

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### **Attendants to La Favorita And Their Family Trees**

Two charming young women have been chosen as attendants for Miss Virginia Pioda, La Favorita of this year's Merienda. Miss Lorraine Hardy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hardy of Monterey, and Miss Faith Ellis, daughter of Mrs. Star Westlake Ellis of Pacific Grove, will happily carry out these roles which have become traditional with this annual event in celebration of the city's birthday.

Miss Hardy was born in Monterey and it was proper that her parents should have chosen the El Adobe Hospital for her birthplace. This old adobe on Abrego street, known as Casa Pacheco, was built about 1842 by Don Francisco Pacheco, soldier and public official.

At about the same time his friend Don Rafael Estrada, the great-grandfather of Lorraine, was building his adobe home now known as Casa Soberanes on the street then known as Calle Estrada which has since been renamed Pacific street.

Lorraine's maternal grandparents have lived in Monterey for four generations. Her great-great-grandparents were Don Jose Mariano Estrada and Dona Isabella Arguello, the former a ranking officer at the Presidio of Monterey. Her great-grandfather was Rafael Estrada who married Concepcion Malarin, the daughter of Juan Malarin. He had been granted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1841, a lot one hundred varas square on which he built his adobe home.

His son, Luis, married Rosa Garcia, the daughter of Jesus Garcia, who came to Monterey from Lower California, and they became the parents of Mrs. Hardy, the mother of La Favorita. Rosa Garcia's mother was Makaria Robinson, the daughter of an Englishman who came to America as a stowaway and landed first at Vera Cruz.

The late James Hardy of Soledad was Lorraine's paternal grandfather. Mrs. James Hardy, now making her home in Concord, is her grandmother. Her great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sainz. Mrs. Sainz was formerly Genevieve Saldago, whose mother was a Vasquez and her daughter was born in the Vasquez adobe on Dutra street, now opened and being restored by the City of Monterey.

Miss Faith Ellis has an equally interesting heritage. Her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Charles Westlake, was the

daughter of Dr. Enos James Martin and Guadalupe Allen. Her grandfather, Charles Westlake was the son of Cyrus Westlake and Mary Ellen McFarland Westlake.

They had crossed the plans in 1846 and first settled in Oregon.

Guadalupe Allen was the daughter of Dona Petri Boronda and George Allen, an Irish Quaker who came to Monterey in 1821. Petri Boronda's parents were Dona Gertrude Higuera and Don Manuel Boronda. Gertrudis Higuera was born in the Presidio of Monterey on Ju[?] 19<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

Don Manuel Boronda and his son-in-law, George Allen, were both early day school teachers in Monterey. Don Manuel came to Monterey from Sayula, Mexico, as a corporal in the Spanish army during the early days of the Spanish colonization movement. He became the first school master in San Francisco, then Yerba Buena, in 1796.

He came to Monterey in 179[?] and became a carpenter, school teacher and soldier. When he retired from the Spanish service, he took up from 12 to 14 acres located directly back of San Carlos Church at the end of Boronda Lane, so "his women folks would not have far to go to church."

There he built the Boronda Adobe, now the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mast Wolfson. For several years he conducted the first school for boys in Monterey and held classes in the Boronda adobe. Here George Allen also taught and many of their pupils later were sent to Mexico or the Hawaiian Islands for higher education.

Faith's father is Paul Evans Ellis of Fresno and she has one sister, Martha Jo, and a brother, Norman, now a member of the U.S. Air Corps. Faith is attending the Monterey Peninsula Junior College.