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"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts"

Shakespeare, AS YOU LIKE IT, Act II, scene VII

The Stage: Santa Clara Valley

Act I	The Willows, early 1870's
Act II	Willow Glen, middle 1920's
Act III	San Jose, 1936 to the Present

Dramatic Personae:

The Blaine Family
The Brown Family
The Willette interlude
The Murphy Family
The Bleily Family
The Joesten Family

An Epilogue:

Credits:

INTRODUCTION

I am enjoying a love affair. My marriage has become a menage a trois, and my wife, fully aware, is not the estranged member, but rather an accomplice in this triangle. I am hopelessly in love with a dignified, charming, graceful lady. In style with contemporary convention, she is older than I am. Despite a few natural signs of age, my lady possesses a charisma, a mystique unmatched, even envied by her younger siblings.

This all consuming passion is not really for a person, but for a home, a regal Victorian combination of Italianate and Queen Anne architecture that stands now where it has weathered 109 years of change--changing styles and values, changing cultures and economy--from a valley of wild oak trees to a valley of cultivated fruit trees to the now of silicon valley. In 1936 this house was given the address: 1118 Nevada Avenue, San Jose, California.

Contractors build houses--huge tracts of houses. My Victorian is a home. It was designed and built by a man for himself, for his wife, for his baby daughter. Mine is the story of this man, George Blaine, and of his wife, Alazan. My story is a history of this brave couple who came to California with little more than the talents each possessed and a huge determination to succeed. My Victorian lady is testimony to their success.

Part of my love for this house is a deep respect, almost an awe, for George and Alazan Blaine. They dared so much; they gambled with life; they wagered the security of their eastern and mid-western homes against the unknown. A winning card that George Blaine had in his hand was a skill that he refined to an art; George was a carpenter.

In my research I discovered many things about the Blaine family and my feeling for them runs deep. I mourned with

them when they lost their only child, their daughter, in childbirth, only a year after her marriage. As a parent, I empathized with a father burying his only child. I was saddened when I read George Blaine's obituary. Yet one single facet of this man shone through this story. George Blaine had never been a mayor, nor a city manager; he had never become a millionaire through clever investments, nor a business tycoon; he had become comfortable and secure; he afforded security to his wife and to others whom he loved. What a beautiful tribute his obituary was. I quote from The San Jose Daily Mercury, Friday morning, December 27, 1912: "By the passing of this citizen (George Blaine) the community has lost a friend of sterling worth . . . faithful and just in his relations with life, endearing himself to each with whom he dealt--a life whose influence will not pass away."

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MORTAL WAS THE DREAMER, BUT THE DREAM ABIDES

Cynics say that history is the best fiction man has ever written. As I try to write a history of a house--a lovely old Victorian home, now bearing the address of eleven eighteen Nevada Avenue, San Jose, California, I can appreciate the cynic's point of view. I have gathered facts by examining death certificates, marriage licenses, wills, property deeds, and maps. I have examined City of San Jose Directories, telephone directories. I have spent hours in the California Room of the San Jose Public Library searching books on San Jose history, Santa Clara County history; I have searched files of news clippings for obituaries and society column coverage of a wedding, scrap books for pictures. In a sum total of my research, I have facts that I will present in a chronological order. But facts will not tell a story, and I feel my lovely Victorian lady has a story to tell. Facts will verify the age of the stately lady; they will testify to her original owners, and to her location. These are the facts. But I, perhaps like the cynic's historian, am not content. In absorbing these facts from a phrase here, a paragraph there, from pictures glanced at in passing, captions rapidly scanned, I have built a dream-like carousel of images of this house, of its first occupants, of the "Willows," of San Jose in those early years. I confess now; my word history will be a mixture, perhaps a romanticized blend of fact and imagination.

I discovered that I liked San Jose better in my nostalgic creation. There was a grace, a charm, an uncluttered, well ordered life style in that carousel of images. St. James Park was a picnic luncheon area for farmers and their families who came from Morgan Hill and Gilroy to sell crops or to shop. Notre Dame College was a beautiful semi-Romanesque campus on West Santa Clara street; College Park (now Bellarmine College Preparatory) housed the College of the Pacific in an array of tongue and groove, elaborately decorated wood structures. Washington Square, not cluttered with buildings to the curbstone was the site of San Jose Normal School, a teacher training institution. An electric tower arched the four corners of Market and Santa Clara streets, and to the south on Market street where it fanned out on both sides to form an island park, the impressive red brick City Hall dominated the scene. And there was the elegant Hotel Vendome on North First street. The Alameda lay under a canopy--trees on both sides formed an arch of shade in the summer, a water logged or frost crusted umbrella in the winter. Alviso was a busy port transporting lumber by barge to San Francisco; Almaden mines were alive yielding quicksilver. And the valley itself was neither the one we see now, nor the one I remember from my childhood. It was the valley that George and Alazan Blaine saw in 1869 when they first visited San Jose, and decided to stay. True, there were orchards then, but the larger part of Santa Clara Valley was alive with oak trees, and willow trees grew wild in the marshy lands along the creek banks.

Originally the land on which their house was built had been part of the Narvais Rancho, a Spanish land grant. In 1869, Messers Hill and Sampson bought this property and began its subdivision. That very same year, George Blaine, 39, and his wife Alazan, 31 were prompted by fate and curiosity to journey to San Jose.¹ It must have been a weekend trip. At this time George had been working for five years in San Francisco as a ship joiner. I wonder what their mode of transportation was--train, or stagecoach?² Either way, the journey was a long one. I wonder where they stayed over night? They knew no one in San Jose. I can imagine them leisurely surveying parts of the valley on a lovely spring afternoon in a horse drawn carriage. Driving down Lincoln Avenue they saw a parcel of land partially planted with neglected apple trees, partially wild in its native foliage. In 1869 George and Alazan bought this parcel of land, five acres on the west side of South Lincoln Avenue, bounded by the existing streets, Minnesota to the north and Pine to the south. Here in the heart of these five acres they built a home, a home that stands today as living testimony to pride in workmanship and artistic skill, to refined taste and gracious living.

¹Ages are deduced from birthdates; date of marriage; date each left Michigan and arrived in Oregon; date left Oregon and arrived in San Francisco; date of first visit to San Jose and purchase of property.

H. S. Foote (editor), Pen Pictures From The Garden of the World, pp. 655-656.

²Eugene T. Sawyer, History of Santa Clara County, California With Biographical Sketches, pp. 145-152.

George Blaine was born in Seneca County, New York, in 1830. His parents were also native to New York state. To understand a bit more about George, let me tell something about his father. Blaine senior was a carpenter, a farmer, and an explorer. Not content with life in Seneca County, Blaine Sr. set out to explore Michigan, traveling by foot and by raft until he reached Chicago, Illinois, which was then little more than a trading post. Returning to New York for his family, he moved them to a place in Ingham County, Michigan, where the city of Mason now stands. In the senior Blaine's time, this area was a wilderness. Blaine, as carpenter and farmer, helped to build and develop this county.

George Blaine grew up realizing that no challenge was too big, and George was unusually gifted to meet the challenges of wilderness; he was a carpenter and could build; he was a farmer and could make the land yield.

George was twenty two when his mother died; three months later his father followed her to the grave. After their death, George made a checkerboard series of moves. Most of the time he worked as a carpenter. For three years prior to the Civil War he was engaged in buying grain in Lincoln, Illinois. Here in December, 1860, he married Alazan Rhodes Kenyon. Eighteen months after his marriage to Alazan, much like his father, George needed to explore the greener pastures of the expanding West. He traveled from Illinois across the plains, passing through Montana and Idaho, finally reaching The Dalles of

Oregon in 1862.³ Alazan joined him the next year, reaching "The Dalles" via New York, the Panama land route and San Francisco.⁴ Not wishing to make Oregon their permanent home, where he worked in steamboat construction, George and Alazan moved to San Francisco in 1864. Again George used his trade knowledge and talent. He worked for five years as a ship joiner. I can imagine George and Alazan, George 34, and Alazan 26, and in 1865, Cora, a daughter living in a rented flat in the thriving, sophisticated, cosmopolitan San Francisco, two young parents both from small eastern communities living in an environment so foreign to their origins. But George and Alazan had excellent training for adjusting. The checkerboard of George's career proved a capacity not only to survive, but also to succeed. And no weakling was Alazan. Not the young bride of a year who traveled alone from Lincoln, Illinois to New York City where she followed the hazardous, tropical Panama land route to San Francisco, and then journeyed to Oregon to be reunited with her husband. Their dream during those five years in a bustling San Francisco must have been to return to the country, to pastures, meadow land and crops, to a way of life where men were not bound so tightly together by row houses that

³"The Dalles," Oregon, was the terminal point of the famous Oregon Trail. George Blaine made his journey eight years before the transcontinental railroad linked the east to the west.

Americana Encyclopedia, International Edition, Vol. 8, p.440.

⁴The Panama land route consisted of a railroad service which traveled approximately the same route as the future canal. Built between 1850-1855, it joined the Atlantic cited Colon to the city of Panama on the Pacific coast.

World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 15, p. 106.

fronted a sidewalk and a treeless street. I can imagine George and Alazan living a comfortable, but frugal life, waiting for the time when they had enough money to make a dramatic change in their lives, a change that would create for them the permanent home they longed for. Eighteen hundred and sixty nine was that monumental year!

When the Blaines moved to San Jose, I am not sure. In 1871, George was a registered voter and the San Jose City Directory shows that he was working as a carpenter in the Santa Clara Valley Mill and Lumber Company, then located in Santa Clara, Main street near Benton.⁵ They were comfortably living in their home in the "Willows." George and Alazan may have been living in San Jose prior to this date. It seems logical that with his ability, George would have had a hand in the design and building of his and Alazan's home, a house built entirely of redwood timbered in the Santa Cruz mountains and milled at the Santa Clara Valley Mill and Lumber Company where George was employed as a carpenter designer. To his building credit this redwood rests on a high brick foundation that forms the perimeter of the house, and each room inside of the perimeter has an identical brick foundation.

Inside his home I see George Blaine's individual, creative touch--the abundance of crochet-like wood patterns that decorate the parlor, and the staircase well. True, this "gingerbread" was used in other Victorian homes, but seldom so

⁵City of San Jose Register of Voters shows that George Blaine registered to vote in 1871. His place of residence, #706, was outside the City of San Jose.
Directory of San Jose & Santa Clara County 1871-1872, p.51

lavishly. The staircase itself, I feel, was unique to George's flair for design. Rather than entering a hall, in the Blaine house the visitor enters a room with a ten foot high, monastically austere, umber red, smooth brick fireplace that is flanked by two stained glass windows. The staircase, rather than the typical Victorian, narrow, curving staircase that hugged the wall for support, is open and wide. Seven steps bring the visitor to a landing that has windows on three sides. At this point the stairs reverse direction and remain open to the second floor. The railing and the spool work on both sections is natural oak. George had a flair for drama to have created such an entrance. It is possible that the Blaine's waited two years for the completion of their home--from 1869 to 1871.

