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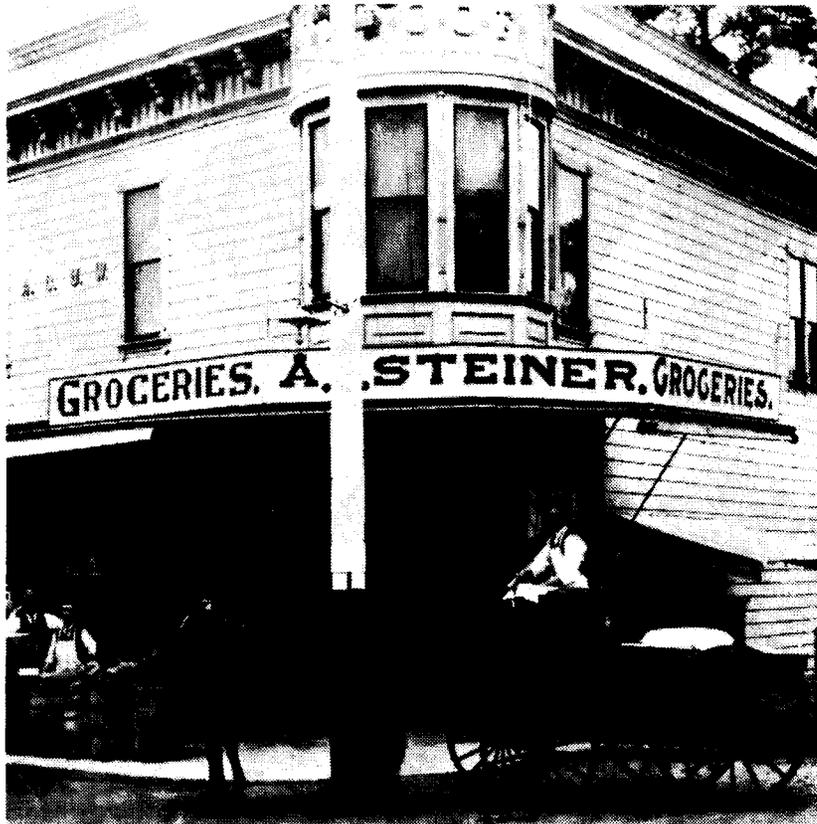


Photo courtesy of Fred Adam Steiner

Adam J. Steiner in his delivery wagon in front of his grocery store at the corner of Lighthouse & Forest in 1900.

Christmas At The Inns
Tuesday, December 6, 1994

Adam Jackson (A. J.) Steiner

Adam Jackson was born in 1837 in Philadelphia, PA. He eventually came to Pacific Grove around 1890/91 after retiring as a farmer in Woodland, California. He soon had the house at 138 Fountain built and put it in the name of his second wife, Myretta Emma Steiner. Early tax records spelled her name "Muretta", but family members say it is "Myretta". He lived in this house until his death in 1913.

In 1898, Adam bought the Gale Brothers Grocery at the corner of Lighthouse and Forest and renamed it "A. J. Steiner Groceries". He ran a highly visible and successful business. According to a late 1904 newspaper, "A.J. Steiner has a new safe in which to keep his cheese cutting machines and his cheese and he now defies the effort of the flies to obtain a free lunch". Another 1904 issue mentions: "Just received - a new barrel of sauerkraut - something for breakfast, also salmon bellies and mackerel at A.J. Steiner's".

