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A. W. Weiland

1051 Ocean View Blvd - 1925

Built in 1924/1925 for Lucia A. Chase, this house is an example of the Prairie 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.

CENTENNIAL HOMES

See page 4 for details

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PRAIRIE STYLE (1920 - 1930)

by Kent Seavey

A Progressive style found in many of the neighborhoods is the Prairie Style. Made famous by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Prairie style is characterized by horizontal lines, broad, low roofs with exaggerated overhang, windows in bands, porches that are an integral part of the building and decorative wood framing. Chimneys are low and massive, and interiors have open plans. The photo below shows a builder's version of the Prairie style. Today's split level and ranch houses reflect the influence of this style. The best examples of the Prairie style can be found at 1051 Ocean View (see front cover) and 869 Del Monte (see below) built in 1924/25 for Moralie E. Scholer.



A. W. Wetland

869 Del Monte

HARRY GREEN AND HIS TREES

A considerable number of trees seen in yards today, huge from age and heavy with hanging boughs, were given by Harry Green, a prominent citizen of the 1880s. In 1873, he married the daughter of Milton Little (of Little's Dairy) and lived in comparative retirement in New Monterey-Pacific Grove. In the early 90s he took for his hobby the cultivation of trees and opened a nursery. Soon he was sponsoring groves of trees and planting a young tree in the home yard of every child born in Pacific Grove.

DOWN THE PINEY PATH

News from the Pacific Grove REVIEW: May 9, 1903

by E.C. Davis

- It would be a good idea for Pacific Grove to secure a tract of woodland for a park before the land becomes so valuable that it is impossible to obtain it.
- B.C. Winston and W.F. Smith have purchased the glass bottom boat for use at their new wharf in Monterey.
- Stray shots have led the Pacific Improvement Company to prohibit trespassers to carry firearms.
- President Roosevelt will arrive at Hotel del Monte on Sunday. It is expected he will go around 17 Mile Drive.
- Grape juice and bottled cider at A. M. Aggeler's.
- Mrs. Hoe saw Mrs. Rake at Wright's Hardware Store.
- J. Weber asked the City Trustees that he be granted the privilege of peddling waffles without a license; the request was granted.
- A. J. Steiner has just received a car load of Drifted Snow Flour.
- Please take notice that no irrigation is allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.



Steiner's Grocery - photo circa 1901

CENTENNIAL HOMES

The following structures were built in 1889 and are still standing. They were built in the same year that Pacific Grove was incorporated as a city.

Address	First Owner
Centrella Hotel	Mrs. E. Bieghle
413 Forest	P. Church
514 Forest	Mrs. S. E. Jubb
405 Fountain	David Upton
211-221 Grand	J. O. Johnson
769 Lighthouse	R. L. Holman (Remodeled)
202 Lobos	Dr. Ebenezer Snell
152 Pacific	Sheldon Garrett (Remodeled)
233 Park	Thomas P. Bralee
227 Willow	L. Gydison
226 4th Street	Miss Amanda Ryan
316 8th Street	Charlotte Saal
120 13th Street	Julia Dixon
228 17th Street	H. W. Briggs (see below)
114 18th Street	W. H. Johnson
138 18th Street	Cecilia Scott

