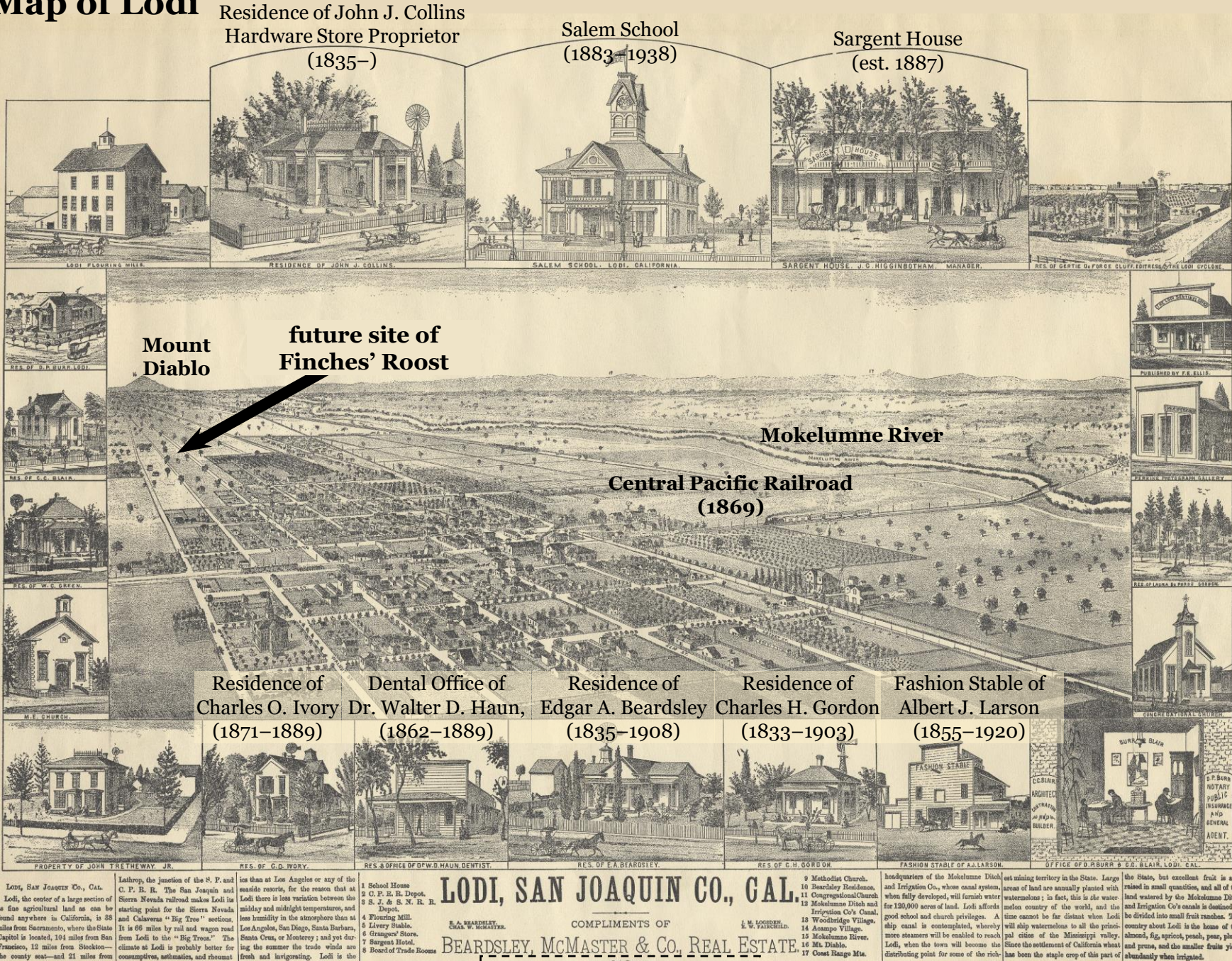


THE FINCHES' ROOST: STORY OF A HOUSE



Bird's Eye View Map of Lodi (circa 1887)



