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J. H. King Memorial

If you do a lot of walking in Pacific Grove, you may have noticed this memorial plaque nestled next to a concrete bench. This memorial plaque is dated 1935 and is in memory of J. H. King, the last member of the Lucius Fairchild Post G. A. R. 179. Look for it the next time you are up walking on Lighthouse Avenue.

**21st Annual Victorian
Home Tour**

April 29, 1990

(More details in next issue)

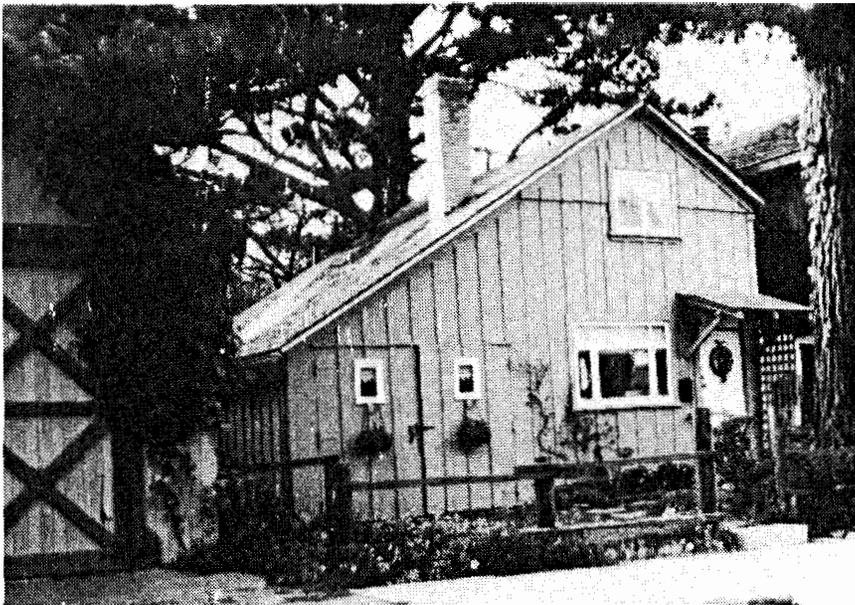
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Flounder Houses

It's known as a half-house in Maine and has been confused with the Charleston House in South Carolina. In Alexandria, Virginia, whether brick or frame, this vernacular house is called a flounder according to Hal Feldhaus in the *Old-House Journal*. He writes that a flounder is a two or three storey house with half a gable roof. Like the fish for which it is named, its high side is blind and normally falls smack on the property line.

Although flounders were a mainstay of colonial residential architecture along the Atlantic coast, a vast number were razed where industry grew up at water's edge. Yet more than fifty flounder houses survive, pocketed in a couple of square miles along the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Scattered throughout Old Town Alexandria, flounders often hide from the casual eye and are more easily identified when they are in profile to the street. Those facing the street look like ordinary homes—but if you look out back, the house looks as if half had been sheared away.

The closest (and probably only) example of a flounder in Pacific Grove can be seen at 414 Granite, although the roof peaks before the edge. Built in 1909, it was featured on the Victorian Home Tour in 1983.



414 Granite—built in 1909 for H. W. Earle.

A. W. Weiland

Down The Piney Path

News from the *Pacific Grove Review*: January—February 1904.

❖ by E.C. Davis

- W. F. Smith has purchased the bathing beach and adjacent lots from the Pacific Improvement Company.
- Leave orders at the Mammoth Stables for bus, as bus will now meet all trains. Calls for hacks and carriages will receive prompt attention.
- The prettiest party Pacific Grove has ever known came to an end at nine-thirty Thursday evening. Girls wore aprons and boys drawing a necktie to match were partners.
- Mr. W. E. Winston will give an exhibition of his trained seals in the near future for the benefit of the Museum Association.
- The Pacific Improvement Company has commenced the building of a large barn at the foot of 19th street.
- The work of blasting rocks from the bathing beach has been in progress for several days past.
- A bridge has been built across the ravine in Greenwood Park by the Museum Association.
- Ladies, buy your Spring hose at Wright's Hardware Store.
- The Women's Civic Improvement Club has a man at work gathering up and burying the rubbish which has been accumulating on vacant lots in the Grove for the past 15 or 20 years.
- Two steamboat life rafts were found adrift near Pt. Pinos and towed to Monterey by a fisherman's gasoline launch.
- Seven Japanese woodchoppers working for the Pacific Improvement Company who were subject to military duty in Japan are on the way to take up arms against the Russians.
- The City Trustees ask for bids for hauling gravel from the beach to improve Central Avenue.
- An enthusiastic meet was held in the Old Parlor in support for a movement for the building of a high school in the Grove.

