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David Ahern

Local Connections

The following is about an early Sacramentan of Irish descent who had an influence on Sacramento.

David Ahern was an early resident of Sacramento. He was born in Richmond, VA in 1859. He was the son of John and Katherine Ahern, John having been born in County Cork

Ireland in 1830. John initially made his home in Richmond, VA working for the Tredical Iron Works there. In 1864 he migrated to Sacramento via Panama (this was before the canal and a very perilous journey at the time). He took up construction work with the Southern Pacific Railroad

June 11th Meeting

The **Next Meeting** will be held:

JUNE 11

at 7 PM

SMUD 6301 S Street in
Room Sequoia 1

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Upcoming events:

1/2 way to St Patrick's Day

September 20th

Halloween

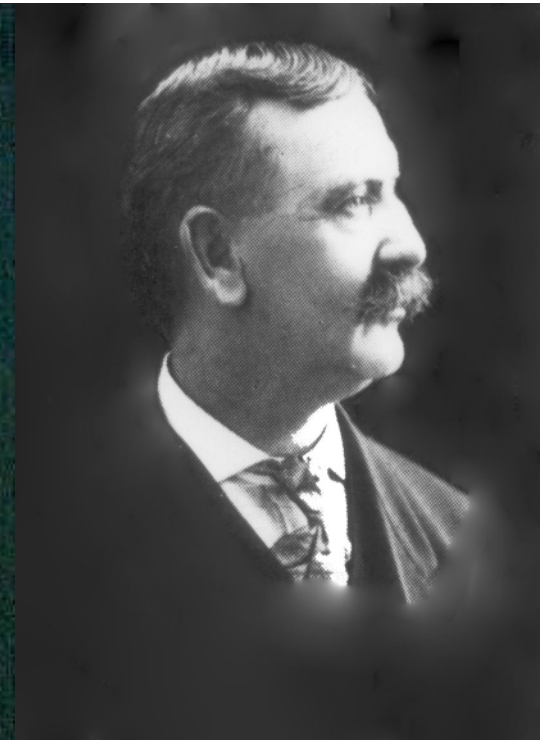
Christmas Party

Irish New Year

December 31st @ 4 PM



David Ahern's Gold Badge



David Ahern

line. John died in 1900.

David Ahern attended local public schools from age six to thirteen, at which time he began his quest for an occupation. He apprenticed as a horse shoer under John Davis, where he worked for 13 years. During his apprenticeship he also developed his skills as a blacksmith. He left Doyle to establish his own blacksmith business. He was successful as a blacksmith and eventually had a large shop in downtown.

Having success at Blacksmithing he embarked on a Political career. In 1893-94 he was fire commissioner. From 1906 until 1911 he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. In 1910 he was elected Sheriff, a position he held until his death in 1914.

He was a member of the Sacramento Turners, Elks, Eagles and the Young Men's Institute.

In 1891 he married Miss Margaret O'Toole (wonder what nationality she was?). They had one daughter Kathaleen.

David died in March of 1914.

David was truly an early, civic minded individual who represented the Irish community well.

Grianan Ailigh

The mysterious and unique stone fort dominating the landscape in County Donegal, the Grianan Ailigh

dates back to around 170 BC and is said to have been built by Dagda, the king of the ancient Tuatha de Dannan.

The wall is about 15 ft thick and 16 ft high. It has three terraces, which are linked by steps, and two long passages within it. Originally, there would have been buildings inside the ring fort. Just outside it are the remains of a well and a tumulus.

The Grianán of Aileach probably served the same purpose as Tara. It was a place of festival and ritual inauguration.

From atop its 801 foot high perch you can view the scenic Counties of Tyrone, Donegal and Londonderry (Derry).



Above: the wall of Grianan Ailigh. Below: the well of St Patrick, just south of the Fort.

