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410 CENTRAL - 1909

Built in 1909 for T. F. Wood, who owned it through at least 1926, this house is an example of the American Foursquare style of architecture. This is one of many styles, Victorian and otherwise, which are being featured in a series of articles on architecture in Pacific Grove.

**20th ANNUAL VICTORIAN HOME TOUR  
(Centennial Edition)  
Sunday April 23, 1989**

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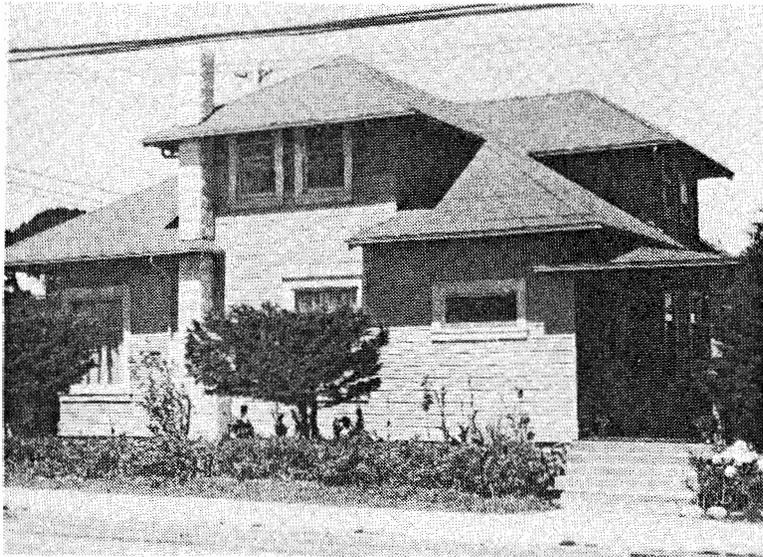
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## AMERICAN FOURSQUARE (1900 - 1930)

by Kent Seavey

American Foursquare is an extremely popular house style that until recently had no name. The American Foursquare is an unpretentious rectangle or square, with a hipped roof, heavy eaves, a porch across the front and sometimes a large dormer. It is reminiscent of the Colonial Revival. As a builder's or pattern book house, however, the American Foursquare was highly adaptable. It often contained elements of Tudor, Spanish Revival, Prairie or other styles. This house was also constructed in all the different building materials then in popular use -- shingle, clapboard, rusticated concrete block, brick and stucco (over frame or cinderblock).

Examples can be seen at 410 Central (see front cover) and 388 Central (see below).



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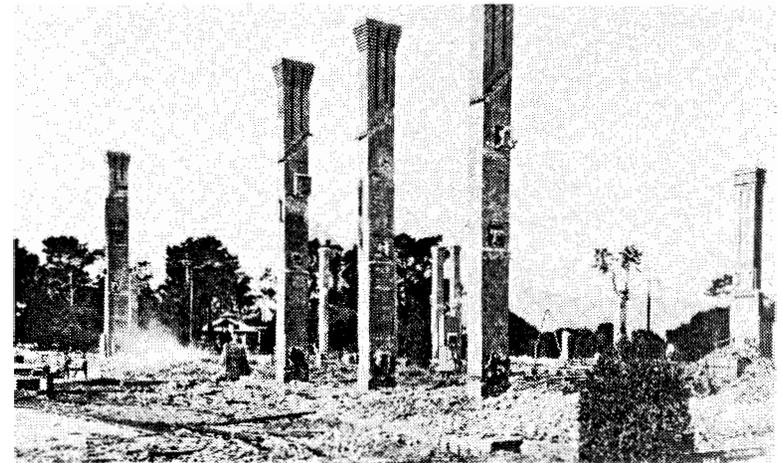
388 Central - 1911  
Built in 1911 for Libbie M. Huyck.

