

A BIT of BACKGROUND



PERKINS PUMP HOUSE - (1887)

This building originally had a water tank on its roof, a dirt floor and a water pump. It was called the Tank House. Today it is used as the Heritage Square Visitor Center.

Architect/Builder: Jens Rasmussen

Original location: 464 Pleasant Valley Road, Oxnard



PERKINS/CLABERG HOUSE - (1887)

This house is an unusual combination of Queen Anne and Stick Style architecture which was originally a one story building built for David Tod Perkins by neighbor Jens Rasmussen. The Clabergs, a county pioneer family, lived in the home from 1920-1980. Mr. Claberg collected antique cars and one of his daughters, Stella, collected plants from all over the world, which grew in gardens surrounding the house.

Architect/Builder: Jens Rasmussen

Original location: 464 Pleasant Valley Road, Oxnard



HERITAGE SQUARE HALL - (1902)

Originally known as the Christian Church and built for 50 congregational members. It is the only wooden church that remains of

Oxnard's early years with much of its original features. The two stained glass windows on the East side of the church were added at the time of the restoration and repeat the design in the west window. The church is now used as a wedding chapel and community hall, as well as being rented out for meetings and concerts.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: C & Sixth, later Second & D Street, Oxnard



SCARLETT HOUSE - (1902)

A native of Ireland, John Scarlett married Australian born Anna Lester and they raised five children on their 700 acre ranch, northwest of

Oxnard. The house was originally located next to the Fry-Puntenney House in downtown Oxnard. It had four bedrooms, a parlor, dining room and kitchen and it is said to have the finest interior appointments.

Architect/Builder: J.W. Parish

Original location: 211 South "C" Street, Oxnard



FRY-PUNTENNEY HOUSE - (1902)

This Queen Anne style home was built for the Abraham L. Fry family. In the 1930's this home was occupied by a well known

local school and music teacher, Harriet Puntenney, along with her widowed sister and her two children. There are four bedrooms, a parlor, dining room and kitchen. This is the smallest house in Heritage Square.

Architect/Builder: J.W. Parish

Original location: 201 South "C" Street, Oxnard



LAURENT-McGRATH HOUSE - (1901)

This Colonial Revival home was built for Martin Laurent and his wife, Annette (Petit) Laurent (Annette was the sister of Justin

Petit). Sadly, Martin only lived a short time in the home before he passed away on Valentine's Day 1902. It has been said that Annette had one of the first electric cars in Ventura County and she could be seen driving down the then dirt roads as fast as the car could go, about 8 mph. Annette owned the home until 1919 and it had various occupants until 1945 when John McGrath purchased the home. Some important notes about the home are that the basement, outdoor patio, south extension (near the patio), elevator and rear staircase are not original and were added after its relocation to Heritage Square to accommodate a future restaurant and bar.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: 403 South C Street/3824 W Wooley Road, Oxnard



JUSTIN PETIT RANCH HOUSE - (1896)

The home was built for Justin Petit and his wife, Frances, and their 7 children. It is an elegant and exquisite example of a Queen Anne home, with an irregular roof line, an abundance

of rich wood detailing, a pointed tower, and delicate spindle and spool work on the verandas, beaded columns, and rare curved glass and colored flash glass panes in the front windows. The house is 7,100 sq. ft. and has 13 rooms, 7 of those being bedrooms.

Architect/Builder: Franklin Ward & Herman Anlauf

Original location: 1900 E. Wooley Road, Oxnard



MAULHARDT STOREHOUSE (Winery)

- (1876) This Gottfried Maulhardt Winery building is a replica. The original was built by German-born Gottfried in 1876. Together with his brothers Jacob and Johannes

Borchard, they owned over 1000 acres of land. This small gable-roofed brick building is significant for its connections to the Santa Clara Chapel, the first Catholic church established in the Santa Clara Valley in 1877. The original still stands at the Pfeiler Farm Park in Oxnard.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: 201 Rose Avenue, Oxnard



PATTERSON/HARTVELD - (1905)

A fine example of Colonial Revival, this home was one of several buildings on the

