LANDMARK NUMBER: 9
KNOWN AS: Pine Grove Cemetery
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: None
LOCATION: South Bradley Road, Oak Knolls Area, Santa Maria Valley
TYPE OF SITE: Burial site
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 76-445
LANDMARK DATE: November 1, 1976
DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Application for Designation as County Historical Landmark submitted by Tres Condados Senior Girl Scout Troup 187 (undated)
PAST OWNERS: Pine Grove Cemetery Association (until it disbanded)
CURRENT OWNER: Santa Maria Cemetery District
1501 S. College Drive, Santa Maria, CA
CHANGES/ALTERATIONS: Unknown
CONDITION: Fair
DESCRIPTION:

The Pine Grove Cemetery was originally one and two-thirds acres in size and was officially designated a cemetery in 1888. That year, Absalom Stubblefield sold a corner of his property to the Pine Grove Cemetery Association for five dollars. The Association was formed in 1888 and composed of the pioneer families of the southern Santa Maria Valley and named after the local school district. Pine Grove had been their cemetery since the mid-1870s and is the final resting place for many members of valley pioneer families.  

The property was divided into forty lots, approximately twelve graves to a lot. Whole and partial lots were sold. Money collected was used to build and keep a fence around the cemetery. The Association was not responsible for burials.  

In 1917, the County Board of Supervisors established a district in the Santa Maria Valley known as the Santa Maria Cemetery District with a board of trustees. The Pine Grove Cemetery was part of this district and managed by the supervisor of the Santa Maria Cemetery District. The Pine Grove Cemetery Association officially terminated in 1938 and jurisdiction remains with the Santa Maria Cemetery District. 

A dedication ceremony for the cemetery was held on Sunday, December 19, 1976 by the Tres Condados Senior Girl Scout Troup 187 on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee.

RESOURCES:

Information sent to the County Board of Supervisors by Tres Condados Senior Girl Scout Troop 187 (undated)

Letter written by Susan Reinwald, chairman of the Pine Grove Cemetery Historical Research Committee to Bev (November 23, 1976) and housed in the Pine Grove Cemetery file in the county planning and development department

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1 Information from Girl Scout Troop 187 sent to the County Board of Supervisors
2 Information compiled by Girl Scout Troop 187 and attached to the application
3 Ibid
4 Dedication invitation letter
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PINE GROVE CEMETARY, SANTA MARIA VALLEY, OAK KNOLLS AREA, AS A SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-445

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Historical Landmark Advisory Committee is authorized and directed to act upon applications for historical landmarks under Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 18A and

WHEREAS, Pine Grove Cemetery has an historical interest and is worthy of consideration for perpetuation as an historical landmark;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pine Grove Cemetery is designated as Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark No. 9.

This designation shall remain in effect for a period of ninety days from and after the date of this resolution. During this period of ninety days, the Clerk of the Board is directed to set a date for a public hearing, in accordance with Section 6061 of the California Government Code.

The Clerk shall advertise the date of the hearing at least ten days prior to the date set for the hearing. The hearing shall determine whether this Board shall confirm or deny the action of the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee and this Board of Supervisors in designating Pine Grove Cemetery as an historical landmark.

AYES: Frank J. Frost, Robert E. Kallman, James M. Slater, Harrell Fletcher, Francis H. Beattie

NOES: None
ABSENT:  Frank J. Frost

HARRELL FLETCHER
Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
HOWARD C. MENZEL, COUNTY CLERK

by  IRENE GILBERT (SEAL)
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
GEORGE P. KADING, COUNTY COUNSEL

By  Melbourne B. Weddle
Deputy County Counsel

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

I, HOWARD C. MENZEL, County Clerk-Recorder and ex-officio
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the County of
Santa Barbara, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true
and correct copy of the original record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of said County to be affixed this
13 day of November, 1976

HOWARD C. MENZEL, County Clerk-Recorder

By  Irene Gilbert, Deputy Clerk