



HOTEL BAYVIEW

ESTABLISHED 1870

8041 SOQUEL DRIVE

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APTOS is named after a famous Costanoan Indian Chief, whose tribe then occupied what later became known as RANCHO DE APTOS. Legend has it that Aptos was over six feet in height . . . very tall for an Indian of those days, and so fleet of foot that he could shoot an arrow over a massive grove of redwoods and catch it before it touched the ground.

Stemming out of the mysterious past, the Indians speaking a babble of tongues, laying claims to hunting, fishing and acorn gathering areas, the possessory claims of Aptos and his tribes, along with his brown skinned brothers were doomed to fade quickly before the conquering white races.

In 1769, the horse-borne soldiers, settlers and missionaries (the Indians were astonished at the size of these beasts as they had never seen a horse or a mule) traveling under Captain Gaspar Portola in search of the Bay of Monterey, passed by it without recognizing it and traveled north to discover the Bay of San Francisco. On their way North, they passed through what is now known as Corralitos, a little village about nine miles East of Aptos. On Monday, October 9, 1769, Portola wrote in his diary: "We have found a strange tree—very like the pine in its leaf—say, this is not more than two fingers long; the heartwood is red—very handsome wood, handsomer than cedar. There are many of these trees—of all sizes and thickness—most of them high and straight like so many candles: what a pleasure to see this blessing of timber." Thus it was on this date a white man observed for the first time the California Redwood.

The Hotel Bayview is on a portion of a Mexican grant given by Governor Jose Figueroa in 1833 to Raphael Castro. In those days, it was the number of cattle—not land—that determined a man's wealth. Land disputes were numerous and often carried on for years. The Rancho de Aptos was not confirmed to him until the "act to settle and ascertain the land claims in California" in 1860.

The Hotel was built in 1870 by Jose Aramo, a French basque from New Orleans. He had arrived in Aptos several years before and had married Maria de las Augustia—dark-haired beautiful girl and the youngest daughter of Rafael Castro, owner of the huge Rancho Aptos. The Hotel was the center point when F. A. Hihn's lumber companies were operating near Valentia and Loma Prieta. Claus Spreckles, San Francisco millionaire and sugar beet king, bought a large part of the Rancho, building a lavish hotel, homes and guest-houses. In this setting, the Bayview became a fashionable hotel and famous for its international guest lists and continental cuisine.

After several idle years the old Bayview was purchased and restored by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tony. Wherever possible, it remains as it was. Electric lights have replaced kerosene—modern plumbing has been installed, but the charm of the high ceilings . . . marble fireplace . . . and the warmth of friendship . . . the romance and intrigue of years gone by—remain. In September, 1973, the Hotel was entrusted to a group of local citizens who will dedicate themselves to—that Grand Old Lady . . . the Hotel Bayview.

Lunches and Dinners are served.

Reservations are suggested.

— WE ARE NOW OPEN FROM 11 A.M. TO 11 P.M. —

PLAT
of the
APTOS RANCHO
finally confirmed to
RAFAEL CASTRO
Surveyed under instructions from the
U.S. SURVEYOR GENERAL
by
J. Wallace Deputy Surveyor
May & December
1858
6625 1/2 Acres

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