

Petalumans of Yesteryear

On Saturday October 23, 2021 the annual ‘Petalumans of Yesteryear Cemetery Tour’ was held at Cypress Hill Cemetery. The sold out crowd that attended this event remarked that they would really appreciate a centralized list of suggested reading and documentary links tied to each person’s presentations, since many of our members reference books and films in their talks. It is in this “spirit” that we offer the following list of suggested reading and video material.

Suggested Reading & Video Links

Petaluma History:

[Petaluma in Vintage Postcards](#)

Alice van Ommeren & KC Greaney

[History of Petaluma, A California River Town](#)

Adair Lara

[Petaluma -- A History in Architecture](#)

Katherine J. Rinehart

[Empty Shells: The Story of Petaluma, America’s Chicken City](#)

Thea Lowry

[On a River Winding Home -- Stories and Visions of the Petaluma Watershed](#)

John Sheehy & Scott Hess

[Comrades and Chicken Ranchers: The Story of a California Jewish Community](#) by Kenneth L. Kann

 [PETALUMANS OF YESTERYEAR, Petaluma Library & Museum, filmed Nov 14, 2018](#)

 [Petaluma’s Agricultural History](#)

Individual Historical Figures of the Petalumans of Yesteryear Group:

Brainerd Jones

Petaluma's renowned architect

[Petaluma: A History in Architecture](#) by, Katherine Rinehart

 [Brainerd Jones, Architect, Bonnie Spindler, American Dream](#)

Carolina Dado

Swiss Italian civic leader

[Carolina Dado's Story](#)

[Carolina Dado TH on Vimeo - Petaluma Historical Museum](#)

Captain Tom Baylis

Early river captain

[Baylis FB on Vimeo](#)

[The story of Capt. Tom Baylis by Homer Johnstone](#)

[Thomas Fulsher Baylis – Petaluma Historical Library & Museum](#)

The Lippitts

Professor and socialite

 [Petaluma Pioneers Sarah & Edward Lippitt](#)

[An Autobiography of Edward Spaulding Lippitt](#)

[Petaluma's Renaissance Man](#)

Edited by Lee Torliatt

Published by, Sonoma County Historical Society

Santa Rosa, California

[Edward S. Lippitt Archives](#)

Addie Atwater

Early civic leader

 [Petaluma Pioneer Addie Atwater](#)

[Addie's Story -1 on Vimeo](#)

[Ladies Improvement Club Archives](#)

Isaac Wickersham

Esq., lawyer, banker, and entrepreneur

[The Story of Isaac Wickersham](#)

[Isaac Wickersham – Petaluma Historical Library & Museum](#)

Jesse Wickersham

(as mentioned in Clara Belle Jewel Ivancovich's presentations, neighbor of the Jewels when his murder occurred)

[THE WICKERSHAM MURDERS](#)

[WHO KILLED THE WICKERSHAMS?](#)

The J.A. McNear Family

An early Petaluma family dynasty

[History of PETALUMA - A California River Town](#)

by, Adair Heig 1982

John Augustus McNear

[JA's Story on Vimeo](#)

Clara McNear

 [Petaluma Pioneer Clara McNear](#)

Ida Belle Denman McNear

[IdaBelle's Story on Vimeo](#)

[IdaBelle McNear TH on Vimeo - Petaluma Historical Museum](#)

[John McNear Archives](#)

Lyman Byce

Petaluma incubator inventor

[Lyman's Story on Vimeo - Petaluma Historical Museum](#)

 A Home on the Range: The Jewish Chicken Ranchers of Petaluma

 Petaluma History "The Egg Basket of the World"

William Howard Pepper

Founder of Petaluma's first Kindergarten

[William's Story on Vimeo](#)

[Pepper Free Kindergarten | Our River Town](#)

[The William H. Pepper Free Kindergarten](#) : the history of Sonoma County's oldest preschool

By, Barbara Kern Confer

Thesis Dissertation

Sonoma State University

[The William H. Pepper Free Kindergarten : the history of Sonoma County's oldest preschool \(Book, 1983\)](#)

Benicia Vallejo

Early California pioneer, spanning the Spanish Mission, Mexican, and United States eras of California history

[Lost Laborers in Colonial California](#)

By, Stephen W. Silliman

[General Vallejo and the Advent of the Americans](#)

By, Alan Rosenus

Melissa Mecham

Civic Leader, Pioneer Mother of Petaluma, and wife of the Land Baron Harrison Tyler Mecham

[Melissa's Story on Vimeo](#)

[Melissa Mecham – Petaluma Historical Library & Museum](#)

Clara Belle Jewel Ivancovich

Civic Leader, Writer, and Music Teacher

[Spring-Summer 2016 PMA Newsletter for the web](#)

[BEWARE "JACK THE CHOKER"](#)

Fred Wiseman

Famous aviator

[Frederick Joseph Wiseman](#)

 [Petaluma Pioneer Frederick Joseph Wiseman](#)

Reverend Lorenzo Dow Waugh

Early Petaluma settler and former itinerant preacher in the Indian Nations

[Rev_Waugh_FB.mov on Vimeo](#)

[Autobiography of Lorenzo Dow Waugh](#) - S.P. Taylor & Company SF 1885

[The Native Son Article](#) by Jerry Pozo - Aug-Sept 2018 Rev.Lorenzo Waugh Affectionately known as Father Waugh

Julia Morgan

Architect and engineer

Native of Oakland but with four homes that can be seen in Petaluma. These homes are listed in the book: [Petaluma's Architectural Heritage](#) by, Dan Peterson AIA

[Architect Julia Morgan: Insights Into Her Genius and Legacy](#) - link to a video about Julia Morgan by UC Berkeley

[Podcast - Finding Julia Morgan](#)

A new book about Julia Morgan is coming out in February 2022:

[Julia Morgan: An Intimate Biography of the Trailblazing Architect](#). It can be pre-ordered on Amazon.

We encourage you to visit the Petaluma Historical Library & Museum:

The museum's in-house research library, the Hoppy Hopkins Research Library has a nearly endless amount of information on Petaluma history. The contact email is:

research@petalumamuseum.com