Stand 3: 1848 - 1920

Panel A: 1848 - 1878

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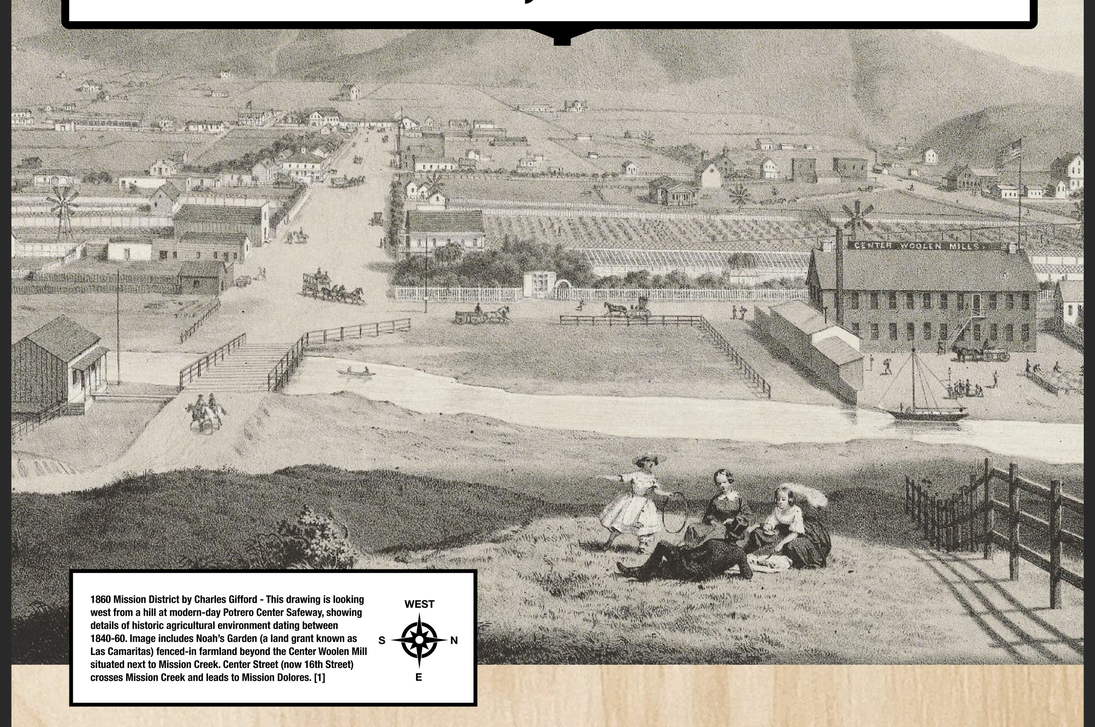
The Mission, Transformed



1860 Mission District by Charles Gifford - This drawing is looking west from a hill at modern-day Potrero Center Safeway, showing details of historic agricultural environment dating between 1840-60. Image includes Noah's Garden (a land grant known as Las Camaritas) fenced-in farmland beyond the Center Woolen Mill situated next to Mission Creek. Center Street (now 16th Street) crosses Mission Creek and leads to Mission Dolores. [1]

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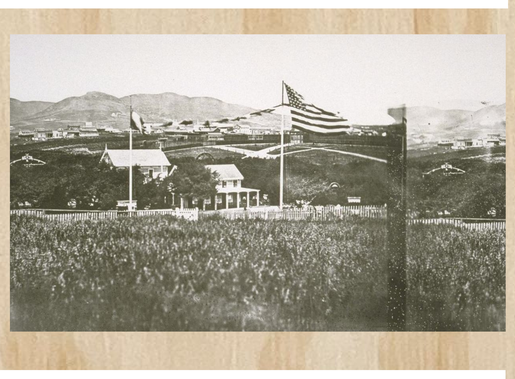
The 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo granted California (and today's Treat Plaza) to the United States.

El Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo de 1848 otorgó California (y la actual Treat Plaza) a los Estados Unidos.

The Mission became the City's "Rural Paradise" as a refuge from the wind, sand, and the fog from what downtown "Yerba Buena", present day San Francisco financial district. [2]

La Misión se convirtió en el "Paraíso Rural" de la ciudad como un refugio del viento, la arena y la niebla de lo que era el centro de "Yerba Buena", actual distrito financiero de San Francisco. [2]

"The Willows Pleasure Gardens" near 18th and Valencia Streets was a popular resort "out in the country" in the Mission District in the 1860s [3]

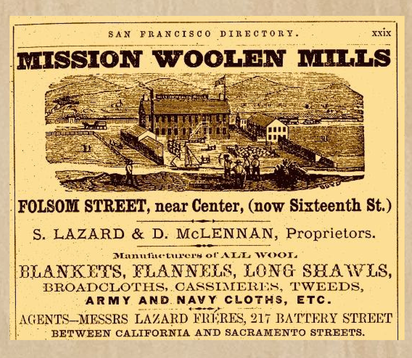


"Los Jardines del Placer de los Sauces" cerca de las calles 18 y Valencia era un popular resort "en el campo" en el Distrito de la Misión en la década de 1860

The City's industry expanded into the Mission in the 1870's. Some of the Mission District's early industries were established along the banks of Mission Creek:

