



the BOARD and BATTEN

Newsletter of the Pacific Grove Heritage Society

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1984

YOU'RE INVITED!

Second Annual 100 Year Party and Walking Tour.

On Sunday, September 16, the Pacific Grove Heritage Society will hold the Second Annual Centennial Birthday Garden Party at the Judge B.J. Langford House, 225 Central Avenue, in Pacific Grove from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event is being held in recognition of eleven Pacific Grove houses (all built in 1884) celebrating their 100th birthday this year. Birthday cake and beverages will be served in the garden. Entertainment will be provided by the "Plus Four Limited" barbershop quartet.

All Pacific Grove residents are welcome to attend. Current Heritage Society members are especially invited to attend at no cost. A \$1.00 donation is suggested for nonmembers.

Tours of the interior of the Langford House will be given at no charge to Heritage Society Members only. Memberships to cover the remainder of 1984 and all of 1985 will be available at the party for \$10.00.

A free printed guide will be available at the party to direct those wishing to take the walking tour.

Second Annual Record Hop Saturday Night, October 13, 1984

Tickets are now available at the Barn on Wednesday through Saturday afternoons. Still only \$5.00! If you were there last year (or heard about it and wished you had been), you won't want to miss this year's blast!



BENJAMIN J. LANGFORD HOUSE

225 CENTRAL AVENUE

SITE OF THE 100 YEAR PARTY

Built in 1884 by State Senator Benjamin J. Langford on Lot 1, Block 1 of the Pacific Grove Retreat, this Italian Villa style home has been extensively restored by Kent and Joyce Cherry, the current owners.

A native of Tennessee, the original owner joined the California Gold Rush in early 1850, bringing with him machinery he had manufactured for use in quartz mining. He served briefly as a Nevada judge and is usually referred to as "Judge Langford", although he was a state senator for four terms.

Langford has gone down in history as the man who chopped down the gate between Pacific Grove and Monterey. Tiring of the procedure which required walking to the Retreat offices for the key, he took an axe to the offending gate, then challenged the board of trustees to do anything about it. The gate was never rebuilt.

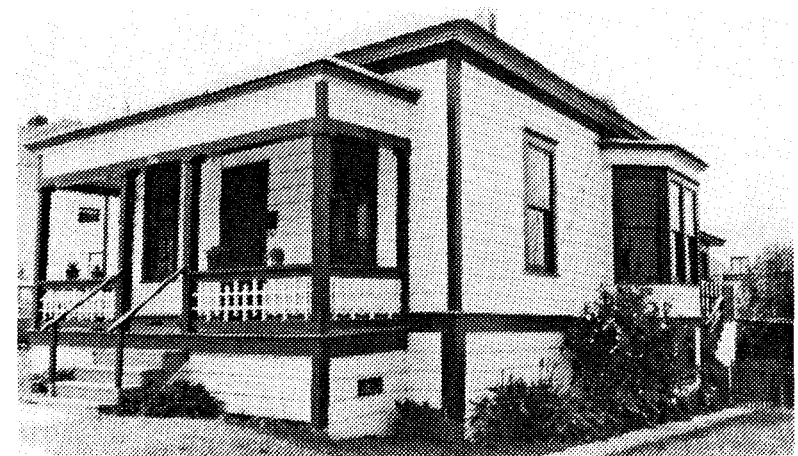
The Langford House features lightly detailed trim on both interior and exterior. An elegant, gracefully winding balustrade in the entrance hall leads to the second floor.

The Cherrys bought the home in 1976, and have returned it to its former splendor.

