

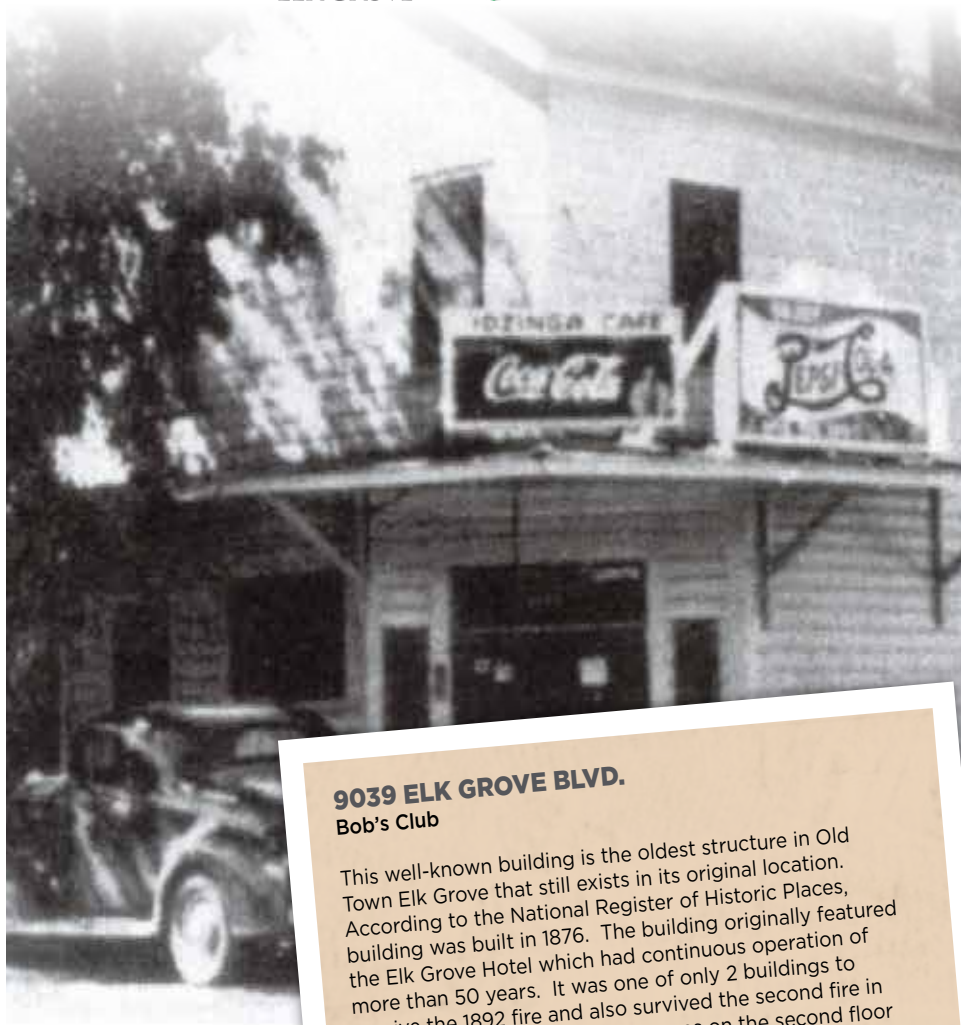
Old Town Elk Grove Walking Tour



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ELK GROVE
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE



9039 ELK GROVE BLVD. Bob's Club

This well-known building is the oldest structure in Old Town Elk Grove that still exists in its original location. According to the National Register of Historic Places, building was built in 1876. The building originally featured the Elk Grove Hotel which had continuous operation of more than 50 years. It was one of only 2 buildings to survive the 1892 fire and also survived the second fire in 1922, shortly after which, with rooms on the second floor still being rented, the first floor may have contained a speakeasy during prohibition. In 1930 it became Idzinga's Café and in 1950 it was sold to Bob Parker who renamed it Bob's Club.

