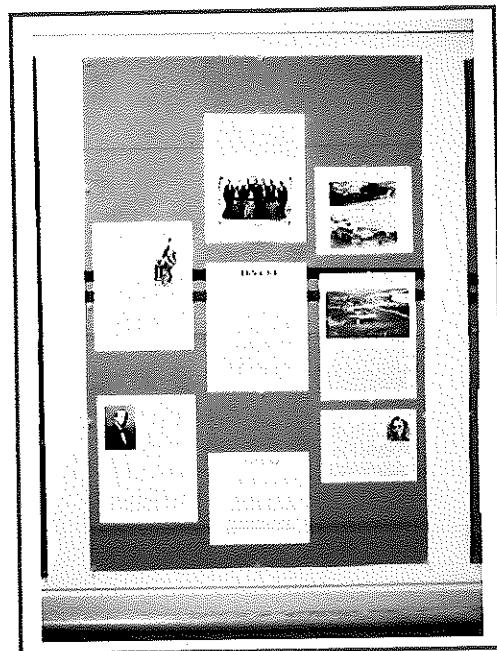


Volume II

C. The Time Line 1853-1932



CREATION OF THE TIMELINE

When the 160th Anniversary Committee asked whether the residents might produce a timeline melding the history of The Heritage with San Francisco history, I took up the challenge, and decided to weave in Marina history when feasible. I created a master timeline from several found on the internet, but it does also tend to reflect some of my personal interests: international affairs, the arts institutions—and baseball! Fellow residents contributed many great ideas along the way. It grew like Topsy, with a few new photo essays added several weeks after the installation.

The Ladies' Society timeline was developed primarily from histories printed at the time of earlier anniversary celebrations. Good photos were harder to find, one of the reasons for preservation herein of those used in or taken during the 160th celebration.

The scope was determined more by the physical space in the gallery and the time needed for research rather than by the amount of available material. Kudos to Doris Howard who developed the space plan, purchased the materials and master-minded the installation, with half a day to spare before the grand opening!

Thanks to Margaret Jacobs for her intuitive sense of what to include, particularly in regard to Heritage history, as well as her gentle ability to keep me in check when I became too wordy, too lost in the trees to find my way out of the forest.

Elmer George and Tony Lawrence allowed us to draw from their vast photo collections not only for pictures to use, but for ideas. Patti Gallagher was an enormous help with the production, and with her sensitivity about the institution in general.

With gratitude to all named and unnamed Heritage residents who contributed ideas, materials and skills to the Timeline Project,

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OUR HERITAGE: A CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST 160 YEARS

The timeline that follows depicts the history of The San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society from its creation in 1853 (shown in red type), in tandem with the development of the city of San Francisco and the Marina District (shown in black and blue respectively). The selected items are a mix of historic fact and whimsical remembrances that may trigger smiles from long-time San Franciscans.

In fact the founding of San Francisco predates this timeline by about 75 years. In 1776 Capt. Juan Bautista established a military outpost in the Presidio, and Lt. J.J. Moraga and Father Francisco Palou founded Mission San Francisco de Asis, a.k.a. Mission Dolores.

California was still a part of Mexico until ceded to the United States in 1846. Troops began deserting the Army in the Presidio in 1848 to join the Gold Rush and within a year thousands of adventurers were racing across the country and around the Horn to join in the frenzy. By 1849 San Francisco had a population of about 25,000; a year later California was admitted to the Union and the California Legislature approved the San Francisco City Charter.

On the whimsical side, Louis Boudin emigrated from Paris to San Francisco in 1849, created his famous sourdough starter and launched a tradition when he opened his bakery in North Beach in 1852.

Beginning 160 years ago in 1853, in the panels that follow we pick up tidbits of the development of our city, our neighborhood and our home.

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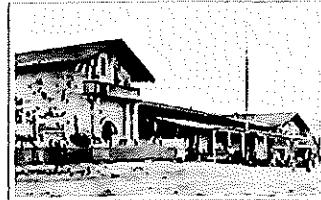
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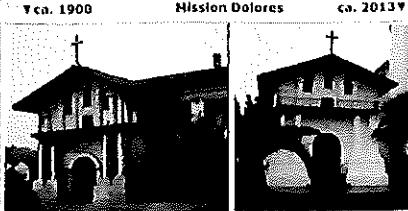
Daguerreotype panorama of San Francisco in 1853 at the time The Ladies Protection and Relief Society was organized



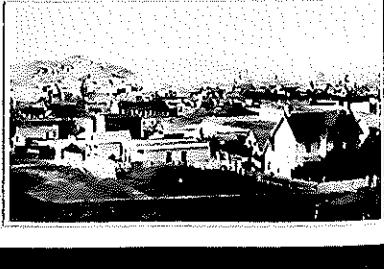
First Building in San Francisco



Founded by Father Francisco Palou who arrived in 1776, Mission San Francisco de Asis' chapel (a.k.a. Mission Dolores) was finished in 1791. The adobe walls are four feet thick and may have been one of the reasons the chapel was one of the buildings left standing after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.



