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# Santa Cruz Yesterdays



**FRONT ST. AND COVERED BRIDGE IN LATE '70s (From Preston Sawyer Collection)**

Santa Cruz was a budding hamlet not yet into her spurt of the 80s when an enterprising cameraman obtained today's glimpse of a long gone scene. Evidently he mounted the firebell cupola on the roof of the then new city hall (built in 1877) to gain this vantage point.

The most prominent residence seen on the east side of Front street (middle foreground), was long known as the Dr. C. L. Anderson home. It was built about 1860 for William C. Greenleaf and occupied in the latter 60s by Rev. Walter Frear.

## Wrote Local Facts

Dr. Anderson, a Virginian, was 41 years old when he came to Santa Cruz from Nevada in 1868, bringing his wife whom he had married in Beloit, Wis., in 1854. In addition to his medical practice Dr. Anderson attained note as a botanist and geologist, writing many authoritative articles on this area for leading magazines and scientific journals.

In its later days the old residence served various purposes, from rooming house to cleaning and dyeing establishment, which it was not long before its demolition in December, 1925, to make way for

the Andy Balich garage building. This is now the bus terminal at the corner of Short street.

The barns to the right dated from 1859 and were the property of J. D. Chace, whose first residence here was built nearby when he married Elizabeth Liddell. Later the prominent butcher shop operator bought the Dwight Younglove residence at Mission and Walnut avenue and moved there.

Forty years ago the barns in the picture had been shifted and added to, and were being used by Walti, Schilling company. Living in the front of the property was the family of August Schmarge, an employe. At the corner was the first Arion hall, later re-erected on Short street near the river, where it stands today.

South of the Schmarge place, just out of the picture, Dr. E. P. Vaux lived for many years.

## Ely Residence

At the extreme right, part of the front and a chimney of the William Ely residence is visible. This had been built originally for Ed Bender and faced Pacific avenue when it still was known as Willow street. The house is yet standing, now moved to Short street, back of the bus depot.

The large residence at the extreme left, last to go of the buildings shown, was for years the Peck place. Henry Winegar Peck was a native of New York state who came to California about the time of the Gold Rush. In 1851 he married Mary Antonia Lodge, daughter of Michael and Martina Castro Lodge, of the Soquel-Aptos area. Of the daughters born to them, Mary Elizabeth lived until the late 20s in the old home. "Lizzie" Peck won a fight to save a prized redwood tree which stood in the front yard of the home. When Front street was widened and paved, the tree was left