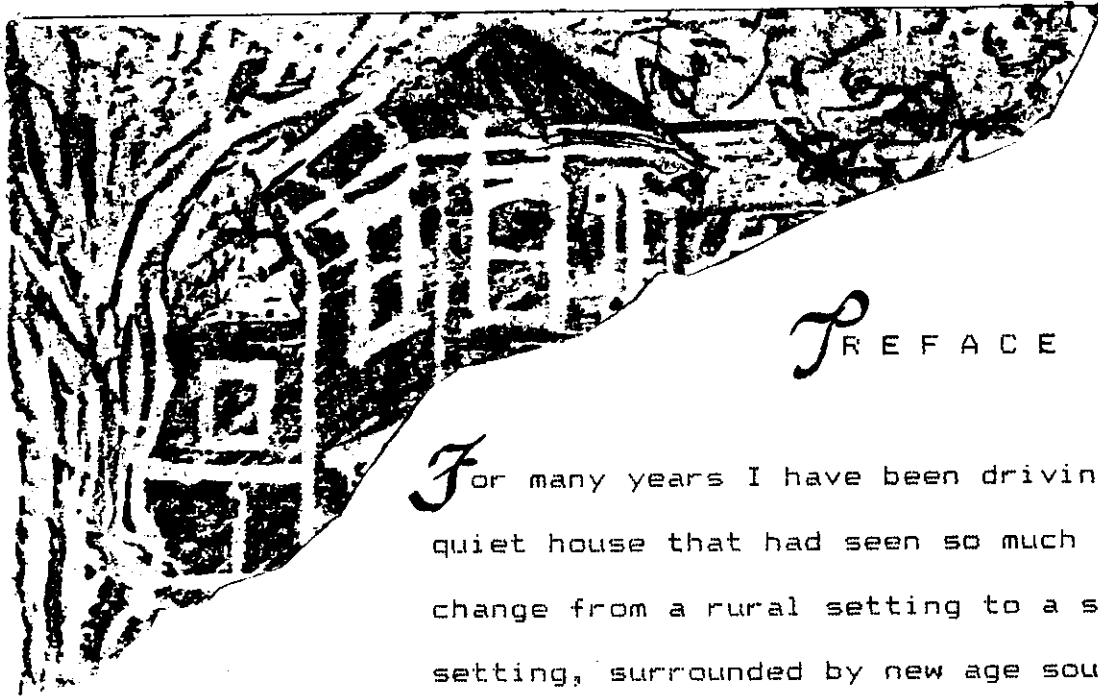




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PREFACE

For many years I have been driving past a quiet house that had seen so much change...a change from a rural setting to a suburban setting, surrounded by new age sounds and a shopping center.

I had seen this house standing in its country setting, on Almaden Road. Almaden Road was a narrow road leading from San Jose, through the country fields and orchards and on out to New Almaden. As the shopping centers came, traffic lights were installed, and then I was often forced to view it while waiting for the stop light. And so I pondered its beginnings.

I visited it several times, over the years...1978, 1983, and and each time learned a little more, from its owner, Mrs. Gelia Giacomazzi. I have sketched it, made rubbings from interesting details, taken pictures, and researched it at the library.

This is my farewell to that old landmark on the Almaden Expressway.

It is a friend that I have enjoyed glancing at and musing about, while driving by in the midst of traffic. I shall miss it, when it is moved to Kelly Park. This ol' friend is the D. GREENAWALT HOUSE, built in 1877!

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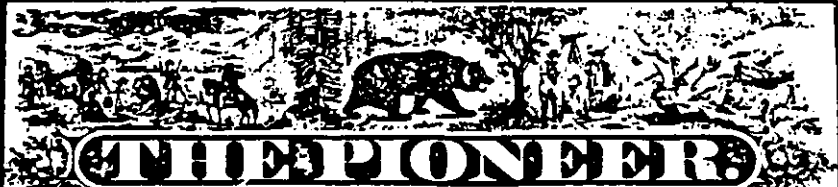
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*A*LBUM OF RAMBLINGS AND RUBBINGS -1877

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Waiting ever so quietly on Almaden Road, in the midst of new age sounds, is an old gray house...an old gray house, waiting to tell its story.