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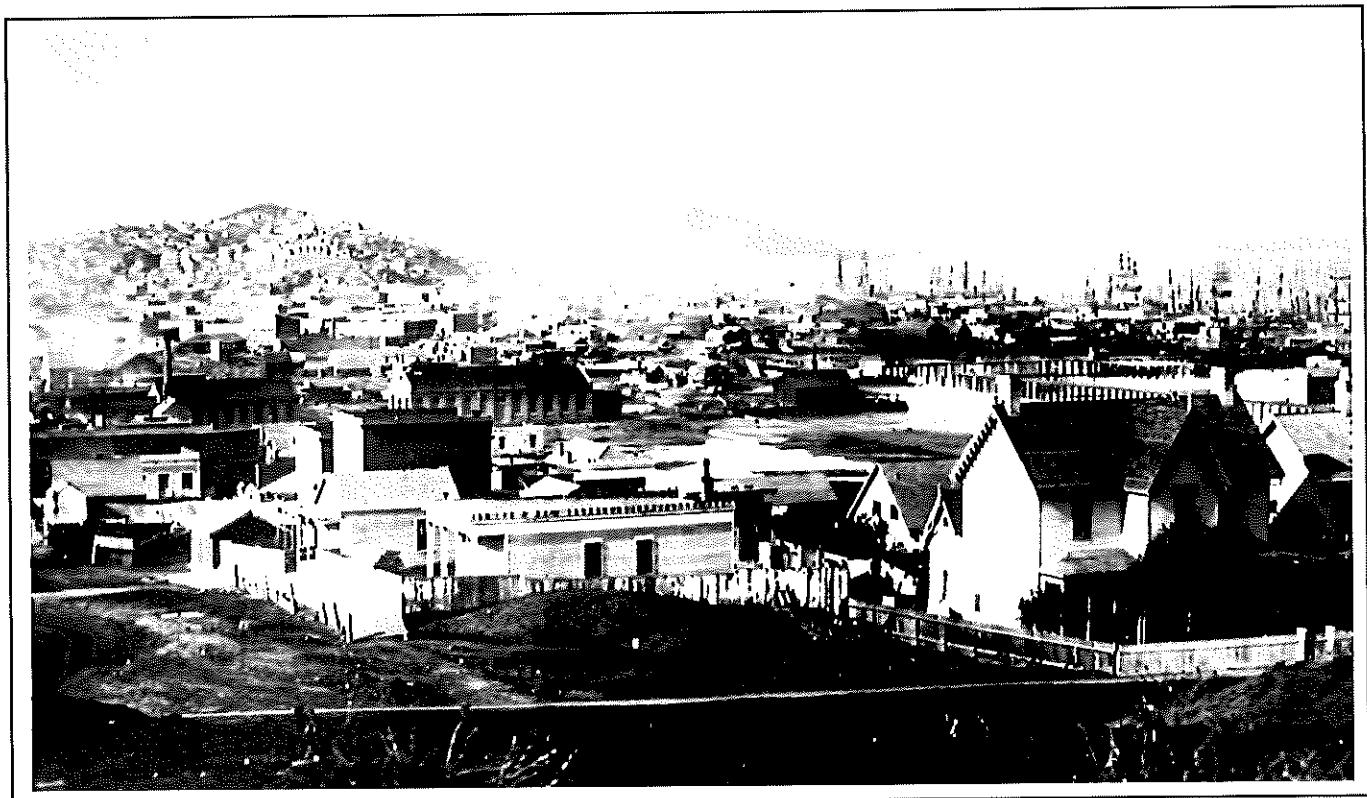




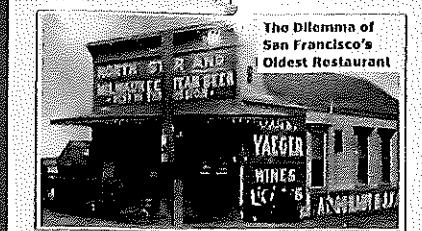
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Emperor Norton

Joshua Abraham Norton (c. 1819–January 8, 1880), self-proclaimed Imperial Majesty Emperor Norton I, was a celebrated citizen of San Francisco who in 1859 proclaimed himself "Emperor of these United States" and "Protector of Mexico".

Born in England, Norton came to San Francisco in 1849 after receiving a bequest of \$40,000 from his father's estate. Initially he made a living as a businessman, but lost his fortune investing in Peruvian rice. He left the city but returned in a few years, apparently mentally unbalanced, claiming to be the Emperor of the United States. Although he had no political power, and his influence extended only so far as he was humored by those around him, he was treated deferentially in San Francisco, and currency issued in his name was honored in the establishments he frequented.

Though he was considered insane, or at least slightly eccentric, the citizens of San Francisco celebrated his regal presence and his proclamations, most famously, his "order" that the United States Congress be dissolved by force, and his numerous decrees calling for a bridge crossing and a tunnel to be built under San Francisco Bay. On January 8, 1880, Norton collapsed and died at a street corner. The following day, nearly 30,000 people packed the streets of San Francisco to pay homage to Norton. His legacy has been immortalized in the literature of Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, and others.



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Lowell High School

The oldest public high school west of the Mississippi, Lowell traces its beginnings to 1850 when the San Francisco School Board established the first public secondary school in California. It was called Union Grammar School, but was officially changed to San Francisco High School in 1859. Six years later the girls were sent to another school and the name was changed to Boys' High. In 1870, the school moved into a new three-story structure on Sutter Street between Gough and Octavia. In the 1890s, girls once more began to attend to take such college prep courses as Latin and Greek. In 1894, the school was renamed to honor the distinguished poet, James Russell Lowell.



First graduating class of Lowell High School, 1859

1853-62

San Francisco/Marina

1850s Washerwoman's Lagoon—shallow lake in what is now the Marina between Laguna Street and the Presidio—is used by local citizens for doing laundry

1853 California Academy of Sciences established, first institution of its kind to encourage participation of women

1853 Levi Strauss arrives in SF and establishes a dry goods business at 90 Sacramento Street—genesis of his jeans empire

1855 University of San Francisco, originally called St. Ignatius Academy, established as first SF university

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1861 Gump brothers open art shop, launching another iconic San Francisco business

Levi Strauss

In 1853, the California gold rush was in full swing, and everyday items were in short supply. Levi Strauss, a 24-year-old German immigrant, left New York for San Francisco with a small supply of dry goods with the intention of opening a branch of his brother's NY dry goods business. Shortly after his arrival, a prospector wanted to know what Levi Strauss was selling. When Strauss told him he had rough canvas to use for tents and wagon covers, the prospector said, "You should have brought pants," saying he couldn't find a pair of pants strong enough to last.



