



A Celebration Of Our History

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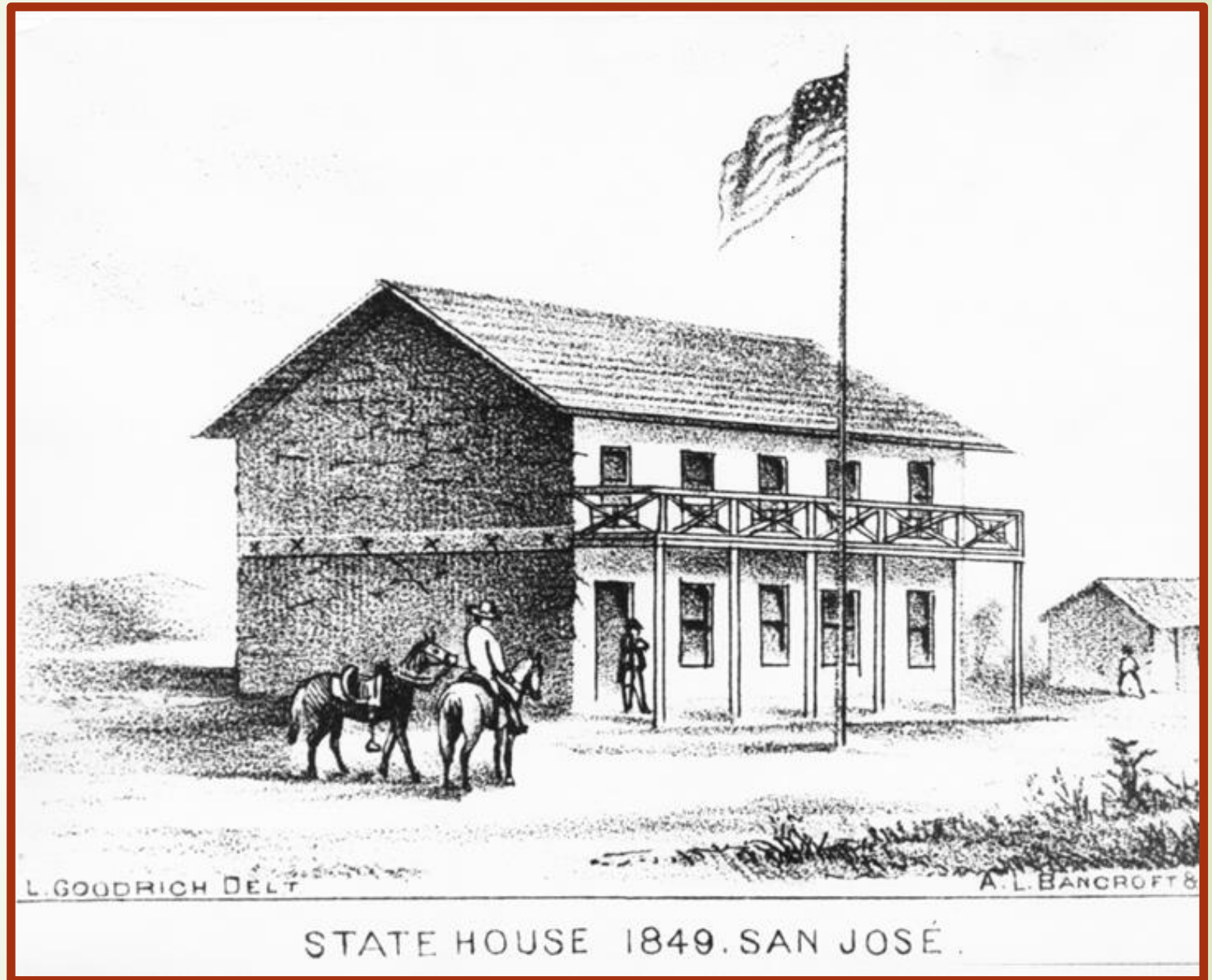
Peralta Adobe, 1900

The Peralta Adobe is the oldest building in San Jose, northern California. The adobe was built in 1797, and is named after Luis María Peralta, its most famous resident. The original builder was probably Manuel González.



Statehouse , 1849

In 1849 Sainsevain and Rochon built this on the East side of Market Square intending it for a hotel. The Ayuntamiento (Town Council) at first contracted to rent the building for the State Legislature at \$4000 a month. The State bought it for \$50,000 issuing bonds in payment drawing 2½% a month.





Alviso Landing, 1895

The earliest use of Alviso Slough as a shipping port was recorded by John Henry Dana in his book “Two years before the Mast.” Mission Santa Clara shipped cowhides and wheat during the 1830’s from what was then known as the “Embarcadero” (“landing place”)

Alviso Wharf, 1895



The 1850's were Alviso's heyday as a port when numerous passenger steamboats arrived there. On April 11, 1853, a terrible steamboat disaster occurred when the "Jenny Lind" exploded four miles out of Alviso.

