

# THE HERITAGE HERALD

Spring 2014 Newsletter of the Eureka Heritage Society  
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2014 Preservation Awards  
11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 7  
Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St.  
Reception follows the awards



**EHS**  
**Summer Event**  
**August 9, 2014**  
**10:00 – 12:30**  
**Historic Shipbuilding**  
**Yards**  
**on**  
**Humboldt Bay**



Residential:  
**Keith Carter and**  
**Virginia Thissell**  
— 905 G St. —



Preservationists of the Year:  
**Eureka Theater Board**  
— 612 F St. —

## Heritage Action Calendar

**All meetings – City Hall –**  
**531 K St Eureka, CA**  
**Second Floor City Council**  
**Chambers**

City Council  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 6:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission  
1st Wednesday – 4:00 p.m.

Design Review Committee  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays – 3:30 p.m.

Planning Commission  
2nd Monday – 5:30 p.m.



Commercial:  
**Redwood Art Association**  
— 603 F St. —



Adaptive Reuse  
**Lawrence O. Eitzen**  
— 816 Third St. —

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1000 F Street, Eureka

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### Mission

The Eureka Heritage Society will provide leadership, education and advocacy that preserves and enhances Eureka's irreplaceable historic structures and neighborhoods so as to ensure a legacy for future generations.

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443-4061

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## Spring 2014

### A Message from Our President, Chuck Petty

Our last event was the annual meeting at the Oberon Grill on February 1, 2014. The meeting was well attended and we ate a fabulous buffet brunch provided by the Oberon crew. I provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Eureka Theater celebrating the 75th anniversary of the theater.

Our next event is the annual preservation awards at the Eureka Woman's Club on Saturday June 7th, 2014 at 11:30am. Please come to help us honor the recipients in the residential, commercial, adaptive reuse and preservationists of the year categories. Refreshments will be served for your enjoyment after the awards presentation.

Our summer event will be a tour of historic ship building sites around Humboldt Bay on the historic Madaket August 9, 2014 10:30am to 12:30pm. We are limited to 42 passengers on the Madaket, so be sure to reserve your tickets early.

The annual home tour on the first Sunday in October is shaping up, but we still need houses. So, if you know of any historic homes that the owners are just dying to share, please let us know at 443-4061.

The Historic Preservation Commission's new website: [www.eukahistory.com](http://www.eukahistory.com), funded by a Certified Local Government grant from the California State Office of Historic Preservation and administered by the City of Eureka's Community Development Department, goes live at the beginning of June. Please check out the new website, make contributions to the content and suggestions for improvements.

Our preservation committee is in the process of digitizing all of the CalTrans preservation covenants and posting them on our website for the owners of these historic properties for easy access. Peter Santino does a fabulous job of keeping the website current and interesting. Be sure to periodically check out the website at [www.eurekaheritage.org](http://www.eurekaheritage.org).



Stay tuned  
For news about the  
Annie B. Ryan Historic House  
And Gardens  
In our next issue.

## Another House Moving Story

By Bob Libershal



Built about 1890, the house now at 415 Del Norte street was moved in 1905 from 1839 E street. There was no Building Moving Permit for this house move. Such a permit was not necessary because the house wasn't moved along or across a street. It was merely relocated within a block, moved over about 140 feet away from the northeast corner of E and Del Norte streets and turned to front on Del Norte.

I learned of the move by reading the newspaper article cited in the research notes from the Eureka Heritage Society survey folder for this 415 Del Norte street house. Though misconstrued in those notes, the article itself indicates that the house was moved in 1905, not built then.<sup>1</sup> To make room for a planned new house on E street, which was never built, this pre-existing house was moved over.

The 1900 Sanborn map of Eureka,<sup>2</sup> deed records,<sup>3</sup> listings in city directories<sup>4</sup> and a photograph in a recent Humboldt Historian magazine<sup>5</sup> confirm the move.

## Another House Moving Story (continued)



HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Late 1890s photograph showing the house in the background then at 1839 E Street.

<sup>1</sup>Article titled “Will Have Built Another House” in the Daily Humboldt Standard, February 3, 1905 includes: “For his (N.H.Pine’s) new house he will use the quarter-block on E street, moving back the house thereon now occupied by Dr.Loofbourrow.” (N.H.Pine had a house built in 1904 at 1835 E street, but he and wife Jennie lived in it for only about a month, then sold it to J.C. Bull, Jr. and planned, according to the newspaper article, to build another house adjacent to it.)

<sup>2</sup>1900 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Eureka, sheet 30.

<sup>3</sup>Deeds 89/82, 89/79, and 90/192. Jennie & Norton H. Pine conveyed to Jessie May bull on January 31, 1905 a 60’ x 135’ parcel (the 1835 E street property); recorded February 3, 1905 in Book 89 of Deeds on page 82.