9003-9021 ELK GROVE BLVD

PRESENT	El Dorado Savings Bank, Psychic, Babe's Lounge
1965-1990s	Bank of America, 2nd site Van's, Depot Café and Old Town Grill
1900-1940	
1880	

9027 ELK GROVE BLVD

PRESENT	Brick House Restaurant
1965-1990s	EG Meat Service; Green's Food Locker
1900-1940	Ehrhardt-Rhoades Model T Ford- James Lillico 1920
1880	House - Joseph Maitland

9029 ELK GROVE BLVD

PRESENT	The Doll House
1965-1990s	Peek A Boo cottage; Fire Dept office
1900-1940	Bldg moved from across the street
1880	Judge Everson house and office 1892

9031 MZ ESSENCE

PRESENT	Brick House Restaurant
1965-1990s	Bob C. Stafford, plumber
1900-1940	Granny Witt was a midwife
1880	House - Joseph Maitland

9033 ELK GROVE BLVD

PRESENT	Mitchell's Auto Body Shop
1965-1990s	Mitchell's Auto Body Shop
1900-1940	Ehrhardt & Rhoades - 1919
1880	Barber shop Operated by Mr. Poyer

9039 ELK GROVE BLVD

PRESENT	Bob's Club
1965-1990s	Bob's Bar
1900-1940	Oldest Building in Elk Grove Survived 1892 Fire - Owners: Allin, Cann, Woodward, Mitchell
1880	Elk Grove Hotel - 1870s Built by Elk Grove Building Co.; Later owned by J. W. Martin

9045 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	School of Rock
1965-1990s	O.O.F. Building - Haynes Mercantile, Entircan Grocery, Red & White Store Elk Grove Justice Court and Jail - (Moved to EG Park)
1900-1940	Burned in 1892 and rebuilt
1880	International Order of Odd Fellow's Lodge - I.O.O.F/ Julius Everson

RAILROAD	
PRESENT	Union Pacific Railroad
1965-1990s	Southern Pacific Railroad
1900-1940	Southern Pacific Railroad
1880	Central Pacific Railroad - 1868

PRESENT	Buildings in back
1965-1990s	J. M. Derr Lumber Yard
1900-1940	
1880	Iron Jaw Saloon

9075 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Six Businesses
1965-1990s	Masonic Hall, Hobby Barn
1900-1940	Italianate - 17th century Italy
1880	

9045 ELK GROVE BLVD. Odd Fellows Building

Built in 1893, this three story brick masonry structure has housed the IOOF Elk Grove Lodge no 274, Elk Grove Rebekah Lodge No. 136 and several local businesses throughout the majority of its existence. The first building, built in 1878, was destroyed by fire. During the years of World War II, 1941-1944, Elk Grove contributed to the war efforts through the US Army Air Forces Aircraft Warning Service Ground Observation Corps. During this time, about a quarter of the town's approximately 1,000 residents made their way up to a fire escape on the east side of the Odd Fellows building. A Temporary building with windows on all four sides was the site of Elk Grove's observation post where volunteers would call in airplane sightings.

9075 ELK GROVE BLVD. Elk Grove Masonic Temple

The cornerstone was placed at this site on August 18, 1880 and a 60 foot long by 35 foot wide building was constructed. Construction of the present day building was completed in 1893 after the original building was destroyed by fire. In 1928 the building underwent a major renovation when, to increase the size of the temple, the building's second floor was literally sawed apart and the east end of the building was moved more than 10 feet to expand the main hall, banquet rooms and kitchen and a 6th window was added. In 1993 however, another fire ravaged the building and was reconstructed with its original 5 window front façade. The first floor of the building hosted many general merchandise and grocery stores until the 1960s. Since then it has been home to a variety of businesses including hobby, auto parts, salons, insurance companies and Architects.



