

Historic Houses

Old-fashioned Roses, Historic Home on Tour

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Original redwood floors . . . a charming old staircase, and an old fashioned garden with a Belle of Portugal rose planted in 1876. That's what is in store for Homes Tour goers August 14, sponsored by Santa Cruz YWCA.

The Farnham House, built in 1854 by a Mr. Kelly, is now the home of Mrs. George A. Work, retired Santa Cruz city and county librarian.

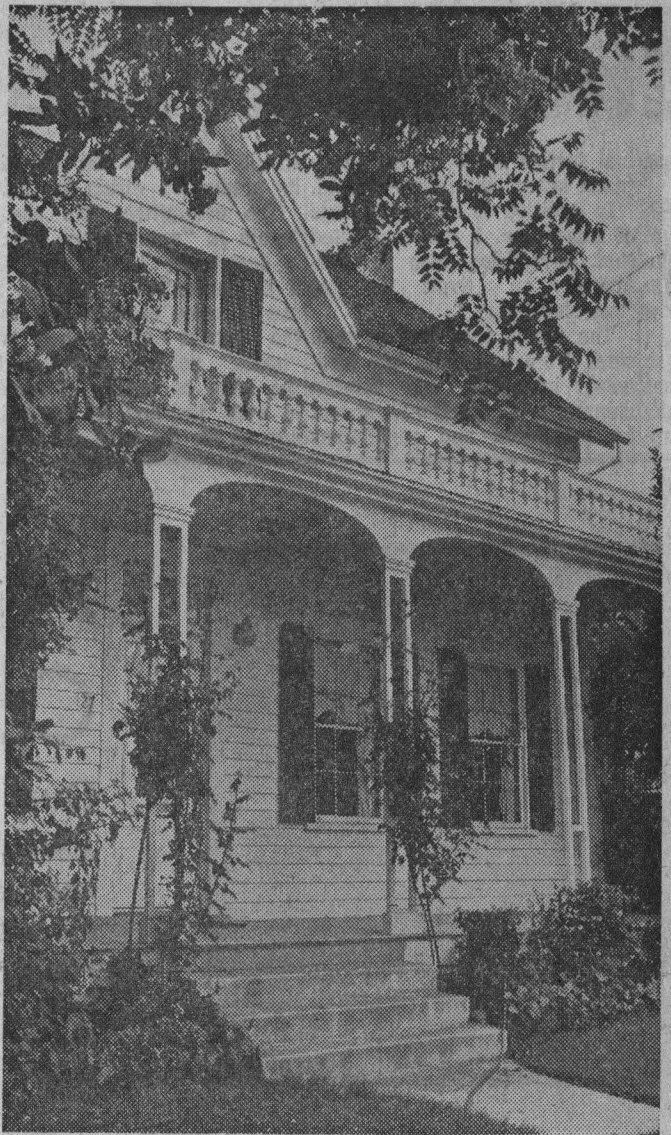
Most of the original house on Green Street has been beautifully preserved by Mrs. Work, with as little change as possible. Original window panes are in the window frames. Two of them bear the diamond-carved initials "A F 1871" — standing for Alice Farnham who lived there and planted the rose tree in 1876.

The house provides the perfect setting for Mrs. Work's rare square Emerson grand piano.

It is a fine example of the distinctive New England type home that has given Santa Cruz its picturesque flavor for so many years. Farnham House is one of four selected for the tour.

The Homes tour is being held in conjunction with the 23rd Annual YWCA Antiques Show-Sale, August 12-15. The tour is one day only, August 14, and tickets may be secured at the Y, 303 Walnut Avenue, at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium where the show-sale will be held, and at the homes during tour hours.

—Margaret Koch



Farnham House, above, built 117 years ago on historic Green Street, will be included in the YWCA Homes Tour August 14 in conjunction with the annual Antiques Show-Sale. The home and its old fashioned garden now belong to Mrs. Geraldine Work, shown center left. With her are Mrs. Agnes Gory, left, executive secretary of the YWCA, and Mrs. Paul Heady, co-chairman with Mrs. Phil Harry for the Y Antiques show-sale. The sale will run from August 12-15 at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium.