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Newsletter of the Pacific Grove Heritage Society

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1984

The Second Annual Centennial Birthday Party, held on September 16 at the Langford home, was a great success. Over 200 people attended on a sunny, pleasant Sunday afternoon. Among those attending were Mayor Florus Williams, Councilman Bob Russell and family, and Margye Neswitz of the Tribune...Another success was the Second Annual 1950's Record Hop held on October 13. Over 130 people attended in their rolled-up jeans, T-shirts, poodle skirts, and white sports coats with pink carnations. Prizes were donated by the Big Dipper, Margot's Cafe, Rocky Coast Ice Cream, and Carmel's Village Theater...Thanks to Flossie Stowell of Vogue Studio for her photo of the Barn used in the last issue. Flossie also took the photos for the recent Victorian Home Tour...The old organ and carillon from City Hall has been placed on permanent display at the Barn (courtesy of the City of Pacific Grove). It is to be restored by the Heritage Society. More on this in a future issue...Remember the annual Christmas reception to be held at the Barn on December 16. Plan on stopping by before or after any other open houses you may be attending that day.

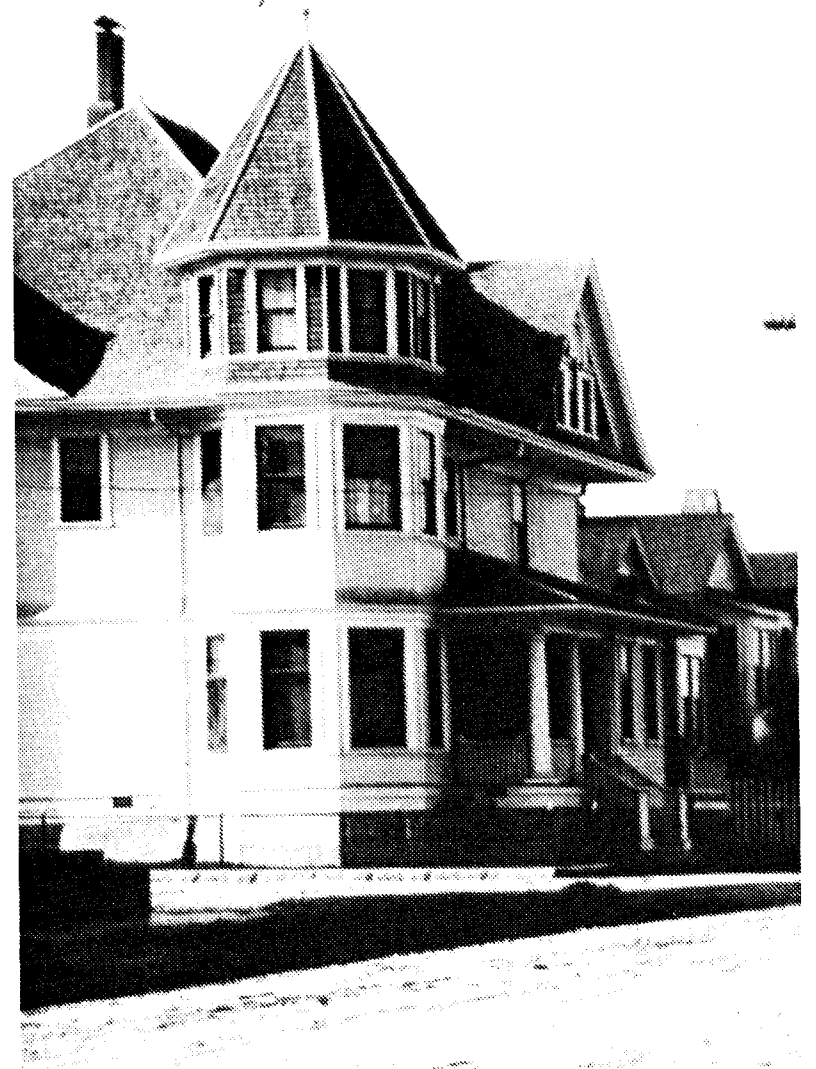
This issue features the Buck house at the corner of Pine and Forest. Although in sad shape now, the new owners hope to restore this building and use it as a Bed and Breakfast Inn. Lee Phillips is the architect and his drawing is included in this issue.

