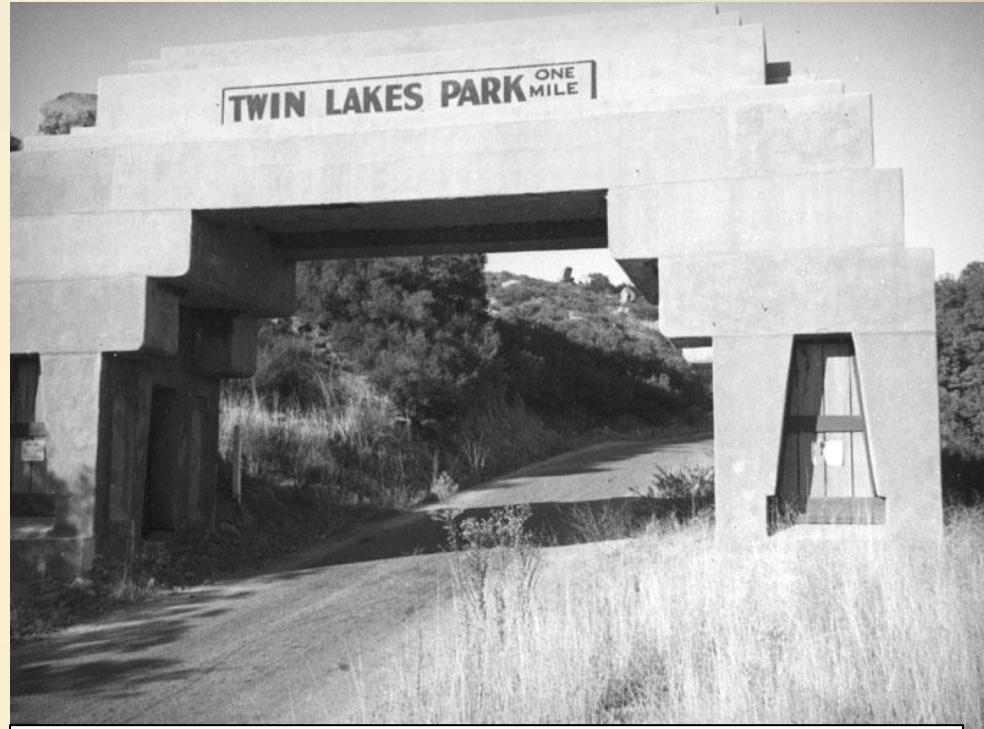
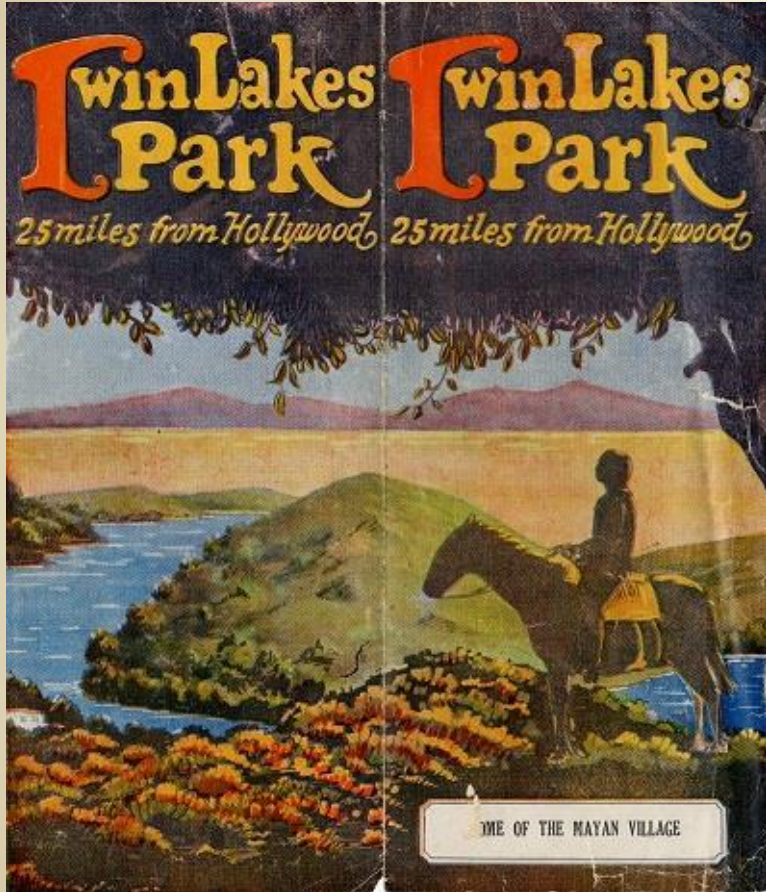