El Carmelo Cemetery

The pioneers of the Pacific Grove Retreat did not bury their dead around churches as did many settlers during the early California era, but instead they left them sleeping among the pines close to the sand dunes. Near Lighthouse Avenue not far from the ocean stands a small white cross with the inscription:

Marjorie Middleton Isaacs
Born October 11, 1889
Died October 18, 1889

It is the grave of the first white baby to be buried in what is now El Carmelo Cemetery. Records affirm that she was the daughter of English people who were visiting friends on the Peninsula. A few steps from the child's grave is the grave of L. G. Waterhouse, buried in 1890. Mr. Waterhouse, husband of Lavinia Waterhouse, had requested that his remains be brought from Sacramento for burial.

Until 1889, what is today El Carmelo Cemetery was a pine forest. The two graves mentioned were wedged between tall trees. The first map had been made in March 1890. Not until 1891 was thought directed toward a city cemetery. In 1895, the Pacific Grove Review reported:

"A visit to El Carmelo Cemetery will favorably impress anyone with the beauty of the location for a city of the dead...The low moan of the Pacific Ocean breaks on the shore adding majesty and solemnity to the surroundings. The management have shown good taste in selecting such a site and have laid out the grounds for avenues and walks with good taste."

A portion of the cemetery known as the Methodist Conference Cemetery, a grant from David Jacks, was set aside for the graves of Methodist ministers and their families. Reverend Mr. Francis Dixon Booth was the first Methodist minister buried there.

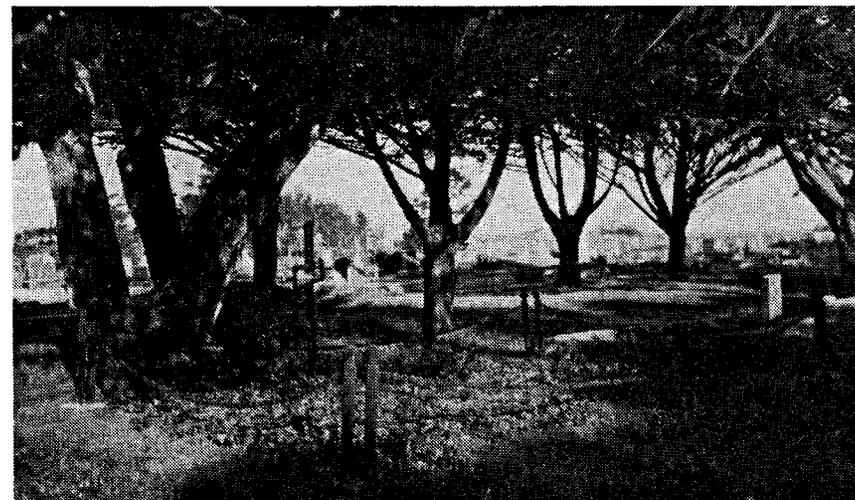
On June 26, 1905, the Trustees of Monterey Lodge Number 182, Independent Order of Odd Fellows purchased a 9.32 acre site from Pacific Improvement Company (Del Monte Properties) "saving and excepting those lots, pieces or parcels of land heretofore sold by El Carmelo Cemetery Association as gravelots", for the consideration of ten dollars. On September 29, 1909, the Trustees sold the property to Hind Harper for fifteen hundred dollars in "gold coin of the United States". Hind Harper acquired an additional .099 acres from Pacific Improvement Company on June 12, 1918.

