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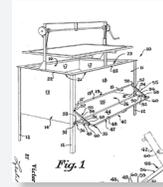
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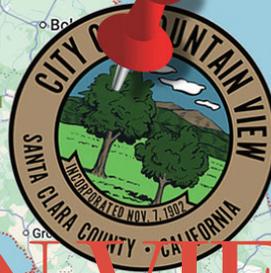
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ITALIANS of MOUNTAIN VIEW

Families, Founders, Friendships



Sunday, February 1, 2026 2:00 p.m. Community Room, Mountain View Public Library

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Pamela Baird

President's Message

By Pamela Baird
 MVHA President

Looking for History—visit a park!

Over the recent holidays my family and I stayed near the Fisherman's Wharf area. The San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is located nearby. A 50-acre park has grown around the Aquatic Park Cove, which hosts historic sailing vessels, (which currently are not on display because of renovations to the Hyde Street Pier) a visitor center and a museum.

The Visitor Center is in a large brick building <https://www.nps.gov/safr/planyourvisit/the-visitor-center.htm>. We have walked by the entrance numerous times without noticing it. This time we saw the entrance and were rewarded with a wonderful exhibition covering the history of ship building, the growth of San Francisco and the many groups of people who have contributed to the story of San Francisco and the Bay area. A person could easily spend two–three hours exploring the exhibits.

This made me wonder—are there stories and history for local parks on the peninsula? The city of Los Altos has a page on their website listing the names of the parks and photos for each. A map is also available. None of the parks have any history noted. The website for Los Altos Hills is similar.

The city of Sunnyvale also has a listing of the parks on their website, as well as a map. One listing has information about the history behind the name of the park.

Only Palo Alto has information about the history of the parks on their website. An interactive map contains a drop-down option for each park. <https://www.paloalto.gov/Departments/Community-Services/Parks-Open-Space-Golf-Division/Neighborhood-Parks>. Another click explains the history of the park—who was the namesake, when the park was developed, etc. It's a great way to learn about the history of Palo Alto.



The city of Mountain View has a listing of parks but no map <https://www.mountainview.gov/our-city/departments/community-services/parks-and-trails/parks/city-parks>. No historical information is provided. Several Mountain View parks have historical panels (Heritage Park and Eagle Park), but many more could be enhanced by including historical information (Wyandotte, Varsity, Thaddeus and more).

The MVHA hopes that the city can be encouraged to include historical panels at city parks. This would be a wonderful way to give residents and visitors a better idea of the history of Mountain View.



Cubberley Track and Field is the only city managed all weather track and field open to the public. The Track has become a magnet for marathon runners, joggers, triathletes, and parents of soccer kids practicing on the field. The all-weather Field is used by hundreds of kids every month of the year. On October 16, 2019, the ribbon was cut to celebrate the opening of the renovated track and field area. A rubber and upgrade replaced decomposed granite.

Friends of the Palo Alto Parks and The Foothills Preserve are partnering to create interpretive panels for the Foothills Nature Preserve. Organized by the Friends of Foothills Preserve (FFP) to assist the park staff in a wide range of activities. With a mission to conserve the natural features and scenic values of the park, to be the voice and eyes of the community to the park and to provide and maintain the stability of the Foothills Preserve.

The City of Palo Alto has a multi-layer website with information that covers the history of their city parks

Treasurer's Report 2025

—*Anthea Chung, Treasurer*

The Mountain View Historical Association is a nonprofit organization, and we are grateful for the continued support of our members, donors, and community. In 2025, the Association received:

\$6,202	in total income, including
\$1,275	membership dues,
\$1,135	walking tour fees,
\$2,190	interest income
	from cash on hand, and
\$1,602	merchandise sales and
	donations.
\$5,637	Total expenses for the year:
\$2,383	supporting newsletters
	and events,
\$1,833	insurance, and
\$1,421	other administrative costs.

Careful financial management resulted in a net surplus of \$565, strengthening the Association's ability to continue its work.

