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## The First House in Petaluma

(Reprinted from an old newspaper clipping –  
date/author unknown)

On a lot now owned by Dan Brown (now the Hotel Petaluma), in the rear of the old Brooklyn Hotel, stands a house which is the venerable pioneer building of this city.

It is made all the more interesting because another could hardly be built like it in all respects now.

The house was first erected in Maine, and every piece fitted and numbered. It was then placed on a vessel which was build by a company, each person working on it or contributing toward its construction, and so became part owner. It was called the "Packet," and arrived in San Francisco in 1850. The pioneer house was first put up by the owner Mr. Douglass, in Antioch, at the mouth of the San Joaquin River. Mr. Douglass did not like the location and finally made the acquaintance of one of our oldest citizens, now living here who gives this information, who advised removal to Petaluma.

A few months after, the citizens here were surprised to find a barge coming up the river. Mr. Douglass, his wife, two daughters, two sons and the house were on board, thirty five years ago. The house was carefully removed and erected on the lot above mentioned, where it is still in a fair state of preservation. Every piece except the shingles was numbered, and all were pine. The idea of a pine shingle shipped from Maine will cause a smile, but such it was then and is now.

It fronted on what was afterwards Washington Street. One can easily imagine the pride of Mr. Douglass and his family as they look on the graceful arches of the porch. And what was then no poor piece of work, over which many prayers and anxious thought and maybe tears had been given. The former owner moved to Oregon some few years ago, and has passed away.

The walls of this first house echoes other sounds and other feet press the ground, or trip along the floors.

So mote [might?] it be.

Note: The beautiful new Hotel Petaluma, now stands on this lot. Mr. Douglass was the grandfather of Mrs. E. W. M. Evans on her mother's side. Martha Street was named after her mother Martha Douglass. Mary Street was named after her aunt Mary. Mrs. Evans still has the local newspaper clipping from which the above is copied.

### Vietnam Memorabilia

The Petaluma Museum is looking for Vietnam stories and artifacts for the upcoming Vietnam Experience exhibit. If you have items you would considering loaning to us for display, please contact the Museum at 707-778-4398 or email Joe Noriel@PetalumaMuseum.com.

### Accession Room News:

#### It's a Grater!

Thanks to all those who responded to our mystery artifact last issue. We received some interesting guesses as well as a few correct responses. It even says "Safety Grater" on the handle (we hadn't removed the layers of rust on ours yet!).

While we're constantly accessioning and cataloging, this month we're also preparing for the upcoming Attic Sale. We'll be reviewing items in the Museum's collection that may not be pertinent to Petaluma and our mission statement. There are also items of which we have multiples. With limited space, this is the perfect time to assess these artifacts.

Which means this is a great time for you to pick up some possible treasures and tokens on Sunday, April 25th!. We could also use some volunteers for the sale, so if you have a spare couple of hours, why not have some fun and help us out. Please call 778-4398 for details.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Alexandra Appel, Juanita H. Ashe, Gladys Bien, Center Stage Kids Productions - Jennifer Bryan, Lory Carter, Robert Cowan, Sue Davis, Eliza Durkin, Mike Frost, Jasmine & John Gerber, Frances Gonzalez, Stella & Ernesto Gonzalez, Graffiti, Sharon Graham, Kay Hardy, Edwin & Barbara Hauer, Karin Henderson, Vasanti Jayaswal, Ann Kennedy, Jan Klebe, Kristin Ikola & Steven Lubliner, Meg McConahey, Daniel Nemits, Andrew & Stephanie Nimitz, Dana Phillips, Arlene Reid, Leesa & Craig Samford, Leonard & Judie Shaw, Cole Smith, Alice Staller, Deborah Wilkinson, Tina Wilder, Michael Zatto

**RENEWALS:**

Lewis & Janet Baer, Earline Barron, Eolah Bates, Karl Bundesen - Century 21 Bundesen, Kaaron Carver, Mary A. Curme, George Daum, Chris Everitt, John & Libby Fitzgerald, Alice Forsberg, Vivienne Frost, L. Marvel Gardner, Elliott & Barbara Gould, Gerry Groves, Alice Guglielmetti, Bobbie Lee Holmes, Kim Jacobsen, Kate Keaton, Ray Hendess / Rory Keller, Jeff Kan Lee, Joe Luevano, Leslie & Dave Malloy, Ron & Heather Matzen, Joseph & Janet Mauro, Jim & Carol J. McDowell, Charles & Glee Murphy, Charlene & Kenneth Nugent, Ahmed & Taryn Obaid, Flo Olsen, Walter & Emily Roeder, The Schuster Family, Leif & Vera Svalgaard, May Tomasetti, Marilyn J. Vitalie

**NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS:**

Samuel Brown, D.D.S.  
Gary & Lynn Imm

**SPECIAL TRIBUTES:**

Charlie and Sue Edwards  
in memory of Ed Almeida

Rich & LaVerne Stout  
in memory of Donny Lombardi

Melinda & Don Gardner in honor of Oskar Schindler, in thanks for bringing the Oskar Schindler exhibit to Petaluma

Bill and Katherine J. Rinehart in honor of Kit Schlich's Birthday and in honor of Harlan Osborne - Petaluma's 2010 Good Egg!

**DONATIONS:**

Richard & Jean Lyttle, Shep & Velma Porter, Elva Soldate Williams

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**Lee Strauss**

**Joins PMA Board**

The Petaluma Museum Association welcomes new board member Lee Strauss. She's just what our board has been looking for - an experienced fund-raiser and event planner with impressive experience on many other boards and community non-profits. We also love Lee's enthusiasm and optimism for the Museum. In her words, "I was very impressed by the Museum Board's acquisition of the Schindler Exhibition and very professional manner in which the marketing and presentation was handled. I would like to be involved in the obviously bright future of the Museum."

The PMA reminds the rest of you that we still have one director's position open on the board for another like-minded individual. Email [JoeNorie@petalumamuseum.com](mailto:JoeNorie@petalumamuseum.com) if you're interested in serving.

## Elvis Sighting

Margaret Headley, who volunteers in our Research Library, tells of when she worked at a film lot, she was almost run over by a car.

The driver got out and offered a sincere and heartfelt apology. She felt sorry for the young man who would later become the King of Rock 'n' Roll!



## Call for Elvis Memorabilia

Do you have an Elvis moment to loan for the current exhibit? Think old photos, records, magazines from the '50s. Call Liz Cohee at 778-4398 to arrange a drop-off, which includes careful documentation to protect your treasure.

### Leave a Legacy

Preserve the past by remembering the Petaluma Museum Association in your estate planning today. Benefit future generations by ensuring that the Petaluma Museum continues its role as steward of your community's history. The Petaluma Museum Association is a non-profit corporation - Tax Identification No. 94-2826729.



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### Museum Wish List:

- ◆ Air conditioning
- ◆ Off-site storage (climate-controlled & near Museum)
- ◆ Shop vacuum
- ◆ Paper shredder
- ◆ Raffle items
- ◆ Copier, for paper larger than 8-1/2" x 14"

### *Petaluma Museum Association Lifetime Members:*

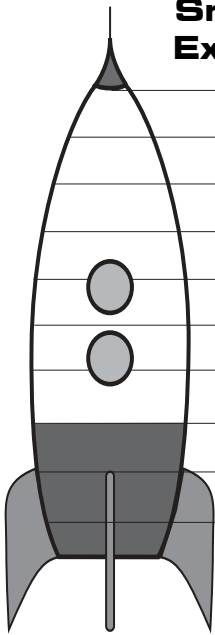
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**Smithsonian "Beyond"  
 Exhibit goal: \$10,000**



- \$10,000 The PMA seeks individual and corporate sponsors so we can offer free admission to all. We offer these incentives:
- \$9,000
- \$8,000
- \$7,000 \$50 - Buzz Aldrin color photo
- \$6,000 \$100 - Buzz Aldrin's book *Magnificent Desolation* and color photo
- \$5,000
- \$4,000 \$1,000 - Aldrin's book, signed by the author
- \$3,000 The PMA has raised \$3,000 so far. For detail on exhibit sponsorship, see page 9.
- \$2,000
- \$1,000

**The Museum Association welcomes new members! *Tell a friend!***

Benefits include a bimonthly newsletter, workshops, special member events and opportunities to serve as tour guides, docents, volunteers and resource persons.

- \$25.00 Individual
- \$10.00 Limited Income/Senior
- \$35.00 Family
- \$50.00 Business
- \$ 50.00 Contributing
- \$ 300.00 Life Membership
- \$ 500.00 Sponsor
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Please return the above form with check made payable to the Petaluma Museum Association, attention: Membership Administrator (Tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)

The museum is open to visitors Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. and by appointment. For special walking tour arrangements, please call 707-778-4398 or email: info@PetalumaMuseum.com