George and Alazan prospered in San Jose. They had their child; they had a home. George had an excellent position. He was part of the landed gentry. George rose to become superintendent of the lumber company. He had planted the land around his home in fruit trees; he had added to his property holdings by buying property on Hamilton Avenue, now the Ainsley estate; he owned property in the Morse-Chapman tract in San Jose.⁶ He was active in clubs and organizations, an important person in San Jose society. Alazan was his devoted wife, the companion of his success.

Cora, his only child, graduated from San Jose Normal

⁶County Recorder, Santa Clara County, Official Records, Bk. 382, p. 71

School, taught for two years,⁷ returned home, married a Mr. Herbert Eustice, prominent in Christian Science, and a year later died. Cora is the first of the Blaine family to be buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, August 6, 1896.⁸

Many years before the death of Cora, George, wishing to share his success, brought his brother John and family to San Jose. For many years John was foreman of the Hamilton Avenue orchard. John D. Blaine, son of John Blaine married into the Campbell family, founders of the township of Campbell. John D. was later to become Justice of the Peace in Campbell. Franklin Blaine, grandson of John, and grand nephew of George still lives in Campbell.⁹

Facts suggest that Alazan was generous to her family too. Mary Kenyon Cushing, and Jessie Kenyon Hickman are buried in the Blaine plot at Oak Hill.¹⁰

George Blaine died December 25, 1912. He was eighty two years old. His life was full; his successes were many. I have included his obituary from the San Jose newspaper. The article states that he was waked from his home. Curiously I look around the house and wonder where the bier might have been;

⁷ Foote, Loc. cit.

⁸ Information gained from interview with Franklin Blaine, descendent of John Blaine, brother of George Blaine. Record of burial date and location of the Blaine family plot was obtained from the Office of Records, Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose California. Copies of cemetery documents are included in the appendix.

⁹ Interview, Franklin Blaine, March 5, 1980.
County Recorder, Op.cit., Vol. 302, p. 165 ,

¹⁰ Office of Records, Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, Calif.

how the flowers were arranged; where the mourners were seated. Somehow I keep returning to that entrance parlor with the monastic, smooth, umber red brick fireplace flanked by stained glass windows, arched by wood filigree that is finalized by the staircase. I can see him ending the drama of his life there.

George Blaine in the later days of his career is listed in the San Jose City Directories as an orchardist. His obituary refers to him as an architect with the Santa Clara Valley Mill and Lumber Company. The article further states that he designed many of the older residences in and about San Jose. He was sent east as a buyer to select the entire hardwood for the Flood mansion in Menlo Park, and superintended the building and furnishing of this and other well-known residences.¹¹

George willed all of his earthly possessions to his "affectionate wife," Alazan Kenyon Blaine. The directories show that Alazan lived in their home until 1917. Then the Blaine name drops out of the City Directories. Franklin Blaine solved this problem for me. Alazan moved to a house on the Hamilton Avenue orchard.¹² She lived there until she died, December 9, 1926. She was 88 years old. Franklin Blaine recalled that George and Alazan's home in the Willows was

¹¹Obituary, George Blaine, San Jose Daily Mercury, Friday Morning, December 27, 1912. Copy of document is included in appendix.

¹²Interview, Franklin Blaine, July 3, 1979. As of 1980, the farm house can still be seen near the north west intersection of Hamilton and Leigh avenues.

occupied by various members of the Kenyon family.

It would seem before Alazan's death in 1926, the lovely five acre site was being disturbed. I can find no definite date for the creation of Nevada Avenue. The oldest living resident on the block bought a lot west of the Baline home in 1923 from George Washington Brown. Brown built the house that still stands there, and into which Jean and Harriet Baltz moved in 1924. John and Rene Tate bought a lot in 1930 on the north side of the now existing Nevada Avenue, originally part of the Cockran dairy. Apparently, Nevada Avenue as it now exists was originally a utility dividing road between two properties, the Cockran dairy on the north, the Blaine orchard and home on the south. I have included a map to help visualize some of this geography.

The concept of the utility road becoming Nevada Avenue is a very logical one. This way neither owner would lose a large portion of land when the property was sold into separate building lots. I cannot accept the fact that the only approach to the Blaine house was an off center utility road. I have a theory, and there is evidence to support it. The veranda-like front porch with its scrolled wooden awning, the double front doors of the home face east to Lincoln Avenue. The mill work around the windows of the house is quite ordinary, except for the windows facing east to Lincoln Avenue. Here the window frames are mitered, scrolled, curled. Victorian culture was vain, ostentatious; ornamentation was meant to be seen, perhaps, even envied. Finally, the Blaine address, until the Brown

family appears in the city directory was a Lincoln Avenue address. I visualize the Blaine house seen from Lincoln Avenue through a wide graveled driveway, branching into two lanes to create a lawn area and flower beds as it approached the front entrance, and finally ended at the barn that stood until 1921 to the northwest of the main house.¹³ Following the circle to the south brought utility and service people to the rear of the house. In my research I found many references to the Blaine's lovely home in the "Willows."¹⁴ I am sure George would give his gracious home an equally gracious entrance; I am sure too, on Sunday afternoon when taking a ride in the country was a Victorian pastime, George wanted his home seen from Lincoln Avenue.

The San Jose City Directory lists George Washington Brown, realtor, and his wife Vinnie as the occupants of 1034 Nevada Avenue. Mr. Brown is remembered by several of my neighbors. Both houses immediately to the west of mine were built by him-- Baltz in 1924, Walker in 1931. Brown owned a building on Lincoln Avenue in which he had his real estate office, and the second floor was Brown's Hall, which he rented for meetings, dances, or wedding receptions. Mr. Brown was an enterprising person who was largely responsible for subdividing the south side of Nevada Avenue. A parcel map showing Nevada Avenue cut into building sites from Lincoln on the east to the Searle's

¹³Interview, Jean Baltz, August 13, 1979. The barn was razed when the house occupied by the Baltz family was built. See the lot map of the present Nevada Avenue with the overlay of the original Blaine five acres, and the situation of its buildings to its current neighbors.

¹⁴Footnote, Loc. cit.

jog on the west totals to five acres.¹⁵ I suppose it was the economic, pragmatic thing to do; face the existing Victorian to a graveled utility road and make money selling lots parallel to this existing house. The Browns stayed and prospered in the house until 1950. Tut Brown, a son of George Washington and Vinnie Brown still lives in the area. In 1936, Willow Glen became part of the city of San Jose, and the house number changed to the present address, 1118 Nevada Avenue.

Neighbors tell me that the house was never vacant.¹⁶ The Browns drop out of the city directories in 1951, and in 1952, a Richard Willette occupied the house. He is listed as a psychologist. Neighbors tell me he and his wife operated a nursery school of sorts on the property. Apparently supervision was not a strong psychological principle with the Willettes. Finally the neighbors protested to the zoning commission, and in 1955 the Willettes left the house.

In 1956 the house was occupied by the Murphy family. William Murphy was listed as a buyer for Feballer and Sons; Mary, his wife, was a teacher. William, Mary and their children occupied the house to 1967.

In 1968, Robert Bleily and his wife were the residents. During their stay two fires occurred in the house, one in the downstairs living room, the other in the front upstairs bedroom. The house still shows water damage to the stipple painted upstairs woodwork, and water damage is a probable reason that the original floors were covered with plywood and then vinyl tiles.

¹⁵Refer to lot map of Nevada Avenue and overlay in the appendix.

¹⁶Interviews: Jean Baltz, Rene Tate, Joseph and Alyce Walker, August 1, 1979. Alyce Walker is directly related to the Gardener family who developed the Gardener residential area, an early San Jose neighborhood.

Mr. Bleily, a contractor, might have shown more taste in repairing his damaged Victorian.

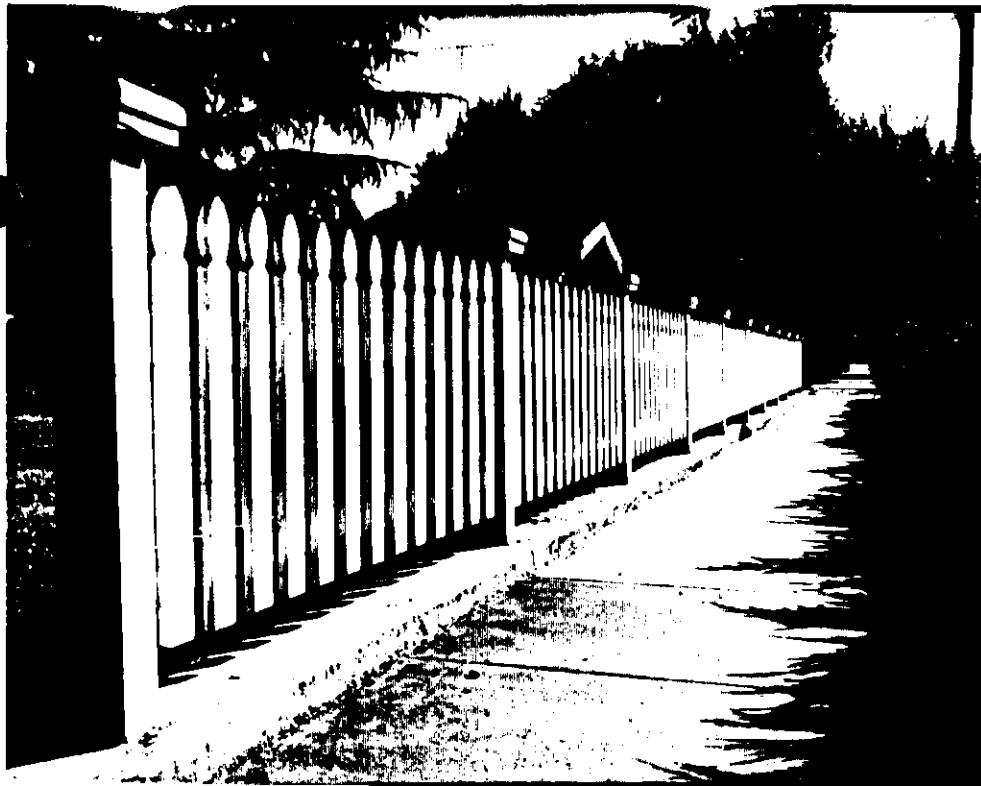
We moved into the house in August of 1971. We bought from Mr. Bleily, although the house had been sold and occupied by another family for six months.

Both we and the other family had made an offer on the property. The second family had offered more money, and their bid had been accepted. The second family was an unusual assortment--husband with children from a previous marriage, wife with children from a previous marriage. They occupied the house waiting for a loan approval that ultimately was denied. In the meantime, the Bleily family had moved to Oregon. We resubmitted our original bid which was accepted, and here we are living in a lovely old Victorian home in Willow Glen. For us a dream has come true.

In concluding this part of my story, our Victorian has worn well over the years. Like an old shoe, she is mellow and comfortable, but like an old shoe she needs a little repair work here and there to keep that comfort functional. Over the years our home has seen flood and drought; she withstood the 1906 earthquake that reeked destruction along the San Andreas fault; she suffered the ravishes of two fires that have left their scars, and she has suffered the indignity of some rather tasteless modernization that has left scars too. Over the years, her property line has shrunk. No longer can she show herself full face to Lincoln Avenue. Other homes now face that street, and behind them a clutter of backyards, fences, and garages obscure her presence. Proudly though, almost defiantly, she shows a commanding profile of herself to the present Nevada

Avenue. She stands tall and strong, a proper Victorian lady of breeding created by an architectural distinction that gives her a stately grace, a unique charm that time can only enhance.

