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MEMORIAL: JOHN MORGAN MOORE, JR.

12/1/1940 - 1/10/2000
Branch Director, San Francisco County Law Library

John Moore's sudden death on January 10, 2000, shocked and sorrowed the San Francisco legal community, his sisters and their families, and the numerous lawyers, law students and others who used the Monadnock building branch of the San Francisco County Law Library. For John was a very special person whose humor, wit & charm touched all who knew him.

John Moore was a native San Franciscan. He attended St. Brendan's elementary school, St. Ignatius high school, the University of San Francisco, USF School of Law and Lincoln University Law School. In 1966, while enrolled at the University of San Francisco Law School, John started working at the San Francisco County Law Library. He never left! For over thirty-three years, John Moore helped law library patrons with their questions and problems--both legal and personal.

John's circle of patrons encompassed law firm librarians who called the branch library on the telephone. No question or problem was insignificant. John made every librarian feel as if his/her request was important. > This attitude carried over to the attorneys, law students and members of the public who made use of the downtown branch of the county law library. John and his staff always found the time to be cheerful and helpful. John, with his vast knowledge of the library collection, was especially invaluable. His thoughtfulness and concern for each individual library patron also came across in any discussion. John will be truly missed.

John Moore is survived by his two sisters and their families; including six nieces & nephews and six grandnieces & grandnephews. Condolences to the family may be sent in care of his sister: Rosemary Mealey, 7152 LaVal Ct., Carmichael, CA 95608.

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CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Mark Linneman, Librarian, Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library.

In celebration of the California State Library's 150th anniversary the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento is displaying over 100 rare and fascinating objects from the Library's holdings. Rich, Rare and Curious features highlights from the collection from 1850 to the present. The Library is perhaps best known for its California history collections that include the first book (1835) and newspaper (1846) in California and the only surviving copy of the newspaper first carried across the continent by Pony Express. The exhibit also features a magnificent 1666 map of California depicted as an island, and James Marshall's hand-drawn sketch of where he first discovered gold. Several documents reflect the struggles and successes of the state's diverse population. Among these are a 19th century bill-of-sale in which a sale

purchases his freedom, a manuscript volume of the first African-American Masonic lodge, the handwritten by-laws of the California Suffragette Committee, and a series of watercolors painted by a Japanese American woman imprisoned in a World War II internment camp.

From its inception the State Library collected rare books. In 1862, for example, the Legislature voted to buy the Antiquities of Mexico for the then staggering price of \$1,600. Among the many spectacular acquisitions are Audubon's stupendous double elephant folio, The Birds of America (1827-38; exhibited at the Crocker in 1885); a first edition of Samuel Johnson's renowned dictionary (1755); Andrea Palladio's folio on architecture (1570), and the first great illustrated book, the Nuremberg Chronicle (1493). This collection was supplemented in 1913 when the heirs of Gold Rush merchant and San Francisco Mayor, Adolph Sutro, presented his magnificent rare book and manuscript collection to the State Library. Sutro's interests were wide and varied and included the first folio of William Shakespeare (1623), an extraordinary and unique large Dutch wall map of the world (1610), a manuscript by the famed Jewish philosopher, Moses Maimonides (1299), a pressed botanical specimen obtained by America's first botanist (c.1730), and Lt. William Bligh's 1787 drawing of the H.M.S. Bounty. Also exhibited and of special interest to the legal profession is the first law book produced in the Western Hemisphere. Ordenanzas y Copliasion de Leyes was printed in Mexico in 1548.

Beyond this wealth of rare books and manuscripts the State Library also holds distinguished collections of photographs, drawings, paintings, cartoons, pennants, sheet music, menus, photographs and posters. On display will be Gold Rush daguerreotypes and fine landscape photographs by pioneer photographers as well as spectacular posters advertising state and world fairs, and special events such as the opening of the Yolo causeway in 1917.

Rich, Rare & Curious: Treasures of the California State Library is exhibited in the Herold Gallery of the Crocker Museum, 216 O Street, Sacramento through 26 March

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