

# Mud Springs Messenger

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## 2022 - 2023

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Office, Archives, Museum and Gift Shop

(Are presently open by appointment)

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Open: Second Saturday monthly

Gift Shop and Museum - 10:00am to 1:00 p.m.

Walking Tour: Second Saturdays monthly

Downtown Historical Docent-led tour at 10 a.m.

Reservations are recommended

Dave Harbin (951) 990-3395 or

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Margie Kiddoo Green

## President Message by Margie Green

Wow what a winter and spring we have had this year. I was told that this was the wettest year since 1969. I don't know if it is correct but it has felt like it. Now that we are drying out and waiting for spring weather to show up the San Dimas Historical Society needs to let you know what has been going on at the Walker House. The City freshened up the beautiful building with a new paint job and we are anxiously looking forward to the new first floor restaurant Vincenzo's Terrazza moving in. I understand they are moving from West Covina and plan to open in May. Keep a lookout for their advertisements. They came to our city with great recommendations, and we are happy to have them in the Walker House.

The Historical Society is run by volunteers. That means we do it for the love of the community! As I end the first year of my two-year term, I want to thank everyone. The Board of Directors have done a great job getting things done and back after Covid. Thank you to all that volunteer, so much of your time in so many ways.

I want to say special thanks to two regular volunteers not on the Board, Bryan Fernandez who has for several years come in weekly and quietly scans the old San Dimas newspapers. Without his help many of the old papers would have been lost to dust. We recently have been blessed with Cheryl Clarke who has been working with Board member Julie Draayom. They are going through old photos scanning and labeling them as they enter them into the computer.

Our Spring Dinner will be May 25 at 5:30 in the Parish Meeting Hall of **Redemption Bible Church** (Faith Lutheran Church) 505 E. Bonita Ave. Look for your invitation in the mail and online. Our picture program that night is **"Reminisce with Us"**. We can do this only because people from the past have taken photographs of San Dimas, people, places, and things. We are asking that you help by bringing photos of San Dimas to the dinner that night, especially those of the 1950s to 1990s, that way we can take to the office, scan, and add to our historical collection. We will scan and, if you supply us with a USB flash drive, we will return a digitized file along with your original photos. In any event we will return your original photos. You can also bring your photos to the historical society office on Tuesday or Thursday between 1:00 and 4:00pm to drop them off. Call when you get there and we will come open the door. If you already have your photos digitized, you can email them to us at [office91773@sandimashistorical.org](mailto:office91773@sandimashistorical.org). Please put *Photos for Sue Davis* in the subject line of your email. We would appreciate a short background/write up about your photos.

**Your participation helps us**

**"Preserve the History of San Dimas for Future Generations".**

# From the Archives - Romance around the Restaurant

## By Suzy Crawford

The archives of San Dimas do not always tie up all the loose ends. Photographs are almost always our starting point but then you have to dig in. With the aid of genealogical research tools (Ancestry.com, Family Search, Find-a-Grave, Census files) you can find personal notes, records, family trees and more that can give you connections or, at least some Real Good Hints to use some of the software tools jargon.

Researching a few Bills of Sale, Anita Drexel of Santa Monica and Mary L. Reynolds of San Dimas sold an eating establishment, the Mary Jane Cafe, to Muriel F. Mayhew in 1936. The Bill of Sale itself is entertaining as the inventory was itemized down to the number of forks, spoons and plates.

The Mary Jane Cafe was located at 128 West Bonita Avenue. It has since been torn down, along with additional buildings along that section of Bonita and new structures have been built. But thanks to the archives, the story remains.

The San Dimas Garage (Early Ford Store) was located at 108 W. Bonita Avenue, just a few steps east on the street from the Mary Jane Cafe. Now in the 1930's, I would expect that many citizens would walk from the surrounding neighborhoods to Bonita Avenue for work and shopping.

Guess who worked as a mechanic at the garage? One Mr. Lloyd Wilbur Moore. And being the restaurant was just a few steps down from the garage, how many lunch breaks were enjoyed at the Mary Jane Cafe? Hmmm? Who caught Lloyd's fancy or was it the other way around? Or was it only as Muriel walked to work, past the garage to the Mary Jane? Some loose ends never get tied up, but you can complete the story anyway you would like.

But the old adage of 'Hard work pays off' can apply in a variety of ways and you get to choose where it fits in this story:

- Muriel F. Mayhew married Lloyd Wilbur Moore on August 28, 1937.
- Muriel sold the Mary Jane Cafe in 1940 for a whopping \$750, profiting \$350 over the course of four years.
- Lloyd, Muriel and their sons continued to live at 126 East Second Street for many years.
- Muriel's son, Richard Mayhew worked at San Dimas Ace Hardware in the 1970's with historical society member Dave Harbin. Dave remembers delivering items to Mrs. Moore on his way home from work.



