General Meeting and Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 10, the Novato Historical Guild will hold its General Meeting and Holiday Party at Novato City Hall starting at 1 p.m.

Delicious treats will be provided by Guild volunteers and traditional holiday music by the Rob Sundberg Combo. There will be a short business meeting to elect a new Board of Directors for 2012 and to present the budget for the new year.

For the tenth consecutive year the Guild will be collecting canned food for the needy. The canned food will be donated to the Marin Food Bank on Digital Dr. in Novato. After you sign the guest book, one extra prize-drawing ticket will be given for each can of food that you bring in. Please help to make the holiday season brighter for someone less fortunate than yourself, and take home a door prize at the same time.

Nominees for 2012 Guild Board of Directors

At the December General Meeting, members will be asked to approve the following slate of nominees to serve as the Guild Board of Directors:

**President**  
Mike Read

**Vice President**  
Tom Keena

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Kathryn Hansen

**Board of Directors**

- Ray Dwelly
- Cindy Motsinger
- Roland Fuette
- John Trumbull
- Diana Goebel
- Sheila Brossier
- Yvette Jackson
- Joe Williams
- Louise Koenig
- Janice Bazurto
- Bill McDill

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**Novato Historical Guild — 2012 Proposed Budget**

**INCOME**

- Hamilton retail $900
- Township resale $400
- Now & Then retail $1,000
- Township retail $400
- Bricks sales $1,000
- Donations - general $2,000
- Donations - Hamilton $2,000
- Fund Raising Event $1,000
- Gift Shop - general $2,000
- Gift Shop - Hamilton $2,000
- Membership dues $9,000
- Misc. $7,200

**TOTAL INCOME $28,900**

**EXPENSES**

- Bank and Credit Card Charges $500
- Brick expenses $400
- Building Maintenance expense - Hamilton $2,000
- Building Maintenance expense - Downtown $500
- Director's Discretionary Fund $2,000
- Director's Salary $12,000
- Dues & Fees $200
- Education $50
- Fund. + Promo $1,500
- Fundraising Event $400
- Hospitality Committee $800
- Membership Drive $100
- Memorial Plaques $50
- Merchandise for Gift Shop $2,000
- Miscellaneous Expense $200
- Museum archival supplies Downtown $500
- Museum exhibit supplies Hamilton $2,000
- Newsletter Support $800
- Office & Computer supplies $800
- Postage, bulk permit $800
- Sales Tax $700
- Sunshine Committee $100

**TOTAL EXPENSES $28,900**

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Bill Glass, Tom Keena, and Jim Henderson handled BBQ duties at the September meeting at the Hamilton Museum.
President’s Corner
by Michael Read
President, Novato Historical Guild

President’s Corner - December 2011

This year has been a very exciting and rewarding one. Our fund raising efforts resulted in a grant from the Marin Community Foundation which enabled us to fund our curator for another year. Additionally, a generous donation by Novato’s 2010 Committee allowed us to expand our involvement in community events and enhance our visibility which was one of our goals for 2011.

Our Fall general meeting and BBQ at Hamilton was a huge success with an unprecedented 80 people in attendance. Preston Cook kept us all captivated with his presentation on the Bald Eagle providing myths and facts of how it became our national symbol. We had a great surprise when Howard Nurse III, Grandson of Captain Nurse, presented us with a plaque from one of the original buildings of Hamilton Air Force Base. It is now displayed in the main lobby. Stop by to visit; it is a wonderful enhancement to our museum.

Our General, Holiday meeting will be held on December 10 at City Hall on Sherman Avenue from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We will be supporting the Marin Community Food Bank once again. Bring food items and receive a raffle ticket for each item. The more you bring the more chances you have to win a prize. Enjoy music provided by Rob Sundberg and Company while nibbling on cookies and coffee. Not only will we be enjoying the Holiday season together, we will also be voting on the new budget and changes to the by-laws. We hope you will be there to exercise a benefit of membership and vote as well as share some holiday cheer with friends.

Volunteers are who keep the museums going and we can’t thank them enough. Without docents the museums would close. As always, docents are needed, especially at the Novato Museum on Wednesdays from 12-4. If you would like to support your museum while sharing your knowledge of our city with visitors, please contact Samantha at 897-4320. Help share our message and keep our doors open—become a docent; it is a very rewarding experience.

