



## In Memoriam: Bill Junk

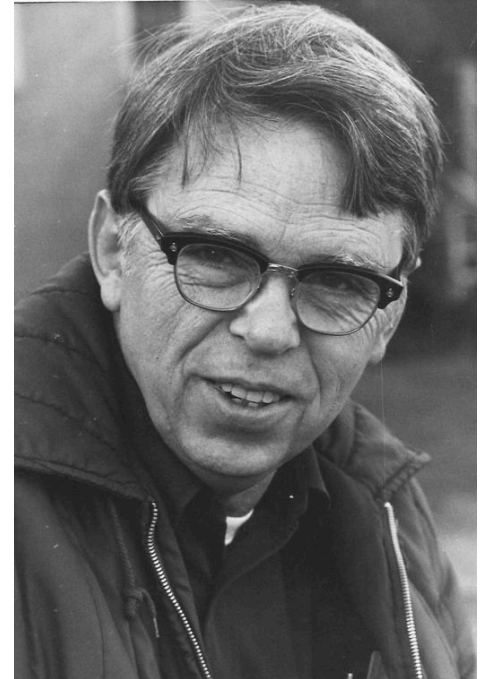
by Will Bolton

Like everyone who knew him, I was deeply saddened to hear of Bill Junk's passing in early February. I was also saddened by the illness that Bill contended with in recent years but was impressed with the effort and caring that Bill's daughter, Susan Junk, put into helping Bill through those years.

I first met Bill after I joined the Livermore Heritage Guild. Like many people in Livermore, I had driven by the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum many times, but had never been inside. One Sunday, I wandered in during an open house day and encountered Bill sitting in his Comfy Command Chair at a table near the south entrance to the Garage - much like

Captain Kirk of the Starship Enterprise (Captain Junk, curator of the Starship Duarte Garage?). As I got to know Bill a bit during the years of the Seagrave fire engine restoration, it was clear that he was an elder of the LHG tribe with tremendous knowledge about the Garage and the items in it. At one point, Bill and I walked around the Garage while he told me about the major items on display. I took notes and photos but I know that I captured just a small part of what he knew.

In addition to the history of major items in the Garage, Bill came up with some interesting tidbits. For example, we have a collection of large wooden blocks that  
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**Above:** Bill Junk, in the late 70s, on the job at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab. Photo courtesy of Susan Junk; **Left:** Dick Lerche (left, standing) and Bill (seated) making sure that LHG members always look their best. Transporting a vintage barbershop chair and getting a haircut at the same time. Photo courtesy of Susan Junk.



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# Downtown Walking Tours

by Susan Canfield

Every spring, third grade classes in Livermore have the opportunity to participate in Historic Livermore Downtown Walking Tours. The purpose of these tours is to have students make a comparison of the current Livermore community with the history of its past and to meet state and local social studies objectives. Originally, the walking tour route was established by Gary Drummond over twenty years ago and has since been traveled by thousands of students, some of whom are now chaperones for their own children's classes.

This year, thirty classes are scheduled for the downtown walking tours led by docents Susan Canfield, Dottie Eberly, and Richard Finn. The round trip tour starts at the Carnegie Building and includes historical facts about buildings

and businesses, downtown wineries, local hotels, the train station, and the flagpole.

These walking tours have also been enjoyed by adults from various local clubs and organizations and the LARPD Senior Activities program. In addition, several class reunions from Livermore and Granada High Schools have included the Historic Livermore Downtown Walking Tour in their reunion events.

Although our tour schedule is already organized for this spring, interested people are welcome to walk along with us now with the intention of perhaps leading future tours during Farmers' Market or for next year's 3rd grade tours. Please contact Susan Canfield by email: [sdcanfield@comcast.net](mailto:sdcanfield@comcast.net) or phone: (925) 447-6071.

