

# City of San Bernardino Historical & Pioneer Society

## Mission Statement

To stimulate public interest in the rich heritage of the City of San Bernardino and to preserve and protect the archives and historic sites of the city. To record, display, publish and reprint historic material of historic interest and significance of the City of San Bernardino. The Society welcomes persons of all ages who share a concern for the History of the City of San Bernardino.

## San Bernardino, California History

In 1810, Franciscan Fathers selected a Native American Village in the San Bernardino Valley to establish an Inland Mission. Noting it was May 20<sup>th</sup>, Feast Day of Saint Bernardine of Sienna, they named it "San Bernardino." In 1842, Rancho San Bernardino, most of the central area, was granted to Antonio Maria Lugo and his three sons. The present site of San Bernardino was chosen for permanent settlement by 500 Mormon emigrants led from Salt Lake City by Captain Jefferson Hunt in 1851. San Bernardino was incorporated as a city in 1854. Under a Charter form of government, adopted in 1905, the city has thrived and prospered, becoming one of the fastest growing communities in California.

## The Heritage House

The City of San Bernardino Historical & Pioneer Society headquarters, library and Heritage House Museum is situated on the last of the carriage corner lots at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> & "D" Streets. The home was built in 1891 by Judge George Otis and is marked as a Point of Historical Interest in the State of California. Tours of this fine old home are available every Saturday, 10 AM - 2 PM.

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## Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual & Family--\$30/year    Business with Ad--\$75/year    Lifetime--\$500

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the First Thursday of each month.  
Open House every Saturday, 10 AM - 2 PM