I would like to thank three Board Members who will be leaving their positions at the end of this year:

Ron Vela who served as the President for two years and was very instrumental in the making of “Novato Then and Now” publication.

Pat Johnstone who keeps our Gift Shop professionally displayed, well stocked and up to date. She also provides input on our displays at community events. Pat also provided the heroic task of scheduling docents at the Hamilton Museum.

Charlotte Urban who has been our loyal Treasurer for eight years.

Without the dedication of people like Ron, Pat and Charlotte we would not be where we are today. My personal thanks to all of you for all that you do for our community.

With the Holiday Season upon us, consider a gift of membership to family and friends or to immortalize them in a most special way by presenting them with a brick on the patio of our Hamilton Museum. For additional information contact John Trumbull at trumbul-esq@yahoo.com.

I wish for all of our members and their families a very Happy Holiday Season and another wonderful and historical year in 2012.
Novato—50 Years Ago  
*(October, November and December, 1961)*  

by Bill Almeida and Tonie Brown

“Novato 50 Years Ago” is a collection of items culled by Bill Almeida from the October, November and December issues of the Novato Advance newspapers in the collection of the Novato History Museum and microfilm at the Novato Library. Tonie Brown retypes the articles for the newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading the names and happenings of 1961.

- City Administrator John Baget announced the appointment of Wayne Knutila, 40, as Novato’s second police sergeant, effective October 1. Knutila was recommended by Chief Roy McLaren based on performance of his work.

- Robert Manzoni, 1400 Chase Street, was elected vice president of the Novato Volunteer Firemen. He replaced James Hovis, who recently left Novato to enter the hardware business in the northern part of the state.

- Three talented young musicians from Novato were selected to play with the Marin Youth Orchestra. Phil Edwards, Clifford Craig, and John Rockwell were the local musicians. Edwards, flute and piccolo; Craig on drums; and Rockwell on trumpet.

- Two Novato deputy sheriffs emerged as heroes in a gun battle in Tiburon. Deputy Sheriffs Ernest Nielsen, 27, and George Johnson, 30, shot and killed a robber who had fired his gun at them after the stolen car in which he was fleeing crashed into the deputies’ patrol car.

- In October, Judge Joseph G. Wilson signed the findings and the judgment in the case of the city of Novato versus the Novato Community Club. In his judgment, Judge Wilson named Deputy County Clerk George Gnoss as trustee for the club property and ordered him to sign a deed for the property giving the Community House to the City of Novato. Gnoss did so.

- Councilman Everett Pozzi returned from a safari to Africa’s Kenya country, as a very happy man. He hit the “big five”, which is the greatest prize a hunter can achieve. The “big five” consists of an elephant, lion, a rhino, buffalo and leopard. Note: This is not considered a good achievement in today’s world.

- Councilman M. E. (Babe) Silva was extremely critical of the city’s hiring policy. He indicated he wanted the council to have more say in hiring employees and also to encourage more local hiring rather than employing outsiders. City Administrator John Baget told the Novato Advance he was merely following the administrative ordinance under which he was hired and which spells out his authority and responsibilities.

- Novato’s Bob “Moe” Sparrow, 17 quarterback for the Marin College “Tars,” was walking on crutches on Oct. 25 because of a knee injury suffered in the “Tars” 1961 opener against Sierra College. Sparrow was playing on defense, started to tackle a Sierra ball carrier and twisted his right knee when the runner spun to the side of the field.

- Arthur W. Scheller, 1890 Marion Avenue, marked his retirement from Hamilton Air Force Base in November. He was a civilian carpenter with the Civil Engineer Division and retired after 20 years service. Mr. Scheller retired at age 70. He was the father of Erwin and Paul Scheller. Erwin lives in Germany while Paul, contractor and businessman, still lives in Novato.

- Half the shares of the Marin Publishing Company, owned by Fred Volz, were in the process of being sold to George A. Barnwell, editor, and Gordon Adams, Advertising manager, of the Novato Advance. An agreement was signed in November by Volz, Barnwell and Adams. Volz and Barnwell have owned the newspaper for the past six years, each owning half of the business. Barnwell now becomes majority stock holder of the company.