George and Alazan Blaine built a home to fulfill a dream. Their dream has become a reality that we proudly share. Our lovely Victorian reflects much of the character of George and Alazan; the house too is a survivor!



In the distance of perspective, the viewer can see the roof lines of the first two pieces of property of the original Blaine land sold off and built upon. The roof lines mark the site of the Blaine barn.



The original north side of the house now faces Nevada Avenue. Notice how the porch and the front entrance are minimized by the rest of the house.



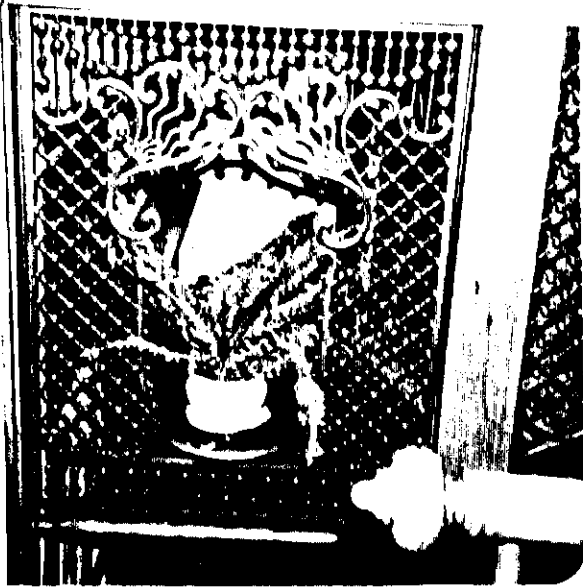
Many Victorian homes were guarded by lions. This is one of a pair standing vigil by the front entrance. The right paw is extended in welcome, if one is a legitimate visitor.



A closer view of the porch shows its size, and some of its architectural importance to the house. Notice the mill work, the wooden awning, the balustrade. A similar balustrade rims the flat roof of the porch. This roof area served two bedrooms as a cool retreat for sleep on warm summer nights.



A closer view gives more of the size and detail work of the entrance porch.



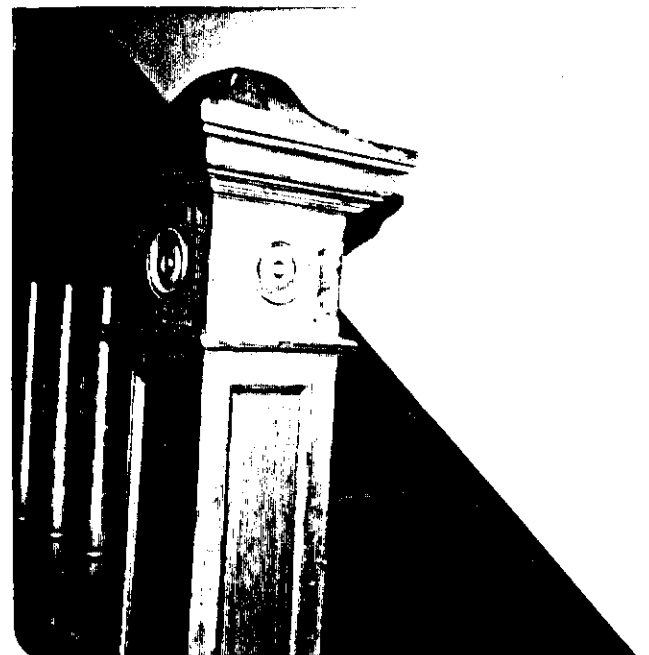
This elaborate fern stand is framed by a wooden filigree. The viewer is looking from the upper stair-case down into the front parlor. The wood is oak.



The most authentic room in the house is the entrance parlor. The brick fire place is unusual because of its texture. All of the bricks forming corners or edges are rounded. Notice the stained glass windows of each side of the fire place, and wood work above the fire place.



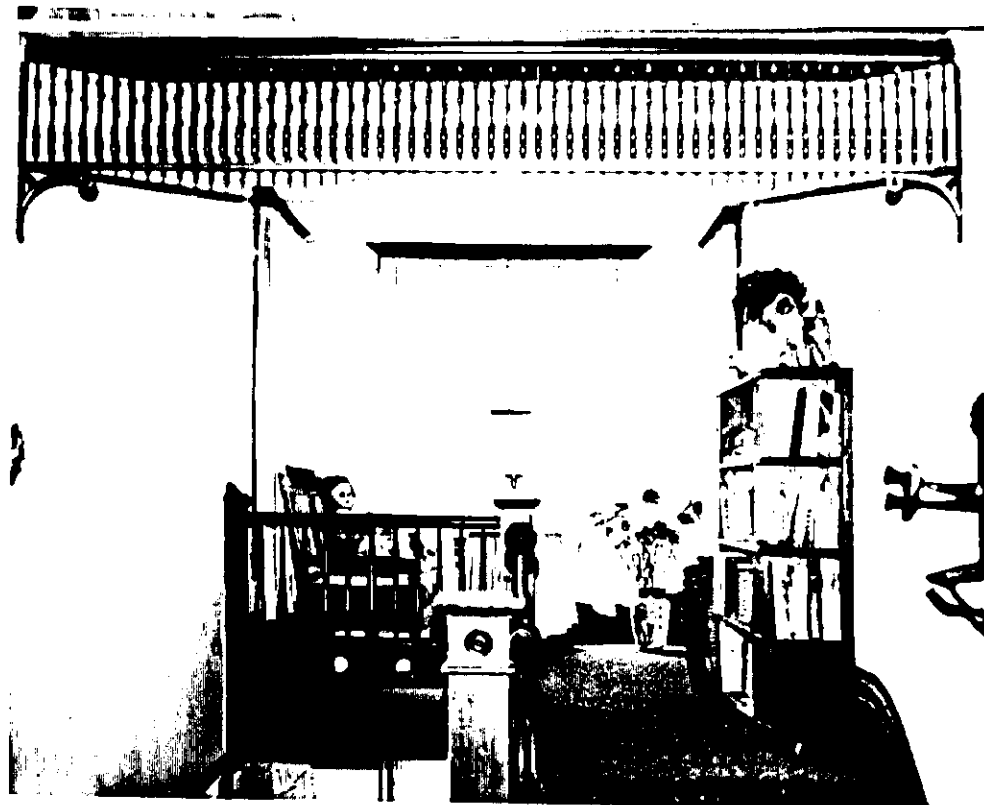
Putting these two pictures together, the viewer can create a rather full impression of the elaborateness of the entrance parlor.



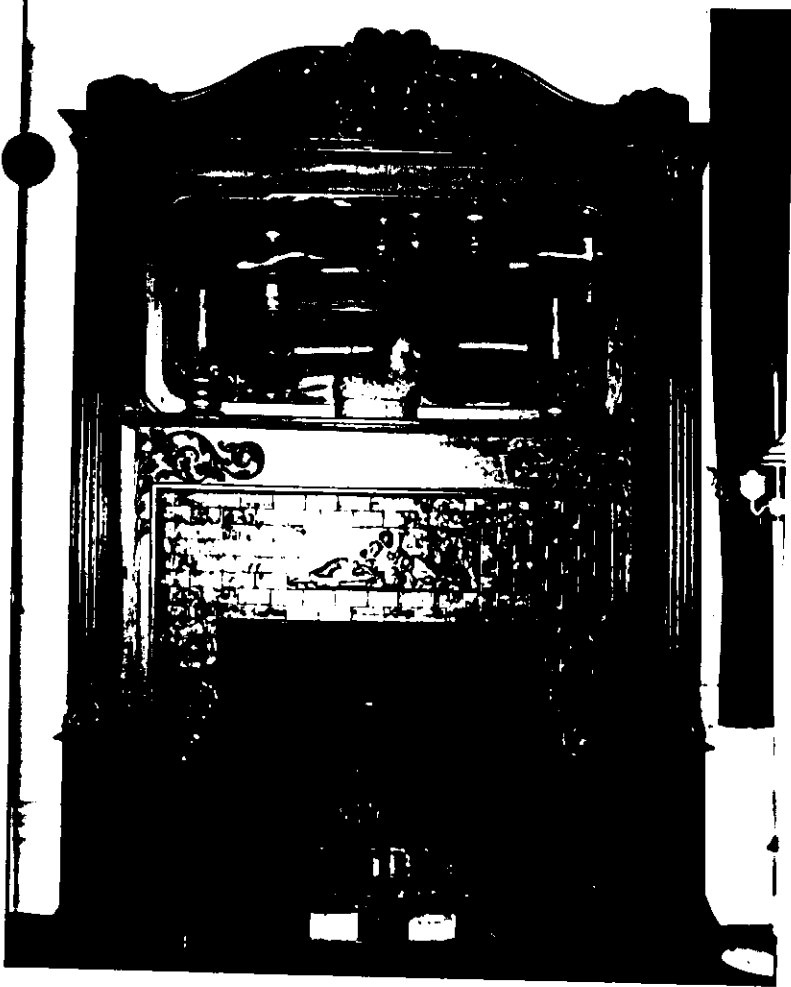
The stair post, as well as the railings and spool work, is oak.



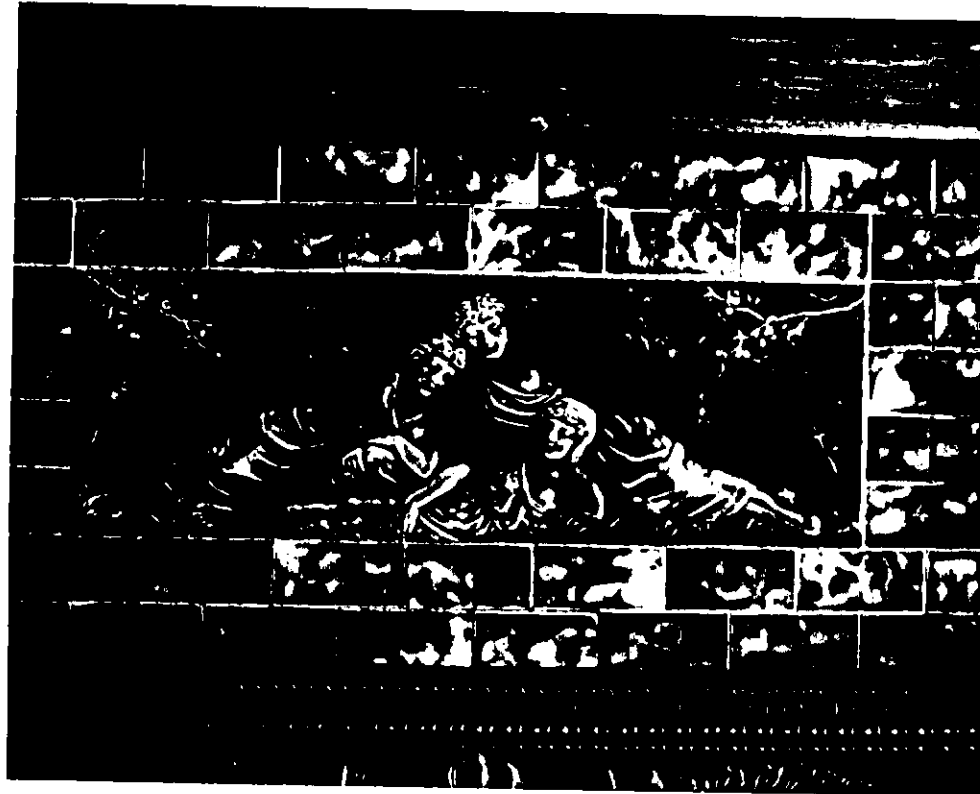
Out of context from the rest of the room, the double front door, and the niche seem rather severe.



