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Chairman's Column

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Dean Smith is a retired Hollywood stuntman and author whom I met three years ago at the **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**. He was giving a talk and receiving an award in 2013. An engaging speaker who worked with many of Hollywood's most memorable cowboys, including ten movies with John Wayne, Smith mentioned a scene from the movie, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*.

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This same scene was burned into my own memory when I first saw that movie in the theater. As our two heroes Butch and Sundance stood on the edge of a canyon's sheer rock face, with a river way below them and a relentless posse on their heels, they jumped. Real people – stuntmen - jumped! If my recall is correct, Dean Smith was not one of the two stuntmen who risked his life, but he was involved in the planning. It took a lot of work and time to make that scene happen. And how long was the scene? A few seconds at most.

The Westerners Home Ranch made their dive off the cliff on Thursday, December 8th. It was 15 months ago that we learned we might be making a jump from the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. And like the planning of stuntman Dean Smith, it took a long time to make sure we kept things safe and pleased the crowd. The jump comparison ends with this caveat. Hollywood took one take when filming the cliff scene in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. Your Westerners Home Ranch had to try many times before we got to say "it's a wrap." In all we interviewed and nego-

tiated with 12 different groups within our Westerners family before selecting a new sponsor. Perhaps it is a better comparison to the movie, if this is revealed. While the movie's cliff scene and the jump was over in a handful of seconds, we at the Home Ranch were not sure we would ever stop falling and hit the river below. And we had to deal with our own issue of having to vacate the building, like that posse of marshals closing in on Butch and Sundance. It's been that kind of odyssey. So, with one final try, we jumped into the Canyon – Canyon, Texas to be exact.

On November 19, 2016, 29 years and one day since Westerners International voted to move the Home Ranch to Oklahoma City, the WI executive committee voted unanimously to move the WI Home Ranch to Canyon, Texas. Sponsors are Palo Duro Corral in Amarillo, Texas, and Goodnight Corral of Canyon, Texas. The new Home Ranch will stake a claim to an office space in the **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** on the campus of **West Texas**

A&M University in Canyon, Texas. This will be a chance for Westerners International to reassess our mission from a whole new perspective. There are new challenges we never dreamed of a decade ago. Change is good. Changing course does not mean past directions were wrong, only an admission of the need to adapt to new circumstances. Being within the confines of an institute of higher learning is a great opportunity to bring a younger membership to this fun organization. Our future is with the young.

In the next two months, your Home Ranch may be unavailable, as we make the transition from Oklahoma to Texas. Because we have moved out of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, our office will be in storage until the facilities in Canyon, Texas, are available in January. **We can still pick up emails at:**

wihomeranch@gmail.com

As 2017 arrives, we can look forward to a new chapter of our great membership of Westerners. Until we meet again, let's enjoy the ride.

Kent McInnis,
Chairman



October Full Board Meeting Minutes

Westerners International Full Board Meeting Saint Paul, Minnesota October 21, 2016

The Westerners International Full Board Meeting at the Western History Association Conference in Saint Paul, Minnesota, came to order at 3:30 p.m. with Kent McInnis, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

Board Members Present: John Bloom, Kent McInnis, Cheryl McInnis, Jeromy Johnston, Juti Winchester, & Matt DeSpain.

Guest: Rodney Laubhan & Dr. Tim Bowman.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum of seven was not present for the full board meeting. The chair moved approval. Matt DeSpain seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously under rules of an executive committee requiring only three for a quorum.

Financial Report

Through the third quarter of 2016, McInnis reported the following summary:

- 3rd Quarter 2016 compared to last year

- Balances as of September 30, 2016
 - Checking - \$8,360.22
 - Money Market & Mutual Funds - \$27,022.71
 - OKC Community Foundation - \$206,654.58

- Discretionary funds available = \$935.22

44 of 61 - Dues compliance this year among US corrals and posses.

- Balances as of September 30, 2015

- Checking - \$11,751.99
- Money Market & Mutual Funds - \$26,105.95
- OKC Community Foundation - \$194,071.98 mv

- Discretionary funds available = \$3,101.99

42 of 61 - Dues compliance this year among US corrals and posses.

The differences in now and a year ago reflect our efforts and expenses to prepare the new Home Ranch with some needed improvements.

The chair moved approval of the financial report. Matt DeSpain seconded. Motion passed unanimously under rules of the executive committee requiring only three for a quorum.

Old Business

K. McInnis reminded those present that our cocktail reception, book auction, & awards presentation immediately follows in this same room. We must be through with the full board meeting before 4:30 pm. Since the three proposals we expected are now down to only one, McInnis suggested that the 10-minute limit for the only proposal could be extended.

McInnis also reminded those present of our Westerners International Roundtable on Sunday at 10:15 am and encouraged all to attend and bring along a friend.

New Business

With the late arrival of WI president Juti Winchester, McInnis introduced President Winchester with the comment that the choice of her as president was the second-best choice of a woman he had ever made, his wife being number one. "Her assistance during our past year, with the need to relocate from the National Cowboy Museum, was invaluable."

McInnis noted that the Home Ranch talked to 12 different corrals about assuming the sponsorship of the Home Ranch. Now the committee is down to one formal proposal. Rodney Laubhan (Palo Duro Corral) and Tim Bowman (Goodnight Corral) presented their proposal to assume the management of the Home Ranch in Canyon, Texas. **See attached proposal.** Since promised proposals from Prescott Corral and Utah Westerners were not in evidence, several questions of intent and commitment followed. R. Laubhan was concerned that other proposals would follow and asked if we would be considering any other proposals before our next board meeting. McInnis assured him that no other proposals would be considered unless the board voted "NO" on their proposal.

Suggesting that the Executive committee would be a larger group than our present committee members, McInnis moved that the executive board meet in two weeks to vote on the proposal to accept the offer before us from the Palo Duro & Goodnight Corrals. Seconded by Cheryl McInnis. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Sincerely,

Kent McInnis, Chairman



Photo by Cheryl McInnis

New Executive Board Members Rodney Laubhan, Palo Duro Corral and Matt DeSpain, North Canadian Cross-Timbers Corral.

Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Westerners International
Special Executive Board Meeting
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 19, 2016**

The Westerners International Special Executive Board Meeting, at the home of Kent & Cheryl McInnis, came to order at 6:00 p.m. with Kent McInnis, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

Board Members Present: Kent McInnis, Cheryl McInnis, Juti Winchester, Bill Deupree, Fred Marvel, Mary Marvel, Dennis Noble, Sandi Noble, John Marshall, Harvey Pratt, & Rodney Goddard.

Board Members Voting by Proxy: John Heisch, Don Reeves, Rodger Harris, & Matt DeSpain.

Guests: Bob White & Janie Deupree.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum of 15 being present or by proxy for the executive board meeting, the chair moved approval. Juti Winchester seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Kent McInnis introduced a motion that reads as follows:

To move the Westerners International Home Ranch to Canyon, Texas, under the sponsorship of the Palo Duro Corral of Amarillo, Texas, and the Goodnight Corral of Canyon, Texas.

Bill Deupree seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Kent McInnis introduced three separate motions:

1. *To accept the resignation of those board members who wish to terminate their tenure as of December 31, 2016.*
Rodney Goddard seconded. Bill Deupree asked if we needed to request agreement from board members currently absent from the meeting? Kent McInnis responded that they have until December 31st to make their wishes to the contrary known. Kent McInnis added that we will try to contact them if possible; otherwise they would be off the board at the end of the year. Rodney Goddard, along with Juti Winchester, Kent McInnis, and Cheryl McInnis agreed to remain on the executive board to maintain continuity during the transition of leadership. Motion passed unanimously.
2. *To add new executive board members from Amarillo, Canyon, and surrounding areas around Texas: - Rodney Laubhan, Jim Jennings, Dr. J. Paul Matney, and Ken Pirtle.*
Harvey Pratt seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
3. *To approve Juti Winchester for a second two-year term (2017 & 2018) as Westerners International President.*

Alluding to comments from the previous meeting in October, Kent McInnis repeated that his only selection for an elective position in his tenure as chairman was Juti Winchester to be WI president. Her election was very timely, as we soon learned we

would have to leave our home at the National Cowboy Museum. She immediately became a valuable resource as she made contacts with other Westerners throughout our organization. He strongly urged her election for a second term as WI president. Cheryl McInnis seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Deupree added a note of thanks on behalf of the entire executive board to our outgoing chairman.

As a last act, the chairman called Ken Pirtle of the Palo Duro Corral in Amarillo, Texas, to give him a report of the unanimous vote of the executive board to relocate the WI Home Ranch to Canyon, Texas. After a detailed report of our other pertinent motions, Ken Pirtle requested that Kent McInnis remain as acting chairman during the period of transition, noting that a new chairman needs to see how the job is done before agreeing to assume the duties. He was assured that no one would leave them until they were well versed in the duties involved. Ken Pirtle stated that he was humbled and honored, realizing that his group was assuming these important responsibilities of Westerners International leadership. After hanging up the telephone, Kent McInnis declared these proceedings closed.

Meeting adjourned

Kent McInnis

Chairman



Photo by Cheryl McInnis

Dennis Noble and Bill Deupree vote for moving the Home Ranch to Canyon, Texas. Janie Deupree looks at the proposals.

