



Monnot Station and Walnut Dyer. John and Freda worked side by side for many years at their successful business.



John and Freda, the early years. They worked hard to achieve their goals. Their success now benefits students in the Yuba-Sutter area.



John and Freda established the scholarship fund later in their lives. They realized the importance of education and wanted students in their community to benefit.

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Helping high school
and college students
in Yuba and Sutter
Counties achieve
their goals of higher
education

John J. & Freda C. Monnot

John Joseph Monnot, son of Louis Peter Monnot and Mary Lee Hatfield Monnot was born January 7, 1918, in Inglewood, CA. He served in the US Army Air Corps from 1940 to 1944. John came home from England in the fall of 1944 after completing 65 bombing missions in a B-26 while stationed in Europe.

Freda Carrie Noreen Monnot, twin daughter of Henry William Noreen and Mary Esther Paine Noreen was born July 1, 1919, in Otter Tail County, Minnesota. In 1937, she attended Minneapolis Business College on a secretarial scholarship. Freda then went to work in Gary, Indiana while her parents and siblings moved to California. She left Indiana in January 1939 and moved to Yuba City with her family, where she worked and enrolled at Yuba Junior College. Mrs. Monnot went on to San Jose State University and later earned a Master's Degree.

Freda and John met in Northern California. They were married in the spring of 1945.

The Monnots: Investing In Their Community

After the Army Air Corps, Mr. Monnot was the Superintendent for C.E. Sullivan Ranch for 15 years. The Monnots were able to buy their own fruit and nut ranch in 1963. Later they added a walnut hulling plant located at the intersection of Garden Highway and Highway 99. In 1984, they sold the station to two local brothers, Dan and Jeff Stephens.

Mrs. Monnot taught at Marysville High School from 1944 to 1947, then at Yuba College from 1947 to 1973. She taught business courses there, and later in her life started a fund at Yuba College for the Business Department. The fund is used to supply books, technology, and scholarships to local business students.

The Monnots traveled the world during their lifetime. They visited the area in France where John's family came from. They also toured China, Romania, and Japan.

Mr. & Mrs. Monnot never had children, but their kind and generous influence has had a positive affect on many local children. They were close with many of their workers and often attended family events of their employees. The Monnots wanted everyone around them to succeed, and believed education was instrumental in success.

The Monnots have bestowed a generous scholarship fund which will benefit many young people in Yuba and Sutter Counties for many years to come.

Realizing Your Dream

Any eligible student planning to attend or currently enrolled in an accredited college, university, or trade school may apply for the John J. & Freda C. Monnot Scholarship. Awards are not based solely on financial need. The merit and character of each applicant is also considered.



Preparing to fly, John, second from left, and his flight crew in WWII.