THE BUCK HOUSE

Frank LaVerne Buck was born in Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio, on December 1, 1849. He was the son of Joseph M. and Melinda Buck, a farming couple in the district. When the young Buck was 21 he married Ella Potter of Sandwich, Illinois. In 1900 the Bucks came west to California.

First arriving in Los Angeles, they moved on to San Francisco and San Jose before settling in Pacific Grove later in the year. Mr. Buck opened a restaurant at 603 Lighthouse Avenue. However, his venture was short-lived, and he closed his dining facility in October of 1901. His next business enterprise was far more successful. In December, he went into partnership with the well-known Monterey Peninsula entrepreneur, T. A. Work, under the title T.A. Work and Company, dealing in "general hardware, lumber, hay, feed, flour, and wood."

The business office was in the 200 block of Forest Avenue, across from the Pacific Grove Review. F. L. Buck was the first president of the Pacific Grove Board of Trade, and fought hard that year to develop electric street lighting for the community, as well as a permanent city hall (temporary quarters for city government were at 169 Fountain). He participated in fraternal activities with Pacific Grove Lodge #331 of the F. & A. M., and was a leading member of the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Lighthouse Road and Seventeenth Street. With this active schedule he still made time to see to a proper home for himself and his wife. On October 1, 1904, the Pacific Grove Review reported that:



1915 photo

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"The foundation has been laid for F. L. Buck's handsome new residence on the corner of Forest and Pine Avenues. The plans, as drawn by architect Robert C. Gass of this city show that the structure will be an imposing one and an ornament to that part of the city. It will contain nine rooms. There is to be a basement and an attic in addition to the two stories which will be used for living rooms. C. E. Hovey was the successful bidder for the carpenter work."

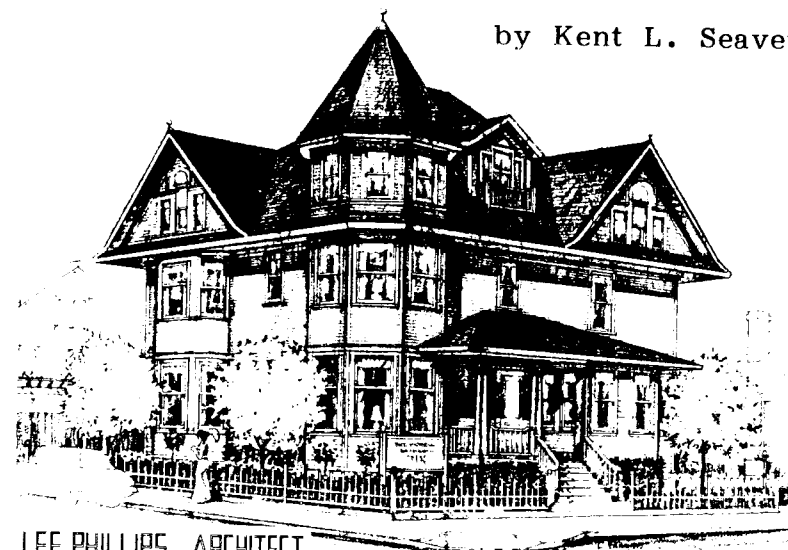
The new home was located at the southwest corner of Forest and Pine. The address was 581 Pine. See 1905 map for exact location.

In 1909, Buck was the Pacific Grove Board of Trade representative to the Peninsula Promotion Committee, a joint group with Monterey and Carmel to develop tourism for "the advancement of this section." The Board of Trade also endorsed and supported the Hopkin's Marine Station, and a Union High School concept for the cities of Monterey and Pacific Grove.