OTHER HOMES ON TOUR



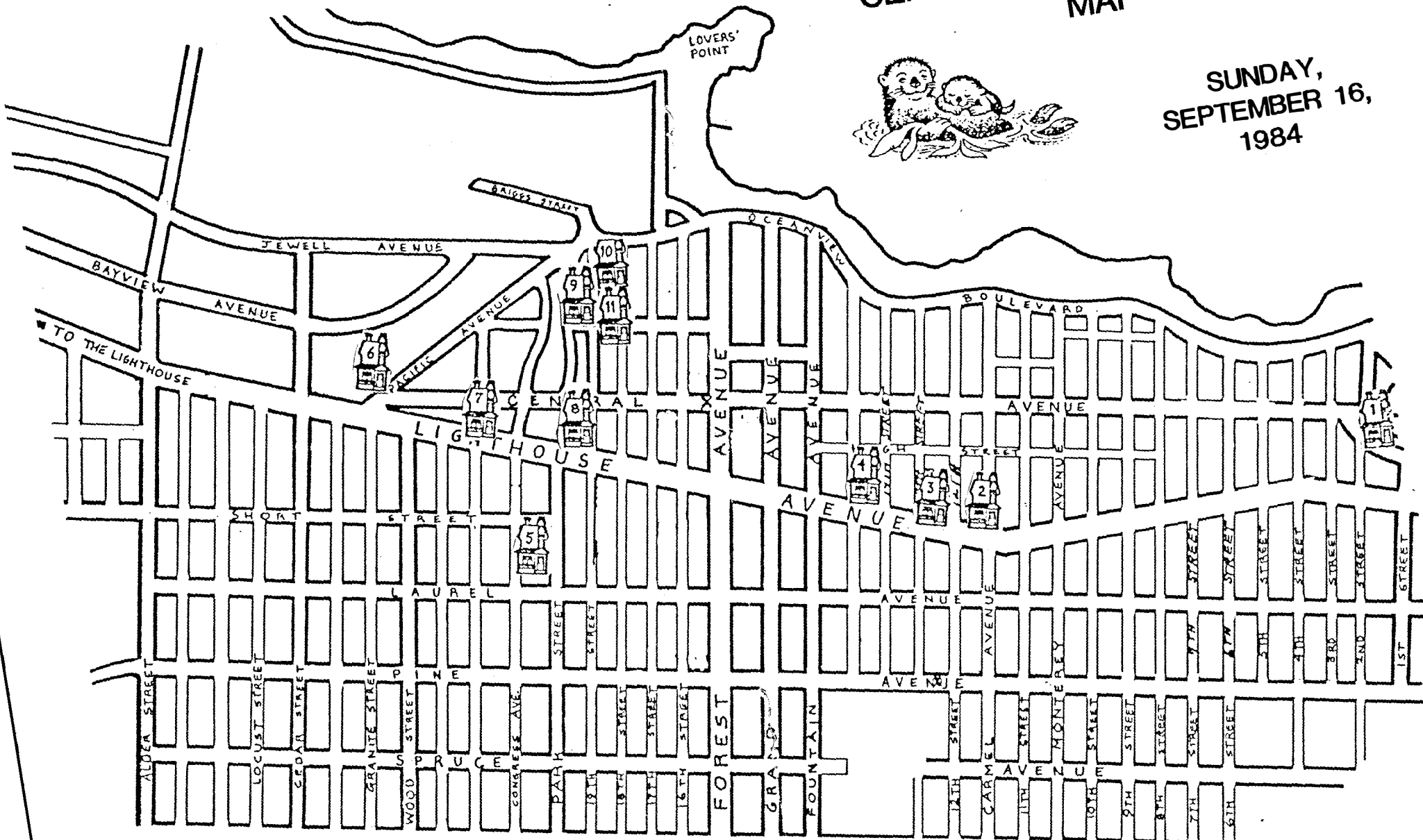
667 CENTRAL AVENUE



166 CARMEL AVENUE

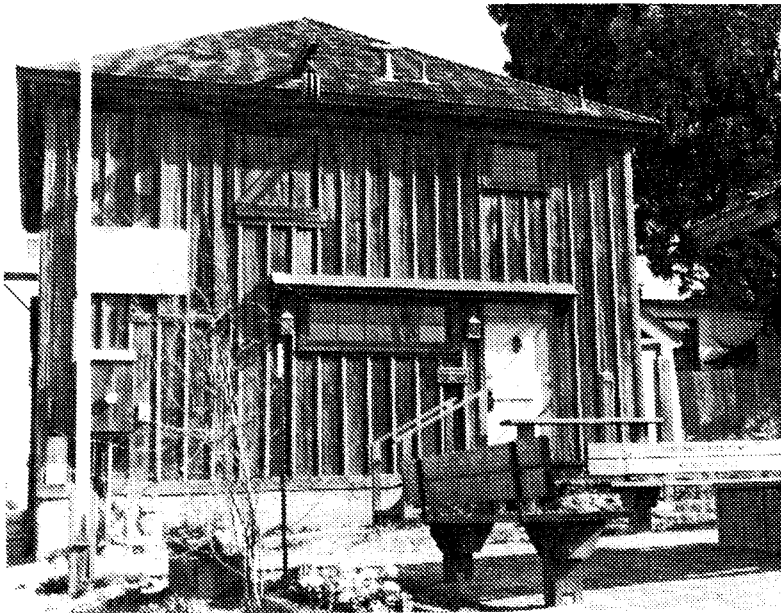
SECOND ANNUAL CENTENNIAL WALKING TOUR MAP

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16,
1984



KEY

- 1. 225 Central
- 2. 166 Carmel
- 3. 159 13th Street
- 4. 155 15th Street
- 5. Congress
- 6. 667 Central
- 7. 728 Lighthouse
- 8. 667 Central
- 9. 118 19th Street
- 10. 110 18th Street
- 11. 116 18th Street



KETCHUM'S BARN

The Barn at Laurel and 17th in Pacific Grove, known as "Ketchum's Barn", was built in 1891 by H.C. Ketchum, who used it to house animals. Hay and other provisions were brought inside through the door to the loft. The usual cord and pulley mechanism is still in place.

In 1903, Ketchum sold the Barn to E. Cooke Smith, who was a banker and sold real estate. Cooke owned a horse and buggy which he used to transport potential customers, and used the barn to house the animal and store the vehicle. The Barn was used as a cabinet shop for a short while, and a 1914 Sanborn map reveals that the Barn was used at the time as a garage for automobiles. For many years the Barn went unused and vacant, and was used as a refuge for a variety of "lost souls".

Recently, the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove—with the assistance of Pacific Grove citizens, the Bing Crosby Foundation, and the L.J. and Mary C. Skaggs Foundation—was able to convert the Barn for use as a museum and a meeting place for the Heritage Society Board of Directors. It is leased from the City of

Pacific Grove for \$1 per year. The Heritage Society also leases the lot adjacent to the Barn and has added a well, benches, and plantings to provide a pleasant park area in the community.

The Barn is open to the public from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. every Saturday, and 12 noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday from May through September.

New Members

Karl and Rita Pister
Susan Crosson
Alpha Book and Stationary
Bill Derowski
Bill Mathewson, Jr.
Carol Fulton
Photo Equipment Services
Lew and Judy Becker

— — — — **Would you like to join us?** — — — —

ANNUAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$7

Members receive a regular Heritage Society newsletter and are entitled to reduced rates at all Heritage Society events.

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