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### FREDERICKSBURG BREWERY

Anthony R. Sapena

Brewing made an early contribution to San Jose's heritage of good living. In 1869, a German tavern keeper named Gottfried Frederick Krahenberg, established a brewery at the corner of The Alameda and Cinnabar Street. Growing steadily with the community, the Fredericksburg Brewery soon became a landmark. When it was founded, it was described by one writer as "This, the most extensive and complete brewery in the county, if not in the State." The same writer stated "The ground on which the Fredericksburg Brewery is located has two artesian wells, of five hundred and twenty-one, and one hundred and seventy-five feet in depth, the property occupying two acres." In the first years of its operation, the barley used was entirely the product of Santa Clara Valley, while the malt was wholly made on the premises.

A disastrous fire struck the brewery in 1902. Its magnificent tower toppled across Cinnabar Street as the great malt house collapsed in ruin. Rebuilt after the fire, the Fredericksburg Brewery withstood the earthquake of 1906. Finally, prohibition closed its doors. After repeal, the facility became the home of Wieland's beer. In 1952, Falstaff Brewing Corporation, one of the nation's largest, acquired the brewery, bringing to San Jose the brewing tradition of the Griesdieck family. John Henry Griesdieck was brewing beer in Germany about the time of the founding of San Jose.

Today the modern San Jose brewery is one of seven that Falstaff operates across the nation, with combined sales of more than 6 million barrels.

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## COVERED WAGON

Jessie Black

When I was a little girl, living in San Diego County where I was born, my father received a letter from his sister, who with her husband, was living in San Luis Obispo County near Arroyo Grande. They had plans to clear some land on their property and would be grateful if my father would help them. It seemed like a good idea so we decided to move.

The problem was how to get there. My father had three horses which we would need after arrival, so we decided to go by horse and buggy and covered wagon.

To transport our possessions my father put a canvas cover over our wagon to protect our supplies from the dust and to provide a place for us to sleep.

My mother drove the horse and buggy and my father, the covered wagon. I divided my time between the two and enjoyed every minute of the trip.

In 1904 places where we could obtain food were few and far between, so it was necessary for us to cook along the way and I recall camp fires and the dirty bricks on which we set our cooking utensils.

At night we slept in the covered wagon and I remember how bright the stars were as we climbed into the bed we all shared. I lay cross-wise at my parents feet but we all slept comfortable after a long day of travel.

We stopped in the outskirts of Los Angeles to break our journey and visit another aunt. My father was shown some land and urged to buy a few lots. He laughed at the idea of anyone being foolish enough to squander twenty-five dollars for waste land that no one would ever want. At the present time those lots are near the intersection of Hollywood and Vine.

When we reached the present Malibu Beach, the ocean came so close to the land, that at high tide the waves washed across the road so we had to wait until the water receded and the road was dry enough for us to go on.

It took us two weeks from Los Angeles to reach our destination, but I can't remember ever being tired or impatient of delays. As I recall, it was a perfect two weeks.

When we reached Arroyo Grande my aunt and uncle were waiting to welcome us and we lived with them until we found a home of our own.

There we lived for five years. I attended a one room school on the other side of the creek. I started in the first grade and when we finished our lessons we had

an opportunity to learn from listening to the older children.

While I was attending that school one of the wealthy men of the district built a swinging bridge over Arroyo Grande Creek. This was a big improvement as we didn't have to cross on stepping stones or when the creek was high, go to another bridge half a mile down s t r e a m. There was just one drawback, the bridge had no sides and it was the favorite sport of the boys to swing it back and forth as we girls ran across it squealing with fright. About three years ago I visited the spot and there was the bridge--still in use.

Covered wagons were a thing of the past, but as far as I'm concerned they were still in use in 1904. I know; I was there!

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#### DALE HISTORY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Frances L. Fox

(Continued from the Fall issue)

The petition for a post office was granted on January 18, 1854, with Jacob Shumway appointed the first postmaster. People came into Mountain View for their mail from Mayfield, Cupertino and Encinal districts.

On November 8, 1854, Edward Dale purchased one hundred acres of land from Cornelius Yaeger for \$2,000. This land extended from Stevens Creek towards Sunnyvale bordering on the old San Francisco-San Jose Road.

