

ORANGE COUNTY HISTORY AS PORTRAYED IN LOCAL STREET NAMES

HUNTINGTON BEACH - Streets Underlined  
CURRENT NOTABLE PEOPLE - In Parentheses  
OTHER COUNTY STREETS

Adams

In 1901 William L. Adams bought the "Estancia", or the "Gabe Allen Adobe" from Gabriel Allen, who had bought it from Eduardo Pollareno in 1870. Adams sold the Estancia to the Seagerstrom family who, in 1963, donated 5 acres of the land that included the Estancia to the City of Costa Mesa who turned it into a park and museum site, which is open to the public. It was believed that the Estancia was built by the padres from Mission San Juan Capistrano as a station for the sheep herders.

Baker

As many other people, Martin A. Baker, an early settler, arrived in Orange County in 1900. He lived on the property near the southwest corner of Baker and Newport Blvd., living in the "old Wolfe home." (Current history includes Orange County Supervisor in the early 1970's, David Baker.)

Ball

Charles D. Ball was one of the founders of the Orange County Medical Society, being a prominent doctor from 1887 until his death in 1935. He occupied the presidency of the Orange County Historical Society from its beginning in 1919 until his death. He also served a term in the California State Assembly.

Banning

Mary H. Banning bought 4000 acres of land in 1872 for \$17,500, to be farmed in grain. 150 acres of this was later sold to William Hof who, in 1891, became the first settler in Costa Mesa.

Bushard

In the 1860's John B. Bushard moved to California and established first a business of hauling goods from Bakersfield to the Los Angeles Area and to Prescott, Arizona. He later sold and invested in real estate, owning at one time 1800 acres of the Bolsa Ranch. He raised celery, sugar beets and beans on 190 acres of this land (purchased at \$10 an acre). (Tom Bushard is now Superintendent of Parks in Huntington Beach.)

(Caspers)

Orange County Supervisor during the early 1970's who actively supported parks and open space in Orange County. Caspers Regional Park was named for him, after he died at sea.

Chapman

This co-founder of Orange County, A.B. Chapman, was one of the purchasers of a large southern portion of the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana in 1868.

- Goodwin Around 1886 the Josiah Goodwin family moved from Boston to one of the first farmhouses in Paularino. The little wooden farmhouse still stands.
- Gothard The progressive spirit of Orange County was developed and exemplified in George Gothard and his son B. T. They were successful ranchers in Wintersburg (now part of Huntington Beach) growing celery, and in Anaheim growing walnuts. The sand and gravel pits along Gothard Street were on their property, and mining was started early in the century by this family.
- Hayes John Hayes was one of the early settlers in Orange County. In the late 1800's he lived on the northwest corner of 19th and Orange.
- Hewes David Hewes was an El Modena resident who, in 1869, donated a Golden Spike for the Transcontinental Railroad.
- Holt Frank Holt and his brother Ansel opened Harper's (Costa Mesa's early name) second grocery store in May, 1914.
- Irvine In 1864 James Irvine, and Flint and Bixby purchased two former Mexican land grants which included 109,000 acres. They started a sheep ranch on the property. James Irvine II inherited the ranch in 1892, experimenting with lima beans which were grown successfully for decades. The Irvine Ranch still includes thousands of acres of undeveloped land in the south and eastern parts of the county.
- Jefferson Amos Jefferson sold four lots of land to the Fairview School District in April, 1891. Later that year he had the Fairview Hotel moved four blocks from where it stood, to right next to the hot mineral baths where he tried to establish a health resort.
- (Knott) In 1927, Walter Knott started his famous berry growing in Anaheim. Knotts Berry Farm was first opened to the Public in 1940.
- Lambert In 1924 W. T. Lambert became a member of the Board of Directors of one of the first banks in Garden Grove. Later he became the county auditor. Lambert was influential in bringing the poultry industry to the area. A younger member of the family was mayor of Huntington Beach during the 1960's.
- McFadden James and Robert, the McFadden brothers, were in the shipping business, and established McFadden Wharf in Newport Beach in 1868, as the pioneer seaport for Orange County. Their ship "The Newport" was the inspiration of the name of that city.

- Modjeska Madame Helena Modjeska was an opera singer in the late 1800's who joined the Polish colony in Anaheim in 1876. Ten years later her large estate in the Santa Ana Mountains was started. This estate still stands, ½ mile from the end of Modjeska Canyon Road (not far from Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary).
- (Murdy) The Murdy family had extensive property in Wintersburg (now Huntington Beach) for farming. During the 1960's he was a U. S. Senator.
- Rochester In 1909 James Rochester moved to Orange County from New York. He is very well known for his fine engravings, a profession which he had until serious eye strain forced him to retire. He built a two-story house at 18th and Newport in Newport Beach.
- Newland Huntington Beach Pioneer William Taylor Newland farmed 1000 acres of land he purchased from Abel Stearns, part of a Spanish land grant. In 1898, he built the Newland House near Beach Blvd. and Adams Avenue, the oldest house in the city. In 1976, this house was declared a historical site, and restoration of the building and grounds were started.
- Segerstrom The Segerstrom family was one of the major land owners in Costa Mesa. They presented the Estancia adobe as a gift to the City of Costa Mesa.
- (Shipley) Donald D. Shipley is an active conservationist, and was a member of Huntington Beach City Council from 1964-1976. He supported parks development and environmental concerns. Shipley Nature Center is named after him.
- Slater Howard B. Slater was a thrifty citrus rancher in the vicinity of Olive, Orange County, at the turn of the century.
- Spencer Carl Spencer donated land in Costa Mesa for the Women's Club and for the library. He also donated several thousand books. He started the Costa Mesa Boys Club.
- Spurgeon In 1869, William L.H. Spurgeon, a storekeeper, was the founder of the City of Santa Ana.
- Talbert Thomas Talbert was an Orange County pioneer, who wrote, "This section of the country along the coast between Long Beach and Newport Beach, south of Westminster, was one of the greatest natural habitats for wildlife and game birds in the world."
- Warner E. G. Warner was a big rancher in Orange County, and was a noteworthy member of the Santa Ana City Council for many years