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Hillsborough at 100

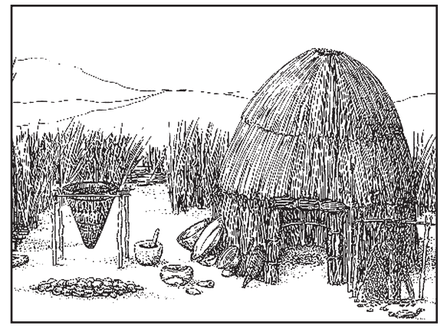
Early Influences Left Bay Area Legacy

By Lt. Caroline Serrato
Hillsborough Police Department

On May 5, 2010, the Town of Hillsborough will be 100 years old. Several special events are planned to commemorate the occasion: a parade, the dedication of the Centennial Park, the installation of a time capsule, and a tour of several historic homes. This important anniversary promises to be a time of reflection and celebration. It also offers an opportunity to look toward the future of Hillsborough and to contemplate what the next 100 years will bring.

Today Hillsborough covers slightly more than six square miles, the terrain is hilly, and the environment remains semi-rural. When Hillsborough was established, the first ordinances were noteworthy for what they excluded, yet these guiding principals are still largely in place. There are still no sidewalks; winding, rural streets traverse the Town, obliging the driver to slow down and enjoy the beautiful trees and catch glimpses of some of the splendid homes in the area. In addition to envisioning and realizing a community free of those features that would normally define it, the founders left a treasure-trove of unparalleled architectural works created by brilliant individuals discovered and patronized by early Hillsborough families. A century later, the beauty of this inspiring architecture continues to resonate throughout Hillsborough, the Bay Area and beyond.

Hillsborough is indeed an unusual town. From the beginning, educated and well-traveled residents were able to utilize the preeminent designers and builders of the day to create the homes that came to typify the Town. There is still no commercial district, factory or waterfront to serve as a focus. Hillsborough is a town that creates no products and sells no goods. There has never been an official town square or industry to define the Town's identity; grand estates filled the need for places to gather. While there is now a police station, a town hall, and several schools, most events are still held in the private residences that make up the Town. Hillsborough is a residential sanctuary, an architectural delight, and a truly American development. There is also an undeniable aspect intrinsic to Hillsborough, which is that it inspires curiosity from those outside this community and a sense of protection from those within. The true history of this Town, always a town, never a city, is made more tantalizing by the inability of most visitors to negotiate the geography of its tree-lined twisting streets. Once elegant driveways, the streets are beguiling, like a Möbius strip that seems to disclose, yet just as effectively conceal, the most beautiful places of all.



Early Hillsborough residents procured the work of prominent architects, from around the world, who also influenced architecture in the greater Bay Area. Pictured above is a home that George Hearst, son of the newspaper czar, had re-designed in 1930 by architect Julia Morgan, who also designed the Fairmont Hotel.It became known as Hillsborough's "White House." The very earliest residences were dome-shaped huts (right) built by the Ohlone native tribes.

The first residences in what would come to be known as Hillsborough were dome-shaped huts made of woven tule reeds or redwood bark covering a wood frame, which were the homes of the Ohlone native tribes. These indigenous people were hunters and gatherers who lived in harmony with nature, existing on what they could forage. Despite the years that have passed, they continue to maintain a distant presence, occasionally making an unexpected skeletal appearance during renovations to buildings or other disturbances to the terrain.

Hillsborough's inception as a town really began almost 35 years prior to its incorporation, when the land that would one day become Hillsborough and much of

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