- **Sedgley Tannery (1867) between Folsom & Harrison, 19th & 20th**
- **The Mission Candle Works (1871) owned by Winter, Maurer & Co**
- **The Mission Woolen Mills (1860) owned by Donald McLennan**

La industria de la ciudad se expandió hacia la Misión en la década de 1870. Algunas de las primeras industrias del Distrito de la Misión se establecieron a lo largo de las orillas de Mission Creek.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Panel B: 1878 - 1920

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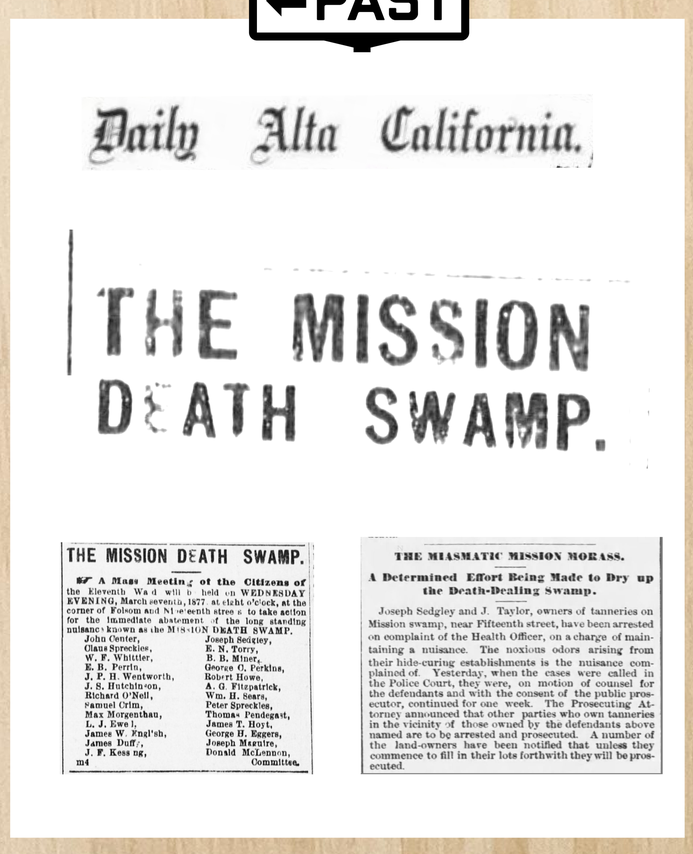
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THE MISSION DEATH SWAMP.

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A Mass Meeting of the Citizens of the Eleventh Ward will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, March seventh, 1877, at eight o'clock, at the corner of Folsom and Nineteenth streets to take action for the immediate abatement of the long standing nuisance known as the MISSION DEATH SWAMP.

John Center, Claus Spreckles, W. F. Whittier, E. B. Ferrin, J. F. H. Wentworth, J. S. Hutchinson, Richard O'Neil, Samuel Grim, Max Morgenthau, L. J. Ewel, James W. Final'sh, James Duff, J. F. Kessing, Joseph Sedgley, E. N. Torry, B. B. Miner, George O. Perkins, Robert Howe, A. G. Fitzpatrick, Wm. H. Sears, Peter Spreckles, Thomas Pendegast, James T. Hoyt, George B. Eggers, Joseph Maurice, Donald McLennon, m4 Committee.

THE MIASMATIC MISSION MORASS.

A Determined Effort Being Made to Dry up the Death-Dealing Swamp.

Joseph Sedgley and J. Taylor, owners of tanneries on Mission swamp, near Fifteenth street, have been arrested on complaint of the Health Officer, on a charge of maintaining a nuisance. The noxious odors arising from their hide-curing establishments is the nuisance complained of. Yesterday, when the cases were called in the Police Court, they were, on motion of counsel for the defendants and with the consent of the public prosecutor, continued for one week. The Prosecuting Attorney announced that other parties who own tanneries in the vicinity of those owned by the defendants above named are to be arrested and prosecuted. A number of the land-owners have been notified that unless they commence to fill in their lots forthwith they will be prosecuted.

Many industries dumped untreated sewage and other by-products on their premises, creating putrid pools of wastewater.

Muchas industrias arrojaban aguas residuales sin tratar y otros subproductos en sus instalaciones, creando pútridas piscinas de aguas residuales.

> *"Upon the corner of 19th and Folsom, there is a pool that smells unwholesome."*
>
> Sam Booth, Mission Resident, 1918 [1]

El apestoso poema de Sam Booth capturó de manera sucinta un coro de quejas de los lugareños sobre el "Pantano Mortal de la Misión" y el "Pantano de la Muerte de la Misión".

Sam's stinky poem succinctly captured a chorus of complaints from locals about the "murderous Mission Morass" and "Mission Death Swamp."

Ultimately the Mission Death Swamp was abated by the construction of a sewer system and raising street grades, as well as prosecution of the most egregious polluters such as the Sedgley Tannery. [3]

Finalmente, el Pantano de la Muerte de la Misión fue mitigado mediante la construcción de un sistema de alcantarillado y la elevación de los niveles de las calles, así como el enjuiciamiento de los contaminadores más atroces, como la Curtiembre Sedgley.

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