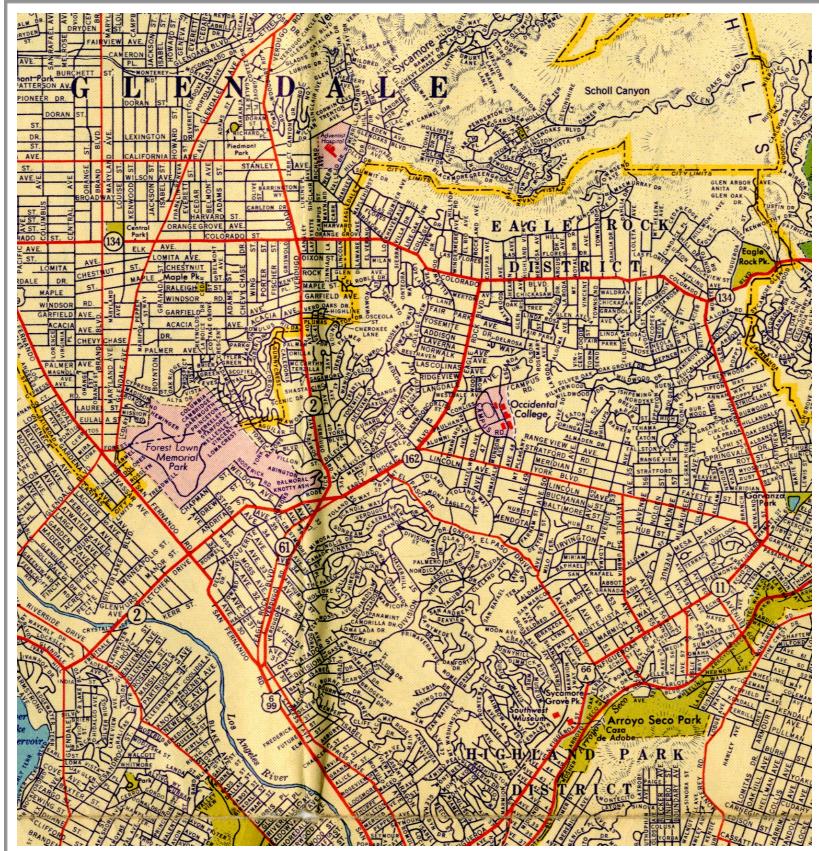


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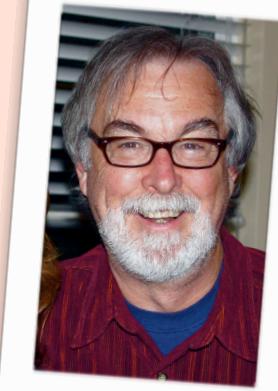
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NEWS

Glassell Park history issue



A 1938 map of Glassell Park and surrounding neighborhoods provided by Glen Creason from the archives of the Los Angeles Public Library. Articles about the history of Glassell Park can be found throughout this issue.



Local author,
Glen Creason, will present a history of Los Angeles, and specifically Glassell Park, with slide illustrations from his book, **Los Angeles in Maps**, at the May 17th general membership meeting.

Come and share your two minute story and photos of our local history!

★GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5/17★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held on

Thursday, May 17, at 7pm

at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center

3750 N. Verdugo Road, L.A. 90065



The Community Center is located behind the Public Storage building.

The parking lot entrance is on Verdugo Road between the Public Storage building and the Glassell Park Recreation Center pool.

What's going on in Glassell Park?

✓ SurveyLA

A comprehensive volunteer program to identify and record historic resources throughout Los Angeles is being spearheaded by the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society, and will include all Northeast L.A. communities. The next meeting will be May 24th at the Arroyo Seco Public Library on N. Figueroa Street.

✓ Washington Irving Middle School's 75th

Washington Irving Middle School celebrates its 75th anniversary with a festival on Saturday, May 19th, from 10:30am-2pm. The school is at 3010 Estara Avenue near Fletcher Street. The community is welcome to attend this free event.

