

## Notes on Susan Farnam. Painting of

From Paul Roberts May 2006 from Richard Pettler a serious painting collector from Berkeley, friend of Paul Roberts (VPCO board president)

This painting was found in the attic and brought downstairs to be in a more stable environment In 2006.

View of Mt Tamalpais. S. Farnam 1894

## Biography of Susan Merrill Farnam. Information from Richard Pettler

Born in Canton Center, Connecticut Feb 19, 1835. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College and then taught school in NYC and Connecticut. After her marriage to Charles Farnam in 1863 she lived in Westfield, CT.

Upon moving to San Francisco with her husband in 1872, she studied locally at the School of Design under Virgil Williams and Raymond Yelland, and privately with William Keith and George Smilie.

In the mid 1870's she moved across the bay to Oakland. She made painting excursions to the Monterey Peninsula, Santa Cruz and Yosemite. By 1900 she was a Many of her paintings were lost in the 1906 earthquake and fire making rare any that are extant. She was exhibited at California State Fair, 1881-1901; Mechanics' Institute (SF) 1885-97; SFAA 1885-1905' California Building World's Columbian Expo ( Chicago) 1893

There is a Farnam Street three blocks away so it possible that the Cohen family knew her.