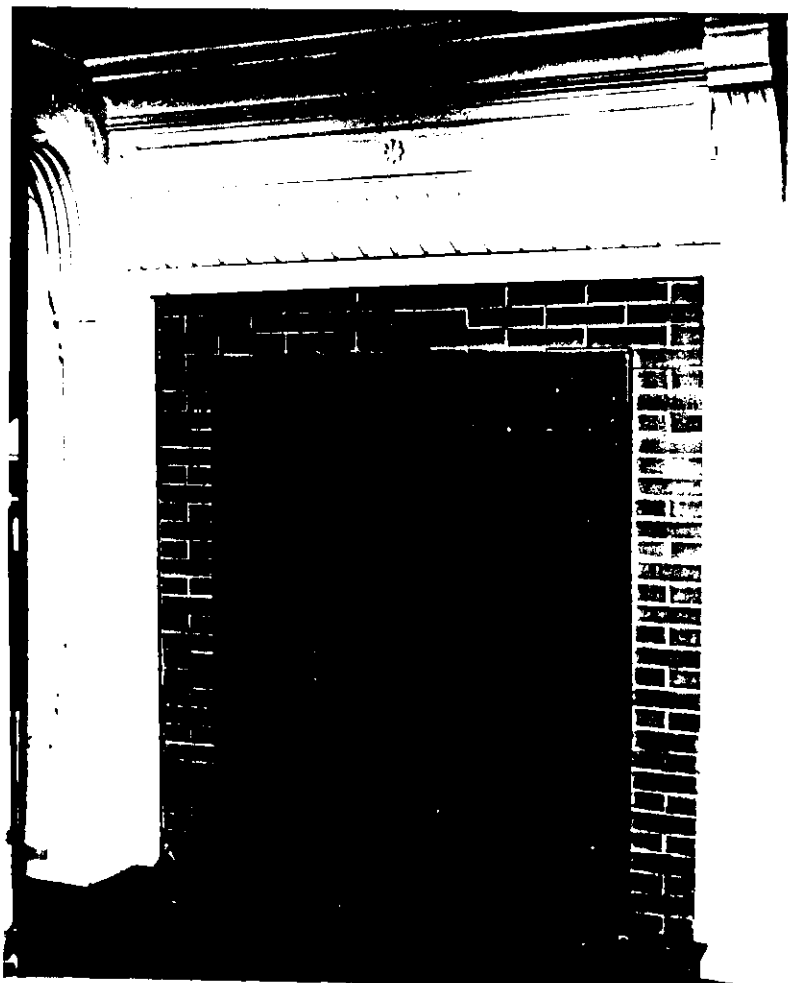
Created to give sufficient height to the main landing, this mezzanine extends five steps above the second floor, creating the illusion of a third story. Again, the viewer has a sampling of the home's beautiful wood work.



This fire place is in the original Blaine dining room. The wood is walnut. In this full picture, note the tile work, and the figures in that work.



Art nouveau was popular with the Victorians. Two Grecian ladies grace the sides of the fire place while these three languish in the center piece. Notice the blend of colors in the tiles.



This fire place, under multiple coats of paint, is walnut. It is unique because it still has all of its original hardware. Victorian fire places were not intended to burn logs. They were made small, usually to accommodate coal. This fire place is in one of the upstairs bedrooms.



The inward slanted mirrors, the brass ornamentation, and the tile work make this bedroom fire place unusual.



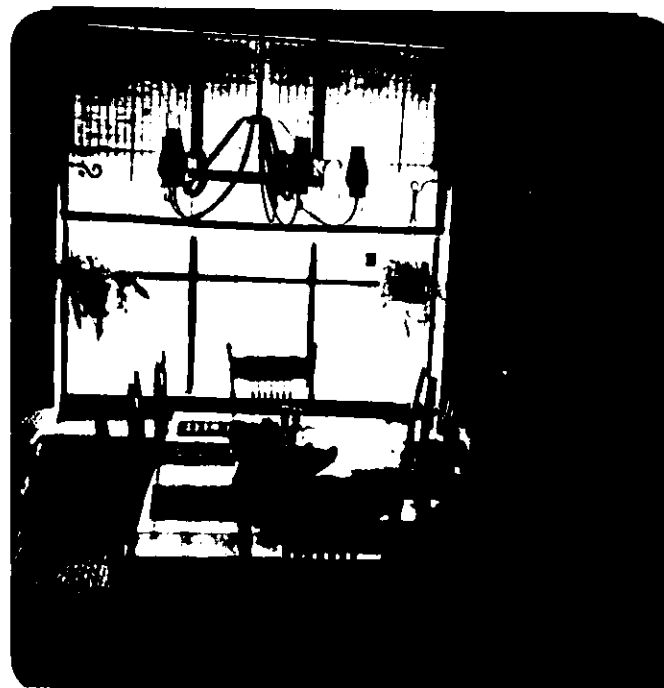
Used now as a dining room, this area joins the entrance parlor. French doors, upper left, lead to entrance parlor. Windows look out unto the front porch.



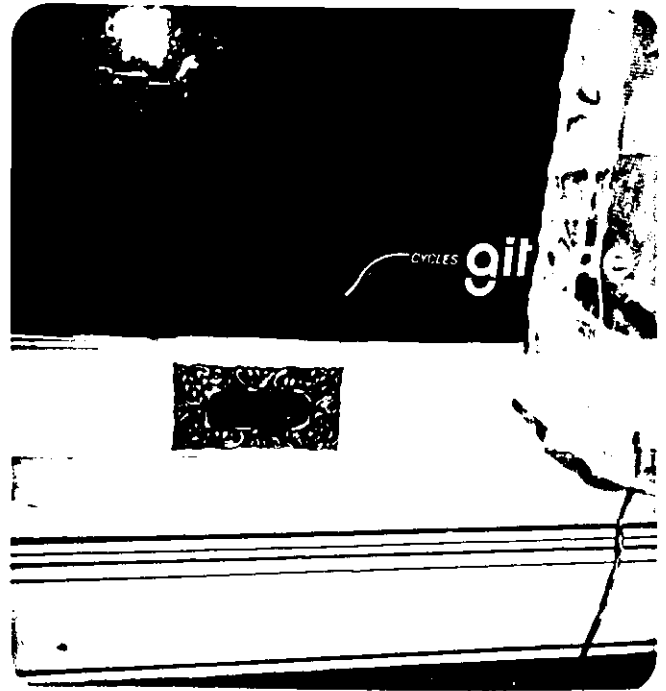
The original main parlor, or living room, as seen through the French doors from the entrance parlor.



An alcove in the original dining room is enhanced by its "gingerbread." Notice the corner bumpers.



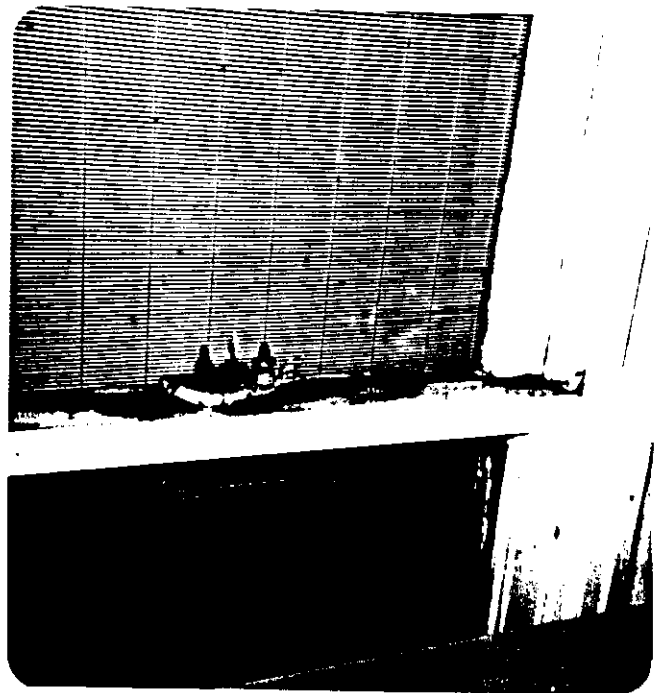
This is the kitchen eating area. The bay window, a modernization, overlooks the rear yard. To the left is a landing, and the final steps of the rear stair-case. To the right, louvered doors conceal a walk-in pantry. To the rear of the table is a counter, and a narrow pullman kitchen converted from what must have been



Only a few of the original window grips remain. This is one. It was patented in 1812.



The brass door hardware is elaborate and ornamental. This piece was patented in 1812. The door itself is really redwood, stiple painted to resemble oak.



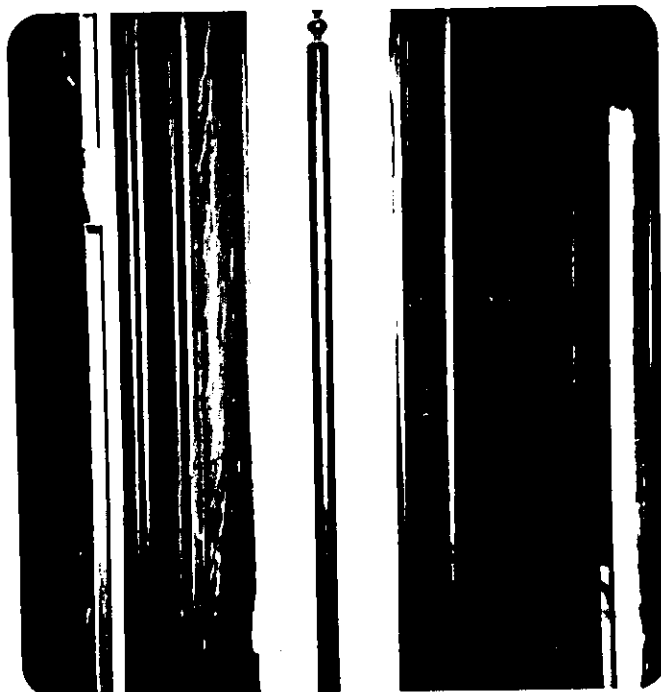
This window lock is the only original left in the house.



This corner view of the basement shows the all brick foundation.



Two walls of the kitchen eating area have this deep, plate rack type molding.