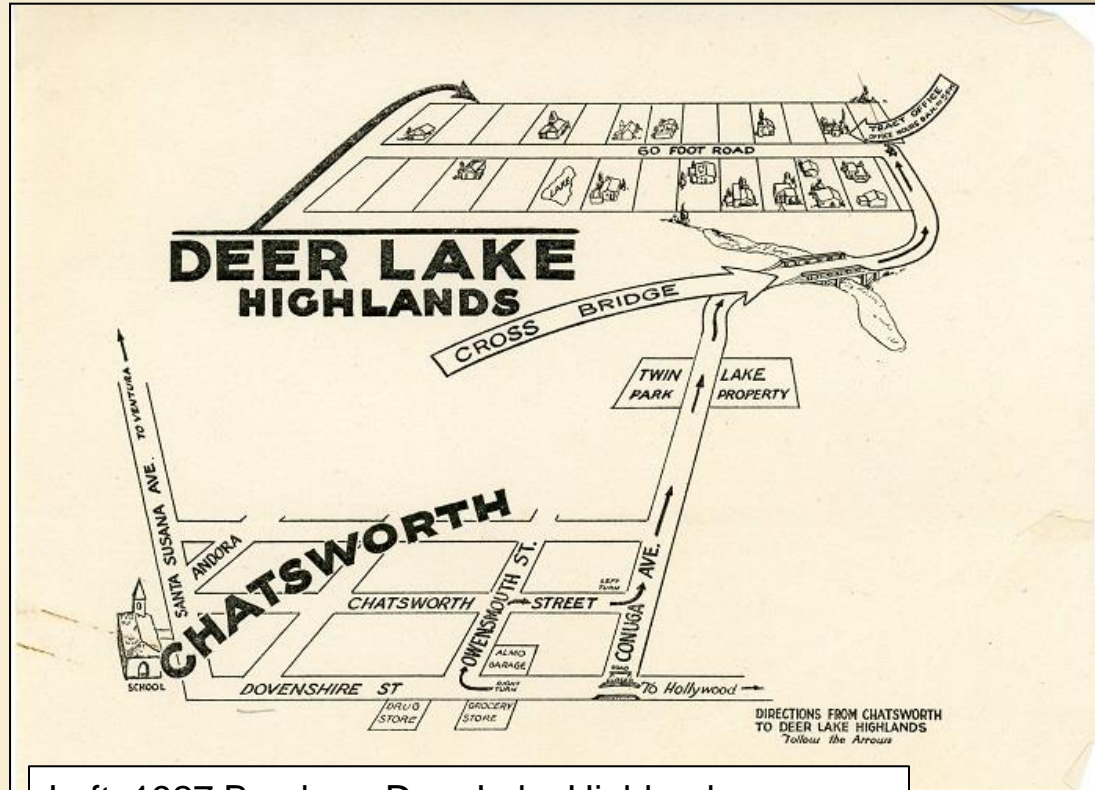
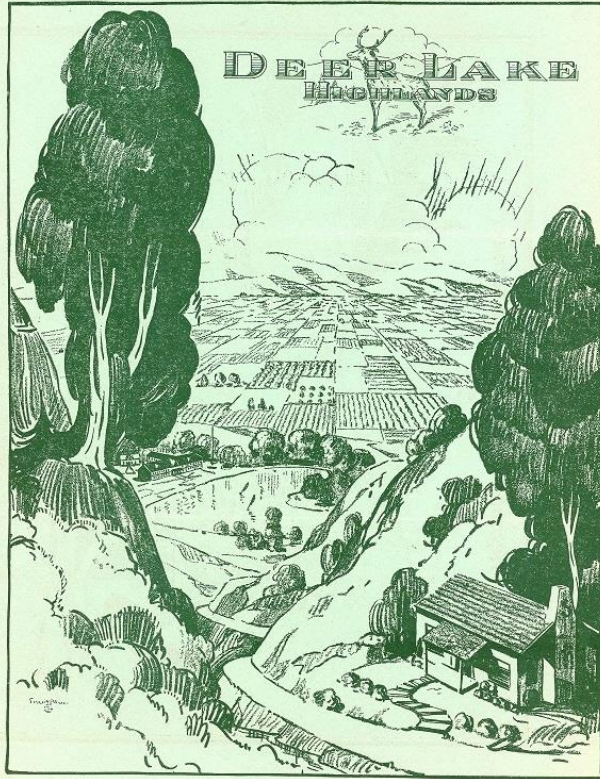
Twin Lakes Park & Deer Lake Highlands History



