

History of a Pioneer Family: The Whaleys

Quiz Answers

1. Thomas Whaley was born October 5, 1823 in what city?
d. Baltimore, Maryland
2. When a young man, Thomas Whaley attended which school?
b. Washington Institute
3. Thomas Whaley's family firm, called Pye & Whaley, manufactured what type of product?
c. Locks
4. When the cry of "Gold!" was heard throughout the country, the adventurous Thomas Whaley boarded a ship bound for San Francisco on January 1, 1849. What was the name of the ship?
c. Sutton
5. How did Thomas Whaley meet his future bride Anna Eloise Lannay?
c. He rented a room from her mother
6. What was Thomas Whaley's profession when he came to California?
d. Merchant
7. Why did Thomas Whaley decide to leave San Francisco to come to San Diego?
c. A fire destroyed his business
8. What was the name of Thomas Whaley's first store in San Diego?
b. Tienda California
9. What language did Thomas Whaley speak?
d. All of the above
10. Where was the first place Thomas Whaley lived in San Diego?
a. Exchange Hotel
11. Public executions were common during the 19th century. Who did Thomas Whaley witness die by execution on the gallows in San Diego?
d. All of the above
12. Where was the location of the gallows used for execution in San Diego?
a. Near the Catholic cemetery
13. Where did Thomas Whaley bring his wife Anna to live when she arrived in San Diego in 1853?
d. Gila House
14. Anna Whaley did not speak English until she was eight years old. She wrote her first letter in English to Thomas Whaley when she was in her teens. What was Anna Whaley's primary language?
c. French
15. Anna Whaley was a very musical person, she sang and played which instrument?
d. All of the above

16. Which business partner did Thomas and Anna Whaley name their first son after?
 - b. Francis Hinton

17. When Thomas Whaley had saved enough money to build a home for his family, what property did he decide to purchase?
 - c. Site of the gallows

18. Most of the buildings in Old Town were made of adobe. Some were wood-frame, and some were pre-manufactured kit houses brought aboard ships from New England. What type of house did Whaley decide to build?
 - c. Kiln-fired brick

19. Thomas Whaley hired Native American laborers to build his house. How did he pay them?
 - c. Thomas paid them in groceries from his store

20. The Whaley House was designed by Thomas Whaley in what architectural style?
 - c. Greek Revival

21. The Whaley House was completed in:
 - c. 1857

22. Which of the Whaley children were born in the Whaley House?
 - d. Annie

23. The Whaley House is the site of:
 - d. All of the above

24. The Whaley House is the oldest two-story brick structure:
 - d. South of Monterey

25. Over the last 160 years, the Whaley House has been used for many purposes. What was it not used for?
 - c. Post Office

26. What is the Whaley House most famous for?
 - d. All of the above

27. Who is believed to be the first ghost to haunt the Whaley House?
 - a. Yankee Jim Robinson

28. Which of the Whaley family members hoped the Whaley House would one day become a museum?
 - c. Frank & Lillian Whaley

29. Who planted the California pepper trees in the yard of the Whaley House?
 - d. The Whaley children

30. The Whaley House was first operated as a museum in:
 - b. 1909