Between the two door frames where the plaster walls form an edge is a wooden bumper guard. These devices were used in many Victorian homes to keep the plaster from being broken away. The rounded piece of wood has a beaded top and a beaded bottom. There are fourteen of these bumper guards in the house. All had been previously painted over to match the walls.



The bathtub is held aloft by the claws of a lion.



A ladder provides immediate access to attic storage.



The back stair-case leads to the kitchen eating area.



This view of the rear yard shows some of the old trees that give shade and privacy.



Part of the wisteria arbor in the back of the house.



Back view of the house (the original south side). Beyond the awning, upper left, can be seen the filled in porch section.

RECORD OF SEARCH AND COMMENTS

Information found in California Room, San Jose Public Library

Source Books: City Directory - 1870 to 1971 (See page 18.)

1871 (was the first entry)	Blane, Geo., carpenter, res. Willows, San Jose. Same information is given in 1871 Register of voters.* Name is spelled correctly there.
1874	Blaine, Geo., carpenter, SCVM Mill and Lumber Company, res., the Willows (Santa Clara Valley Mill and Lumber Company was located in Santa Clara, Main St., near Benton).
1875	Same
1876	George Blaine was listed as a designer, SCVM & L Co., res., the Willows.
1878	George Blaine, foreman in planning mill, SCVM & L Co., res., the Willows.
1881-1882	George Blaine, carpenter, SCVM & L Co., (now at 4th and San Fernando St., San Jose), res., the Willows, 5 acres.
1884-1885	Craftsman, SCVM & L Co., res., the Willows, 4 acres
1889	George Blaine, Supt., SCVM & L Co., res., Lincoln Ave. near school house. A-34-R ssnsr-Iorar-P-Idr-M-err.
1899-1900	George Blaine (P), orchardist, res., Lincoln Ave. near Minnesota.
1912	Dec. 25, died.
1913	Blaine, George (Alice M), res., r w S. Lincoln Ave. 5 so. of Minn. Ave., RFD, #3, Bx 271

*This first date is verified through the San Jose Register of Voters, courtesy of Mr. Clyde Arbuckle.

1915 Blaine, Alanzan (wid. of Geo.), res.,
RFD #3, Bx 271 Lincoln.

1916 Blaine, Alanzan K. (wid. of Geo.),
res., 113 S. Lincoln.

This seems to be the last mention of the Blaines. I have verified the fact that the house was situated on approximately five acres, and that the house originally faced Lincoln Avenue.

A 1916 map of San Jose shows the Willows (as Willow Glen was originally called), and I observed some interesting features. Lincoln Avenue south of Willow Street was relatively new. The only marked intersections were: Minnesota Ave., Pine Ave., and Malone Road. There was little movement north and south parallel to Lincoln. Washington St., and Lupton Ave. connected Minnesota to Pine Ave. Minnesota Ave. itself ran as far as the present Hicks Ave. Hicks Ave. began at Minnesota and went only south. I have included this map.

Information from a neighbor who has lived on Nevada Ave. since 1937 has proved useful in providing clues.

A man by the name of George W. Brown was the next owner of 1118 Nevada, or the Blaine House.

In 1937 Nevada Ave. was just a dirt street, or road. My neighbor knows that his house was built by the Brown's in 1932. He knows that the lot next to his property, both parcels west of the Blaine House, was sold in 1923. Apparently Mr. Brown had a great deal to do with changing the address and the facing of the Blaine House from Lincoln Ave. to Nevada Ave.

Notice how the residence description changes over the years. With a growing population and the San Jose area becoming more densely inhabited, addresses became more exact.

From 1874 to 1898, the Blaine home was merely listed as being in the Willows. In 1889, Lincoln Grammar School on the southwest corner of Minnesota and Lincoln became a landmark, and the Blaine home is located from this point.

For several years beyond 1899, the house carried a Rural Free Delivery number, and a box number. In 1916, I believe, the Willows incorporated into the township of Willow Glen. The Blaine address became 113 So. Lincoln Avenue.

1917-1925

No ownership shows in the city directories, although neighbors inform me that the house was never empty. Mrs. Blaine left the house to live in a smaller house on the Hamilton Avenue orchard. She died there in 1926. Franklin Blaine, a descendent, informed me that members of Alazan's family (Kenyons) occupied the home.

1926

George W (Venie), r 1034 Nev.; real est., office 1178 Lincoln. In 1926, Nevada had been established as a street. There is a question as to the exact date. George Washington Brown may have bought the house and five acres much earlier. I can verify 1923. Jean Baltz bought a lot on Nevada Avenue, then a dirt road, from George Washington Brown. This lot was part of the Blaine five acres. The two houses to the immediate west of our present property line were built, 1924, 1932 respectively, by George W. Brown.

1927-1941

The Browns occupied the house still. An address change took place this year, caused perhaps by Willow Glen's becoming part of San Jose in 1936. The Blaine house became 1118 Nevada Avenue.

1950

This is the last year the Browns are listed as owners.

1952-1954

Richard W. Willette, psychologist, r 1118 Nevada Ave.

1959-1968

William Murphy (Mary), buyer Feballer and Sons, r. 1118 Nevada Ave.

1968-1970

Robert Bleily (Marion), contractor, r. 1118 Nevada Ave.

1971

William Joesten (Lois), teacher, r 1118 Nevada Ave.

CITY DIRECTORIES--SAN JOSE

These are as listed in CLH-2 through 1876

- 1878 Directory of the City of San Jose for 1878 containing a general register of the names of all residents, and a classified business directory, together with a historical sketch of the city, a general review of its progress, and a variety of statistical information; also a directory of Santa Clara containing a general register of names, business directory, etc. San Jose, Cottle & Wright, 1878.

- 1881-82 L. M. McKenney. Includes only San Jose and Santa Clara County.

- 1882-83 San Jose directory 1882-83. Containing the names and addresses of every adult resident, a guide to streets, classified list of all those engaged in business; also a variety of statistical matter, to which is annexed a business directory of prominent San Francisco houses. San Francisco, Southern California Publishing Company, Bacon & Co., Printers.

- 1884-85 L. M. McKenney. Includes San Jose, with Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz counties.

- 1887-88 Uhlhorn & McKenney. Includes as above

- 1889 L. M. McKenney. This is the only one to include San Jose and the following counties: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey.

- 1889 Santa Clara County directory, including the City of San Jose, giving name, occupation and residence of all adult persons in the county. San Jose, California, L. L. Bettys, 1889. Printed and bound by Pacific Press Publishing Company, Oakland, Calif.

HERE HUSTED TAKES OVER AS FOLLOWS:

- 1890 San Jose and these counties: Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey.

- 1892 Same

- 1893 San Jose and Santa Clara County.

- 1894-1906 Same as above

HERE, BECOMES POLK-HUSTED

1907-08 San Jose and Santa Clara County.
1909-13 Same
1915-17 San Jose and Santa Clara (city).
1917-52 San Jose and Santa Clara County.
1954 San Jose City and San Jose Suburban, including
 Santa Clara, Los Gatos, Mountain View, Sunnyvale,
 Campbell, Cupertino, Saratoga.
1955-65 San Jose and Santa Clara (city).
1966 San Jose
1968-74 San Jose--separate volume for San Jose suburban.
1975 on has been San Jose only.

THE GEORGE BLAINE CHRONOLOGY

George Blaine and Alazan Kenyon Blaine arrived in San Jose in 1869.

Cora Blaine, an only child, was born in San Francisco in 1865.

George Blaine died December 25, 1912. I have included his obituary and his death certificate.

Alazan Kenyon Blaine died December 9, 1926. I have included her obituary.

Cora Blaine married in 1895. On August 6, 1896, Cora Blaine Eustice died in childbirth. Neither mother nor child survived.

This is the end of the George Blaine lineage.

Some members of the Kenyon family are buried in the Blaine plot at Oak Hill Cemetery. The Cushings had a neighboring orchard, records showing Blaine at 271 South Lincoln and Cushing at 275 South Lincoln.

Stephen Cushing, February 10, 1906

Mary Kenyon Cushing, January 13, 1913

There is evidence in death that a second sister joined Alazan in making a home in Santa Clara County. Jessie Kenyon Hickman was buried in the Blaine family plot at Oak Hill, February 8, 1921.

THE JOHN BLAINE CHRONOLOGY

George Blaine had one brother who, with his family, eventually came to Santa Clara County, California. He had to have been born before 1852, the year in which both parents died. John Blaine settled in Campbell, California, in 1887. His son, John D. Blaine was 13 at the time (John D. born 1874).

John Dodbridge Blaine married into the Campbell family, founders of that township. In 1927, he became Justice of the Peace. He died in 1965 at the age of 91. (Mr. Joseph Walker remembers him as an enthusiastic bicyclist who often peddled past his uncle's old home on Nevada Avenue and chatted with the neighbors.)

John Dodbridge Blaine has four surviving children:

John Franklin Blaine, Campbell, California

Laura Blaine Romer, San Anselmo, California

Mamie Blaine Hurlbert, Pacific Grove, California

Elmarie Blaine Dykes (daughter of Mamie)
Pacific Grove, California

Although I have contacted three, Franklin, Laura and Elmarie, Frank has been the only one who has responded, and his information has been most useful.

THE FLOOR PLAN

Playing detective in a house that is more than a century old is quite a challenge. If our family had not desperately felt the need for a second bathroom, I would never have crawled under the house. Once there, my need to find the sewer line took second place to my need to explore, and to satisfy my curiosity about the network of brick foundations I found. Every existing upstairs room had its own foundation, and I could determine that the size and shape of the rooms had not been changed since the house had been built.

Internally, door openings and room use have been altered. Looking carefully, one can see where alterations have been made. In the entrance parlor, on the staircase wall, there is a door for a storage closet. Next to that door was another door connecting the front parlor with the original dining room. Again, in the front parlor, there is a double French door to the left of the main entrance leading into the main back, or living room. This door is eighty inches high with a paned transom window above it. Originally, this had been a single door width, rising to the top of the transom, and pocketed into the space occupied by second section of the existing French door. The Victorian pocket door probably had a frosted, or etched glass panel, and the door way itself created more of an arch than the French doors do, giving more wall space to the rooms on either side.

My neighbors told me that Venie Brown in later life, suffered from arthritis, and the Browns needed a down stairs bedroom. The dining room became the sacrificial lamb. The buffet pass-through between the dining room and the butler's pantry was sealed off and plastered over, as well as the door leading into the entrance parlor. Along the same wall, two feet was taken from the living room to become a closet in Venie's new bedroom. Mercifully, the moldings match; plaster lines show only if one looks at the right angle, under the right light. And a closet with louvered doors in the dining room might be a good place to store china. The Browns were content with their sealed butler's pantry, kitchen, and storage pantry.

My neighbors credit the Murphy family with creating a kitchen in the butler's pantry, and adding a bay window and window seat to the former large kitchen, creating a very large and comfortable eating area. They lowered the ceiling in the pantry, and built a small counter to divide the two areas. The storage pantry was left in tact.