9081 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Happy Garden Restaurant, Water Tower
1965-1990s	Elk Grove Club - Gung Ho Café, Kirschbarm's Bakery
1900-1940	
1880	Harness Shop - J. L. Hasman

9085-9091 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Lola's Lounge, WRS Real Estate, Kreative Design and Marketing, Camarillo Salon
1965-1990s	Original building still stands; Belongs to Ernestine Springsted Smith
1900-1940	Hasman Building - built in 1885 Later - Smith and Welch
1880	Cement Building, Constructed by J. L. Hasman

9085 Elk Grove Blvd. - Hasman Building

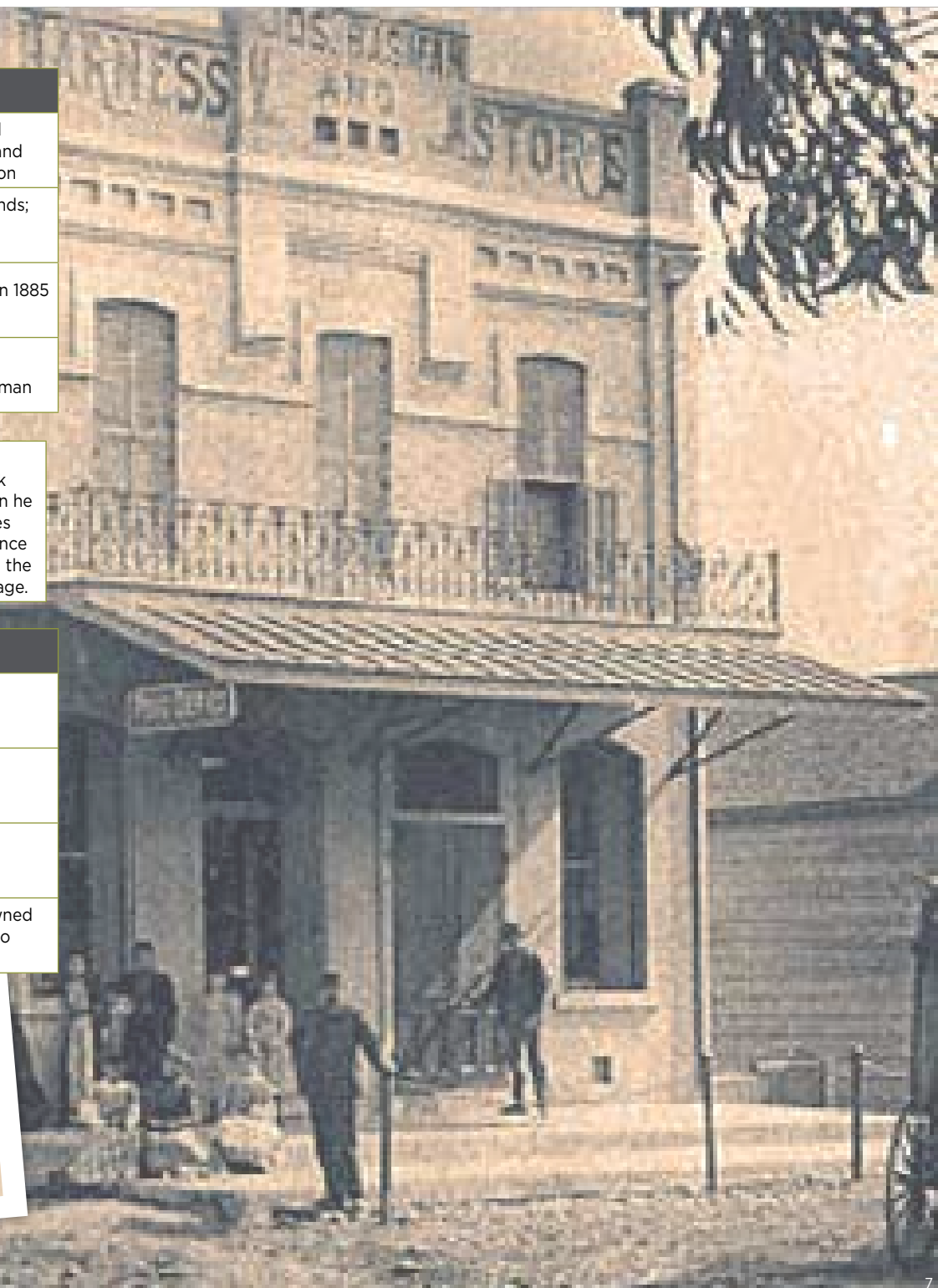
The land was purchased in 1885 by Charles Hasman who constructed the building using brick made at a ranch off of Grant Line Road. Mr. Hasman operated a harness shop until 1901 when he converted his shop into a general merchandise store. That store changed hands several times until the 1940s when the rooms on the second floor were rented as residences and an insurance and notary business and later a saddle maker occupied the lower floor until 1975. Since then, the building has been home to many restaurants and the upper floor is used for offices and storage.