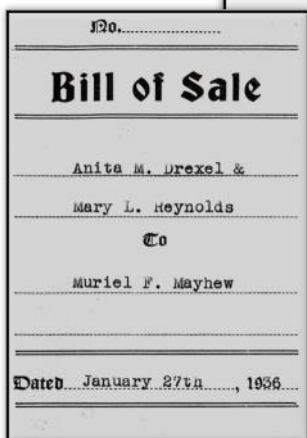
Taken from a letter from Gracie

"Hi Judy,  
Here are copies of Bills of Sale for Mom's restaurant, "The Mary Jane Café" and a photo of her inside it in 1936. The above photo is one I found that probably was written on by one of my brothers to identify where our parents worked. I'm assuming that the arrow for my Mom is pointing to her restaurant and not where she worked at another time at "Jake's". These are for you to Keep or use as needed for the San Dimas Historical Society.

Thanks! Gracie"



Jacob (Jake)



### Bill of Sale

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Know all men by these Presents: That Anita M. Drexel of Santa Monica, California, and Mary L. Reynolds, of San Dimas, California,

hereinafter designated as the Seller, for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred # - - - - - Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by Muriel F. Mayhew, of San Dimas, California

hereinafter designated as the Buyer, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Buyer, her executors, administrators and assigns,

That certain cafe business known as the "Mary Jane Cafe", located at 128 West Bonita, in the town of San Dimas, County of Los Angeles, State of California, including lease, goodwill of business, and property as follows:

A 20 ft. counter, back bar, 12 stools, 4 tables, 10 chairs, 22 forks, 20 knives, 19 tea spoons, 4 sugar bowls, 6 salt and 6 pepper shakers, 5 ice tea glasses, 22 water glasses, 19 pie plates, 1 water cooler, 1 soda box, 8 creamers, 6 gal. jars, 8 large plates, 6 large soup bowls, 1 scales, 2 soup bowls, 1 glass bowl, all cooking utensils, 5 skillets, (ice box) 6 coffee pots, hot water heater, 1 dining chair, 1 gas range, 1 gas plate, 2 work tables, steam table, 1-ironing board, 2 beds, springs, and mattresses, conglomera rug, 2 rocking chairs, dresser, bath-room heater, curtains and wardrobe, and stock of groceries, candies, and tobaccos on hand.

Seller hereby covenants and warrants that the above described premises and personal property is clear of incumbrances except a bill of \$2.98, being the amount unpaid for cigars purchased.

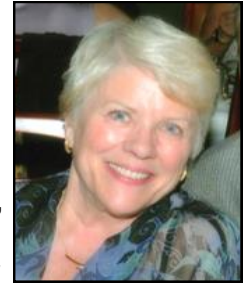
To Have and to Hold the same to the said Buyer, her executors, administrators and assigns forever. And the said Seller does for their heirs, executors





Muriel F. Moore in her San Dimas Restaurant called "The Mary Jane Café" 1936

## HELP WANTED:



Kay Hoveland

As the Gift Shop and Volunteer Coordinator, I am so excited that after three years of famine there will be again, a restaurant at the Walker House! Vincenzo's Terrazza, an established restaurant with great food and wine, is expecting to be open before or on Mother's Day!

Now that the front doors of the Walker House will be open for restaurant patrons, the Historical Society will have the opportunity to make the Museum and Gift Shop more available. All we need are volunteers to help make that happen.

**GIFT SHOP:** The expanded Gift Shop needs volunteers to handle the sales of displayed and priced items that have been donated. The cash register is easy to operate as well as the credit card machine that accepts Discover, MasterCard, VISA, and American Express credit and debit cards. There are very simple opening and closing procedures, mainly turning on and off the lights. Volunteers for this position will experience the joy of helping customers find the perfect item to purchase which will help support the mission of the Historical Society.

**MUSEUM:** Volunteers are also needed to help monitor the Museum rooms while learning more about the displays and the history of San Dimas. Our basic information is well documented within the display cabinets and a two-sided hand out page describes the history of the Walker House itself.

Days and times for volunteer schedules may vary on evenings and weekends when the restaurant is open. We encourage students to volunteer to complete their community service requirements and qualify for participating in the Historical Society scholarship program.

Interested, have more questions? Go to our website [www.sandimashistorical.org](http://www.sandimashistorical.org) and fill out the volunteer form. I will personally respond.

