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Newsletter of the Pacific Grove Heritage Society

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December '84/January '85

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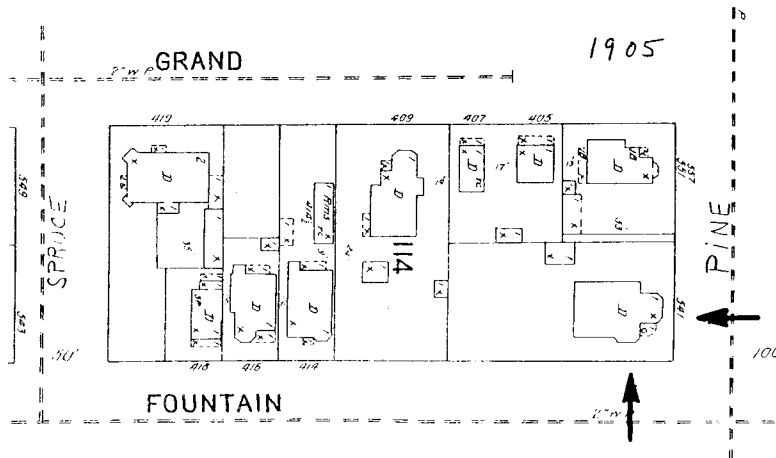
541 Pine Street - 1978

## Not To Be Demolished

A request for a demolition permit to tear down 541 Pine Street was recently submitted to the city by the owner of the property. The Heritage Society filed an appeal with the city on December 28, 1984 to delay demolition action for 60 days. The appeal was submitted to allow the Heritage Society and/or other interested parties to negotiate with the owner regarding the preservation of this fine old home. The house was built in 1900 and the first owner was William H. Murray. Silas W. Mack, attorney and officer of the T. A. Work Company, bought the house soon after and it's been in the Mack family since then.

On January 7, Robert Mack, the owner and great-grandson of Silas W. Mack, withdrew his application to demolish the house. It was never his intention to destroy the family home but only to have it moved to another lot in Pacific Grove, as he has other plans for the 541 Pine site.

Robert and his wife Anne have expressed a willingness to share their plans with concerned neighbors.



## Heritage Highlights

1984 was an excellent year for the Heritage Society. All of our events were well attended and successful. We gained over 60 new members this year and enjoyed increased public exposure. The Heritage Society is now recognized as a positive force in the community. Our files have been reorganized and cross-referenced for the first time (thanks to Judy Proud) and we can handle many more requests for information. Our barn was open five days a week during the summer and many locals and tourists visited our facility.

The annual Christmas reception was the best ever with an overflow crowd attending on December 16. Among those in attendance were Mayor Florus Williams and councilmembers Susan Whitman, Bob Russell and Don Gasperson. Lois Deford and her recorder group played Victorian Christmas carols during the first hour. David Mills played the organ and carillon for a Christmas sing-along during the second hour. Our thanks go to Lois and David for their entertainment. Special thanks also go to David Stocker, local contractor and board member, for installing the carillon in the barn.

Those who have not renewed their membership for 1985 may do so now. Dues are still only \$7.00 per year for a family membership.

Please read the election notice elsewhere in this issue. Our by-laws require a yearly election of our board members on the 3rd Monday of February (February 18) at the Annual General Membership meeting.

## Remembering

The following is taken from a letter written to us by Elisabeth Bean Telfer.

"My Quaker grandfather, James Bean, with his brother Joel and their families, moved to California from West Branch, Iowa, in 1882. They settled in San Jose, and soon after bought adjoining lots at the foot of 8th Street in Pacific Grove. They built cottages, which were enlarged as the families grew, and many happy times were enjoyed there. They always made a point of being there during the Chautauqua season and attended all the lectures. We children looked forward to the last session, which was a magic show. I don't know who the magician was, but we saw him cut a lady in two, pull rabbits out of ears, and do many wondrous tricks.

