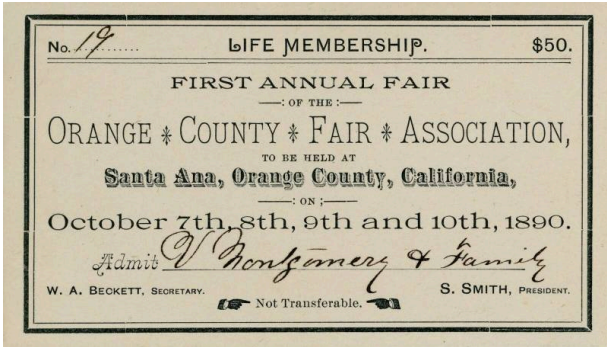


Basic Detail Report



1st Annual OC Fair Life Membership Ticket

Date

c. 1890

Medium

Paper and ink

Description

This is a Lifetime Membership ticket for the First Annual Orange County Fair, issued by the Orange County Fair Association. The creation of Orange County in 1889 was not universally well received, and its unfolding led to some discontent in the formative years of the new county. Eventually it would become the Orange County Fair, to date one of the most popular Orange County events, which effectively pulled Orange County from its post-natal depression. There is no evidence that bringing the new county together was the intention of the first Orange County Fair, yet with the establishment of the Orange County Fair Association, or the 32nd District Agricultural Association for the 1891 fair, a previously unseen degree of planning went in to the First Annual Fair. Exhibits of gargantuan pumpkins, watermelons up to 80 pounds, and other notable produce were held in French's Opera House in Santa Ana; livestock were similarly awarded prizes in an outdoor enclosure; and the main event was held at the one-mile oval track which once stood at Bristol Street and Edinger Avenue. Over time the fair has continued to evolve into the beloved celebration of Orange County culture it is today. Mr. Montgomery was one of the sponsors of the formation of the Fair group.

Dimensions

2 × 4 1/2 in. (5.1 × 11.4 cm)