club owned by Dave Whitesides.

The Duhart brothers, John and Louis leased the Mexican American Cattle Co., land and hotel, located on the Fairmont townsite which was just a few miles north of Mud Springs. The cattlemen of the valley would have roundups in the spring and fall of the year. They would come together at the ranch to brand the cattle, which roamed freely on the land.

John lived on the leased land in the old hotel. In 1919, he met Blodwin James at Lake Elizabeth. Blodwin came from Los Angeles to work for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grey who owned a café and cabins for weary travelers. In October of 1919, John and Blodwin were married in Santa Ana. They lived in the old hotel on the ground floor, closing off the second story rooms. They bought the leased land and enlarged the acreage as time went by. As the land around them became populated, John sold most of the cattle and went into dry land farming, raising wheat and barley. The last antelope were seen in the Antelope Buttes in 1927. In 1931 they tore down the old hotel and built a Spanish style home, which is still on the ranch.

John and Blodwin Duhart had four children, Juanita, Winifred, John and Roland. They were raised at Fairmont and graduated from Antelope Valley High School. Juanita lives in Lone Pine, California. She married Robert Daugherty and has two children, Robert John and Tamara. Winifred lives in Yreka, California. She married Louis Pendley and has two children, Louis, Jr., and Deborah. Winifred was born at "Mom" Everett's place on Lancaster Boulevard while the family waited at the Western Hotel. John was born in the old hotel. He lives in Texas. John married Beverly Bates and they had one son, John, Jr. Roland was born on the ranch in the new house. He lives in Lancaster with his wife, Patricia Herschlag. They have three children, Roland Daniel, Darren John and Deanna.

John Duhart died in 1952. Blodwin who is now 89 sold the Fairmont Ranch to Patrick J. Healy in 1956 and now reside in Lancaster. (1983)



From left to right: John Duhart, Jean Duhart, Louis Duhart, Delfina Duhart, Refugia Duhart, Claudia Duhart - around 1900



A triangle points to a red marker shows the location of Mud Springs according to Google Maps. That's Lancaster Rd. going across the upper right hand portion of the map.



Christmas Dinner - 2018 We had a great time at our Christmas Dinner. If you weren't able to attend, I hope you can make plans for next year! Also in attendance was the Antelope Valley Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. There was plenty of delicious turkey and ham and all the trimmings. And Greenhouse Cafe is always so festive and bright! Even better was the fun of visiting with friends, sharing photos of old historic places in the East Kern area and the drawings for some great prizes! Also two young marines were our guests for dinner. They were there to collect the big box of toys donated for the Marine Toys for Tots program.



60th Anniversary Fun Facts - November

The Kern Antelope Historical Society has some great books which contain a lot of interesting history about our local area. In *Gold-Fever - 40-Years Digging Antelope-Valley History* we learn the story of the founding of the Historical Society through the first forty years of 'digging up the history' of the valley. This section will include nuggets of information each month that have been 'dug up' from the KAHS books we offer for sale. The following questions are from the *Gold-Fever* book.

Question: A long-ago guest speaker at a KAHS meeting was a Lancaster resident, the first person to score a touchdown in AVJC history, his family started one of the largest grocery store chains and his mother was born on Fort Tejon. Who was he?

Question: A KAHS field trip many years ago, took members to a Civil War re-enactment at what historic site?

Question: Who was "Antelope Al"? He helped USC beat the University of Tennessee in the Rose Bowl in 1940 and was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. He also played for the Washington Redskins and the Los Angeles Dons. *(answers next page)*



60th Anniversary of the
Kern Antelope Historical Society
1959-2019



Answers to the Fun Facts Questions:

- Glen Ralphs
- Fort Tejon
- Al Krueger

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Please visit the website for more information about Antelope Valley history. Copies of recent newsletters are available, as well as other information. The first online KAHS book is now available. *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*, by Stuart Glennan, is described as "Archaeological Investigations at the Sweetser site". We hope to be able to add other KAHS books in the future.



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In Love with Life in Lancaster (Hard Times
1927-1932)
Antelope Valley Pioneers
Castles in the Valley - Shea's Castle
A Page in the History of Antelope Valley: the Arthur
Pickus Story: His Home for Seventy Five Years
Mojave, A Rich History of Rails, Mining and Flight
Gold-Fever - 40 Years Digging Antelope Valley
History
Antelope Valley News and Views During Part of the
Great Depression 1925-1935

Video DVD - \$15: Antelope Valley Yesteryears

Maps - \$4 (*\$3): Historic Settlers Circle Map

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5:00 pm- Business Session, 5:30 pm - Program
Second Thursday of the Month, September through June
At Wanda Kirk County Library

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(Exceptions: June, September & December - to be announced)

Memberships:

\$5 - Student & Military; \$15 - Individual; \$20 - Husband & Wife;
\$30 - Family; \$35 - Businesses

The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. The Society offers field trips for members to significant locations in and around the valley throughout the year. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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