

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
200 EAST AVENUE 43 · LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90031

Gentlemen:

Please accept my application for membership as member
in the Historical Society of Southern California.
I enclose my remittance in the amount of for annual dues.

MEMBERSHIP
CLASSIFICATIONS

ACTIVE MEMBER	\$ 20.00
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER	\$ 20.00
SUSTAINING MEMBER	\$ 35.00
PATRON or COR- PORATE PATRON	\$125.00
STUDENT MEMBER	\$ 7.50

Name.....
Firm Affiliation (if applicable).....
Address.....
City..... State..... Zip Code.....
Date..... Telephone..... Sponsor.....

Dues include subscription to the Society's Quarterly and Newsletter. All dues, contri-
butions and bequests are deductible under State and Federal tax provisions since the
Society is a non-profit organization supported solely by membership dues and
contributions.

Justin George Turner
1898 - 1976

Justin G. Turner, former President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, died June 17 at the age of seventy-seven. Born in Chicago and a resident of Los Angeles since 1943, he attended the University of Chicago and received his LL.B. from DePaul University in 1920.

A distinguished scholar of the American Civil War, he was a bookman and a renowned collector of historical manuscripts and a contributor to numerous historical journals. He was the co-author, with his daughter-in-law Linda Turner, of *Mary Todd Lincoln; Her Life and Letters*, selected by the History Book Club, and awarded a prize for the best biography of 1972 by Chicago Friends of Literature.

Mr. Turner was past President of the Manuscript Society, the Civil War Roundtable of Southern California, Friends of the UCLA Library, an honorary member of the National Civil War Centennial Commission and an honorary President of the Southern California Jewish Historical Society.

In recognition of his services for his fellowman and his selfless service to the cause of American History, he was awarded an honorary LL.D. from Lincoln College and an honorary L.H.D. from the University of Judaism in 1960. In 1967, the same University presented the Eternal Light Award to Justin and his late brother Maurice. He received the Lincoln Diploma of honor from the Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee, and the National Award for Community Services from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Society members will recall Mr. Turner's long association with this organization, his zeal for history, his concern for the preservation of historical manuscripts and books. He will be missed by all who knew and admired him.

Justin is survived by his wife Gertrude, his son Paul, daughter Barbara and four grandchildren.

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NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE SUBMIT NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO EDITOR STEWART ROGERS AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP MAKE THIS AN INTERESTING MINI-PUBLICATION TO KEEP US ABREAST OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS.

DATES TO RESERVE

- September 18** Annual reception at the Lummis Home (see separate announcement)
- October 1 - 2** Northern California Historical Societies Symposium in Santa Rosa
- October 6** Evening meeting and dinner at Lawry's California Center, featuring our nearby historical attractions
- October 30** A Historical-Halloween Surprise Trek, with bus tour and dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golden Spike Centennial Celebration at Lang Station

To celebrate the driving of the last spike in the railroad connecting Los Angeles with San Francisco in 1876, a commemorative program will be held on Sunday, September 5, at the site of Lang Station, just off Highway 14 in Soledad Canyon. There will be special exhibits and musical entertainment from 1 to 4 p.m. and the re-enactment of the driving of the golden spike at 4:30 p.m., accompanied by brief speeches, the dedication of plaques and a Chinese lion dance. A barbecue dinner and dance at the Mint Canyon Elks Lodge on Sierra Highway, costing \$4.00 per person, will close the day. A limited supply of souvenir gold-plated spikes will be offered for \$15.00 plus tax.

Your Historical Society is one of several organizations co-sponsoring this centennial celebration. Further information and reservations for the barbecue may be obtained by calling (805) 255-6023.

Help Requested

At the request of publisher Otis Chandler, James Bassett, associate editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, has a book in progress on the history of *The Times*—its growth and the parallel growth of the Southern California and Los Angeles area. From the past four years' research, much material has been accumulated. It is hoped that this will be the nucleus of an archives department at the First and Spring facility.

Mr. Bassett and his research assistant, Mrs. Lois Markwith, have expressed the hope that members of the Historical

Society of Southern California will want to contribute any material relevant to *The Times*. Properly acknowledged, the material would be placed in permanent archives and/or used in the immediate preparation of the manuscript. Of special interest are correspondence and data concerning the principal personnel of *The Times*.

The editors of this project can be reached at *The Times*, 625-2345, extension 1313.

Tool Exhibit

An unusual exhibition, "The Tool as Object," is being presented at the Craft and Folk Art Museum now through October 3rd. There is no admission charge to the display which is featured at the attractive museum, which is a part of the Egg and the Eye at 5814 Wilshire Boulevard, across from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

The exhibition focuses on tools as aesthetic rather than functional objects. It primarily includes 19th-century Anglo-American hand tools which highlight the artistry of the toolmaker. Curated by Dr. Edward Tuttle of U.C.L.A., the exhibition emphasizes the tension and balance between functional and economic demands, on one hand, and the toolmaker's artistic impulses on the other.

Rather than being grouped by trades, the tools are grouped and displayed according to their more general functions, i.e., hewing, planing, boring, measuring and pounding. An accompanying catalogue, illustrated and hand-set, gives the tools' names, uses and approximate dates. Also included is an annotated listing of California tool collections which are accessible to the public.

EVERY MEMBER GET A NEW MEMBER

The life blood of any organization is its membership. Your Society needs not only your continuing support but a steady influx of new members in order to both continue and improve our varied activities.

Have you told your friends, relatives and neighbors about the Society's activities? Invite them to attend Society functions with you — let them read your newsletter — and suggest that they apply for membership with you as their sponsor!

A handy application blank will be found in this newsletter; additional blanks may be obtained from Peg Cassidy at the Lummis Home.

Have you brought in a new member recently?

NEWS NOTES

Catalina Island Trek

A large turnout of members enjoyed a unique and enjoyable trip to Catalina Island on June 5th. We left Long Beach by motor launch at nine, had a box lunch at noon on the island, and then boarded buses for a spectacular four-hour inland motor tour of many fascinating points of interest, including El Rancho Escondido, an Arabian horse farm, the airport-in-the-sky, lots of beautiful scenery and the Old Eagle's Nest Stage Coach Stop. We saw lots of bison and a few goat and deer. The exciting day ended when we disembarked about 6:30 at Long Beach.

New Members

Approved and accepted by the Board of Directors at their June meeting were these new members: Arthur W. Evans, Mrs. Marilyn Q. Fomon, Virginia M. Gallez, Mrs. Edward L. Nelson, Donald D. Shanahan, Jr. and Philip V. Swan. We are glad to have you with us!

New Directors

Members of the Society by their ballots have elected the following new members of the Board of Directors: Mrs. Ed (Katherine) Ainsworth, a popular writer and lecturer; Edward Moreno, television producer, Station KCET, Channel 28; Edward L. Parker, assistant editor, Southern California Quarterly; Douglas F. Richardson, attorney with O'Melveny & Myers; Walt Wheelock, writer and publisher (La Siesta Press) and an authority on Baja California; Mrs. E. Clare (Dee) Ulrich, registrar at Southwest Museum and chairman of our high school history project; and Charles W. Wise of the Port of Los Angeles. You will have an opportunity to meet your new Directors at our reception in September.

Election of Officers

The Board of Directors at their June meeting elected the following to serve as officers of the Society for the coming term: William W. Escherich, President; Stewart J. Rogers, First Vice President; Mrs. O. Burton Wright, Second Vice President; Henry F. Lippitt, 2nd Treasurer; Mrs. E. Clare (Dee) Ulrich, Secretary; and Margaret Cassidy, Executive Secretary.