Left: 1927 Brochure Twin Lakes Park

Above: Entrance to Twin Lakes Park on Mayan Drive
(source: [1937 LAPL photo](#))

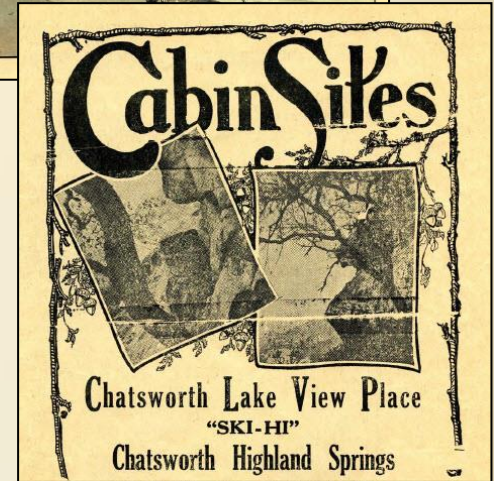
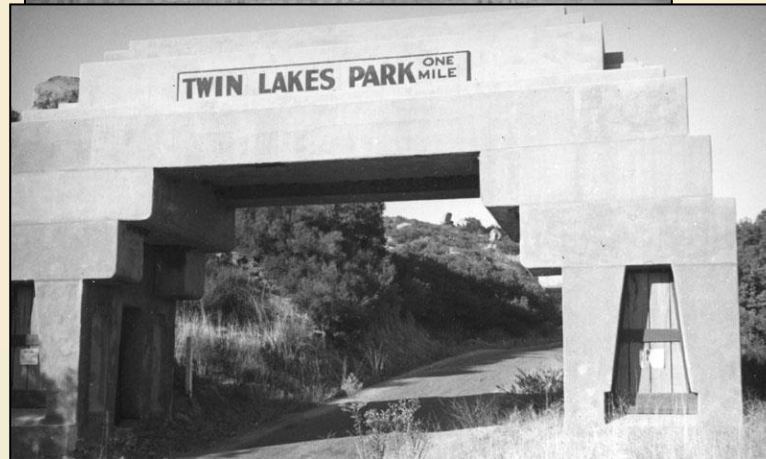
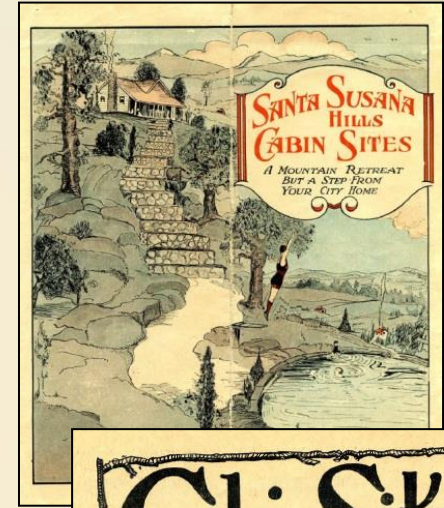
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Local Real Estate Developments in the Roaring 20's