As of year-end, the Association held

\$79,456	in cash
\$15,210	checking accounts
\$64,246	Certificates of Deposit.

Interest earned in these funds helped support ongoing operations while preserving the Association's reserves for the future.

Membership Report

Happy New Year!

It's membership renewal time. Thank you to those of you who have already renewed!

You can mail in your form (see page 9) with a check or visit www.mountainviewhistorical.org/memberships/

Please consider becoming a lifetime member. It's easy and you won't have to remember to send your dues each year!

Membership dues help with our ongoing expenses—hosting meetings, newsletter production, mailing costs and insurance.



Mountain View Family History Spotlight



**Official Photo of
Police Chief
Robert Schatz**

The known family history of former Police Chief and Mayor Robert Schatz begins in the German village of Ehlenbogen.

Hanss Shatz, Robert's seventh great-grandfather, was born here in 1608. The village is situated in a mountainous area at the bend in a small stream. The geography gave rise to the village's coat-of-arms, which depicts a bent man's arm in a blue sleeve. One might even think that this coat-of-arms foreshadowed Chief Schatz's career with the Mountain View Police Force!

**Ehlenbogen
Coat of Arms**



The people of Ehlenbogen and the surrounding district of Wuerttemberg, including the Schatz family, were primarily Protestants. Records show that five generations of Robert's Schatz ancestors, from 1600-1800, were all named either

Johannes or Hanss (both German variants of "John"). Around 1800, Robert's third great-grandfather Andreas Schatz lead his family to the Banat area of Hungary, and with a number of other Germany families founded the village of Liebling.

But less than a generation later, the family relocated to an area near Odessa, Russia (now Ukraine), called Neu Freudental. Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia, was of German origin. She was eager to see more of her countrymen settle in Russia, and granted them privileges such as the free exercise of their religion and language within their communities, as well as exemption from military service and taxation. Germans living in these communities were known as Black Sea Germans.

After Catherine's reign, Russians were less kind to the Black Sea Germans living on their territory. Many, including Robert's great-grandfather Johannes Schatz, immigrated to the USA. Johannes and his bride Katharina set sail on the ship



**A cemetery in
New Freudental, Russia**



**Johannes and Katharina Schatz,
Robert Schatz's immigrant
great-grandparents**

Augusta Victoria from Hamburg, Germany, and arrived in New York City in 1889. From there, they found their way to South Dakota and then North Dakota, to where many other Black Sea Germans had come. It is estimated that about one-third of North Dakotans today are descended from Black Sea Germans.

Around 1920, Johannes's son, also named Johannes, resettled his family in Idaho, to take up potato farming. In fact, Robert Schatz was born in 1927 in Pocatello, Idaho. A few years later, Robert's father, John, followed some cousins to Oakland, California, to work as a grocery manager. Robert would spend most of his childhood years in Oakland.

After graduating from San Jose State University in 1955, Robert was first a seaman in the US Navy and then a captain in the US Army. In 1950, he began a 34-year career as a Mountain View police officer, becoming Police Chief in 1971. He was Mountain View's first police chief to earn a college degree and the initiator of Mountain View's progressive policing policy.

Robert Schatz also served eleven years on the city council, with two terms as mayor. During that time, the city gave Shoreline Park the form it has today. He was instrumental in the design and approval of Mountain View's current police and fire building, which bears his name.

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William Formway Agricultural inspiration



“My invention relates to walnut hullers, and more particularly to a machine adapted to hull, wash and separate the hulls from the clean nuts...”

William Formway was a prolific creator of mostly agricultural products. He received numerous patents— an apricot slicing machine, a pecan cracker, box folding equipment, a hoist for roofing work, and at least three patents for walnut hullers.

In 1896 he was born in Bakersfield. He moved with his family to what is now Los Altos when he was fourteen. The family lived on a farm on Almond Avenue.