✓ Reusable bag policy proposed

The City of Los Angeles's Bureau of Sanitation is exploring a Reusable Bag Policy that could prohibit paper and plastic bags at markets and other retail stores. Under the proposed policy, customers would be encouraged to bring their own reusable bags. For more information go to www.zerowaste.lacity.org

✓ GPIA endorses Prop. K grant applications

The GPIA has sent two letters in support of grant applications for community improvements. One asks for funds to install synthetic turf on an existing soccer field at the Glassell Park Recreation Center; the other solicits funds to install a recirculating system for the existing water feature splash pad at Juntos Park.

✓ LAPD Northeast Station

Construction of the new Northeast LAPD station will begin this summer. It will be located at the intersection of San Fernando Road and Treadwell Street in Glassell Park. Architect renderings are posted on the department's Facebook page.

✓ Poster contest winner announced

Joshua Ochoa Guerrero, age 14, who attends ArtLab at the Sonia Sotomayor Learning Academies, is the winner of the Peace in the Northeast poster contest. Joshua's winning artwork can be seen on page 3.

✓ In the July issue:

Food & Music in Glassell Park



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello GPIA Members,

Welcome to our newsletter celebrating the history of Glassell Park! For me this issue is a "keeper". We are honored to have Glen Creason speaking at our May 17th meeting and contributing to this newsletter. Glen is a longtime resident of GP and a generous and knowledgeable resource in the neighborhood and downtown, at the LA Library where he has worked for 32 years. Thanks also to Paul McDermott, our history chair, for his informative article about our namesake, Andrew Glassell. There are so many stories in our community and everyone is invited to share a "2 minute story", pictures and anything else during our "show and tell" at the May meeting.

We also will be hearing more from Dean Tagawa, the principal at GP Elementary School. Principal Tagawa's kindness and good humor are radiating out into the community through the GPES students and families. For the first time students at GPES are being tested to see who

qualifies for special programming within LAUSD. The Bronze Plaque that we are donating for the GPES's centennial is the result of donations from the Elysian Masonic Lodge No. 418 and very generous GPIA members.

As a participant of the NE Coalition for Clean Air, the GPIA has sent a letter to MetroLink supporting requests for remediation of the hours trains idle at the maintenance facility polluting our river valley air. In addition, I met with Congressman Adam Schiff to talk about this issue, he was both informed and positive, and it was a real pleasure to meet him!

The GPIA Board approved letters in support of two requests for Prop K funds for GP. The first, organized by CD 13, is for an artificial turf soccer field at the GP Recreation Center to replace the dusty field there; and the second is for a recirculating water system for the water play elements at Juntos Park in our highest density Drew/Estara area.

A very warm and heartfelt thank you from me to all of you who are contributing in so many ways. You are making my job so much easier and I appreciate it.

Thank you!

Alisa

Glassell Park Elementary School's 100th anniversary

Everyone is invited to Glassell Park Elementary School's Centennial Celebration on Friday, **June 8th**, from 9-10am.

Events will include the dedications of a plaque donated by the GPIA to recognize that the property has been listed with the National Registry of Historic Places and the new Centennial Garden, student performances



and presentations by Councilmember Eric Garcetti and School Board member Bennett Kayser.



5th Annual Peace in the Northeast Day

Spend the afternoon with family and friends at the 5th Annual PEACE in the Northeast Day celebration!

For the fifth year in a row, our community will come together to promote peace and unity.

This free community event, on **May 19th**, will commence with a special peace ceremony and will feature a resource fair, sports clinics, a soccer tournament, youth and family activities, food, entertainment, and more!

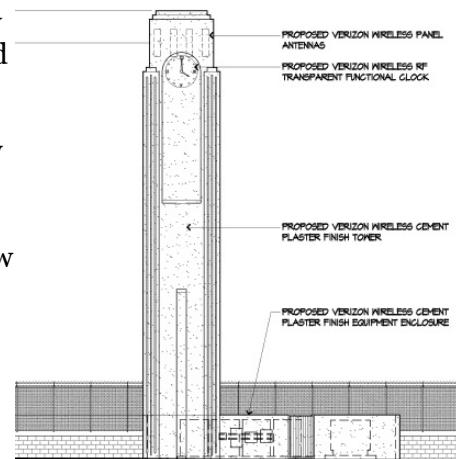
For more information email NEPeaceDay@gmail.com.

