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Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
Member of the Conference of California Historical Societies
May 2025

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

- 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July, August); 5:30 pm.
- Wayside Chapel Community Church - 2584 Felsite Ave, Rosamond, CA

Board Meetings:

- 4th Thursday of the month as needed; 4 pm; all are welcome, email for directions to location.

Hello to all our Kern Antelope Historical Society Members and Friends.

- ❖ What: **Regular Meeting**
- ❖ When: **Tuesday, May 20th (3rd Tuesday)**
- ❖ Time: **5:30 pm**
- ❖ Where: **Wayside Chapel Community Church, Rosamond, CA**
- ❖ Program: **Road Tripping Thru Rosamond With Delores Julian**

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KAHS is happy to present "**Road Tripping Thru Rosamond With Delores Julian**", accompanied by Chavonne Sladek, at our May meeting. Delores has been a resident of Rosamond for many years and through her work and community involvement, she has gained a wide knowledge of the

development of Rosamond and much of its history. Have you ever wondered why that small block of land between 20th and Dixie St. is triangular-shaped? That and other tidbits about our town will be shared.

And how about if you have questions about the development of Rosamond? Bring your questions and maybe we can have a **Road Tripping II**. Or maybe you have some stories of your own to share. Either way, make plans to attend the next KAHS meeting on Tuesday, May 20th at Wayside Chapel. It should be informative and entertaining.



Delores Julian - Long-Time Rosamond Resident

Delores Julian will be our featured guest at the May meeting. You may know her as the Vice President of the Kern Antelope Historical Society. But beyond that, Delores has been a member of the community since 1957.

Delores went to work for Ruel Williams, who was a realtor in Rosamond for many years. Williams was also a board member of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) and was a big proponent of making water from the State Water Project available to local farmers, which would help ease the dependence on local water and help to raise the water table in the Antelope Valley. Delores had great respect for Williams, he was straightforward and eloquent and an honest man. "If he made a deal and shook your hand, it was gospel," she recalls. (As a side note, his wife was a Kindergarten teacher at Rosamond Elementary and served there many years. Lots of people from Rosamond went through Mrs. Williams' class. She was well loved and respected too.) Delores was a realtor, an appraiser, a broker and a notary public. She also worked for Jerry's Electric in Rosamond.



Delores Julian - center, and her two daughters - Lorna and Kelly.



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Delores has faithfully served the Kern Antelope Historical Society for many years as an example of her community involvement. She also kept the books for the Boy Scouts, was treasurer for the Roping and Riding Club, cooked breakfast for the Kiwanis Club and was involved in starting Rosamond Hills.

Delores must have been a great student as she skipped a grade and graduated at sixteen. She studied architecture in high school. She was also a talented seamstress. Her mom would take her shopping, looking at different clothes and ask if Delores could make it; she could sew anything without a pattern. Another task was making wedding cakes, she's a very talented lady!

Delores, in dark dress, and her sister at an early age.



Roadtripping Thru Rosamond With Delores Julian

So join us for just a few of the sites around Rosamond that Delores and Chavonne visited on their Roadtripping journey.



Delores & Chavonne visited some old abandoned homesteads that were mostly on 5-acre sites.





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About the Homestead Act

<https://www.nps.gov/home/learn/historyculture/abouthomesteadactlaw.htm>

"The Homestead Act of 1862 has been called one of the most important pieces of Legislation in the history of the United States. The act was signed into law by Abraham Lincoln after the southern states seceded. The Homestead Act of 1862 was a revolutionary concept for distributing public land in American history. This law turned over vast amounts of the public domain to private citizens. 270 millions acres, or 10% of the area of the United States was claimed and settled under this act. Repercussions of this monumental piece of legislation can be detected throughout America today.

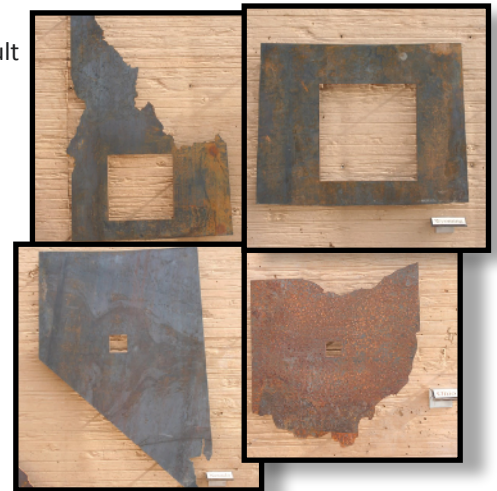
The prime land across the country was homesteaded quickly. Successful Homestead claims dropped sharply after the 1930s. The Homestead Act remained in effect until 1976, with provisions for homesteading in Alaska until 1986.