Grandpa used to go down on the rocks and gather buckets full of mussels for Grandma or my mother to cook. It probably wasn't the right season for them but they didn't seem to hurt us.

Besides spending summers there, my part of the family lived there all through 1906 and again from the summer of 1910 to the summer of 1912. I was in the first class to be graduated from the then new high school on Forest Avenue.

The two Bean cottages have been marked as Victorian, but the names on the markers are James and Joel Beans. There should be no "S" on the Bean. We are a singular family!

I am also, on the other side of my family, a niece of William Fiddes, who was mayor of Pacific Grove for several years. When he retired, a tree was

planted in his honor in the little park we called Berwick Park. There was a marker on it with his name. The tree seems to have disappeared, and we wonder what became of the marker?"

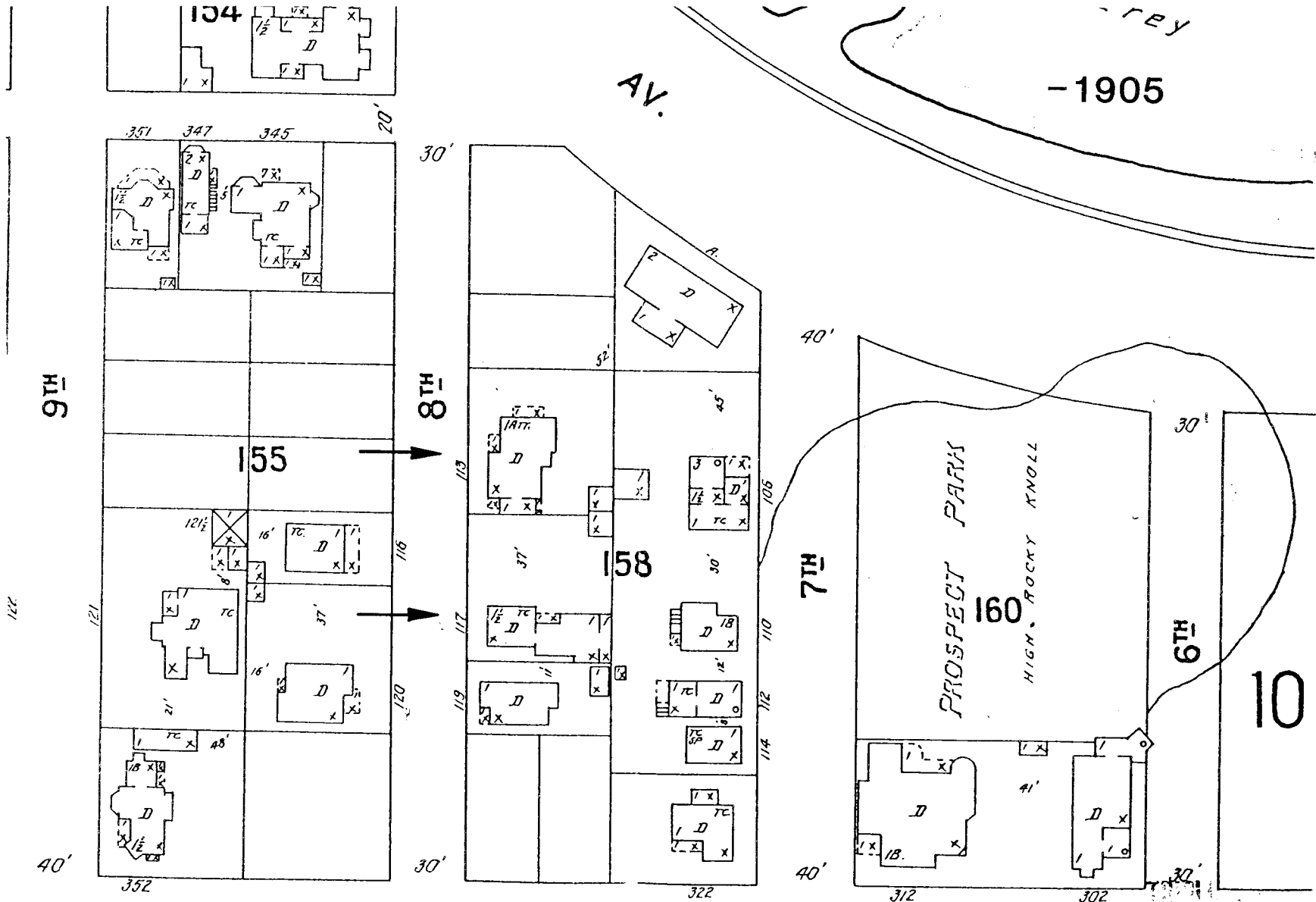
Editor's Note: the James Bean house at 113 8th Street was built in 1887. The Joel Bean house at 117 8th Street was also built in 1887. See centerfold map for exact location.