## DOWN THE PINEY PATH

News from the Pacific Grove REVIEW: March 1903

by E.C. Davis

- Electric lights have been placed in the Council Chambers.
- Will E. Wright has converted his barn on 15th Street into a five room cottage. (Ed. note: This was 510 15th Street and is now demolished).
- The pine trees have been cut from the grounds of St-Mary's-by-the-Sea as the borers had taken possession. More trees will be set out to take their places.
- Admiral Winfield Scott Schley is expected at Hotel Del Monte today. The hero of the greatest naval battle at Santiago is expected to stay a few days.
- A team belonging to Mr. Klauman of New Monterey ran away on Light House Avenue on Wednesday, creating consternation and collided with a light wagon turning it completely over.
- A woman wants work by the day. Apply at this office.
- Tom Work's new hotel will have 40 rooms.
- President Theodore Roosevelt will be at the Hotel Del Monte May 10th for one day.
- The Tabernacle Choir of Salt Lake City, to the number of 327, arrived in the Grove on Wednesday. They are travelling in Pullman Palace coaches, but they took their meals at the Woman's Exchange. The choir sang several selections at the depot before their train pulled out.
- Don't wear hand-me-downs when you can get a suit to order at \$12.50 and up at J. Meyer, the tailor.



Johnson photo - 1887

The first Hotel Del Monte, after being burned to the ground on the night of April 1, 1887.

## 20th ANNUAL VICTORIAN HOME TOUR

This year's home tour will be held on Sunday, April 23. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Five of the homes have never been on the tour before. Tickets are still only ten dollars and can be purchased NOW at the Chamber of Commerce office at the corner of Forest & Central six days a week during normal business hours. You can also buy them there on the day of the tour. Call 373-3304 for further information. The tour buildings are as follows:

Address	Built	First Owner
144 Carmel	1886	Mrs. P. Miller First time on tour.
136 Forest	1888	Mrs. S. A. Virgin First time on tour. The Home Inn.
352 Central	1888	Charles E. Davison Last time on tour in 1979.
228 17th Street	1889	H.W. Briggs First time on tour.
209 19th Street	1892	Mrs. Maria Hood First time on tour.
150 19th Street	1904	Cornelia Pierce Last time on tour in 1983
822 Laural	1910	W.S. Wyatt On first tour in 1969.
789 Lighthouse	1910	Cornelia Davis First time on tour.
643 Lighthouse	1888	J.F. Gosby Gosby House Inn.
612 Central.	1889	Eliza Beighle Centrella Hotel's 100th birthday.
255 Oceanview Blvd.	1899/1925	Martine Inn
Central & 12th	1887	St. Mary's-By-The-Sea Church
769 Lighthouse	1889	R.L. Holman MPMA offices.

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## LOOKING BACK 20 YEARS

The first Victorian Home Tour was sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula Jaycettes in 1969. The featured buildings back then were 822 Laurel, the Christian Church, 104 5th St, 110 10th St, 649 Lighthouse, 129 Pacific, 721 Lighthouse and 189 Evans (now boarded up and in disrepair). At that time, Mayor Earl Grafton proclaimed March 10 thru 16 as Victorian Home Tour Week in Pacific Grove.

Madelyn Sloan gave us a copy of the 1969 brochure. We would also like copies of the brochures from 1970 thru 1977 for our files. If you have one, may we make a copy?

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jeanne McCombs was elected to her second term as President of the Heritage Society at the February 2nd Board of Directors meeting held at the Barn. Other officers elected were David Korhonen as Vice-President, Don Beals as Treasurer and Carol Marquart as Secretary. Other Directors on the Board are Marilyn Arioto, Lynne Harter, Sirrah Harris, Irene Tope, Bob Doerr, Muriel Pyburn, Bob Dease, Carrol Patterson, Shirley Palmer, Adam Weiland, Kathie Taylor and Lee Purcell.

Prior to the regular Board meeting, Jeanne McCombs gave the yearly status report to those present at the annual general membership meeting. Among those in attendance were Bob & Toni Davis, Steve Romberg, Bob DeFord, Tom Rollander, John Renz, Tad Burness, Flo Schafer, Bobbie Hall & Ruth Parkins.

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## QUILT SHOW PREVIEW PARTY

The annual Quilt Show Preview party, which marks the opening of the Quilt Show, will be held from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday evening, April 21, at Chautauqua Hall. The ticket admission of \$7.50 includes wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Call Marilyn Arioto at 649-8270 for tickets and info.

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## MINIATURE HOUSE DRAWING

For the third year in a row, the Heritage Society will give away a miniature doll house built by John & Judy Proud of Proud Partners. Tickets are still only \$1.00 and are available wherever the house is displayed. Tickets will also be available at the Quilt Show Preview party and the Heritage Society booth at the Good Old Days Arts & Crafts show. The drawing will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday April 23 at the end of the Good Old Days weekend. Winner need not be present. Call Marilyn Arioto at 649-8270 for further information.

