

# Old Santa Cruz

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(Editor's Note: The late Ernest Otto, famed and beloved waterfront correspondent for The Sentinel and writer of the "Old Santa Cruz" column, left a number of columns written before his death. They will be published weekly by The Sentinel.)

Many women were honored by having their first names given to streets in the early days of Santa Cruz. Among them are Caroline, Josephine, Jessie, Agnes, Sadie and Selma.

A street on the east side which is almost two miles long is Broadway, running from the San Lorenzo river.

Market street received its name because of the main thoroughfare in San Francisco.

Berkeley way was named by Charles Cornell who opened that street off Branciforte. He planted the acacia trees along that street, on Branciforte and also those on the Bay View school grounds.

One of the very old streets in Santa Cruz is Rincon street, which runs along the bottom of the hillside from Chestnut street to Walnut avenue. The name of the street probably was taken from the old Spanish name of Rancho de Rincon.

Toledo street earns its name from the city of Toledo, O. It is in the Bayona tract which was opened by J. G. Tanner who came to Santa Cruz from Toledo, O., and opened Tanner's drug store and later a second drug store, the Model drug store.

Vine street is believed to have earned its title from the vines which grew along that early day thoroughfare. The writer does not remember many vines, but does recall some apple trees along each side of the street. These were the survivors of one of the very early orchards in the city.

There is no doubt that Van Ness avenue had its inception in that one-time aristocratic street which now is the automobile row of San Francisco.

New street is a new street in name and length of existence. It is a short street which runs between Center and Washington streets.

Berkshire street runs through what once was Berkshire Heights, farm and home place of L. K. Baldwin.

Baldwin's home in the early days before coming to the west coast was in the beautiful Berkshire mountains of Massachusetts. Nearby in Santa Cruz is Baldwin street, named for the man who was for so many years a resident of that section.