

Fallbrook Historical Society

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1. Membership list

With Volume 1, Number 1 of the Fallbrook Historian is enclosed an alphabetical list of members who have joined the Fallbrook Historical Society by July 20, 1977.

2. Membership

Membership is on a continuing basis and annual dues are payable on the anniversary of enrollment.

3. First Members and Current Members

First members were enrolled on September 21, 1976. At this time current membership is 112 with the number in each classification as follows:

Single Adult Member	18
Family Member	74
Contributing Member	12
Business and Professional Member	4
Affiliated Historical Societies, Libraries and Clubs	1
Junior Member	1
Life Member	1
Patron	1

4. Qualification for Membership

Any person or organization interested in history, especially the history of this area is eligible.

5. Purpose of the Fallbrook Historical Society

Its purpose is to bring-together those persons interested in history, especially the history of our area.

It is a non-profit California corporation which is concerned with the discovery, collecting, recording and preservation of the historical facts, properties and other materials pertaining to the southwestern United States, particularly the settlement and development of the region enhanced by the California Missions and

Ranchos, especially as they pertain to the Fallbrook area and to preserve and perpetuate this history for public benefit and to preserve such artifacts, historical objects, documents and whatever may reveal the history and developement of this area.

6. Membership Participation

The strength and the ability of the Fallbrook Historical Society to carry out its purpose depends on a large, interested and participating membership.

7. Meetings of Members

Since the completion of the organization of the Society in the fall of 1976, four membership meetings have been held including the Annual Meeting in April. The Board of Directors at its regular meeting on June 6th decided to hold four meetings of the members each year to be designated, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring. The meetings will take the form of tours to historical sites, lectures on historical subjects, exhibitions of historical materials and whatever may reveal the history of this area.

8. The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Historical Society was elected at the Annual Meeting of the Society on April 14, 1977 and consists of the following: George P. Kelsey Jr., Don Dussault, Conrad J. Schuck, Hilda Hroch and Boyd H. Gibbons Jr. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected:

President.	George P. Kelsey Jr
Vice President	Don Dussault
Secretary	Hilda Hroch
Treasurer	Conrad J. Schuck

9. Committees

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on May 2, 1977 the following committee chairman were appointed:

Program	Don Dussault
Membership	Hilda Hroch
Library	Lorena Harris
Archaeology	Rosemary Pankey
Publications	R. W. (Bob) White
Research	John Mc Broom

10. Objectives

Among the long range objectives of the Society are the establishment of both an indoor and an outdoor museum, a reference and research library and a gallery of historic paintings and pictures. To accomplish these objectives the Board of Directors has under study the establishment of a Trust Fund to which tax deductible donations of money or property may be made to establish and maintain the necessary facilities. Such funds may not be used for ordinary operations of the Society. Details covering the establishment of such a fund are yet to be worked out.

11. Cataloging and filing historical materials

The Society has accumulated a considerable amount of historical materials and our Librarian, Lorena Harris is cataloging and filing this material for ready reference.

12. Ingathering of Historical Materials

Members possessing or having knowledge of the existence of historical documents, records, Letters, biographies, pamphlets, booklets, newspaper clippings etc., are asked to give and/or solicit such material for the Society, preferably on a gift basis. Lacking housing facilities we are not now in a position to accept bulky materials, such as; furniture etc., but we would ask that those having such materials save it for us when housing is available.

13. History of the origin and Organization of the Fallbrook Historical Society

The inspiration for the formation of the Fallbrook Historical Society came about as a result of a visit by Don Dussault and George Kelsey to the Nostalgic Fair presented by the Vista Ranch Historical Society in cooperation with the Vista Senior and Junior Women's Club in the summer of 1975. It was such an outstanding success in pointing up the history of the area that we undertook through the Fallbrook Bicentennial Committee our own such exhibit and called it, the American Heritage Exhibit. The Exhibit was held on November 1 and 2, 1975. It was well received and well attended and some 150 persons in attendance expressed their interest in forming a Fallbrook Historical Society. At a regular meeting of the Fallbrook Bicentennial

Committee on January 6, 1976 it was suggested that a good project for the Bicentennial Committee would be to endorse and support the formation of a Fallbrook Historical Society and call a public meeting for this purpose. The public meeting was held on February 10, 1976 and those at the meeting voted to take steps to form the Fallbrook Historical Society. An organizing committee was appointed consisting of : George Kelsey, Don Dussault, Roy Noon, Bob White, Boyd Gibbons, John Lynn, David White and Rosemary Pankey to proceed with the formation of the Society. The organizing committee met and decided that in order to lend stability and permanence to the organization it should be incorporated. George Kelsey, Don Dussault and Bob White were chosen to be the incorporators. By established law these three became the first directors.

The directors met for the purpose of organizing and the following officers were elected: President; George Kelsey, Vice-President; Bob White, Secretary and Treasurer: Don Dussault. At the same meeting it was announced that incorporation had been granted by the Secretary of State of California and the Society had also been granted non-profit status by the California Franchise Tax Board and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. A Statement of Purpose was adopted and the printing of a membership brochure authorized. The Society was now in a position to enroll members and the first of these was enrolled on September 21, 1976. At the Annual Meeting of the Society on April 14, 1977 the By-laws were amended increasing the number of directors to five.

14. Annual Pioneer Award

At a regular board meeting on March 1, 1977 it was determined that the Fallbrook Historical Society would present an annual award to be called Annual Pioneer Award to be presented to an individual or family who had contribute substantially to the well-being of the community and that a plaque would be presented to the individual so honored.

At a meeting on June 14, 1977 held jointly with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Maie Ellis was the citizen so honored for her outstanding service to the community over a long period of years.

15. Relations with other Historical Societies

The Fallbrook Historical Society has become a member of the San Diego Historical Society and the Conference of California Historical Societies. Visits have been exchanged with several North County Historical Societies.

We have been urged by the San Diego Historical Society and the Conference of California Historical Societies to make use of their services as ^{we} work and progress toward the accomplishment of our purposes and objectives.

16. Conducted Bus Tour

On July 14th, 50 members and guests of the Society enjoyed a conducted bus tour and luncheon to the place where, California History began; San Diego. Features of the trip were: Guided tour of the ruins of the old Royal Presidio of San Diego, Serra Museum, The Villa Montezuma and Old Town San Diego. Following a delectable lunch at the famous Romaine's Restaurant there was a lecture by Michael Carman, Curator of the Serra Museum entitled, "The Challenge of Local History". It was truly challenging and served to spur us on to the accomplishment of our purposes. Boyd Gibbons Jr. was the tour director. There will be future tours to place of historical interest.

17. The Future

Looking to the future, members are urged to help us accomplish the things we have set out to do. Most important among these is the establishment of a museum, reference and research library and a gallery of historic paintings and pictures. To accomplish this we need more members. Talk to your friends and acquaintances about this important endeavour and urge them to join.

18. Additions to Membership List

The names of persons joining the Society after July 20, 1977 will be listed in forthcoming issues of the Fallbrook Historian.