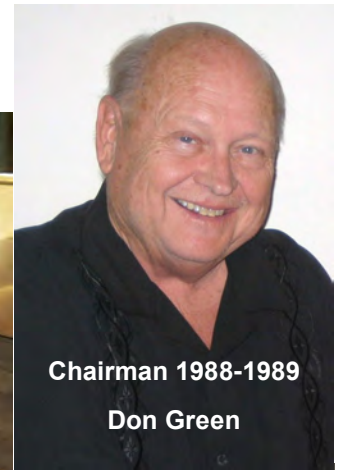
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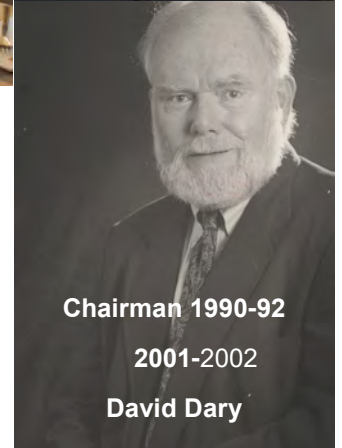
Bob Clark
Board Member
Auctioneer



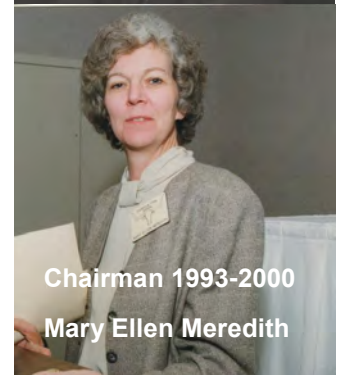
Chairman 2008-2016
Kent McInnis and
Exec. Board Member Cheryl McInnis



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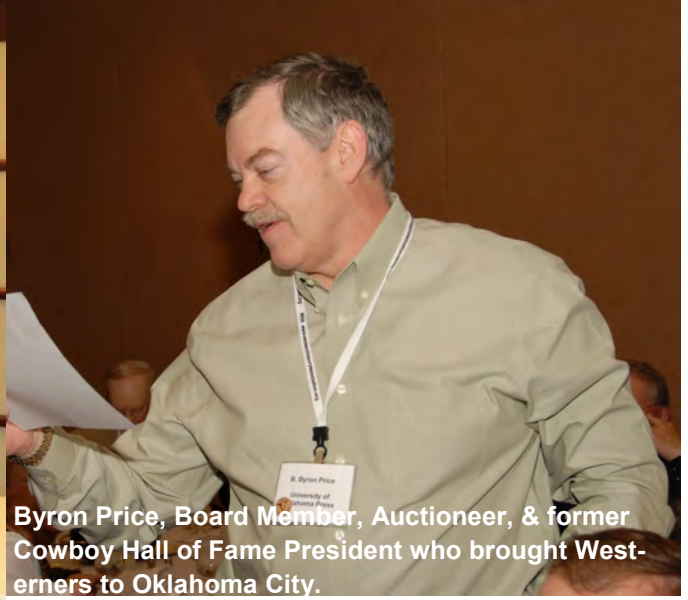
Westerners Board Members Jerry Burson and his wife Mary Burson. On the right, Mary Young and WI Chairman Revere Young—2002-2007.



Westerners Executive Board Members: Secretary Don Reeves, Sue Dary, Past Chairman & President David Dary, Gene Allen, Editor Burnis Argo, Past Chairman Revere Young, Noel Kruger, John Donley, and Past President David Carter.



Fred Marvel and Jim Argo, all-around ranch hands as well as photographers, helped supply Burnis Argo with great photographs for the *Buckskin Bulletin*.



Byron Price, Board Member, Auctioneer, & former Cowboy Hall of Fame President who brought West-erners to Oklahoma City.



Chairman Kent McInnis with Board Member & Past President John Bloom.



The Home Ranch with WI Chairman Revere Young. Mary Marvel -Treasurer Burnis Argo -*Buckskin Bulletin*



Burnis Argo, *Buckskin Bulletin* editor, hard at work at the Home Ranch.



Don Reeves has served as WI Secretary and Cowboy Hall liaison since 1988.



John Marshall, Former Treasurer, who wrote the history of the WI move from Arizona to Oklahoma City in the WI Extra.



Living Legend #60

Monsignor Francis J. Weber



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Los Angeles Corral of Westerners

Living Legend Nomination

Monsignor Francis J. Weber

Monsignor Francis J. Weber is one of the most active of all members of the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners. He was first persuaded to come to corral round-ups by the archaeologist and historian Mark Raymond Harrington in 1962, the same year he became the Archivist for the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Weber became a member of the Los Angeles Corral in 1969, and presented his first invited lecture to it in 1970. His most recent of more than a dozen presentations came forty-six years later, in 2016. Monsignor Weber threw open the gates of San Fernando Mission to the Corral in 1973, for that year's annual *Fandango*. He has contributed more than a dozen articles to the *Branding Iron*, the Los Angeles Corral Quarterly, and was the editor of the *Los Angeles Corral Brand Book No. 21* (1999), an amazing collection of no fewer than 73 contributions by members, friends, and other local historians.



Weber served as the Los Angeles Corral Sheriff in 1995, and his leadership is remembered fondly by all members, especially its female ones, for finally making the corral co-ed.

Francis J. Weber was educated at the Catholic University of America and is the recipient of the only Honorary Doctorate ever granted to a priest by Azusa Pacific University. He has taught at many different ecclesiastical and secular institutions, including Immaculate Heart College, Mount St. Mary's College, and the University of Southern California. Monsignor Weber has always been devoted to local history, and has encouraged many others, Westerners and non-Westerners alike, to take the plunge and get involved in research, writing, and publication. Foremost amongst such success stories is that of fellow Los Angeles Corral members Ken and Carol Pauley, who, after twenty-five years of research, published their magnificent historical volume (2005) on the California Mission most closely associated with Msgr. Weber: *San Fernando, Rey de España*. Weber, if not the only member of Westerners International to also be a priest, is certainly the only monsignor.

Father Weber has for more than half a century effortlessly navigated through both sacred and secular waters, offering guidance, leadership, and good fellowship to his diverse flocks, be they fellow historians or parishioners. Monsignor Weber is known to his many friends and admirers as "the Old Country Priest." He is Archivist Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and by common accord the most knowledgeable living scholar of California's ecclesiastical history. Ordained in 1959, since that time he has celebrated Mass at a great many California locations, including Santa Cruz Island, and has been a tireless and effective spiritual and intellectual leader at San Fernando Mission. Msgr. Weber, in addition to his many local duties, serves as an Honorary Chaplain to His Holiness Pope Francis. Few historians ever get to see a major research archive built to their own specifications, much less one with their own personal, built-in "research cave," but for Francis J. Weber, this dream came true for him at Mission San Fernando, Rey de España, in 1980. He is still there at the Archival Center, thirty-six years

later, accompanied by his faithful dog (Shelty No. 7) *Wild Bill Cody*, just slightly younger (in dog years) than the Monsignor himself.

Weber is widely published on Spanish Colonial history, ecclesiastical history, and the history of California and the West. His books include: *The California Missions as Others Saw Them, 1786-1842* (1972), *A Select Bibliography of California Catholic Literature, 1856-1974* (1974), *The Life and Times of Fray Junipero Serra* (1987), *The Mission in the Valley: A Documentary History of San Fernando, Rey de España* (1987), *Century of Fulfillment: The Roman Catholic Church in Southern California 1840-1947* (1990), *Prominent Visitors to the California Missions, 1746-1842* (1991), *Memories of an Old Mission: San Fernando, Rey de España* (1997), *The Literary High Spots of Mission Hills, California* (1998), *Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels* (2004), *The California Missions* (2005), *Catholic Heroes of Southern California* (2007), *Blessed Fray Junipero Serra: An Outstanding California Hero* (2008) and *More Memories of an Old Country Priest* (2011), to name just a few. Monsignor Weber is such a prolific writer that his 30+ years of newspaper columns were updated and republished in the year 2000 in an 1148-page volume (*Encyclopedia of California's Catholic Heritage, 1769-1999*), and the complete listing of his early publications, the 1995 hard-cover book *A Bibliographical Gathering: The Writings of Msgr. Francis J. Weber, 1953-1993* extends to a whopping 270 pages. In order to accommodate the 23 years of publishing since, a second volume is obviously indicated. Weber's present writing task is the third volume in his *Memories of an Old Country Priest* series.

The Los Angeles Corral of Westerners is proud to claim many outstanding members who have made their mark in educational, literary, and bibliographical contexts, above and beyond their service to our organization. Nevertheless, a very few illustrious members stand head and shoulders above the rest of us. Monsignor Francis J. Weber is just such a Westerner, and we hereby resolve, in the 70th year of our existence, that his name should join the ranks of our "Living Legends."

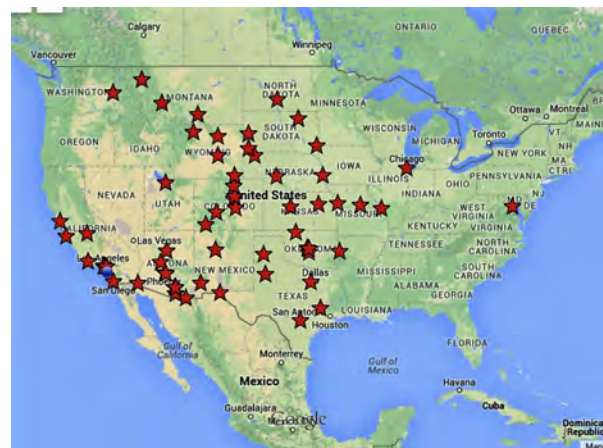
Brian Dervin Dillon, Ph.D.

