



IN MEMORIAM, JACOB ZEITLIN.

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JACOB ZEITLIN: FRIEND TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Sunday evening, August 30, Jacob (Jake) Zeitlin, who first joined the Historical Society of Southern California in February, 1929, died at his West Hollywood home. Jake was 84 and had undergone heart bypass surgery some three months earlier. His passing is a loss to all who love rare and fine printed books; to all who value history, literature, photography, and art; to all who are concerned about the role of censorship, and to all who enjoy warm and gracious hospitality when it is extended.

One of the most celebrated of California's many outstanding booksellers, Jake left behind an enduring legacy, one that recently touched the Historical Society. Although in deteriorating health, he agreed to be a member of the Honorary Committee for our June 4 Gala at The Huntington in recognition of Doyce Nunis's 25 years as editor of the *Southern California Quarterly*. He must have known he would be unable to attend, but he made us feel that the honor was his to be asked, and he emphasized how pleased he was to support such an important function. That was Jacob Zeitlin — and that is why his presence among us all these years was such a special gift.

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Jean Bixby Smith, President of the Bixby Land Company, her father, Llewellyn Bixby, Jr., Chairman of the Board and grandson of the founder of the company, and Thomas F. Andrews, Executive Director of HSSC, enjoy a moment with Sarah Bixby Smith's classic, *Adobe Days*.

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BIXBY LAND COMPANY SPONSORS THE FALL ISSUE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUARTERLY

With the Fall 1987 issue of the *Southern California Quarterly*, due at the end of October, the important relationship between the Historical Society and some of the great, historic corporations of southern California continues. The second corporation to sponsor an individual issue of the *Quarterly* is the Bixby Land Company of Long Beach. The company's historical roots go back to the early years of the California Gold Rush and the organization of Flint, Bixby & Co. by three gold-seeking relatives, Benjamin and Thomas Flint and Lewellyn Bixby. Between 1855 and 1883, Flint, Bixby & Co. purchased several ranchos in northern and southern California, including Rancho Los Cerritos in 1866 and Rancho Los Alamitos in 1883. In 1896 Flint, Bixby & Co. was dissolved and the Bixby Land Company was incorporated. An attractive photo-essay on the company's history and accomplishments will conclude the articles in the Fall issue.

Under the leadership of Jean Bixby Smith, President, the Bixby Land Company, which celebrates its 91st anniversary, oversees the management of widespread commercial properties and business parks in Long Beach and western Orange County. Six of the seven directors of the company are direct descendants of the founders, Lewellyn and Jotham Bixby, and more than 90% of the company's stock is held by blood relatives of the two brothers. It is an impressive family endeavor that has been continuously involved in the history of California for 136 years.

THE NEW HSSC STAFF

With the resignation of Betty Marsh, who served the Historical Society effectively in various capacities for nearly six years, the HSSC staff has been reorganized. During September Carole Z. Dougherty was appointed to the staff as a replacement for Betty. Carole has been active in various civic roles in Glendale and was a founding member of

the Glendale Historical Society, an organization she capably served both as Vice President for Fund Raising and as President. Carole will be responsible for programs, membership, volunteers, and the newsletter, among other duties, as she comes on board at HSSC.



Staff members Margaret A. Dickerson (l), and Carole Z. Dougherty (r), with Executive Director Thomas F. Andrews in the patio of El Alisal.

Photo courtesy of Joe Friezer

Carole's experience and responsibilities complement those of the second staff member, Margaret A. Dickerson, who joined the HSSC staff in March. Margaret has given immediate leadership to several important areas including fundraising and the successful June 4 Gala honoring Doyce Nunis. Margaret's areas of responsibility include the finances of the Society, fundraising (for the quarterly, the garden, special projects, and general support), the Society's collections, and the Spring Gala, among others.

Margaret and Carole will work closely with certain key Board committees and with the Executive Director this year in an effort to make 1987-88 a productive and rewarding year for HSSC.

PREMIERE — KCET VIDEOLOG ON CHARLES LUMMIS

On Wednesday evening, October 7, at 8:58 p.m., and again on Sunday evening, October 11, at 5:50 p.m., KCET will air a six minute VIDEOLOG entitled "Lummis Songs." Filmed here at El Alisal under the direction of HSSC member Huell Howser, the VIDEOLOG recreates Lummis's attempts to record and preserve the early California songs. It will be shown many times during October as KCET pays tribute to "Cultural Diversity Month." Watch for it; it is first rate.

WESTERN HISTORIANS TO VISIT EL ALISAL

On Thursday afternoon, October 8, two bus loads of members of the Western History Association, attending the WHA Conference in Los Angeles, will tour the Charles F. Lummis Home and the Southwest Museum. A special keepsake has been prepared for these guests who will be greeted by staff and docents. Our Executive Director, Thomas F. Andrews, is a member of the WHA Local Arrangements Committee which is chaired by former Board Member Janet Fireman of the Natural History Museum.

OCTOBER AUTHOR'S RECEPTION AT THE HISTORIC DOMINGUEZ RANCH

Our first program of the year is a tour and catered author's reception at the beautiful Dominguez Ranch on Sunday, October 25, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will provide an exciting opportunity to meet and hear Dr. Judson Grenier, author of the widely acclaimed *California Legacy: The Watson Family* at the site where so much history occurred in the lives of the Dominguez and Watson families. Copies of Dr. Grenier's book will be available for sale and for signing during the evening. Mark this date on your calendar and watch for the invitation with its October 16 RSVP deadline. You will not want to miss this special event!