- **Girard 1923**, Turkish Theme, now Woodland Hills
- **Santa Susana Hills 1924**, Cabin Sites near Corriganville
- **Twin Lakes Park 1927**, Mayan/Aztec Theme
- **Cabin Sites 1927**, now Lake Manor and Box Canyon



Topics to be covered

- An Overview - Twin Lakes Park and Deer Lake Highlands (today Deerlake Ranch)
- History of Three Homesteaders
- Ownership
- Robert Stacy-Judd – Twin Lakes Park Architect
- Sales Brochures
- Postcards and Photographs
- Ads and sales techniques in the 20's
- The History of Twin Lakes and Deer Lake Highlands
- 2015 Deer Lake Highlands History Hike
- Deerlake Ranch construction
- Addendum – parcel tract maps, etc....

Background

DEER LAKE
25 Miles from Hollywood **HIGHLANDS** 1 Mile from Chatsworth.
660 Feet from Los Angeles City Limits
Wooded Lots—View Lots
SPECIAL ADVERTISING COUPON

DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS CO.
604 Lincoln Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.
I am interested in your advertising offer whereby I may earn a two hundred dollar credit on the purchase of a lot, half acre, or acre, at Deer Lake Highlands.

Name

Address

Left: 1926-01-30
Los Angeles
Evening Express,
offers a \$200
credit on purchase
of a lot.

Right: 1927-04-25
Los Angeles
Times, lots from
\$100 up.

**SOMETHING NEW
AND INSPIRING
Next Week**

TWIN LAKES PARK. will be thrown open to the public. 45 minutes from Hollywood. We will have over 100 sales people. All sales managers & district managers will be selected from the ranks of salesmen. Swimming, Fishing, Boating, Tennis, Dancing, etc.; will be available to every purchaser of a lodge site in this Park. Lots from \$100 up. Makes everyone a prospect. Liberal commission should enable every man to make \$100 per week at least. Apply at 930 NO. WESTERN AVE.

- In 1926, **Deer Lake Highlands** was advertised directly north of Twin Lakes, with **2,624** lots available. Each lot was approx. 30 by 80 feet.
- In 1927 **Twin Lakes Park** was opened as a rural resort, and promoted as a retreat for the weekend, season, or holiday. It was subdivided into **816** cabin lots approximately 30 by 75 feet each.

Background

- Although many lots were sold in the first few years in both Twin Lakes and Deer Lake Highlands, development of the lots was slowed by the 1929 Great Depression.
- In 1931 a rural postal route was sought, as the Twin Lakes Park district was changing from a summer resort to a home section, and fifteen families made application for mail service.
- By 1970, approximately 60 homes had been built in Twin Lakes. A devastating fire swept through the community that year and destroyed 30 of the homes.
- By 1989, 98 lots had been developed with single family units. Many of the lots were made up of a combination of small lots. (source: 1989 LA County regional planning report)
- Deer Lake Highlands had only a handful of homes developed on the property.