Verizon Wireless Tower

Verizon has submitted a new design to disguise their proposed WTF as a Streamline Moderne-style clock tower that would rise along the northbound 2 Freeway at the San Fernando Road exit.

The East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission will review the new design at their next meeting on **May 9** at 4:30pm at Ramona Hall, 4580 N. Figueroa Street.

The public is welcome to attend.



The Seven Hills & other Glassell Park stuff

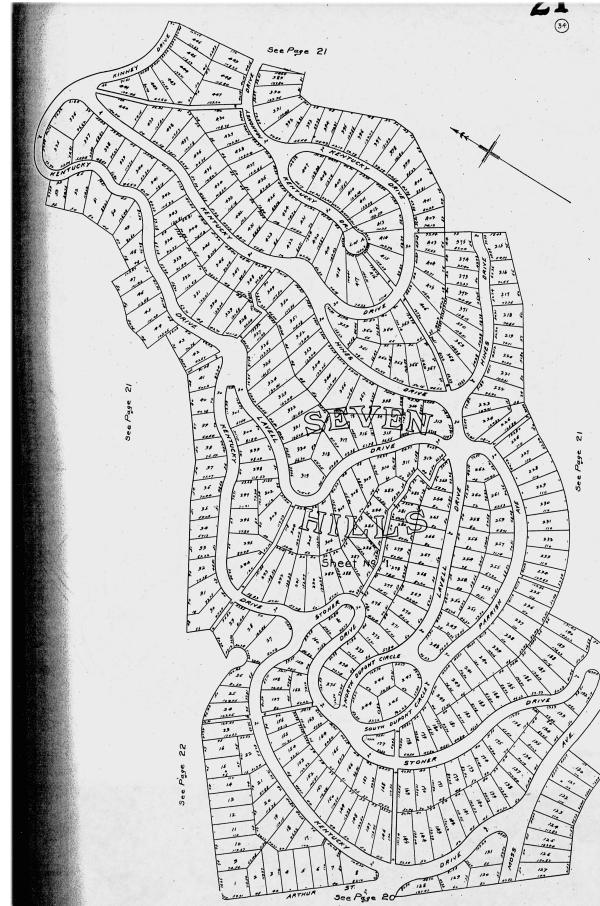
by Glen Creason

I may be prejudiced but I think the best-kept secret neighborhood in LA is ours and I would only encourage its glory in print to insiders like the already enlightened members of the GPIA. Also, Marge Piane asked me for some words and you don't refuse a woman who knows beer, books, good restaurants and chickens. Truthfully, I do like to brag about my rustic little place in the big city and am fascinated by what history I know of the place. Originally the Tongva Indians hunted these hills and when the Spanish founded Los Angeles the governor gave Corporal Jose Maria Verdugo a large land grant that became Rancho San Rafael. Like many land cases after statehood, lawyers ended up with pieces of the Ranchos after the rancheros were forced to prove title before land commissions. One of those lawyers was an Andrew Glassell Jr. who received a healthy chunk of real estate in something called "the Great Partition" that enabled him to participate in many other ventures including streetcars, banking, real estate and the family occupation of lawyering. Unraveling the Andrews in the Glassell family is no easy task and I am not sure I understand exactly now who is who. In the 1860 census we have Andrew (Jr.?) living in San Francisco with his wife Lucy, having moved west from his native Virginia. By 1870 Andrew Jr. has relocated to Los Angeles, now living with an older Andrew who must be his father, a retired lawyer also from Virginia. There is also a nine year old child Andrew listed who I think was

the man who named Glassell Park after his Dad, the one often referred to as Andrew Jr. This third Andrew is identified in his obituary of January 1924 as living at 3021 Moss Ave. (see Irving Middle School) and being 63 years of age which jives with his age of nine in 1870. This third Andrew

accumulated quite a nice pile of dough when Andrew Jr. died in 1901, as his estate awarded a large amount of land in Southern California to this namesake son and two other heirs, including the land we live on now.