The first record that we could find about Formway is a December 1917 article in *The MV Register Leader* newspaper. According to the article, as an employee of the Junction Garage in Mountain View, he slept in the attic. At 5:30 in the morning he was awakened by the sound of the front door being wrenched open. Formway yelled at the intruders to stop. He fired several pistol shots at the two fleeing men. He hit one of the men who was then captured. The other man escaped and was never apprehended.

In 1918 Formway purchased a half interest in the Junction Garage. Just a week later he married Myrtle Holden of Pettis Avenue. A year later the young couple bought a home on the corner of California and Hope Streets. They lived there for six years.

Formway and a new partner, Elmer Hill, formed a company in 1921 to repair and service automobiles, batteries and starters. At the same time Formway had a new building constructed for the company on California Street.

Advertisements for the company appeared in newspapers and business registers. It appears that several partnerships with other men were formed and dissolved.

The 1920s were a heady time for companies associated with automobiles, tires and service. In the mid-1930s Formway moved his shop into a large shed on Almond Avenue where his parents lived. Although we think of the area as mainly producing plums and apricots, other tree crops were grown, including walnuts. His father’s property contained walnut trees, as did other small farms in the area.

Removing the outer husk of a walnut is a time consuming and messy job. Formway worked for several years to perfect a machine to do this task. He called the device the “Walnut Wizard.” He was manufacturing machines prior to the first submission of a patent in 1935.



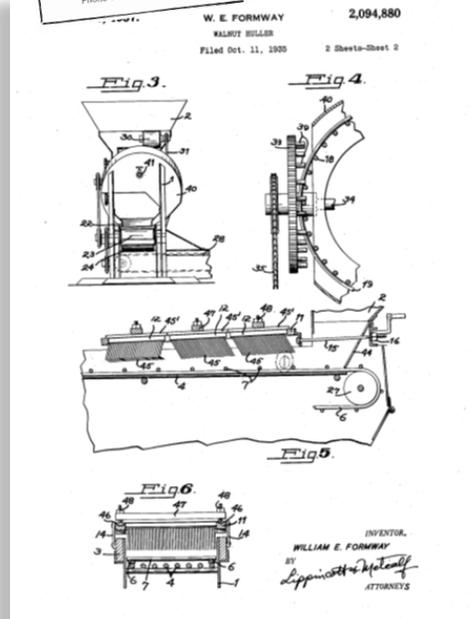
Top: William Formway;

Middle: The Junction Garage

Right: Formway and his wife Myrtle, with his company truck, 1930s

Left: A 1920s Ad for Formway & Hill Machine Shop

Below: Walnut Huller Patent



The year 1937 was a time of accomplishment and tragedy. He received the formal paperwork for his first patent on October 5. But less than three months later his son was killed in a traffic accident near Salinas. Early on Christmas morning, Formway and his son (also named William) were driving north on Highway 101. An approaching automobile suffered a blown tire, causing the driver to lose control. In the collision that followed, Formway’s son and the two people in the other car were killed instantly. Formway himself, was severely injured and spent months recovering.

Formway continued to refine the Walnut Wizard and was granted two more patents. The Walnut Wizard Manufacturing Company was founded, with at least one partner brought in to help manage the operations.

In 1941 the partnership was dissolved after the development of an apricot slicing machine. Manufacturing was moved to Sunnyvale. At some point the Walnut Wizard Company was moved to Chico, California, where the company still manufactures equipment for the tree nut industry. After years of ill health, Formway passed away on September 9, 1945. He was only 49 years old. His wife, daughter and father survived him.

Victor A. Benson BBQ perfection

“The present invention relates particularly to means for effecting the mechanical rotation of a spit of the type used on barbeque stoves”.

The last inventor that we will profile in our series received notoriety in his late teens as a racing bicyclist in San Jose. In August 1894 (at the age of 18) Benson earned a silver cup trophy for the fastest time in a five-mile race. He participated in other races that year and the next. He and co-rider Hardy Downing broke the tandem bicycle record for a one-mile track race with a time of two minutes and three seconds.

