

Old Homes of Fair Oaks

Jim Pearce

Morrow home, 7788 Sunset Ave, Fair Oaks



James S. Morrow built the house at 7788 Sunset Avenue about 1906. He had a varied career, spending about five years each in a variety of business endeavors including a stint in San Francisco from 1880 to 1886 where two of his children were born. He then returned to Chicago and worked his way up with the Libby Fruit Company to the superintendent level in 1900. He was assigned to supervise all of Libby's canneries on the Pacific Coast.

His office was in San Francisco but he chose to live in Fair Oaks. He is listed as an original investor in the Fair Oaks Colony in 1895 so he was familiar with the Fair Oaks area. He bought the entire tract of land north of the old Fair Oaks Cemetery to Sunset Avenue, bounded on the east and west by New York and Minnesota Avenues, and built his home at the northeast corner across from Cunningham's victorian.



He retired in about 1925 and moved to Alameda. He died in 1944 at age 94 and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California. There was a large family and there are a number of Morrows still living in the Sacramento area. In fact, our member Barbara Morrow Roper lives just a couple of blocks away.

The home on Sunset Avenue still exists and is for sale for \$280,000. The listing says the house is 1422 square feet. The listing agent is Toddy Schultz, Lyon's Realty, (916) 342-3573. Their website says there is a pending offer.