On July 5, 1865 the United States of America granted 185 acres of government land to Edward Dale.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the first Protestant church between San Francisco and San Jose was organized July 19, 1851 as sixteen pioneer families stood in the oak grove with Rev. John Braley. This small group constituted the first Cumberland Church in California.

A deed recorded April 14, 1873, showed William Dale and J. E. Braly gave five acres of land to the church for a new building. Upon completion Dale presented a church bell, the first aside from the bells of the missions to be hung in a church tower in the bay area.

In 1957 the church acquired a five acre site on the northeast corner of Miramonte Avenue and Cuesta Drive which was the former Benjamin Bubb property. Here a half million dollar structure was erected in 1959.

Edward and Elizabeth Dale and other family members are interred in the Pioneer Cemetery, now transformed and referred to as the Pioneer Memorial Park.

John Snyder in 1862 proved that wheat could be grown

without irrigation on his foothill ranch along Permanente Creek. This marked the beginning of a new era for Mountain View. After the crops were threshed, creaking wagons took the grain down to the bay to be shipped from Guth's Landing, John Jagle's Landing at the foot of Whisman Road and Henry Rengstorff's Landing at the foot of Stierlin Road.

By 1860 work had begun on a new railroad from San Francisco to San Jose. January 16, 1864 a train made its first run to San Jose shrieking its whistle as it thundered through Mountain View. Train fare was \$3 one way.

Unfortunately the train had sounded the death knell of the stage station in old Mountain View as well as the passenger business of the ship lines from Alviso.

A new Mountain View arose along Castro Street near the railroad station and the land was sub-divided by S.O. Houghton and Crisanto Castro. Castro insisted that the streets be at least sixty feet wide.

William, eldest son of Edward Dale became an extensive land owner. Following his father's example, he donated two and a half acres of the southeast edge of his property off Stevens Creek Road for the San Antonio School. Here with the help of other pioneer parents they built a one room school. Their role did not stop there--they also had to make the furnishings. Mrs. Eleanor Dale has in her possession the teacher's desk made by William.

According to the 1876 Thompson and West Atlas, Edward Dale was listed as owning 199.9 acres and his son William, 200 acres. The San Antonio Schoolhouse as well as the blacksmith shop are shown on the map in the Atlas.

Mountain View Lodge No. 194, F.& A.M. was organized in 1868, William Dale listed as a charter member. Mountain View Lodge No. 59, A.O.U.W. was organized in 1878. Golden Wreath Lodge No. 328, I.O.G.T. organized in 1880.

Edward Dale died on October 17, 1888 at the age of 75. His wife Elizabeth died January 9, 1899 at the age of 87.

Telephone service was established November 10, 1894, when four residents had the unwieldy cranks, bells and boxes installed in their homes. The telephone exchange was in the office of Dr. D. D. Johnson on Castro Street. J. D. Martin, agent and Miss Lizzie Martin operator. The four subscribers were: G. Cosmo Morgan, John I. Sabin, A. L. Stone and the Southern Pacific Station. In 1906 there were 85 subscribers and Miss Louise Rose was agent. By 1929 the dial system was installed. 1969 figures for

telephones in service, number 68,500 in Mountain View.

By 1871 the post office was relocated in Weillheimer's store with H. D. Margot postmaster. In 1890 its location was changed to Olympic Hall, corner of Castro and Evelyn Avenue, Walter Clark, postmaster. In 1898 it became a third class postoffice and was moved to Rogers Building on Castro Street. The following year George Taylor was appointed postmaster and in 1905 was relieved by Miss Margaret Hare. After the Pacific Press Publishing Company moved into Mountain View in 1904 the postoffice was reclassified as second class. City mail delivery was launched in February 1924 and postmaster Rollie Petty's salary was increased to \$3,200 a year. By 1939 Mountain View was graded as a first class office.

The Naval Air Station was granted a postoffice May 31, 1933. September 1, 1933 the name was changed to Moffet Field. Prior to the postoffice at the Air Station the Navy came to Mountain View for their mail.