Background

Twin Lakes Park was named after two man-made lakes:

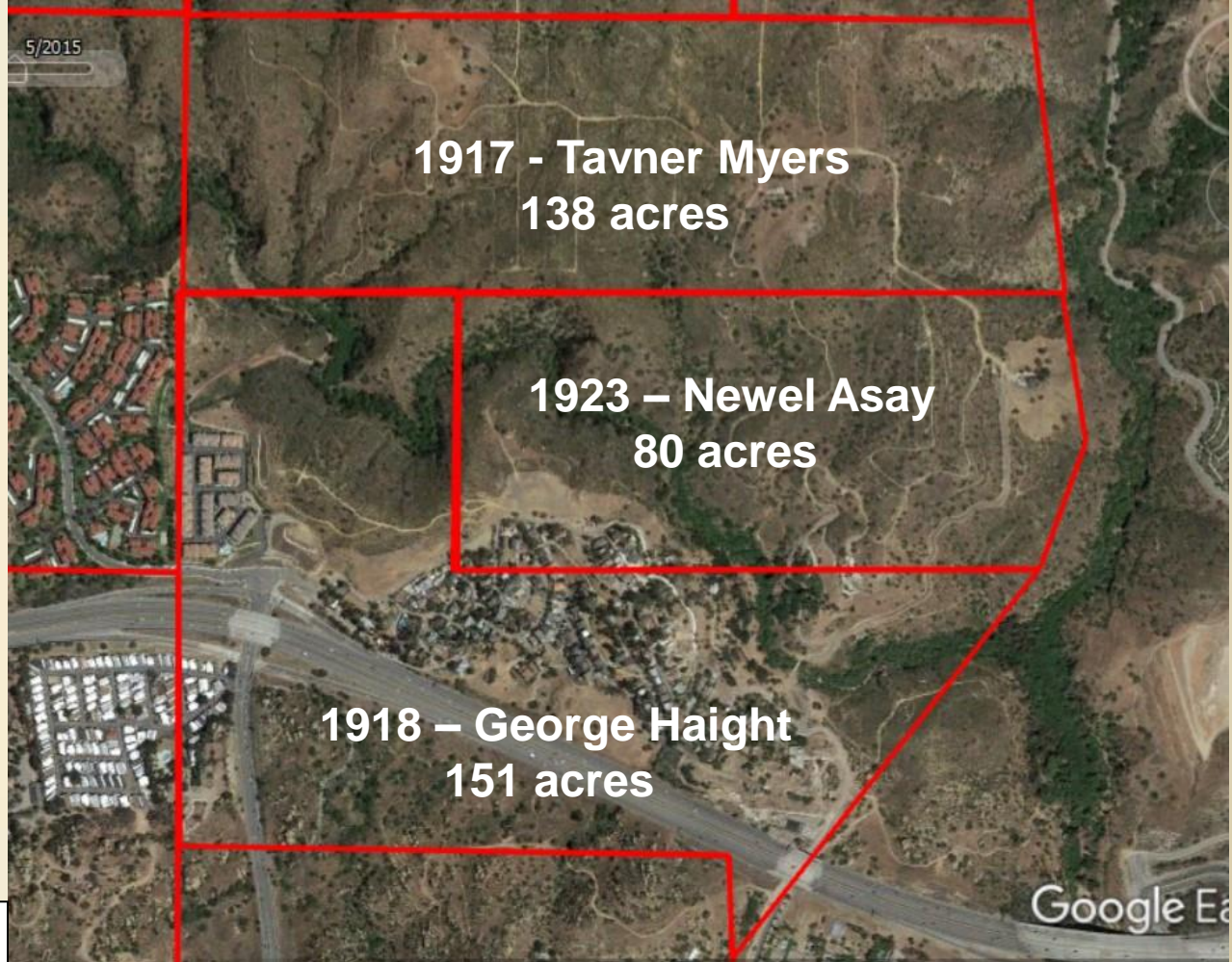
- A 1906 dam/bridge at Devil Canyon created the upper lake. The dam still exists, but the dam gate was opened in 1948 and has remained open since.
- An 1896 dam at Brown's Canyon was built by the founders of Chatsworth, to supply water to their new 5 and 10 acre lots. It silted up by 1940. That dam still exists, and can be seen at the north end of DeSoto, looking north.

