



Chico Heritage Association – CHA – since 1981 a volunteer not for profit
Organization dedicated to the preservation of Chico's cultural heritage

FEBRUARY 2015

▪ **CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION** ▪

CHA ANNUAL MEETING
2:00PM SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015

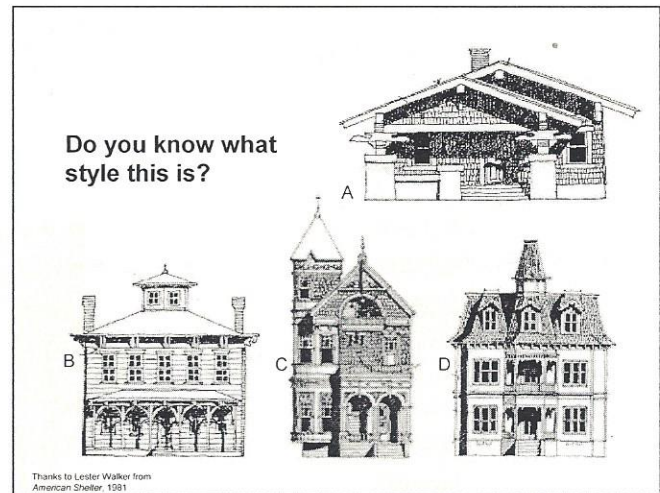
HERITAGE TREES

is the topic of our not-to-be missed Annual Meeting
At the Old Municipal Building, 441 Main Street, Upstairs
Presenter: Scott Wineland

With all the recent attention to trees in our community, have you ever wondered what determines a “Heritage Tree” that should be saved? If so, come to the CHA Annual Meeting on March 1st (2 p.m. at Old Municipal Building). This year’s speaker will be Scott Wineland, an internationally recognized Certified Arborist. (He also certifies other arborists). Scott has given his time and expertise to both the City and the County governments and on occasion has been in disagreement with their tree removal actions. He knows the trees of the Chico area like no one else. This should be a timely and very informative program.

A SHORT QUIZ FOR YOU

Our President is an architect, and interested in a teaching moment, so here is a little quiz for you. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the answers.



CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Chico Heritage Association is to encourage and support the preservation, maintenance, enhancement, restoration and protection of buildings, neighborhoods, monuments, artifacts, and natural resources that exemplify or constitute a part of the historic, architectural and cultural heritage of the greater Chico area.

ULTIMATE RECYCLING!

Recent discussions have highlighted the ultimate recycling of the past – HOUSES. A number of homes in Chico and the surrounding area were recycled as they were moved from their original locations. The houses in question come from the Chico Air Base and some from the Shasta Dam project.

We are collecting stories and perhaps pictures of these homes. If you live in or know of a home or other building that has such a history, leave a CLEAR message on our office phone. We hope to get enough information for a program or an article for the BCHS *Diggins*. At the very least we will plot information on a map at the CHA office.

CHICO'S YESTERDAYS

Randy Taylor, a CHA Board member and also the contributor to the Chico Museum and the Chico Enterprise-Record's Monday feature "News of Our Past" will, from time to time, as space allows, feature matchbook photos of Diamond Match's Chico business ads. Below is our first edition, The Patrick Airport. It opened in 1929 behind what is now the Wright-Patrick House.



What Style is it? Answers

- A. Bungalow – sometimes called Craftsman
- B. Italianate (think Bidwell Mansion)
- C. Queen Anne
- D. Second Empire

All but "A" are styles from the Victorian ERA.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

By Liz Stewart

This past Thursday, John Gallardo and I decided to spend an hour or so looking at recent papers turned in to Mike Magliari's Public History and Archival Research classes and housed in Special Collections, Meriam Library. In case you are not familiar with them, Mike has taught one each semester since the mid-1990s; in Public History the students look into the history of a building (usually in Chico) and for the Archival Research semester, they choose one person who lived in Chico and learn all they can about him or her. Some of these papers are placed in Special Collections, in the manuscript area, either under History 492 Archival Research or 494 Public History. They are all great sources for local historians.

I looked at a history of the Gates Resale building on Park Avenue and biographies of John Henry Allen, Daniel Marsh Birdseye, Joseph Winthrop Waterman and William Van Ornum. There was also one called "From Cork to Chico through famine, war, and disaster: the life of Irish immigrant and Civil War veteran Cornelius Charles Cashman, by Rodney Thomson, December 2013. If you are interested in tracing your Irish ancestors to California, I think you will find Thomson's research very helpful and fascinating! This report is outstanding; I hope many of you will get a chance to review it. I wish it were online!

