

filed for a certificate at the land office in San Francisco to certify payment for public lands in the 16th section of Township 11, "south of Range 1 west in District of Lands subject to sale at San Francisco, California, containing 142½ acres."

Two years later, on August 5, 1872, Kinsley officially donated half an acre along lower Soquel Road (Capitola Road) for the establishment of a school named "Live Oak." Uriah Thompson, Walter Linsky and Kinsley were trustees for the school built the following year.

The wooden building measured 19¼-by-31½ feet, and was constructed with help of community residents—who by then included the families of Jacob Schwan (Schwan Lagoon) and Patrick Moran (Moran Lake).

In 1872, the following boundaries were listed for Live Oak School in the Santa Cruz County

Record of School District Lines: "From Monterey Bay at the mouth of Woods Lagoon up Arana Gulch to the north corner of the lands of Sacramento Castro on Paul Sweet Lane to the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Road east to the NW corner of V. Humphrey's lands—then to the lands of J.S. Mattison to Rodeo Gulch to the NW corner of the lands of J.M. Bailey, and from along Bailey's lands to the lower Soquel Road, and east to the southern land of Brittan to Soquel Creek, and to the bay."

These boundaries may seem somewhat vague, but at that time there were only two major roads through Live Oak — Lower Soquel Road—Upper Soquel Road and the Santa Cruz-Watsonville Road. Most residences were connected to Lower Soquel Road, which gradually became known as "the Capitola road," and finally, Capitola Road.

Present boundaries of the Live Oak District run from the bay along the Santa Cruz City limits at Arana Gulch to the freeway, east along the freeway to Rodeo Gulch and south to Brown Ranch Road, east to 41st Avenue and then south to Capitola Road, west down Capitola Road to 38th Ave., and then to the bay.

Major differences between the two boundaries are that the district no longer extends as far north as Soquel Drive, or as far east as Soquel Creek.

Surrounding districts in the 1870s were the Branciforte District to the west; Hazel Brook to the north, and Soquel to the east.

Four years after Kinsley's half-acre donation, the Live Oak School District acquired an additional 1½ acres of school property. There were 34 school districts in Santa Cruz County by then, including four districts formed that year.