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The mission of the San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) is to enhance and maintain the character and quality of all San Rafael neighborhoods through advocacy and an activated community.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

SRNA General Membership Meeting

**WHEN: FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
7 PM**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1

**WHERE: CHURCH OF THE ANGELS
CHURCH HALL
1100 AVENUE 64**

**SRNA GENERAL MEETINGS ARE
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE
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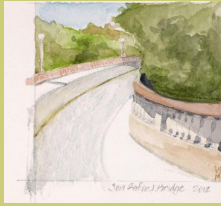
Crime Watch Update-Neighborhood Watch

By Alix Reeves

(For a listing of recent crime incidents please scroll to the end of the article)

Lowering neighborhood crime is an objective most of us can agree on. Keeping ourselves informed of recent crimes and knowing which types of crimes are most likely to occur where we live is vital information if we are to prevent these crime from occurring.

Maintaining accessible crime information provides us with a clear idea of what the problems are in any given neighborhood. It is why email alerts are so valuable, they alert us to crimes soon after they occur while we can still keep an eye out for the perpetrators and take necessary precautions.



SRNA Landscape Advocacy Let's Keep it Lovely

By Wendi Moffly

In the interest of beautifying our community, SRNA has noticed the landscaping along the San Rafael exit (while traveling east on the 134) could use a little attention! This is a gateway entrance into Pasadena for people who are coming to attend events at the Rose Bowl as well as for those of us who live in the neighborhood.

About two years ago Caltrans put in the hardscape that currently exists, but they have not been able to complete the project. When they can get to it, hopefully by this summer, the plan is to check irrigation and replant the area, including trumpet vine for the barrier wall and a weed mat. SRNA looks forward to the improvements and will continue to advocate for its completion.

If you have any questions on this you may contact Victoria Moorhead at Caltrans at (626) 794-8130.

Veronica Rodriguez at the City of Pasadena takes care of the landscaping on the Colorado Blvd. side of the sound barrier wall. She monitors the area to determine the frequency of clean up and pesticide spraying. This area is not irrigated so there are no plans to plant anything along this strip of land.

SRNA will continue to advocate for beautiful landscaping in this area. If you have any questions, Veronica can be reached at (626) 744-3985.

SRNA is committed to keeping Pasadena beautiful in accordance with our mission statement

Calling to report suspicious individuals or unusual activity is vital to preventing and dissuading crime in our neighborhoods. The Non-Emergency Number (626) 744-4241 is a valuable tool for us, a way to inform the PPD about activity in our midst. You may not always know if an activity is suspicious; if so, call and ask. The dispatchers are our liaison to the police.

If you consider how many of the crimes listed below might have been prevented if a vigilant neighbor had called the PPD, you'll realize how important our calls are. In fact, many calls from alert neighbors have resulted in burglars being caught. So please, keep a watchful eye on your neighborhood, familiarize yourself with typical activities and do not hesitate to call if something or someone seems awry.

An important issue to consider is the early release of prisoners in California as Assembly Bill 109 continues to be implemented. Police personnel including police chiefs, throughout the state have warned of an increase in crime.

Brian Day, staff writer for the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, wrote an article regarding the effects of AB 109, which was posted on February 3, 2013. In it he included the following clarification regarding which convicts were to be released:

"Though the convicts eligible for A.B. 109 sentencing are ones convicted of non-serious, non-violent and non-sexual offenders, crimes defined as such can include offenses such as assault with a deadly weapon or vehicular manslaughter. Sex offenders not classified as "high-risk" can be eligible." (Read full article here: http://www.sgtribune.com/news/ci_22511437/socal-police-chiefs-b-109-this-is-dangerous)

Burglars are considered non-violent offenders under AB 109, which explains the spike in property crimes.

Glendora, Long Beach, Burbank and other cities have cited spikes in property crimes. In Pasadena, Police Chief Sanchez stated that property crime in West Pasadena was up slightly.

In January NBC 4 interviewed Glendora Chief of Police Rob Castro, where he revealed crime in his city was up, that auto thefts were up by 32%, burglaries up 9% and assaults up 4%. Glendora Police have arrested 73 convicts who were released early under AB 109.