W.S. Cooper & wife M.B. to Jennie L. Pine, most of the south half of Block 3 (on the north side of Del Norte street between E and F streets including the northeast corner of E and Del Norte) in the Prairie Addition; conveyed and recorded on February 2, 1905, in Book 89 of Deeds on page 79.

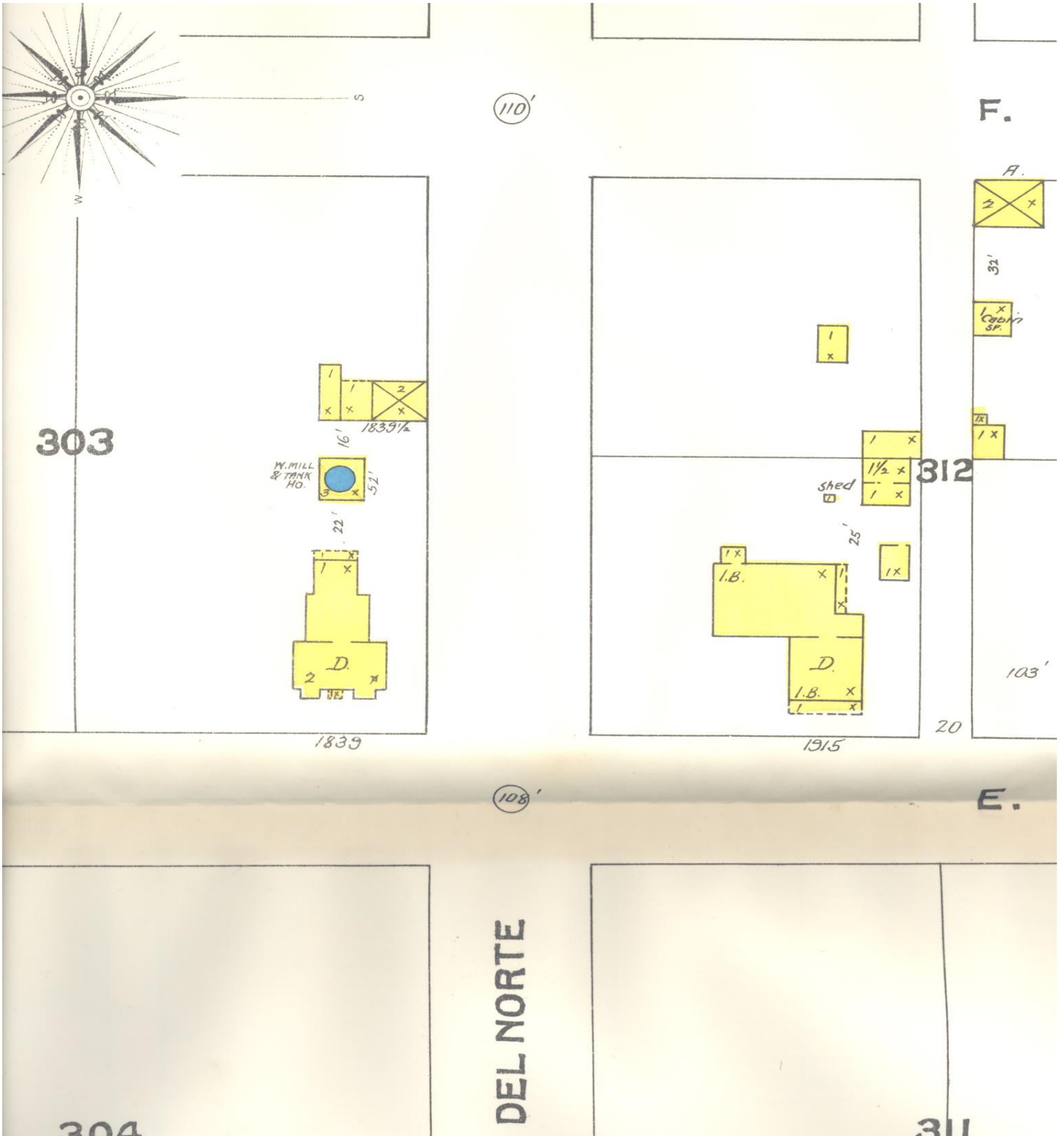
Jennie L. Pine conveyed to Jessie May Bull on August 28, 1905 a 62’ x 135’ parcel at the northeast corner of E and Del Norte streets in the south half of Block 3; recorded August 29, 1905 in Deeds Book 90 on page 192.

<sup>4</sup>1904 Eureka City Directory, page 102: “Loofbourrow, T.L., physician and surgeon, r 1839 E St.”

1905 Humboldt County Directory, Eureka, page 180: “Pine, Norton H., laundryman, r Del Norte bet E and F.”

<sup>5</sup>The Winter 2013 edition of the Humboldt Historian on page 41 shows a photograph which was taken about 1898 in front of the A.J. Monroe residence at 1915 E street. In the background of the photo is the two-story house then at 1839 E street.

