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Chattleton Lane



Catherine and Constant Chatleton circa 1870

The changing face of San Pablo's urban landscape is in high gear. It's great to see the improvements being made by our local government during this time of economic troubles. The completion of the homes and retail development on San Pablo Ave., just north of 23rd St. and Road 20, our new schools, and the removal of the mobile home parks near Church Lane are just a few of the changes I've noticed.

Here at the San Pablo Historical and Museum Society we are often sifting through the remains of buildings and people who are no longer with us. We are often disappointed when a historical building is lost. Not the case with the mobile home park on San Pablo Av. Now I'm not suggesting that it wasn't a great place to live, in

fact, it seems that it was there so long, I am sure that there was a lot of San Pablo's history happening down the aisles of that rather large homestead. The displacement of so many people must have been a hardship for many. But what the clearing of the property has revealed is a scene from day long gone by. **Chattleton Lane!**

Thanks to Mr. Victor Westman for bringing this rich history to light. Mr. Westman and his cousin, Jerry Labay, put together a wonderful printed recollection of Chattleton Lane and the Chattleton, Maloney and Ware families of San Pablo.

Bordered by San Pablo Ave to the north and Wildcat Creek on the south and adjacent to the overflow parking lots for the casino, this vacant expanse has the wide open feel of 1880 era San Pablo. This

land, which originally was a hay and dairy farm, has a rich history of agricultural and civic development in the city of San Pablo.

If you walk behind the Walgreens store on the corner of Church Lane and San Pablo Ave. you will notice a small dead end street with about 1/2 dozen homes, this is Chattleton Lane. Named for Constant and Catherine Chattleton who, after being married in St. Paul's Church in 1872, eventually settled in San Pablo. Chattleton Lane was the entrance to the family farm. After Constant died in 1884, Catherine continued to run the dairy farm operation.

The main house was approx. 200 yards from Church Lane,
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while a redwood barn was remembered to be closer to the main road. The extended family included the, locally familiar, names of Maloney and Ware.

John and Amelia Ware, along with their children, lived at the entrance to Chattleton Lane. The Wares' became close friends and eventually became related through marriage.

Joseph Maloney married Catherine's daughter, Nellie, in 1900 and lived and worked on the farm. He owned a milk distribution operation in San Pablo. The milk came from Catherine's cows, which grazed in the alfalfa fields along San Pablo Ave. It was very hard work and Catherine welcomed the help. Dairy farmers had to get up very early to milk the cows and then ferry it



Catherine Chattleton is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in San Pablo

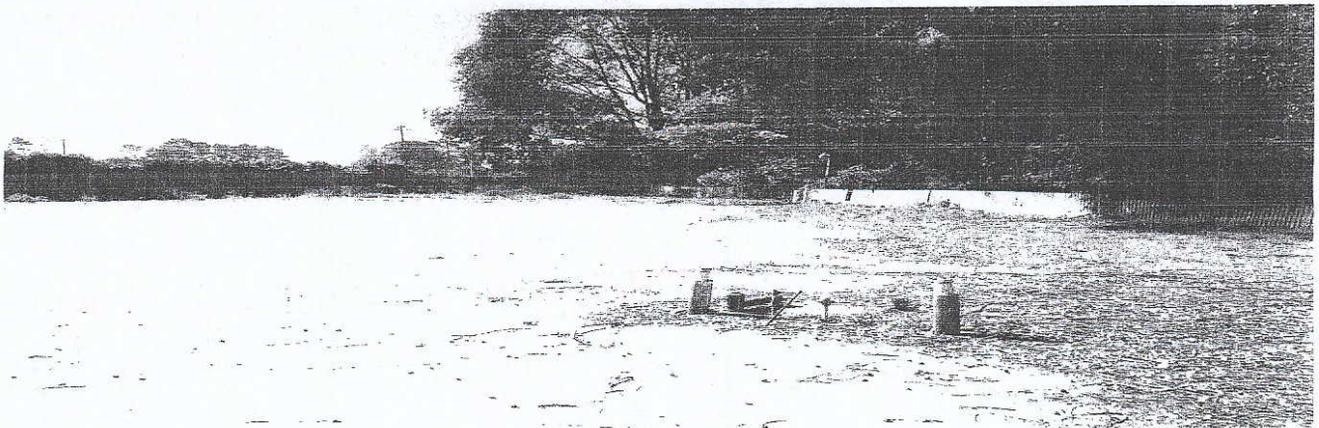
to San Francisco. There was no refrigeration or pasteurization. You had to sell the milk the same day.

Joe Maloney also had a vested interest in the Belding Store which, along with the Rose Barber Shop, sat on the corner of Church Lane and San Pablo Ave. in front of the old Alvarado Adobe.

Over the years the Chattleton property was sold off and initially developed with some small rental

units, a plumbing supply store and The Broiler restaurant. Eventually the open fields became the mobile home park which remained until the recent removal.

Hopefully Chattleton Lane will live on once the city has decided on a final plan to improve the newly opened space. Most definitely Chattleton Lane will live on at The San Pablo Museum and Historical Society. If you have memories of Chattleton Lane please share them with us or come down to the museums to see all the wonderful history we want to share with you about this and many more topics. The entire collection of Victor Westman documents and memoirs can be examined upon request.



The Chattleton property as it sits today waiting for development