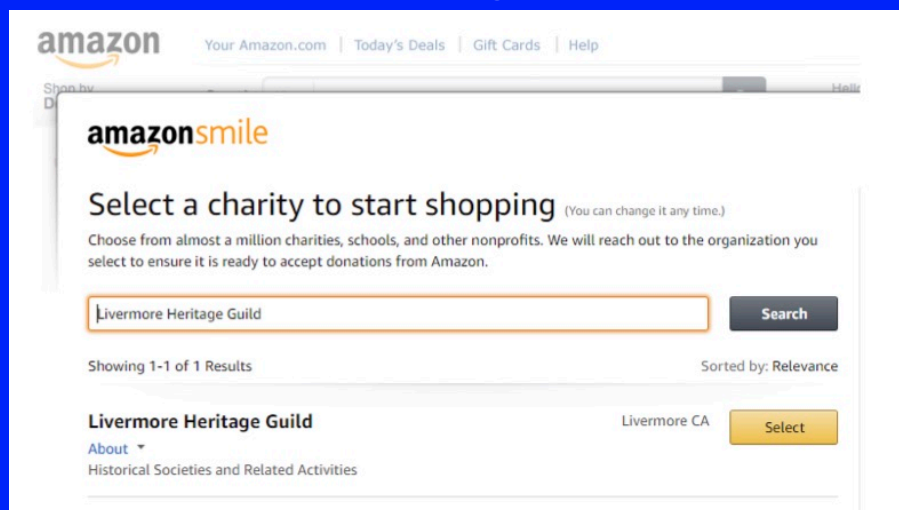


**Above:** Downtown Livermore Flagpole, looking east from First Street. Photo by Dottie Eberly.

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# LHG Auction and Dinner

by Barbara Soules

The Livermore Heritage Guild Auction and Dinner usually conjures up thoughts of exotic Victorian furniture or architectural elements of local historic homes. This year's event still includes a sampling of such things but unique experiences that only the Heritage Guild can offer will be the focus.

Only at the LHG auction can you bid on a ride in a Livermore parade in a historic fire truck or the opportunity to stage your own event in the historic 1915 Duarte Garage. Would you like a formal tea party with friends at Hagemann Ranch? Or have you always wanted to take horseback riding lessons or ride the Wine Trolley? All these things and more will be auctioned on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Duarte Garage. Doors will open at 5:00 PM.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM prior to the auction. Ron Chaffee, an expert BBQ chef, will grill some delicious chicken. Salads, cornbread, and homemade desserts and drinks complete the dinner menu.

Please note that the date is May 19<sup>th</sup>. It is not Memorial Day weekend as has been customary for some years. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They will be sold at the History Center or online at [www.livermorehistory.com](http://www.livermorehistory.com). Come join us for the Guild's biggest fundraiser of the year!



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Above: the auction flyer; Left: one of the "experience" items from last year's auction: a chance to host a birthday party with the HistoryMobile as a major attraction. Photo by Dottie Eberly.

## A Message from the President

A bit of an emotional newsletter for me - I am delighted with the great recent progress made by Guild members in preserving and sharing Livermore's history, you'll get to see some of that throughout this newsletter, but also saddened as we have lost some pillars of the Guild in recent months.

Just as we left 2017, we lost Walter Detjens, a second generation Livermorean who spent his life farming at the south edge of town. Not always chatty, Walter was happy to talk for hours about Livermore, his farm, and his projects on it. See my article on him on pages six and seven of this newsletter.

Just two months later, we lost Bill Junk, a quiet tower of a man, whose laconic nature never hid his dry sense of humor. Always willing to lend a hand and a helpful truck to anything the Guild did, he was a talented mechanic who kept the Mack fire engine running reliably for years, a Guild life member, the Curator of the Duarte Garage and a dedicated and earnest board member. He is already missed and will always be remembered as can be seen on the front page of this newsletter in Will Bolton's article about him.

And then, just a few days ago as I write this, we lost Livermore's first City

Historian, a prolific history writer and researcher, and a gentleman who could make history come alive by his telling: Gary Drummond. We will do a write up on Gary in a future newsletter, but for now I want to credit Gary with nurturing my enthusiasm for Livermore history, and just being a good friend, whether the topic was history, wine, or the politics of the day.

