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Morrissey Property

76-Year-Old Historic Home To Be Razed For New Market

The razing of the 76-year-old Morrissey home at the corner of Soquel and Pacheco avenues to make way for a Lucky Store brings to an end 91 years of property ownership by the Morrissey and Williams families.

Occupying the house until May 4 were Miss Mary H. Williams and Miss Margaret M. Williams. With their brother, Vincent, and their sisters, Mrs. Julia Williams Sullivan of Watsonville and Mrs. Dorothy Williams Dady of Honolulu, they had inherited it from their mother, Mrs. W. F. Williams (Margaret Morrissey).

Their grandfather, Patrick Morrissey, purchased the farm property which at that time extended to the foothills (now DeLaveaga park) in 1868, bringing their grandmother, Honora Phair Morrissey, there as a bride. The first dwelling was torn down some years ago.

One of the pear trees cut down last week was part of the original family orchard planted in that year, and still bore fruit.

It was in 1906 that Morrissey subdivided his extensive holdings, deeding to the city shortly after that the land for Morrissey boulevard (which bears the family name) and Pacheco avenue.

Both of the Morrisseys were born in Ireland with Patrick coming to Santa Cruz in 1860 from New York state and his wife emigrating to San Francisco in the early 1950s. It was in the city by the Golden Gate that they met.

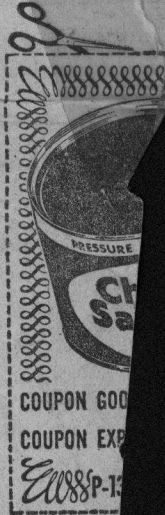
In addition to Margaret, mother of the Williams clan, their children included Rev. James P. Morrissey and Patrick C. Morrissey. Margaret, who lived her entire life in the family home, was married to William F. Williams in 1880. They reared their chil-

dren in the house which has been home to four generations.

Another Santa Cruz landmark is gone with the razing of the 76-year-old Morrissey home at the corner of Soquel and Pacheco avenues. A Lucky Store will be erected on the site, home of the Morrissey and Williams families for 91 years.

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