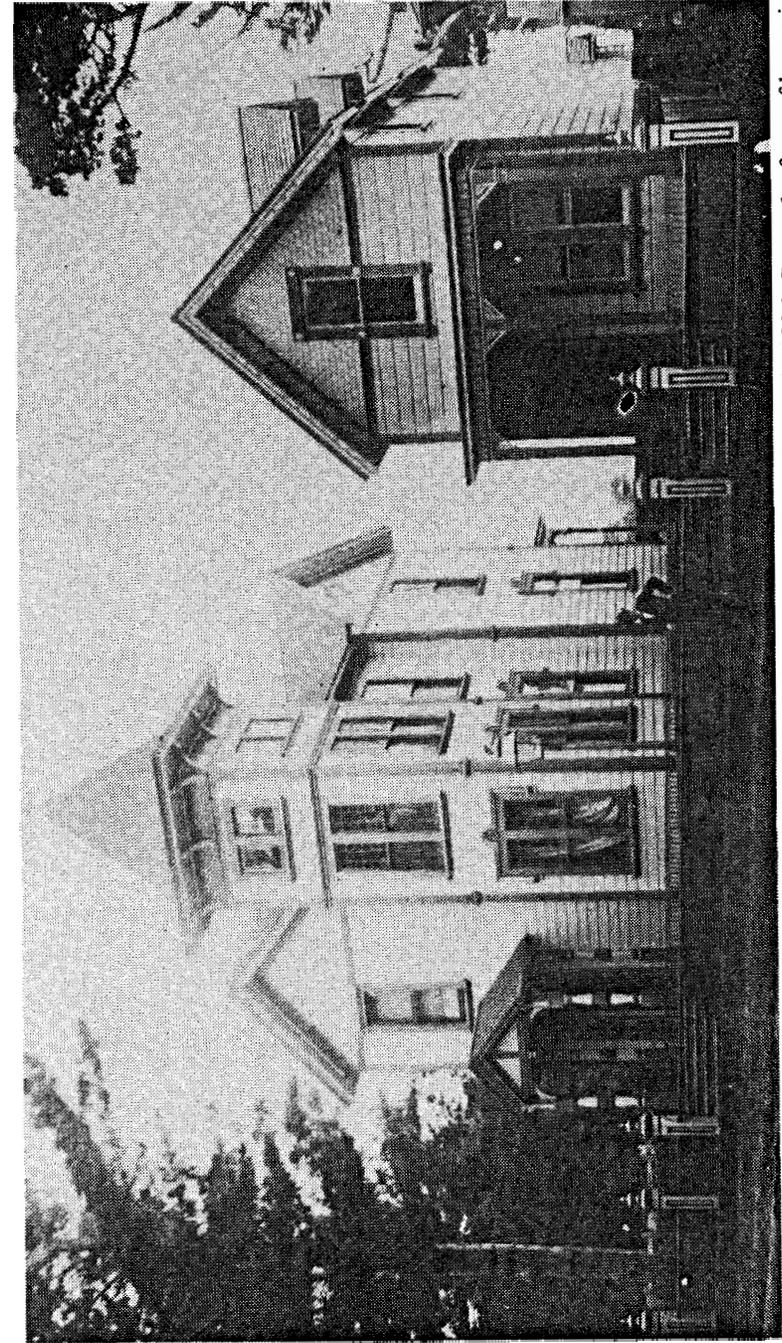
DEATH OF H. W. BRIGGS

H. W. Briggs died at his home on 17th Street in this city on Friday morning at the advanced age of 85 years and 6 months. Judge Briggs had been failing rapidly for some weeks past and his death was not unexpected. Deceased was highly esteemed by the entire community as a man of the strictest honor and integrity. He was a consistent Christian and was a member of the Presbyterian church at Gilroy at the time of his death. He had been a resident of the Grove for upwards of 16 years, having located here in 1887. For the greater part of that time he was engaged in the real estate business. He retired about four years ago, feeling that he was incapacitated for active work.

Judge Briggs was born at Rome, New York in 1819. He moved to Ohio, Tennessee and Iowa. In 1859, he crossed the plains with his family and settled in Santa Clara. In 1860 he accidentally fell into the cylinder of a threshing machine and was so severely injured that it was necessary to amputate one of his legs. While confined to his home he was elected to serve Santa Clara county as a member of the legislature. From 1861 to 1867 Judge Briggs filled the office of Register of the United States land office at Visalia.

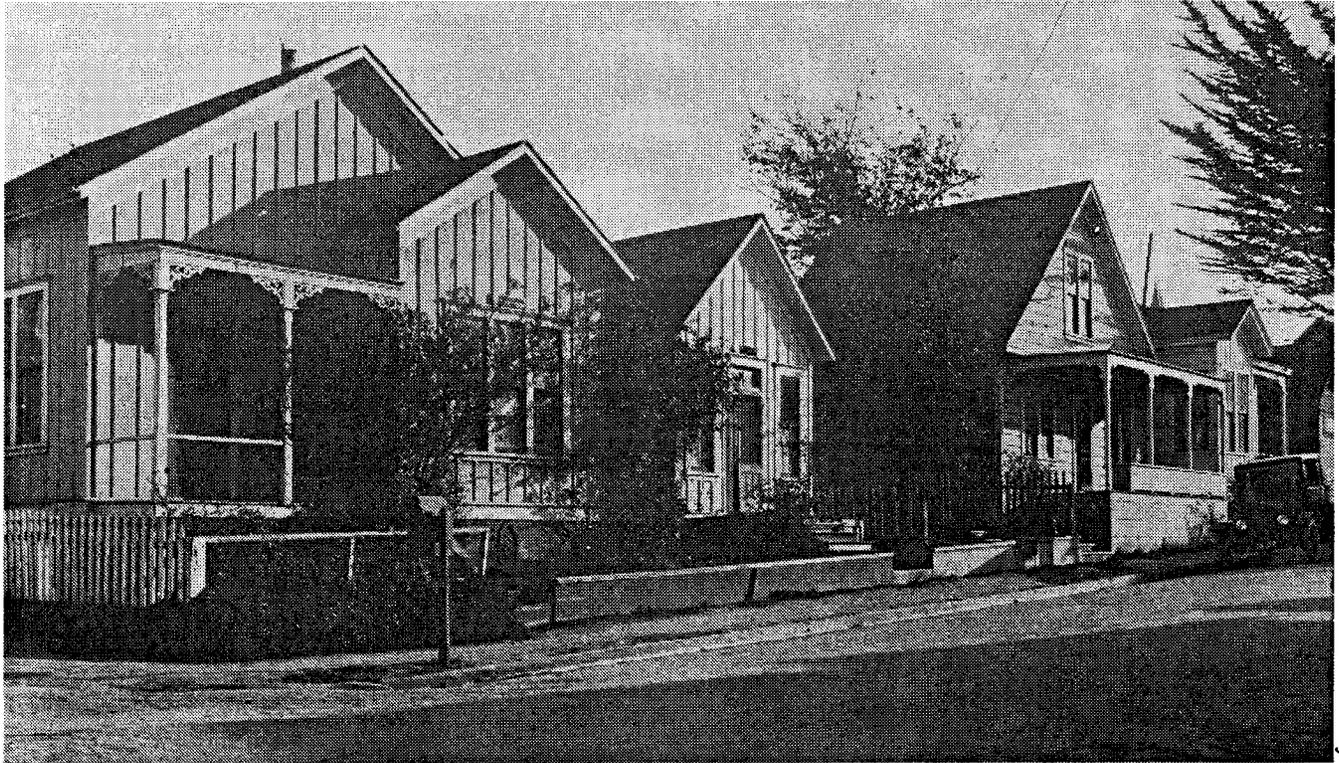
Deceased was twice married, his first being Miss Mary Stinson. In 1856 he married Miss Julia E. Willey, who survives him. The surviving children are Mrs. M.B. Benn of Gilroy, H.M. Briggs of Los Banos and W.T. Briggs of Riverside. The funeral will be held from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the remains will be laid to rest in the Gilroy cemetery on Sunday.

(from Pacific Grove REVIEW: Jan. 30, 1904)



House at left is 152 Pacific and was built in 1889 for Sheldon Garrett. Sold to Mrs. Phelps in 1896. Currently, front of house is poorly altered but new owner may restore it. House at right was 148 Pacific and is now gone. Photo circa 1900.

THEN



Bancroft Library

19th and Union - Circa 1923

..... AND NOW



A. W. Wieland

19th and Union - 1989

Starting from the left, addresses, year built and first owner are as follows:

127 19th - 1887 - Mrs. Nantie May

129 19th - 1885 - Mrs. Nantie May

131 19th - 1888 - Mrs. B. E. Arnold
(Above house now gone)

133 19th - 1890 - Henry French

127, 129 and 133 are virtually unchanged from when they were built. The name "Tennyson" is above the window on 127 19th.

CENTENNIAL ITEMS

LOCAL HISTORY OUTREACH PROGRAM

One part of the Heritage Society's contribution to the Pacific Grove centennial observance got underway in March with a local history outreach program developed for local school children. The Society contracted with an Historical Consultant, Kent Seavey, to visit each classroom in Pacific Grove's elementary schools with a slide/lecture program covering our community's origins and development. Seavey's presentation made use of historical photographs to illustrate his discussion and to identify local architectural landmarks. Both students and teachers responded enthusiastically to the program which reached a total of 940 young people.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Centennial Committee plans a special Chautauqua program in July as part of our Centennial Celebration. Here is a report on the 32nd Session from the July 10, 1910 issue of the Del Monte Weekly.

The thirty-second session of Pacific Grove Chautauqua Assembly opened auspiciously Monday evening with a concert by the Lyceum Trio. There is a record assemblage this year, owing to the fact that one of the most comprehensive and elaborate programs which have yet been offered on this coast has been prepared for the session. The feature of the session will be an address by Governor Folk of Missouri, while among the other speakers will be Colonel George W. Bain of Kentucky, Dr. W. C. Adams, W. I. Day, Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, F. F. Stebbins and Judge J. E. Richards.

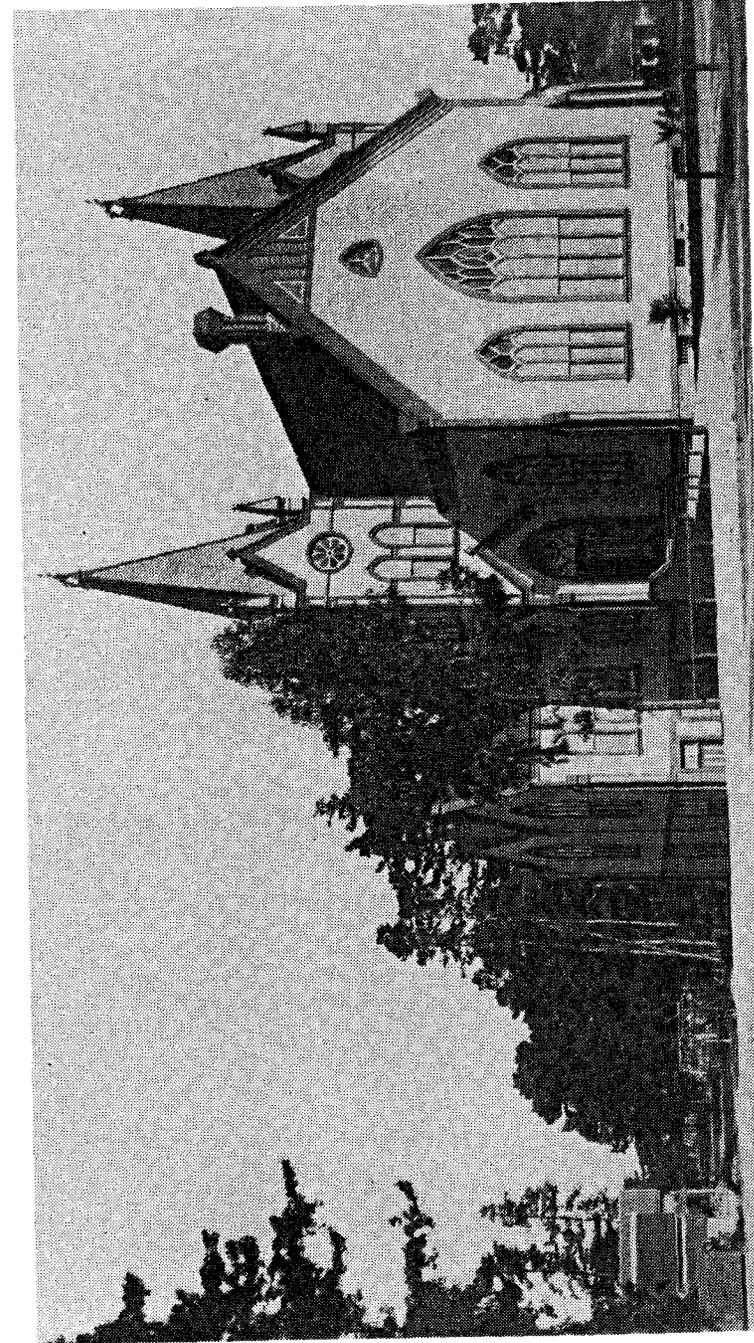
The session formally opened with the annual reunion at the Assembly Hall (see next page), and the concert, which was given by George W. Brewster, Chester Herold and Wilbur McColl, consisted of twelve selections. The program for the first day was as follows: At 9 o'clock, organization of classes; 11, forum hour- "The C. L. S. C. Idea," Dr. W. C. Evans; 2, Sunday school normal address, Dr. George Adams; 3, lecture, "What Shall We Do With the Ex-Convict?" W.I. Day, secretary California Prison Commission; 8, lecture, "A Searchlight of the Twentieth Century," Colonel George W. Bain of Kentucky.