Levi Strauss had the canvas made into waist overalls. Miners liked the pants, but complained that they tended to chafe. Levi substituted a twilled cotton cloth from France called "serge de Nimes." This fabric later became known as denim and the pants were nicknamed blue jeans.

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San Francisco in 1853



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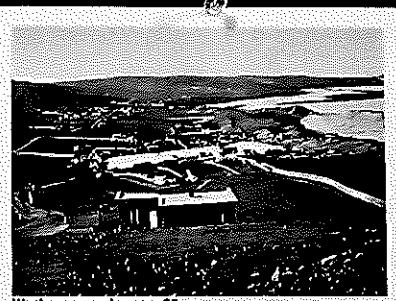


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Washerwoman Lagoon, SF

(Photo: Bancroft Library, University of California)

In San Francisco during the early days water cost at least a bit a bucketful, two buckets for a quarter, quite a lot of wash day! Consequently, only the washing clothes that was considered indispensable was done, and mostly by Mexican and Indian women at a fresh water pond in today's Marina District south of Black Point that came to be called Washerwoman's Lagoon. In 1849 the ordinary price for washing soiled linen was eight dollars a dozen and large quantities were sent to foreign ports for cleaning. In the fall of that year a ship arrived from the Sandwich Islands, today's Hawaii, with a hundred dozen pieces and another ship came from Canton, China with two hundred and fifty dozen. It seemed that the practice of shipping dirty laundry overseas was becoming common.

John P. Johnson, Gold Rush History Examiner



In 1853, Solomon and Gustav Gump opened a mirror and frame shop in San Francisco. When newly minted millionaires from the Gold Rush showed an interest in their shop, the brothers expanded their collection of old world art and new world design into what would become one of San Francisco's most iconic businesses. Gump's eventually was passed on to Solomon's son Alfred Livingston (A.L.) Gump.

The 1906 earthquake and fire destroyed the store and all the merchandise; however, A.L. received \$17,000 for one of his paintings, which enabled the rebuilding and restocking of the store. A.L. had a passion for Oriental art and began collecting his exotic collectibles from the Far East. He sent his buyers to Japan and China to bring back exclusive rugs, porcelains, silks, bronzes and jades to California's new millionaires. Among the most prized acquisitions, a Ching Dynasty gilded wood Buddha, which still gazes serenely over the first floor of Gump's. It remains the largest of its kind outside of a museum and is the only item in the store that is not for sale.

A.L.'s son Richard became president of Gump's after his father's death in 1947. He continued to run the company's overall operations until his retirement in 1975. Subsequently Gump's has been sold and resold to various investors. While Gump's has seen big changes over the years, its devotion to exquisite craftsmanship and international designers and artisans remains just as strong today as it has been for 150+ years.



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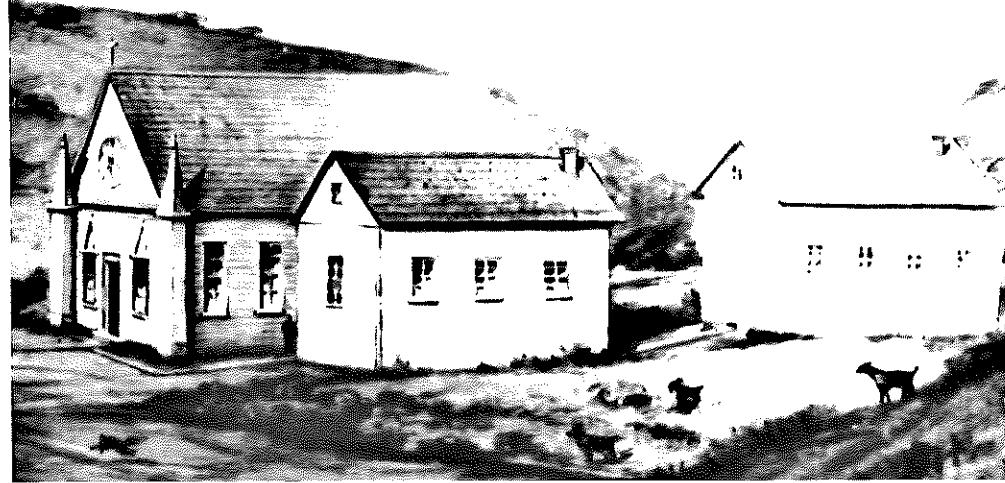
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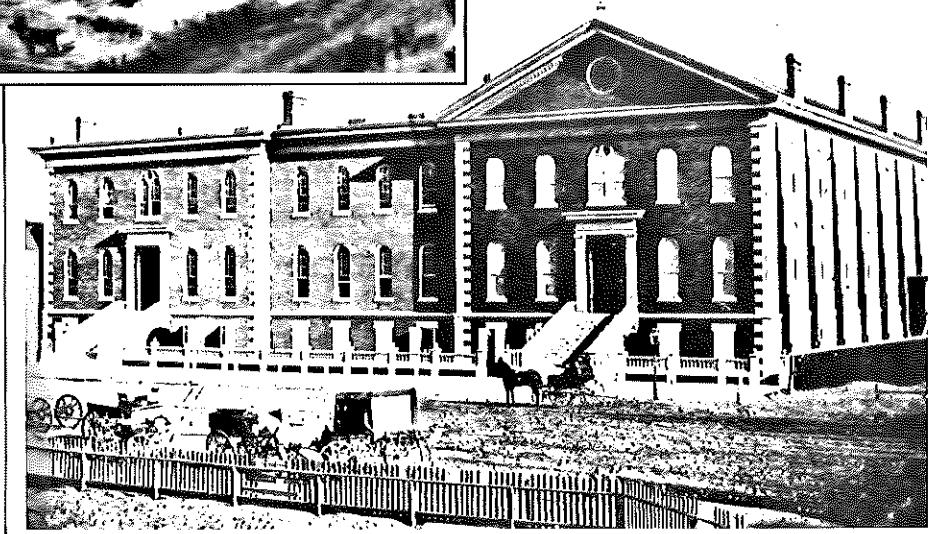