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#### EDEN VALE

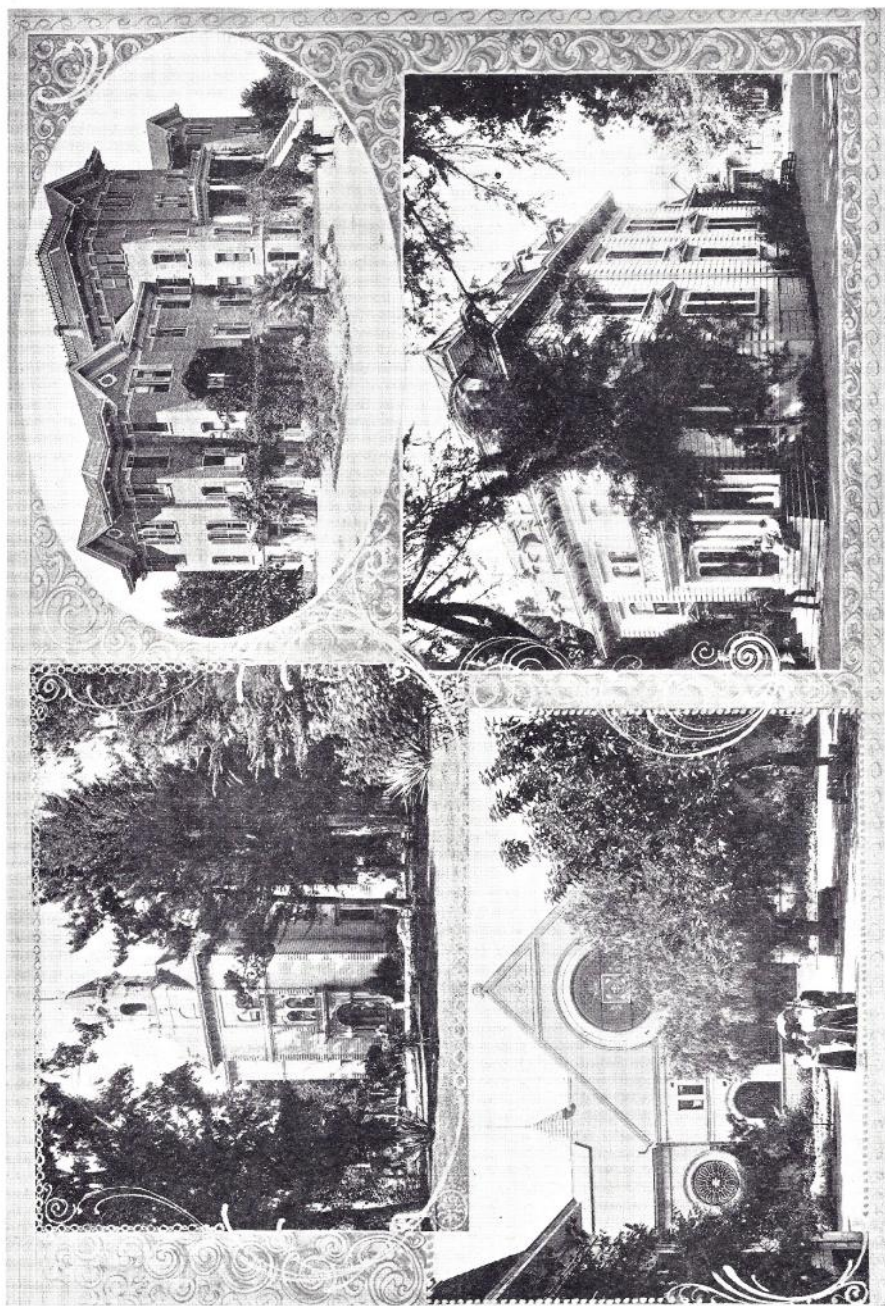
Arthur M. Fisk

Quoting from Pen Pictures by Foote (1888): "Some six miles south of San Jose on Monterey Road is the farm residence of Mrs. Mary Hayes and her family. In this tract are 240 acres, and of this, a beautiful natural grove of live oak trees cover thirty acres. Along its front, and bordering the avenue, is a row of stately eucalyptus trees, which adorn the place. The winding walks are bordered with evergreens and roses. Thirteen acres have been planted to apricots, pears, peaches, prunes, cherries and apples and eighty acres have been set aside for orchards."