Residence of
Gertie de Force Cluff
Newspaper Editor
(1881-1909)

Lodi Sentinel
Published by F.E. Ellis
(1887-1901)

Perkins
Photograph Gallery

Residence of
Laura de Force Gordon
Attorney at Law
(1838-1907)

Congregational Church
(1878-1908)

Offices of Burr & Blair
(1886-1889)

Lodi Flouring Mill
(est. 1876)

Residence of David P. Burr
Architect, Contractor, Builder
(1842-1905)

Residence of Charles C. Blair
Notary Public, Insurance Agent
(1857-1933)

Residence of Watson C. Green
Attorney at Law
(1851-1899)

Methodist Episcopal Church
(1870-1919)

Property of John W. Tretheway Jr.
(1851-1939)

Mokelumne Ditch and
Irrigation Company
(later Woodbridge Canal and
Irrigation Company)
(1886-1887)

Residence of John J. Collins
Hardware Store Proprietor
(1835-)

Salem School
(1883-1938)

Sargent House
(est. 1887)

Mount
Diablo
future site of
Finches' Roost

Mokelumne River

Central Pacific Railroad
(1869)

Residence of
Charles O. Ivory
(1871-1889)

Dental Office of
Dr. Walter D. Haun,
(1862-1889)

Residence of
Edgar A. Beardsley
(1835-1908)

Residence of
Charles H. Gordon
(1833-1903)

Fashion Stable of
Albert J. Larson
(1855-1920)

LODI, SAN JOAQUIN CO., CAL.

BEARDSLEY, McMASTER & CO., REAL ESTATE

Office with the Mokelumne Ditch and Irrigation Company, Sacramento Street.

