

# Fourth generation keeps Scott House Movers Moving in Northern California, Nevada

In the late, 1940's, Haywood Scott of Glena, Missouri packed up his wife and 10 children and headed west in search of work. He settled in Sacramento, California and by 1949 had established Hercules House Movers. Two more children would be born to the family.

Haywood and his brother John had been house movers in Galena, but "there was no work here at the time," recalls daughter-in-law Jean Scott of Galena. John's two eldest sons, Eddie and Jerry, also worked for the company. After John's death in 1982, the sons kept the business operating until the late 1990s but ventured into other professions.

For Haywood, however, it was obviously a smart move as almost 60 years later the fourth generation of his offsprings are still operating the business, which is located on a two and one-half acre tract in North Highlands, California, about six miles east of the capital city.

The company has established itself as a successful family-owned business that has continued from generation to generation. And rightly so.



Haywood and his son Bill ran the company together until 1963 when Bill bought him out and changed the name to Scott House Movers. Haywood's five sons—Haywood Jr, Bill, Marion, John and Charley—joined him in the business. Haywood died in 1968.

In 1980, Charley joined Bill as a partner until 1989 when Charley bought him out. Since Charley's death in 1993, his widow, Janis, has served as president of the company. Their sons, Charley, Jr., is vice president and supervisor, and Brian is an estimator. Charley Jr.'s wife, Raylene, is secretary-treasurer.

Charley's sons Chris, Charley III, Cody, 14-year-old Cameron, and oldest sister Cassie, all have grown up working in

**Charley, Sr. in 1957 in front of the Truckee, CA hotel. The hotel burned shortly after the relocation. Crewmembers stayed at the hotel during the project, as there were no other accommodations in the area.**



**Charley, Sr., right, with his father, Haywood, in the late 1950's...**

**...and in 1959.**



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**Charley, Sr. and family in 1953 in Sacramento. Wife Clyda is to Charley, Sr.'s left. Charley, Jr. is in front of his mother, immediately left of his father. Interestingly there were five brothers in the Haywood Scott family and five brothers in the Charley Scott, Sr. Family. Charley, Jr. and wife Raylene have four sons.**

the business same as their father. Two other younger daughters, Breanna, 14, and Alexis, seven, work as school permits. Along with their cousins Willie Baker and Gerry Privett, who are structure relocation engineers, round out the crew of family.

"My brother and I and Uncle Bill all bid jobs," Charley said. "On difficult ones we look at them together."

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**In 1958 this structure was moved on single wheel dollies with a light pull truck. Haywood is on the roof. The bridge is on the I Street Bridge that connects Sacramento with West Sacramento.**



**Charley Scott, Jr. family in May 2007  
Front row: Cody, Alexis, Breanner (holding granddaughter Sage), Casandra, and Cameron. Back row: Chris, Charley, Jr., Raylene, Charley, III.**



**Crew: Gerry Privitt, Greg Narcott, Bob Tyler, Jr., Charley Scott, Jr., and brother Brian Scott.**



**A move in the 1950's**



**A move in 1960**