A wise man once said Los Angeles history is a history of subdivisions and that is what happened here. Some well known streets like Moss or the Paseo or Crestmore or Arthur were named as far back as 1906 and the old Eagle Rock Sentinel advertised nice properties in



Glassell Park as early as 1911. In 1912 the National Home and Town Builders bought what they called Glassell Park from Gilchrist investments. Originally, we may have been set out to be a trolley suburb since the Glassells owned a cable railway but there were always plenty of wide-open spaces up here. When I first moved to this area in 1994 people used to answer "huh?" to my mention of my new neighborhood but since the real estate boom of the 90's it has literally appeared on the map. At the library we keep what

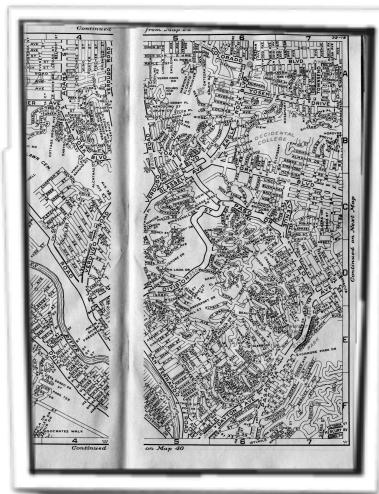
is called a vertical file on GP and it contains good stuff by local luminaries like Cecilia Rasmussen and the late and great Joan Lundy. Lately, there have been some good things added to the Glassell Park files, especially the fine piece by Maryam Hosseinzadeh for KCET (<http://www.kcet.org/socal/departures/landofsunshine/ffffridays/walking-rancho-glassell.html>) and the mention of the area as the “lungs of Los Angeles in a recent radio interview by Colin Marshall.

Just scratching around you find out things about Glassell Park that astound like part of it once being called “Hugginsville,” population 20 or that a prehistoric mastodon was discovered over by the Sparkletts Water Plant when they dug there in 1929 or that there was a Swedish Old Folks Home here in the twenties or that there was a revolutionary Love Cult in the hills that exhorted locals to be libertines. We may also find that many of the LPs that are the soundtrack of our lives were pressed right here in the 90065 way before there were zip codes. Think of Nat King Cole, Judy Garland, the Kingston Trio, the Beach Boys, the Band and the records of the four mop tops

from Liverpool who had their Capitol record vinyl made right here on San Fernando Road. Still, despite what the Los Angeles Times says, no one really seems to agree on the actual boundaries of the neighborhood. Case in point: the Verdugo Bar is referred to as being in Eagle Rock, the River Center is said to be in Glassell Park, Van de Kamps Bakery in GP and Glendale Kia is smack in the middle of Glassell Park. The neighborhood council marks the boundaries at Division on the south, Wawona on the north, El Paso on the East and Perlita on the West but not everybody agrees. Actually I have even heard the name of the place pronounced in several distinct ways.

I work with local history and maps every day as a librarian at Central Library but I was surprised to find my neighborhood labeled as “the Seven Hills” on an old tract atlas I dug out for a patron. Even as “my” Seven Hills were most certainly the wide-open country, and development of the area did not really begin until the teens, there seems to have been plans and dreams right after the turn of the twentieth century. These hills continue to contain wildlife corridors despite the efforts of carpetbagger developers to put re-bar and concrete where the wild lupine grows. There are still deer roaming along with coyotes, opossums, skunks, raccoons, and all manner of reptile and birds covering these hills whose view is not-that-nicely obliterated by the Public Storage monstrosity and the fifteen uninhabited McMansions that disfigure my very own bucolic hill.