WATCHLIST

Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
618 w. 5TH Street (1883)
Faculty Row Houses
Humboldt Wagon Ruts
Lost Park
Historic Bridges
Rock Walls
629 W. 4th Street
Anna Barney House (430 W 3rd St.)
Downtown Post Office

IN MEMORIAM
Nancy (Bressel) Taylor

CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP - FEBRUARY 2015

Memberships are due at the first of the calendar year, or if you wish, you may pay in any of the last three months of the preceding year for the following year. Our membership dues and donations provide our day to day expenses, which include our office rent, telephone, insurance, newsletter printing and mailing, photocopying and photography for research. We receive **NO** government funds, and have no paid staff. Please help us save Chico's heritage by your membership and/or donations. Simply fill out and mail this form to:

Chico Heritage Association, P.O. Box 3517, Chico, CA 95927

Name: _____ new member: _____ or renewal: _____

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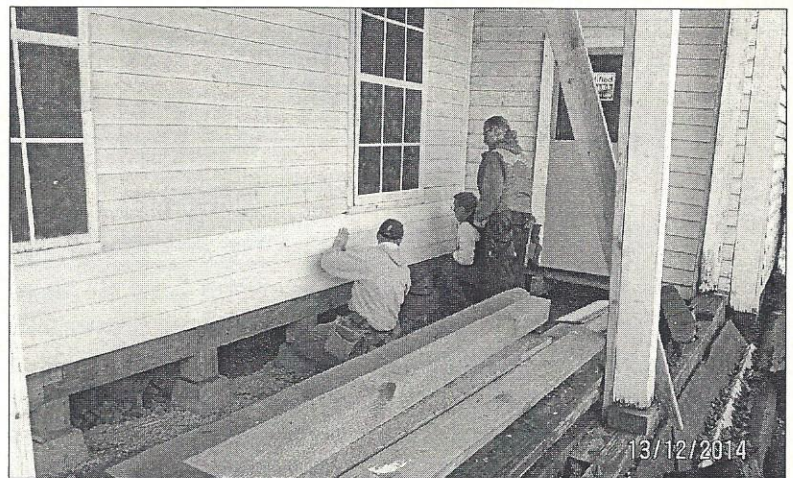
Please note if any **ADDITIONAL** donation is TO SAVE THE OLDEST FRAME HOME IN CHICO AREA, THE WRIGHT-PATRICK PRESERVATION FUND _____

The General Fund _____ or Other _____

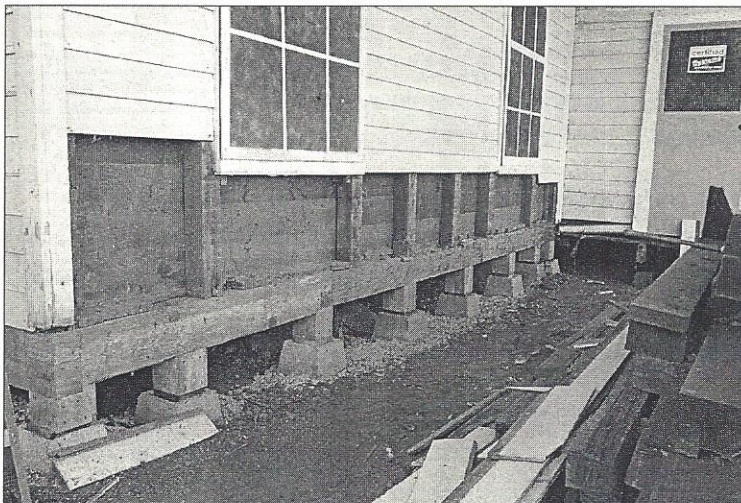
WRIGHT-PATRICK HOUSE UPDATE

We are currently working on replacing damaged siding (albeit at a slow pace), in the process uncovering further structural damage which will need to be addressed in the coming months.

Meanwhile, CHA has been working on the house's Primary Record, a document on file with the State Historic Resources Inventory since 1983. Due to considerable research over the past few years, much new information has come to light which necessitated the updating of the original document. The new data confirms and expands on the importance of the house and ranch and its



Replacement of new siding by Chris Gauer, Paul Lieberum, and Myles Pustejovsky



Removal of damaged siding

occupants in early Butte County, and further fleshes out a narrative which becomes more complex and fascinating with each new discovery - truly a regional treasure!

Thanks to Amy Huberland of the Northeast Information Center, who has been assisting us in preparing the materials for the Wright-Patrick House Primary Record. She will be the featured speaker at our annual Preservation Awards event in May.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, RICHARD MACIAS – FEBRUARY 2015

We have entered into a new year and as many of us do, we prepare our list of resolutions that will guide our guilt compass over the coming months. Discipline is key to maintaining our resolve, so some of us succeed and some not quite. As I thought more about this, it occurred to me that the idea of resolutions should not solely be the privilege of individuals, but of organizations as well. To this end, I thought it appropriate to offer my list of resolutions for Chico Heritage Association for 2015.

1. We have been available to you, our membership, to do investigations of buildings, sites and objects during our office hours in the Old Municipal Building on Main Street. It is an important part of our commitment to you and we resolve to continue doing so.
2. Often a group of us will meet at the Wright-Patrick House on the Midway to do whatever repair is needed to keep the building viable as the important historical resource that it is. It is our resolve to continue so that the oldest house in Butte County is not lost to the ravages of old age.
3. In May we prepare a series of programs, including lectures, guided walks and an awards program during Preservation Month. We believe that these programs help to keep you informed on the issues surrounding historic preservation. We resolve to continue organizing these events during Preservation Month that are timely, interesting and educational

We hope you will feel free to participate in any or all of our activities. Visit us during office hours; spend a Saturday morning "touching-up" the Wright-Patrick House and check out the events for Preservation Month in May. Our success in keeping our resolutions can best be measured by how effective we are in serving our members. We could not do what we do without your help, your participation and your support. Thank you all, so much and Happy New Year.

CHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting is the first TUESDAY of the month at 7:00pm, 441 Main Street, at top of stairs

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