Digging into information about the folks who left us, I heard other stories as well. One such conversation was against the noisy backdrop of a St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Veteran's Hall with Anna Siig and Margaret Andersen:

Farm people were by necessity horse people, and one of the big horsey events is the Livermore Rodeo. To round up a worthy Rodeo Queen, many of the local high school girls were strongly encouraged to try out for the role. Margaret Anderson's family nudged her to apply, though she told me she had no personal interest. Part of the selection was that each prospective queen was asked to demonstrate their riding skills on three different horses, each with a unique variation of unpleasant behavior.

Though disinterested in the role, Margaret was not about to be bested by any mount. Given her daily use of the



family horse for chores on the farm and in town, she kept the spurs on her boots the way you might keep car keys in your pocket. So equipped and with her natural skills, she was able to get enough extra cooperation from the horse trio that, she told me, it was enough to get her the 1949 Rodeo Queen's crown. I think her cheery personality probably helped, but she's pretty sure it was the spurs.

In looking forward to the many Guild projects underway and planned, I am encouraged that we have a great team that can get so many things done. As your president over the last decade, I have watched these volunteers deploy an amazing HistoryMobile, restore the 1920 Seagrave fire engine to a showpiece, take on the library and collection to improve our research abilities, give tours, operate a historic ranch and garage, restore buildings, and lots more. It seems a great time to hand over the reins to a new pair of hands to carry on the work and make new decisions on how to move forward. I will stay deeply involved, but my intention is to step down as your President at the next Annual General Meeting and I look forward to electing a new, energized Pres to move us ahead. Thanks!



**Top Right:** Jeff leads a tour of Hagemann Ranch during the January Open House. Photo by Loretta Kaskey; **Above:** Margaret Detjens Andersen with Rodeo Star Vinton Pearce. Photo courtesy of Margaret Detjens Andersen.

*Jeff Kaskey*



# Hagemann Happenings

by Barbara Soules



Hagemann Ranch is a busy place! This National Historic Site is only open to the public one day per month but the rest of the time the three resident nonprofit groups have thriving ongoing programs.

Del Arroyo 4-H is responsible for all the animals on site including the ten horses. Their horsemanship club meets once a week with the goal of preparing for the County Fair in June.

Sunflower Hill Gardens' volunteers are on site almost daily doing gardening chores. Spring family planting day was April 14th. Each month approximately fourteen groups of young adults come to the gardens to work and learn gardening skills. In season, produce is for sale to the public on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10 AM to 1 PM.

The third group is only active in the warmer months. The 4-H Beekeepers Club will be working with the hives on site as soon as the bees wake up from their winter sleep.

In its managerial role at the ranch, the Heritage Guild has been doing restoration on the many buildings in addition to general maintenance and holding the monthly Sundays at Hagemann. Four big projects are completed or nearing completion. In May we will be able to offer hay rides, as Andrew Divita, one of our local Boy Scouts, has finished restoring the hay wagon as a part of his Eagle Award Project. Ron Chaffee has finished hanging the doors on the 1920's garage where Mr. Hagemann kept his Case sedan. A wonderful volunteer group from First Presbyterian Church created a

foundation for Chicken Coop #2 and lowered the building off its tenuous cement block perch. Although we call this a chicken coop, this building is most probably a utilitarian outbuilding, and some say, a goat house. With a new dirt floor and side boards, it will be completed. The grand opening of the Blacksmith Shop occurred at the March Sunday at Hagemann event. Our resident blacksmith, Russ Bearrows, moved many of his tools into the front section of the building so families can experience how blacksmithing is done. Ranches, like Hagemann, with a herd of horses, would often have their own blacksmith, an example of the self sufficiency needed in that era.

The February and March Sundays at Hagemann events were two of the more popular ones. Arts and Crafts Day featured many necessary handicrafts that would have been practiced on the ranch or in town at the turn of the century. Spinners, knitters, a weaver, leatherworkers, woodcarvers, a soap maker, a potter, and a jeweler all demonstrated their skills to a very curious crowd. The kids had a chance to try their hand at some of the tables. A local band, The Gatherin', entertained all afternoon with a variety of music and vocals. A first for these events was a book signing with a local author.