- Marin County telephone prefixes will convert to all numbers in November and December, according to Western California Telephone Company. The change was to be made in two steps the firm said. Customers with two-letter prefixes, whose last names start from A through E were to be converted in early November. The remainder of customers with letter prefixes will be converted on December 8.

- Rancho School was the newest school in Novato. It was so new that Principal Rex Rolle was working at a student table, his desk not yet having arrived. The library contained 400 books out of a planned 2,800. The nine rooms housed some 306 children and 9 teachers. Including the price of the land, Rancho was built for approximately $421,000.

- Robert Porteous, 35, a resident of Oak Knoll Road, was selected by the Bar Pilots Association to serve as skipper of the pilot motor ship, Golden Gate, stationed 11 miles outside San Francisco Bay. Porteous had previously served for 14 years with the pilot ship, California. A resident of Novato for 12 years, he is married and the father of three children.

- Todd’s department store in the Nave Shopping Center was the successful bidder for a contract post office, Postmaster Harry Overly announced on November 29. The branch office opens December 1, “just in time for the Christmas rush,” said Overly. Note: The main post office was located at 1118 First Street, next to the carwash.

- The Novato fire commission authorized the hiring of a new regular fireman in late December. Starting work on January 2 was Walter J. Nolan, 21, of 590 Wilson Avenue. His starting salary was $415 per month. He was to be the 17th
Novato Historical Guild Board Highlights

by Pat Johnstone

August 2011

New Business – Discussed program for September 10 General Meeting which will be held at Hamilton Field History Museum.

Curator’s Report – The cheese exhibit has been delayed due to lack of volunteers. The curator will be making a presentation at the Marin Volunteer Center as outreach to get more volunteers for the guild’s two museums. Job descriptions for volunteers are posted on the City of Novato website.

Old Business – Signage for Hamilton Field History Museum has been approved by the city but not yet scheduled to be installed. The Bylaw Committee will meet August 15 to finalize changes before presenting them to the Board for approval. Kathy Kormos will get the City’s approval before removal of the flag pole at the Downtown Museum. The Board received a check for $12,612.89 from the 50th Birthday Steering Committee.

Museum Stores – Total sales and donations from both stores for July was $570.90.

September 2011

New Business – It was suggested that we plant something tall by the Memorial Wall at Hamilton Field History Museum to prevent graffiti. We will check with the City to see if they can provide anti-graffiti paint or if they have suggestions/restrictions regarding appropriate plants.

Curator’s Report – A monthly newsletter will be sent to docents and volunteers. Pleasant Valley School asked for docents to participate in their History Day. Request for volunteers (4 hours once a month) was submitted to the Marin Center for Volunteers & Non Profit Leadership. The Marin Community Foundation will be given a quarterly report on the success in obtaining volunteers.

Treasurer’s Report – Cash flow for January-August was Cash Receipts of $40,364.77 and Cash Disbursements of $31,953.29.

Old Business – The revised bylaws were reviewed and changes will be made. John Trumbull has volunteered to take charge of obtaining and installing bricks at the Hamilton Museum. A motion was made and passed to call the memorial wall “Patriots Wall” at Hamilton Field History Museum. Hamilton Hometown Festival will take place at the Unity Church on November 5 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hamilton Museum – A college group will be coming to video the museum in conjunction with the signing of the United Nations Charter. Hamilton Elementary School has requested four tours in January.

October 2011

New Business – A motion was made and passed to accept the Novato Historical Guild 2012 Proposed Budget of $28,900. A motion was made and passed to nominate Janice Bazurto and Joe Williams as new board members. The board discussed a “Thank You” event for docents that will be held in January 2012, hopefully, at the Pacheco Ranch Winery. A fund raiser is in the planning stages for 2012.

Curator’s Report – Samantha Kimpel and Cindy Motsinger worked with Pleasant Valley Elementary School to help plan their History Day event; the

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Martin Beebe

Martin Beebe was born in Reading, Ohio, ten miles north of Cincinnati. He was one of eleven children. He moved to Novato in 1953 to work for his sister and brother-in-law, who owned R&W Market. Marty has lived here for 58 years. He shares his Novato memories in this December issue of the Novato Historian.