Again, even more reason to be active about alerting the PPD to unusual residential activity.

INFORMATION ITEM:

Signage for the Wayfarer:

Wayfinding Signs Lead to Strongly Divided Opinions in the Community



Photo: Courtesy of Mr. Stan Clark

Local residents continue to comment on the ever-increasing load of signage found on city streets, showing special vehemence for those currently popping up in **residential** neighborhoods.

Described by critics as "visual pollution," a March 20th press release from the city manager's office explains **378** new wayfinding signs will be installed over the next few months at a cost of ~**\$2.2 million** (Metro and city) "to lead the traveling public into - and around - distinct parts of the City . . ."

Pulling together as a neighbors and becoming more communicative with our police are the best ways to prevent and lower crime levels. The rewards not only include lower crime levels, but strengthen our communities by encouraging all of us to be better neighbors.

Below is a list of residential crimes in the area from March 1, 2013 through April 21, 2013 with a description of the crime type.

Grand Theft : Value of theft is over \$950. NOTE: Property taken from an unlocked vehicle may be included in this category.

Petty Theft: Value of theft is under \$950.

VEH BURG: (Vehicle burglary) Forced entry into a vehicle. NOTE: Property taken from an unlocked vehicle is not considered a vehicle burglary because there was no forced entry (it is considered a petty or grand theft).

G THEFT AUTO: (Grand theft auto) Taking or attempting to take a vehicle that does not belong to you.

RES BURG: (Residential burglary) Forced entry into a home, garage, locker, business, etc.

Crime Stats

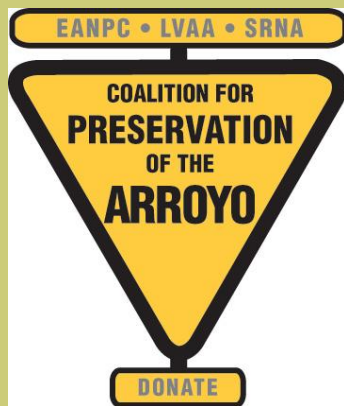
Source: Crimemapping.com unless otherwise noted.

Crime Type	Case Number	Location	Date and Time
GRAND THEFT	3PA0017272	600 BLOCK WESTGATE ST	3/1/2013 7:28
VEHICLE BURG	3PA0018579	300 BLOCK N ARROYO BL	3/5/2013 8:46
VEH BURG	3PA0018575	300 BLOCK N ARROYO BL	3/5/2013 8:44
RES BURG	3PA0019006	0 BLOCK ANNANDALE RD	3/6/2013 14:54
PETTY THEFT	3PA0019171	1200 BLOCK LA LOMA RD	3/7/2013 2:19
VEH BURG	3PA0018946	ARLINGTON /ORANGE GROVE BL	3/6/2013 12:25
VEH BURG	3PA0020644	900 BLOCK S	3/11/2013

A growing number of Pasadeneans are questioning the value of communicating to the "traveling public" via signage in neighborhoods, and they're wondering about the origin of the project, and the process used to fund, site, and approve it.

Given the degree of public push-back, the City Planning Commission requested this matter be agendized as soon as possible for commission review. SRNA will keep you informed.

Send us your opinions on the
Wayfinding Signs
at
info@srnapasadena.org



Stay Tuned!

**SPECIAL UPDATE
FROM THE COALITION
FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF THE ARROYO
ON THE NFL-EIR ROSE BOWL
LAWSUIT**

**COMING SOON!
Contribute here to the cause:**

<http://srnapasadena.org/rose-bowl-nfl-expansion/join-in-challenging-the-nfl-in-the-rose-bowl-eir/>

