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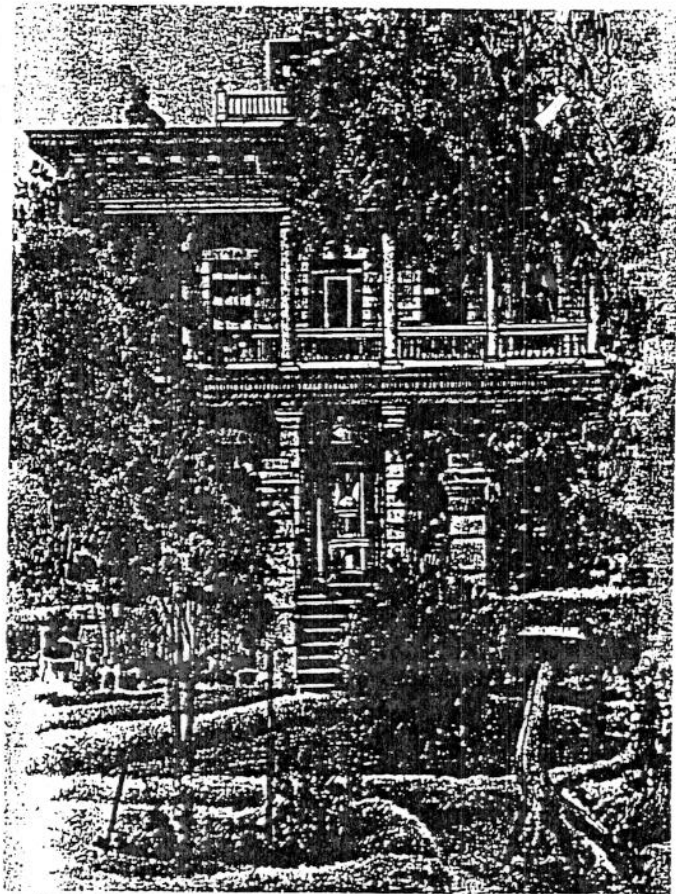
NCCSAH to meet in Sonoma

The Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians will meet Saturday, May 17 in Sonoma. The meeting will consist of three paper presentations, viewing of the video *A Closer Look at Sonoma*, lunch, a business meeting and an afternoon tour of several local sites. For more detailed information and registration form see page 3 of this newsletter.

NCCSAH Kick-Off Meeting held in Berkeley

The Kick-Off meeting for the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians was held in Berkeley on Saturday, January 27, 1996. The group met in Wurster Hall on the UCB campus. Two well-presented papers spurred lively discussions on California architecture. Lynn Horiuchi of Caltrans presented her work in progress on architect Charles F. Whittlesey, and James Buckley, a Ph.D. Candidate at UCB, presented a paper on the lumber industry in Northern California, concentrating on the town of Scotia.

After lunch and a business meeting, a walking tour of architecture near the UCB campus was conducted by Susan Stern Cerny of the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. Thanks to those who toured even though the weather did not cooperate with us!!!



A 1931 sketch from Coblenz's 1953 work *The Tale of Temelec Hall*. This will be one of the featured buildings at the Sonoma meeting afternoon tour.

NCCSAH Officers Elected

A new chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians for Northern California was formed at a Kick-Off meeting in Berkeley in January, 1996. The group met again in May of 1996 and at that gathering elected the following individuals to serve as officers: John Snyder of Sacramento, President; Anne Bloomfield of San Francisco, Vice President; Vincent Marsh of San Francisco, Treasurer; Cynthia Howse of Sacramento, Secretary; Michael Crowe of San Francisco, Preservation Officer. Congratulations and thanks to our new officers. They will each serve a two year sentence!

Oakland Meeting held at old Athenian-Nile Club

On Saturday, May 11, 1996, NCCSAH held a meeting at the old Athenian-Nile Club in Oakland. After morning coffee, the group heard two excellent, yet varied, paper presentations: Nancy Goldenberg, *Nuclear Waste or History, You be the Judge*, and Marta Gutman, *Domesticating Institutions: Progressive Women and Environmental Activities in West Oakland*.