Marty remembers:

- His parents: Martin and Catherine Beebe; his siblings: Marie, Paul, Rita, Ralph, Eva, Don, Cathaleen, Anna, Fred and James.
- Moving to Novato in July of 1953 to work in the R&W Market with his sister Marie, and her husband, George Warden.
- Living in houses on Orange and Olive Avenues.
- His neighbors: Bob Wakeman, Tony Valim, Jim Hill, Mateous Freitas and the Kemerer, Martin, Peterson, Bishop, Alcorn, Crandall families.
- Novato was a small town in the 1950’s with a country atmosphere. The population was around 7,000. There were many dairy ranches and Hamilton A.F.B. was in full swing. Center Road ended at Sutro. The 101 Highway ran right through town,
- Working for Andy Rayburn at Rayburn's Market, and Bill Jonas at the Food Fair on Front Street, and later Roger Wilco Market. Mr. Blaga was the owner of Food Fair when it burned down.

As most of the Novato Historical Guild members are aware, one of the Novato History Museum’s most successful programs is the 3rd Grade Tour Program. Each spring, almost all of the Novato third-graders visit the museum and take an historic walking tour of the downtown. This program brings hundreds of children into the museum, along with their parents and teachers.

The 3rd Grade Tours also bring us additional visitors; in the summer, we always have some of the children return with their families – they’ve asked their grandparents, parents and siblings to also come and see the museum. This shows that our docents and the program is a great success – it has impact beyond just the three hours that those students spend with us.

Many of our school tour docents are retired teachers, and that connection to local schools is an invaluable partnership. Cindy Motsinger, one of the 3rd Grade Program leaders, followed up on a contact from Pleasant Valley Elementary this past spring; it ended with Cindy and I serving on a committee to help plan a History Day event. The K-5 school celebrated Novato’s abundance, especially its historical orchards; we wrote living history scripts on the early ranchos and on the Sweetser/Delong orchards, and two of our 3rd Grade Docents, Susan Trumbull and Laurie O’Mara, volunteered to participate as actors.

The teachers, principal, and parents of the school were excited about the event, and we talked about the possibility of creating other living history programs that we could take to other schools.

We also just presented our 3rd Annual “Meet the Ghost of Henry Jones” event. This is an idea spear-headed by Edna Manzoni in conjunction with the Downtown Novato Business Association’s Safe Trick-or-Treat event. The museum docents tell the “true” ghost story of Henry Jones, and children also participate in a fun, quick pictorial scavenger hunt inside the museum. It’s a great opportunity to bring new visitors into the museum, and also to share a fascinating Novato story.

For Hamilton Field History Museum, we plan to develop simple curriculum for teachers so that we may begin to bring in more school groups from Novato and the greater region. If any of our wonderful corps of retired teachers would like to participate in brainstorming creative lesson plans based on Hamilton collections, we’d love to hear your ideas.

Every one of these programs and events reaches new audiences, and creates awareness about our museums and their collections. As always, your creative ideas for new outreach venues, projects, or programs are welcome! I look forward to hearing them call 415-899-8236 or email me at skimpel@novato.org.
paid regular fireman employed by the
district, including Fire Chief George
Cavallero. The men are divided into two
shifts stationed at two fire houses.

• In late December, School Super-
intendent W.J.J. Smith submitted his res-
ignation, effective June 30, 1962. That
was the expiration date of his contract
with the school district. His resignation
was accepted by Earl Marshall,
Chairman, N.U.S.D. Board of Trustees.
Superintendent Smith had become
involved in a growing controversy with a
majority of the school board.

• Stately Monterey Pines along Novato
Boulevard were in an advanced stage of
maturity and in a process of decline, a
tree expert told the city council in
December. Because three dying trees
were regarded as a hazard to the safety,
the council ordered quotations be sought
on cutting three of them to stumps. The
council was also warned that more trees
would have to go.

• Lulu Sutton served the Novato
school system for 40 years. When she
came here in 1918 as a young graduate
from San Francisco State College,
Novato boasted 1 school, 4 teachers and
120 pupils. Upon her retirement in 1958,
the Novato Unified School District was
serving upwards of 3000 students in six
schools. The four teachers had grown in
number to 117. Miss Sutton worked for
30 years as principal of the old Grant
Avenue School and had been principal at
Olive School since 1952. Work on Lu
Sutton elementary school was completed
on August 27, 1959. Lulu Sutton died on
April 7, 1959, four months before comple-
tion of the school named in her honor
at 1800 Center Road.

