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SEVEN TO TEN

Old Santa Cruz

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Various Locations Had Names No Longer Heard—Many Appellations Were Picturesque

*Names designating places familiar to all in early days but seldom used at present, household words of one generation have disappeared from use.

What is known as Quintana, Mora, Amat and Evergreen streets back of the Catholic church was only referred to as the Mission Orchard as it was a section planted by the early Franciscan missionaries, mostly pear trees. The whole section beyond was referred to as the Potrero.

A section off from Mission street, the upper end of Trescony street was settled by natives of the Azores Islands, a Portuguese colony. It was called 'Portuguese Flat.'

If one was going in the direction of the Bay View school they were always going to the 'Four Corners.'

Ten Dollar Lots

One of the first big subdivisions was by David Gharkey, the streets which took on the names of Columbia, Liberty, Continental and Centennial streets. The real name was Gharkey's subdivision but then only known as the "Ten Dollar Lots." The lots were very small and were sold at a very low price.

Until East Santa Cruz became a part of the city the entire east side section from the top of the hill to the east was only known as Branciforte as it retained the old name given when settled by the Spanish.

The Beach School, the official name then of the present Laurel school, was called by children and parents alike as "Flat School" and that section of the city had the phonious name of "Shanty Flat." Horn's Corner, at Water and Ocean street, was named after the owner of the grocery store which

for many years was operated by Julius Biedenweg. At the corner was a beautiful flower garden.

Paradise Park was Powder Mill Flat.

Chinatown never changed its name only its location, first on Pacific avenue, then on Front street, and for a time too, the one at the present location and the other in the Blackburn section, to the south of West Sycamore street.

Ocean street from Water street to the Branciforte creek bridge was only known by one name, "Sand Lane." It was a former creek bottom and it was not easy travelling through the sand.

Island Grove

"The island" was the section now occupied by the present Chinatown and the Garibaldi Villa hotel. The section occupied by the Garibaldi was called the "Island Grove," a beautiful grove of maples especially used for barbecues on the 4th of July. Mexican barbecues on the anniversary of the Mexican Republic always in charge of Charles Alarcon and Lino Ortiz who lived in a small village on this spot called the island. The well known Cordova family lived there also. It was necessary to leave by boats when the river rose and the island was flooded but when Chinatown was moved there, the land in places was filled in. To reach the section from Cooper street it was necessary to cross by footbridge over a swampy section.

Boston Gardens

The Boston gardens were the vegetable gardens between High and King street operated by Chinese on the property of Mrs. Eliza Boston. "Boston Lot," was along King street where was one of the baseball diamonds of the city. "Hihn Lot" was at the corner of Chestnut and Walnut avenues and was a baseball diamond and circus lot.

Italian gardens was a beautiful truck garden at the upper end of Ocean street later called the Pedemonte gardens, now mainly cherry orchard.

Cooper's lot was a name familiar to all. It was on Pacific avenue from the present Rittenhouse block

down to the end of the Wilson block where is located the Bowman-Forgey store. This was a lot for circuses, kite flying, especially by the Chinese and baseball diamond on the Church street side used by the boys.

Towne's Pasture

Towne's pasture ran along the west side of King street from what was then Mill street, now Walnut avenue, to Laurel street.

Bausch's Garden later Vienna Gardens with dance hall, bowling alley and summer house on the north side of Soquel avenue this side of the large building at the corner of Soquel avenue and Ocean street.

Russell's Hill is the outstanding hill to the west of the Odd Fellows' cemetery up which Graham Hill road climbs. Tripe hill, the hill on the old Russell, now Barrett ranch, named after overfeeding of tripe during a state national guard camp encampment.

Wood's Lagoon meant the first of Twin Lakes and Schwan's Lagoon meant the second of Twin Lakes.

To go to the "depot" was to go to the end of Park street.

To go "round the point" was to go beyond Cowell's point, a beautiful spot at low tide.

"The Bulkhead" was along Bulkhead street and above and below the Water street bridge. It was a flood control project but did not work out very well.

The Brick Yard

"The Brick Yard" was at the corner of River and Crossing street where the kilns for burning brick were located.

"The Flour Mill," operated as the Centennial Flour Mill, was the lower end of Pacific avenue as was "The Shingle Mill."

Some of the names of sections close by, had the ring of the mining day towns in the Sierras. Glen Canyon was then known as "Squabble Hollow," and what is now known as Redwood drive was "Boomer Gulch." At the lower end of the county there was a "Hungry Hollow" which was changed to Pleasant Valley. The section now known as Freedom about five miles from Watsonville then was called "Whiskey Hill." The first gulch leading into the Big Tree road beyond Sycamore Flat was called "Wild Cat Gulch." It was

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COUNTY AD COMMITTEE TO MEET MAY 1

Notices will go in the mail tomorrow to members of the county advertising committee asking them to meet Friday, May 1.

The committee will be asked by chairman Harry G. MacBain to outline the advertising campaign which is financed annually by the county's appropriation.

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