At the business meeting officers were elected and the By-laws passed. After lunch in Old Oakland, Alice Carey led members on a tour of downtown Oakland highlighting the newly renovated Oakland City Hall Building and the Rotunda Building. A good time was had by all!!

October 1996 NCSAH Event held in Sacramento

Sacramento was the host city for the October 1996 meeting of the Northern California Society of Architectural Historians. The meeting was held on Saturday, October 12, 1996, at Andiamo's Restaurant located on Folsom Boulevard. The meeting consisted of a light breakfast, morning presentations, lunch, and a business meeting, followed by a tour of Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium.

The paper presentations included: Don Napoli, *The Architecture of Sacramento Apartment Buildings*; Frank Lortie, *Modernistic Architecture and Public Works: The Posey Tube and the Caldecott Tunnel*; and Carol Roland, *Outdoor Spritual Values: Nature, Landscape and the Olmstead Brothers in California*. Bonnie Snyder and Paula Boghosian gave the group an introduction to the Memorial Auditorium before guiding an informative tour of this great Sacramento landmark.

Newsletter Departments

Conferences and Lectures

Like many newsletters within the fields of historic preservation and history we would like to provide a calendar of conferences, lectures and other related events. Please send in your suggestions for this portion of the newsletter. Upcoming events include:

DoCoMoMo in conjunction with APT and the SFAIA will sponsor a lecture at 6:00 pm on May 5, 1997 at the SFAIA offices, 130 Sutter Street. Kathleen James, Assistant Professor of Architecture at the University of California, Berkeley will speak on the work of Erich Mendelsohn.

The Western Association of Women Historians, Asilomar Conference Center, May 30 - June 1, 1997. For more information contact WAWH President Susan Wladaver-Morgan, Portland, Oregon (503)-282-9470 or through e-mail at swladamor@aol.com.

California Preservation Foundation Conference, May 29 - June 1, 1997 at the Double Tree Hotel, Pasadena, California. For more information call the CPF offices at (510)-763-0972.

Vernacular Architecture Forum, Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon, June 11-14, 1997. For more information contact VAF Conference University of Oregon, Eugene (541)-346-3537.

National SAH News

The Society of Architectural Historians will meet in Baltimore, Maryland from April 16-20, 1997. The meeting will take place at the Lord Baltimore Hotel one of that city's last great pre-Depression hotels. A conference highlight will be the Thursday evening address by Phoebe Stanton, Emerita, Johns Hopkins University entitled *Baltimore: Its Character and its Future*.

The Society of Architectural Historians now has a home page that features organizational news and a tour of the Society's Chicago home the Charnley-Perskey House. Look them up at <http://www.upenn.edu/SAH> when you get the chance. NCCSAH will be linking a home page to the National page soon!

Research News and Notes

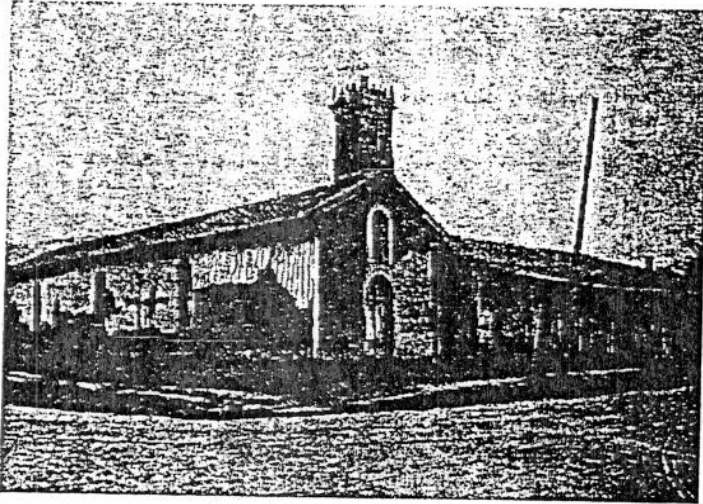
Intended to provide helpful hints for researching in Northern California, this section will feature items such as new library acquisitions or improvements including expanded hours or collections. In addition, members can request information or photographs of their current research projects. Lastly, if you would like more information concerning any of the NCCSAH speakers at the previous meetings please contact the newsletter editor. Future newsletters will offer more detailed information about each speaker.