		ORANGE GROVE BL	23:36
VEH BURG	3PA0020613	900 BLOCK S ORANGE GROVE BL	3/11/2013 21:00
GRAND THEFT	3PA0020368	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	3/11/2013 6:24
VEH BURG	3PA0022665	300 BLOCK N ARROYO BL	3/17/2013 22:12
VEH BURG	3PA0022620	300 BLOCK N ARROYO BL	3/17/2013 21:04
VEH BURG	3PA0022504	300 BLOCK W GREEN ST	3/17/2013 14:11
VEH BURG	3PA0022500	300 BLOCK W GREEN ST	3/17/2013 13:41
GRAND THEFT	3PA0022499	200 BLOCK ANITA DR	3/17/2013 13:21
RES BURG	3PA0022940	200 BLOCK GLEN SUMMER RD	3/18/2013 16:05
Distraction BURG	(Reported by Neighbor)	200 BLOCK BELLEFONTAINE	Btwn- 3-12- and 3-18
GRAND THEFT	3PA0023193	1100 BLOCK ROSEMONT AV	3/19/2013 13:17
VEH BURG	3PA0024217	300 BLOCK N ORANGE GROVE BL	3/22/2013 16:15
GRAND THEFT	3PA0024216	600 BLOCK PROSPECT BL	3/22/2013 16:10
GRAND THEFT	3PA0024173	1100 BLOCK ARMADA DR	3/22/2013 14:02
STOLEN STREET SIGNS	Not available	California Bl, California Terr, Grand Ave, La Loma Rd, Orange Grove Bl.	3/25/2013
PETTY THEFT	3PA0025734	100 BLOCK SAN MIGUEL RD	3/27/2013 4:56
RES BURG	3PA0025781	100 BLOCK SEQUOIA DR	3/27/2013 10:20

*Editor's Note:
By Ron Paler*

The beautiful artwork that adorns the SRNA newsletter is the result of SRNA Board Member Wendi Moffly. SRNA is grateful for the warmth that Wendi's artwork brings to the bimonthly newsletter.

The SRNA bimonthly newsletter serves to notify the community about issues of concern and advocacy within Pasadena in accordance with our mission statement.

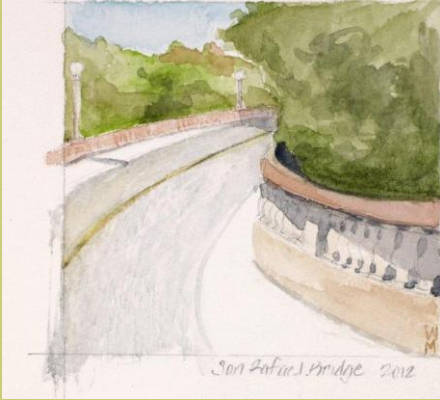
It is the goal of the SRNA to use our member contributions in a responsible manner. Using an "all-electronic/green" publication format allows us to defray costs and promote "green practices", while ensuring our contributions are used responsibly.

We hope you find the SRNA newsletter on current and historical issues in Pasadena to be informative.

If you have comments, please send them to info@srapasadena.org ATTN: Editor

2 STOLEN PACKAGES	Not available	LA LOMA RD	3/28/2013 btwn 14:20 & 16:00
PETTY THEFT	3PA0026814	1500 BLOCK GLEN OAKS BL	3/30/2013 9:56
GRAND THEFT	3PA0027458	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	4/1/2013 12:40
RES BURG	3PA0027850	700 BLOCK LINDA VISTA AV	4/2/2013 18:12
GRAFFITI	3PA0027970	BELLEFONTAINE / ORANGE GROVE	4/3/2013 8:26
VEH BURG	Not available	300 BLK BELLEFONTAINE	4/3/2013 btwn 12:00-14:30
STOLEN PACKAGE	Not available	900 BLK BRENTNAL RD	4/3/2013 12:00
FOUND PROPERTY	3PA0028841	CALIFORNIA & SOUTH GRAND	4/05/2013 18:43
PETTY THEFT	3PA0030429	ARROYO/SECO ST	4/11/2013 2:31
G THEFT AUTO	3PA0030362	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	4/10/2013 19:12
G THEFT AUTO	3PA0030939	400 BLOCK CHERRY DR	4/12/2013 19:04
RES BURG	3PA0031569	0 BLOCK S ORANGE GR BL	4/14/2013 18:45
RES BURG	3PA0031858	1200 BLOCK GLEN OAKS BL	4/15/2013 21:53
RES BURG	3PA0031838	1400 BLOCK GLEN OAKS BL	4/15/2013 19:10
VEH BURG	3PA0032087	1000 BLOCK ROSE BOWL DR	4/16/2013 17:42
RES BURG	3PA0032078	1300 BLOCK MARIANNA RD	4/16/2013 17:14
GRAND THEFT	3PA0032453	1000 BLOCK ROSE	4/17/2013