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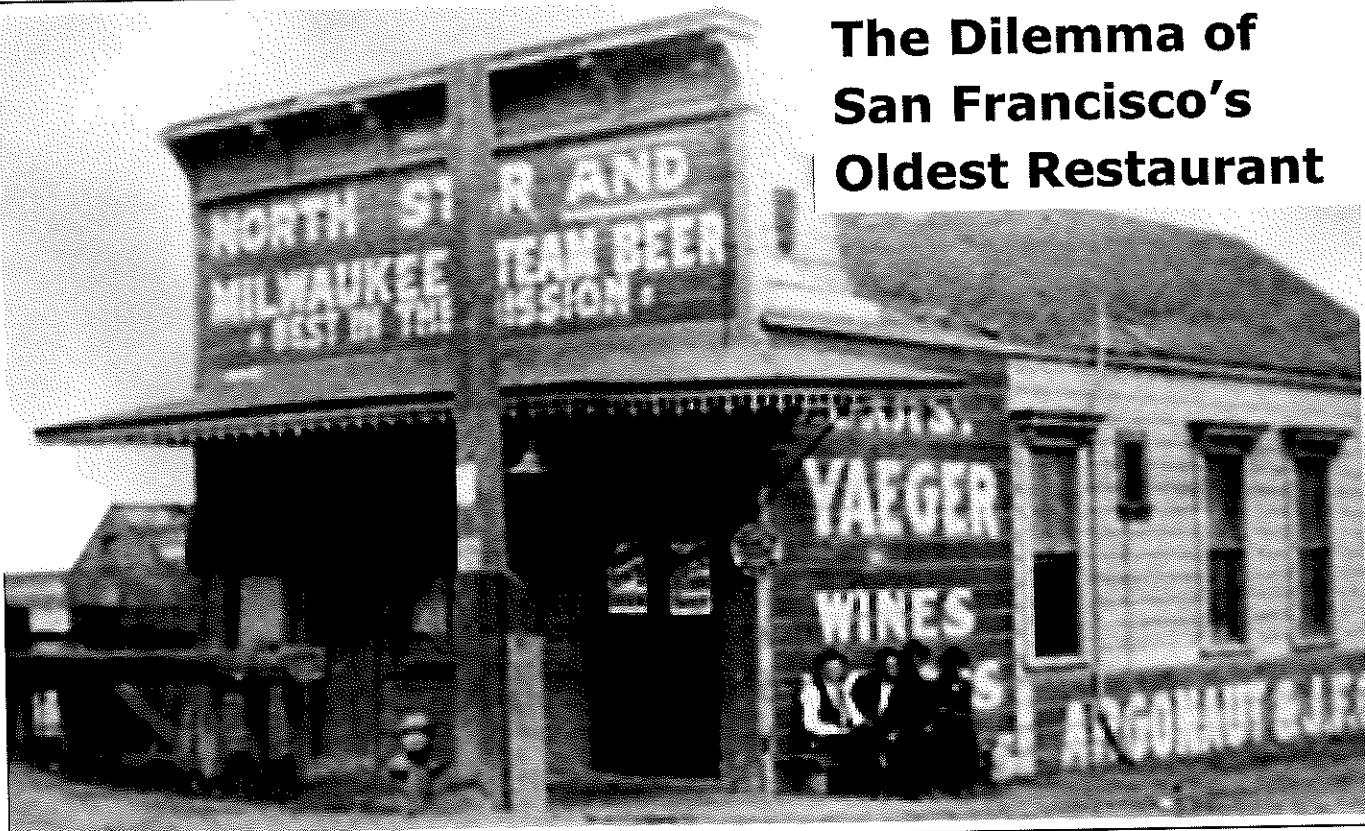


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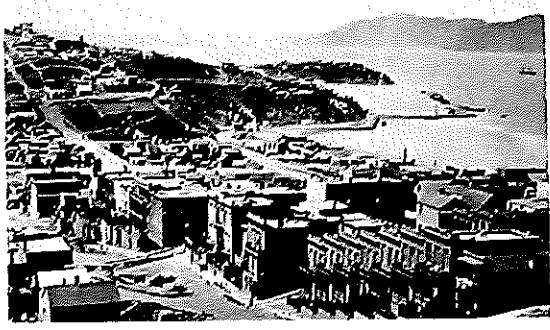
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Excerpted from Internet sources



Sand dunes in "Outer Lands" before Golden Gate Park



San Francisco in 1864, looking west from Telegraph Hill

CREATION OF GOLDEN GATE PARK

In the 1860s, San Franciscans began to feel a need for a spacious public park similar to Central Park in New York City. Golden Gate Park was carved out of sand and shore dunes, known as the Outside Lands, in an unincorporated area west of city borders. Ostensibly created for recreation, the subtle purpose of the park was housing development and westward expansion of the city.