• On November 17, Mayor Wayne
Womack issued his personal endorsement
of unification. The mayor said “I am in
favor of unifying the school districts to
better the entire community of Novato. I
feel it is definitely the right move.” The
move involved the Novato and San Jose
(Ignacio) school districts.

• A crew of four men from the County
Humane Society arrived in Novato in
early October going on a door to door
campaign to collect delinquent dog
license fees. All dogs over four months of
age were required to have licenses.

Welcome New Guild Members
Membership Report December 2011

Student Memberships:
Kathleen Pereira

Individual Memberships:
Terry Arnaud

Family Memberships:
Tracy and James Boothe

Please support our Guild
Business Members:
Acme Digital and Screen Graphics
Bank of Marin
Marin Landscape Materials
Melsaac Dairy
Novato Horsemen
Pini Hardware
The Wright Salon
Trumbull Manor Inc. – Novato
Zenith Instant Printing

If you have questions about membership, call
Edna Manzoni, Membership Chairman, 415-892-9603.

If you haven’t renewed your membership for 2012
IT IS TIME TO DO SO!

A gift membership always meets the need for
that person who has everything.

Novato Historical
Guild Bylaws
Changes for 2012

The Bylaws committee got together
and made some minor changes to our
bylaws. At the December general meeting
the membership needs to vote on these
changes. The only changes are below. The
bold face words are being removed and
the underlined words are being added.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
Section C: Amount of dues – The annu-
al dues for each classification of member-
ship shall be set by the Board from time
to time annually at the October Finance
Committee Budget meeting. Amounts
shall be unchanged from year to year
unless altered by a majority vote of the
Board the result of which is published to
the membership no less than twelve (12)
days prior to the September general mem-
ership meeting and approved by a
majority vote of the eligible members
present at said meeting.

ARTICLE IV:
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Section A: Number – The Board of
Directors of the Novato Historical Guild
shall be comprised of no less than eleven
(11) and no more than fifteen (15) mem-
bers. The officers of the Guild shall be
members of the Board.

Section B. Term of office –
1. The term of Director shall consist of
a calendar year. Immediately after
the election is held in December, the
President-elect may recruit commit-
tee chairpersons to serve during
his/her term of office.

2. A Director may not serve more than
six (6) consecutive terms with the
exception of the Treasurer. After
an interval of a least one (1) year out
of office, a former Director may
again be elected to a full term as a
Director.

3. Term limits are two years for all offi-
cers however the Board has the right
to extend the terms by one year.
Novato Memories

by Lefty Gomez, who came into the store often.

• Sometimes on busy holiday weekends, it would take 15 minutes to cross to the other side of Grant Avenue because the traffic on the 101 Highway was so heavy.

• Hamilton Air Force Base was known as "The Country Club" of U.S. Air Force Bases

• At one point, the government paid airmen in $2 bills to check the circulation of them in the Bay Area.

• The old Novato Grammar School sat on the hill in the center of town and Miss Sutton and the other teachers did their shopping in the R&W and other local markets.

• Theresa Knutte was a very generous and giving lady who would buy large quantities of groceries for herself and others in town who were down on their luck.

• He would always ask banker Pete Ferrarese if he was giving out any samples that day, and Pete would always say, "No, I just ran out."

• Getting haircuts from Ray Lightner.

• Dr. Ralph Weseman was Novato’s doctor. He made many house calls to the Beebe house over the years and many times wouldn’t charge.

• Don Donahue, who owned the Novato Theater, hated "gum poppers" and would have them spit their gum into his hand.

• Phil Paschel, who owned the Sanitary Meat Market, would always give you a slice of bologna when you visited his butcher shop.

• Buying eggs from the Bloom Ranch off Indian Valley Road.

• The Flying A service station was at the corner of Grant Avenue and the 101 Highway and was owned by Manuel Pimentel.

• Smith and Sjoblom’s was another service station in town.

• Our Lady of Loretto Church was located at the corner of Grant and Second Street.