		BOWL DR	20:15
RES	3PA0032343	1200 BLOCK	4/17/2013
BURG		GLEN OAKS BL	15:20



PUSD Update

By Mary Dee Romney

With PUSD's District 3 runoff election delivering a victory to candidate Tyron Hampton, Mr. Hampton will join our own District 7 victor Scott Phelps along with Kim Kenne, Elizabeth Pomeroy, Renatta Cooper and Tom Selinske in a formal organizational meeting May 6th.

Missing from the newly constituted board will be representation on the old-style, at-large Seat 4, remaining for another two years due to staggered election cycles established in the geographic re-districting process. This at-large seat will be filled by board appointment with the term of office to begin in early July 2013, and ending May 4, 2015.

Residents registered to vote at an address within PUSD boundaries may apply for this appointment. Applications and resumes must be received by 5 pm on May 10, 2013.

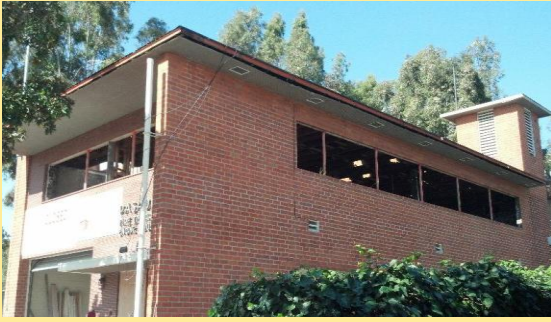
Further information is available on the district website www.pusd.us (click "Replacement Board Member Application").

For a closer look at PUSD boundaries and trustee areas, visit: www.gopusd.com/locator

Fire Station 39

Update

By Stan Clark



Good News!

Station #39's renovation is progressing on schedule. Steve Deutch of Mallcraft, superintendent on the project, indicated on April 18th that the project is on-time and that there have been no surprises or unintended consequences with the project. That's fantastic news! Work is targeted from the second floor down to the first. New duct work being installed from the second floor was visible and pylons and footings for the outside deck have been poured at the rear of the building.

The community can look forward to Engine 39 and it's crews back by the end of the year.

Related Story: Pasadena Fire Fighter/Paramedic Saves Man's Life

Capt. Hurtado, a 21 year veteran of the Pasadena Fire Department, while off-duty, saves the life of a man in a West Covina Home Depot.

See the NBC4 story here: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Firefighter-Paramedic-West-Covina-Home-Depot-202462491.html>

SRNA & the community say Thank You to the men & women who serve in the PFD.

710 Freeway Update

By John and Monica Shaffer



Now that we know that 710 Freeway extension alternatives through the San Rafael neighborhoods have been dropped from further consideration in the Environmental Impact Study being conducted by Metro (through its contractor, CH2M Hill) it is time to look at the alternatives that continue to be studied and to consider what their implementation could mean for our neighborhoods and for Pasadena as a whole. Many questions remain unanswered, since the study is ongoing and details will be determined through the study and made public when the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is released about a year from now. Nonetheless, we have managed to gather some information and, because it appears that the F-7 tunnel alternative will

have the greatest impact, we turn to that alternative first (other alternatives may be addressed in future SRNA newsletters when and if we get more information from Metro).

