

Salute Will Pay Tribute to Sloss' Memory

Society of California Pioneers Plans First of Ceremonious Series

Colorful Life Recalled

Descendants to Attend Service Thursday Night

Perpetuating in public interest the State-building achievements of the Argonauts, who originated the Society of California Pioneers, that organization has arranged to hold a series of ceremonious "salutes" to their memory, the first of which will take place next Thursday evening in Pioneer Hall, with Louis Sloss I the subject. Of the society's founders only five are alive—Jules Aroudou and J. H. P. Gedge of San Francisco, Francis Doud of Monterey, Sam Brannan Jr. of San Diego and James P. Taylor of Oakland.

TEACH COLORFUL HISTORY

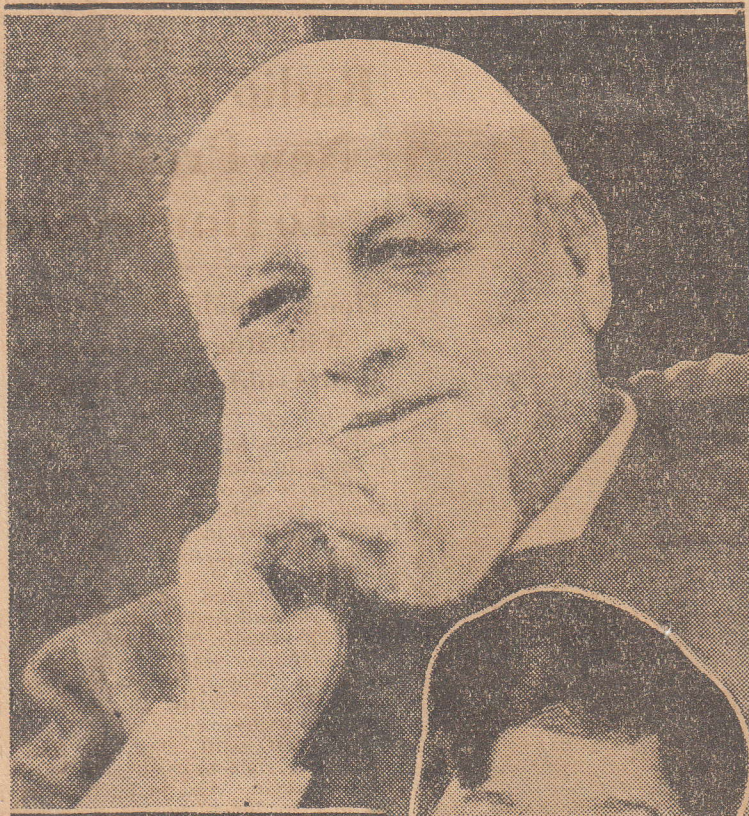
These formal reminders will be in pursuance of the society's practical teaching of California's colorful history during the gold rush period, in which Louis Sloss was a conspicuous figure. A native of Germany, he arrived in August, 1849, at Sacramento and conducted a wholesale grocery there until 1862, when a flood forced him out of business.

He came to San Francisco, where he engaged in stockbroking and hide and leather dealing until 1868, the year in which the United States purchased Alaska from Russia, and Sloss headed a group which obtained a permit to kill 100,000 fur seals a year. Incorporated as the Alaska Commercial Company, the firm established trading stations and still carries on business. Sloss died in 1902, leaving three sons—Louis II, Leon and Max C.—who are actively identified with the society. He served a term as the organization's president and thirty-six of his descendants will attend the "salute" next Thursday evening.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

It will be a simple, yet impressive function. Following an explanatory address by President C. C. Moore, a scroll bearing the name of Louis Sloss I will be unveiled and Louis Sloss II, senior of the descendants, will be presented with a bronze plaque. Then the kin will be talked

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Louis Sloss I

for by Judge M. C. Sloss, former Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court, and the oratory will conclude with brief remarks by former Governor James N. Gillett, Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, Leland W. Cutler, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Frank I. Gonzales, grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

A formal reception to the thirty-six members of the Sloss kin will be followed by refreshments and general inspection of the society's museum of historic treasures. Rudy Seiger's orchestra will provide music throughout the evening and the California Grays, in full uniform, will act as honorary escort.

DESCENDANTS PRESENT

Descendants of Louis Sloss I who will be present, in addition to his sons, are:

Grandsons—Loui Sloss III, Leon Sloss, Benjamin P. Lilienthal, John L. Lilienthal, Joseph Sloss, Henry E. Sloss, Lawrence Sloss, Richard L. Sloss, Frank L. Sloss.

Granddaughters—Mrs. Lloyd S. Ackerman, Mrs. Milton H. Esberg, Mrs. Harry I. Wiel, Mrs. Margaret Sloss Kuhns.

Great-grandsons—Milton H. Esberg Jr., Ernest L. Esberg, Ernest Lilienthal, John G. Lilienthal, Lloyd S. Ackerman Jr., James S. Ackerman, Leon Sloss Jr., Louis Sloss IV.

Great-granddaughters—Misses Elizabeth Lilienthal, Frances Lilienthal, Barbara Wiel, Isabel Wiel, Anne R. Ackerman, Margaret E. Sloss, Katherine Ann Sloss, Nancy Louise Sloss, Caroline Kuhns, Harriet Sloss.



Louis Sloss IV

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