**The initial
Chinatowns in
San Jose were
frequently
burned down
by arson, with
artifacts from
May 1887
discovered
during initial
excavations in
the
construction of
the Fairmont
Hotel.**

Chinatown After Fire, 1887





Still Berryessa School, 1892 *Jose Cal.*

The inspiration of J. J. Owen, editor of the San José Mercury, who suggested an arc light would convert night to day for the downtown area. Construction began and on December 13, 1881, the gigantic, 237-foot tower was lighted.

Straddling Santa Clara and Market Streets it proved to be more spectacular than practical, since its 24,000 candlepower failed to sufficiently light the area.

Light Tower, 1906



The State Insane Asylum at Agnews collapsed and buried upwards of 100 patients.

Every building on the west side of First street from St. James park to San Fernando street either went down, toppling or was badly cracked. Other buildings on Santa Clara street went down to the ground.



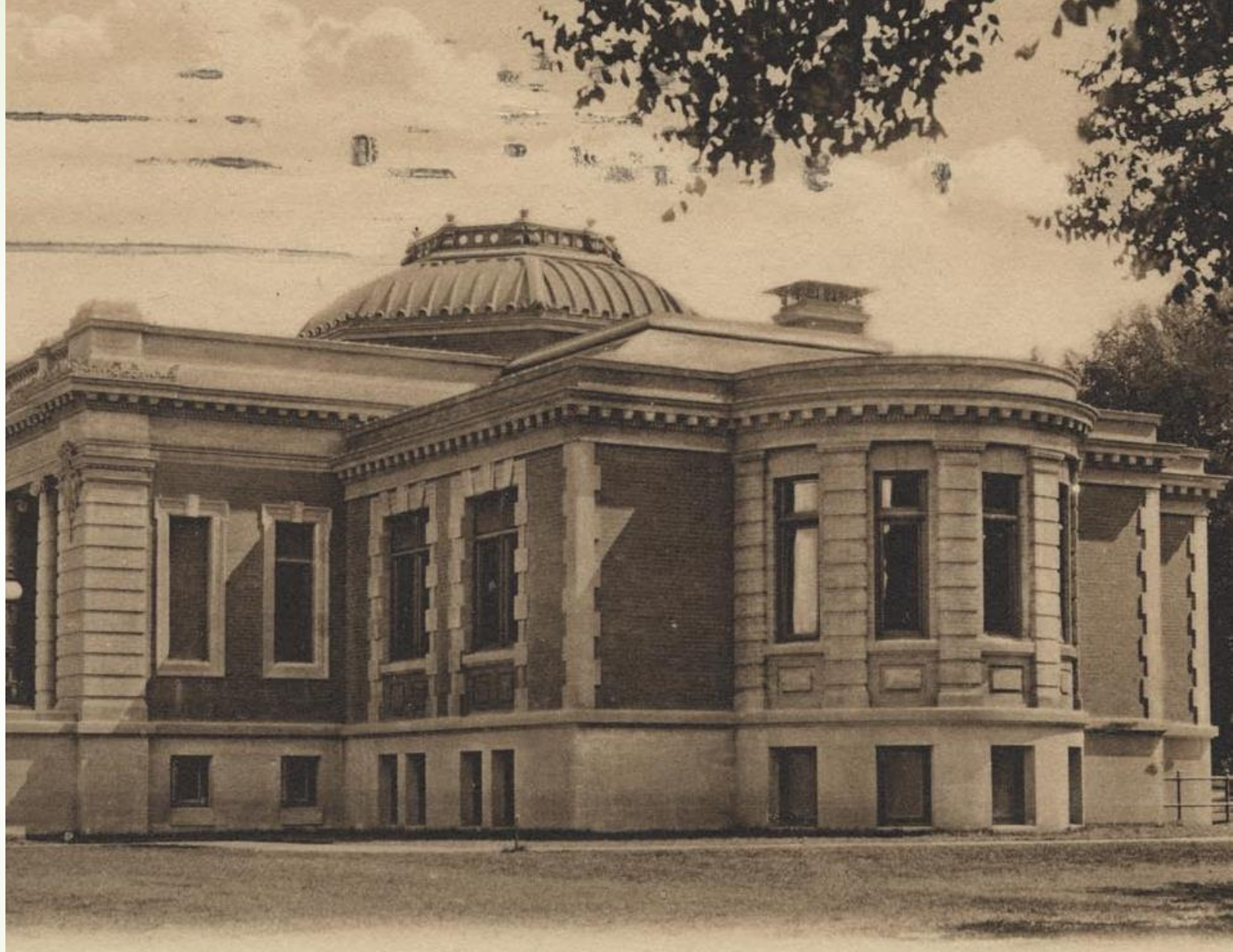
Downtown San Jose After The 1906 Earthquake



Old Post Office After The 1906 Earthquake

City Hall, 1925





Carnegie library, 4th & San Fernando St.