- The F-7 alternative would entail boring two 4.5 mile-long tunnels that will extend the 710 Freeway into the heart of Pasadena. The tunnels could bring as many as 180,000 trucks and cars through Pasadena each day.
- The 710 Freeway would connect Pasadena neighborhoods directly to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and hundreds of factories, warehouses, and other industrial complexes. Metro says the 710 Freeway will "complete the natural goods movement corridor" between these industrial areas and destinations north and east of Los Angeles, bringing to Pasadena an endless stream of probable trucks, pollution, and noise.
- The tunnels would not reduce congestion, but instead would simply move it to Pasadena. The tunnels would divert existing traffic from the 5, 10, and 605 Freeways onto the 210 and 134 Freeways. They also would encourage more driving and longer commutes, thus further burdening the 210 and 134 Freeways.

Past predictions of reduced congestion have been wrong and we are concerned that they are wrong again. Although Metro and Caltrans predicted it would ease congestion, when they extended the 210 Freeway east into San Bernardino County, it made congestion in Pasadena far worse.

- The tunnels would increase traffic on our City streets and make it harder to get around Pasadena.
- The tunnel would close the Del Mar and California entrances and exits on the current 710 stub. Thus, traffic exiting the 210 and 134 Freeways for Old Pasadena, Huntington Hospital, and the 110 Freeway would be forced onto surface streets, including Lake, Fair Oaks, Orange Grove, and Avenue 64.
- The first places where 710 tunnel traffic could exit the freeway would be at Lake Ave., Mountain Ave., and San Rafael Ave. This will result in significant traffic increases at and near those exits. We do not yet have any details regarding the configuration of those exits or exact traffic predictions.
- The tunnels will increase Pasadena's air pollution. Metro admits that the tunnels will increase pollution. They will vent all of their pollution at their ends, so concentrated pollution from 4.5 miles of tunnel would be expelled into Pasadena through exhaust portals erected next to Huntington Hospital and schools. Some of the questions not yet answered about the project are how large the portals will be, whether they will include scrubbers, and how effective such scrubbers might be at removing various pollutants. We will have to wait for further study by Metro and other experts to get more information on this topic. Increased traffic on the 210 and 134 Freeways will increase pollution throughout Pasadena.
- The tunnels may be dangerous to build and operate. The tunnels would cross four known earthquake faults and punch through two major aquifers. They would be accessible only at either end, with no intermediate entrances or exits. It is unclear how injured or handicapped persons would be able to exit the tunnels in case of an accident, fire, or collapse in the tunnel. It is unclear which governmental entity would be responsible for police and fire response in the tunnel.
- Tunnel construction would bring a decade of disruption and bad health impacts. Construction of the tunnels would take anywhere from 9 to 12 years. There will be NO reimbursement to businesses due to loss of trade.
- Construction would require closing Del Mar Blvd., Green St., Colorado Blvd., and Union St. where

they cross the freeway to allow bridges to be rebuilt, thus isolating much of west Pasadena for years. The Rose Parade could not use its traditional route with portions of Colorado Blvd. closed.

- Construction will require removal of 200 million cubic feet of dirt, filling 450,000 truckloads. That means 128 truckloads of dirt transported through our area every single day, 7 days a week, for 10 years.
- The tunnel project will be extremely expensive. Official estimates of the cost range from \$1 billion to \$14 billion (more recent estimates around \$5-6 billion). Part of these costs may be recouped through tolls of up to \$20 per trip, with the rest being paid by taxpayers. Other toll roads in Southern California have gone bankrupt or have needed public bailouts.
- We believe that there are better alternatives for moving people and goods than the F-7 tunnel, alternatives with fewer negative consequences for Pasadena.
- For moving people: Light rail and bus improvements can be achieved for a small fraction of the cost and negative impacts of the tunnels. In fact, Metro could complete every transit alternative that it is considering in far less time and for far less money than the tunnels will cost.
- For moving cargo: Instead of bringing more trucks into Pasadena, Metro should increase the efficiency of the Alameda Corridor and complete the Alameda Corridor East and other port and rail projects.

The San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) will continue to actively participate in the 710 debate and remains committed in its opposition to ALL 710 Freeway and Highway routes through Pasadena.