The March Children's Day had the largest crowd yet. Just under 500 people visited the 4-H petting zoo, toured the HistoryMobile, and viewed a wide-ranging doll collection. The collectors helped the kids create their own doll puppets. Volunteer Cherie Moore published a children's Easter book and held a book signing. Paws in Need sold pet supplies, and pottery and essential oils were also on sale. Kids and parents alike played old fashioned games in the backyard. Jacks were challenging for many, but Game of Graces, horseshoes, and jump rope were quite popular. It was a wonderful, fun-filled, family day.

And in April, Agricultural Day on April 29th, celebrated gardens, gardening, and responsible land use. Planting time is here and all sorts of tips were available at this event. Tours of the two Hagemann gardens with the gardeners were held. Featured professionals included the 4-H beekeepers, a winemaker, a rancher, and a representative from the Tri-Valley Conservancy. There was also an opportunity to expand your home garden. At the plant exchange, visitors brought potted plants and, with the guidance of a master gardener, exchanged for ones which they could then take home to add some variety to their gardens.



**Top left:** Weaver Caitlin Youngquist demonstrates her skills at Handicrafts Day in February; **Above:** the finished hay wagon - look for hayrides at the May Open House! Photos by Barbara Soules.

## In Memoriam: Walter Detjens

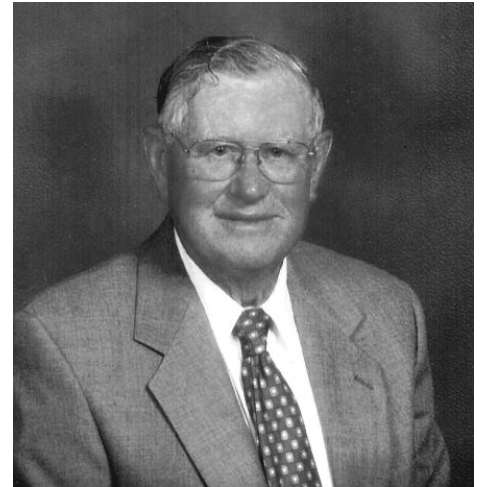
by Jeff Kaskey

I met Walter on an afternoon visit to collect some artifacts for the Duarte Garage. We had been connected by mutual friend (and previous Guild board member) Joe Bishop. Walter occasionally had computer problems and Joe would head over to fix things up. It's something Joe's pretty good at but he doesn't often charge for it; he's more of a barter guy. So, when Walter offered to pay, they struck a deal instead that gave Joe "walking rights" to the Detjens' historic farm on Vallecitos Road leaving Livermore. That suited them both well and I occasionally joined Joe on his walk through the vineyards, open fields, and hilltops of the Detjens property, sometimes stopping to snag an orange from the ancient tree in front of the house.

Walter's family originally lived across the road on the 270 acre True Winery property, now Fenestra. Owner Christine True was great aunt to Walter's mother Christine (b. 1906, d. 2002) who arrived through Ellis Island from Germany. Walter's father Max (d. 1974), also German, worked 13 years at the Hagemann Ranch, I believe Walter said as a crew foreman, and married Christine in 1926. Walter's mother, by

the way, was a Livermore Heritage Guild member. We curiously find the Detjens name next to Hagemann's on one of the property maps of the Hagemann Ranch, though no family history or documentation indicates that he owned any of the land. In 1945 Max purchased the historic Chateau Bellevue Winery where Walter would eventually live for the next 68 years. Walter remembers helping his father tear down the house on the property and rebuilding it, reusing much of the original wood including the original grand mahogany stairway banister that once led to the second floor, now relegated to basement duty. When I met Walter in his late 70's, he had been living in the house he had helped build when he was 17 years old. The Detjens family raised sheep, cattle, a pair of llamas and crops such as red oat hay, walnuts, and grapes for local wineries including Wentle and Thomas Coyne.

In a recent conversation, Walter's sister Margaret Andersen described how they continued into the 1940s to farm with horses, since tractors, though available, were quite expensive. And at the time of early tractors, it would have been a hard call as to which was more finicky, an



early 20th century tractor or a work horse. Eventually they acquired a used 1930's Caterpillar tractor, and it was still on the ranch one day as I walked with Walter through the various farm buildings collecting items to donate to the Duarte Garage.