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## THURSDAY MAY 11, 1989

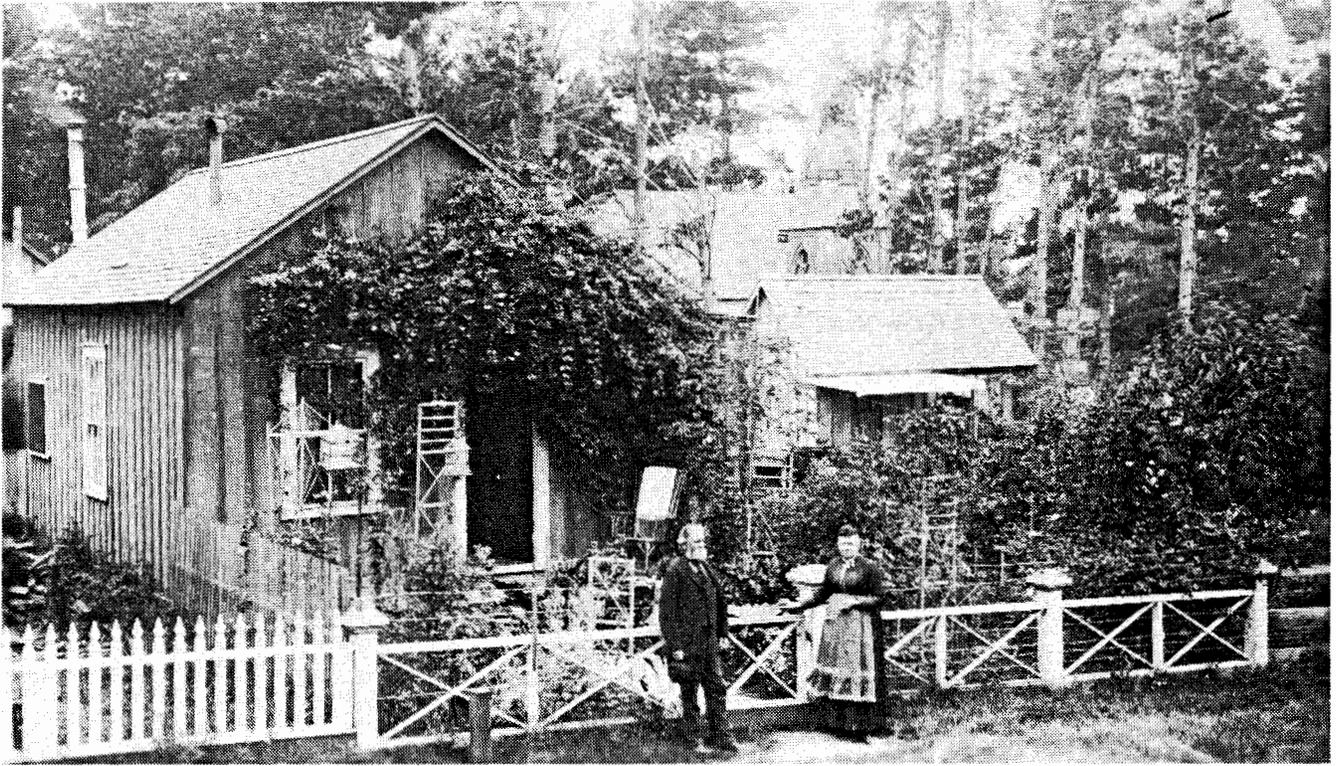
Mark your calendar for Thursday evening, May 11. We will present a special guest speaker as part of Preservation Week. Members will receive a special invitation in the mail prior to the event with all the details.

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are still only \$10.00 a year for a family membership, which includes your subscription to the Board and Batten. Dues are only \$7.00 a year for senior households. If you haven't paid your invoice yet, please do so in the near future. Thanks! For all of you that have paid, including the many that sent in an extra donation, thank you very much.

California State Library



144 Carmel - built in 1886 - Photo circa 1890 Notice St. Mary's in the background

Photo circa 1890s



People standing in front of 136 Forest - built in 1888 Also known as the Home Inn



Lavinia Goodyear Waterhouse  
1809-1890  
Unusual 1880s photo

## LAVINIA GOODYEAR WATERHOUSE

One of the most active California women workers in the fight for Equal Rights (as it was called in the 19th century) is buried in Pacific Grove's El Carmelo cemetery. When she died at 81 on 13th street in 1890 she became the first to be buried there. It is said she had a funeral procession of carriages half a mile long. The headstone is gone and probably lies under Crespi pond on the golf course, dragged by a new young man with a bulldozer who ineptly attempted to remove some ice-plant and dragged half a dozen tombstones away by force. Doris King of Applegate, great great grand- daughter, plans to replace the marker.