1897 Surveyor's Map of Hutchin's Addition

future site of
Finches' Roost

William Caius Pidge, Surveyor

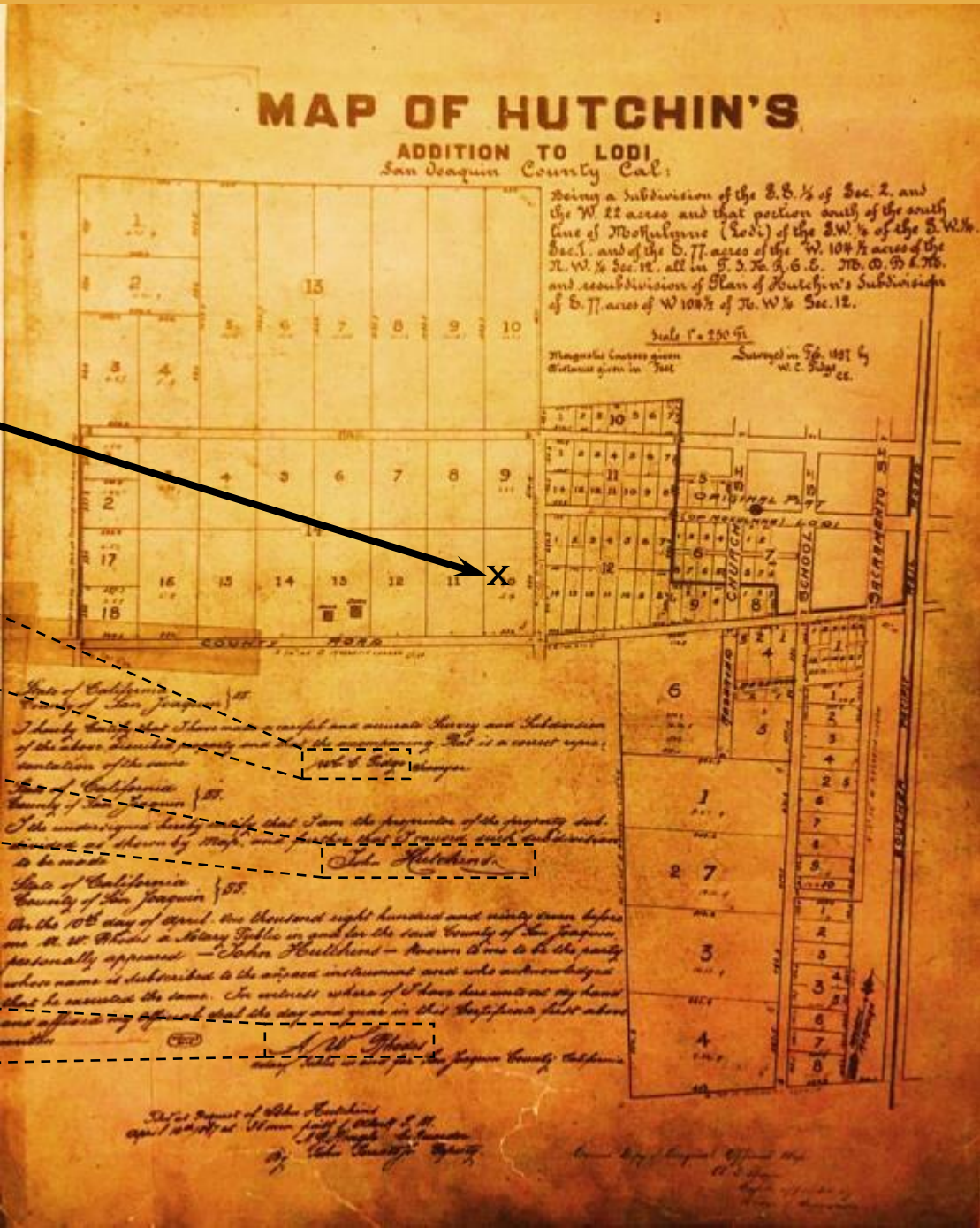
W. C. Pidge

John Hutchins, Owner

John Hutchins

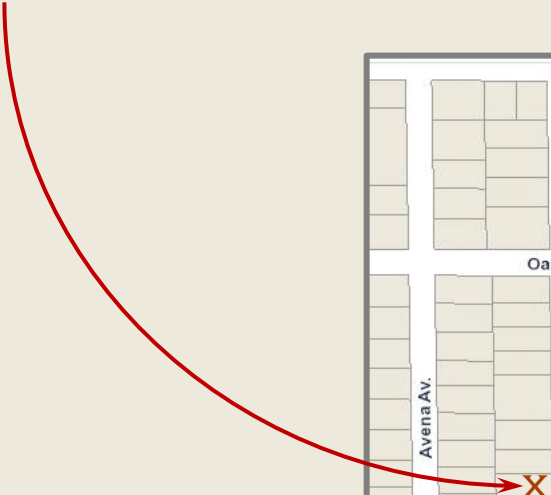
Alonzo Willard Rhodes, Notary

A. W. Rhodes

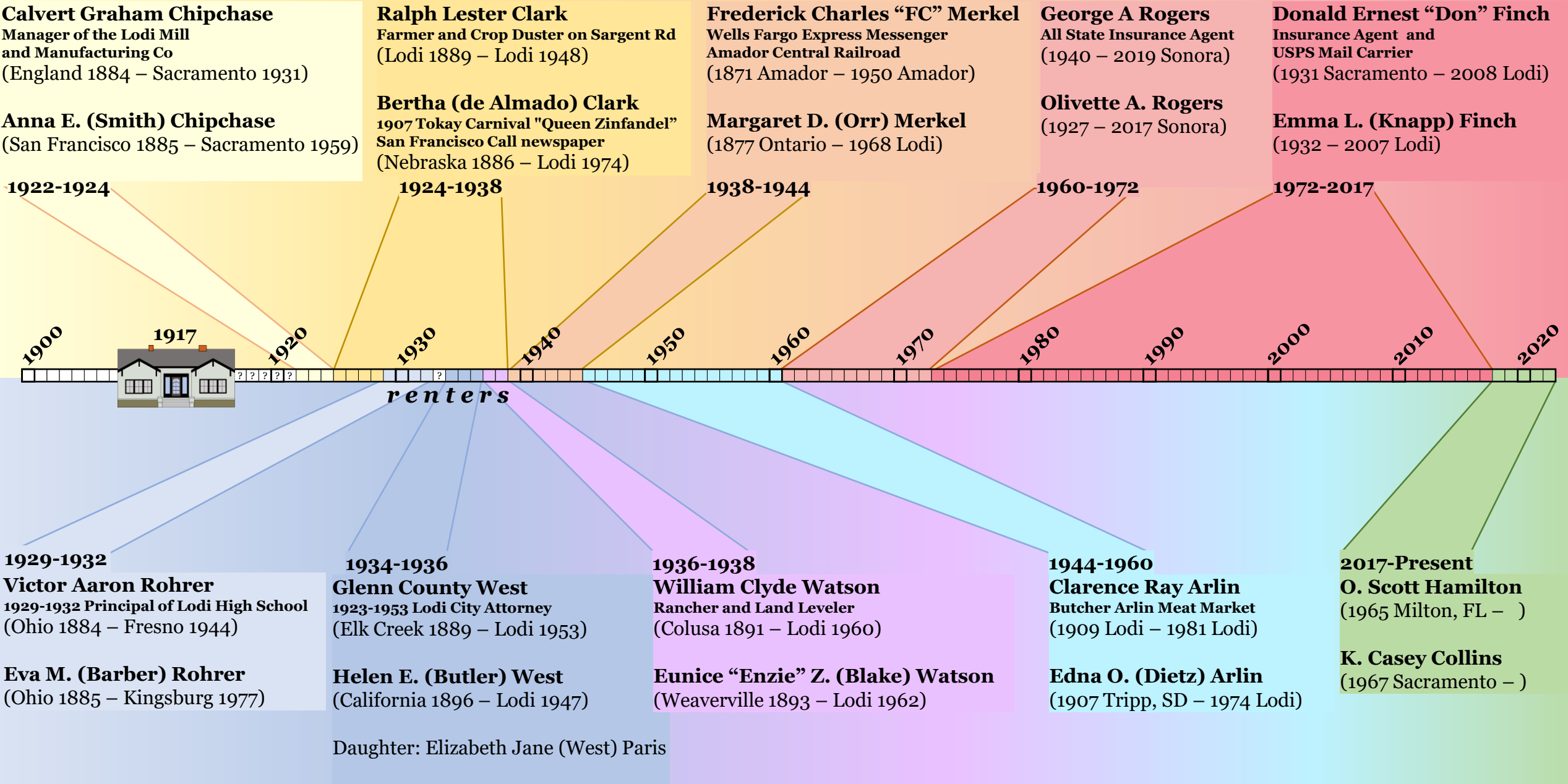


Current Lodi Map

Finches' Roost
139 S. Crescent Avenue



Timeline of Finches' Roost



THE LODI SENTINEL

Selected Headlines from 1917

Supply Chain Disruptions!

**SHORTAGE OF FRUIT CARS
IS BECOMING VERY ACUTE**

Fuel Shortages!

**THERE'LL BE
NO COAL FOR
6 LONG WEEKS**

NOW THANK YOUR STARS THAT
YOU LIVE WHERE FUEL IS
UNNECESSARY

Labor Shortages!

**LABOR SHORTAGE
REACHING THE
ACUTE STAGE**

**SHORTAGE OF
FARM HELP
VERY ACUTE**

War!

**PRESIDENT WILSON ASKS
FOR WAR ON GERMANY**

*Senate Votes U.S.
War On Germany*

**SAN JOAQUIN HAS 8520 MEN
ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY DUTY**

**LODI SOLDIERS
START FOR THE
FRONT TODAY**

Epidemic!

**LODI SCHOOLS
TO COMBAT
THE SPREAD
OF DISEASES**

**Quarantine Those
Having Meningitis**

**LODI OFFICERS TO STRICTLY
ENFORCE THE MASK LAW**

Inflation!

**Higher Goes
High Cost
Of Living**

**HIGHER AND
HIGHER GOES
PRICE OF FOOD**

**Fuel Joins
Food in Mad
Upward Rush**

**Price of Bread
Will Increase
To 7½¢ Loaf**

**Gee! Even Sody Pop
In High Cost Drive**

Drought!