William Hammond Hall surveyed the park site in 1870 and became its commissioner in 1871. The park drew its name from nearby Golden Gate Strait.

The plan and planting were developed by Hall and his assistant, John McLaren, who had apprenticed in Scotland with many of the 19th-century's best professional gardeners. In 1876, the plan was almost derailed by a racetrack, favored by "The Big Four" millionaires: Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins, Collis P. Huntington and Charles Crocker.



Hall resigned, and the remaining park Commissioners followed. However the original plan was back on track by 1886, after streetcars delivered over 47,000 people to Golden Gate Park on one weekend afternoon (out of a population of 250,000 in the city). Hall selected McLaren as his successor in 1887.

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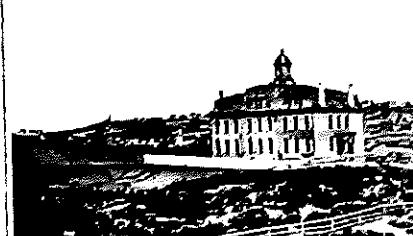
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1863-72

San Francisco/Marina

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- 1864 Coastal defense battery built at Point San Jose, renamed Fort Mason in 1882
- 1865 Charles & M.H. deYoung start Chronicle
- 1869 Transcontinental Railroad completed connecting San Francisco with the rest of the United States
- 1870 Golden Gate Park created by act of California Legislature. Plan developed to establish urban park, a la New York's Central Park, out of sand dunes on western edge of city

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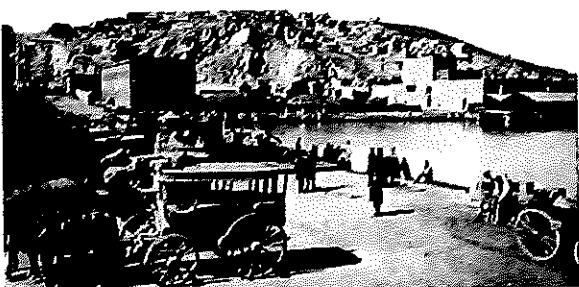
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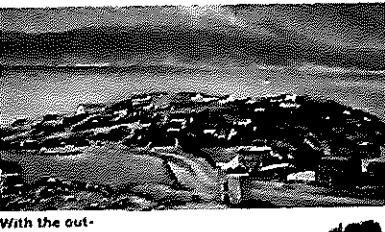
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Northwest corner of today's Broadway and (the then aptly-named) Front Streets, with Telegraph Hill in the background. (1865)

The Army's Point Jose (Fort Mason). 1860s



With the outbreak of the Civil War the army took possession of Black Point, evicted civilians, and restored the original name, Point San Jose. Like most 19th century posts, it functioned as a small, self-sufficient town. The parade ground was an open grassy place used for musters, drills, and public ceremonies as well as the hub of post life.

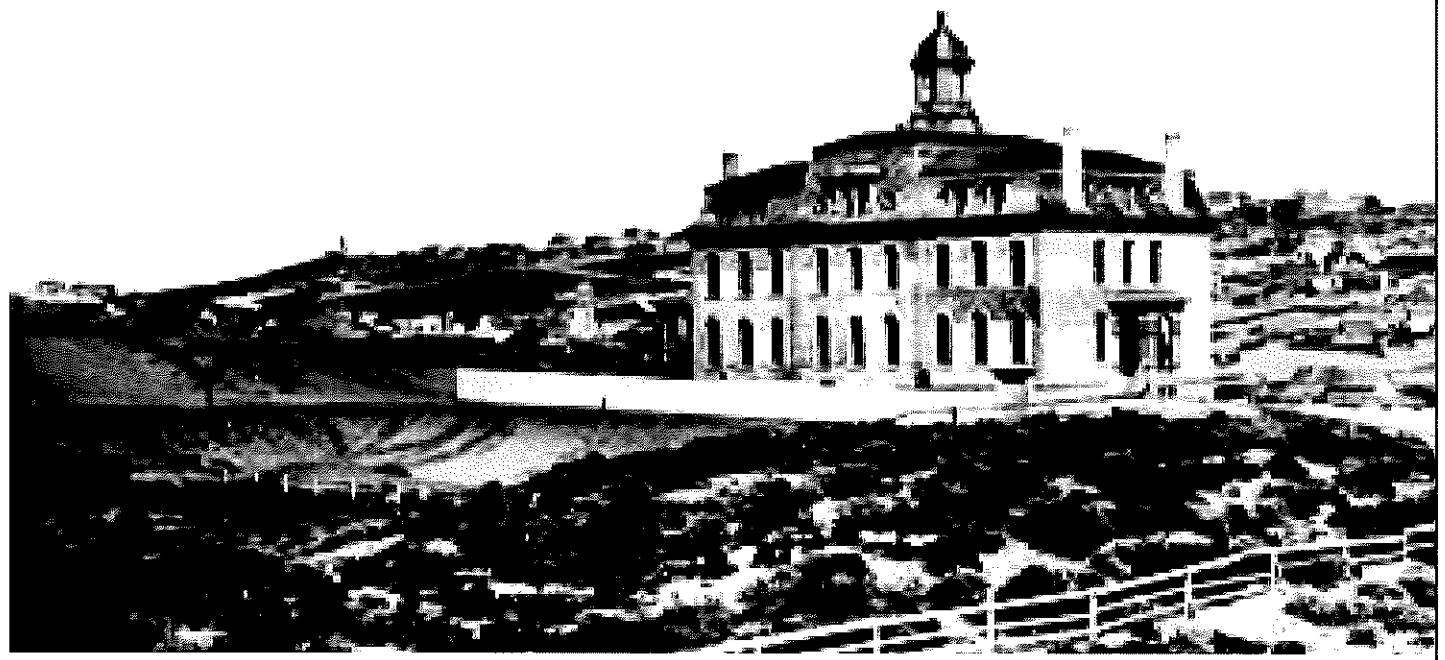
Fearing possible Confederate attacks against gold-laden sailing ships, the army strengthened the harbor defense structures. In 1864, the army fortified Point San Jose with more guns. In 1882, the post was renamed Fort Mason, honor Colonel Richard Barnes Mason, the second military governor and commander of California.