Yet, at one time birders, hikers and hunters came to these climes, then built small cabins on dirt paths where Yorkshire or Hines or Lavell drive now sit with their narrow but paved streets. They were even called hunter’s cabins and I am intimately familiar since I live in what was such a cabin and so does my next-door neighbor. As a matter of fact there used to be a large tree that grew *inside* of my house. You may have driven on or past them a thousand times but few realize that the same Cazador streets that visitors so often get lost on actually means “hunter” in Spanish. Cazador was named in 1928 way before the flow of the freeways was heard up in the “Seven Hills.” Using map resources at the library I anxiously checked our Sanborn Fire Insurance atlases when we bought the online digital set and found my little cabin as the first structure on what locals call “lower” Lavell Drive in volume 39 on sheet 3994. Lavell was named by C.D. Lavell back in 1913 about the time Parrish was so called after Dr. George Parrish, Los Angeles City Health Officer. One of the major thoroughfares was Stoner drive, named after Carlton E. Stoner in 1925, not after teenagers parking on the hills in the 1960’s. Hines was tabbed after Fred A. Hines and as many local roads up here it was changed from Kentucky Drive which snakes all over the map of the Seven Hills Tract. Nearby Brilliant was not named for a developer but after a city in Ohio and from the records of Los Angeles Title and Trust we learn that Yorkshire was named for the county in England which may



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Council Districts Deputy Reports

Council District **1** report from
Monica Valencia
 Press Deputy for
 Councilmember Ed P. Reyes

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes is moving forward with efforts to establish a "Quiet Zone," where trains silence their horns as they roar past homes, in the Taylor Yard area. Reyes will be calling for a report back from the City's transportation and public works departments on establishing a "Quiet Zone."

Trains are required to sound horns/whistles at highway and rail grade crossings. Also, federal regulations require that horns be sounded for 15-20 seconds before entering public crossings. Although Metrolink has implemented train horn reductions, residents said the train noise still echoes through the neighborhood.

We plan to share additional information with residents at a future meeting of the City Council's Transportation Committee. In the meantime, please stay in contact with Reyes' office at (213) 473-7001. You can also visit the City's website at www.lacity.org for council committee agendas and updates.

Council District **13** report from
Alejandra Marroquin
 Deputy District Director for
 Councilmember Eric Garcetti

Dozens of volunteers participated in the Mayor's Day of Service in conjunction with Food Day LA at the Glassell Park Community Garden. Formerly the center of blight and gang activity, the property at 3304 Drew Street is now a blossoming garden where local residents can tend to their vegetables, herbs, fruit, and other plantings.

The Food Day LA event featured educational workshops on how to cultivate herbs and vegetables, including those that can be grown in containers so that apartment dwellers can give their green thumbs a work out. Participants also sampled healthy recipes and learned how to cook traditional cultural dishes, such as posole and menudo, using locally grown crops.

On Saturday, May 5, there will be a community meeting at the garden from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Stop by to see what's growing and learn more about gardening in Glassell Park.

Council District **14** report from
Nate Hayward
 Field Deputy for
 Councilmember Jose Huizar

Councilmember Huizar is proud to announce the recent installation of the final Verdugo Village signs in Glassell Park. The project was a collaboration between Council District 14 and the Glassell Park Improvement Association. The signs highlight the history of Verdugo Village and are an excellent addition to the community. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Additionally, the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power recently began a construction project along Eagle Rock Boulevard between York Boulevard and Avenue 43. The work consists of removing a 20-inch water pipe valve and replacing it with a new one. Construction will take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. and is expected to last for approximately eight weeks. If you have questions, please contact our office or the project supervisor, Damon Davis at (213) 367-6785.

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Maggie Daret-Quiroz, Beautification Chair



A “Good Food Day LA” was hosted at the community garden in the neighborhood of Glassell Park.

Although it was a gloomy Saturday morning, many local residents came out into the streets of Los Angeles to learn about healthy food alternatives. Volunteers were generous to donate their time to enlighten local Angelinos on daily food consumption. This also provided an excuse to show off the new community garden and all of its benefits. Not only were people learning healthier food recipes, but they were also learning how to harvest fresh fruits and

vegetables. This would become useful for when one wants to create a healthy meal. There is nothing better than adding in some fresh vegetables to a superb meal. Local residents stepped out of their consumer driven lives and learned to appreciate the benefits of harvesting fresh produce. In a time like this, it is great to learn a new skill that improves eating habits and reduces spending on store bought produce.