**DRY SPELL TO
BE PROLONGED**

**CONTINUED DRY
WEATHER WILL
CAUSE BIG LOSS**

Culture Wars!

**PETITIONS IN
LODI TO PUT
SALOONS OUT
OF BUSINESS**

**Churches Object
to Bathing On
Sunday Evenings**

**JAIL LODI MEN FOR
EVADING THE DRAFT**

THE LODI SENTINEL

Selected Headlines from 1917

Growth!

CALIFORNIA'S
POPULATION
IS 3,000,000

\$142,760 IS THE
AMOUNT SPENT
FOR BUILDINGS

BUSINESS VERY
BRISK IN THE
REALTY MARKET

Prosperity!

PROFITS OF
WINE ASS'N.
\$418,673.00
LAST YEAR

CALIFORNIA
TO HARVEST
BIG YIELDS

BANK DEPOSITS HERE SHOW
MILLION DOLLAR GAIN IN YEAR

BANK RESOURCES OF SAN
JOAQUIN OVER 40 MILLION;
DEPOSITS \$34,872,288

MOST REMARKABLE GAIN IN FINANCES
SHOWN BY COMBINED REPORTS
OF THE LOCAL BANKS

1917 RECORD
YEAR FOR THE
SHIPPING OF
TREE FRUITS

SHIPPING OF
FRUIT SETS
WORLD MARK

Community!

Lodians Making
This the Prettiest
City of the West

St. Anne's Church
To Arrange for Fete

Woman's Club
To Start Work
This Afternoon

COMMITTEE
NAMED FOR
BIG TOKAY
CARNIVAL

Charity!

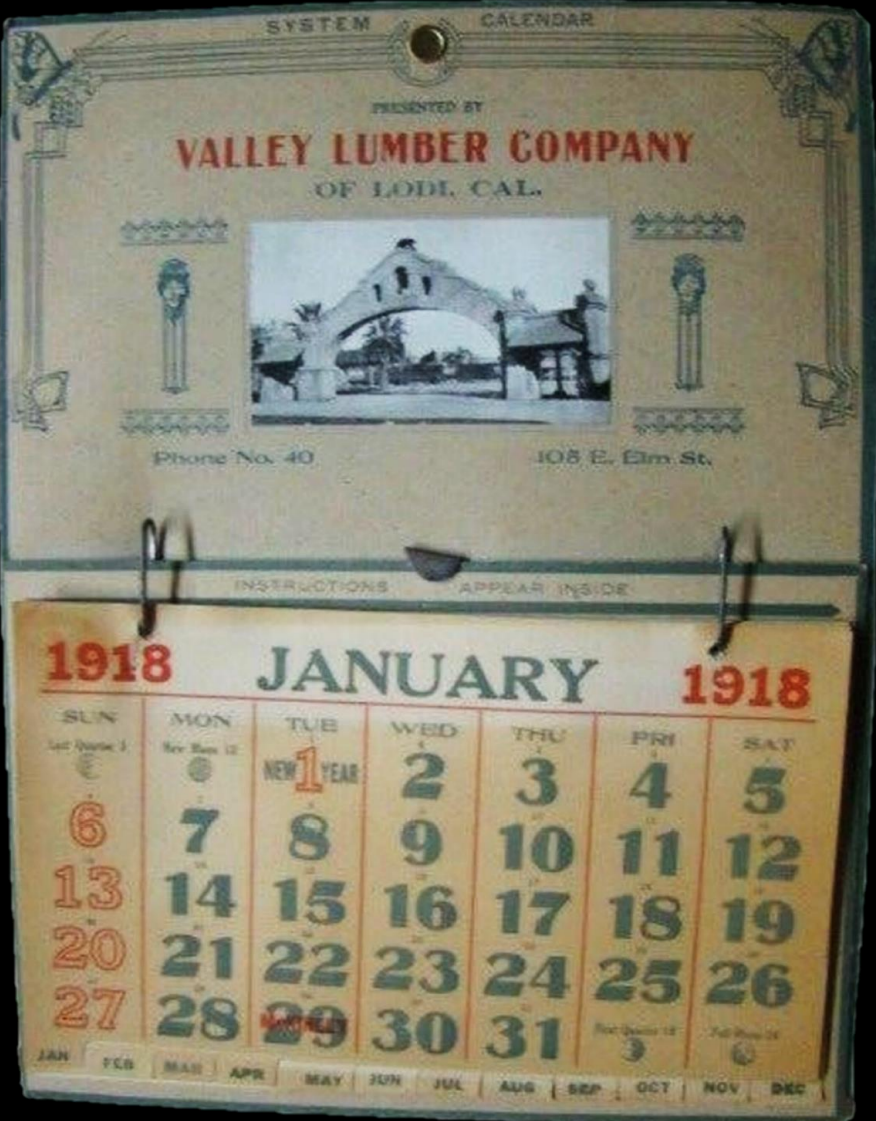
CARD PARTY AND
GARDEN FETE FOR
RED CROSS FUND