5,000-acre ranch owned by the wealthy New York farmer John D. Patterson. The ranch house was built circa 1905 for John Roupe, manager of the Patterson Ranch Company. After a

subdivision in 1917, ranch foreman Peter Hartveld, a native of Holland, bought the house and the surrounding 153 acres. The Hartveld family lived in the house until 1987 and raised six children in the house. The house is 3,000 sq. ft.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: Corner of Wooley Road & Patterson Road, Oxnard



SNIVELY/RUGGLES HOUSE - (1885)

The Snively/Ruggles Ranch House is a replica. The original was built in stages beginning in 1885 for W.R. Snively, a rancher from Ohio who had purchased 40 acres from S. Elias Wooley. Snively's daughter Bernice married Earl G. Ruggles and their children owned the property until the 1980s. The large two-story farmhouse underwent various additions over the years as the family grew. It features a long porch with a balcony and balustrade above. The house was built in a simple manner typical of many Midwest farmhouses with a minimum of Classical Revival detailing.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: 1234 East Wooley Road, Oxnard



PFEILER RANCH HOUSE - (1877)

This home was built for Louis and Caroline Pfeiler and is designed in the Italianate style, with 2,850 sq. ft. The front and side porches feature arched and filigreed wood designs and there are curved windows and eave brackets. There were wings added to the house to accommodate a growing family and the porch which now fronts the beauty salon was not originally enclosed. This home is the oldest house at Heritage Square.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: 1980 Rice Road., on land known as La Colonia, Oxnard



PETRE RANCH HOUSE - (1912)

The Archie and Anna Petre Ranch House (pronounced Peter) was built by Ed Abplanalp of Oxnard. This one-and-a-half story ranch house was constructed at a cost of \$5,706. The house and 100 acre ranch were a gift to the young married couple from Anna's parents, Heinrich and Augusta Maulhardt. The architectural expression of this California Bungalow is seen in its simplicity and rusticity. Under the wide flared gable roof are characteristic bungalow features like the notched rafters and knee brackets.

Architect/Builder: Ed Abplanalp

Original location: 3410 Rose Avenue (formally Ditch Rd), Oxnard



CONNELLY HOUSE - (1912)

Built for the Archie Connelly family and considered a combination Craftsman and

Prairie style home. It features a 2-story recessed sleeping porch and balcony, where the family members would sleep during hot weather. The house contained 2,295 sq. ft. of living space.

Architect/Builder: Albert C. Martin

Original location: 2121 W. Gonzales Rd., west of Ventura Road., Oxnard



GORDON HOUSE - (1910)

This Tudor/Craftsman style home has 2,836 sq. ft. It was built for Alonzo and Sara Wood Gordon, on 200 acres

inherited from her father, William O. Wood. There is a sleeping porch at the front of the house on the second story a recessed porch on the first level in the front and on the north side. The brickwork is new, but resembles the original.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: 2151 Wooley Road., Oxnard



PFEILER WATER TOWER - (1877)

Heritage Square's landmark, the water tower, was originally located on the Pfeiler Ranch property. Built in 1877, the 3000 gallon tank was able to provide the family with most of its water. Only the verticle staves of the tank are from the original structure. Located under the water tower is a two-compartment time capsule buried in

1991. Scheduled to be opened in 2016 (25 years) and 2041 (50 years), the capsule contains over 40 different items including historical and pictorial information on the Heritage Square buildings and Oxnard memorabilia.

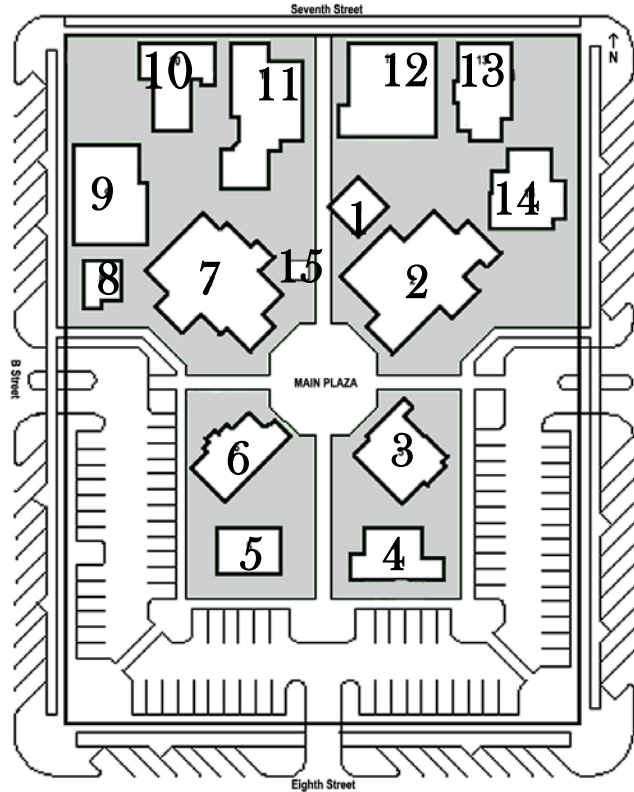
Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original location: 1980 Rice Road., on land known as La Colonia, Oxnard