Deputy Sheriff,

Los Angeles Corral of Westerners

October 29, 2016

Locations of Westerners Corrals





Living Legend #61

Dr. Abraham Hoffman



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Living Legend Nomination



Dr. Abraham Hoffman

Abraham Hoffman joined the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners in the Fall of 1973, at the invitation of renowned historian Doyce Nunis. Hoffman's first presentation to the corral as a speaker was in 1976: his most recent of many outstanding presentations was in February of 2016, exactly 40 years later. Dr. Hoffman became the Sheriff of the Los Angeles Corral in 1997: his tenure in the top spot is still remembered as a high point of our long existence. Abe has persuaded numerous interested parties to visit corral events, and to become members, including Glenn Thornhill, and Brian Dervin Dillon. Abe became the Editor of the corral's quarterly publication *The Branding Iron* in 1985, and ably served in that position for three years. Ever after, he has served as Book Review Editor for that same quarterly. He has also been a regular author of corral publications, including Keepsake No. 33 *And the Horse You Rode in On*, and over a dozen *Branding Iron* articles since 1973. His most recent Keepsake volume is presently in production, and should be out by the end of this year. His writing has been recognized through many awards over the past 40 years, including the Danielson Award (1976, 2008, 2012), The Fred Olds Cowboy Poetry Award (2011, 2016), and the Best Book Award for 2015.

In addition to his varied activities with the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners, Dr. Hoffman is also a member of the Los Angeles City Historical Society, the Historical Society of Southern California, the Organization of American Historians, the Western History Association, and Western Writers of America. The Historical Society of Southern California has awarded Dr. Hoffman the Donald H. Pflueger Award for "distinguished research and writing on the local history of Southern California."

Dr. Hoffman was born in Los Angeles. He attended Los Angeles City College and received B.A. and M.A. degrees from Los Angeles State College (now CSU, Los Angeles), then earned his doctorate in History at UCLA. He taught in Los Angeles schools for more than thirty years and has been an adjunct professor at Los Angeles Valley College since 1974.

Abe's books include *Unwanted Mexican Americans in the Great Depression: Repatriation Pressures, 1929-1939* (1974), *Vision or Villainy: Origins of the Owens Valley-Los Angeles Water Controversy* (1981), *An Oklahoma Tragedy: The Shooting of the Mexican Students, 1931* (1987), *California Then and Now* (1996), and *Mono Lake: From Dead Sea to Environmental Treasure* (2014). His latest book is *California's Worst Earthquakes* (working title), due for publication in 2017. Hoffman also serves on the board of editors for *Southern California Quarterly*. He reviews books, and has contributed articles to many different history publications, including *California History*, *California Territorial Quarterly*, *Journal of the West*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Pacific Historian*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, and *Western States Jewish History*. One of the most prolific historical writers of western America, by conservative estimate Dr. Hoffman has published more than 700 book reviews during the past four decades.

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New Home Ranch at Canyon, Texas

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***Buckskin Bulletin* Editor—Cheryl McInnis**



The WI Extra



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Chairman Kent McInnis recruiting Paul Bonnifield.



Saint Paul, Minnesota



Roger & Marilyn Nichols, Cowboy Mike, & Kent McInnis in the exhibit hall.



Entry to the Exhibit Hall.



Kent McInnis with Susan Chandler of San Francisco Corral.



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Robert Chandler of San Francisco Corral with Kent McInnis.



Best Book Award 2nd place co-authors, Rose Marie Beebe & Robert M. Senkewicz, Talking to Paul Nichols & others.



Westerners Session presenters, Kent McInnis, Jay Price, President Juti Winchester, & Seth Bate.



Friends gathering for the Westerners International Reception, Silent Book Auction, & Awards Presentation.



President Juti Winchester with Jeromy Johnston, accepting the 2nd place Coke Wood Award for Pahaska Corral author, Amy L. McKinney.

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The WI Extra



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Special WI Executive Board Meeting November 19th 2016



Executive board members Sandra Noble, Chairman Kent McInnis, Rodney Goddard and Harvey Pratt tell Ken Pirtle WI is moving to Canyon, Texas.



Janie Deupree and executive board members, Bill Deupree & Dennis Noble.



Executive Board members, Fred & Mary Marvel.



Kent McInnis, board member Bruce Dinges, and WHA Executive Director John Heaton.

Pictures from the Past



Cheryl McInnis, editor; board members John & Melvena Heisch; and past Chairman Revere Young.



Former President Rodney Goddard with buffalo skinner T. Lindsay Baker.



Westerners Treasurer, Mary Marvel.



Past President & twice Chairman David Dary with board member Leon Nelson.

Former Editor & Home Ranch wrangler Burnis Argo & friend.



Phi Alpha Theta's Judy Austin, Kent McInnis, & J'Nell Pate.



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Corral Roundup

Arizona

Yuma Corral

The Yuma Corral meets at the Press Café and Bistro, 121 E. 24th St., Yuma, AZ 85346. Still the 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m.

California

Los Angeles Corral



The WESTERNERS Los Angeles Corral December 2016 Roundup Wednesday, December 14th, 2016
Almanson Court-700 South Almanson Street, Alhambra, CA
Social Hour Begins at 5 P.M., Dinner Commences at 6 P.M.

Our Speakers: Alan and Claudia Heller
Subject: Curiosities of the California

Historic, Offbeat, and Forgotten Attractions

This month's presentation takes us to the California desert, one of the most misunderstood areas of the Golden State. To many city-dwellers, the desert is merely a vast, sandy, wasteland punctuated only by rattlesnakes. But all experienced desert rats know otherwise, and the Heller's talk will be a revelation to those less-traveled. Salvation Mountain, Cerro Gordo, the *Integration* and Giant Rock, Willie Boy's Grave and Devils Hole (with its playful pupfish) are just a few of the unique locations in the California desert the Hellers will guide us to during their program. For more than 50 years, our speakers have explored and photographed these and hundreds of other localities throughout the length and breadth of California's spectacular deserts.

Corral Roundup

Los Angeles Corral cont.

Alan and Claudia Heller are Southern California natives, and members of the Los Angeles Corral. Alan was educated at CSULA, Claudia at LACC.

These writers from our corral have won awards from WI: Dervin Dillon, Abraham Hoffman, and Geraldine Knatz. Congratulations!

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Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara Corral Report, by Judy Pearce, Trail Boss

After our annual 2 month summer hiatus, in September our Corral gathered at the Santa Barbara Club for dinner and were treated to a documentary, "San Lucas Ranch, Santa Ynez." Filmed by our Westerners Sheriff, Susan Jensen, and her husband Paul Singer, we learned of the hurdles owner Nancy Crawford Hall and her family have had to bridge on the ranch Nancy's grandmother bought in 1924. During the 1940s the Bureau of Reclamation claimed the entire ranch for the proposed Cachuma Dam, a reservoir for Santa Barbara. Nancy's father and grandmother fought hard for years and finally got back 10,000 acres. The film showed us Nancy's ranch, her cattle and the prize winning horses she raises. Today Nancy and other ranchers in the Santa Ynez Valley have to battle the "urbanites" who want to "save the land" because they think the ranchers (who actually know the land) aren't good stewards of their own property.

For more information about our Westerners Sheriff and the documentaries she and her husband film about Vaqueros and Cowboys google Susan Jensen, Paul Singer.

For the October meeting our Westerners member Marilyn Brant Chandler DeYoung (Missy) spoke about her book, "Remarkable Women of California". Missy showed us slides of old photos, and gave a biography of a few of the remarkable women in her book that includes 82 women of the 19th and 20th centuries. A 4th generation Californian, Missy's family was part of a close circle of prominent citizens, she was educated at some of the best California schools and had a 30 year marriage to Los Angeles Times Publisher Otis Chandler; all combined, these gave Missy a front row look into the lives of some exceptionally remarkable women who helped shape Los Angeles and California. Through personal friendships and interviews, and with 30 years of research Missy has

San Francisco



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Signals for December 2016

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The Westerners are fortunate to have Bruce Castelman as our **December 6, 2016** speaker. Please join us at 5:30 PM to enjoy this wonderful presentation. Bruce Castelman will discuss Commodore Sloat's impact on the history of California. Bruce is the well-known author of *Knickerbocker Commodore: The Life and Times of John Drake Sloat, 1781-1867*. *Knickerbocker Commodore* chronicles the life of Rear Admiral John Drake Sloat, an important but understudied naval figure in US history. Born and raised by a slave-owning gentry family in New York's Hudson Valley, Sloat moved to New York City at age nineteen. Bruce A. Castelman explores in his book Sloat's forty-five-year career in the Navy, from his initial appointment as midshipman in the conflicts with revolutionary France to his service as commodore during the country's war with Mexico. As the commodore in command of the naval forces in the Pacific, Sloat occupied Monterey and declared the annexation of California in July 1846, controversial actions criticized by some and defended by others. More than a biography of one man, this book illustrates the evolution of the peacetime Navy as an institution and its conversion from sail to steam. Using shipping news and Customs Service records from Sloat's merchant voyages, Castelman offers a rare and insightful perspective on American maritime history.