Bicycle riding and racing were very popular in the 1890s and early 1900s. In a time when there was no radio, television or major professional sport teams (other than baseball), local bicycle racing venues and bike clubs filled the gap for fun watching and competitive diversions. San Jose had several banked wooden or cement race-tracks with viewing stands that could hold hundreds of people.

Many towns and cities, including Mountain View, had active racing clubs. In addition to sponsoring races, these clubs also provided social activities, such as dances and dinners.

Benson was born in Nevada in 1876. It's uncertain when his family moved to San Jose. In 1896 he married 18-year-old Edith Greenwood. A son was born two years



later. The 1899 San Jose directory (similar to a phone book) showed a business listing of “Benson & Evers”—a wireworks company in downtown San Jose.

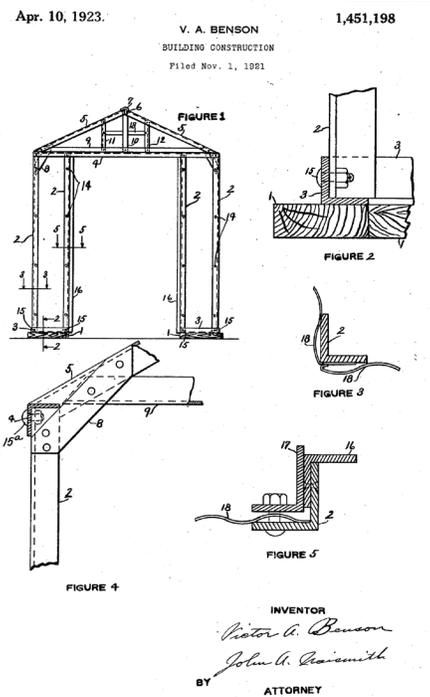
The 1920 & 1930 census records showed that the family lived in San Jose. His occupations were listed as a machinist, iron worker or contractor. By 1940 the family had moved to Mountain View. They lived with his father-in-law and another elderly

relative. His occupation was listed as an iron worker with his own shop.

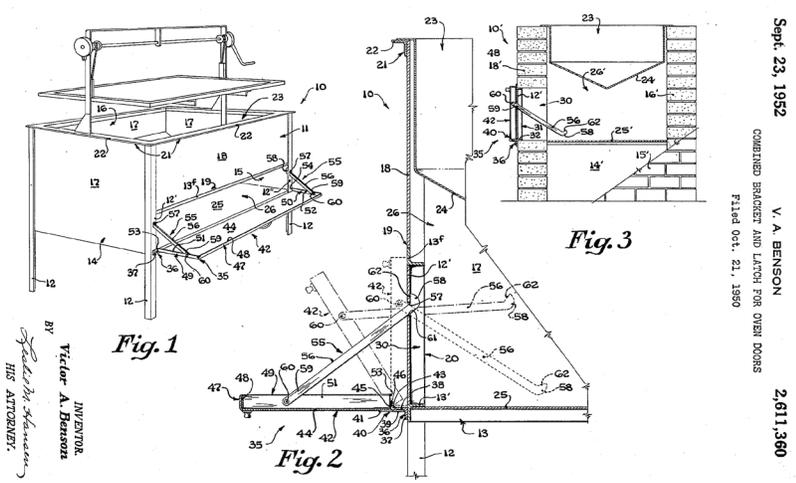
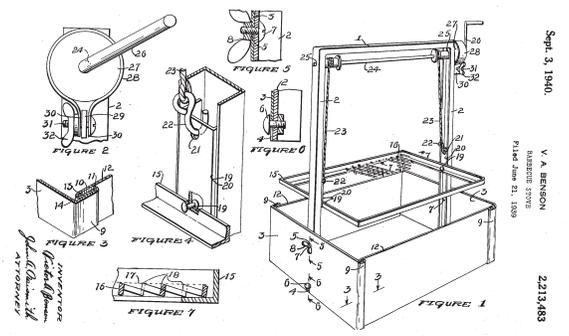
The 1950 census indicated that the 74-year-old Benson and his family owned and worked at a barbeque manufacturing company. His 51-year-old son and his wife are listed as well. The extended family included two grandsons at the same address.