Collection of Clothing
for the Poor of Lodi

Spend a Dime for
Homeless Children

JAPANESE GIVE
LARGE SUM TO
THE RED CROSS

Building Finches' Roost



Valley Lumber Company of Lodi
“Everything to Build Anything”
(Successors to Smith & Bryant)
105-109 E Elm Phone 40



c.1913 Valley Lumber Company Delivery Truck

Calvert Graham Chipchase
(1884–1924)



June 20, 1884 born in Newcastle on Tyne, England
to John and Catherine Chipchase



June 23, 1906 emigrates to
United States via New York from Glasgow,
Scotland on the SS Caledonia

Anna Evelyn (Smith) Chipchase
(1885–1959)



June 20, 1885 born in San Francisco
to John J. and Mary (Evans) Smith



November 23, 1910 Calvert and Anna marry in San Francisco

August 27, 1913 Calvert becomes a Naturalized Citizen



February 17, 1915 birth of son in San Francisco
Calvert Graham Chipchase Jr (1915–1999)



June 19, 1919 birth of daughter in San Francisco
Dorothy Ann Chipchase (1919–2013)



1921 Calvert takes job as the
Manager of the Lodi Mill and Manufacturing Co



1922 Chipchases buy new Home
at 139 West, Lodi, CA

1922-1924



1924 the Chipchases
sell to the Clarks

Ralph Lester Clark
(1889–1948)



October 4, 1889 born in Lodi
to Henry L and Lucy M (Barton) Clark



**Aircraft Owners & Pilots
Association of Lodi**



**Woodbridge
Golf and Country Club**



Masonic Lodge



Shriners



Knights Templar



Knights of Pythias



July 1, 1909
Ralph and Bertha marry in Lodi

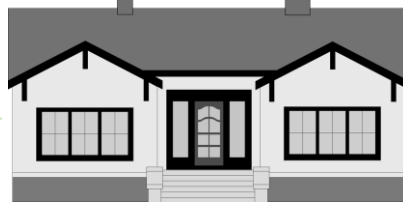
April 8, 1910 birth of daughter 
Althea “Kay” deAlmada (Clark) Groves (1910–1969)

October 16, 1911 birth of daughter 
Catherine “Kasey” Ralphine (Clark) Langley (1911–1998)

1924 Clarks Buy Home from Chipchases



**Clarks' Residence
1924-1928**



**Clarks' Rental
1929-1938**



**1938 the Clarks
sell to the Merkels**

Bertha (de Almado) Clark
(1886–1974)



October 18, 1886 Born in Ord, Nebraska
to William and Cathryn (MacIntosh) de Almada

1905 graduates from Lodi High School

1906 witnesses the San Francisco Fire



1907 is voted "Queen Zinfandel"
at the Tokay Carnival



**Order of the
Eastern Star**

Victor Aaron Rohrer
(1884–1944)



October 4, 1889 born in Preble, OH
to Jacob Franklin and Eliza Jane “Jennie” (Ulrich) Rohrer