• Being a member of Our Lady of Loretto’s choir, the Knights of Columbus and the Novato Community Players.

• Having many great times with the talented people in the Novato Community Players’ group. Being a member of the group’s first musical production with Vivienne Terry, who was known as "Vivacious Viv."

• Started whistling as a young boy. He would imitate the melodic calls of birds, and was known as "the one who talked to birds." He performed at many events in Novato and across the state with his "whistling" shows.

• The extension of 7th Street to Novato Boulevard.

• Eating many meals at the 101 Cafe.

• The many interesting conversations he had with Bruno Schultz over the years. Another old friend was Milton DeBorba. Milt never parted company without saying, "Thank you for sharing your time with me." His life was enriched by both men.

• The many old Novato friends he knew over the years: Maria Novak, Josephine Marzell, Margaret McNern, Tom Keena, Reno and Babe Pronzini, Theresa Knutte, Jid Baccaglio, Mae

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New Ornament at Museum’s Gift Shops

We have a new custom made ornament of Novato’s iconic red City Hall. This porcelain medallion ornament is light weight and has a gold cord hanger. On the back of the ornament is a ninety word short history of this historic building. This keepsake ornament costs $13 (includes tax).

You can purchase this ornament at Novato History Museum, Hamilton Field History Museum or at the Holiday Crafts Faire on December 2, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. or on Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the NHG’s Booth in the lobby of Margaret Todd Senior Center.

—Pat Johnstone

Long-time Guild Member Dave Milano

David Milano, 79, passed away October 23 in Novato. He was a former city council member and mayor, successful businessman (Aaero Heating and Sheet Metal); 50-year Novato Rotarian, "Citizen of the Year" in 1979, square dance caller for many years, one of the spearheads of the Novato Boys' Club (now the Novato Youth Center.) He was also an active hunter and fisherman, and a faithful 49'er fan.

Dave leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Virginia "Bunny" Milano, and a large family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by four siblings. He was a devoted family man who also found time to perform community service for others for over 60 years. He will be greatly missed.
event theme was to focus on the fertile abundance of the early 19th century ranchos up to Sweetser/Delong orchards area. The mid-point review of the grant for the volunteer program from the Marin Community Foundation is due Oct. 31. Samantha will be sending out surveys to all the current volunteers to assess how well the volunteer program is working and where improvements are needed.

Old Business – A motion was made and passed to approve the proposed amendments to the Novato Historical Guild Bylaws which will be voted on at the December General Meeting.

Museum Stores – Total sales and donations from both museums for September were $388.50.

**Correction to “Speculations on the Death of H.T. Jones” As published in the Novato Historian in 2001.**

By John A. Trumbull

As a result of the information regarding Mrs. Henry Jones obtained from the Sacramento newspapers of 1872 by Michael Read and presented in the President’s Corner of our July-September issue, I revisited the lengthy article I prepared in 2001. I found several mistakes of spelling and grammar, for which I offer apology but not correction at this time. There is one glaring error I wish to correct.

On page 7 of my article I gave an erroneous date for the death of Mary B. Jones. My date was actually when the Final Accounting and Request for Distribution of her estate was presented to the Marin County Superior court. This was the same date Henry’s estate was also concluded. As Mike Read’s column noted, Mary’s death actually occurred on Saturday, July 27, 1872, only about four months after Henry’s on March 22, 1872. (This means the two children were orphaned much more tragically than I previously thought.)

The report in the Daily Alta California newspaper of July 28th implied that there were mysterious circumstances surrounding Mary’s death. They cited the involvement of Dr. Charles C. O’Donnell of San Francisco “…who has figured notoriously in several abortion cases…” The aspersions implicit in this reporting prompted Dr O’Donnell to purchase a paid advertisement in the August 3, 1872, edition of the Marin County Journal (a weekly paper) to respond. He notes that the formal post mortem inquest found that Mary was taken suddenly ill after working all day in the harvest field, and that the cause of her death was advanced typhoid fever. Dr. O’Donnell supports the findings of the autopsy by affirming that he had been treating Mary for typhoid fever, but that she came to him after the malady had reached the incurable stage.