Benson was a prolific inventor. His earliest patent was granted in 1923 for a metal framing system for building a garage or shop. Four more patents were granted for barbeque equipment, in the years of 1940, 1942, 1951 and 1952.

We couldn't locate any information about the company, as it seems no advertising was placed by the company in yearbooks or newspapers. Our guess is that the company probably produced products and installations for use in public parks, family backyards and restaurants.



Victor Benson was a prolific inventor. Shown here are the patents granted for a shed construction technique, and two barbeque designs.



Drug stores have long been a vital community service. These businesses address the health needs of people while also offering household items that make them convenient one-stop shops.

Mountain View's Drug Stores: From Prescriptions to Ice Cream Sodas

— M. Elena Lopez

Advertisements in *The California Druggist*, a journal for independent drug stores, offer insights into the staples of the trade. Wholesale distributors sold acids,

chemicals, medicine bottles, fruit syrups, and sundries. California sourced substances

included grape juice for “consumption, gastric fever, nervous debility... and wasting diseases;” fig syrup, “the best family laxative;” lemon creams, “a natural skin food;” poison oak remedies; and eucalyptus lozenges for cough, colds, and asthma. In 1911 Mountain View pharmacist E.T. Johnson operated a thriving business that manufactured an antiseptic gauze that was sold nationally.

Alcohol was another staple product. Whiskey was marketed as a cure-all that could treat anemia, high blood pressure, heart disease, pneumonia, typhoid, snakebites, and even broken legs. As a relaxant it was used to relieve depression and reduce tension. Whiskey also served as an excellent diluent and solvent for herbal preparations. By 1902–1903 Mountain View pharmacists D. D. Johnson and P. J. Schwab had acquired wholesale liquor licenses.

Throughout their early history, drug stores emphasized availability, quality, and affordability. Becker's Pharmacy offered to order items that were not in stock. Pharmacist W. F. Taylor advertised “pure, fresh drugs at lowest cash prices, all kinds of patent medicines,” and “carefully prepared prescriptions.”

In a competitive environment, quality service also meant selling name brands such as Colgate, Rexall Remedies, and Red Feather toiletries.

More than Drugs

By the early 1900s, drug stores had become profitable centers of middle-class consumer life. Between 1900–1915 most of them operated along Castro Street. Their early advertising focused on prescriptions and medicines but gradually shifted to lifestyle goods. Johnson Drug Company, Becker Pharmacy, and Robert's Drug Store sold “various sundries,” including toiletries and perfumes. They offered sheet music, paints, oils, wallpaper, and art goods. B. J. Miller's Drug Store and Winnegar's Pharmacy and others met the demand for Kodak supplies and film processing, while Wessenberg's Pharmacy sold optical goods.

The 1920s brought the era of the soda fountain. When Prohibition shuttered bars, people turned to drug stores as social gathering places. Soda fountains had first appeared in the 1850s, when customers sought drinks made from flavored effervescent drugs to cure ailments. Innovative pharmacists—like Dr. John Stith Pemberton of Atlanta, who invented Coca-Cola in 1886—used their chemistry knowledge to concoct flavored carbonated drinks. They made root beer, milkshakes, and a variety of ice cream sodas.

Mountain View drug stores kept pace with these innovations. The Kennedy Drug Store opened in 1920 with table service. Knight's Pharmacy remodeled its space in 1927 to showcase a soda fountain. The front areas of drug stores no longer featured the pharmacist's lab—it was now relegated to the back.

Beautifully Remodeled Pharmacy



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Although the terms “drug store” and “pharmacy” are often used interchangeably, the latter refers specifically to the sale of prescription medicines by a licensed professional.

