

## *The Family*

Aaron and Sarah Mooney came to Lemoore with their daughter Harriet in 1875. Aaron prospered as the proprietor of the general store and served as Lemoore's undertaker. Sarah and Harriet were very active in civic affairs. In 1893 the Mooneys built their Victorian home.



Upon her death in 1925, Sarah left the home to her granddaughter, Marie Bailey Blakeley. For the next 50 years, as a rental, it provided housing for many local citizens. The Blakeley family wanted this property to stand in memory of their grandmother Sarah. In 1973 they donated the property to the Lemoore District Chamber of Commerce to be used as a memorial museum.

This beautiful Victorian home is suitably furnished for the period. Most of the artifacts have been donated by various Lemoore families and Mooney descendants.

## *Artifacts and Out-Buildings*

There are wonderful permanent displays of furniture, pre-electric and early electric appliances for functional and recreational use. The Library is a wealth of information about the San Joaquin Valley. Displays change throughout the year to feature historic collections including wearing apparel, school supplies, cookware and other items too wonderful to be kept in storage and away from public view. You'll want to visit often so you won't miss anything.



Located on the Museum grounds is the old brick outhouse that has been plumbed and still serves as the restroom. It is reputed to be the only brick structure of this nature still in use.

The museum recently acquired a "Road Wagon" that one of our early citizens, Mr. Tibbert Shore, used to haul freight in Lemoore in the 1890s. It is not unlike Mr. Mooney's own multipurpose wagon -- and sometimes hearse. It will be displayed in the drive-through carriage house located near the rear of the property. This building also housed Mr. Mooney's office and, more recently, the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

There are plans to restore the carriage house to its original glory with help from the community and other friends of the museum.

## *Museum Events*

Fundraising events throughout the year provide everyone with opportunity to help preserve local history. Join us for the annual Museum Barbecue in the Spring and the Olde Fashioned Rummage Sale in the Fall. Holiday celebrations begin with the Christmas Home Tour in early December when generous members of the community open their decorated homes to benefit the museum.

The museum grounds are a wonderful place to wile away an afternoon. They are available to rent for weddings, receptions and other special occasions.

## *How Can You Help?*

### **Be a Volunteer**

#### **No meetings - no dues!**

There are many ways you can participate. If you can push a broom, handle a BBQ grill, make phone calls, pull weeds - you can play a vital part as an associate member of the Museum. Associate members do not pay dues or have to attend meetings - - they just actively participate on one of the committees listed below.

Barbecue Committee

Home Tour Committee

Special Events/Publicity Committee

Grounds Committee

Housekeeping Committee

Historic Display Committee

Carriage House Project Committee

Docent/Tours Committee

Yard Sale Committee

Maintenance & Upkeep Committee

Call 559-924-4625 or 584-8958 for information about being a volunteer at the Sarah Mooney Memorial Museum.

## **The Sarah A. Mooney Memorial Museum**

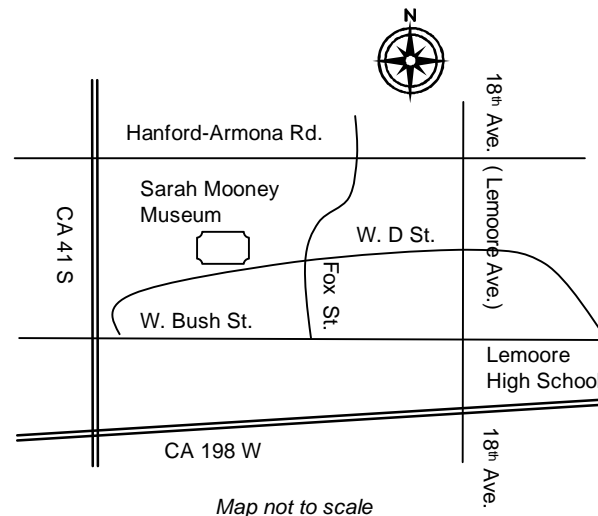
### **is a Non-Profit Organization**

All board members, historians, and tour guides are volunteers. With advance notice, docents' presentations can be tailored to specific areas of interest to your business, social club, or school group.

There is no admission charge for tours. The museum is supported only by donations, which are sincerely appreciated.

### *Visit The Museum*

The Museum is open by appointment and from 2 to 4 p.m. the first Saturday of each month unless it falls on a holiday weekend.



# **Sarah A. Mooney Memorial Museum**



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Lemoore, California**

*For Tours & Events call*  
**559-925-0321**