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| 1) Perkins Pump House
715 South A Street
1887 – Visitor Center | 10) Snively/Ruggles Ranch
230 Seventh Street
1885 – Classical Revival |
| 2) Perkins/Clayberg Home
721 South A Street
1887 – Queen Anne & Stick | 11) Pfeiler Ranch House
220 Seventh Street
1877 – Italiante |
| 3) Heritage Square Hall
731 South A Street
1902 – Carpenter Gothic | 12) Petre Ranch House
210 Seventh Street
1912 – California Bungalow |
| 4) Scarlett House
741 South A Street
1902 – Queen Anne | 13) Connelly Ranch House
200 Seventh Street
1912 – Craftsman & Prairie |
| 5) Fry/Putenny House
750 South B Street
1900 – Queen Anne | 14) Gordon Ranch House
711 South A Street
1910 – Tudor/Craftsman |
| 6) Laurent/McGrath House
740 South B Street
1901 – Colonial Revival | 15) Pfeiler Water Tower
South of Pfeiler House
1877 – 3,000 Gallon Tank |
| 7) Justin Petit Ranch House
730 South B Street
1896 – Queen Anne | |
| 8) Maulhardt Storehouse/Winery
720 South B Street
1876 – Replica | |
| 9) Patterson/Hartveld Ranch House
710 South B Street
1905 – Colonial Revival | |

Site Map



The History of Heritage Square

Heritage Square began in 1985 as a vision to preserve the historical and architectural uniqueness of turn-of-the-century Oxnard. It officially opened in 1991. Through the commitment of some of Oxnard's original families, other investors, and the City of Oxnard, eleven homes, a church, water tower, pump house and storehouse have been moved to a single block and restored to their original condition. Serving the community as an event and cultural center and major tourist attraction, the Square offers a wide variety of community festivities and event facilities in addition to hosting over 25 businesses including a Restaurant, Wine Tasting Room, and a Visitor Center/Gift Shop.

Tours

Private guided tours are available Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm & Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00pm (weather permitting); \$5 per Adult \$10 per Family. Group Tours are also available by special arrangement, min \$25 charge & deposit needed 2 weeks prior. Please call (805) 483-7960 ext 3.

Weddings

Heritage Square sets the stage for memorable weddings and receptions held in an intimate wedding chapel, picturesque main plaza surrounded by Victorian Mansions, colorful gardens and private courtyards. Wedding information (805) 483-7960 ext 2.

Other Activities

Other year-round activities at Heritage Square include **Victorian Christmas Tours**, and other seasonal events such as the popular **Summer Concert Series** which are held Friday evenings in the Central Plaza.

Heritage Square Docents Needed

The Friends of Heritage Square are seeking volunteers to become docents. Docents assist in providing tours to the public and conduct special tours for schools, staff special events such as concerts, conduct historical research, create historical exhibits and help interpret the importance of the Heritage Square houses as they relate to Oxnard's early history. Call the Docent Coordinator at (805) 483-7960 for more information.

A Visitor's Guide to



Self Guided Tour Hints

- Take a stroll through Heritage Square Hall to see the rotating exhibits in the display case (**Public restrooms are located here.**)
- Get additional information on Oxnard from the Downtown Visitor Center at 715 South A St.
- Take a stroll through the Period Rose Garden north of the visitor's center.
- View the White Garden north of the Pfeiler Water Tower, over 60 varieties of white blooming plants can be seen.

Heritage Square Visitor Center

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Guided tours are available
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or by appointment.