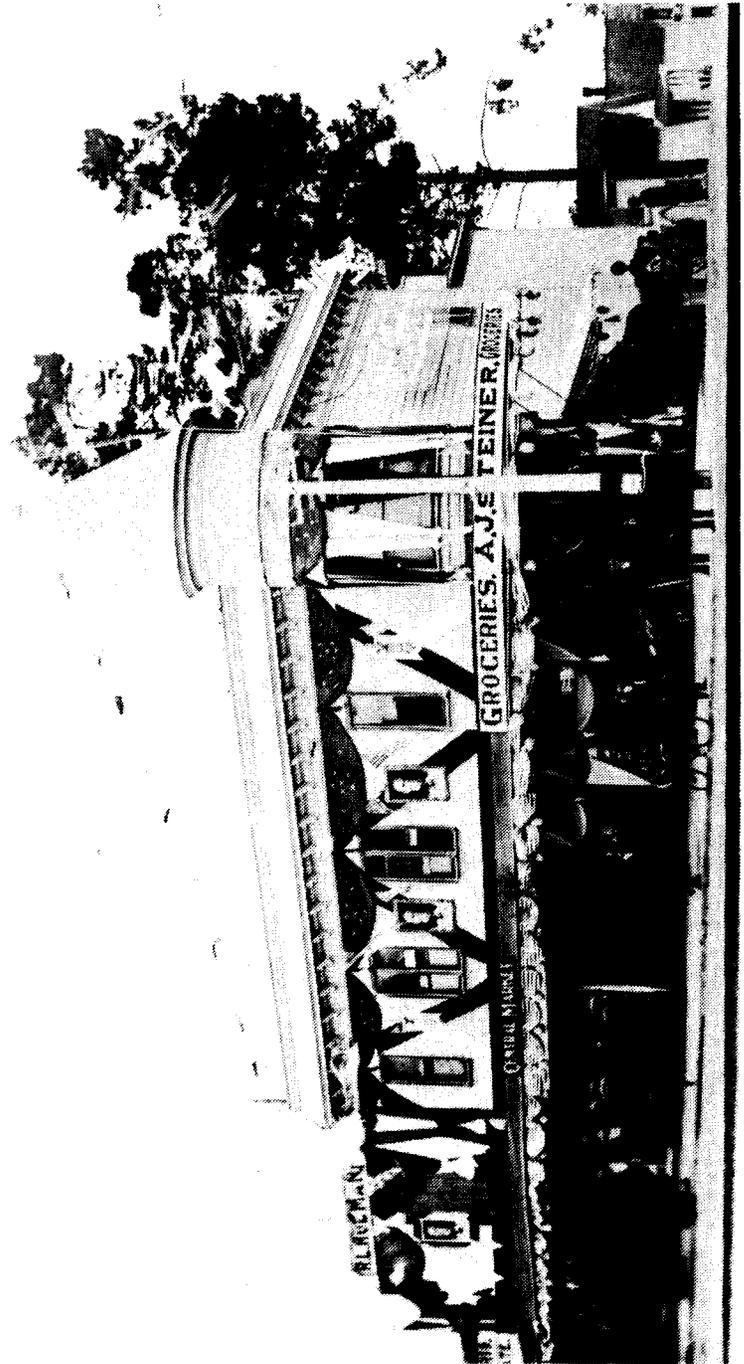
In 1905 he built a large, double cement building at 309 Forest extending through to Grand avenue. It was commonly referred to as the "Steiner Block" and that name was on the front of the building for many years. In this building he opened a wholesale flour and feed store. In November of 1906 he sold his grocery store on Lighthouse to the Johnson Brothers & Campbell for their grocery business. The building itself was eventually torn down in 1929 to make way for the First National Bank building which is still there. He continued running the feed store until his death.

Adam Jackson Steiner was a staunch Methodist, a mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He had three sons, Ray, Archer and Charles. He loved and was loved by the people of Pacific Grove. When he died in October of 1913, the city "shut down" for his funeral.

Sister of John Muir Dies Here

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Muir Galloway, 96, will be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. from the Paul Mortuary. Mrs. Galloway died yesterday at her home, 110 9th street. She was a sister of John Muir, famous California naturalist, in whose honor Muir Woods in Marin County was named. Mrs. Galloway had made her home in Pacific Grove since 1904. She was living with a daughter, Mrs. Anna Eastman, at the time of her death.

(From the April 12, 1932 P. G. Tribune)



Tuttle Photo

Steiner's Grocery at Lighthouse & Forest in 1901 all decked out for President McKinley's visit to Pacific Grove.

Street Scene, Pacific Grove, Cal.



Postmarked Dec. 24, 1908. Sent to Carroll Steiner in Berkeley. "Dear Carroll, Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. The store is the one Grandpa used to have. I marked it 'X' so



The Steiner home at 138 Fountain avenue, corner of Park.

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Adam J. Steiner behind the counter of his grocery store on the corner of Lighthouse and Forest circa 1904.

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Local Department Claims Distance Fire Call Record

(From July 25, 1930 issue of P. G. Tide)

Here's one for the book: Sunday, the Pacific Grove fire department received a long distance telephone call from Palo Alto to extinguish a fire in Pacific Grove, which they did, thus saving the house.