Bruce A. Castelman served in the US Navy for twenty-four years and held the rank of Commander at the time of his retirement. He then trained as a historian and lectured in history at San Diego State University. He is the author of *Building the King's Highway: Labor, Society, and Family on Mexico's Caminos Reales, 1757-1804*. Bruce Castelman calls San Francisco home but he hails from Sacramento and grew up with family in every town from Redwood City to Oroville. He graduated from the Naval Academy and served a career in the United States Navy, mostly running engineering departments. When he retired from the Navy, he next turned to his lifelong interest in history and went to graduate school where he earned a doctorate from the University of California at Riverside. Bruce then taught history at San Diego State for several years, but he and Penny had always meant to come back to where they met and married. His earlier research was on Latin American topics, but he discovered the controversies surrounding Commodore John Drake Sloat in 1846. Mexican California and the U.S. Navy intersected with Bruce's interests, and he thought he had a local topic with local sources. Commodore Sloat turned out to be a New Yorker through and through, as Castelman found out while researching for his new book, *Knickerbocker Commodore: The Life and Times of John Drake Sloat, 1781-1867* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2016).

Location: L'Oliver French Restaurant
465 Davis Court, San Francisco

The restaurant provides us with a private room, fine dining and an attentive staff. A no-host full bar is available. L'Oliver is located between Jackson and Washington Streets. Parking is available in the area. We gather at 5:30 and dinner seating begins at 6:15 P.M. A three course selection is available and costs \$38.00. Please send checks and dinner reservations by November 29, 2016 to: Judy Van Austen, KOC, 1789 Northwood Court, Oakland, CA 94611

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Other items and events of interest:

Congratulations to Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz...they were awarded 2nd place for the Westerners International 2015 CoFounders "Best Book" Award for their book: *Junipero Serra: California, Indians, and the Transformation of a Missionary*. The awards were presented at the Westerners Reception during the Western History Association Conference in Saint Paul, Minnesota, October 20. Rosemarie and Robert gave our group a presentation on their book last March.



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San Francisco cont.

Betsy Bogel, our long-time member, would like a ride to the Westerners as she no longer drives. Please contact her at 650-345-4243. Her address is 500 Almer Rd., #103, Burlingame, Ca 94010.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Norm Tutorow on September 2nd. Norm was the author of the important two volume history of Leland Stanford, *The Life and Legacy of Leland Stanford, A California Colossus*.

JACK LONDON- A CALIFORNIA RADICAL- A Panel Discussion on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - 6:30pm

at the Mechanic's Institute, 2nd Floor (members free/others \$15)

This tribute to one of the Bay Area's most iconic celebrity writers will be moderated by Heyday founder Malcolm Margolin and will include authors Jonah Raskin (*The Radical Jack London: Writings on War and Revolution*) and Gerald Haslam (*Jack London's Golden State: Selected California Writings*), science writer Mary Ellen Hannibal (*Citizen Scientist*), California Director of the National Wildlife Federation Beth Pratt-Bergstrom (*When Mountain Lions are Neighbors*), Heyday's Steve Wasserman, and special guest librarian Tarnel Abbott, great granddaughter of Jack London.

The panel will cover London's fiery personality and the radical themes of his writing including his views on socialism, war and revolution, unions, incarceration, environmental issues, as well as his ideas about "man vs nature" that he is noted for.

San Francisco's beloved older buildings aren't simply treasures to be preserved, they're lenses through which we can view how this city and its cultures continue to evolve. Join the Book Club of California and John King on November 14, 2016 from 5-7 PM for an eye-opening look at what the landmarks around us reveal about where we might be going next, and how our treatment of the past can alter San Francisco's future. John King is the *San Francisco Chronicle's* urban design critic, where he casts his sharp eye on everything from the design of major towers to the value of rooftop public spaces.

Corrals in Colorado Boulder County Corral

BOULDER CORRAL OF WESTERNERS

MONDAY, Nov. 21, 2016

"A Land Made from Water"

by Robert R. Crifasi

A Land Made from Water is the same title as Bob's book published in 2015 which is an in-depth, well-referenced overview of the development of the American West with particular emphasis on the importance of water and its critical function in the evolution and success of our present life style. His book chronicles how the appropriation and development of water and riparian resources in Colorado changed the face of the Front Range--- an area that was once a desert and is now an irrigated oasis suitable for the habitation and support of millions of people.

Robert R. Crifasi works in water management and planning and is an environmental scientist with more than twenty-five years of experience. He has served as the Water Resources Administrator for the City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks Department, was on the board of directors of eleven ditch companies, and, as president of several Boulder Valley ditches, was responsible for supervising all regular ditch operations.

**LOCATION: FRASIER MEADOWS,
350 PONCA PLACE, BOULDER**

**We will meet in the Sky Lounge, fifth floor,
for a catered meal by Frasier Meadows.**

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Huntington Westerners

Please Join Us

Monthly Meeting

Saturday, December 3, 2016

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

Women's City Club

160 North Oakland St. Pasadena

(Parking access behind club - enter on Madison St. - 2nd driveway south of Walnut)

Floodpath: The Deadliest Man-Made Disaster of the 20th Century and the Making of Modern Los Angeles

Speaker: Jon Wilkman

Just before midnight on March 12, 1928, the St. Francis Dam, a twenty-story-high concrete structure just fifty miles north of Los Angeles, suddenly collapsed, releasing a devastating flood that roared fifty-four miles to the Pacific Ocean, destroying everything in its path. It was a horrific catastrophe, yet one which today is virtually forgotten.

With research gathered over more than two decades, award-winning writer and filmmaker Jon Wilkman will lead us through the deluge that claimed nearly five hundred lives. A key figure is William Mulholland, the self-taught engineer who created an unprecedented water system, allowing Los Angeles to become America's second-largest city, and who was also responsible for the design and construction of the St. Francis Dam.



Jon is co-author of two books with his wife Nancy. His most recent book is *Floodpath: The Deadliest Man-Made Disaster of 20th Century America and the Making of Modern Los Angeles* was published in January 2016.

Advance reservations are required by Wednesday, November 30 (payment is taken at the door)
Cost is \$25 per person - includes dessert (Guests are also welcome & encouraged)
Vegetarian lunch option is available by advance reservation.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS. Club may not be able to accommodate walk-ins

Please make advance reservations by contacting: Carol Critiqui at carol@critiqui.com or (626) 345-0069 and checks mailed to 1029 North Holliston Ave. Pasadena, CA 91104



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Boulder Corral of Westerners Monday, Oct. 17, 2016 The San Juan Mountains Geology, Route-finding and Survival Freemont, Packer, and Marshall By Bill Johnson

The unique geology of the San Juans has confounded many, and in some cases led to tragic outcomes for those attempting to traverse its beautiful but sometimes maze-like quality, Bill will describe the geological origin of the range and several stories of early visitors.

Bill is our current Sheriff.

Colorado Corral of the Westerners

The Colorado Corral of Westerners has an exceptional program this month, on November 17, by renowned railroad historian Chuck Albi. The program notice follows. You may enjoy attending this presentation. All are welcome.

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Word Wrangler
Boulder County Corral of Westerners

COLORADO CORRAL OF WESTERNERS

"Riding the Narrow Gauge to Leadville"

By Charles (Chuck) Albi

Thursday, 17 November 2016

240 Union Restaurant @ 240 Union Blvd, Lakewood, CO

Dianne Powell - deejpowell@q.com or 303-433-5514

Cash Bar @ 6:00 – Dinner @ 6:30 – Presentation follows



Riding the Narrow Gauge to Leadville - During the early 1930s a Denver resident took his camera along on several train trips to Leadville. At that time, mountain roads were not yet paved, and most of the passes were not kept open in winter. The 150-mile rail trip had changed little since the 1880s, crossed the Continental Divide twice and required ten hours, if no avalanches occurred. This is a fascinating journey into Colorado history of not so long ago.

Charles Albi, the dean of Colorado's railroad historians, is a Denver native who has spent a lifetime studying the history of the American West and its railroads. He was an underwriter for a national property/casualty insurance company before becoming executive director of the Colorado Railroad Museum for 12 years. He edited the museum's *Colorado Rail Annuals* for many years and continues as a volunteer there and at Denver Public Library's Western History, Genealogy Department. He has many of his own memories of the last years of steam trains in the Rocky Mountains.



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Colorado Corral cont.

Upcoming programs:

8 December - "Katy Ordway and Colorado's Historic Fashion Group on historic Colorado fashions" @ Pinehurst Country Club

January - "George Creel and Propaganda in the Great War" by Susan Gustin

16 February - "Songs of the Cowboys" by Rex Rideout

16 March - "Mary Elitch Long - Not to see Elitch's is not to see Denver" by Debra Faulkner, the Brown Palace Hotel historian

20 April - "Yukon Gold Rush" by Kathy Spude

Denver

The Denver Posse of Westerners

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

"Five Points: A Brief History"

By Moya Hansen, P.M.

Moya will look at one of Denver's old and distinctive neighborhoods, and its first streetcar suburb. Although most of us tend to think of it as an African American neighborhood, this was not the case until the second decade of the Twentieth century. It's reputation as a jazz Mecca of the West is well deserved, and two men--George Morrison and Leroy Smith are largely responsible for bringing well-known jazz professionals to the city.