Attached to the west side of the house, on the second floor originally must have been an open porch, matching the one facing east. Two bedrooms and a bathroom have windows facing west. Remember, the Victorians provided a comfortable retreat from summer's night heat. Someone saw fit to close in the porch, creating a closet for each bedroom, and a utility room off the bathroom. This change was made when matching clapboard and wooden rain gutters were still milled.

These are changes in the floor plan that I can determine. My dream is to keep the house practical and functional, but also to restore to an original state some things that never should have been changed.

I would start with the dining room...

MEMORIES OF JOSEPH P. WALKER
1120 Nevada Avenue

Mr. Walker is the second oldest remaining resident still living on Nevada Avenue. His home, 1120 Nevada, was built in 1932 for his mother-in-law. Mr. & Mrs. Walker have occupied the house since 1937. Jean Baltz, Mr. Walker's neighbor to the immediate west is the oldest living resident on the street. Mr. Blatz corroborates Walker's recollections. Both of their memories are tied to the Browns' occupancy of 1118, and what the Browns told of the original owners, the Blaines.

An out building, now on a separate lot to the southeast of the Blaine house was originally a chicken coop.

Mr. Walker remembers the Willow Glen Elementary school when it was a one room wooden building. It was set far back into the corner of Lincoln and Minnesota Avenues, bounded on two sides by the Cochran dairy. Mr. Cochran's property joined the Blaine five acres, but then extended beyond Blaine's to the west where Newport Avenue is now. The dairy went bankrupt, and the pasture land was plowed and then planted with walnut trees. Several of these big old walnut trees can still be seen.

An amusing and ironical anecdote concerning our property happened prior to the opening of the Treasure Island World's Fair in San Francisco, 1939. Landscapers were combing the bay area for fully grown, native California trees. Toward the rear side of our house was a perfectly shaped, fully grown oak tree. The landscape architects made a bid to buy the tree,

which the Browns, the owners of the house at that time refused. During the very next winter, the tree fell during a storm and knocked out part of a side porch.

Mr. Walker remembered at random things about old Willow Glen, old San Jose. As a young boy he worked at a general store on Cherry and Minnesota Avenues making home deliveries on his bicycle. He remembers a German watch maker named Lupton who had his shop on Cherry Avenue. Another person on his route was a Mr. Holt who moved to Willow Glen from Palo Alto. The government had bought his land for \$32.00 to build the Moffet Field dirigible hanger, and develop a base there.

Some of Mr. Walker's memories challenge the imagination of those who only see it as it is. Imagine downtown Willow Glen lined with cyprus trees that overlapped, creating a tunnel of greenery. Imagine to the northeast of the present business district, a rancher herding goats.

Willow Glen was water wealthy. There were an abundance of wells. Mr. Walker knows of three that are on our property. Another contributor to fast growth and long life of trees is an underground river runs along our property. From what Mr. Walker said, it seems to run the length of Blaine's original five acres.

Dry Creek road to the west of Willow Glen really was a dry creek. A rancher had a section of the Los Gatos creek crossing his property. He dammed up this section to irrigate his fields, and the water flow stopped. This dry creek bed became the very fashionable Dry Creek road.

MEMORIES OF JEAN BALTZ
1122 Nevada Avenue

Mr. Jean Baltz is the oldest surviving neighbor. His house is next to the Walker property, again west of the present 1118. Mr. Baltz bought his lot in 1923 from George Washington Brown, realtor, and moved into a house built by the same Mr. Brown in 1924. Then Nevada Avenue was a dirt street. An attempt had been made to line the street with walnut trees.

Mr. Blatz has an anecdote worth repeating. The development of streets depended much upon farm property lines, and the sale of adjacent pieces of land. At one time, Nevada Avenue ended with the limits of the Blaine property. Cochran owned the adjacent property, and the street runs in a straight line to this point. Cochran and another family owned the property west, property that was being developed at the same time. These two men could not agree financially on a settlement to make Nevada a straight street. Mr. Cochran did not want to sacrifice his land for a straight street, and the other gentleman did not want to compensate him for his loss. Hence the street has a jog where it follows the original boundary between the two farms. The residents of the lower end were extremely upset, and complained vociferously. The people on the upper end, tired of complaints, built a gate at the natural end of lower Nevada Avenue about 50 feet west of the present Iris Court intersection which stood for about a year, from 1924 to 1925. In due time, a matter of convenience eradicated the need for a spite gate, and it was removed.

AN ANECDOTE ATTRIBUTED TO CLYDE ARBUCKLE

Clyde Arbuckle, official and unofficial San Jose historian, creates a situation that is a strong antidote for those who grow soggy with nostalgia. In a comfortable room filled with prosperous, middle aged people who have become intoxicated on romantic memories of the good old days, Clyde would begin:

"There are sixteen of us in this room now. I'd guess our average age is about fifty." Here he would pause dramatically. "How many of you as children had measles, or mumps, rheumatic fever, or diphtheria?" All of the sixteen people would remember having had at least one, perhaps two of these common childhood illnesses. While they were enlarging the association by remembering an individual bout with scarlet fever, chicken pox, or pneumonia, Clyde would continue. "In the early 1900's many childhood diseases were often fatal. At least four of you would not be present tonight."

After a rather uncomfortable feeling of shock subsided, Clyde would continue his questioning. "How many of you present have had an emergency appendicitis?" Four people would respond, and Clyde would casually observe, "At the turn of the century, only two of you would have survived. Peritonitis was a Killer." Clyde would further his advantage with another penetrating question. "How many of you have had heart attacks, have needed oxygen, or a respirator?" Three people would respond, and Clyde would observe, "Only one of you would be here tonight."

"To my ladies, who among you had difficulty in labor, or childbirth?" Three ladies would respond to this question. Clyde would nod sadly and say, "Only one of you would be present tonight."

Without being told, the group realized that their number had dwindled to an elitist group of survivors, a very lucky few who seemingly had been picked at random by fate.

"How many of you," concluded Clyde, "have had surgery and desperately needed a blood transfusion?" Five people responded. Now the atmosphere of the room was heavy with foreboding, and Clyde would say softly, "None of you would be present tonight."

From just a random sampling of common illnesses, treatment and possible recovery death had claimed fourteen of the sixteen people present. Exploring Oak Hill Cemetery searching tomb stones for the Blaines' plot verified much of Clyde Arbuckle's experiment. Babies, teenager, young people in their twenties and thirties abounded. Cora Blaine, age thirty-one, died in childbirth. Of the immediate Blaine family, only George and Alazan saw their eighties. Why do we seem always to remember and romanticize the exceptions?

1118 Nevada Ave.
San Jose, Calif. 95125

July 20, 1979

My dear Mrs. Romer,

Your brother Frank was good enough to give me your address. Your phone call coincided with my call to your brother. That very evening I had phoned and introduced myself, hoping that Frank might be some way related to the Blaine family who built the house on Nevada Avenue where my family and I now live.

I had been puzzled for sometime about Cora Blaine, and how she just dropped out of the various records that I had had the opportunity to search. Thank you for solving that mystery.

What I am trying to do is research the Nevada Avenue house, and if I can uncover enough valid information, I will have the home recorded on the National Registry of historical sites, and the California, and San Jose list of landmarks. One of the advantages of achieving this status is that demolition of historically designated structures is made difficult. I would like to say impossible, but one cannot block the monied forces of progress, especially if these forces take the shape of parking lots and shopping centers.

The first family who occupied the house is very important to my work. I have found some good, documented information about George Blaine, where he came from, when he arrived in California, when he arrived in San Jose. He had a beautiful obituary in the local paper, Dec. 27, 1912. Any memories you have of George Blaine, any honors, civic or otherwise would be helpful. Another thing that I would be thrilled to have is a picture of the house. Your description of the original floor plan of the house would be useful. I am trying to determine what might have been changed, or added at a later date. I have read in two sources references to the Blaine's "lovely home in the Willows." The house originally faced Lincoln Avenue, and I envision a long landscaped drive.

In 1916 I found the last reference to Alazan Blaine, widow, in the City Directory. In 1925 I find the first mention of a George Washington Brown as resident. George was a real estate man, and it seems that he subdivided most of the Blaine five acres, and is responsible for the original side of the house to face Nevada Avenue which was cut through in his time. Your brother Frank was again helpful in telling me that the home was occupied by the Kenyons, Alazan's relatives, and that she herself went to live on the Hamilton Avenue property. Anything

that you can tell me about the Kenyons, Alazan's later years, and what was happening to the original house and property from 1916 to 1925 would be helpful, and deeply appreciated.

Both my wife and I, and our children too, love this old Victorian beauty. We like antique furniture, and gracious memorabilia of what seems a more relaxed life style. We dream of restoring as much of the house as we can, and some day, passing it on to someone who will share our enthusiasm for this grand old home.

I do not wish to place a burden upon you, but what you can remember, what you may have tucked away in a trunk, or some other forgotten place may be very important to me. Any thing that you care to share, I will be grateful to have.

Sincerely,

1118 Nevada Avenue
San Jose, Calif. 95125

March 12, 1980

Mrs. E. Dykes
P.O. Box 300
Pacific Grove, California 93950

Dear Mrs. Dykes,

My wife and I spent a very pleasant evening with Frank and Eulah Blaine a week or so ago. Frank suggested that I contact you.

We are the current owners of the George Blaine house in Willow Glen, and both Lois and I are very much interested in filling in all the information that we can about George Blaine, Alazan, and Cora. Frank thought that you might be of some help. In particular I would love a picture of the house in its original setting - facing Lincoln Avenue. George Blaine's obituary stated that he was a prominent local architect who designed many homes and buildings in San Jose. I would love to know what some of these buildings were, or perhaps, still are. Really, any information that you have to share I would appreciate. Whatever they might be - pictures, documents, diaries, letters - I promise to copy and return in first class condition.

Perhaps we are sentimentalists. What we have discovered about George and Alazan we admire and love. We treasure the home they built and lived in. We would like very much to see it preserved for posterity.

Sincerely,

William Joesten

EPILOGUE

I would like to say that I am finished, but so long as I live in this house I shall be curious. Perhaps there are ghosts prompting me to uncover things that had happened. I am sure though that my ghosts are friendly ones, happy spirits who share our happiness, and who want us to enjoy the happiness that they nurtured here.

I wonder about Alazan's sisters, their marriages, the families that they left behind. I wonder about Alazan's will, and how she distributed the property that George left solely to her. Did she sell it, or bequeath it before she died in 1926? I wonder too, why she left her home in the Willows in 1917 to live in a farm house.

I am still looking for the wedding announcement, or wedding article about Cora Blaine. Surely the one daughter of a local, prominent man should have some interesting coverage in the newspaper. I have applied the same logic to her death the very next year. Both stories should have made good copy.

I hope to hear at some time from Laura Blaine Romer. And Tom King has promised to bring Franklin Blaine to see the house, and perhaps to reminisce.

I have the forms of application now for the National Registry of Historic Buildings. My next project is filling them out.

I leave blank pages. This story, so long as the house stands, has no ending... "Mortal too am I, and a dreamer. But the dream will abide!"

CREDITS:

Most of my information was gathered by examining records and documents. The California Room of the San Jose Public Library was most useful. George Kobayashi was an enthusiastic and energetic helper.