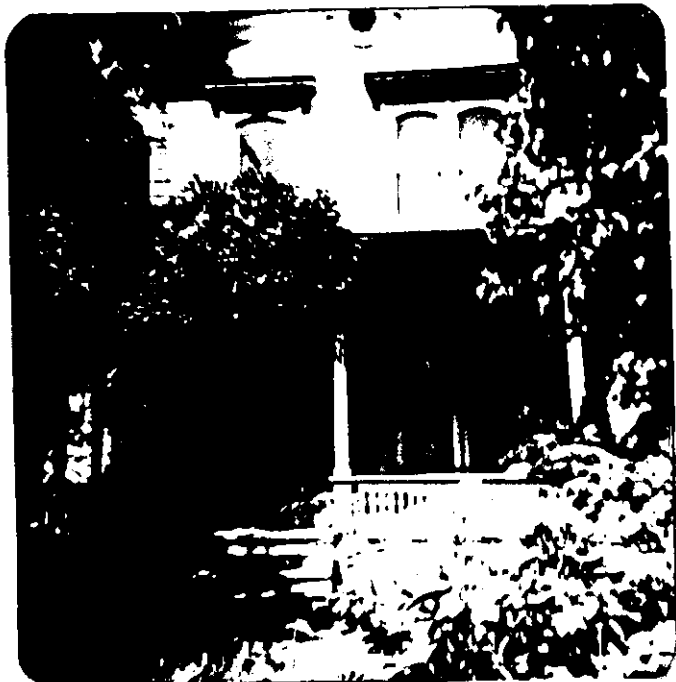
Overgrown trees and wisteria vines conceal it from total view, but it does peek through, and beckons one to search for its story... a "once-upon-a-time" story of a commodious mansion.

One spring day in 1978, I decided to visit the house. After opening the old garden gate, walking through the rose garden, up the steps of the side porch, I knocked on the screen door.



I was greeted by its owner, Mrs. Gelia Giacomazzi. When I explained my purpose of intrusion, (in order to get permission to take pictures, make rubbings of interesting details), she showed me around the grounds: the barn, the water shed, and the foundation engraving!

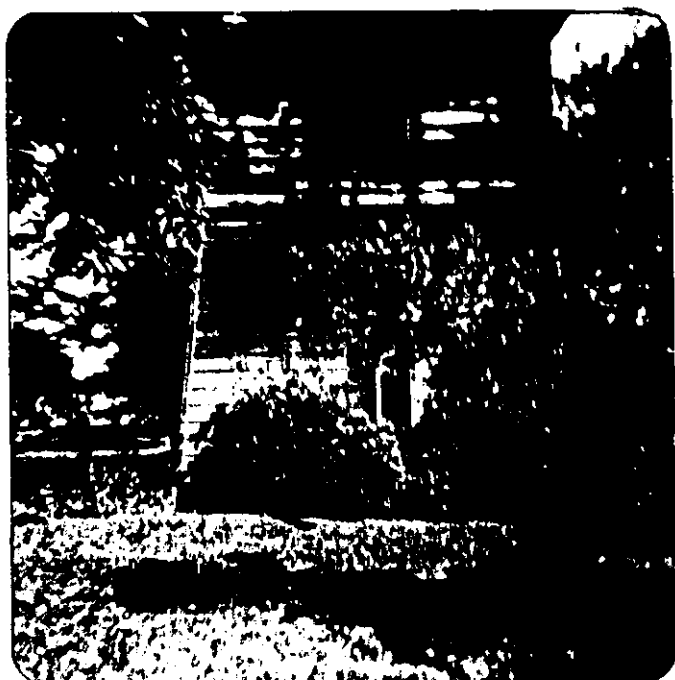
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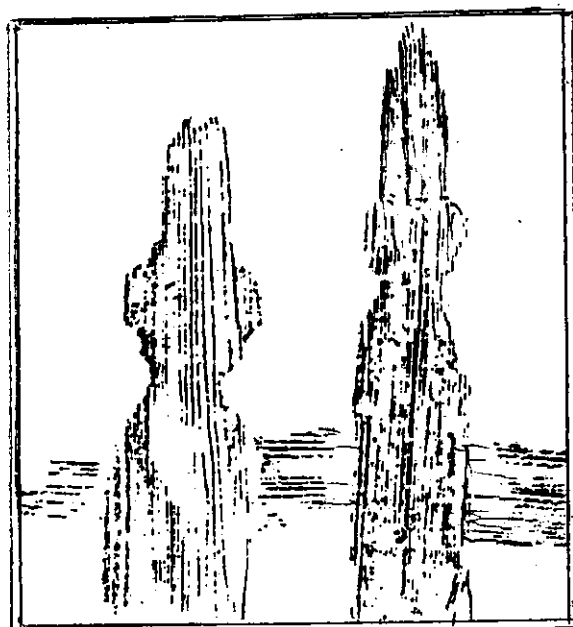
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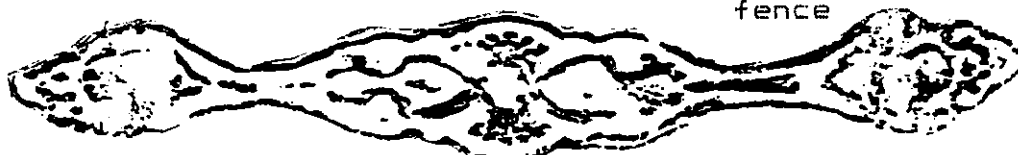
Path through garden gate
through rose garden