# Another House Moving Story



1905 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map showing the house still at 1839 E Street.

# Old House Living

by Steve Lazar  
(Part 2 of 3)



In the first part of this narrative, I left off discussing the bizarre Catch-22 in which I had found myself following the purchase of my Garland Street home - this essentially being, that the “integrity / highly original condition” of the residence and property was inhibiting the psychological process of “*becoming* the home’s owner.”

...It was during a meeting of the EHS Education Committee that I was first asked whether I might be open to having my house appear on the 2013 Home Tour. While initially honored by the consideration, the honor was quickly replaced by a mixture of concern and dread as I weighed the decision. In a split-second, I scanned my memory banks compiling a list of all the homes that I had witnessed during the past 4 home tours I had attended, and developed this into a yard stick / mental image of the “standard of quality” exhibited by the typical home tour participant. I then reflected on the general condition and degree of upkeep evident in the places I had visited, recalling shiny floors, new coats of paint, immaculate gardens, and unfettered domestic interiors fit for divine occupancy. Calculating the divide between the seeming “gold standard” of EHS and the current condition of my home and property provoked sufficient grounds for concern. Nevertheless, with much trepidation, I agreed to join the 2013 field of participants, fully cognizant and resigned to the epic personal struggle that I now faced in preparing for the fall event.

*“Here commenced an expedition the marked and prominent features of which were constant and unmitigated toil, hardship, privation, and suffering.” L.K. Wood, in describing the 1849 Josiah Gregg overland expedition begun near Junction City, in search of Humboldt Bay.*

Preparation for Home Tour hinged on a variety of triage measures, including: completing multiple home improvement projects spanning widely ranging stages of development, hitting a housekeeping standard of cleanliness that the home had never known under both my tenure or my predecessors, catching up on 3 year’s of underperformed yard work, and developing various clutter- management strategies –including finding a “final resting place” for scores of “inherited” items that had previously escaped judgment during my first 3 years in office as owner, many having been left as they were found (within their attendant nook or cranny) upon my taking possession of the property.

Perhaps the most troubling legacy of the prior owners was the 20-plus-year feud with the immediate neighbors to the north. I had been in the house for less than a week when I first met “Daniel,” who occupied the only home on the block that shared a boundary with me. I had previously made note of the property, and the rather dense & mature bamboo forest which occupied the perimeter and interior of the small lot. After introductions had been completed, it didn’t take long for him to describe various episodes from a nightmarish saga. I listened in utter disbelief as the harrowing tale unfolded. The most notably disturbing quality of the conflict was its sheer longevity and the tragic cultural divide it profiled. This included seemingly one-sided efforts at sustained harassment and intimidation, including threats and subtle violence revealed in various forms, culminating perhaps when the prior owner’s offer to conduct a knife fight to end the feud was caught on videotape, and helped cement the case for a restraining order.

Though horrified by what I was hearing, I knew I was getting one-side of the story and could therefore offer only sympathy, polite dismay, and disgust during its initial recitation. Only weeks earlier during escrow, I had met the owner while performing inspections. We talked extensively about the property, its history, and his experiences. He was a truck driver who had worked many years for the logging industry. A self-described “gun nut,” who clearly believed in self-sufficiency/reliance –his philosophy described as generally consistent with “those ‘aim-ish’ folks.” I was in this man’s home of 25 years. I was deferential. I thanked him for using a “light touch” and explained that I intended to allow the place to remain unmolested under my watch.

Moving forward, as the days passed and became weeks, and the weeks months, with months turning into years, reconciliation of the past with the present remained a challenge that I would face in many forms.

To be continued in the next issue.....

# 2014 Eureka Heritage Society Membership Form

\_\_\_ **New** or \_\_\_ **Renewing Member** (January to January)

- |                         |                            |                       |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ \$20 Individual     | ___ \$50 Nonprofit Sponsor | ___ \$150 Patron      |
| ___ \$30 Family         | ___ \$75 Private Sponsor   | ___ \$300 Benefactor  |
| ___ \$10 Student/Senior | ___ \$75 Business Sponsor  | ___ \$500 Life Member |
| ___ \$15 Senior Family  |                            |                       |

**Additional Contribution (s)** to the Eureka Heritage Society for:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Scholarship Fund**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Carson Carriage Maintenance Fund**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Preservation Fund**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Enclosed is my check in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
payable to Eureka Heritage Society.**

## ***The Eureka Heritage Society needs volunteers.***

*If you are interested in volunteering, or need further information, contact our  
Volunteer Coordinator Lonni Magellan at 442-7819 or email her at [heylonni@yahoo.com](mailto:heylonni@yahoo.com)*

- Events, including annual Home Tour: docents, host/hostess, serving refreshments
- Education
- Publications, including mailing and distribution
- Archival Project and Research
- Serving on the Board

Additional comments/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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