

REDEDICATION OF THE JOHN & ABBY MARSH, PIONEER MONUMENT

Sunday, September 23, 2007

11:00 a.m. at the Monument

Brentwood, CA

The public is invited to join the Grand Officers of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West as they rededicate the Pioneer Monument honoring John and Abby Marsh. Marsh was the first Anglo-American Settler of the San Joaquin/Sacramento Valley establishing Rancho Los Meganos. He and his wife, Abby, played a key role in attracting settlers to California prior to the Gold Rush.

The Marsh monument and plaque were placed by the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Donner Parlor #193 - Byron, and the Cowell Portland Cement Company near the site of the historic Stone House on June 26, 1932. This rededication of the John and Abby Marsh, Pioneers, plaque brings the Grand Officers, local parlor members, and the public together for this 75th anniversary of the plaque placement. The Native Daughters is a fraternal and patriotic order dedicated to preserving and honoring California's history and heritage with commemorative plaques at historic locations throughout the State.

The John Marsh Historic Trust urges the community, history enthusiasts, and all those who seek to "Save the Marsh Stone House" to attend. Pioneers will arrive in a covered wagon in reenactment of settlers coming to California. Bailey's Rental, Brentwood, generously donates this wagon to the John Marsh Historic Trust for future use at the proposed John Marsh/Cowell Historic Park. A Color Guard, music, government representatives, ritual dedication, and equestrian participation are eagerly anticipated.

For more information, please contact:

The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Website: www.ndgw.org

John Marsh Historic Trust, Website: www.JohnMarshHouse.com

Directions to the Monument:

Take Highway 4 from either north or south to downtown Brentwood. Turn west on Oak Street, cross the railroad tracks, and make an immediate left onto Walnut Boulevard. Follow Walnut Boulevard south to its intersection with Marsh Creek Road. Turn right (west). Follow Marsh Creek Road until you see the Marsh Creek Reservoir. The John and Abby Marsh, pioneer monument is located on the eastern side of Marsh Creek road, adjacent to the earthen dam overlooking the great Stone House. The monument is located just off the shoulder of the road, not at the Marsh Stone House.