Preservation News

This portion of the newsletter is intended to inform members about current preservation efforts in the area. It will likely show pictures of recently completed or in-progress projects or threatened structures. Please send suggestions for brief stories to Michael Crowe, NCCSAH Preservation Officer at 640 Mason Street #503, San Francisco, CA 94108, or to Bridget Maley, Newsletter Editor, Architectural Resources Group, Pier 9 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Join Us in Sonoma!

*NCCSAH Spring Meeting
Saturday, May 17, 1997
Sonoma Barracks, Sonoma Plaza*



A view of the San Francisco Solano Mission at Sonoma from G. W. James' 1911 publication In and Out of the Old Missions

Coffee and a light breakfast snack (10:00am)
Presentations and Discussions (10:15am to 11:45am)

Don Choi
UCB Graduate Student, Architectural History
*From the Renewal of the World to the Arrival of Science:
Earthquakes and the Japanese House, 1850 to 1900*

Bridget Maley
Architectural Resources Group
The Patents of Engineer Ernest Ransome

William Heintz,
Local Winery Historian
Hamden W. McIntyre, the Forgotten Winery Architect

Michael Crowe
National Park Service
Introduction to Sonoma Plaza Tour
Video Presentation: *A Closer Look at Sonoma*

Lunch and Business Meeting (11:45am to 1:00pm)

Afternoon Tour (1:00pm to 5:00pm)
*Walking Tour of Sonoma Plaza National Register District
and
Tours of Temelec Hall and
Glen Oaks Ranch*

Basic Info: The Sonoma Barracks is located on the main Plaza in Sonoma - at the northwest corner of Spain Street and First Street, East. We will meet at 10:00 am in the upstairs conference room. Please be on time as we have a full day. Registration will be \$25.00 per person (\$17.50 for students) and includes a light breakfast, lunch, and conference fees. Registration post marked after May 1 or at the door will be \$30.00 as we need numbers for the caterer. We will provide a more detailed agenda for the business meeting at the door. You do not need to be a member to attend - - however membership has its benefits!!

We encourage you to car pool with others as there is a car race at The Sears Point Raceway that weekend and traffic may be heavy at the intersections of Hwys 37 and 121. We would also like to take as few cars on the afternoon tour as possible. There is limited parking at the later two sites.

Return this form and a check to NCCSAH to Anne Bloomfield, 2229 Webster Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Name _____

Number of attendees _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Would you like vegetarian lunch? yes no

Are you interested in staying in Sonoma for a Saturday night dinner with others in the group? Anne will make dinner reservations for us if there is enough response yes no

Phone number if interested in Saturday dinner _____

This is our first newsletter. As a newly formed group one of our first goals was to start publication of a newsletter. This format is experimental and hopefully will change and expand as the group grows.

Please send your ideas or comments concerning The Newsletter to Bridget Maley, NCCSAH Newsletter Editor, Architectural Resources Group Pier 9 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, California 94111 or e-mail at ARGBASE@AOL.COM.

Remember you do not have to be a member of National SAH to become a member of NCCSAH.

Join Now!!!

Dues

Individual \$15.00

Student \$7.50

Make your checks to NCCSAH

To become a member of the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians

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The mission of NCCSAH is to further the objectives of the Society of Architectural Historians of which the Northern California Chapter is an official affiliate; promote the study and discussion of architectural history and its related fields; visit significant works of architecture; and increase public awareness and appreciation of our architectural heritage. Membership is open to anyone interested in architectural history and its related fields who agrees to pay the annual dues and subscribe to the by-laws of the organization.