

IMAGES OF AMERICA – WEST SACRAMENTO

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The West Sacramento Historical Society (WSHS) announces the publication of *Images of America - West Sacramento*, a pictorial book on West Sacramento beginning with photographs from the early 1900s to present day. The book is divided into six categories: early inhabitants, Washington Township - Broderick, Bryte, West Sacramento, Southport and the City of West Sacramento. The Society ran ads for several weeks in the local papers asking individuals to provide photographs which were returned to those contributors for the original manuscript. Additional photographs were obtained from other community members, the California History Section of the California State Library, Yolo County Archives, West Sacramento Police Dept., West Sacramento Land Company, City of West Sacramento, West Sacramento Police Department, West Sacramento Fire Department, and the California Department of Water Resources. "Community members opened their personal collections to us for the book. These family photographs tell the history of our community. The society is very appreciative to everyone who helped make this book a success," states Thom Lewis, President of WSHS. The book contains photographs of individuals, businesses, agriculture, schools, beauty queens, churches and more.

Volunteer members of the historical society who worked on the book are Thom Lewis, Jeri Hughes-Wingfield, Verna Ellis, Mickey Fausett, Cecilia Vasquez, Louisa R. Vessell and Don Minnich. "The best thing about the book is that it brought all the various communities into this one group. It's our history and everyone has accepted our history. It's overcome all the old time barriers. Now we're all one city. We're all together with a common history" states Jeri Hughes-Wingfield.

Verna Ellis did further research reading Frank T. Gilbert's book, *The Illustrated Atlas and History of Yolo County* and William Russell's book, *History of Yolo County* and visited the Yolo County Archives and the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center for further information.

WSHS acknowledges in the book individuals who have also documented the history of West Sacramento: Julius Feher, Shipley Walters, Virginia Weathers, Martin A. Cabalzar, and Margaret Landsburg.

"I have lived in West Sacramento since 1989 and I was just going to thumb through the book quickly but found it impossible. I wanted to see every picture and read the book immediately, which I did. After reading the book it was like being taken back into time. It brought tears to my eyes. My hats off to all who worked on the book."

Images of America: West Sacramento can be purchased by contacting Jeri Hughes-Wingfield at (916) 371-7678. Gorman's Stationery or Homer's Florists are also selling

the book. The historical society receives a portion of the sales to go towards their organization's projects. NOTE: Available at the new West Sacramento Museum and Visitors Center as of February, 2005