1907 is awarded BA from Ohio Wesleyan University



Principal of Parlier High School



Principal of Caruthers High School



Principal of Lodi Union High School

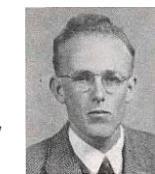


December 25, 1912
Victor and Eva marry in Knox, OH

February 24, 1918 birth of daughter in Fresno
Margaret Eleanor Rohrer (1918–2011)



April 26, 1920 birth of son in Fresno
Cornelius Barber Rohrer (1920–2002)



1929-1932 Victor accepts position as
Principal for Lodi Union High School

1929 Rohrers rent Home from Clarks



1929-1932

**1932 the Rohrers
move out**

Glenn County West
(1889–1953)



November 16, 1889 born in Elk Creek, Glenn County, CA
to John Joshua West and Ella Barthenia Virginia Green

1913 Glenn marries Cliffie Mary (Keys) West (1894–1996)

1915 birth of daughter in Willows
Meta Ella (West) Daniels (1915–1940)



1915 moves to Lodi to open Law Practice

1919 birth of son in Lodi
Glenn County West Jr. (1919–2017)



1923 Glenn accepts position as
Lodi City Attorney 1923–1953 (30 years)



October 1934
Glenn and Helen marry

1934 Glenn & Helen West
rent Home from Clarks



May 2, 1935 birth of Daughter
Elizabeth Jane (West) Paris



1936 the Wests
move out

Helen Elizabeth (Butler) West
(1896–1947)



July 24, 1896 born in
Analay (Sebastopol), CA
to Charles Anson and Leora Mae Butler



Tokay Rangers of Lodi



**Order of the
Eastern Star**



Lodi Rotary



Masonic Lodge



Shriners

William Clyde Watson
(1891–1960)



May 23, 1893 born in College City, CA
to William Allan and Maggie Ford (Jones) Watson



**Surface Mine
Equipment Operator**



**Rancher and
Land Leveler**



Masonic Lodge



**High Twelve
International**



Knights Templar



Scottish Rite



Sciots



Shriners

Encie Zelita (Blake) Watson
(1893–1962)



May 23, 1893 born in Weaverville, CA
to Selden Lafayette and Encsie May (Norcross) Blake



**First
Congregational
Church**



January 28, 1918 birth of daughter in Alameda
Mildred Jeanette (Watson) Mitchell (1918–1993)

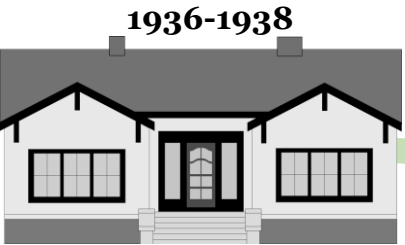


March 26, 1923 birth of daughter in Alameda
Barbara Mae (Watson) Handel (1923–2006)



1935 Watsons move to Lodi

1936 Watsons rent Home from Clarks



1936-1938

1938 the Watsons
move out



**Order of the
Eastern Star**

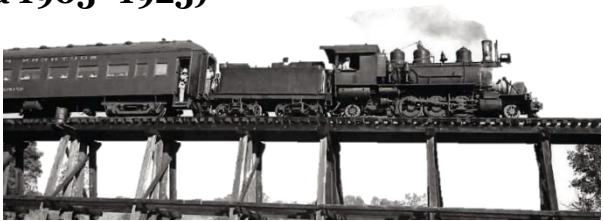
Frederick Charles “FC” Merkel
(1871–1950)



April 10, 1871 born in Amador, CA
to Ernest Augustus Christian and Mary Lavina (McMurry) Merkel



Wells Fargo Express Messenger
(circa 1905~1925)



Amador Central Railroad Express Messenger
(circa 1925~1938)

1938 Merkels retire and buy Home from Clarks



Margaret D. (Orr) Merkel
(1877–1968)



December 10, 1877 born in Waterloo, Canada
to Alexander Lee and Margaret (Watson) Orr

