

Paul Grunland Memorial Walk 5/5/18

Special thanks to the late Paul Grunland who died in February at age 93. A local historian, Paul was a founding board member of the BPWA as well as a member of BAHA and a frequent walk leader for them as well as Berkeley Historical Society. Much of the commentary on this walk is from Paul's 2009 booklet called "Berkeley Woods".

The Berkeley Woods parcel was annexed to the City of Berkeley in 1958, adding 75 acres and 102 homes. Park Hills was annexed a few days later in 1958 adding 70 acres and 102 homes marking the last expansion of the city limits of Berkeley.

Start: EBMUD Summit Reservoir *The Alameda Water Co. had a reservoir on this site in 1891. EBMUD acquired the property in 1928. It was rebuilt in 1940 using WPA labor when it was originally an open basin. The roof was added in the 1970s with a decorative pool of water on top. Again restored in 1998, the pool was removed though landscaping a bird sculptures were added. Another renovation is now being completed.*

Cross street to East on Wildcat Canyon Rd. *(note MariLark Farm, built in 1941 by Marie and Larkin Smith, now a private garden and seed saving operation with website and blog)*

R on Woodmont Ave.

#540 *one of the earliest homes in the area*

Corner of Woodmont & Vistamont (site of old Carbone Orchid Nursery 1929-1960s when the property was sold to a developer. The nursery was originally down on 5th St. in Berkeley, and was started by John Carbone, Sr., an immigrant from near Florence, Italy).

Continue up Woodmont

#544 *(home of Paul Grunland)*

Note sidewalk only on the East side of street (as required by city when developed in the 60s)

#551 *note decorative metal gate*

Woodmont Court developed in the 60s with one lot used for a communal swimming pool

#571 *(old Carbone home)*

#570 *Bernard Maybeck designed home for Isaac Flagg in 1937 (UCB Prof of Greek) as a country house. This area was a popular*

spot for rural retreats with UC Berkeley faculty due to the great views and fresh air.

Cross Rosemont Ave. (note southside was a Monterey pine forest planted in the 20s).

#605 The main part of the house was built in England and was shipped to SF for the Panama-Pacific Exhibition of 1915. After the exhibition, the house was cut in half and floated by barge to Berkeley then hauled uphill to this spot by tractors and mules. Many additions have been made over the years. It was owned for a time by the Fogerty family of Creedence Clearwater Revival fame. This is one of the oldest homes in this neighborhood.

#600 Built by Prof. Scheer, chair of the Agriculture Dpt at UCB.

#615 Once owned by the Horners, a prominent Berkeley family

#620 and **#630** were built by Willard Durham, Prof of English at UCB

#633 home of Sidney Mitchell, Chair of the UCB School of Librarianship in 1927. Founder of the CA Horticultural Society

#636 Behind this house are three lots which constitute a private park and open space

#647 & #651 These were once part of the Salbach Gardens

#657 The original home of Carl Salbach, owner of the Salbach Gardens where Salbach grew irises, orchids and other plants on 10 acres. Plants were grown all the way down to Wildcat Canyon Road.

#800 Woodmont Ave. Built in 1960.

R on Sunset

L of Creston Rd.

L on Marin up to old Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

The former site for 65 years of the only Lutheran Seminary in the western half of the US, this founding member of the Graduate Theological Union has now moved to Center St, downtown Berkeley. The site is now owned by Zaytuna College, a liberal arts college started in Berkeley in 2009.

#2750 Marin Ave. Built in 1923 by Hugh Dobbins, an official of the Presbyterian Church of CA. Walls of cobblestones are from the old streets in SF. The home was later given to the Lutheran Seminary.

Top of Hill The former Nash home, built in 1931. Donated to the Seminary by the second owners (known as Founders Hall during the Lutheran years).

Chapel of the Cross *This church was modeled after a building in Ronchamp, France*

Back down Marin

R on Creston

L on Sunset

R on Grizzly Peak (cross street)

R onto John Muir Path

R on Creston

L on Sunset Lane

L on Woodmont Ave.

R onto Vistamont

G on onto Vistamont Trail

Continue on Vistamont Ave

Down Woodmont

L on Wildcat Canyon Road back to Reservoir