The above property was purchased by the Hayes family in 1887. The home burned to the ground in 1898 and the present mansion was completed in 1904, this was sold by the Hayes family in 1964 and it is now being used by the San Jose Rescue Mission as an alcoholic rehabilitation center.

During my recollection it was one of the finest horse breeding farms in the country, raising and training thoroughbreds. The track and stables were on the east side of Monterey Road as I recall it and known as Eden Vale Stables. The Southern Pacific built a passenger shelter shed at Edenvale (as they named it) as it was a flag stop for certain passenger trains. They also sported a spur track and a fruit packing shed and warehouse.

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Above scenes at College of the Pacific in the early 1890's. Upper left is West Hall. Lower left is the Conservatory of Music.

Upper right is East Hall, used for men's dormitory and class rooms. Lower right is South Hall where the ladies' dormitory was located.

## COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

Arthur M. Fisk

College Park was originally made up of the four block square, housing the College of the Pacific, extending from Hedding Street to Emory and from Stockton Avenue to Elm Street, where Bellarmine Preparatory School is now located. It was unincorporated.

The college was established in 1851 by the Methodist Episcopal Church and its first classes were held in buildings in the town of Santa Clara. The first few years of its existence were beset with financial problems that were almost catastrophic.

The Methodists owned 400 acres of land between The Alameda and the Guadalupe River which was surveyed and subdivided. Some of the streets were named for Methodist bishops, such as McKendrie and Hedding. This was known as the University tract and enough lots were sold to temporarily put the college on a firm financial foundation.

The first college class ever graduated from a classical course in the State of California was sent out from this institution in 1858. The course was open to both males and females.

The girl's dormitory was known as "South Hall" and located on the south side of the campus. "West Hall" was a building of class rooms and located on the west side of the campus. On the east side of the square was a large brick building, the upper floors were used as a dormitory for men and the ground floor for class rooms. The conservatory of music was located along the west edge of the campus and entered from University Avenue.

The College of the Pacific remained in San Jose until the 1920's when they needed more land for expansion and the City of Stockton offered them a much better deal than San Jose.

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## WILLIAM HAUN HOUSE

Fire recently destroyed the old William Haun House in Saratoga which dated back to the 1850's. William Haun was a partner with William Campbell in the first sawmill in that area. It was to reach this mill more easily that Martin McCarthy built the toll road from this small hamlet to the mill in 1850 thus giving the village its first name of Toll Gate. The Saratoga Historical Foundation had planned to use this old home as a museum to display their priceless collection of artifacts and memorabilia.

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## BY-LINES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn L. Vermillion

"The object of this Corporation is to cultivate social intercourse; to form a more perfect union among its members; to pay suitable honor to the memory of deceased members; to assist the afflicted; to create a bond of friendship among the members; to maintain a library, collect and preserve articles of historic value of pioneer history of the County and the State; to receive donations and bequests, to hold and use the same so as to best transmit to future generations a faithful and correct history of the past so as to maintain as far as possible a continuity of historic narrative for the future."

The above quotation was written nearly 100 years ago and can be found in the By-Laws of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County, Article 2, Section 1. It is a tribute to those who have gone before us, but leaves us with much to do.

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## LOOK FOR IT HERE

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at Lou's Village, Saturday, March 4th at 12 o'clock noon. Our chairman promises an interesting program at this meeting.

You may send your 1972 DUES to Madeline Smalley 1110 Morse Street, San Jose, Ca. 95126. \*\*\*

The Social Club of our society meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday afternoon of each month. For further information call Mrs. Lovene Luhrman, 292-0070. \*\*\*

It costs us money and annoyance when you move and don't tell us about it. Please send your change of address to Miss Bernice Van Gundy, 561 Fuller Avenue, San Jose, Ca. 95125. \*\*\*