Written by Paulina Daret

Myrian Magana, Education Chair

During the past few weeks, I have attended several meetings with the local district, the Northeast LAPD and Sonia Sotomayor Learning Academies in an effort to help relieve tension that has risen among the students as a result of a recent attempted abduction near the school.

Various information workshops and outreach for students and parents are scheduled. All are invited to attend these free events:

May 19: Washington Irving Middle School 75th Anniversary festival from 10:30am-2pm

May 19: 5th Annual “Peace in the Northeast” Day from 1:30-6pm at Sonia Sotomayor Learning Academies.

For more information, please call 323-255-3735.

(The “Street Smart” event to be held May 1 is postponed, no new date has been announced.)

Helene Schpak, Land Use Liaison

The final Verdugo Village sign was installed at the intersection of Verdugo and Wanona a few weeks back and brought to conclusion a project originally conceived in the land use committee of the Glassell Park Improvement Association where it evolved through conversations focused on the history of Glassell Park. We chose to highlight Verdugo Village with the hope of instilling a sense of pride where it was sorely lacking and to educate our neighbors about our rich history.

The concept received wide support from our Board and membership and set committee member Zazu Faure in action overseeing all aspects of the project from design to final installation. There are two different designs. The first sign reads *Verdugo Village* and is placed at two intersections, and the second is installed at several locations on a pedestrian level and read: *One of many distinct districts of Glassell Park, Verdugo Village is a two block commercial corridor in the historic*

Sagamore Park tract (est. 1920s) situated along the early transportation route that linked the Rancho San Raphael (1784) and the fledgling Pueblo of Los Angeles. The surrounding fertile farmland supported grape vines, orchards and other crops with water from the nearby Los Angeles River.

We're grateful to Councilmember Huizar's district office and especially Paul Habib for supplying the necessary funding and giving this project their full support. We also thank all the GPIA Committee and Board members who helped make this project possible.

Paul McDermott, History Chair

Paul's report on the history of Glassell Park appears on page 8

Paul McDermott, History Chair on How Glassell Park Got Its Name

A study of how Glassell Park got its name turns up a fascinating cross-section of California history during the second half of the 19th century

Our eponym is none other than Andrew Glassell, Jr., who was born in Orange County, Virginia, in 1827. His father moved his family to Greensboro, Alabama, where he became a successful cotton plantation owner. Andrew, Jr. was the oldest of three siblings -- his brother William would later become a Confederate naval officer during the Civil War and his sister the paternal grandmother of General George S. Patton, Jr.

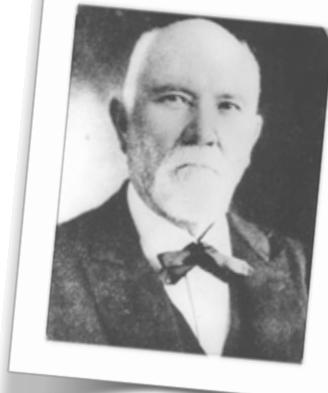
After graduating from the University of Alabama in 1848, he studied law and then moved to San Francisco in 1853 and established a law practice there. His appointment as the U.S. attorney at Sacramento followed soon after. However, his southern sympathies put him at odds with the government, and when he refused to take the loyalty oath required of lawyers, he left his public office and quit his law practice. During the Civil War he operated a lumber mill and lime kiln near Santa Cruz.

In 1857, he married Lucy Toland, after whom Toland Way is named. She was the daughter of H.H. Toland, a pioneer physician of San Francisco. Eight children were born from their union.

After the war Glassell settled in Los Angeles in 1865 or 1866, forming a law partnership with Alfred Beck Chapman, a boyhood friend from Greensboro, Alabama, who had arrived in Los Angeles in 1863 and became city and later county attorney, and Colonel George H. Smith. The firm became known as Glassell, Chapman & Smith. A fortune was made from this law practice, which dealt chiefly with large partition suits and the cases that arose out of the confusion of conflicting differences between the Mexican and American land title laws. When Glassell first came to California, he had worked with the federal land commission



Andrew Glassell, Jr.