9093 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Elm Hotel-shops & offices, Hair Salon, Love Junky, FarmHouse Flair
1965-1990s	The Elm Apartments
1900-1940	The Elm - Alpha Adam Macy 1912 Candycraft Ice Cream Parlor
1880	Two story house Later moved to back of lot

9097 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Custom Fireside
1965-1990s	Batey Chevrolet
1900-1940	Batey Brothers
1880	Aldrich House - Later owned by Julia Putney; moved to Colton tract

9093 ELK GROVE BLVD. The Elm

Opening in about 1911, the building was originally a mixture of first floor commercial and second floor residential studios consisting of living room, bedroom and kitchenette combinations. Throughout many of the early years of its existence, The Elm was home to many teachers of Elk Grove Union Grammar School and Elk Grove Union High School. During its earliest year, besides providing living quarters, the building also drew visitors to its first floor through its business, The Candycraft, Cascade Laundry, a barber shop and a dentist office.



9101 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Herberger Funeral Chapel
1965-1990s	Batey Chevrolet - Used Car Lot
1900-1940	
1880	

9125 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Grange Hall
1965-1990s	Elk Grove Grange Hall
1900-1940	Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)
1880	

9129 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Stanley Real Estate and Investment
1965-1990s	
1900-1940	Elk Grove Union High School; 1893; first county library, 1908
1880	Slaughterhouse was on today's Locust St.



9132 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Salinger Law Group
1965-1990s	
1900-1940	
1880	

9120-9126 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	It's a Rack; Flowers, Law Office, Golden Years Senior Care
1965-1990s	Real Estate Office
1900-1940	"The Old Parsonage"
1880	Methodist Church - 1875

9112-9116 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Residence, Legal Document Expert
1965-1990s	
1900-1940	Brainard-Markofer residence George Markofer residence
1880	

9096-9098 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	
1965-1990s	Country Grove Antiques
1900-1940	H. L. Stitch resident, 1889
1880	Tinsmith & Hardware

9086 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Old Town Fabrics
1965-1990s	
1900-1940	
1880	

9094 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Residence
1965-1990s	Warren House
1900-1940	Built in 1889, Spanish Colonial
1880	

9082-9084 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Vintage Soul
1965-1990s	Herb Grosz Barbershop
1900-1940	Dr. Charles S. Bradford's Dr. James McKee 1884
1880	

9090 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Fine Hair Imports
1965-1990s	Warren's Shoe Repair
1900-1940	Two beehive arches, 1920s
1880	

9080 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center
1965-1990s	Poston Building Group -1914
1900-1940	
1880	

9094 ELK GROVE BLVD. Warren House

The Warren house is said to be one of only five remaining Victorian houses of about 50 which once lined Main Street. It is believed that the house was built in 1889. The Warren family arrived in Elk Grove after a very fortunate failed attempt to purchase tickets from England on the ill-fated Titanic. Mr. Warren opened a shoe repair business at 9080 Elk Grove Blvd. in 1916 which then moved a few doors down to 9090 in 1929. The design of the building is reflective of Mr. Warren's love of the Golden State with the architecture's resemblance to a California Mission. The shoe store remained in operation by the family until 1989.