1863-72

The Heritage

- 1862-63 Work begins on a building designed by S.C. Bugbee for the lot on Franklin Street, a home for children known as the "Ladies' Home", also The Brown Ark
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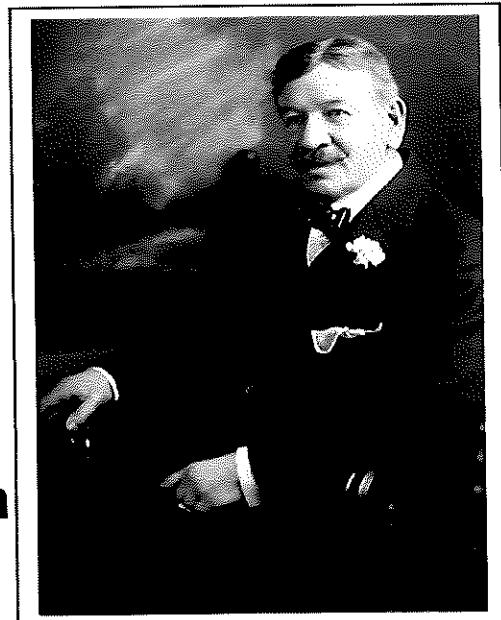


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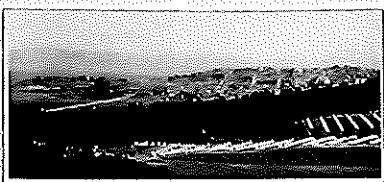


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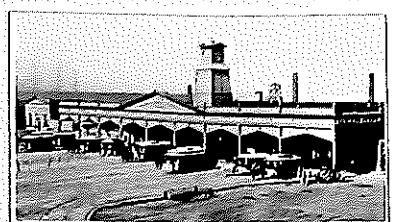
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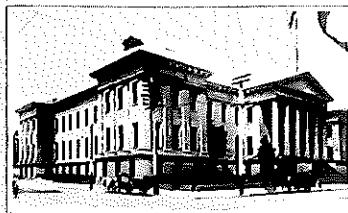
Marina ca. 1880

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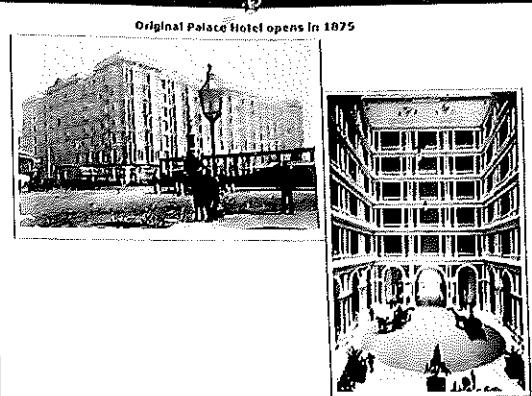


First Ferry Building, 1877

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Old Mint at 5th & Mission



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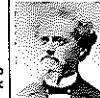
1873-82

San Francisco/Marina

- 1873 First Cable Car line established on Clay Street hill by inventor Andrew Hallidie
- 1874 Mint opens on Fifth Street
- 1875 Pacific Stock Exchange opens
- 1875 The Palace Hotel opens
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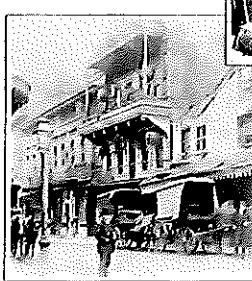
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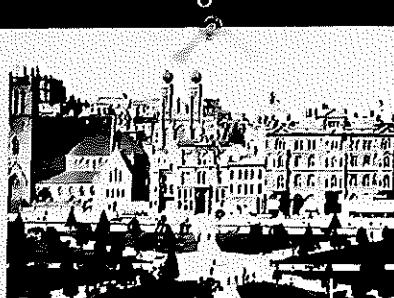
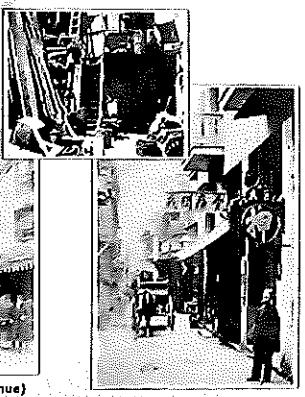
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San Francisco Chinatown, 1870s



A Dupont Avenue (now Grant Avenue)



Union Square ca. 1875

During the Gold Rush, Union Square was a campgrounds, used primarily for dumping, by occasional squatters, and for sand-lot baseball games. In 1864, the Mechanics' Institute, founded ten years earlier to advance the mechanical arts and sciences, was granted permission to build a pavilion there, since the city needed a large indoor gathering space.

During the Civil War, the Square took on its present name because several pro-Union rallies held there. Soon all four sides of the Square were in great demand for home sites, and it became the center of a fashionable residential district with churches plentifully interspersed.

Sometime after the removal of the Mechanics' Pavilion in 1871, Union Square was formally designed as a park.