It seems that Mr. & Mrs. E. Fae Miller were on their way to San Francisco. While driving through Palo Alto, a man with a green shirt ran across the street in front of the machine. That reminded Mrs. Miller that the last thing she had done before leaving home was to iron a green shirt for her husband and she remembered that she had neglected to turn off the electric iron.

Mrs. Miller called Charles Gilmer of the local fire department, saying, "If you haven't received a call for my house, you soon will unless you go turn off my iron." This the department proceeded to do. It was found that the iron had burned through the covering on the ironing board and had started the board afire. All of which explains why the Millers gave the local firemen a feed Monday night.

House Features Built-In Radio

(From the September 6, 1929 issue of the P.G. Tide)

First on the peninsula to build a house providing for a built-in radio is the distinction acquired by A. L. Dean in the four room bungalow being completed by him on Carmel avenue, just above Pine avenue.

With the growing popularity of radio it is altogether likely that this plan, now unique in this locality, may become a feature of all new residences. It is an idea that permits of varied architectural renderings. Mr. Dean's plan is to establish a regular console radio set in a recess in the wall built a little higher and about the same depth as an ordinary fireplace. Above the radio console is a space for concealed colored lights which may be blended to give any desired lighting effect on the set. A niche above the console cabinet provides for an accessory loud speaker and all the rooms in the house are provided with plug-in fittings for extra loud speakers so that the radio program can be enjoyed in any part of the dwelling.

Aside from the new radio plan the kitchen fixtures are an interesting feature of the building. Although sufficiently large to begin with, this room has a folding breakfast table and a comfortable folding seat which makes possible the use of the kitchen for ironing or such other operations as usually tax the capacity of small kitchens.

Himself a plasterer, Mr. Dean has done his own plaster work. The general contractors for the structure are the Goodell Brothers and the lumber was furnished by the Hayward Lumber Company.

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Down The Piney Path

*News of old Pacific Grove from the Pacific Grove Review
(October - November 1893)*

by E. C. Davis

- ❖ Mariposa Hall has been re-let, this time to the Pacific Grove orchestra. For socials, bazaars or meetings, very great inducements will be offered.
- ❖ Several Grove men have left for a couple of weeks hunting and fishing. We have been promised the hind quarter of a deer and six quail, for which our mouth waterth in anticipation.
- ❖ If the despicable excuse for a human being who stole the choice roses from the garden belonging to Mrs. R. will give her name, there will be a subscription taken up with which to purchase plants for her garden, in order to save her further sinking herself in the pit of dishonor her debasing activities have thus far dragged her.
- ❖ There are two more weddings in the Grove. By some means the idea has gone abroad that the Grove has a superabundance of fine, intelligent, educated and capable candidates for matrimony. Of course we have, but we don't want to have them all snapped up and "deported" to less desirable locations.
- ❖ 15 cents a pint for Queen olives at Winston's.
- ❖ We are in receipt of a package of Ceylon tea, a souvenir of the World's Fair, and according to prescribed rules and regulations have brewed us a cup. It tastes like a cross between Young Hyson, Old Hamburg and Dr. Trimmer's panacea for heart trouble. It has a saddening farewell flavor that lingers about one's mouth, but if you carefully pick this from between your teeth and chew a bit of garlic to remove the bouquet of same from your breath there's one chance in two that your symptoms of facial epilepsy will disappear, and that you'll recover from your attack of malignant lockjaw. We cannot recall ever having offended the donor in any way. We're not angry even now - simply astonished and grieved.
- ❖ Buckwheat cakes now ripe. Buy your flour at W. B. Winston's.

Christmas At The Inns - Tuesday, December 6

The 10th annual Christmas At The Inns tour will be held on Tuesday evening, December 6th from 6:30 to 9:30. This is your chance to see the Centrella, Old St. Angela, Green Gables, Gosby House, Martine and Gatehouse Inns in all their holiday glory.

Tickets are still only \$10.00 each and are available at the Chamber of Commerce office on the corner of Forest & Central during normal business hours. Please get your tickets now. This event is mainly for the locals and we need your attendance to be successful. Please call 373-3304 for more information.

New Members

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