

# Summary of Frank E. Walker 1948 Diary

## Proposed State Park in Placerita Canyon

**01/23/1948:** Called at office of Beaches and Parks and had talk with Mr. Green in regards to proposed State Park in Placerita. (Note: "Called" meant to visit.)

**05/17/1948:** F. Walker and Ed drove to Newhall and had talk with Bitt Ludlow in regards to State Park in Placerita Canyon.

**05/13/1948:** F. Walker and Ed called at Park Commission Office, Los Angeles, in regards to Gold Discovery Park and also at office of Mr. Huer on 5th Floor of Hall of Records in regards to road information for road leading to proposed Placerita Park.

## Oil Leasing Proposals

**05/03/1948:** Geologist from General Petroleum called at Placerita in regards to making a study of formations.

**06/24/1948:** Four men called in car in regards to the 40 acres in Section and inquired if same is for lease. F. Walker said no.

**07/09/1948:** Mr. Nadau called at Placerita to get information in regards to oil development in Placerita Canyon. Dr. Holmes and party of men called at Placerita and talked about the old white oil wells.

**07/19/1948:** Party of 4 men called at Placerita in car and wanted to know if there is any land for lease for oil on the Walker Ranch. F. Walker told them no.

**09/19/1948:** Had a talk with Mr. and Mrs. Mosher in regards to the oil situation in Placerita Canyon.

**09/28/1948:** Mr. Herman Mosher, Mr. West and Mr. Smith called at Placerita. Mr. Mosher asked permission for them to go to the location of the old gas well in section 4. Mr. Smith asked for permission to pass through the Walker Ranch

property in order to study the geological structure of the San Gabriel Fault where it passes through Placerita Canyon.

**10/01/1948:** F. Walker phoned to Herman Mosher, 2227 Beachwood Drive, in regards to the oil situation in Placerita Canyon. F. Walker requested Mr. Mosher to get word to Mr. Smith that the Walker Ranch is closed to any leasing and also that any geological work on the property is prohibited.

**10/02/1948:** 2 men in car called at Placerita and inquired if Walker Ranch property is for lease and F. Walker told them the ranch is not for lease and that the ranch property is closed to the public.

**10/05/1948:** Bill Mosher and Mrs. Mary Mosher called at Placerita on visit and talked about the oil situation in Placerita Canyon.

**11/16/1948:** Mr. Sturgess and another man called and asked F. Walker if Walker Ranch could be leased for oil and F. Walker told Mr. Sturgess that the Walker Ranch is not open for an oil lease.

**11/23/1948:** Mr. Smith called at Placerita and wanted to know if F. Walker would consider leasing for oil any part of Walker Ranch. F. Walker told him that the Walker Ranch is not for lease.

**12/09/1948:** Signal Oil called.

**12/12/1948:** Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mosher called at Placerita. Mr. Mosher wanted to know if the Walker Ranch is for sale. F. Walker told him no, the ranch is not for sale.

**12/29/1948:** Mr. Hampton Smith and Mr. Miller called at Placerita and wanted to talk about leasing Walker Ranch for oil. F. Walker told them that the Walker Ranch is not for lease.

**TOTAL: 14 calls in 7 month period. 7 offers to lease or buy.**