Front porch



Crayon rubbing-garden
fence



Screen door rubbing
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Article below
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David Greenawalt. Born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, April 2 1824. When young he accompanied his parents to Mercer county, and there received his education, being brought up a farmer. When but fourteen years of age he lost his mother, and his father, September 17, 1840. In 1844 he moved to Wisconsin, and was there variously employed until 1850 in which year he crossed the plains to California, arriving in Hangtown (now Placerville), August 2d. Here he engaged in mining for a short time, and then removed to Santa Clara county, locating, in 1852, between Stevens and Campbell's creeks, where he engaged in stock-raising until 1855. He then settled to the east of the New Almaden mine, and resided until 1867 when he came to his present farm, comprising two hundred acres of farmlands. In 1877 he erected his fine, commodious mansion. Married, November 9, 1851, Eliza Booth, a native of England, who crossed the plains to California in 1846, and has: George, Mary E., Elmer L., Amelia A., David W., John K., and Thomas B.

And so I began my research
 for that period of time:

1. The year of 1877 was in
 time of:

carriage makers,
 harness makers,
 blacksmiths.....

A N D

lace curtains,
 bustle dresses,
 Godey's Ladies

fashions



2. Rutherford P. Hays was President
3. The United States had celebrated its 100th year birthday
4. Tom Sawyer was one year old, having been published in 1876
5. Mary Hallock Foote, illustrator, artist, and authoress, came to California from New York, in



Mary Hallock Foote



Arthur De Wint Foote

- July 1876. She joined her new husband, Arthur Foote, Superintendent of the Mining Engineers at the New Almaden Quicksilver Mine. They had been married in New York. She came west on the train to San Francisco. She enjoyed her stage coach ride to New Almaden, and would have passed the Greenawalt House, under construction at that time. They lived in New Almaden on Mine Hill in the Cornish camp for one year and one month. They left in August, 1877.
6. California had been a state for 27 years.
 7. On June 22, 1877, the Santa Clara County Pioneers held their 3rd annual picnic and reunion at O'Donnell's Gardens, at 9th and Williams Streets in San Jose.

California Pioneers of Santa Clara County, Inc.

The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County, Inc., is one of the oldest and largest such organizations in the State, its rosters over the years numbering the names of many noted families.

The Society was organized June 22, 1875 with 274 charter members. First officers were Judge A.L. Rhodes, president; John M. Murphy and Peter O. Minor, vice presidents; Alex Murgotten, secretary; John H. Moore, treasurer; Coleman Younger, Cory Peebles, Davis Divine, Adolph Pfister and B.D. Murphy, directors. The first meeting was held at O'Donnell's Gardens at 9th and William streets.

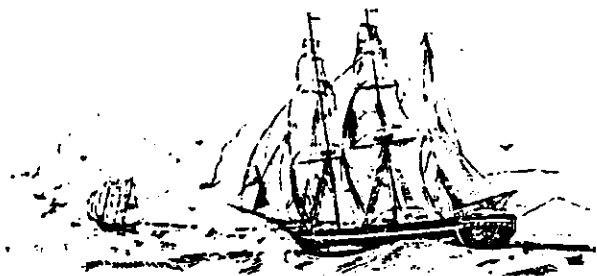
The first memorable event the society celebrated was the 27th anniversary of California's admission to the union, which was observed on Sept. 8, 1877, with Mexican War veterans, Pioneers of San Francisco and Native Sons of the Golden West joining the festivity. A mammoth parade and barbecue for 10,000 people featured the event. Twenty-seven hogs, 25 sheep and 16 beef cattle were spitted in a trench 200 feet long for roasting, with "Uncle Ike" Branham as head chef.

Alex Murgotten, the secretary and a pioneer printer, founded a newspaper, "The Pioneer" dedicated to the oldtimers, in 1876, in which he set forth the organization's objectives of culti-

vating fellowship, assisting the afflicted, preserving articles of historic value and information, and receiving donations and bequests and maintaining a continuity of history.

High ideals foundered for a time on human motives and the meetings became farther part until a committee was formed in desperation in 1884 to save the organization.

The committee took custody of the physical assets until such time as the rejuvenated organization would want them. Finally, in 1894 a group of old guard members started a reorganization, and by 1900 when California celebrated its 50th year of statehood, a broadening of membership was under way. Everyone who had resided in the state for 50 years or more, or was a descendant of such a person, was qualified to join, a rule which remains in effect to this day.



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8. The year of 1877 suffered from a lack of rain. It was noted that the driest seasons occurred every thirteen years. Since the discovery of gold, the driest years were 1850-1851, 1863-1864, 1876-1877. The most disastrous drought took place in 1863-1864, when crops failed over vast areas and cattle died of starvation and were slaughtered by the hundred thousands, completely revolutionizing the agricultural industries.