1891 emigrates with family
to the United States



October 5, 1906
FC and Margaret marry in Lathrop, CA

1944 the Merkels
sell to the Arlins

Clarence Ray “CR” Arlin
(1909 – 1981)



Edna Olivia (Dietz) Arlin
(1907–1974)



December 24, 1909 born in Lodi, CA
to George Gleason and Lilian Viola (Ray) Arlin

October 16, 1907 born in Tripp, SD
to Conrad and Anna Dietz



**Woodbridge
Golf and Country Club**

August 10, 1927 Clarence and Edna
marry in Yuba County

1926 moves to Lodi



August 4, 1928 birth of son in Rio Vista
Richard Lee Arlin (1928–)



September 1, 1931 birth of daughter in Rio Vista
Marilyn Faye (Arlin) Polonio (1931–)



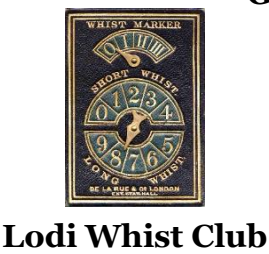
April 3, 1933 birth of son in Rio Vista
James Ray Arlin (1933–2003)



June 17, 1934 birth of daughter in Rio Vista
Janet Lavonne (Arlin) Cooley (1934–)



St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Lodi Whist Club



Masonic Lodge



**High Twelve
International**



Scottish Rite



Shriners



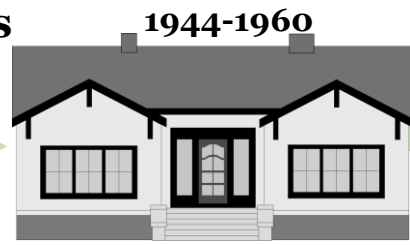
Flora Rebekah



Soroptimists

1941 George establishes **Arlin Meat Co.** in Lodi
Arlin Meat Co. (1941~1971)

1944 Arlins buy Home from Merkels



1960 the Arlins
sell to the Rogers

George Albert “Bud” Rogers
(1927–1991)



Olivette Ann (McVay) Rogers
(1927–2017)



August 15, 1927 born in Oregon City, OR
to George Manuel and Lottie Anna (Smoke) Rogers

September 23, 1927 born in Crescent City, CA
to Milton Maxwell and Olive Ann (Lockhart) McVay



September 22, 1949 birth of daughter in Clackamas, OR
Molly Ann McVay (1949-)



January 21, 1951 birth of son in Sonora, CA
Nicholas George Rogers (1951-)



February 2, 1953 birth of son in Del Norte, CA
Scott McVay Rogers (1953-)



November 9, 1956 birth of daughter in Del Norte, CA
Sarah Lynn (Rogers) Nesper (1956-)



March 9, 1960 birth of daughter in Sonora, CA
Patricia J (Rogers) Julber (1960-)



1960 Rogers buy Home from Arlins



1960-1972



**1972 the Rogers sell
to the Finches**

Allstate



Insurance Agent



Society Reporter



**National Motor Club
of America
Independent Agent**

Donald Ernest “Don” Finch
(1931–2008)



June 14, 1931, born in Sacramento
to Orrin Ernest and Sonoma (Baker) Finch



1951-52 US Air Force



Acampo USPS Mail Carrier



FARMERS
Insurance Agent



Masonic Lodge



October 10, 1959 Don and Emma
marry in Lake Tahoe

December 25, 1961 birth of son in Alameda, CA
Donald Thomas “Tommy” Finch (1961–2013)



July 17, 1966 birth of daughter in Contra Costa, CA
Daughter (1966–)



July 18, 1968 birth of daughter in Contra Costa, CA
Daughter (1968–)



1970 Finches move to Lodi

March 8, 1971 birth of son in Lodi, CA
Louis Dorrance “Louie” Finch (1971–2016)



1972 Finches buy Home from Rogers

1972-2017



2017 the Finches’ Estate
sells to Scott & Casey

Emma Louise (Knapp) Finch
(1932–2007)



November 13, 1932 born in San Joaquin
to Charles William “CW” and Nellie (Thomas) Knapp