Alfred Beck Chapman

that reviewed all the old Mexican Rancho grants and was therefore quite familiar with title land law. Chapman was the businessman behind the firm.

Rancho lands had never been systematically surveyed and their boundaries were loosely defined by "this oak tree, that outcropping of rocks, and that nearby creek." So when a dispute arose over conflicting claims or the land needed to be subdivided, Glassell, Chapman & Smith stepped in. They would often take payment for their legal work in land, since the owners of the ranchos were often 'land-rich and cash-poor.'

Don Julio Verdugo led an extravagant life style. Like his father, Don Jose Maria, he would dress up in the finest traditional caballero attire when he rode horseback into the pueblo. He offered his generous hospitality to all visitors to his hacienda and his grand rodeos and fancy fandangos were legendary. This lavish way of living was typical of the early California

rancheros but unfortunately led to the financial difficulties that ultimately led them to lose their cherished ranchos. Don Julio was no exception and incurred a substantial debt.

In July of 1861, Don Julio signed a loan agreement with Jacob Elias for \$3,445.47 and mortgaged Rancho San Rafael. The Great Drought of the early 1860s severely hurt the cattle and farming industries in Southern California and affected Don Julio's ability to repay the loan, which in eight years had soared to \$58,750. In March of 1869, Rancho San Rafael was sold at a Sheriff's auction to Alfred Chapman, who paid off the amount of the debt. Six months later, when Chapman received the deed, he gave back 200 acres and the ranch house to the once proud ranchero out of pity.

During the late 1860s, several other parcels of Rancho San Rafael property in the eastern San Fernando Valley and Verdugo Mountains were either sold or lost to foreclosures. Many individuals were claiming ownership of multiple sections of the rancho.

In 1871, in a legal case known as The Great Partition, law partners Glassell and Chapman, in conjunction with Prudence Beaudry and Ozro W. Childs, filed a lawsuit against 36 separate defendants. The plaintiffs contended that there were numerous alleged property owners occupying tracts of land whose boundaries were established illegally and demanded a partition based on valid claims. Ultimately, Rancho San Rafael was divided up into 31 sections given to 28 different people, some of whom were members of the Verdugo family.

Today, there are four incorporated cities and nine communities which have grown up within the old boundaries of the Rancho San Rafael. The section Glassell and Chapman were awarded as compensation for their legal work later became Glassell Park. In 1875 Glassell purchased Rancho Tujunga, the adjacent northern rancho in the S.F. Valley, from Agustin Olvera.

Andrew Glassell was one of the incorporators of and attorneys for the Farmers and Merchants' Bank, founded by 23 prominent Los Angeles businessmen, including Isaias W. Hellman, former governor John G. Downey, and Ozro W. Childs, who in later years founded the University of Southern California. The Farmers and Merchants' Bank later, through various mergers, became Security Pacific and was ultimately acquired by Bank of America.

Glassell served as the first president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association

(1878-1880). He incorporated the Los Angeles and San Pedro Railroad and was prominent in its management until it was absorbed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. After this transfer he became the chief counsel for the Southern Pacific in Southern California until his retirement in 1883.

Glassell and Chapman later came into possession of the land on which the City of Orange, CA was subsequently founded. Glassell, Chapman & Smith took care of legal matters for the Yorba family of the Rancho de Santa Ana, and when a final settlement was reached and there was not enough cash to satisfy attorney fees, Chapman and Glassell came into possession of a few thousand acres of land as payment.

In 1872, the Richland Farm Tract subdivision was placed on the market. Glassell and Chapman employed Glassell's younger brother, Captain William T. Glassell to plot the site of the future town site. The tract was divided into 60 10-acre lots surrounding a 40-acre town site, which was originally named Richland after the name of their father's plantation. In 1873, when it was learned that there was already a town in

Sacramento County by that name, they chose Orange as an alternative, in honor of their home county in Virginia.