And so in 1877, David Greenawalt built this home, 7 miles from the center of San Jose, on 200 acres of farmland. But who was David Greenawalt? From the Book,

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I quote his biographical sketch:

"David Greenawalt, deceased. The farm, of over 200 acres, which this worthy citizen improved and occupied for twenty one years, is on Almaden road, seven miles from the business center of San Jose, and is as well located and as well adapted to general farming, as any ranch in the valley. This property Mr. Greenawalt bought and took possession of in November, 1867, it

being at that time all inclosed with fences and having building improvements enough for shelter. The present commodious family residence was built in 1877; the large barn in the year preceding. All the buildings are noticeably good, and all were constructed with regard to convenience rather than to cost.

Mr. Greenawalt was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1824, of one of the old Pennsylvania families. His great-grandfather, Jacob Greenawalt came from Holland about the beginning of the eighteenth century, being obliged to work for three years afterward to pay for his passage. The farm in Lehigh County, which this founder of the family improved, was the birthplace of the subject of our story, and is still in the possession of the family, having been the birthplace of six generations. The names of the grandfather and father of our subject are the same,--Abraham Greenawalt. David Greenawalt was reared to manhood on the old homestead, but afterward he left it to go to Wisconsin, where he spent four years in the lead mines of Iowa County. The discovery of gold brought him to California in 1850. He came on the overland route, and upon his arrival engaged in mining at Placerville, then called Hangtown. Two months later he visited this valley, where he married, on the ninth of October, 1851, Miss Eliza Booth, who was born in England, in May, 1831.

Immediately after their marriage they embarked to Australia. Three months' experience in the mining districts of that country taught Mr. Greenawalt that he had left much better opportunities for acquiring wealth behind him, and was only one of thousands who were following a delusion. The return voyage of the same vessel, the JESSIE BURNS, that took them out, brought them back to San Francisco, where they ended August, 1852. Mr. Greenawalt then engaged in the stock business with his father-in-law, in this county, which was ever afterward his home. He recalled the fact that he had seen all of Santa Clara without a fence. He came to Santa Clara a poor man, and grew in prosperity with the county. Keeping fully apace with, or ahead of, the general advance of his surroundings in individual enterprise, he became blessed with a competence more than sufficient for all the needs of his declining years. In politics he had been identified with the Republican party since the candidacy of John C. Fremont.

The great bereavement of his life, the death of his wife, occurred October 29, 1887. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom are living: George, lives in the immediate neighborhood of the old home, on a part of the original homestead; Mary is the wife of Frank Blake; Edna is the wife of John Mcbee, of San Benito County; Amelia is the wife of Alonzo Withers; and the others, William D., John K., Thomas, are residing at the homestead.

Mr. Greenawalt, the subject of the foregoing brief outline, died July 6, 1888, a highly respected citizen whose departure from this life leaves many painful reminiscences upon the minds of those left behind."

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This article, prompted my interest in it once again:

ALMADEN TIMES COMMUNITY DECEMBER 1990 ♦ PAG



Almaden Expressway motorists pass by the Greenawalt ranch, left, as they approach the heavy Highway 85 construction between the ranch and Almaden Plaza. Photo by Suz

Greenawalt house to move out of Hwy 85 construction area, into Kelley Park

By Suz Coan
Times News Editor

The locally famous 19th Century Greenawalt ranch on Almaden Expressway between Cherry Avenue and Almaden Plaza is currently surrounded by Highway 85 construction as the freeway proceeds rapidly toward completion. The house will not remain here much longer, however, as it is expected to be moved next spring to the San Jose Historical Museum at Kelley Park, where it will be preserved.

John Giacomazzi, owner of this 1877-built house since the 1940's, is offering to sell the house to the city, which will move it after purchase to avoid its destruction at its present site.

The original offer to sell expired last January, but Giacomazzi extended the offer so that appropriate arrangements could be made.

According to Andrea Leiderman of the

District 9 city council office, the city is still in negotiations with the owner in terms of move funding and renovation. City officials are currently working on a deferral of funds with the Traffic Authority, which would have built a soundwall around the house if it had stayed at its present site. Giacomazzi and the city are working to get the TA to put that money toward having the house moved.

"Ultimately, it will move to Kelley Park," said Leiderman.

"Kelley Park looks good, has the space, good security, nice surrounding area with other relocated homes, and has heavy vegetation so that the landscaping could grow in more quickly," said Giacomazzi.

The San Jose Historical Museum at the southernmost section of the 156-acre Kelley Park, between Keyes Street and Phelan Avenue on Senter, is home to many authentic 19th Century homes and businesses that have been relocated, including the Umbarger House and the Dashaway Stables.

This is my farewell to the GREENAWALT HOUSE!