\$114 was contributed by the members present at our December quarterly meeting, for the handicapped children at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Pediatric Ward. Your officers and committees gave many gift wrapped toys. The toys with a check for \$114 was presented to the Medical Center by Bernice Van Gundy and Marjorie and Arthur Fisk. The money will be used to build a muchly needed book case for the pediatric ward that can be locked. A metal plaque will be placed on the case, reading "Donated by the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County." Developmental games will be purchased with any money left over. Mrs. Frock, Supervisor of pediatrics wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the members of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. \*\*\*

23 members 85 years of age or older were honored at our quarterly meeting on December 4th. Those present were: Joe Antine, Harriet Burnett, William Calvert, Pearl Castle, Eleanor Carter Dale, Isa McIntyre, Violet Oliphant, Ida Skow and J. Winter Smith. Those that could not be present were: Embert Brown, Mary Ferry, Georgia Hanjes, Louise Hardwick, May Kirk, Helen Mignon, Tina Miner, Nina Moon, Kate Owen, Ernest Pieper, Naomi Pinard, Mildred Robinson, Georgia Swall and Anne Topham. \*\*\*

Harriet W. Burnett one of our senior members died December 15th. She was born in an adobe building January 11, 1876 at Davis Street and Bascom Avenue. Mrs. Burnett, nee Harriet Phelps, graduated from San Jose Normal School in 1896 and taught school for 29 years at Summit, Saratoga and Jefferson Elementary schools, retiring in 1947. Her husband was the grandson of Peter H. Burnett, first governor of the State of California. \*\*\*

One of our members, Miss Virginia Mayne, was honored recently at a luncheon in Santa Clara on "Virginia Mayne Day," proclaimed by the City Council. Miss Mayne taught school in this area from 1910 until her retirement in 1957. Mr. Warburton introduced Miss Mayne at the luncheon, Austen had been one of her former pupils. \*\*\*

Helen Arbuckle has another interesting historical article in the January issue of Frontier Times, titled "Silent City of Rock," about a famous pioneer camp stop near Fort Hall, Idaho. \*\*\*

Celebrating their 57th wedding anniversaries on November 26th were Dr. and Mrs. Earl Rhoads and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisk. \*\*\*

Back in the good old days there were many varieties of hitching posts found standing at the curb. Many were just plain iron posts with a hitching ring at the top, others were a fluer-de-lis, an obelisk, a horses head, an ornate clasped fist or a metal beer bottle and of course the portable iron weights. Today another kind of "hitcher" has taken their place--the parking meter. How many different types of hitching posts have you members seen in Santa Clara Valley? \*\*\*

Stern's Luggage is reportedly San Jose's oldest retail store in continuous business, since 1852. \*\*\*

Erratum--If you find a mistake in this publication, please consider it put there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.--Lifted from the Valley Village Voice.

## WELCOME

Congratulations to our new members: Helen Amato, John G. Amato, Eleanor H. Brown, Marella R. Carfagri, Rose E. Drew, Angelo E. Francesconi, Alice D. Garrett, June E. Harris, Marie C. Inderbitzin, Alice L. Johnson, Clifford A. Johnsrud, Eldora Johnsrud, Alyce M. Keyes, Elsie B. Machen, A l l a n L. Peters, Eloise M. Peters, Lorene Rose, Willis R. Silveira, Catherine M. Stevenson, and Amelia Westfall.

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## UNDER THE WEATHER

Our best wishes for a rapid recovery to Laurence Bulmore who is recuperating nicely at home, after spending several weeks at the Southern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco; William Close now at home and feeling better; Mrs. William Woodfint is recuperating at the Arndt Convalescent Hospital in Campbell, Mrs. Wealthy Falk is recovering from a broken hip, and Byron Bullard at San Jose Hospital.

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## BEYOND THE SUNSET

Harold M. Cook

December 9, 1892 - - October 23, 1971

A. Almyra Duffey

August 8, 1883 - November 1, 1971

Alice E. Foster

November 25, 1889 - November 6, 1971

Harriet W. Burnett

January 11, 1876 - December 15, 1971

Frances E. Briggs

December 26, 1893 - January 7, 1972

Hazel O. Withers

November 23, 1893 - January 9, 1972

Marie E. Serpa

September 24, 1888 - January 9, 1972

In behalf of the officers and members of the California Pioneer Society of Santa Clara County, the Trailblazer extends their sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of our departed members.

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