ARROYO BRUSH CLEARANCE UPDATE

By Stan Clark



With increased residential brush clearance inspections underway, many residents have voiced concerns over the brush & debris in the lower Arroyo. Contact was made with the Arroyo Seco Foundation, (ASF), and reports of some debris have been reported since the windstorm that wreaked havoc on the city in 2011. The ASF has no current grants for brush clearance in the Arroyo.

According to Mr. Macias, Supervisor, Parks & Recreation of the Pasadena Public Works department, brush clearance in the Arroyo is strictly limited in scope and depth. For example, downed trees are not removed. Trees are de-brushed to limit fire hazards with the core left to decompose. In addition, the City has a detailed agreement with an environment group; Spirit of the Sage Council, that limits the type and scope of any brush clearance/removal including fallen trees - by natural means or not - and that agreement preserves the

"nature" of the Arroyo and its ecosystem according to the group. Other than trails, weeds and exotic plant removals, no substantive brush clearance is scheduled for the Arroyo. However, Mr. Macias stated that 100 feet from living structures from the Colorado Bridge to the south city limits will be cleared under agreed to guidelines by the end of May of this year.

If residents know of a particular location that needs attention please contact Mr. Macias at (626)-744-3817.

Residents near the Arroyo may contact the Pasadena Fire Marshal Tony Bagan at (626) 744-4675 to get ideas on how to protect their homes.

PASADENA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: City Backs off Drafting its own Specific Plan Written Without Neighborhood Involvement

**By Bob Kneisel-
Chairperson Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition. Board Member of the Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association.**



As part of the ongoing General Plan revision process, development staff surprised neighbors in the North Lake Specific Plan (NLSP) by producing their own version of the NLSP. The NLSP area runs north from the 210 up to Elizabeth St. (about 1/4 mile north of Washington Blvd.)

In all past revisions of the General Plan, the City has completed the revisions before moving on to revising each specific plan (there are 7 specific plan areas in the City).

City staff's proposals flew in the face of the concerns neighbors have expressed for years. In the last NLSP revision, residents successfully fought back an effort to allow "mixed use" developments on N. Lake Ave., which would have towered over their back yards.

Councilman Victor Gordo convened a special public meeting April 17 to hear from affected neighbors, and work out a solution. Fortunately, City staff agreed to end their effort to impose mixed use on the neighborhood. Vice-Mayor Margaret McAustin also attended and helped effect the solution.

At the City Council hearing April 22, staff's proposal omitted the re-zoning for mixed use, and responded to several other concerns.

During residents' re-examining of the existing NLSP, it was discovered that currently there is already a stretch of N. Lake Ave. that is zoned for mixed use (between Mountain St. and Washington Blvd.). What makes this mixed use zoning potentially harmful to surrounding neighbors is that state law, SB1818, allows even higher density, heights, etc. for developments which include some low and moderate income housing. Residents urged the City Council to fix this problem, with a moratorium on mixed use development, a re-zoning process, or by some other means.

Future revisions of the NLSP will occur after the General Plan has been revised, in mid-2014.

Pasadena History

Alexander Robert Campbell-Johnston and the San Rafael Ranch: An Unlikely Saga

By Cecily Betz

Author's Note: This is the first installment about the life and times of Campbell-Johnston family and their role in the development of the San Rafael Ranch



How unlikely is it that the historical roots of our San Rafael community would be connected with Alexander Robert Campbell -Johnston (he adopted the surnames of both his mother of the Campbell clan and father of the Johnston clan), a Scotsman born in the British colony of Ceylon (now known as Sri Lanka; however, for historical purposes we use the term of Ceylon), who later served as a British diplomat in China and Hong Kong and whose business dealings sent him all over the world? Unlikely indeed! All too often, fleeting reference is made to Alexander Robert Campbell-Johnston, who became foremost amongst the early settlers and developers of the San Rafael Ranch. His life is a fascinating tale of a man of the world who served his country in the distant lands of Asia far from his homeland of the United Kingdom, received the highest recognition for his scientific contributions and was a highly successful international businessman.