Like most western states Colorado's African American population has been a small percentage of the total and most black people lived in urban areas. Paralleling the Five Points story is the growth of the black community and its experiences in this city.

Location: Park Hill Golf Clubhouse, 4141 East 35th Ave., Denver, CO

For dinner reservations, contact Bob Lane, Chuck Wrangler, 303-751-2717

E-mail: rdlane9103@msn.com or: 9103 E. Eastman Pl., Denver, CO 80231

Cost: \$23.00 a plate

Social Hour: 5:30 to 6:20; Dinner: 6:20, Business Meeting follows.

RESERVATIONS A MUST BY 10:00 AM, MONDAY, Nov 14th.

Cancellations need to be in BEFORE NOON on Wednesday.

No shows will be charged unless a cancellation is received.

Denver Posse website: <http://www.denver-westerners.org/>

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The Pruden home, 1886

The Pruden Family story, recounted by Cherry Moore, a Pruden great-granddaughter (presented May 25, 2016)

Illinois

Chicago Corral of the Westerners

CHICAGO CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

Meeting, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016

THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY BY PATRICIA MARROQUIN NORBY AND WILL HANSEN

Please join us Tuesday, November 29th, Patricia Norby and Will Hansen will guide us through the Newberry Library and all it has to offer. Ms. Norby will also share information on the D'Arcy McNickle Center for the American Indian.

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Nebraska Corrals Westerners International Omaha Corral

Thursday, December 1st


Join us for the fourth meeting of the 2016-17 season. We're back on our traditional first Thursday monthly until the April meeting.

This month your Sheriff (John E. Bush) will present a program in which he will take those present through Union Pacific's purchase and construction of their last new steam locomotives during World War II. Photos will include some interesting construction views, you'll see American industry at its finest! Bring a friend and please be sure to put on your best welcoming faces and give warm greetings to strangers!


Westerners International Omaha Corral Thursday, November 3rd

This month our own Cherrie Beam-Calloway returns for a performance of her role as Mariah Monahan in her program "Grit 'N Gumption--Homesteading in Nebraska" Any who have been privileged to take in This month our own Cherrie Beam-Calloway returns for a performance of Cherrie's performances in the past know that this will be a lot of fun and very educational about life on the prairie in the late 19th century

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Retired Brand Inspector
will give us the scoop on
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November 5th and 6th, 2016
6001 Dodge St., Roskens Hall

Saturday, Nov 5th	Sunday, Nov 6th
1p.m. The Red Green Show	1p.m. Christmas in the Clouds
2p.m. Thunderheart	3p.m. Thief of Time
7p.m. Skins	5p.m. Clearcut

Sunday, Nov 6th, 7p.m.
Medicine Women
A Film by Princilla RedCorn

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New Mexico

South Canadian Cross-Timbers Corral of the Westerners

We invite you to join us tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the OU Arts District, (Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art).

Tombstone AZ - OK Corral by Warren Willis, 2011. Photograph courtesy WarrenWillisPhotography.com.



University of Oklahoma: In the OU Arts District

The Charles M. Russell Center (University of Oklahoma School of Visual Arts) cordially invites you to attend the upcoming complimentary lecture.

Charles M. Russell Center for the Study of Art of the American West The University of Oklahoma School of Visual Arts Telephone: (405) 325-5939, Fax: (405) 325-7694 Internet: <http://art.ou.edu/russellcenter/> Mailing: 520 Parrington Oval, Room 202, Norman, OK 73019 Physical: 409 West Boyd Street, Norman, OK 73069

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THURSDAY, November 17

5:30pm SOCIAL HOUR
6:00pm ANNOUNCEMENTS
6:15pm DINNER
6:45pm Program

MCM Elegante Hotel
2020 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque
(1 blk east of University Blvd)

Speaker:
Ron Hamm

“The REAL Story behind the *Optic Cartoon Book* and its Subjects”

Silver City writer Ron Hamm will share the fascinating story of an historical piece of territorial printing and its flesh-and-blood Albuquerque pioneers explored in his book, *New Mexico Territorial Era Caricatures*. When Hamm saw an old photocopy of the *Optic Cartoon Book*, he was so intrigued he determined to write about it. Hamm also will examine the Albuquerque men in the *Cartoon Book*, including the intriguing demise of an illustrious son of old New Mexico who drowned in a vat of sheep dip and a young politician forced to exercise the Wisdom of Solomon in a sensational murder trial. Hamm first came to Albuquerque to head United Press International in New Mexico. He has written for three daily newspapers and the Associated Press. His most recent books are the *Bursisms of New Mexico*, *New Mexico Territorial Era Caricatures*, and *Ross Calvin: Interpreter of the American Southwest*. The latter is a finalist for 2016 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards. Hamm holds a PhD from Texas A&M University and has taught in Argentina and Haiti and aboard U.S. Navy warships at sea.

Oklahoma

South Canadian Cross-Timbers Corral of the Westerners

Explore Oklahoma history through art at the Fred Jones Museum.



Schedule of Events	
9:30 a.m.	opening remarks
10:00 a.m.	<i>Portraying Nature: Natural History and the Early Southern Plains</i> Dr. Dan Flores Professor Emeritus, University of Montana
11:00 a.m.	<i>How America's Destiny Became Manifest: Indians and Railroads in Indian Territory</i> Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell (White Earth Chippewa/Choctaw), Former Director of the American Indian Center, University of North Carolina
Noon break for lunch	
1:30 p.m.	<i>Picturing and Understanding the Background of Indian Territory</i> Dr. Sterling Evans Louise Welsh Chair, Department of History, University of Oklahoma
2:30 p.m.	<i>The Spirit of '89: Images of a Boom Town Born Growth</i> Dr. Bob L. Blackham Executive Director, Oklahoma Historical Society
This program is offered in conjunction with <i>Picturing Indian Territory, 1819-1907</i> , on display through December 30, 2016.	
www.fjmsa.ou.edu	
<small><i>Picturing Indian Territory, 1819-1907</i> is organized in collaboration with the Charles M. Russell Center for the Study of Art of the American West and the Western History Collections, University of Oklahoma Libraries.</small>	
<small>Cover image: Julian Scott (U.S., 1844-1901) Hudson, America's Oklahoma Chief Appointed January, 1890. Courtesy of private collection</small>	



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North Dakota



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Yanktonais Dancers

Monday, November 14

Fort Abraham Lincoln Corral will meet at the Bismarck Elks Club Nov. 14. The dining room balcony opens at 5:30 pm. The meeting starts at 7 pm in the Beudoin Room (lower level). Todd Hanson will present on Yanktonais Dancers.

October 10 Recap

37 Westerners met at the Bismarck Elks Lodge on Oct. 10, 2016. Guests were introduced. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Dean Conrad read three poems about fall. Colleen Ressler shared the memory book where she added the funeral bulletin for Chet Nelson. She also shared a book of Chet's photos. Bob Barr showed his collection of distinctive insignias from many ND military units. Pat Grantier announced Westerners Phillip Danielson Award 3rd Place winners (see back page). Darrell Pittman introduced Shirley J. Olgerson, Retired Lt. Col. ND National Guard. Shirley is the Editor of the 164th Infantry News. The National Guard, in all states, was formed to assist the Regular Army and to meet emergencies within their own boundaries.

Shirley presented a very fascinating and proud history of the 164th Infantry.

• 1883 Company A was organized
• 1889 State militia formed
ND National Guard members served far from the ND plains and met with adverse conditions. When first meeting the need of Federal use, they lacked firearms, army issue clothing, blankets, tents. Once provided proper issue, they moved on to experience tropical heat, typhoons, jungles, cholera, bad water, flu epidemic, fierce battle and casualties. ND soldiers fought valiantly earning a strong reputation of high character.

- 1898 Spanish American war
- 1899 Philippine Insurrection
- 1916 Mexican Border
- 1917 WWI deployed to France
- 1942 WWII Guadalcanal
- 1945 WWII Japan
- 1951 Korean War

Many medals were awarded ND soldiers. Hwy. 2 from Gr. Forks to Montana border is a memorial to the 164th Infantry. ND Vet's Cemetery has a sculpture with the history of the 164th. To read more go to www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil.



South Dakota Dakota Midlands Corral of Westerners

It's time for the Dakota Midlands Corral of the Westerners to meet on Friday, November 4, 2016 at the Dacotah Prairie Museum.

The November program will feature Dr. Art Buntin and his program is called "The European War and American Politics: Editorial Attitudes of the Aberdeen American News 1939-1941."

Plan on attending the Western History Association Conference in San Diego.
November 1st—4th, 2017.



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**Publication by Texas Westerner
Nathan Dahlstrom from Lubbock.**



The Green Colt

**Download chapter one
for free - ["The Duck and
the Coyote"](#)**

Twelve-year-old Wilder Good likes basketball, 4-H club, hanging out with his friends, and reading. But, more than anything, he loves to be outdoors.

In this fourth book of the series, Wilder is back at his grandfather's ranch in West Texas. Papa Milam gives him an unexpected gift—his very own "green" colt to break. Wilder is excited to begin, but he quickly realizes that even getting near the colt is much harder than he expected. So Papa hires Tequito, a Mexican *vaquero*, to help. Tequito doesn't speak much English, and at first



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Utah Westerners

November 15 - Alta Club

Social Hour: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m

*“NEW KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AN OLD CONFLICT: SURPRISES FROM THE UTAH WAR”
WILLIAM P. MacKinnon*

Bill MacKinnon will speak about the Utah War and his recently published work: ‘At Sword's Point, Part 2,’ the concluding book of his two-volume documentary history of the Utah War of 1857-1859.