Drug stores appeared in Mountain View sometime between 1880 and the early 1900s. These independent businesses—typically owned by a doctor or licensed pharmacist—specialized in filling individual prescriptions. They also sold “patent medicines,” the forerunners of over-the-counter remedies. The Johnson

Pharmacy, for example, sold Dr. Fenner's “Kidney and Backache Cure” and a treatment for St. Vitus Dance (Sydenham's chorea), an autoimmune disease associated with

DR. FENNER'S
KIDNEY and
Backache
CURE

All diseases of Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Gleet, Rheumatism, Gravel, Dropsy, Female Debility.

Don't become discouraged. There is a cure for you. If necessary write Dr. Fenner. He has spent a life time curing just such cases as yours. All countries Free.

“The Fenner's Kidney and Backache Cure is the cause of my being alive today. I had suffered greatly of kidney disease for years and reduced in weight to 75 pounds. I now weigh 125 pounds.”

W. H. METCALF, N. Ohio Pharm. Co.

Druggists, etc., Ask for Book Free.

ST. VITUS DANCE Sure Cure, Circular, Dr. Fenner, Providence, R.I.

For sale at Johnson's Pharmacy.

rheumatic fever that manifests itself in uncontrolled facial and limb movements in children.

Until Congress passed a 1906 law regulating healthcare products, patent medicines often contained dubious and even harmful ingredients such as opium, liquor, or cocaine.

Finding Your Family History

by Robert Cox

Using Automated Tools to Link DNA Matches

People who take a DNA test with any of the major DNA testing firms like Ancestry, MyHeritage, or 23 & Me can expect several interesting reports in the results supplied by the testing company. One of these is a list of people who share DNA with the person who ordered the test. These are called “shared matches” on Ancestry, “DNA matches” on MyHeritage, and “relatives in common” on 23 & Me.

Knowing that you have shared matches is interesting, but it can be even more interesting to know how you are related to your shared matches. In particular, finding the ancestors that you share in common and the path of descent from those shared ancestors to you and your shared match can help each of you expand your family tree. If you and your shared match contact each other, you may be able to share interesting family stories about your shared family history. These stories can help put some flesh on the bones of raw, dry genealogical data found in historical records.

Both Ancestry and MyHeritage allow users to contribute family trees. These companies can then use the family trees to find ancestral connections between their members. On Ancestry, it is possible to link one’s family tree to one’s DNA results. If the tree is either “public” or “private searchable,” Ancestry will attempt to find the ancestors in common between each person with a DNA test and all of his or her shared matches.

Let’s see how this information is provided by looking at an example. When I got my Ancestry DNA results, Ancestry notified me that I had a shared match with Ancestry Name “caltick.”

caltick 2nd cousin
Paternal side
242 cM | 3% shared DNA

Public linked tree
209 people
Common ancestor

In the rightmost column, Ancestry notes it has found a potential “Common ancestor.” ▲

Clicking on this shared match entry will take me over to a webpage with

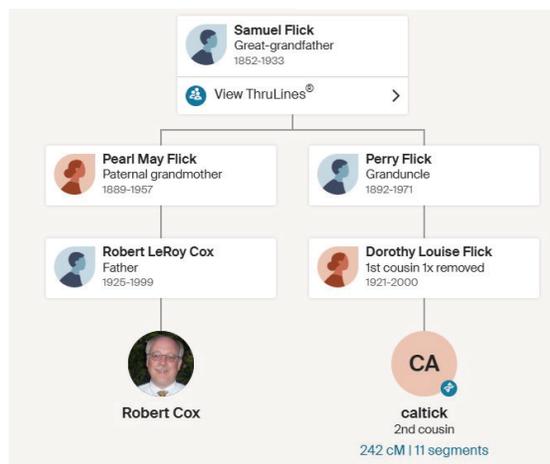
Clicking on the first box will bring up a diagram which will show the potential lines of descent (which it calls a “ThruLine”) from our common great-grandfather Samuel Flick and down to each of us: ▼

Common Ancestors

caltick could be your 2nd cousin through:

Samuel L. Flick
Great-grandfather
POTENTIAL ANCESTOR
[View Relationship](#)

