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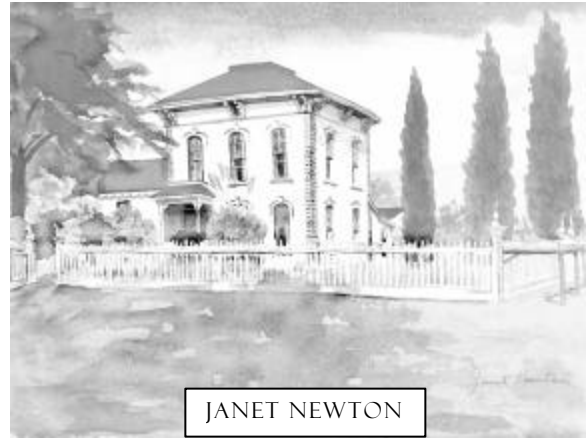
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Newton Local History Collection consists of over 300 books on the history of the Tri-Valley area, Alameda County, California, and the West. Janet Newton, a long-time Livermore resident, gave her personal research materials, including the following book collection and all her published materials to the LPC College Library in 1993. The materials were divided between the Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild. The Library cataloged and housed the books and the Livermore Heritage Guild preserved the personal papers and clippings.



Janet and Dr. Ralph Newton made Livermore their home in 1946, becoming deeply interested in Livermore Valley's historical heritage. Janet Newton's interest led her to preserve local historical houses in paintings. Thereafter, she started to study and write about the area for the local historical society. She collected oral histories, matters of local history, and information on the land grants and the founders of the area. She once said, "I never intended to do any of this [but] ... I did catch hold of something that was disappearing."

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