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Mission Hills Heritage is pleased to announce the unveiling of its oral history program for its new and renewing members and to kick off this program has organized a community photo scanning event on July 29th called: *The Way we Were*

After attending the January walking tour Mission Hills Heritage a friend contacted the group about Virginia Roberts who was born in the area. Her father A. G. Roberts was a real estate mogul and except for service and travel, Virginia lived in Mission Hills for most of her 96 years. After the rewarding experience of conducting this oral interview, Mission Hills Heritage decided to offer this program once per quarter to its members.

Now, Mission Hills Heritage members are eligible to nominate friends, relatives or neighbors for an oral history. Interview subjects have a chance to polish their memories during an interview including scanning old photographs that results in an electronic transcript. Often these oral histories relate to neighborhood development to friends, families, or shed some light on the broader context of times gone by. Oral histories create a record of the everyday events that shaped San Diego history, Conducting oral histories of residents is an enjoyable way for members, residents or former residents to pass along these stories and traditions to future generations.

Once the interview is completed, the information is transcribed and compiled with any electronic images included in the document. It is then posted on the Mission Hills Heritage web site and shared with the San Diego Historical Society for use in their research library.

On July 29th, Mission Hills Heritage is sponsoring an event called, *The Way we Were*. The event will be held at the Mission Hills Methodist Church at the corner of Lark Street and Ft. Stockton Drive from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Mission Hills residents or former residents are encouraged to bring their old photographs. We will borrow these photographs for a short time to scan them and add captions. It will also be a time for residents to undergo a very brief interview. This will help identify interesting subjects and build up a photographic history of one of the most fascinating older areas in San Diego.

Mission Hills Heritage thanks Celeste Dunn of Tristany Group Inc. Real Estate. for her generous donation and sponsorship of this program in its inaugural year. Celeste joined the San Diego Historical Society as a young historian when she was just 12. Her generous contribution and the work of Mission Hills Heritage volunteers to kick off this program will help the heritage and legends of Mission Hills stay alive for generations to come. ##