Specifically, the '**Homestead Act of 1862** insured adult U.S. citizens 160 acres of land from the government to "improve their plot by cultivating the land'.



LEFT—California with a cutout showing the amount of homesteaded land - from a display at the Homestead National Historical Park.

RIGHT—For comparison, several other states are shown, it's easy to see that some states had little homesteaded land, while others had a fairly large amount of land proven up and transferred to settlers. Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada & Ohio are shown.



The Small Tract Act of 1938

So how did the 5-acre homesteads in the southern California desert come to be when the Homestead Act of 1862 designated 160-acre pieces? It seems that a later law, passed in 1938, the Small Tract Act, made 5-acre parcels available.

"The Small Tract Act of 1938 was enacted in response to requests by primarily World War I Servicemen who wanted to move out in the desert for health and recreational purposes. Subsequently, after World War II, Southern Californians began looking for small acreages in the desert to get away from the smog and burgeoning population centers. The Small Tract Act was about the only method of making federal land available. Local counties were enthusiastic about "getting lands on the tax rolls", and were not concerned about infrastructure (roads, water, power, schools) to support such development." (https://publicland.org/plf-archives/35_archives/documents/doc_1306_bellesi.html)

"Thousands of cabins and other structures built by homesteaders, particularly during a period of popularity in the 1950s and 60s, have since been left abandoned. Although a cleanup effort in the early 2000s resulted the demolition of hundreds of abandoned structures, numerous structures built by Small Tract Act homesteaders still exist in various states of use and repair." (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wonder_Valley,_California)

It seems that many of these small homesteads in the Rosamond area, were the result of the Small Tract Act of 1938. Many have been abandoned. One of the problems was the failure to reserve proper road right-of-ways (ROW). In some cases no ROW's were set aside in classification orders, and in such cases reserves were made around the perimeter of each individual tract. This restricted the use of the entire tract when in reality only one side needed to be encumbered

'Wonder Valley is an area which underwent a cleanup effort in the early 2000s, but many abandoned structures built by Small Tract Act homesteaders still exist in various states of use and repair'.



Typical "Jackrabbit homestead cabin remains in Wonder Valley.



Remnants of a small recreational cabin in Wonder Valley, CA, east of Twentynine Palms.



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Monday
May 26, 2025

Membership Dues for '25-'26 Year



It's that time of year again. May is the end of the KAHS calendar year. We will be taking payments for membership for the 2025-26 year at our meeting this month. You may pay with a check or cash at the meeting or use the Zelle option as noted on the membership form. See form at the bottom of this page for prices, etc.

Also, when paying please **fill out a new membership form, or at least confirm that all information is current**, so that you continue to receive the newsletter and that we can contact you in an emergency such as when we had to cancel a meeting recently at the last minute.



Check out the KAHS videos which are available on YouTube. Or visit the website for more information about Antelope Valley history. Copies of recent newsletters are available, as well as other information. Follow us on Facebook for reminders about meetings and other items of historical interest. You can always contact us by email.

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Kern Antelope Historical Society - Membership Application

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Name _____	Student/Active Military	\$5	_____
Mail Address _____	Individual	\$15	_____
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Date _____			

Note: • Club Year is June 1st through May 31st of the following year; new members, paying after February 1st, pay only half.
• Zelle: info@kahs1959.org You may now use the following cell number for Zelle payments, also: (661) 609-8757.



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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
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Video DVD - \$15: *Antelope Valley Yesteryears*

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

Online Book: *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*

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2024-2025

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General Meetings:

Third Tuesday of the Month, September through June

5:30 pm - 2584 Felsite Ave, Rosamond, CA

(Exceptions: June, September & December -

Location to be announced)

Memberships:

\$5 - Student & Active 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. 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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