**Bill of Sale**

Know all Men by These Presents: That Muriel F. Moore, 126 E. 2nd St. San Dimas California,

hereinafter designated as the Seller, for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty. (\$750.00) Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to Irma C. Jeffrey, 321 Azusa Ave. Azusa California,

hereinafter designated as the Buyer, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Buyer, executors, administrators and assigns, That certain cafe business known as the "MARY JANE CAFE", located at 128 W. Sonita Ave. San Dimas. Cal. County of Los Angeles, State of California, including good will of business, and property as follows:

One large electric fan, 20 ft. counter, back bar, 10 stools, 5 tables, 11 chairs, 9 sugar bowls, 9 sets salt & pepper shakers, 1 coca cola ice box, 1 large size electrolux refrigerator, 1 four burner hot plate, 1 two burner gas plate, 1 steam table, 1 roper gas range, 1 hotwater heater, 1 large ventilating hood, 2 work tables, 1 cupboard, 1 electric clock, 1 cheese cutter, 1 butter cutter, 1 food grinder 6 syrup dispensers, all cooking utensils, all silver ware, all dishes 1 large garbage can, 1 sugar can, 1 electric "SAFETY" sign, 1 pie display case, and stock of tobacco, gum, candy, soda pop, and all empty bottles and cases, groceries. Estimated value of stock on hand \$50.00.

Seller hereby covenants and warrants that the above described property is clear of all incumbrance.

**Bill of Sale**

SELLER: MURIEL F. MOORE

CO: IRMA C. JEFFREY

Dated FEB. 2, 1948

To Have and to hold the same to the said Buyer, executors, administrators and assigns forever. And the said Seller does for heirs, executors

## Dear Historical Society Members

It is once again time to vote for members of the Board of Directors of the San Dimas Historical Society. This year three members are either up for reelection or seeking a new seat on the board. Your vote is very important in selecting people who have an interest in San Dimas and the history of our area. The Board meets monthly to make decisions on the operation of the Historical Society.

Each member of the board can serve two three-year terms and then must leave the board for a minimum of one year. This year two candidates are running for reelection, and one is asking to be elected to the Board.

You as a member are entitled to three votes. You may cast three votes for one candidate or any combination of the three votes you desire. Please mail your ballot to the Historical Society no later than May 4, 2023. Post cards are included with this mailing.

## VOTE VOTE

**Selina Garcia:** Selina has been a San Dimas resident for the last fifteen years, raising five children with her husband, Ben. She has held many volunteer roles such as PTA executive board positions both at the school sites as well as on a district level and as a board member of the La Verne San Dimas Educational Foundation. Selina is seeking election to the San Dimas Historical Society Board of Directors.

**Margie Green:** Margie has served one term on the Board of Directors and is currently the President of the Board. She is a Society Life Member, a Patron and is seeking reelection to another three-year term on the Board of Directors.

**Kay Hoveland:** Kay has served as Volunteer Coordinator and Gift Shop Chairperson for the Board of the San Dimas Historical Society. She is a Society Life Member and is seeking reelection to another three-year term on the Board of Directors.

# Please Join the San Dimas Historical Society With A Membership

## Membership Benefits include:

Quarterly newsletters, invitations to two membership dinners with special speakers and programs, invitations to hosted annual Ice Cream Social, and other Historical Society Events.

## Check your membership type:

Individual.....\$25 \_\_\_ (annually)    Family (two or more).....\$35\_\_\_ (annually)    Sponsors / Business .... \$100 \_\_\_ (annually)  
 Life Membership...\$500 per person\_\_\_\_ (one time fee only)

Additional Support / Donation for your Society are welcomed and are tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3).

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive our newsletter by e-mail? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_



**Please MAIL TO: P.O. Box 871 • San Dimas, CA 91773 • call: 909 592-1190**



## Thank you - San Dimas Historical Society LIFE MEMBERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our life members. In addition, we would like to clarify the difference between being a life member and being a patron. Life membership is a category of membership choices. Instead of paying a yearly fee you pay once and avoid being sent a yearly dues reminder. A Life Membership is \$500 per person. The funds from life membership go into our general fund for ongoing expenses. Your \$1,000 donation into the patron fund goes into a special account and is to be used for one time upgrades. Items that have been purchased with our patron funds are the large format scanner (that we use for scanning newspapers), new computers, printers and scanners. We have also purchased display cabinets using patron funds. Becoming a patron does not affect your membership category. Your donation is tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3).

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## Our Valued Patrons - A Very Special Thank You

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Their generous gifts allow the San Dimas Historical Society to purchase specially needed items to enhance our ability to save and share our history that otherwise would be unavailable due to limited funding. To find out how you too can become a patron call the office at (909) 592-1190. Your donation is tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3).