I worked with the clerks in the County Recorder's Office, and at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Thomas M. King, Museum Assistant with the City of Campbell contributed information and clues. Tom worked on the 1973 San Jose survey. (Refer clippings.)

The telephone directory and my own boldness led me to Franklin Blaine. I had heard that there was a living relative, and Franklin was my second call.

I talked with many old residents of Willow Glen. Jean Baltz, Joseph Walker, Renie Tate, and a realtor who sold many of the homes on neighboring streets. (Newport, until Willow Glen joined San Jose, was Washington Street.)

Clyde Arbuckle is always an interesting source of information. Most of his materials he has donated to the San Jose Museum at Kelly Park. I visited the museum and talked to Mrs. Claudia Germaine. Most of their information is general about San Jose and the valley.

I had an interesting conversation with Pat Loomis, historian with the San Jose Mercury News. She explained the limitations of their "morgue."

Paulette Ornellas, a Victorian owner who has been down this road of research for the National Registry, gave me some helpful hints.

Everyone wished me luck!

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Mrs. Rene Tate, 1115 Nevada Ave., San Jose, Calif.

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Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, California. Map showing Block lot and section of Blaine Family plot.

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Obituary George Blaine.

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Obituary Alazan Blaine.

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APPENDIX

"George Blaine is Dead;
Formerly a Local Architect."

Obituary, George Blaine
Obituary, Alazan Blaine

1916 Map, City of San Jose

"George Blaine,"
Pen Pictures From The
Garden Of The World.

Current Map of Nevada Avenue
and overlay showing the
Blaine property.

Letter, Oak Hill Cemetery

Burial Record,
George Blaine Plot

Death Certificate,
George Blaine

Death Certificate,
Alazan Blaine

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Letter, Department of
Health Services,
Sacramento, California

Map showing Blaine Plot,
Oak Hill Cemetery

VISITORS CROWD INTO STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Town Is Ready for Celebration of Birthday of President-Elect.

Bonfires Will Herald Approach of Governor's Train Through State.

By the Associated Press.
STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 26.—Visitors from various parts of the country began to arrive here today for the celebration in honor of the homecoming of President-elect Wilson, which will begin on his arrival in Staunton tomorrow night and conclude Saturday night. The arrival of every train augmented the crowd of visitors and by tomorrow it is expected the city will be thronged.

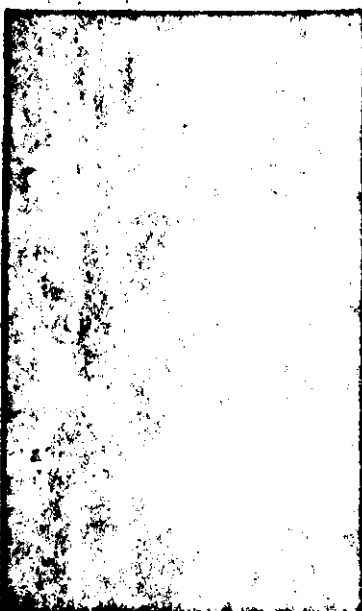
Every precaution has been taken to safeguard the President-elect. A large detective force is here, and policemen from other cities will assist in maintaining order. In order to prevent Governor Wilson from catching cold during the big parade which he will review on Saturday the reviewing stand will be enclosed with glass and heated. Mrs. Wilson will be tendered a reception Saturday by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Plans were completed at Alexandria, Va., today which will be the first stop made by the President-elect on his way to Staunton for tendering him a big reception.

Although his train will stop only a few minutes, it is expected Mr. Wilson will make a brief address. All along the route from Alexandria to Staunton Mr. Wilson will be greeted by the glare of bonfires.

Schooner Hits Bar.
EUREKA, Dec. 26.—The steam schooner Wellesley scraped the Humboldt bar shortly after noon today and was compelled to put back to port here. The vessel's pumps are working, and gangs of stevedores are discharging her cargo. While she is leaking badly, it is not believed she will sink. The Wellesley is owned by W. G. Tibbets of San Francisco, and is the third vessel to strike the bar this month.

GEORGE BLAINE IS DEAD; FORMERLY A LOCAL ARCHITECT



THE LATE GEORGE BLAINE.

GEOGE BLAINE, a prominent and widely-known orchardist, passed peacefully away at his home on Lincoln avenue in the Willows Christmas-day, closing a long and well-spent career.

Mr. Blaine was one of the early settlers in San Jose. Born in New York, at a time when that city had but one streetcar, he at an early age crossed the plains to San Francisco, by way of The Dalles, Or. Later he moved to San Jose, where he established his home. This was over 40 years ago.

For some years he was with the Santa Clara Valley Mill and Lumber company, where as architect he designed many of the older residences in and about San Jose. He was sent east on a special mission to select the entire hardwood for the Flood home at Menlo Park, and superintended the

CONGRESS MUST PLAN TO RAISE \$350,000,000

Ways and Means Committee Is Figuring on Meeting Nation's Demands.

Tariff Revision Problem Confronts the New Administration.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Between \$325,000,000 and \$350,000,000 will have to be raised by the tariff organization of congress. This is the basis on which the ways and means committee is figuring. The committee will provide in tariff provision plans whether there shall be an excise or income tax to meet part of the revenue necessities. A number of members of the house committee on ways and means were at the capitol today preparing for the coming hearings.

Mr. Underwood of Alabama, chairman of the committee which is to confer with President-elect Wilson next Tuesday in response to an invitation from Mr. Wilson, which he accepted today, was at the capitol, still suffering somewhat from the grippe. The tariff hearings begin with the chemical schedule January 6.

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Lower Apt., New York, N.Y.

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uary, 1885, he came to Santa Clara County, bought his present ranch, known as the property, of eighty acres, lying about a of the county road between Mayfield and View, which place was planted with the kinds of fruit and table grapes without expense, and has been kept in the most perfect to the present time. It is now one of the of its age in the State, which the writer of can verify by personal observations. The h we examined is the vineyard of fifteen ble grapes grafted in the resistant stock now s old, which are in good bearing condition as fine as any seen in the valley. The comprise 20 rows of Flaming Tokay, 31 Rose of Peru, and 34 rows of Cornichon, 8 Muscats, 22 rows of Black Hamburg, 4 rows la, 4 rows of Sweetwater, and 29 rows of eties. The orchard has apricots, consisting varieties: Moxpox, Hemskirts, and Royals. h varieties are the early Crawfords, being years old, numbering about sixty trees. well loaded with fruit and equal to anything ate. The nut trees, with plums intervening, f 350 pecans and about 50 English walnuts. plum varieties there are 100 Japan plums, 240 Egg plums, 30 Jeffries plums, and 40 Chest- he olives, about 80 in number, well loaded t, are five years old, and have born for two There is also a family orchard, consisting of rries, peaches, raspberries, blackberries, etc. s a strip of country lying between the San o and San Jose road, toward the foot-hills, s not been fully appreciated until recently, s now proving from actual experience to be m of the county for vine and fruit-growing. Wakelee's place fully demonstrates this fact. arked peculiarity of that place is, the vines out ten feet apart and the trees thirty feet and the place, generally speaking, proves the ness of this theory.

city adjoining the Almond Grove Addition. Mr. Massol has an almond orchard of twenty-two acres in good bearing condition, which is the oldest orchard in Los Gatos, the most of the trees being about fifteen years old. Fen Massol is the only child in his father's family. He was educated at Napa, California, and graduated in June, 1879. During his residence in Sacramento he was employed in the County Clerk's office, and in the law office of Cret Haymond. In 1884 he started in the jewelry business with O. B. Austin, under the firm name of Austin & Massol, who are the leading jewelers of Los Gatos. They are also engaged in the real-estate business, in which they have been very successful. Mr. Massol is a charter member of the Los Gatos Parlor, No. 124, N. S. G. W. and since its organization has been Secretary of the order.

GEORGE BLAINE, fruit-grower and foreman of the manufacturing department of the Santa Clara Valley Mill and Lumber Co., of San Jose, with which company he has been connected almost continuously for fifteen years, lives on Lincoln Avenue, between Minnesota and Pine Avenues, in the Willows, near San Jose. There he has built a beautiful home and planted an orchard containing four and one-half acres in prunes, cherries, apricots, and peaches. This place was originally planted in apples, but they proved unsatisfactory, and were replaced by the fruits above mentioned. He has also an orchard of thirty-eight acres on Hamilton Avenue, west of the Meridian road, about four miles west of San Jose. This contains about eight acres of peaches, eighteen acres of prunes, five acres of apricots, and five acres of cherries.

Mr. Blaine was born in Seneca County, New York State, in 1830. His parents were also natives of New York State, where they resided until 1834, removing to Michigan in that year. Before removing his family west, Mr. Blaine's father made a trip from New York State by steam to Detroit, thence across the State to what is now Grand Haven, Michigan, thence following the beach around the lake to Chicago. He made this trip on foot, improvising rafts on which to cross the various streams running into Lake Michigan. Chicago consisted, when he reached there, of a block house with a few United States troops, and a trading store kept by a Frenchman for the accommodation of the Indians and the few settlers, and fur traders then in the Northwest. Returning to New York State, he

MASSOL was born November 15, 1859, Sacramento, California. His father, F. A. Massol, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and to California in March, 1853. He settled in ento, where he married Orpha Merwin, a native aware County, New York. In July, 1883, they to Los Gatos and located at the edge of the

emigrated with his family, settling where Mason, the county seat of Ingham County, Michigan, now stands. The country around was a wilderness, their house and that of a neighbor who accompanied them being, as far as they could learn, eighteen miles the furthest west in Michigan. Mr. Blaine's father being a carpenter and builder, as well as farmer, took a very active part in building up that country.

