

The Tulare County Historical Society
in cooperation with the Alta District Historical Society presents

"Tales From the Tomb"

Saturday - October 10, 2009



BEAUTIFUL SETTING * AWESOME ACTORS * GREAT HISTORY

Tales From the Tomb 2008 was so well received that we have been invited back to the Alta District and Smith Mountain Cemetery for this year's event. We are excited to return with three new characters and two favorites from 2008, portrayed by an awesome cast of valley actors dressed in the fashion of the day. Dallas Pattee has crafted spirited scripts from the historical record using written documents, as well as interviews with some descendants of this year's living history event. Please join us for an entertaining and enlightening look at Tulare County's nearly forgotten past.

Jeanette Jordan Blakemore (1845-1918)

"Nettie" at the age of nine traveled by wagon train with her family from Texas to California, finally settling in Tulare County in 1861. The Jordans were prominent pioneers and their family name graces many Tulare County landmarks.

Robert Lee Hill (1871-1964)

"Bob" was a respected old-time lawman, first as Constable and City Marshal of Dinuba, then as Tulare County Sheriff from 1922-1934.

Henry Clay Horsman (1844-1930)

Henry was a Civil War veteran. He wore the blue uniform of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). He also proudly wore another uniform which is still quite controversial today.

Mary Alice Hart Kirkland (1864-1915)

"Alice" grew up in beautiful Eshom Valley. Being a beauty herself, she stole the heart of Walter Kirkland. They shared thirty years of marriage, but not even death could separate them in the end. Also learn about her tie to "Hartland."

John Dexter Ruggles (1860-1892)

John came from a respectable family, but still wound up on the wrong side of the law. He served time at San Quentin, but the next crime he committed ended up in a necktie party—his, and his younger brother's.



Make Your Reservations No Later Than September 30, 2009!

Dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. We will take a walking tour to the gravesites of these pioneers after the program. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call: Dallas Pattee (559) 591-3878, Twila Cruzen (559) 732-2581 or Joanne Ledbetter (559) 528-3303

✂ Clip and mail today!

Reservation list will be created; no tickets will be mailed.

Complete and mail with your check (payable to TCHS) to:
Tulare County Historical Society, PO Box 295, Visalia, CA 93279

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Yes, I/we wish to attend "Tales From the Tomb" on October 10, 2009.
My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for _____ reservations.

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Time: 10 am to about 1 pm

Location: Smith Mountain Cemetery
42088 Rd. 100, east of Dinuba*

Adults: \$15.00

Ages 11-15: \$7.50

Under 10 years: Free

*From Dinuba, go east on El Monte Way (Ave 416) to Rd 100, turn left, ¼ mile down is the cemetery.