Bill's Part 2 picks up the war's action in January 1858 and takes the reader through Thomas L. Kane's gratuitous trip west to try to end further bloodshed, U. S. Army Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's epic trek from Fort Bridger to New Mexico to remount the Utah Expedition, Lt. Joseph Christmas Ives' ascent of the Colorado River in search of an invasion route into southern Utah, President Buchanan's plans to open a second front from the Pacific Coast while planning a related incursion into northern Mexico and the acquisition of Spanish Cuba, Gen. Winfield Scott's bizarre attempt to supersede Albert Sidney Johnston, Brigham Young's quixotic efforts to raise a whole new force (the Standing Army of Israel) for a spring assault on Forts Bridger and Laramie, the massive Move South toward Sonora of 30,000 Mormon refugees, and Buchanan's surprise dispatch of peace commissioners armed with stiff terms and a blanket presidential pardon to end the military phase of the war.

MacKinnon will focus on the war's regional and even international sprawl as well as the truth and errors of its enduring mythology while sharing his conclusions about who started the war, its winners and losers, leader accountabilities, the impact of the war on individual participants, and the societal forces unleashed by the conflict that changed Utah, the West, and America forever. Attendees are urged to come prepared with the questions they have always wanted to ask about our country's greatest and most expensive military adventure between the Mexican-American and Civil wars.

Bill MacKinnon is an independent historian living in Montecito, Santa Barbara County, California, who has researched, and written about Utah's turbulent territorial period since 1958. He has been a member of the Utah State Historical Society since 1963 and is now both a fellow and honorary life member of that organization as well as a member of OCTA's Crossroads (Utah) Chapter. He is a past president of the Mormon History Association and former sheriff of the Santa Barbara Corral of the Westerners. In his other careers as a business manager and community volunteer, he has been a vice president of General Motors Corporation, president of his own consulting firm, chairman of Children's Hospital of Michigan, and a trustee of public and private educational, philanthropic, and health care organizations. He is an alumnus or veteran of Yale, Harvard, and the U. S. Air Force.



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Bill Baker (1925 – 2016)

Billy Floyd Baker died October 24th 2016 in Sandy, Utah. He was born on November 5th 1925 in Helper, Utah to Floyd C. and Alice Winn Baker. He married Janet Kerby later divorced, she preceded him in death. He married Phyllis L. Jewkes in December, 1974. He is survived by his wife and three children; Gail B. Raby, Frank C. Baker (Carole), Lynne B. Blue (Charles) and daughter Jacqueline M. Jewkes Felt (John); Seven grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Rena Hewitt (Gary) and Betty Pike (Parley). Preceded in death by two brothers and one sister; Jack S. Baker (Edith), Jay N. Baker, Ann Jones (Steven). He enlisted and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WW II and was employed by Western Airlines. He attended the University of Utah, later employed and retired from Mountain Bell Telephone Co. as a manager. He was active in the Masonic Fraternity; served as Master of Joppa Lodge #26 and Grand Master of Masons in Utah in 1982. He was a thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Mason and served in the Utah York Rite, was Past Intendant General for the Red Cross of Constantine in Utah and a member of El Kalah Shrine and active in many other Masonic organizations. He was a member and past president of the Utah Westerners. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday the 12th of November at 11:00 am at Notre Dame Church, 185 North Carbon Avenue, Price, UT

Utah Westerners 2017 Field Trip

The Utah Westerners 2017 Field Trip to The Colorado Front Range

Wednesday, June 28th to Saturday, July 2nd, 2017

Double Occupancy \$730.00 Single Occupancy \$1075.00. Includes 5 nights' hotels, breakfast, lunch and Banquet in Denver

Taking Reservation Deposits (\$100.00) now for Utah Westerners Members Only Until February 1st, 2017. Send a Check to Craig Smith, 1495 W Honey Crisp Way, South Jordan, Utah 84095

utwesterners@gmail.com

The Utah Westerners 2017 Field Trip is taking us to the Front Range of Colorado. The field trip officially begins in Denver (Hotel to Be Determined) at 8 a.m. on Wednesday June 28th. There will be a Bus driving from Salt Lake City to Denver on June 27th and returning on July 2nd, which is a travel option that is included in the field trip price.

Day 1, Wednesday June 28th. Denver Colorado.

[History Colorado](#) (formerly Colorado Historical Society) Museum for a private look at treasures in the vaults of History Colorado, presented to us by Steve W. Turner, Executive Director of History Colorado.

We will get a private docent tour of [The Denver Art Museums](#) amazing Western Collection and tour the Colorado State Capitol. We are still working on some other ideas at this time.

The day will be concluded with an evening with the [Denver Westerners Posse](#) where we have been invited to attend their June Dinner and Lecture. We will have the fantastic opportunity to meet the great folks who comprise this vital, 75 year old Westerners Group.



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Utah Field Trip Cont.

Day 2, Thursday June 29th, Denver to Pikes Peak Cog Train and Cripple Creek, Colorado.

Rocky Mountain High is the game for Thursday. We depart Denver and head to Manitou Springs, Colorado for a ride on the [Pike's Peak Railway](#), the World's Highest Cog Train, to the Summit of Pikes Peak at 14,115 ft. This is a 3 hour excursion and includes 45 minutes at the summit.

We stay in the mountains and head to the great city of [Cripple Creek](#) for the night. Cripple Creek is a historic mining town at 9500 feet elevation. It is beautifully preserved and features Casino's (We are staying at the [Double Eagle Casino](#) on the Main Street), great shopping and museums.

Day 3, Friday June 30th, Cripple Creek, Royal Gorge of the Arkansas River, Pueblo, Trinidad and Pueblo.

On the third day we will depart Cripple Creek and drive through the mountains to [The Royal Gorge Bridge and Park](#) where you can walk out on the suspension bridge 955 feet above the river.

We will travel to Pueblo, Colorado next to see sites related to the [Mormon Battalion experience](#) at Fort Pueblo. The next stop will be the site of the [Ludlow Massacre](#) and then on to tour History Colorado's [Trinidad Museum](#). We will return to Pueblo, where we will stay for the next 2 nights. Our hotel in Pueblo is right downtown on the wonderful [Pueblo Riverwalk](#). This great location will offer you many evening and night time dining, shopping and [Craft Beer Options](#).

Day 4, Saturday July 1st, Old Bent's Fort National Historic Site, New Bent's Fort Site, Sand Creek Massacre National Monument.

Saturday will be our day in the Great Planes where we will explore the [Santa Fe Trail](#). We will tour [Old Bents Fort National Historic Site](#), built in 1833, where Jon Carson, the great grandson of Kit Carson will lead our tour. Bent's Fort was one of the most important locations in the evolution of Western U.S. history. We then will walk out on the site of the [New Bent's Fort](#). Our final stop is the [Sand Creek Massacre National Monument](#). We have arranged to have our tour there be conducted by Shawn Gillette of the Park Service. See: [Sand Creek Massacre](#).

Sunday July 2nd, Details of return trip; Pueblo, Colorado-Denver- Salt Lake City.

On the morning of July 2nd we will be waking up in Pueblo, Colorado and returning to Denver to drop participants off, who choose to fly, at the airport around 11:00 am. The bus will then return to the hotel in Denver to drop participants off who opted to drive their personal vehicles to Denver (you can leave your vehicles at the hotel in Denver). Some people have already indicated that they may take the train from Salt Lake City to Denver. Those people will have to make their arrangements.



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Utah Field Trip cont.

Required Reading:

Bent's Fort, by David Lavender, Doubleday & Company, 1954,

Bent's Fort was a landmark of the American frontier, a huge private fort on the upper Arkansas River in present southeastern Colorado. Established by the adventurers Charles and William Bent, it stood until 1849 as the center of the Indian trade of the central plains. David Lavender's chronicle of these men and their part in the opening of the West has been conceded a place beside the works of Parkman and Prescott.

The Sand Creek Massacre, by Stan Hoig, University of Oklahoma Press, 1961,

Sometimes called "The Chivington Massacre" by those who would emphasize his responsibility for the attack and "The Battle of Sand Creek" by those who would imply that it was not a massacre, this event has become one of our nation's most controversial Indian conflicts. The subject of army and Congressional investigations and inquiries, a matter of vigorous newspaper debates, the object of much oratory and writing biased in both directions, the Sand Creek Massacre very likely will never be completely and satisfactorily resolved. This account of the massacre investigates the historical events leading to the battle, tracing the growth of the Indian-white conflict in Colorado Territory. The author has shown the way in which the discontent stemming from the treaty of Fort Wise, the depredations committed by the Cheyennes and Arapahoes prior to the massacre, and the desire of some of the commanding officers for a bloody victory against the Indians laid the groundwork for the battle at Sand Creek.

This PBS documentary is an excellent primer for the 2017 field trip. Watch it.

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Utah Westerners' September and October Activities 2017

By Walter Jones



Sixty one people (Utah Westerners and guests) met at the Alta Club on September 20th for the Westerners' monthly dinner meeting. Our speaker was Lenny Rees, historian for the Browning and Winchester Museum in Ogden, Utah's old Union Pacific Depot. Rees spoke on the topic of John Moses Browning (1855-1926) who achieved acclaim for designing and developing military and civilian firearms. One of his famous weapons is the Browning Automatic Rifle which he designed in 1917 and which became the United States' Army's standard, squad-issued "portable light machine gun."