One change from modern reporting is the lack of coverage given to Mary’s death by the Marin County Journal despite her recent notoriety. The fact of her death so near to that of her trial casts a new light on the reporting during Mary’s trial for murder from which she was acquitted on July 6th, 1872, and during which the Journal commented on her composure. That must have been a strain for one with advanced typhoid fever.

We are still left the questions I raised in 2001: who cared for the newly orphaned kids, and how did the property, other than that listed in the final accounting in the estates, get transferred? Henry was both an involved businessman and a land owner in Novato, and the post death documentation leaves much to be wondered about regarding resolution of his affairs.

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Novato Memories
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Trabucchi, Pete Ferrarese, Agatha Ryan, Leo Zunino, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Lefty Gomez, Hector Paris (owner of the 101 Cafe), Dave Crandall at the Village Inn, Don Donahue, the Corda, Grossi, and McClelland dairy families.

- The many changes he has seen in Novato over the years:
  POSITIVE CHANGES: the large selection of markets, restaurants and banks; the two high schools; the 101 Bypass; the flyover at the Novato Landfill; street sweeper keeping streets clean.
  NEGATIVE CHANGES: too many businesses going under; too many homes being foreclosed; too many people on welfare; the closing of the Community House and movie theater; gangs; graffiti; too many "No Parking" signs; roadside dumping; littering; and old newspaper racks all over town.

The Gift Shoppe
The Museum Gift Shoppe has the perfect unique Novato gift!

Books & Pamphlets
- Novato Township* the definitive history of Novato by May Ungemach ..................... $30.50
- Novato, Then and Now by Novato Historical Guild $21.00
- Hamilton Field by Novato Historical Guild ........... $21.00
- Hamilton Airfield History ............................. $2.00

Videos & DVD’s
- Hamilton Field History (VHS or DVD) .......... $15.00
- Novato History (VHS or DVD) .................. $10.00
  (available only through the museum)

Sweatshirts (S, M, L, & XL) ...................... $20.00
- Novato History Museum (blue or green)

Ornaments
- Novato History Museum ......................... $7.00
- Novato City Hall ................................ $13.00

T-Shirts (M, L, & XL) ............................. $11.00
- Guild Historic Buildings (3 designs):
  Postmaster’s House, City Hall/Church, Railroad Depot

Miscellaneous
- Novato Historic Buildings Notecard Sets ........ $10.00
- Guild Tote Bags ................................. $15.50
- Ceramic Thimble ................................. $1.00
- Novato History Collector Cards . . . $3 per pack or 30¢ each
- Hamilton Field Historic Picture Reproductions . . . . $10.00
- Mugs ............................................. $5.00
- Laminated Place Mat (11 x 14) ................. $5.00
  (available only at the museum)

Leather Goods
- Coin Purse ....................................... $15.00
- Business Card Holder ............................ $12.50
- Small Purse ..................................... $23.00

We accept VISA or MASTERCARD
* All proceeds from the sale of Novato Township go directly to the support of the History Museum.
All prices include sales tax. To Order: Call the museum at 897-4320 or email patjohnstn@aol.com for shipping charges and information. Supporting and Life Members receive a 10% discount at the Gift Shoppe!

Membership Form
Please mail checks to Novato Historical Guild, P.O. Box 1296, Novato, CA 94948.
Yes, I want to join the Novato Historical Guild and help preserve Novato history!  □ new  □ renewal

- Student (full time) membership $10  year
- Individual membership $20  year
- Family membership $30  year
- Patron membership $100  year
- Supporting membership $200  year
- Life membership, individual $350
- Life membership, joint $500
- Benefactor $1,000  year
- Business membership $50  year
- Corporate membership $1,000  year

Name ________________________________
Address ______________________________
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Phone ________________________________
Additional donations? ________________
Interested in volunteering? ________________
The Novato Historical Guild

Wishes you all Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year and cordially invites you to the

December General Meeting
Election of Officers and Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 1 p.m.
Old City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue

Music by Rob Sundberg Combo

Members and prospective members are welcome

Novato History Museum—815 Delong Ave.—897-4320
Hamilton Field History Museum—555 Hangar Ave.—382-8614

COME VISIT AND BRING A FRIEND!
The Museums are open three days a week—Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday—Noon to 4 p.m.

Closed Major Holidays