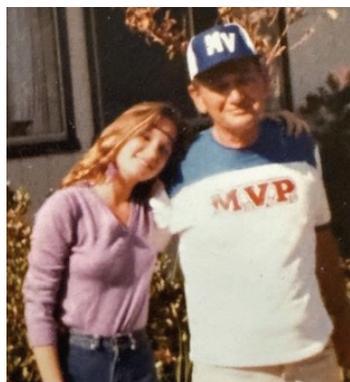
Mary Elizabeth Whitehill
Great-grandmother
POTENTIAL ANCESTOR
[View Relationship](#)



The chart notes that “caltick” and I share 242 centimorgans of DNA spread out among 11 DNA segments. MyHeritage has a similar matching tool called “Theories of Family Relativity.”

It is important to keep in mind that these potential lines of descent are only as good as the data provided in the family trees submitted to the DNA testing company. So, “ThruLines” are not always “true lines.” But I have found in my research they are only incorrect in rare circumstances and are always useful suggestions in my search for distant cousins.

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Robert Schatz and his daughter Suzanne, when she was a teen

Robert Schatz passed away in 1997 in Mountain View and is buried in Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto.

On a personal note, Robert’s four children remember him for his great sense of humor, how easy he was to talk to, his love of golf, dominos, and cards, and his generosity.

His first son John, worked for the school district in Fallon, Missouri. His daughter, Suzanne Wilson, is retired after working 28 years for the Santa Clara Superior Court. His two younger sons, Matthew and Michael are computer executives in Texas.

Robert’s sons
Matt and Mike



Mike Schatz · 3rd
Account Services Manager at HP



Matt Schatz ✓
Chief Revenue Officer

Instead, customers were greeted by soda fountains and display cases filled with cigars and candy.

Changes In Pharmacy Practice

Pharmacy started as a male dominated profession, but today women represent the majority of licensed pharmacists. According to the National Provider Identifier Database 82 percent of pharmacy providers in Mountain View are female.

May Armanini, co-owner of the Armanini Drug Store, was likely the first local female pharmacist in Mountain View. Born Mary Elizabeth Jennings in San Francisco, both of her parents were pharmacists.

She graduated from the University of California School of Pharmacy in

1929 and moved to Mountain View in 1931 as the bride of pharmacist Lawrence Armanini. While little is written about her professional life, her community service was widely recognized; the Chamber of Commerce named her Citizen of the Year in 1956.

The year 1910 ushered the arrival of the drug store chain. Robert's Drug Store became a Rexall franchise and the sole distributor of the company's products. The franchise was later transferred to Wagner's Drug Store. When the Rexall Drug Company eliminated its franchise dealership in the 1970s, chains such as CVS and Walgreens filled the gap, and independent drug stores gradually disappeared.



Armanini Drugs on Castro Street in the 1950s

Changes in the pharmaceutical industry have shaped the unfolding of drug stores in Mountain View. While the future of pharmacy practice remains uncertain, especially with the rise of AI, the drug stores in our city will no doubt continue to adapt to changing times and economic conditions to serve the community.

Mountain View History Rediscovered

By David P Salinero
Mountain View Historical Data Director

The MVHA historical artifacts are stored on a long-term basis at the Mountain View Public Library History Center.

These items have been collected over the 70 years that the MVHA has been in existence. The collection includes original papers and household items from early Mountain View pioneer families, newspaper clippings and articles about history, and photographs of early Mountain View and the surrounding area. Some of these items haven't been seen by our community in many years. The MVHA has undertaken a project to document a summarized inventory of what is contained in the many boxes in the History Center.



A discovery session at the History Center.

These inventories are called finding aids and will be instrumental in our goal of cataloging and digitizing our artifacts.

Over four sessions, 15 volunteers (6-8 at a time) have met at the History Center to process boxes and enter descriptions into spreadsheets that will become the finding aids for future researchers. The volunteers have been pleasantly surprised by the "treasures" that haven't been seen in years, even decades.