Governor Folk of Missouri, who is prominently mentioned as a presidential candidate, delivered an interesting address on Friday evening. (Ed. note: We can find no evidence that Governor Folk was ever elected president!)

PACIFIC GROVE IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD

(from January 23, 1910 issue of Del Monte Weekly)

Pacific Grove was incorporated twenty-one years ago last Saturday, and may now be said to have attained its majority, if such a term is permissible. During all that time there has been a steady, substantial growth, but never a frenzied boom. There have been so many improvements during that time that it is impossible to enumerate them, but two that are very much in evidence are our fine sewer system that extends practically all over the entire city and its additions and about twenty miles of nicely graded streets.



Methodist Assembly Hall where Chautauqua sessions were held from 1889 until outbreak of World War I. It was located on Lighthouse between 17th & 18th and was demolished in 1963. The Pacific Grove Plaza was built on the site recently.

OUR WRITERS READ and OUR READERS WRITE.....

Mrs. Gladys Heorodt wrote us a nice letter which included the following memories:

I would start out from home with a list in my hand to go to Holman's and buy groceries. I can still recall the feeling of the sand under my bare feet as I walked to the store. I know that it was very, very quiet, no one else on the sidewalks that I can recall, foggy, and a wonderful smell of trees and ocean. Children always notice smells and feelings, don't they. Then I would reach Holman's and go into the building by way of a side door into the lower level, and again, my feet would feel the warm, soft touch of wood floor. I recall that there were large wooden barrels around me, full of good smells. That is all the memory of that. I also recall swimming in the old bathhouse with my parents and sister. There was an entrance to the beach area, (I think that the doors are still in place) and we would run out of the bathhouse into the ocean, then back into the bathhouse. We had to walk through a small wading type pool of water when we left the sandy beach, to wash all sand from off our feet, I suppose. I have such pleasant, happy memories of Pacific Grove.

Mrs. Doris King also sent us a nice letter, excerpts of which follow:

I was so pleased to receive a copy of the Board and Batten with the article on my great grandmother, Lavinia Waterhouse. I did have a small stone placed on the Waterhouse grave three years ago. Eventually I would like a stone for each of the seven Waterhouses buried there.... It pleases me that she has received a place in local history after almost 100 years. She achieved so much in her time... Somewhere I have a watercolor of her home in Pacific Grove and some letters I would like your society to have.

E. C. Davis also wrote us regarding Lavinia Waterhouse:

I'm so glad you used the photo of Mrs. Waterhouse with the little biography. I should have explained to David Mills when I gave him the photo (years ago) that the mysterious face in the background is the party for whom she was the Spiritualist medium. Somebody who knows American/world history will recognize it...I don't.

APPOINTMENT

On Tuesday, April 18, 1989, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors appointed Heritage Society Board member Adam Weiland to the County Historical Advisory Commission.

THANKS

Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make the Good Old Days booth, Quilt Show Preview Party, Quilt Show (and tea room) and the Victorian Home Tour such wonderful successes. Trying to list all the names would only create problems as some you do not want your name listed and we might inadvertently leave off one or two others. In any event, you know who you are and we do thank you and are grateful for your time and effort. We certainly couldn't do it without you.

Mary A. Felleisen was the lucky winner of the drawing for the miniature Victorian house.

NEW MEMBERS

Carl & Joan Sweet
Leslie M. Reed
Dick & Chris Schmidt
Tom & Lauren Angelich
Bob Westfall
Lawrence R. Patterson
Lucille K. Pester
Gordon H. Martine

Doris King
Toni Brucia
Fred & Nancy Van Kirk
Margaret W. Barrett
Michael & Joan Delaney
Woodenickel
Charles & Carole Bestor
Martine Inn

Pastor Ray & Marion Hansen

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