Besides basic farm machines, the horses were daily transportation. Margaret describes the ride she or Walter would make each evening to the top of the "high hills" to bring the sheep back to the pen. She said this was near the "Fredrick place", and from her description, I think this was on the land just west of the VA hospital, where there are 1200 foot peaks gazing out over the 500 foot elevation farmlands below.

Walter was not just a dedicated farmer, but also a talented and creative mechanic. Our walks through the farm buildings revealed all manner of pieces that he had fixed or fabricated, including a little "doodlebug" more of a go cart tractor than a car, made from the front axle of a Studebaker, a Ford rear end, a Model A engine and a lot of welding. Margaret told me that when the Wentle winery got in some new harvesting equipment, no one could get it to work, so they brought it to Walter. He got theirs going and soon heard from the company themselves, curious to find out what he had done to improve their machine.

This hands-on talent ran in the family, from Walter's father who built the family home with his own hands, to his sister Margaret, who was handy with the

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farm livestock, and to his brother Robert (“Bob”) the plant engineer and machinist for Wente Wineries. Bob had known the Duarte family and when Fran sold off the equipment inside his Lincoln Highway Garage before surrendering it to the City’s eminent domain order, Bob was a willing buyer and used many of the items for his work at Wente. When Bob passed away, many of those artifacts passed to Walter, who, as we started this story, was showing me around his ranch, collecting items he



would donate to the Livermore Heritage Guild so they could complete the circle back to the Duarte Garage.

Walter pointed out oil barrels, wooden pulleys, hand tools, even a tow bar for retrieving disabled Model T’s, and when we got to the beautiful Bradford engine lathe, he paused and said, “no, I’m not giving you that just yet, I’m still using it.” At which point he threw a switch on the wall, powering an electric motor bolted to a jury-rigged set of angle-iron rails and mounted with a set of flat leather-belt pulleys aligned to spin the mighty Bradford with a mechanized hum that only can come from the rhythmic slap of leather spinning very heavy, well-oiled iron machinery. The lathe was chucked to the input shaft of a large unfamiliar metal black box aligned and clamped to the lathe bed rails. Walter paused for a moment, and with that impish grin remembered by anyone who knew him, he reached into a bag of walnuts, inspected a few and grabbed one. He dropped it into the top of the powered black box and immediately a neatly shelled walnut popped out the bottom and into his hand. He popped the walnut into his mouth and said, between chews, “yep, still using it.”

Walter was born in Livermore in 1929, graduated from Livermore High in 1947, and in 2013 moved with his wife Joan to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to be close to her family. He passed away at the age of 88, survived by wife Joan, sister Margaret, son Eric, stepchildren Kristine, William, Richard and nephews Paul and Max. He was predeceased by his parents Max and Christine, son Tim and brother Robert.

The Bradford lathe and many of the other artifacts that Walter donated can be seen at the Duarte Garage on open house days, the third Sunday of each month, 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Yes, the lathe-powered walnut shucker is over there somewhere too.

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Personal conversation with Margaret Anderson, March 18, 2018

Personal communications with Paul Detjens, nephew, April 2018

## It’s Planting Time at the Heritage Garden

by Loretta Kaskey

We had a great day on Sunday, April 8th planting the Heritage Garden at Hagemann Ranch. A big thank you to Fertile Groundworks for the donation of heritage plants. We even got a few rows of the Red Oat Hay in. And on Saturday, April 14th, we checked and fixed the irrigation lines for all beds, put in stakes for cucumbers and tomatoes, and covered the exposed beds with bedding straw to keep down the weeds.

The best thing about the ever changing weather lately is how fast everything grows! Within just a few weeks, we started to see the results of our labor.

In future work days, we’re planning on pulling the inevitable weeds, planting the areas that are bare, installing a timer for irrigation, and harvesting the summer crops. This spring weather is gorgeous! Come on out and play in the dirt with us!



**Above:** Alison Eberly helps to spread mulch at the Heritage Garden. Photo by Dottie Eberly.



# LHG Out and About



Clockwise from top left: Andrea Loyd and Richard Finn drum up new members at the Signature Homes Open House. Photo by Loretta Kaskey; Jeff Kaskey bonds with Chacha at Hagemann. Photo by Dottie Eberly; Nancy Mulligan demonstrates proper HistoryMobile docent procedure. Photo by Richard Finn; Susan Junk, Anna Siig, Larry Mauch, Dick Lerche, and Jean Lerche catch up at the Celebration of Life for Bill Junk. Photo by Dottie Eberly.