In 1912, Buck left the T.A. Work Corporation to purchase a twenty-one acre orange grove near Lindsay in Tulare County, splitting his time between his city and county interests. After the Board of Trade became the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce in 1915, Buck continued his association, chairing the Soliciting Committee in 1919, and joining W. R. Holman in 1923 on a committee to push through a Carmel-Pacific Grove Highway.

Frank L. Buck ran for and was elected to the Pacific Grove City Council in 1924, serving the short term. While a city official, he served on the Fire, Water, and Parks Committees, and helped with other committees for ordinances, streets and sewers, and finances. Upon retirement, Mr. Buck and his wife continued to reside in Pacific Grove until his passing July 18, 1931. He was buried at El Carmelo Cemetery, the Rev. R. L. McArthur presiding.

by Kent L. Seavey



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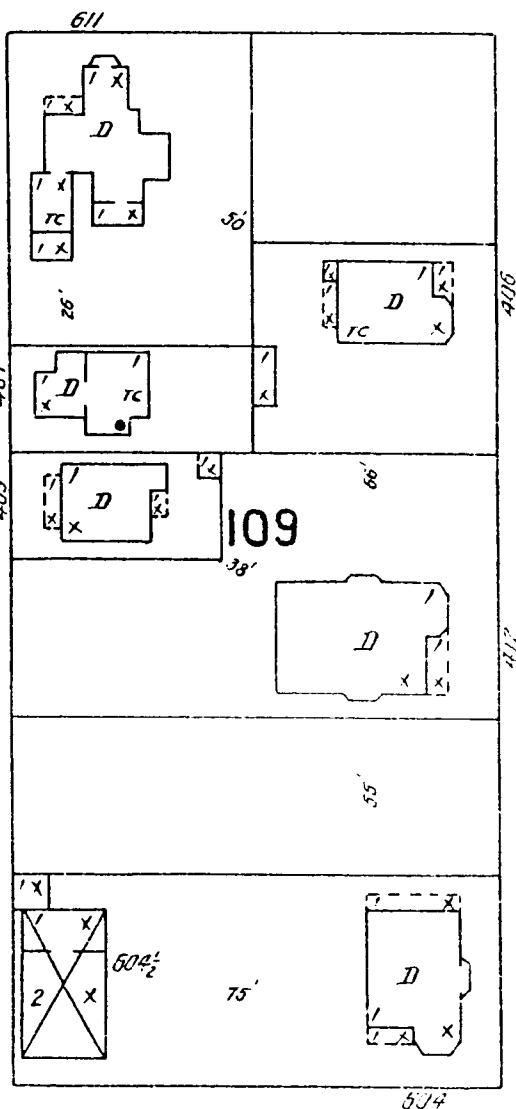
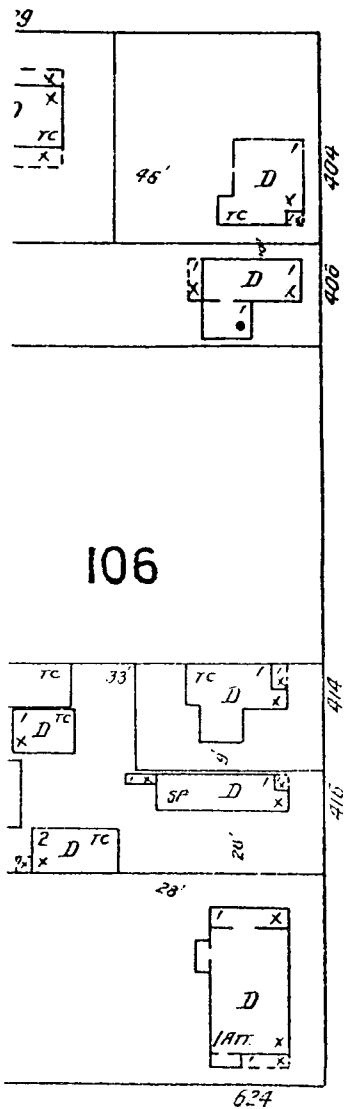
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We need one or two people with the expertise and time to help put together a slide show about Lover's Point using our many photos and maps. Call David Mills at 373-5524 if you can help. Thank you.