Hart Department Store, 1925





Berryessa Fruit Growers Union, 1890

Canning Peaches, 1933



Flickenger Drying Prunes

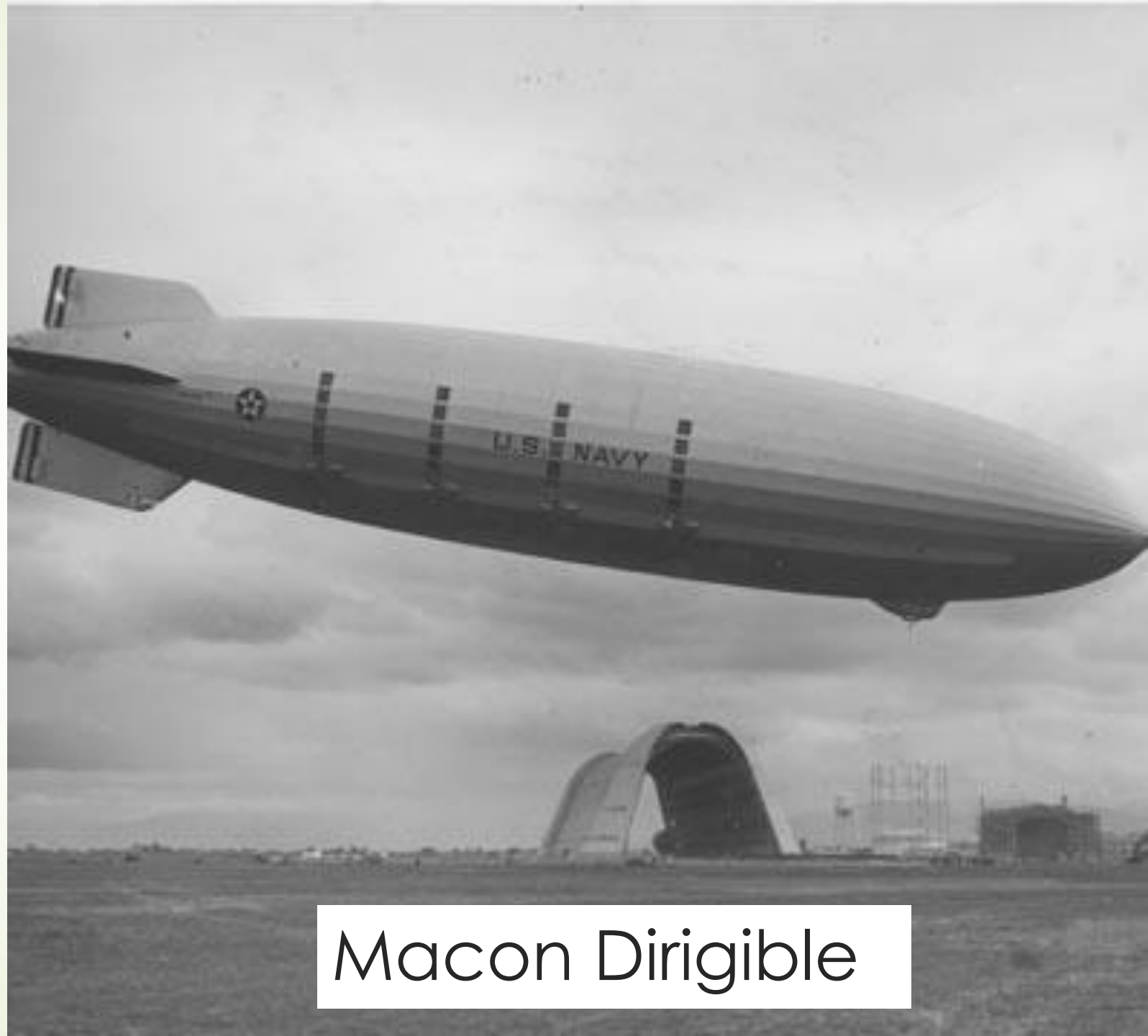


**The founder, Dr.
Harvey
Spencer Lewis
(Ph.D., F.R.C.),
collected
artifacts with
mystical
symbolism. In
1921 he
supported
excavations at
Tel el Amarna
the capital city
of the 18th
dynasty
pharaoh
Akhenaten**



Rosicrucian Museum, 1940

Hangar One is one of the world's largest freestanding structures, covering 8 acres. The "orange peel" doors, weighing 200 short tons each.



Macon Dirigible

Tropicana Village 1960



Historic before designation as a public park in 1872. Native Americans called it “Aguague” or watering place. T.C. Smith and E. B. Goodrich developed the mineral springs, had picnic tables built. Ever more ambitious, they built a stylish hotel, a swimming bath and a pavilion.

Alum Rock Park Trolley 1900