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1873-82

The Heritage

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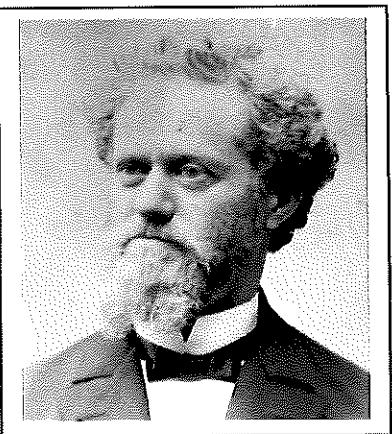


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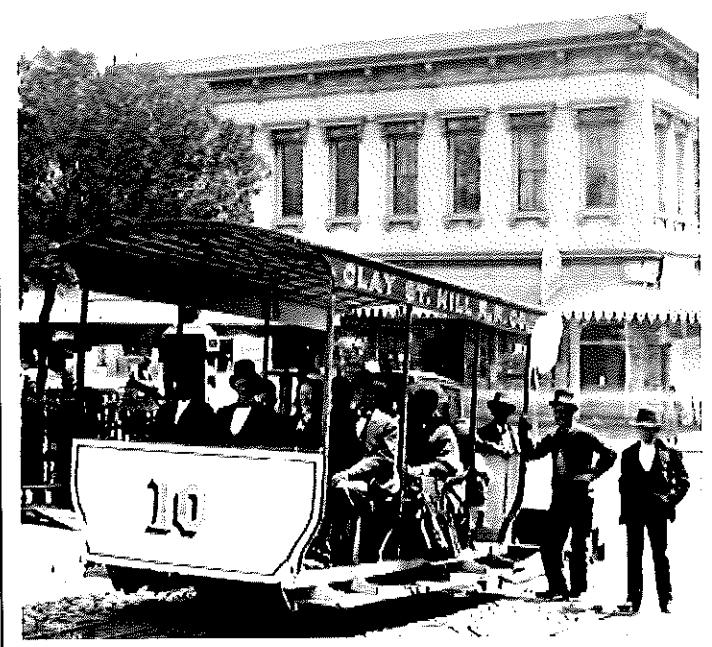


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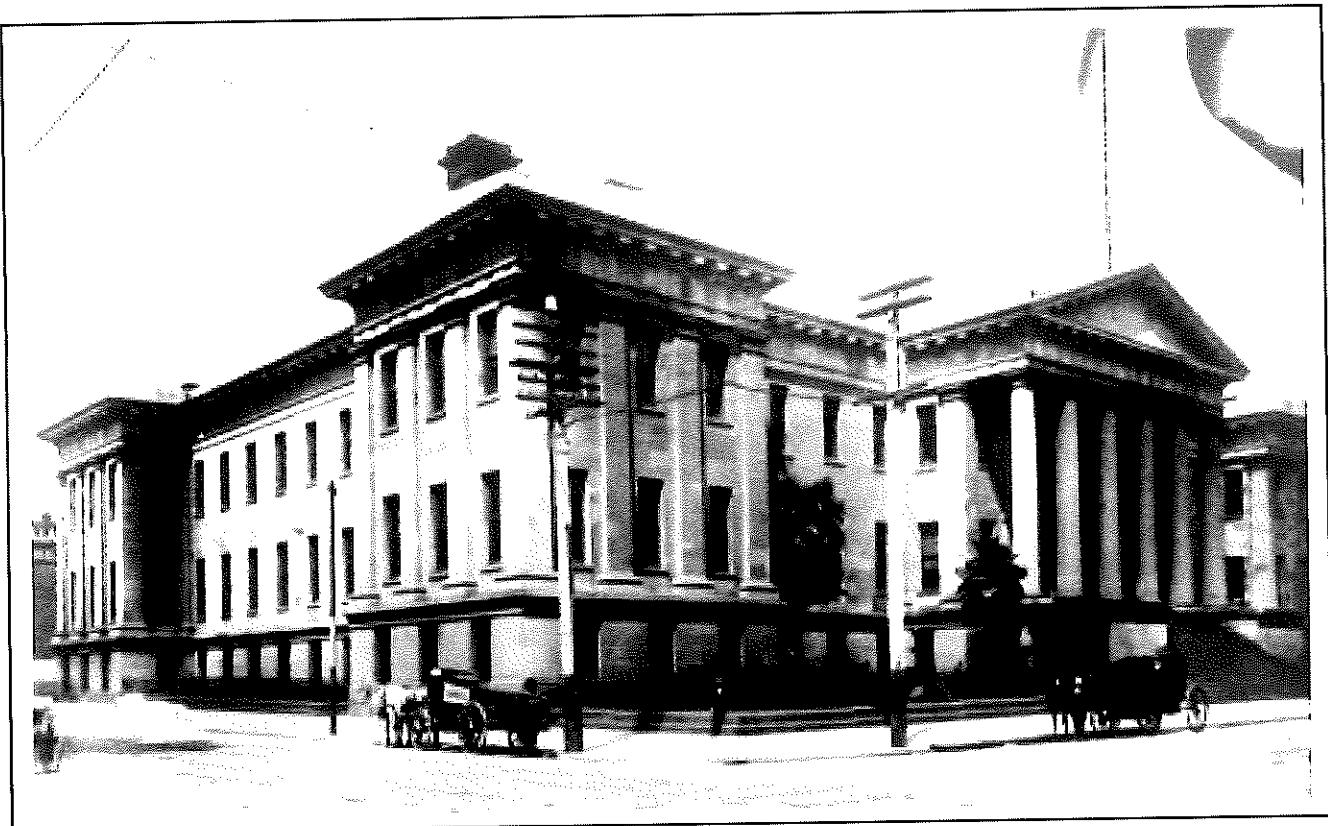
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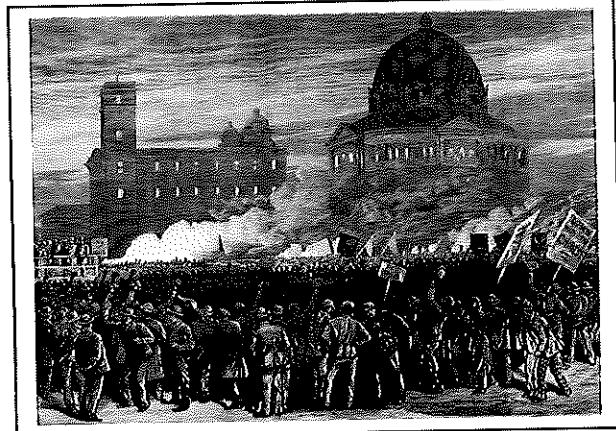
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James G. Fair (1831-94) was an overnight millionaire part-owner of the Comstock Lode, a U.S. Senator, and a colorful real estate and railroad speculator.