A new survey was made on September 8, 1921 by W.T. Moore which indicated that the property contained 10.071 acres, "more or less". On September 14, 1921 Hind Harper sold El Carmelo Cemetery to the El Carmelo Cemetery Association, Incorporated for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in "gold coin of the United States".

On July 6, 1945, the Trustees of the California Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church granted the Methodist minister portion, mentioned above, adjacent to El Carmelo Cemetery to the City of Pacific Grove for the sum of ten dollars, however, hereby reserved "to itself, its successors, the continuous right to all of the grave sites". By Ordinance 79 N.S. dated 3 October 1945, entitled, "An Ordinance Accepting on Behalf of the City of Pacific Grove all of the Properties and Assets of El Carmelo Cemetery Association, Inc., which are to become the Sole and Exclusive Properties of the City of Pacific Grove," the City acquired El Carmelo Cemetery. The assets included garden tools, supplies, and equipment, and Perpetual Care Trust consisting of cash and securities in the amount of \$23,746.59.

In 1987, the City entered into a new agreement with the Methodist Church whereby the City had to reserve only 787 sites for Methodist ministers, with the remaining 4,226 planned sites available for use by the City.

(Note: Information for the preceding article was gathered from *A Piney Paradise* by Lucy McLane as well as a 1988 City report written by Fred Smith, City Administrative Services Director.)



1918 photo of the Waterhouse family plots in El Carmelo Cemetery.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

—OF THE—

Pacific Grove Retreat Association

By an agreement entered into on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1883, between the Pacific Improvement Company and the Pacific Grove Retreat Association, the Financial Management of the Retreat is in the hands of a Superintendent of the Grounds appointed by the Pacific Improvement Company, and the moral and prudential management and control is in the hands of the Pacific Grove Retreat Association.

The same conditions and restrictions contained in the deeds used by the Pacific Improvement Company, at the date of this agreement, are to apply to all lands sold within a radius of one mile from the geographical center of the original survey.

The Superintendent, appointed by the Pacific Improvement Company, is required to aid in enforcing the Rules and Regulations of the Pacific Grove Retreat Association.

Uses of Property.

Lots purchased and conveyed for *residence* purposes, must be used exclusively for *private dwellings* and must not be used for the purpose of carrying on or conducting any business, trade, employment, profession, calling or vocation, or as a place of public entertainment, amusement, show, or exhibition, without the written consent of this Association.

Lots purchased and conveyed for *business purposes* must not be used for the purpose of carrying on or conducting any species of card or dice playing, gaming or gambling, nor for the purpose of selling, exchanging, bartering, delivering or giving away of any spirituous or malt intoxicating liquors, wine or cider; nor for the transaction of any business, or the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise of any description except medicines on the Sabbath day.

Lots purchased and conveyed as *stable lots* must not be used for Residence or Business purposes.

Intoxicants.

The buying, selling or giving away of any and all intoxicants, spirituous liquors, wine, beer, or cider, are strictly prohibited on any public or private property within one mile of the center of the original survey of the Retreat; and the Directors hereby request all well-disposed persons to promptly notify the Superintendent of any violations of this rule.

Gambling.

Gambling of every kind and character is forbidden, together with all games usually connected therewith, including cards, dice and billiards.

Social and public dancing will not be allowed.

Profanity.

Profane or obscene language is strictly prohibited, and all loud and boisterous talking and coarse or rude conduct are to be discontinued as not in harmony with good order and propriety.

Riding and Driving.

The avenues and streets of the Retreat are used for promenades as well as thoroughfares for horses and carriages, and to avoid accidents all persons are warned against fast riding or driving in any part of the grounds.

Bathing.

Bathing without costume, or in immodest bathing apparel, or passing through the streets or to or from the beach without suitable covering, is prohibited at all times, within the jurisdiction of the Association. Bathing, boating and fishing are prohibited on the Sabbath day.

Offal.

All outhouses must be kept thoroughly clean, shavings, brush and rubbish of all kinds must be removed as soon as practicable, and all persons are forbidden to throw or empty upon any yard, lot or street, any refuse, slops, or other offensive matter, detrimental to health or productive of noxious odors.

Animals.