These working sessions have turned out to be fun, collaborative events for those with a passion for history. If you are inspired by history and want to join a future session, contact the MVHA at info@mountainviewhistorical.org.



Join us for a Downtown Walking Tour

The Downtown Walking Tour, held on the fourth Sunday of most months, starts at Centennial Plaza and ends near the corner of Castro and Church Streets. Stories of the early residents, the success of agriculture and the transformation of Castro Street from a car-oriented roadway to a pedestrian-friendly center are included.

Upcoming Walking Tours 2026
of downtown Mountain View
January 25, 2pm
<http://mvhistory.eventbrite.com/>

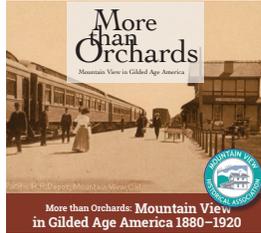
February 22, 2 pm
<http://mvhistory.eventbrite.com/>

Gilded Age Event Was Golden



Nancy Unger,
Santa Clara University
Professor Emerita

One of the largest crowds to ever attend a Mountain View Historical Association event welcomed Professor Emerita Nancy Unger to the November 2 event. Her presentation of “*More than Orchards: Mountain View in Gilded Age America*” covered the period’s influences, including agriculture, immigration and technological innovations in the evolution of California.



Nancy introduced those attending to the progressive movement of the early 1900s, which ushered in badly needed political reforms, both in the state of California and nationally. The strong local economy drew immigrants whose knowledge expanded the growth of specialty crops but also prohibited Chinese people from entering the country. The efforts of women through clubs and suffrage campaigns empowered an active group of individuals who contributed to our community.

After the presentation and snacks in the Mountain View Public Library’s Community Room, an interested group visited the History Center upstairs. A display case was filled with special items from the MVHA collection. The objects pertained to the topics Nancy covered in her presentation. Librarian James Thajadeen and several board members answered questions about the collections and the history center.

History Happening Now

New bridge ribbon cutting

A long-awaited ribbon cutting ceremony on November 3 marked the completion of a pedestrian and bike bridge across Stevens Creek. The bridge was a public benefit that ensured the approval of the nearby Ameswell Hotel development in 2016.

Because of the sensitive location, permits were required from the city of Mountain View, Santa Clara County Water and PG & E. Lenka Wright, a spokesperson for the city, said in a statement “This additional access point provides community members a convenient and off-street pathway” across Stevens Creek.

The ribbon cutting was performed by Mayor Ellen Kamei and Peter Katz, CEO of the MV Chamber of Commerce. Additional members of the community watched and cheered as the bridge was officially opened.



Mayor Ellen Kamei and Chamber of Commerce President Peter Katz cut the Ribbon.

Join us!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

The MVHA welcomes new members! You can also join/renew online at www.mountainviewhistorical.org.

The MVHA is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), Tax ID 94-6115407.

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New Membership

Name(s) _____

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City _____

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\$30/year

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Thank you!



Calendar 2026 Winter

January 25

Downtown Walking tour 2 pm
<http://mvhistory.eventbrite.com/>

February 1

Winter History Event
 MV Library 2 pm
 “Italians of Mountain View”
<http://mvhistory.eventbrite.com/>

February 2

Board meeting on zoom
 6–8 pm

February 22

Downtown Walking tour 2 pm
<http://mvhistory.eventbrite.com/>

March 2

Board meeting on zoom
 6pm–8pm

May 3

Spring History Event 2 pm
 “What’s in a name? Streets of MV”
 More information to come

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The World’s Fair comes to Mountain View

Ugo Mancini was so impressed with the Chrysler Corporation’s futuristic exhibit at the 1939 World’s Fair, that he bought as a centerpiece for his future auto dealership on El Camino in Mountain View.

The 20-ton, 52-foot high stainless steel tower topped by a 9-foot revolving globe of the world became a beacon to car buyers from all over the peninsula. From September of 1940 Mancini’s auto dealership commanded the prominent corner of Castro and El Camino Real. It was replaced in 1974 by the Chase Bank.



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