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OC's 125th Birthday Chronicled in Exhibits and Online

(Santa Ana, CA) — The Old Orange County Courthouse is pleased to present “Orange County Circa 1889,” a collection of historic photographic work taken 125 years ago documenting the founding year of Orange County’s birth. The exhibit will run through October 10, 2014.

Also at the Old Courthouse is “Celebrate OC,” describing the County’s separation from Los Angeles County and many of the milestone anniversaries celebrated over the years. The exhibit features photographs, documents, maps, newspapers and artifacts from the Orange County Archives. It will run through the end of the year.

Prior to 1889, the region was part of Los Angeles County. The county seat at that time was seven hours distant by horse buggy on rutted dirt roads, and local residents felt overtaxed and unrepresented. Attempts to form a separate county began in 1870. The Legislature finally approved a county formation vote, which was held on June 4, 1889. Support for the new county was overwhelming—2,505 to 499. The county officially formed on August 1 of that year, and the rest is history.

For more information on the County’s 125th birthday year, including a list of the 125 iconic people, places and things in Orange County plus a “This Day in History” Calendar and a slide show of historical photos, please visit:

<http://ocgov.com/about/infooc/oc125>

To see a special photo album of historical photos compiled by the OC Public Library:

http://ocpl.org/libloc/oc_125

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