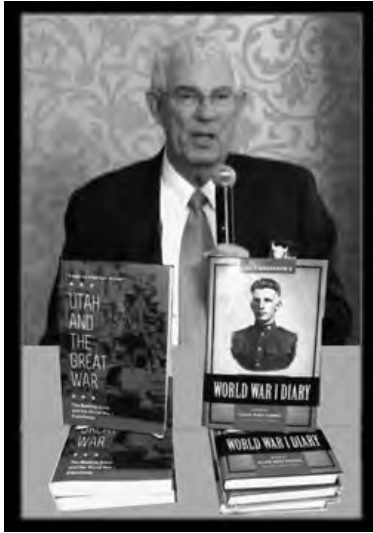
Utah Westerners' president, Steve Gallenson announced at the dinner that the Utah State Historical Society is holding its annual conference at the end of September. It is with pride that Westerners member Brad Westwood is the director of the historical society. In addition, Steve mentioned that, as for the last four years, the Utah Westerners donated \$1,000 this year to the Utah State Historical Society for its annual conference.

Steve made a final announcement in which he asked all Westerners who have film footage, videos or DVDs of any Westerner field trip to lend their films, etc. to Joe Hatch who plans to digitize all of them to make available online.

One item of interest from the Utah Westerners' September newsletter is the "Bench Press Books of Western and Regional History" is Curt Bench's review of Larry Len Peterson's 2014 book *Charles M. Russell: Photographing the Legend*. As Bench noted, Peterson's book

has been published through a cooperative effort of the University of Oklahoma Press, the Gilcrease Museum, the University of Tulsa, and the C.M. Russell Museum.

President Steve Gallenson and Lenny Rees
At Septembers Utah Westerner Dinner



Continuing its roll of excellent monthly dinner meetings, the Utah Westerners had a great presentation at the Alta Club on Tuesday, October 18th. Utah Westerner co-speaker chair, Linda Thatcher (retired Utah State Historical Society employee) conducted the evening's events. Kent Powell, Linda Thatcher's one-time colleague at Historical Society and also a member of the Utah Westerners, was the illustrious speaker on the 18th. Powell has edited or authored a number of books on the subject of Utah's history, including a reference work titled *Utah History Encyclopedia* (University of Utah Press, 1994) and *The Next Time We Strike: Labor in Utah's coal Fields, 1900-1933* (Utah State University Press, 2013). His topic for the Utah Westerners was "Utah, Nels Anderson, and the World War I Experience" which focused on the Great War years of Anderson's long and productive life as a soldier, sociologist, and historian. As the basis of his presentation, Powell cited information from Anderson's World War I "remarkable contemporary account of military service on the Western Front and during the American occupation of Germany after the war" [quote is from Utah Westerner secretary Kent Tschanz' October *Utah Westerners* newsletter]. Powell recently edited Anderson's journal which is now a 1913 University of Utah Press publication titled *Nels Anderson's World War I Diary*. Fifty Westerners and guests attended the meeting.

Historian Kent Powel and His Recent Publications on Utah
And World War I and Utah Westerners November Dinner



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The Rep Speaks –

Howdy Partners:

Peter ain't writing his column this month 'cause he don't know what happened at the last meeting, 'cause he was in Spain having fun rather than working his Sheriff rope to corral the rest of us ornery cusses stuck in Park County. And there was a heck of a lot of folks at the last meeting. Bonnie Smith from BBCOW spoke to a nearly packed house about petroglyphs and pictographs (there will be an either/or test at the next meeting), eagles, and thunderbirds. They might all be the same, as it turns out. Plus, there's a heck of a lot of them (take your pick) scattered 'round the Big Horn Basin. Keep your eyes open. Mighty interesting palaver.

Now, as for this coming meeting on November 28 - same time, same place (but you knew that) - I have not a clue what the program is. I do, however, have ultimate confidence that Jeremy will rustle up something interesting, that vittles and libations will be available, and that you'll get fined 25 cents if you ain't in western duds or if you say one of them @#X88% sort of words. Don't be a cry baby and say you ain't been warned.

The Rep (Rex)

Who is Willie Stoll and What Does He Have to Do With Tom Horn?

This month, John Davis is going to talk to us about the 1902 trial of Tom Horn for the murder of Willie Nickell. As John tells it, this was probably the most sensational murder trial in the history of Wyoming. Horn had support of the cattle industry; they hired six lawyers to keep him alive. The State had only one good attorney and his name was Walter Stoll, as it turns out a really good lawyer. How it all unfolded is what we are going to hear from Mr. Davis.

John Davis is a retired attorney himself who has written several books about the history of Wyoming. *A Vast Amount of Trouble* tells the story of the 1909 Spring Creek Raid; *Goodbye, Judge Lynch* recounts a 1902 murder near Ten Sleep; and in *Wyoming Range War* he talks about the Johnson County War. His most recent book, *The Trial of Tom Horn* was just published in March of this year by the University of Oklahoma press.

Join us at 6 p.m. for dinner and then stick around to hear about this exciting event in Wyoming's history.



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Sheriff Peter Speaks –

Howdy Partners:

Well, you can bank on it. When Dr. Fees gets up to talk, there's a hush in the room. You could hear an original Shoshone First National Bank note drop ... not in value, of course, but when it hits the floor. Sure was refreshing to learn that the town of Cody and the neighboring farm and ranch folks too were so well cared for in the money department over the years. Locally owned banks, with Cody as an example, have grown as the communities have. Some say it's because of the banks, some say it's because of the communities. I'm putting my money on both, just to be safe.

Snow's coming soon ... Thursday they say. Be sure to corral your most long-legged horses today or tomorrow so you can buck the drifts. I'm fixin' to stay around most of the winter and brave the elements. Hope most of you are too.

Fall's a different story. Sorry to say, I won't be here for the next meeting of the Pahaska Corral on October 24. I'm slated to be in Spain that day, hopefully enjoying some beach time on the Costa Brava. Jeremy's signed up Bonnie Smith from the museum to talk about Big Horn Basin pictographs and petroglyphs ... art and archeology all mixed up together.

Hope to see you at the November meeting ... that is if you don't eat too much turkey the week before. Hurrah!

Yellowstone Pete

Thunderbirds & Eagle Nests

This month, Bonnie Smith from the Center of the West will talk to us about her project for the BLM, the Forest Service, and the State of Wyoming. She is investigating the relationship between thunderbird images on rock art and nearby ancient eagle nests. Should be a fascinating talk.

Bonnie is the Curatorial Assistant in the Draper Museum, working with Chuck Preston on exhibits, collections and research. In addition, she coordinates the Draper's educational programming.

Bonnie has a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Art History from UCLA, where she assisted on two projects – one on ancient diet of peoples on the Panamanian coast and the other on ancient metallurgy.

She has been at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West since 2010.

Join us for this intriguing program. I am guessing there will be plenty of images.





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This is a reprint of the history of the move from Tucson to Oklahoma City.

A History of the Move of
Westerners International (WI) Headquarters
from Tucson to
The National Cowboy Hall of Fame
and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City.



Former President Jo Tice Bloom in 2007 presents the “Certificate of Marshalisation,” an achievement award for outstanding work to John Marshall.

John Marshall
Indian Territory Possee
of Oklahoma City



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Westerners International (WI), Leland D. Case, and A Institutional Home on the Range. Leland D. Case, Founder of WI in Chicago (1944), always wielded the legendary "Case Pitchfork" towards the idea of an institutional headquarters for WI where all Westerners could hang their hats. On November 18, 1987 after three years of research, investigation, and negotiation, the WI Executive Committee approved the historic move of WI Headquarters from the great city of Tucson to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City, (NCH and WHC). The Indian Territory Possee of Oklahoma City, founded in 1962, will assume a major role in staffing the WI Executive Committee with four initial officers plus an energetic volunteer corp. By May, 1988, the final written agreements between WI and the NCH and WHC will be in place - the Tucson to Oklahoma City transition of operational and financial matters will move gradually from that point to completion.

For the outstanding WI veterans of Tucson (Harriman, Reavis, Brown, Wells, Brown, Chideston, Sigurd, Jensen, Hughes, Finch, etc.) and the upstart ITP Westerners of Oklahoma City, (Price, Green, Shaw, Blackburn, Reeves, Stewart, Marshall, Meredith, Baker, etc.), their coordinated efforts in the 1986-1988 period represented a "barrel to the brim" effort to serve the best interests of WI and the 125 active Westerner Corrals or Possees. WI has chapters throughout the United States plus Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and Western Europe. Leland Case, of the purple ink flourishes and pitchfork actions, who died in 1986 would be pleased with the many Westerners who worked together in harness to accomplish his goal of an affiliation for WI with a "major institution devoted to the Old West". Westerners will feel right at home when they visit the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center on Persimmon Hill in Oklahoma City, supported and managed by the seventeen western states since its 1965 opening.

"Dary Dary Everywhere" as the WI President from Kansas works to promote the success of Westerners International.