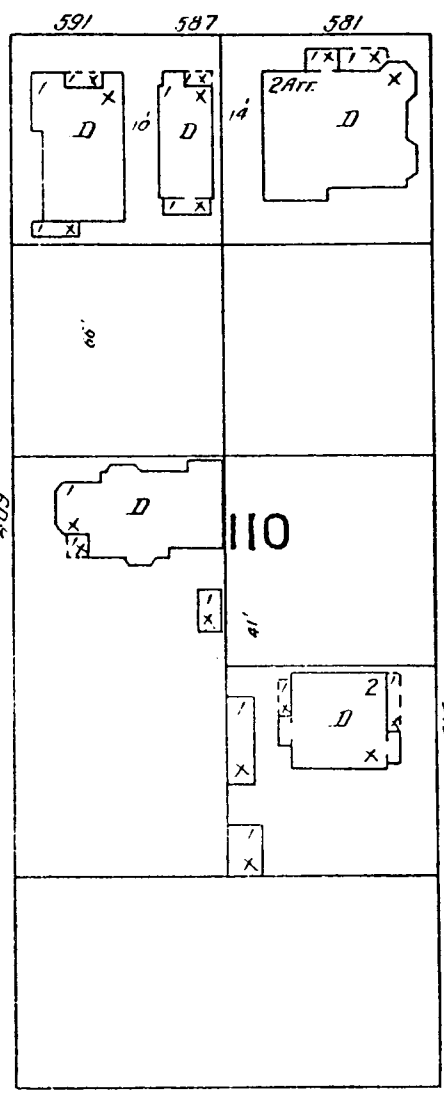
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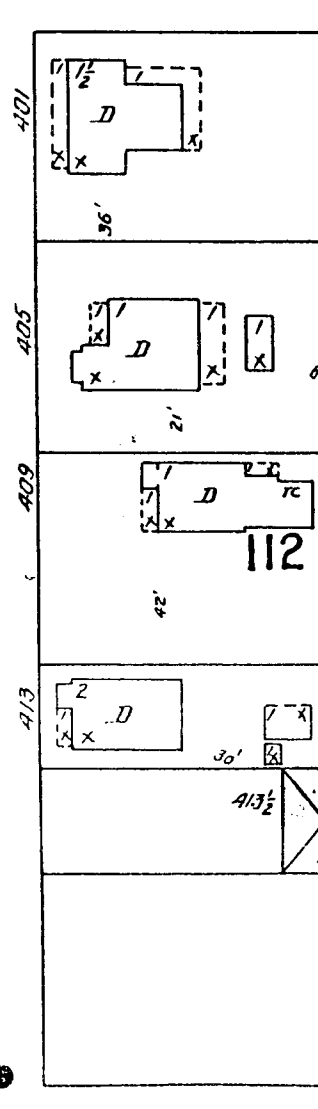
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MAYBECK & MORGAN

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Recipe

The following is from a book published around 1909 containing recipes of many of the women in Pacific Grove, Monterey, Salinas, etc.

Snow Cake

Thoroughly beat together one cupful of sugar and one-half cupful of butter. Add one-half cup of milk, two cupsful of flour, two teaspoonsful of baking powder, and whites of four eggs well beaten. Place one or two Rose Geranium leaves in bottom of the baking pan, cover with greased tissue paper and pour in the cake. Flavor the frosting with extract of rose.

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Have you ever wondered if the house drawing used in our letterhead is based on a real house or is it a composite? Well, wonder no longer.

The house is real and is located on lot 10, block 40 in the Retreat--otherwise known as 113 15th Street. It was built in 1891 and the first owner was Mrs. R. G. Knox. Below is a photo from the Heritage Society files taken in 1978.



1978 photo

113 15th Street

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