The life of Alexander Robert Campbell-Johnston begins in Colombo, Ceylon where he was born in 1841. His father, Sir Alexander Johnston (April 25, 1775 - March 6, 1849) served as the Chief Justice of Ceylon, a position of distinction similar to that of the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1811 to 1819. Sir Johnston is recognized by historians as an important public official as he was a fearless champion for the Ceylonese. He was an advocate for promoting their rights and freedom as he abolished slavery and championed the rights of the Ceylonese to have trials by jury. He also instituted public education and religious freedom. As recorded in the 1907 Journal of the Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon, " Under Sir Alexander Johnston's impulse Ceylon now led the vanguard of Indian reform." He returned to England in 1919 due to his wife's ill health. Later, a member of the House of Lords in memorializing Sir Johnston, declared, that " his conduct in the Island of Ceylon alone had immortalized his name."

It is against this backdrop of prominent family heritage, that Alexander Robert Campbell-Johnston continued the family's legacy of civil service and strived to create his own. For as a historian commented, Robert Campbell-Johnston, was 'The modestly talented offspring of a distinguished and influential father, who constantly exercised himself on his son's behalf.' He served in numerous diplomatic positions as a British colonial official in Mauritius (1828-1833), (an island state located about 1200 miles south east of Africa in the Indian Ocean), in China as a secretary to his cousin, Lord William John Napier and later served as the Acting Administrator of Hong Kong. Although Alexander Robert Campbell Johnston held the position for a brief period of time, he was influential and visionary in this role. He was responsible for the

early commercial development of Hong Kong, for as a historian Frank Welsh noted , 'He got few thanks for it, then or later, but it is largely due to Johnston's initiative that Hong Kong was allowed to develop.' However, in recognition of his early contributions to the city of Hong Kong, a street, Johnston Road in the Wan Chai section is named in his honor.

Following his sojourn in Hong Kong, he returned to China serving in several diplomatic positions from 1843 to 1852. On May 6, 1845, he was inducted as a Fellow of The Royal Society for his work on the natural history of China. This was a high honor as The Royal Society admitted individuals who were recognized for substantive contributions to science. At the time Campbell-Johnston was admitted, both scientists and non-scientists were selected for fellowships. Shortly afterwards, only scientists could be admitted. The notable scientists who are Fellows of The Royal Society include Charles Darwin (1864) Albert Einstein (1919) and Sigmund Freud (1936).

Unfortunately, this high point in his life was not followed with additional recognition as an international diplomat. Bitterly disappointed that he was not subsequently appointed to a more prominent diplomatic position, he left China and Hong Kong in 1952.

After having returned to England, on September 30, 1856 he married Frances-Ellen Palliser of a distinguished family in St. George's Church in Hanover Square, London. His wife was the daughter of Richard Bury Palliser, who served as a Justice of the Peace and Fanny Marrat, whose father, Joseph Marrat had served as a member of Parliament. Together, they had 11 children-nine sons and two daughters.

It was during the later period of his life that Alexander Robert Campbell-Johnston invested in properties world-wide. He owned ranchlands in Australia, South Africa and Liberia to which he gave managerial and oversight responsibilities to his sons. In 1880, he began to invest in California land. Initially, he purchased the Carlotta Ranch property in Madera county just outside of Fresno. In 1883, he and his wife came to Southern California to inspect the San Rafael Ranch as a potential acquisition. He purchased 2300 acres of land extending from the Eagle Rock to the Arroyo from Victor Beaudry (brother of Prudent Beaudry former owner of the property who deeded it to his brother and the former Mayor of Los Angeles) and his partner, Benjamin Dreyfus. As was his practice, Alexander Robert Campbell-Johnston gave his three sons oversight responsibilities for the property and returned to England. Five years later during a return visit to the San Rafael Ranch, he died on January 21, 1888.

Alexander Robert Campbell-Johnston is buried with his beloved wife, Frances-Ellen Campbell-Johnston in Brompton Cemetery, Kensington and Chelsea, London. His two sons and daughter-in-law are buried in this cemetery as well. Approximately, one year later, on March 20, 1889, his wife returned to the San Rafael Ranch to lay the first stone of the Church of the Angels, that was built in his loving memory.

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