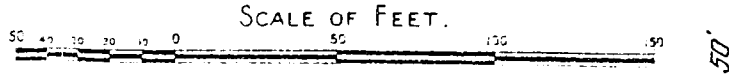
113 and 117 8th Street - 1889



113 8th Street - 1903  
(also as it looks now)



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Map States

### Plaque Volunteer Needed

I need a volunteer to paint the pre-formed letters on our plaques and apply the finishing coats of varnish. Supplies and delivery will be handled by the Heritage Society. If you have the time and space to do this, please call me (Adam) at 646-3551 or 372-2898. Thank you!

### Plaques

The following homes have requested and were awarded plaques. These plaques are currently in the process of being delivered.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>First Owner</u>
155 15th St.	1884	Mrs. E. Beach
166 Carmel	1884	W.D Armes
118 19th St.	1884	George E. Hersey
221 Congress	1884	Benjamin Barber
372 Central	1893	Mrs. Rosetta Sedgeley
306 3rd St.	1893	Mrs. J.D. Rodgers
312 Fountain	1899	Frank W. Dyer
509 Grand	1905	A. J. Steiner
712 Pine	1905	Charles S. Harris
219 Willow	1905	Margaret R. Balch

We have very little information on the above first owners. If you have any information on the above people, please let us know at P.O. Box 1007 or call us at 372-2898.

See photos at right for two of the above homes.



155 15th Street - 1884



306 3rd Street - 1893

## Election Notice

Notice is hereby given of the annual election of the Board of Directors of the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove to be held on Monday evening, 7:00 p.m., February 18, 1985, at the Barn at the annual general membership meeting.

This election notice and the annual meeting date are as per the by-laws (Article II, Section 2.01 and Article III, Section 3.03).

All members are requested and encouraged to attend this annual membership meeting.

There are twelve (12) directors to be elected.

The nominations for the Board of Directors, as submitted by the nominating committee, are as follows:

Marilyn Arioto  
Don Beals  
Sirrah Harris  
Dave Korhonen  
John Matthews  
Jeanne McCombs  
Kathleen Nebeker  
Judy Proud  
Muriel Pyburn  
Lori Rolander  
David Stocker  
Adam Weiland

## Wanted!

The Heritage Society research files are being compiled and cross-referenced. If you have any old photos, old newspapers, or other background information concerning early Pacific Grove to be included in our files, please call Judy Proud at 375-7067. These informational donations are needed and appreciated. We can copy most items if you prefer to retain the original. Any old photos of Pacific Grove are especially wanted. They all help in our research effort.

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## New Members

Chris and Mary Moore  
Dorothy Swartz  
Robert and Mary Armstead  
Donald and Brenda Whitsett  
Roberta Murphy  
Azile Kelly Johnston  
Arthur and Elizabeth Pasquinelli  
Mrs. Thomas J. Ryan  
Anna Marie Jeglin  
Whitney Lechich

--- TIME TO RENEW ! ---

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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Wed, Thur, Fri:  
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(May-Sept. only)

  
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