No stock of any kind shall be allowed to roam at pleasure through the grounds of the Retreat.

Fire-arms.

The discharge of fire-arms of any description is prohibited, and the use of all fire-works must be by consent of the Superintendent and at such places as he may designate.

Hours.

The public parlors will be closed at 10 o'clock P.M., and all persons are requested not to travel about the grounds or disturb in any way the quiet of the Grove after 10:30 P.M.

T. H. SINEX, Secretary

F. F. JEWELL, President



Lavinia Goodyear Waterhouse, sitting in the rocking chair on the porch of her home (now gone) on 13th, visiting with some neighbors. Photo circa 1893.

*She died in 1894!!
1887*



Postcard celebrating the W.C.T.U. Annual Convention in October 1909.

Others Saw Us Through Postcards

Shall Restrictions in Deeds Be Treated as "A Scrap of Paper?"

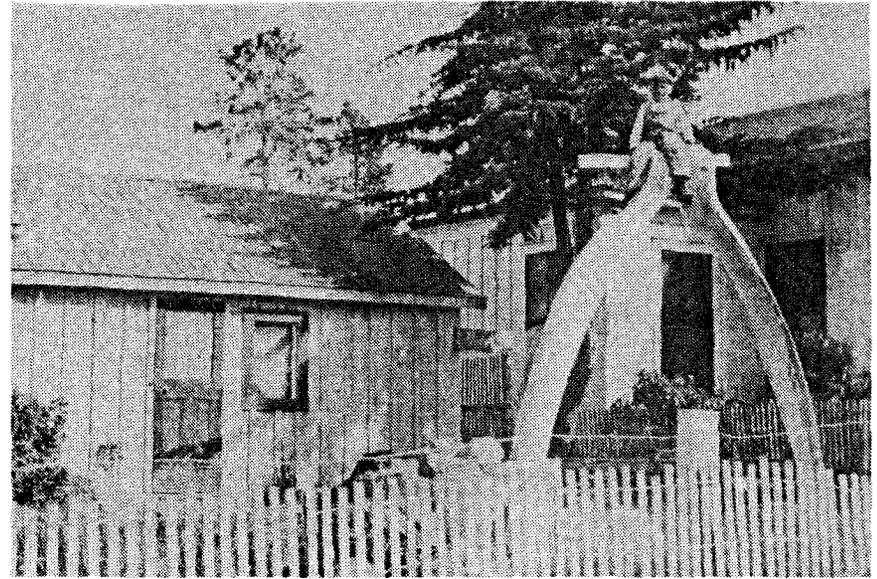
(Note: This article is from a 1923 political brochure.)

"They (Sunday amusements) should not be considered a crime, as long as 'equal and inalienable' rights of others are not disturbed." It is a pity that the Committee in favor of the Amendment, while using this language, still persist in trampling on these same "equal and inalienable" rights.

One of these rights, and the one on which the whole fabric of the modern business world is based, is that of entering into contracts and of having such contracts respected and enforced as long as they are not illegal. All real property in Pacific Grove, the very homes in which the members of this Committee reside, is deeded, prior to 1916, subject to the "rules and regulations of the Pacific Grove Retreat Association," and, since 1916, with the proviso that no place of business shall be open on Sunday without the consent of the Pacific Grove Retreat Association, and always with provisions for forfeiture if such rules and regulations are broken or such consent not obtained.

For more than forty years this was the "talking point" with the salesmen of the P. I. Company and hundreds of people purchased property on the strength of these provisions and representations. From the beginning, these rules and regulations forbade public amusements on Sunday as well as all unnecessary labor. The validity of such provisions in deeds is beyond controversy.

If the holders of title under such deeds, and none other have been given in Pacific Grove, have not "inalienable rights", how can such rights be created? And why concede inalienable rights while assailing the exercise of such rights as "an abridgment of personal liberty" and "a flagrant abridgment of religious liberty," blowing hot and cold at the same time? The members of the Committee for the Amendment need to learn that their liberty ends where the other fellow's begins.



Notice the little boy on the whale bone in front of 125 Grand Avenue around the turn of the century.

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