His son, the subject of this sketch, grew up on the farm, and having been from his earliest youth familiar with the use of tools, became by the time he reached manhood proficient in the builder's trade, working with his father and brother at that business for some years. In 1852 Mr. Blaine's mother died, his father following her to the grave in three months. They are both buried in the cemetery at Mason, Michigan. In 1854 Mr. Blaine removed from Michigan, stopping a short time in Chicago and working at various places in Illinois at his trade. For about three years previous to the war he was engaged in buying grain, etc., at Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois, where he met and married, in December, 1860, Miss Alazan Kenyon, daughter of R. A. and - (Rhodes) Kenyon, natives of Jefferson County, New York, who removed to a point near Kalamazoo, Michigan, about 1840, and thence to Lincoln in 1858. Eighteen months after his marriage he removed from Lincoln, crossing the plains and passing through Montana, Idaho, reaching The Dalles, of Oregon in September, 1862. His wife joined him the following year, reaching The Dalles by way of New York, the Panama route, and San Francisco. Remained there until 1864, employed by the Oregon Steam Navigation Co. in steamboat building. Not wishing to make Oregon his permanent home he removed to San Francisco, where he worked about five years, at ship-joining. Having made a casual visit to Santa Clara Valley in 1869, and being impressed with its delightful climate and wonderful resources, they purchased the place where they now reside, and which they have since developed into their present beautiful home.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine have one daughter, Cora A., born in San Francisco. She is a graduate of the State Normal School at San Jose, has taught school for two terms—one in Napa County, and one in Visalia, Tulare County. She is now living with her parents at the Willows. Mr. Blaine had six brothers and two sisters: Mary Ann, who died in Ingham County, Michigan, in 1856, her husband, Anson Jackson, County Surveyor of that county, preceding her to the grave in 1854; David Blaine, who died in Kansas

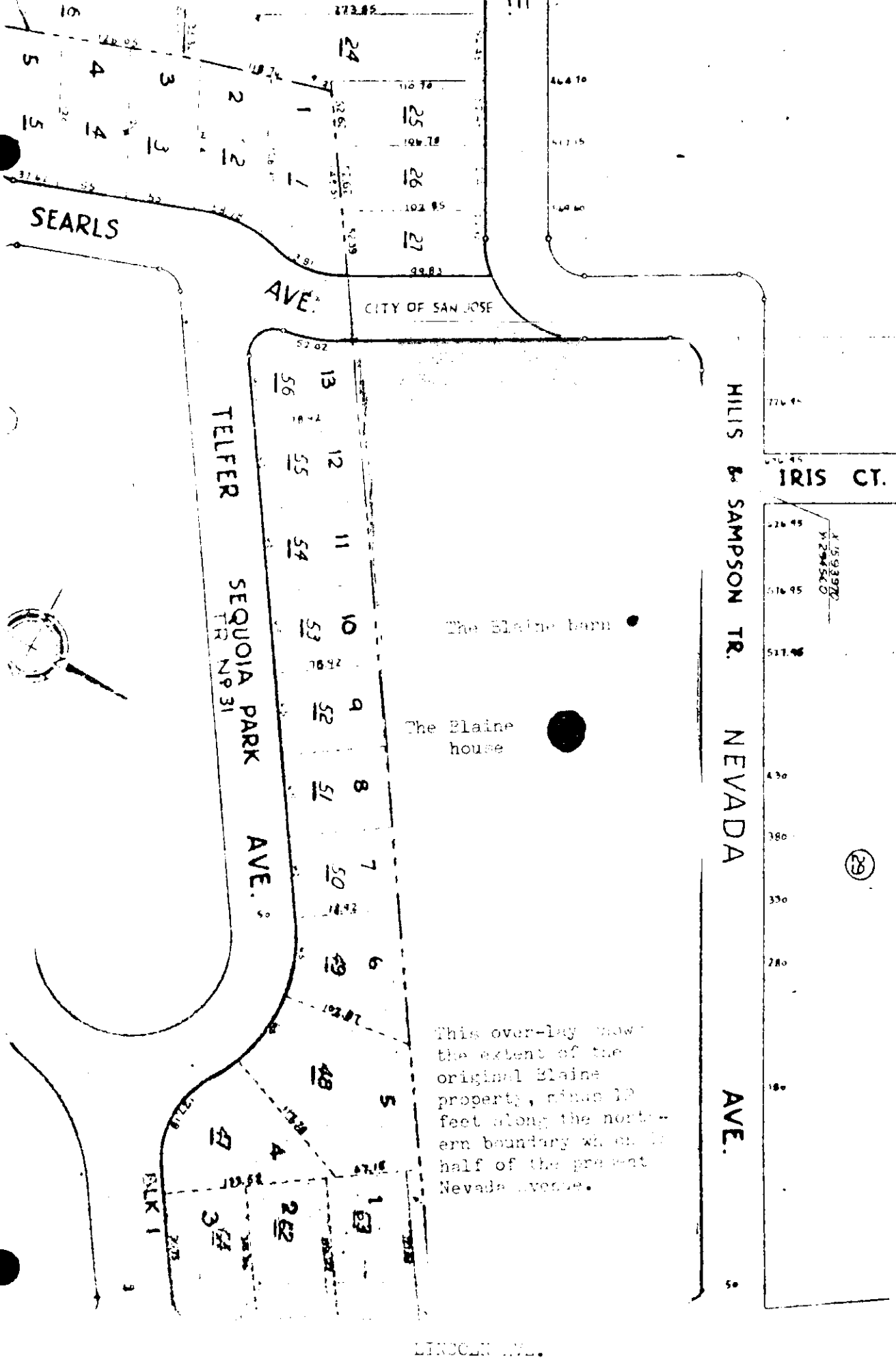
about 1878. William, who died in Jackson, Michigan, about twelve years ago; Chester, who died in Mason, Michigan, aged fifteen years; Bartley, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, engaged also in farming, living in Northern Nebraska; John, now living in Santa Clara County, California; Emma E., now Mrs. Hubbard, living in Dakota. Mr. Blaine is a member of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco; also of Enterprise Lodge, No. 17, A. O. U. W., of San Jose.

Mr. Blaine has always been an ardent Republican, having voted for John C. Fremont in 1856. He attended a political gathering in Kalamazoo in that year, at which Abraham Lincoln made a speech in the interests of Fremont's campaign.



MRS. SYLVIA CLARK. Horticulture seems to be a pursuit that is eminently fitting for women. This has been exemplified to a degree by the subject of this sketch, who owns ten acres in the Willows, San Jose, on Hicks Avenue, at the head of Pine Avenue, which is partly planted in peaches, black Tartarian cherries, and apricots. She bought the place, a grain-field at the time, about twelve years ago. For some years she has had it worked on the shares, she being in Los Angeles County for a while, but now she very sensibly proposes to manage it herself.

Mrs. Clark is a native of Perry, Wyoming County, New York, where she was educated, and married to Solomon Clark, a native of the same county. Her parents, Septimus and Charissa Smith, were natives of Rutland, Vermont, moving to New York at an early date. The parents of Mr. Clark were natives of Massachusetts, who moved to Penn Yan, New York, also at an early date. Mr. Clark learned the hardware business with his brother, Abiah Clark, at Penn Yan. After his marriage he went to Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York, and engaged in the hardware business, but finally returned to Penn Yan and opened a similar establishment, in which he remained three years. He then sold out to his brother and moved to Whitewater, Wisconsin, where he remained in the hardware business for twenty-three years. Mr. Clark largely helped to build up this town, having given liberally to every church, the Normal School, and every public enterprise requiring his support. His failing health deciding them to come



This over-lay shows the extent of the original Blaine property, minus 12 feet along the northern boundary which is half of the present Nevada Avenue.

LINCOLN AVE.



Oak Hill

Memorial Park and Mortuary

- 300 CURTNER AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95125
- P.O. BOX 224, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95103
- TELEPHONE (408) 297-2447

August 3, 1979

William Joesten
1118 Nevada Ave.
San Jose, CA 95125

Dear Mr. Joesten:

Enclosed is the information that you requested regarding your family history. If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact us again.

Sincerely,

OAK HILL MEMORIAL PARK

Dorothy S. Haas

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Name Edith J. Hickman *(on tombstone - Jessie Kenyon Hickman)*

DIED February 8, 1921

BORN _____ OR AGE AT DEATH 30 years

LOCATION OF GRAVESITE Lot 4, Block 123, Section P

NO RECORD FOUND _____

Name Cora A. Eustice

DIED August 6, 1896

BORN _____ OR AGE AT DEATH 31 years

LOCATION OF GRAVESITE Lot 4, Block 123, Section P

NO RECORD FOUND _____

Name George Blaine

DIED December 25, 1912

BORN _____ OR AGE AT DEATH 82 years, 11 months, 16 days

LOCATION OF GRAVESITE Lot 4, Block 123, Section P

NO RECORD FOUND _____

Name Alazan K. Blaine

DIED December 9, 1926

BORN _____ OR AGE AT DEATH 88 years, 7 months, 21 days

LOCATION OF GRAVESITE Lot 4, Block 123, Section P

NO RECORD FOUND _____

Name Mary K. Cushing

DIED January 13, 1913

BORN _____ OR AGE AT DEATH 66 years, 7 months, 13 days

LOCATION OF GRAVESITE Lot 4, Block 123, Section P

NO RECORD FOUND _____

Name Stephen R. Cushing

DIED February 10, 1906

BORN _____ OR AGE AT DEATH 72 years, 8 months, 19 days

LOCATION OF GRAVESITE Lot 4, Block 123, Section F

NO RECORD FOUND _____

PLACE OF DEATH

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State Index No.

1912

DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local Registered No.

627

[If death occurred in hospital or institution give its name instead of street and number and city and State]

Town of

City of

or

Trade

1. Full Name

George W. Mann

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

2. SEX

3. AGE

4. COLOR or RACE

5. MARRIED, UNMARRIED, DIVORCED, or SEPARATED (Write the Word)

6. DATE OF BIRTH

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7. AGE

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8. OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9. BIRTHPLACE

(State or Country)

10. NAME OF FATHER

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER

(State or Country)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER

(State or Country)

14. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

At place of death

In California

15. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Informant

Address

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Santa Clara

GEORGE A. MANN, Recorder

I, the above entitled County, do hereby certify that the annexed is a full, true, and correct copy of the original.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

this 16 day of July 1912

By B. A. Mann Deputy

PLACE OF DEATH, ONE NUMBER COUNTY OF <u>San Diego</u> CITY OF <u>San Diego</u> DISTRICT OF <u>San Diego</u> LOCAL REGISTERED NO. <u>27-016375</u> WARD <u>1</u>		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH DATE OF DEATH <u>Dec 9</u> 19 <u>46</u> I, <u>HARRY CURTIS</u> , THOU I am a duly qualified physician, do hereby certify that on the date stated above at <u>San Diego</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>San Diego</u> . The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Exp. Cr.</u>	
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

OFFICE OF
THE STATE REGISTRAR
OF VITAL STATISTICS

This is to certify that
this is a true copy of
the original filed in
this office, & obtained
on this manner.

VERIFIED A SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE OF HEALTH SERVICES
STATE DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS

Edgar A. Blaine

SEP 10 1979

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CENTRAL OFFICE
101 GROVE STREET

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that all birth records of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, prior to July 1, 1905, were destroyed as the result of a general conflagration on April 18, 19 and 20, 1906; therefore this office is unable to furnish a copy of the birth record of any person who was born in this city prior to the above mentioned date.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

By
Director of Public Health and Local Registrar

SEAL

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

410 N STREET

SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

(916) 445-2684



January 1, 1980

M. J. Jones
111 Nevada Ave
Sacramento, CA 95825

Re: Birth Certificate for
M. J. Jones
M. J. Jones

Mr. M. J. Jones:

This is in reply to your request for a certified copy of a vital statistics record. Please refer to the information checked below:

X This office maintains records of births, marriages and deaths which have occurred in the State of California since July 1, 1905. We do not have records of earlier events except those delayed births registered as provided by law.

_____ We have searched the delayed birth certificates on file in this office and we were unable to locate this record.

_____ We suggest you contact the County Recorder in the county where the birth occurred. If no record is found, you may register the birth by delayed registration.

_____ Enclosed is an application for a delayed registration of birth which may be used to register the birth at this time.

_____ We are returning the fee which you submitted.

_____ We are requesting our Accounting Section to refund the fee you submitted which you will receive at a later date.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Billee C. Snider
Unit Supervisor

BCS:jlc

Enclosure