We can see from this history that Andrew Glassell was an influential figure in a critically important time in the history of Southern California.

The question that has puzzled me is: Why wasn't Glassell Park called Chapman Park or at least a street named after him in Glassell Park? Even Chapman University in Orange County is named after a different Chapman, Charles Clarke Chapman, first mayor of Fullerton, CA. Did Andrew Glassell hold the controlling interest in the law firm? Or did Glassell win naming right in a poker game?



OPINION: MTA/CalTrans considers two tunnels under Glassell Park

Two proposed tunnels routing heavy diesel cargo trucks from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will be about five miles long each, with no exits, 200 feet underground, five stories tall, one in each direction. Imagine the recent fiery 134 truck crash inside a tunnel. There are five possible routes to accomplish this, and one of them would travel from the end of the 710 through Highland Park and Glassell Park to the 2 Freeway. The likely cost is \$10-\$20 billion, with a projected toll of \$10-\$20 for each trip.

The concentrated, deadly, ultra-fine diesel particulate exhaust inside the tunnel will be vented directly into our neighborhoods.

Or, we can have heavy electric rail to move our goods through our ports, to national truck networks outside the city. The technology exists now, and can be teamed with light rail for commuters, and better engineering of our streets. We can have local jobs, reduced congestion, reduced pollution, safer technology, fast, efficient cargo movement. Here in the land where freeways first flowered, can we not imagine, and then build something better? It's easy if you try.

**written by Janet Dodson
No 710 Action Committee
Historic Highland Park
Neighborhood Council**

UNACCEPTABLE! Alisa Smith on asphalt sidewalks in GP

This photo was taken on the 2900 block of Valle Vista Drive last week. I received a phone call from a longtime GPIA member to report that the city had taken down a tree, torn up sidewalks and driveways on his block and was replacing them with asphalt. He intervened



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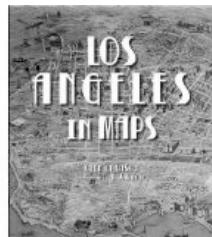
have had an influence since many of the small streets at the mouths of ravines were included in the Berkshire Hills subdivision which was sold off by Samuel Harris who even named one of them after his son Arthur. El Paso was named, not so romantically, after the city in Texas.

My own study quickly became a name game including streets named after family and friends of the Andrews and the story of the heated debates in the neighborhood when they paved Glassell and renamed it Eagle Rock Boulevard. Strangely enough you see the old home place in maps as far

back as 1884 with the Stevenson map clearly showing the healthy hills and the "Hunter Highland View Tract" which was owned by Jesse D. Hunter and other subdivisions owned by William Hunter, A.M. Foster, J.A. Cooper, Thomas R. Bennington, A.H. Judson and George W. Morgan. San Fernando road is Railroad Avenue but Cypress ave. is in place even back then. I also enjoyed looking at the Baist Real Estate atlas from 1921 with glorious detail including looks at the Lark Ellen Boys Home, the LARY streetcar tracks running along Cypress, the mysterious Riseley?

Heights and Tract 4290 that would eventually be the actual hill I live on. There is much more including Renie atlases, Gillespie street guides, USGS topographic maps, plat maps, oil company maps and more to explore but maybe I ought to let you come to the library and see.

Glen Creason is the author of **Los Angeles in Maps**, a fascinating history of our home town.





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Become engaged in our community! For your annual dues, you will receive our newsletter, invitations to our meetings & special events, and the opportunity to participate in our improvement projects.

The GPIA meets on the third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November at 7pm at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center (3750 Verdugo Road, behind the Public Storage building & next to the Glassell Park Recreation Center).

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Upcoming Events

May 5

Community meeting GP Community Garden, 3304 Drew Street, 9am

May 17

710 Information Open House, 6-8pm, Eagle Rock Elementary

May 19

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5th Annual Peace in the Northeast Day

May 24

SurveyLA community outreach meeting at Arroyo Seco Library

June 8

Glassell Park Elementary School's 100th Anniversary celebration

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