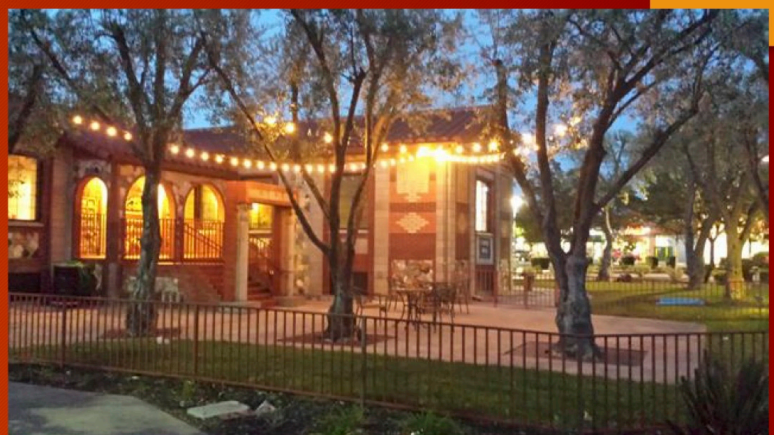
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# HistoryMobile Hits the Road

by Dottie Eberly



**Above:** The HistoryMobile, all set up and ready for visitors. Docent-led presentations take place both outside and inside the HistoryMobile. Outside attractions include a replica of the Livermore Totem Pole, hearing the story of our world-famous lightbulb, grinding acorns in a mortar and pestle, and a ride on an authentic western saddle on a horse! (a sawhorse, that is!) Photo by Richard Finn.

The HistoryMobile season is underway and the months of April and May are very busy with 15 days set aside to visit all third grade classrooms in 14 Livermore elementary schools. It seems that no matter how many times we, as docents, watch the HistoryMobile arrive at an elementary school there is always a rush of adrenaline knowing that another day of fun and surprises is about to begin. Our third graders invariably have something to teach us as we are sharing our knowledge of Livermore history with them.

We are grateful for a terrific group of docents this year. A big thank you goes to the HistoryMobile coordinator, Nancy Mulligan, and the 2018 docent team: John Abbot, Sylvia Chatagnier, Karen Cowan, Dottie Eberly, Kathy Joseph-Stockman, Jeff Kaskey, Pam Lawson, Andrea Loyd, Barbara Soules, and Dennis Tungate, as well as drivers: John Abbot, Tom Eberly, Jeff Kaskey, Loretta Kaskey, Jay Morris, and Tim Sage.

Guild President and HistoryMobile docent Jeff Kaskey had this to say about

one of his docent experiences last year: "I brought [the third grade class] a brick and casually dropped it on a table in front of me as I spoke. I announced, 'I've brought you a brick!' but they were not very excited. We talked about it being nothing more than a dirty, cracked brick.

"But then I turned it over and showed that it had been imprinted with the name Livermore when it was made and then installed as part of the foundation for a downtown church (First Presbyterian) in 1874. They gave me a nice "oooooh" and we talked about why knowing the history of something made it more interesting, even though the thing was physically unchanged.

"The HistoryMobile gives us an opportunity to instill an appreciation for local heritage at an age that, we hope, will stick with them into adulthood."

Being a docent is a challenging, but an incredibly rewarding experience and new docents are always welcome. If you are interested in joining this great group, please give Nancy Mulligan a call at 925-443-3076.

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have been useful in lots of projects, like the Seagrave restoration. Bill said that those were the ends of beams from his father's house in Santa Cruz. At another point, we were talking about the early Dodge Hemi cylinder head that was tucked under a workbench in the shop, and its possible link to the Livermore Block Busters car club, when Bill mentioned that he had been a member of the Block Busters. Bill didn't strike me as a drag racer or hot rodder so I asked him what kind of car he joined the club with. With a twinkle in his eye and his sly grin, he told me. Unfortunately, I can't remember which of his cars it was (Susan told me he owned 33 cars over the years) but it was a stock sedan and definitely not a hot rod.