9072-9074 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Warehouse 916 Coin Shop Parking
1965-1990s	Blue and Gold Realty, Plantation Coffee Roaster, Drug Store, Paula Maita & Co.
1900-1940	Brick building; Post Office
1880	

RAILROAD	
PRESENT	Union Pacific Railroad
1965-1990s	Southern Pacific Railroad Station - moved to unknown location in the 1970s
1900-1940	Southern Pacific Railroad
1880	Central Pacific Railroad Depot west of tracks, burned; rebuilt on east

RAILROAD ST	
PRESENT	Railroad St
1965-1990s	Gibson Winery
1900-1940	Siding/spur to Elk Grove Winery
1880	Elk Grove Mill - Built by H.S. Hill in 1877

9048-9056 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	ALLEY - Toronto Hotel Enchanted Gowns Lowry's Music/Vintage The Red Door Antiques Dave's Barber Shop
	Hardware Corral
1965-1990s	Fire Chief's house
1900-1940	Hotel burned down in 1892, was rebuilt and burned again in 1922. Rebuilt in 1923 Judge Everson's House
1880	Store - J. N. Andrews - was the post office, Railroad House, and Toronto Hotel Al Everson residence

9070 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Cava & Faulkner
1965-1990s	Citizen's Utilities Company
1900-1940	Bank of Elk Grove - 1912
1880	

9070 CAVA & FAULKNER Elk Grove Bank

The Elk Grove Bank opened for business in 1910. Prior to its opening, business owners and other residents held their earnings in safes and other less secure locations including hiding places in their homes. The bank was created by several businessmen who spent \$10,000 on the bank and its equipment.

9048-9056 ELK GROVE BLVD. The Toronto Hotel

The original building, the Railroad House Hotel opened in 1876 and was a direct result of the Railroad's expansion. In the late 1880s the name was changed to the Toronto hotel. The hotel, which also housed a general merchandise store and post office on its ground floor was devastated in the 1892 fire, rebuilt and burned again in 1922. Since that time, many businesses have come and gone but Dave's Barber Shop continues as the business it opened as in 1922. Under only 3 owners in all that time, it retains the original doors and windows and until very recently, still had the claw foot tub which many railroad workers and travelers paid to bathe in back in those early days.

9044 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	True Salon & Spa
1965-1990s	Fire House
1900-1940	
1880	

9032 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	
1965-1990s	Lewis Pump Service Kolb's Auto Repair, dress shop
1900-1940	Hayes Meat Market
1880	J. T. Chinnick residence

9030 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	
1965-1990s	
1900-1940	Hayes House
1880	

9024 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Foundation Real Estate
1965-1990s	
1900-1940	
1880	Chinnick's Blacksmith

9044 ELK GROVE BLVD.

Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department

This property was purchased by the district in 1943. They moved their fire station, a nearly 20 year old corrugated iron shed, to the location. During this time it has been said that the firemen would sit on their engines and watch the legendary fights at Bob's Club from a distance. In 1951 the new fire station was built. It included 3 parking stalls, a bedroom, kitchen, meeting room and bathroom.

9036 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Sign Center
1965-1990s	Campbell Auto Parts
1900-1940	Daddy Howe's Bakery
1880	



9020 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Elk Grove Lock and Safe Co Paula Maita & Company
1965-1990s	Meyer Ford Frank Cate Ford
1900-1940	
1880	

8998 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	
1965-1990s	EG Citizen Office
1900-1940	Taverner Residence
1880	

9008 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	M & M Real Estate
1965-1990s	Pioneer Vocational Rehabilitation
1900-1940	Dr. Hugh Beattie - house, office
1880	

8994-8996 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Gold Digger, Razanne Florist, Attitudes Hair Design
1965-1990s	
1900-1940	
1880	

9008 ELK GROVE BLVD. Beattie House

Built in 1902, the structure is one of several remaining historic houses, which once lined the boulevard near the turn of the 20th century. This was the home of Dr. Hugh Beattie and his wife Ada (Gage) Beattie. The home has 2 front doors to allow the Doctor's patients their own entrance.

8986 ELK GROVE BLVD	
PRESENT	Methodist Church
1965-1990s	Community Methodist Church
1900-1940	Churches combined, new bldg. 1922
1880	Presbyterian church, 1816



Want to learn more about the history of Elk Grove?

The Historical Society was established in 1976 and are an all volunteer organization, located in Elk Grove, California. Visit us at elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com



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