

*Historic Houses*

# An Old Home Fades Away

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The J. Henry Garrett house at 128 Lincoln street is coming down this week, piece by piece, board by board. It stood in the path of Vine street extension.

When Vine street goes through, a project not exactly new, it will cut a swath through the old Sentinel building, Grove-Portola Savings and Loan, the old Telephone building and Voris Realty.

Oldest of the structures to be demolished is the Garrett house. Henry and the late Lucy Garrett moved into it in 1908, following their wedding. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary there on September 28, 1958. Later the Garretts moved to 31 East Ridge drive in Pasatiempo where Mr. Garrett yet lives.

Garrett is a name long associated with Santa Cruz civic and business interests, and with the First Methodist Church. Henry first entered the local church as a "babe in arms." He joined in 1893. He will be 86 years old next month and for more than 80 years has played an important role in the business of the church.

In 1962 when the Methodists were planning to build their new plant on California street, Henry donated \$100,000 to start the ball rolling. For many years he headed the finance and building committees.

Garrett also served as chairman of the board for the Farmers and Merchants National Bank which preceded Wells

Fargo at the corner of Locust and Pacific, and as president of Santa Cruz Lumber Company. He never did retire. But about two years ago, due to illness, he stepped out of civic and business affairs to a degree.

**Garrett House was built in 1883 by Henry's parents, Mr.**

**and Mrs. Edwin Garrett. Henry moved into it as a child at the age of 2. He was actually born in a house several doors away which still stands next to the Lincoln Bakery.**

When Henry married he took his bride to the family home on Lincoln street and they liv-

ed there for 50 years. Mrs. Garrett died in 1961.

In more recent years, with changing residential patterns in Santa Cruz, the old home served as headquarters for several business firms, including Vester Dick Photography, Sentinel photographer.