Bill was generally soft spoken – but he could let you know what he thought in no uncertain terms when the situation required it. I'll miss his knowledge and wit and dry sense of humor. His active participation in preservation of some of the artifacts of Livermore's history and years as curator of the Garage are key to the present and future education and enjoyment of residents and visitors. The Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum is part of his legacy and a continuing reminder of this gentleman and gentle man.



**Above:** The Junk Family: Susan, Bill, and Kity. Photo courtesy of Susan Junk.



# Tilting at Windmills

by Will Bolton

Frank Duarte founded the Highway Garage in 1915 as an automotive-based enterprise, positioned along the new Lincoln Highway. In the early years, the Garage was a repair station with a well-equipped machine shop and was a dealership for Durant, Star, Flint and, for a time, Chevrolet automobiles.

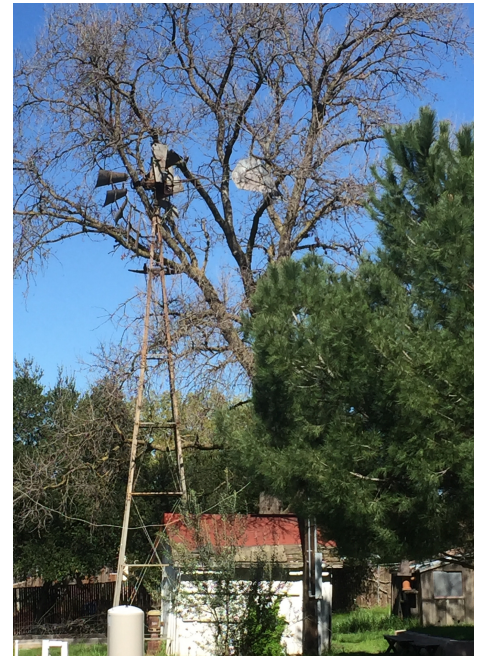
Rerouting the Lincoln Highway and the Great Depression forced a shift of focus of the Garage to a more general machine shop. Much of that business was built on repair of agricultural equipment for local ranchers and businesses.

In that spirit, a group of LHG members, nominally focused on the Garage, have also become involved with the Hagemann Ranch. One project at the intersection of these two facilities is the windmill behind the house at the ranch. Over the years, this Aermotor windmill has become involved with a tree growing entirely too close. The result has been substantial damage to the windmill. The long-term project is to remove, repair, and replace that windmill. However, a related and shorter-term project has recently emerged. We were aware that there was a disassembled windmill at the Midway School. Don Keech deftly

negotiated the donation of this second windmill to LHG.

Saturday, April 14, Don Keech, Jay Morris, Tim Sage, Steve Racca, Ralph Moir, and I went to the Mulqueoney Ranch to bring the donated windmill and its tower to Livermore. Initially, we were thinking this second windmill might be a source of spare parts for the Hagemann windmill. The starting point will be cleaning and evaluating the windmill with possible futures including replacing the damaged windmill, displaying it as a second windmill on a shortened tower, used to supply repair parts for the damaged Hagemann windmill, selling or trading it to support other projects...this still needs to be decided. Currently, the tower and sections of pipe with sucker rod are stored at the back of the “H” barn at Hagemann. The disassembled head of the windmill is at the Garage.

I think it is appropriate that we have more-or-less continuous repair projects at the Garage, as has been the case for decades. We’re about finished with the Manley popcorn machine, so the windmill looks like it might be the next project.



**Above:** The windmill at Hagemann Ranch, intertwined with the invasive tree. Photo by Dottie Eberly; **Bottom Left:** the Mulqueoney windmill head at the Garage for cleaning, evaluation, possible refurbishment, available for inspection by those interested in how a windmill works; **Bottom Right:** Don Keech figures out how to extricate the tower of the Mulqueoney windmill from a jumbled pile of pipe and steel parts. Photos by Will Bolton.





# Collections Corner: Family Bibles

by Harry Briley

A newly released monograph called “Old Family Bibles” in PDF format is available from the LHG website. It cannot be republished without payment, but anyone can freely access it.

During a hunt for the Mendenhall Family Bible, I discovered several old Family Bibles in the LHG collection dating from 1831 to 1930. While I never found the Mendenhall Bible, the rest prompted me to write a 95 page monograph that gives partial public access to these historical Bibles belonging to early Livermore ranchers. This reduces undue physical wear and tear of the historical objects. I wrote something similar in 2012 for my great grandparent’s Family Bible in Michigan. That earlier monograph provided the basic outline.

These Bibles (or “libraries-between-two-covers”) represent the Clark, Crane, Fish/Millington, Maclean, Peck, and Black/Wagoner families. They are arranged in publication date order.

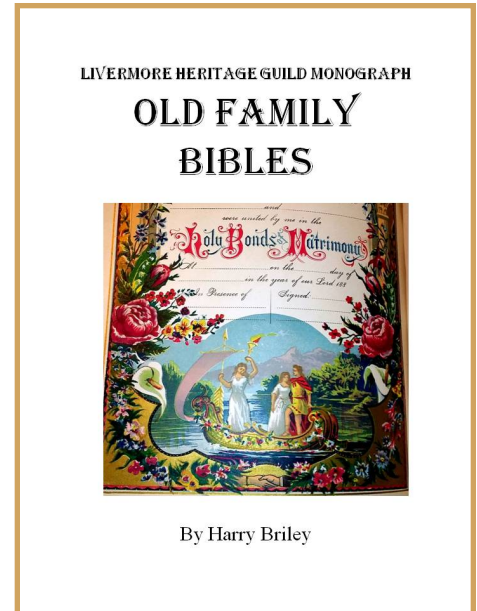
PART 1 describes the varied content available for these custom bound Family

Bibles in 1880’s America and how rural families obtained them from traveling salesmen.

PART 2 describes each Bible (date, unique characteristics, and historical significance). Sample pages display many of the face sheets of content found in these heirlooms.

In PART 3, the Family Records found nestled between the Old and New Testaments are shown, followed by a text searchable transcription of each based upon the cursive hand-written entries.

I am grateful for peer corrections and their research data about the listed families from Richard Finn, Jeff Kaskey, and Peter Kitchingham. I especially thank Beryl Maclean for her Bible donations in 2013, interviews and family material provided in 2018 for background data about three of the Bibles, and for her data checking the text connected to her family. Beryl and I have become the historian packrats of our respective families. Every family needs at least one.



Above: Cover sheet of new publication

## LHG Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
Wednesday, May 9	7pm — 9:30pm	LHG Board Meeting	History Center
Friday, May 11	4pm — 9pm	LHG Fundraiser	Castle Rock Restaurant
Saturday, May 19	5pm	39th Annual Auction!	Duarte Garage
Sunday, May 27	1pm — 4pm	Sundays at Hagemann Ranch: Antique Cars and Engines	Hagemann Ranch
Wednesday, June 13	7pm — 9:30pm	LHG Board Meeting	History Center
Saturday, June 16	9am — 12pm	Workday at Hagemann	Hagemann Ranch
Sunday, June 17	10am — 2pm	Duarte Garage Open House	Duarte Garage
Sunday, June 24	1pm — 4pm	Sundays at Hagemann Ranch: Cowboy Day	Duarte Garage
Wednesday, July 11	7pm — 9:30pm	LHG Board Meeting	History Center
Sunday, July 15	10am — 2pm	Duarte Garage Open House	Duarte Garage

## What Is It?



In the process of making Hagemann Ranch more accessible to the public, we parked old and odd farm devices in a field away from foot traffic. One photo is a tractor-drawn implement which this former farm boy has never seen. There are dual levers which adjust the two steel wheels independently, but beyond that cause-and-effect linkage, I am baffled. What is this thing?? Please contact Harry Briley (brileyh@comcast.net) if you think you know!

## Welcome New and Renewing Members!

### Welcome New Members

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Karen & Steven Gardner  
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Steve Leeds  
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Susan L. Steinberg  
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### Membership Renewals

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Dorothy Clarkson & Andy Lundberg  
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Mark & Judy Eckart

## In Appreciation

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