This was the headstone of Lavinia Goodyear (Bradley) Waterhouse, whose husband died in 1854. In a day when women had no professional opportunities she succeeded in making for herself a very good living as a hydropathic physician at a succession of addresses in Sacramento. Today hydropathy is known as hydrotherapy.

She was a constant summer visitor to old Pacific Grove and made investments in Grove property beginning in 1882. At the time of her death she owned 57 pieces of land on the Peninsula. At least two of the buildings she owned still stand, although the house in which she lived at the time of her death has been demolished. (Ed. note: 159 13th Street, which is still there, was built for her in 1884 and she sold it in 1887.)

Seven of the ten children born to Lavinia Waterhouse failed to survive. Two were buried in Sacramento before she had them reinterred in the Grove. It must have been these sorrows and the loss of her husband that caused her to turn to old-fashioned Spiritualism, with its promise of immediate contact with the dead. A year after her husband's death she is known to have conducted seances. In 1881 she was vice president of the California State Spiritualists' Association. The Spiritualists flourished in California but was a nation-wide movement as well.

Spiritualism was her platform in the crusade she led in Sacramento for Equal Rights, a full-fledged movement in the 1870's. It called for equal protection under the law and the vote for women.

The part played by Spiritualism was considerable. To improve her spirit for the hereafter women were told to strive for ethical development. More to the point, politically speaking, women were told to strive to avoid the passivity and state of perpetual childhood forced upon them by the patriarchal system. Equal rights meant equal responsibility.

Mrs. Dr. Waterhouse, as she was called, was known all over California. She was a regular delegate to the state suffrage conventions in San Francisco for twenty years. In 1879, when a suffrage plank barely missed inclusion in the revised State Constitution she arose at an ad hoc meeting in Sacramento and called for renewed courage and a determination to have the next annual convention in the State Senate Chambers.

In 1876 she was California's delegate to the Woman's Protest Convention in Philadelphia.

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## LAVINIA--continued

At the same time she and a few other Sacramento women who paid taxes on their own property made a petition to Sacramento County in protest, stating on it that TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS TYRANNY. This was part of a national program of similar tax protest urged by Susan B. Anthony from her headquarters on the East coast. This led to much head-shaking about "strong-minded" women.

Lavinia Waterhouse had other talents. She wrote verse for the OVERLAND MONTHLY, one of which was called, " a Woman's Right to Propose." In 1880 she painted an eleven by thirteen foot canvas (now in storage at the California State Library), portraying a SLEEPING GIANTESS. Women, Lavinia Waterhouse said, had great power for good, if they would only use it. From the artistic point of view, the work is primitive, but the content is of great interest. The SLEEPING GIANTESS rests with her head on Half Dome at Yosemite Valley. The Goddess of Liberty stands at her head. Abraham Lincoln is a ghostly visage in the clouds. A procession of people is marching up the cliffs to awaken her, and another procession winds its way to the swamp below to rescue the "fallen."

At the time of her death, the Monterey ARGUS spoke of her plan to turn eight lots in Pacific Grove with a frontage of 240 feet into a retirement home for women, such as a home she had already established in Sacramento. Unfortunately she died before her plan could be put into effect.

Wherever Lavinia Waterhouse's ghosts wanders today, with its fully cultivated ethical quality, surely nobody need fear it. Perhaps it hovers near her last resting place at El Carmelo in the shade of the giant cypress near the shore.

Her story isn't a cheerful one, successful though she was in her occupation. The final comment is related by her grand-daughter:

"I never saw her smile," she said. "Not ever."

### THANKS!

- to E. C. Davis for sending in the article on Lavinia Waterhouse and Down the Piney Path.

- to Mrs. Pendleton for her kind words and special donations.

## APOLOGY

We recently computerized our membership and mailing lists. In the process, we may have inadvertently misspelled some of your names and/or addresses. If so, please accept our apology and drop us a note notifying us of the error. Also drop us a note at P.O. Box 1007 if you ever miss a copy of your Board and Batten newsletter which is mailed every other month.

### NEW MEMBERS

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Dr. & Mrs. William R. Gates  
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