David Dary, serving in now an unprecedented third year as WI President, has traveled more than 10,000 miles in directing the successful efforts to relocate WI headquarters and serve the best interests of WI. It was Mr. Dary who worked to create the 19 WI world regional Vice Presidency positions to foster better communications and bring more "Dry Camps" back to WI active status. It was David Dary who initially contacted Byron Price, New Director of the NCH and WHC, in January, 1987, about any interest there in permitting WI to locate their headquarters in the NCH and WHC.

It was once again David Dary, Kansas Jayhawker and KU Journalism Professor, who marched past the Flint Hills down to Oklahoma City for an inspection tour of the Indian Territory Possee in the Fall, 1987. David Dary, the WI Man on Horseback, or a man as J. Frank Dobie might have said, "Out of the Old Rock." WI and Westerners everywhere are proud of Mr. Dary, soon to be President of the Western Writers Association (David, take your pitchfork!)



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Byron Price and The National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City. Combine West Texas with West Point and Oklahoma, add Western History plus Westerners, and your recipe winds up with Byron Price, Director of the NCH and WHC. When David Dary spoke to Byron about possibly moving WI Headquarters to the NCH and WHC, it took the fast moving Mr. Price only a few western seconds to say "yes" to the idea of such a move (subject to Board Approval, of course).

Both the Board Chairman, Edward K. Gaylord of Oklahoma City, and the President, Chesley Pruett of El Dorado, Arkansas, were pleased with the WI move idea and the perceived compatibility of the two organizations. Later when Bill Arrington of Pampa, Texas (and grandson of "Cap" Arrington, Texas Ranger) became President following Mr. Pruett, he was also in favor of a WI institutional affiliation with the NCH and WHC.

The NCH and WHC Board, based on Byron Price's recommendations, voted final approval in December, 1987 for WI to move its headquarters to the NCH and WHC, subject to mutually acceptable agreements with WI and the Indian Territory Possee of Oklahoma City.

Byron Price: "The NCH and WHC will provide WI a stable base of operations, with a national focal point for Westerners from everywhere."



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The Indian Territory Possee of Oklahoma City (ITP), New Host Possee for WI, Yesterday and Today, Participation in the WI Relocation Process.

Smith's Cafe, Stillwater, Oklahoma, March 2, 1962. According to Glenn Shirley who was there, Shirley, Dean Krakel, and Martin Wenger met in the store room of Smith's Cafe to organize what soon became the Indian Territory Possee of Oklahoma City. The first formal meeting was on April 6, 1962 at the Western History Collection of the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Dr. Arell M. Gibson was the first sheriff of the ITP, and the original bylaws were a composite of a New York, Wyoming, and Denver Possee's bylaws. Glen Shirley, Western Historian, made the following comments about the organizational meeting at Smith's Cafe:

"Yes, the ITP started in a storage room. Nearly every damn thing that's worthwhile starts in a storage room, if you think about it. The Banquet Room and all the tables were full; so the Owner said we could meet and eat in his storeroom if we promised not to spill our whiskey, get arrested, or set the place on fire."

Such were the bare beginnings of the ITP in 1962 which grew from the "original 21 members" to today's group of 50 regular members, 30 corresponding members, plus the Women's Corral which started in 1971. The ITP has now become the Host Possee for Westerners International. John Windolph is the current Sheriff.

June 1, 1987. Oklahoma City, National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center. Byron Price asked an Ad Hoc Committee of the ITP, "to move forward if desired," in an effort with WI to locate the WI headquarters to the NCH and WHC. Attending ITP members: Ed Shaw, Sheriff; Don Green, Former Sheriff; John Marshall, Keeper of the Chips; Howard Meredith, Registrar of Marks and Brands; Don Reaves, Fred Olds, Don Baker, and John Windolph, Deputy Sheriff.

June 17, 1987. Tucson. WI Executive Committee meeting. Sheriff Ed Shaw represented the ITP and fielded questions about the facilities and financial stability of the NCH and WHC, the depth of ITP volunteers, and the expertise to handle WI operations in Oklahoma City.

July 10, 1987. Oklahoma City. In a specially called summer meeting of the ITP at the NCH and WHC, the membership expressed their "Strong Sentiments" in favor of supporting the NCH and WHC with ITP volunteers and leaders in WI to make the relocation move a success. Sheriff Ed Shaw chaired the meeting which ranged wildly from Roberts Rules of Order to a Range War; however, the ITP was "Firm in the Saddle" on the WI move from Tucson to Oklahoma City.

September 9, 1987. Oklahoma City. The incoming Sheriff, John Windolph, had appointed the venerable veteran of the ITP, Roy Stewart, as Chairman of the WI Committee of the ITP. Bob Blackburn, Don Reaves and Don Green were members of Roy's Committee.

On September 9, the WI Committee met throughout the afternoon with visiting members of the WI Executive Committee, Jarvis Harriman (Chairman), Peyton Reavis (Executive President), and David Dary (President). The work day of



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negotiations was concluded with a fine dinner together, a Westerner tradition.

September 10, 1987. Oklahoma City. Liberty National Bank and Trust Company. Chairman Harriman and Executive Vice President, Jarvis met with John Marshall, ITP Keeper of the Chips, and a Liberty Vice President to review the financial condition of WI and discuss John's written financial plan for the financial transition of WI headquarters from Tucson to Oklahoma. The Liberty Bank in business since 1918 and the state's largest independent bank, has offered to assist WI in Oklahoma City with depository and investment relationships. Will Brown, current treasurer of WI, has done an outstanding job in handling the financial matters of WI for many years. After the meeting and lunch at the Skirvin Hotel, the group toured the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and John gave Jarvis and Peyton complimentary ITP Brand Books.

September 12, 1987. Oklahoma City. Overholser Mansion. In our regular ITP meeting, Roy Stewart presented an impressive three page report on the work of the WI committee of the ITP. Sheriff John Windolph chaired the meeting and Odie Faulk gave an excellent program about the "Camel Corp of the U.S. Cavalry." After the Camel Corp, Sheriff Windolph called for an official vote of the ITP to approve our support in moving the WI headquarters from Tucson to the NCH and WHC, in Oklahoma City. No cannons or pistols were fired in anger - the vote was "100% unanimous" in favor of total ITP support and participation. A letter of confirmation was later sent to the WI Executive Committee.

September 17, 1987. Tucson. WI Executive Committee. The WI leaders, careful as always, voted to ask for a formal letter of invitation for the WI move from the NCH and WHC in addition to the letter of confirmation from the ITP. The WI leaders may nominate some members of the ITP in Oklahoma City to serve on the WI Executive Committee. However, they voted to poll their entire 37 member board about the move and plan further discussions at the Western History Association meeting in Los Angeles in October. They planned their meeting on November 18, 1987 in Tucson to be the day of final decision.

October 10, 1987. Los Angeles. Western History Association Meeting. Bob Blackburn of the Oklahoma Historical Society would have been called "Slim" in any western movie. But he is wide in his knowledge of Oklahoma History and is a persuasive and sincere young speaker. The ITP delegated Bob to represent the interest of the NCH and WHC plus the ITP at the WHA meeting. The WHA actually grew out of Westerners International and one session of their annual meeting is always devoted to WI business. Bob Blackburn made a special presentation to the WHA people and came away with their support for the WI relocation plan to Oklahoma City.

November 18, 1987. Tucson. WI Executive Committee meeting. With Roy Stewart ill, Don Green was appointed chairman of the WI Committee of the ITP. Don is a former ITP Sheriff and a history professor at Central State University. In keeping with the "Case Pitchfork Philosophy," Don represented the ITP in this all important meeting of the WI Executive Committee. The following motion was presented by Jarvis Harriman and seconded by Peyton Reavis: RESOLVED: That providing the Board of Directors



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of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center and the Executive Committee of the Westerners International reach a suitable agreement, Westerners International move its Headquarters to Oklahoma City and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Association.

Secret ballot by Executive Committee members voting showed eleven (11) Ayes and One (1) Abstention. Motion Passed.

In preparation for the work ahead for WI Headquarters in Oklahoma, the following ITP member are slated to serve on the WI Executive Committee:

Chairman	Don Green
Executive Vice President	Bob Blackburn
Secretary	Don Reeves
Treasurer	John Marshall

Bob Blackburn will also serve as Editor of the Buckskin Bulletin. Odie Faulk will handle the WI writing contest programs, and John Donley will manage the Annual Westerners Breakfast.

Oklahoma City, in the forty-four (44) year history of Westerners International will be the fourth (4) city to host the Headquarters of WI. Chicago, Los Angeles, and Tucson (since 1969) were the previous host cities. Through the efforts mainly of Penn Woods in the ITP, the "WI Headquarters move to Oklahoma City" has been designated an "Official Oklahoma City Centennial Project" by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Formed during a 1889 Land Run, Oklahoma City is the Capital City of Oklahoma

Roy Stewart and Ed Shaw of the ITP deserve a "special tribute" for their work on the WI Headquarters move to Oklahoma City. Joan Case (Yellow Singing Bird) in Tucson, wife of Founder Leland Case, deserves a "special tribute" for simply going down so many dusty trails with Mr. Case! The Executive Committee of WI deserves a "special tribute" for their unselfish work as caretakers of the business of Westerners International.

"When the legend becomes fact, print the legend." The author heard a journalist make this comment in a John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart movie, The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance. In writing this history, I have tried to concentrate on facts and avoid Liberty Valance.

John H. Marshall
Author, Indian Territory Possee
of Oklahoma City
March 27, 1988