He formed a partnership with three fellow Irishmen, John William Mackay, and the San Francisco saloon owners, James C. Flood and William S. O'Brien, popularly known as the "Bonanza firm". The four made large fortunes in shares in silver mines working the Comstock Lode—the first major silver discovery in the U.S., producing over \$500,000 dollars in 20 years of operation. Although Fair was acknowledged to be a capable mine superintendent and a shrewd businessman, he was not well liked, and carried the nickname "Slippery Jim."

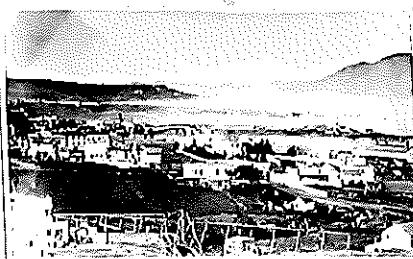
He invested much of his income from the Comstock in railroads and San Francisco real estate. In 1851 he bought up 44 blocks between Baker & Webster, north of Chestnut with intent of filling the marshes for land development. Fair and Mackay owned the Nevada Bank, for a time the largest bank in America at the height of the silver boom.

The Fairmont Hotel was built and named after Fair as a grand monument by his daughters, Theresa Fair Oelrichs and Virginia Fair Vanderbilt. Construction began in 1902, but they sold their interests in 1906, days before the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

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Chinese Parade on Grant Avenue, 1885



1890 Marina District



1883-92

San Francisco/Marina

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- 1887 William Randolph Hearst takes over management of San Francisco Examiner, purchased by his father in 1880
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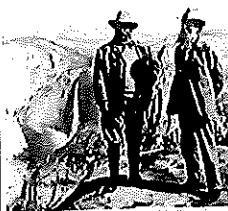
The Sierra Club

Is one of the oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organizations in the United States. It was founded in San Francisco in May 1892 by Scottish preservationist John Muir, who became its first President.

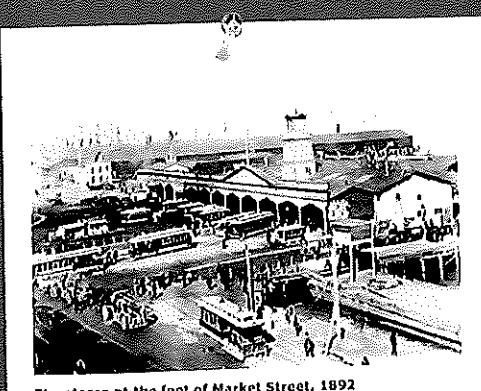
The Club's first goals included convincing the California legislature to give Yosemite Valley to the federal government, and to save California's coastal redwoods, as well as establishing Glacier and Mount Rainier national parks.

Muir escorted President Theodore Roosevelt through Yosemite in 1903. ▶

Two years later the California legislature ceded Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove to the U.S. government. The Sierra Club won its first lobbying victory with the creation of the country's second national park (after Yellowstone which had been created in 1872).



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Streetcars at the foot of Market Street, 1892

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The Heritage

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Child-Saving Charities

The following page is an excerpted version of James Flamm's report comparing the work of the "Child-Saving Charities in this Big Town" in 1891-92. Of the 15 charities reviewed, "The Ladies' Society" ranks first.

It has been edited because of its length, but the excessive language has been retained, the most florid highlighted in yellow. The full report can be found at <http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/history/hgsc.htm>

Among California's early charities the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society figures prominently. Children taken under their care are kept until suitable Christian homes are provided for them.



There are four separate school rooms, besides a large kindergarten, conducted in the home, but on account of the number of pupils and the insufficiency of accommodation it has been found necessary to send a portion of the older inmates to neighborhood schools. It was thought that this idea would be abhorred by the children coming in contact with many well-trained minds, and that the enlargement of their acquaintances might be baneful to them in after life. They were most hospitably received at the Denman and Clement schools, and since their entrance, two years ago the teachers have expressed the greatest satisfaction with them in every way, and, as a sequel, an improvement in address and manners is a notable result of their widening experience. They go and come as children from their own homes, and the walk four times a day and home study required has proved a healthy stimulus to their active and restless moods.

In the winter of 1891, a severe plague invaded the institution with fearful results. Diphtheria—the scourge of palace and cottage alike—carried away five of the little tots. Soon measles broke out and claimed another victim. Christmas was dropped out of the calendar, two of the little children passing away on that day. No one from the outside cared to risk the contagion and the hearts and hands of all in the home were full of care for the sick and dying children. There are over 200 inmates in the home at the present, all appearing to be happy and as well cared for as the limited means of the society will allow.

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