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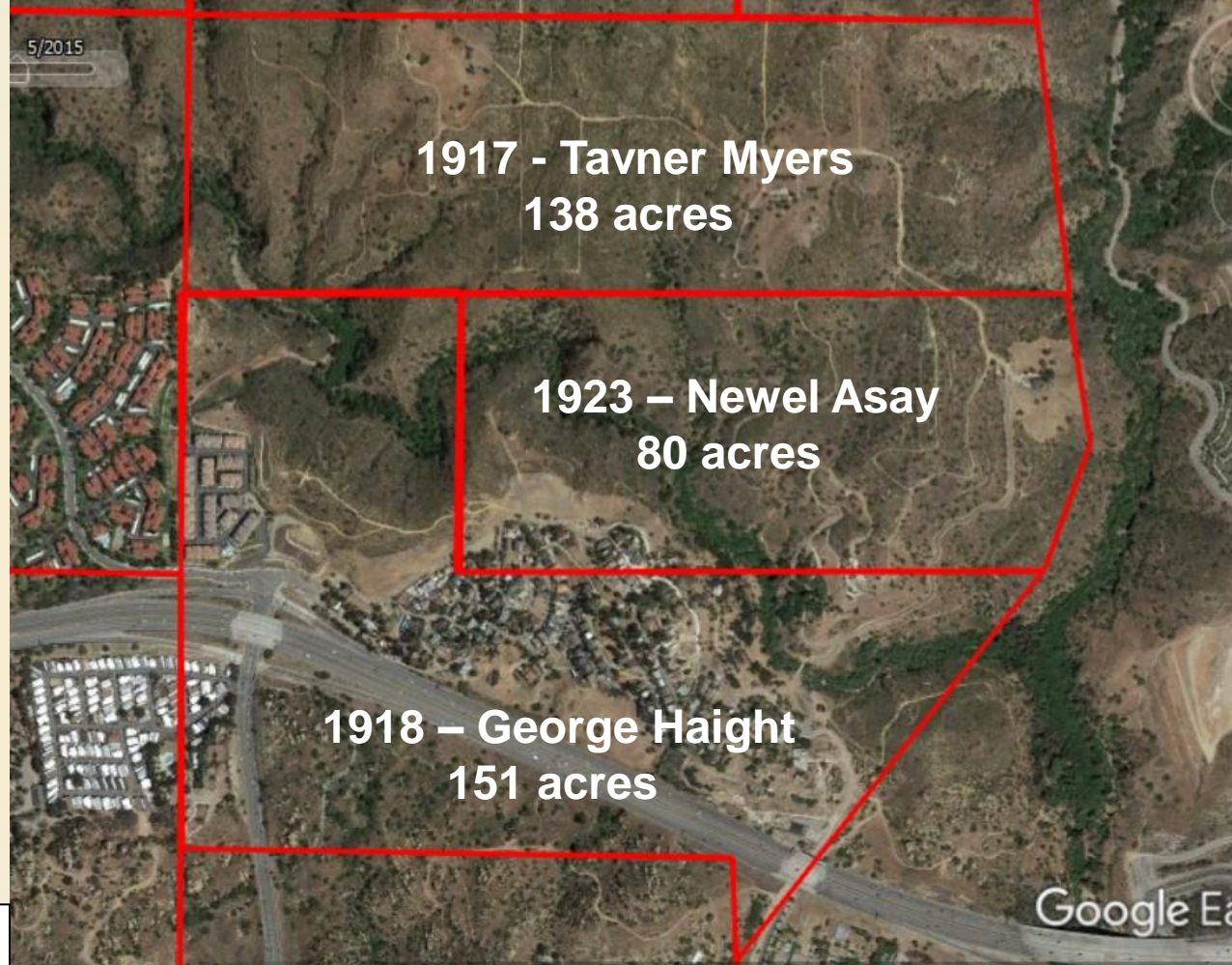
- Three Homestead Parcels totaling 369 acres made up Twin Lakes and Deer Lake Highlands
- The lower two homesteads were Twin Lakes, the upper development was Deer Lake Highlands



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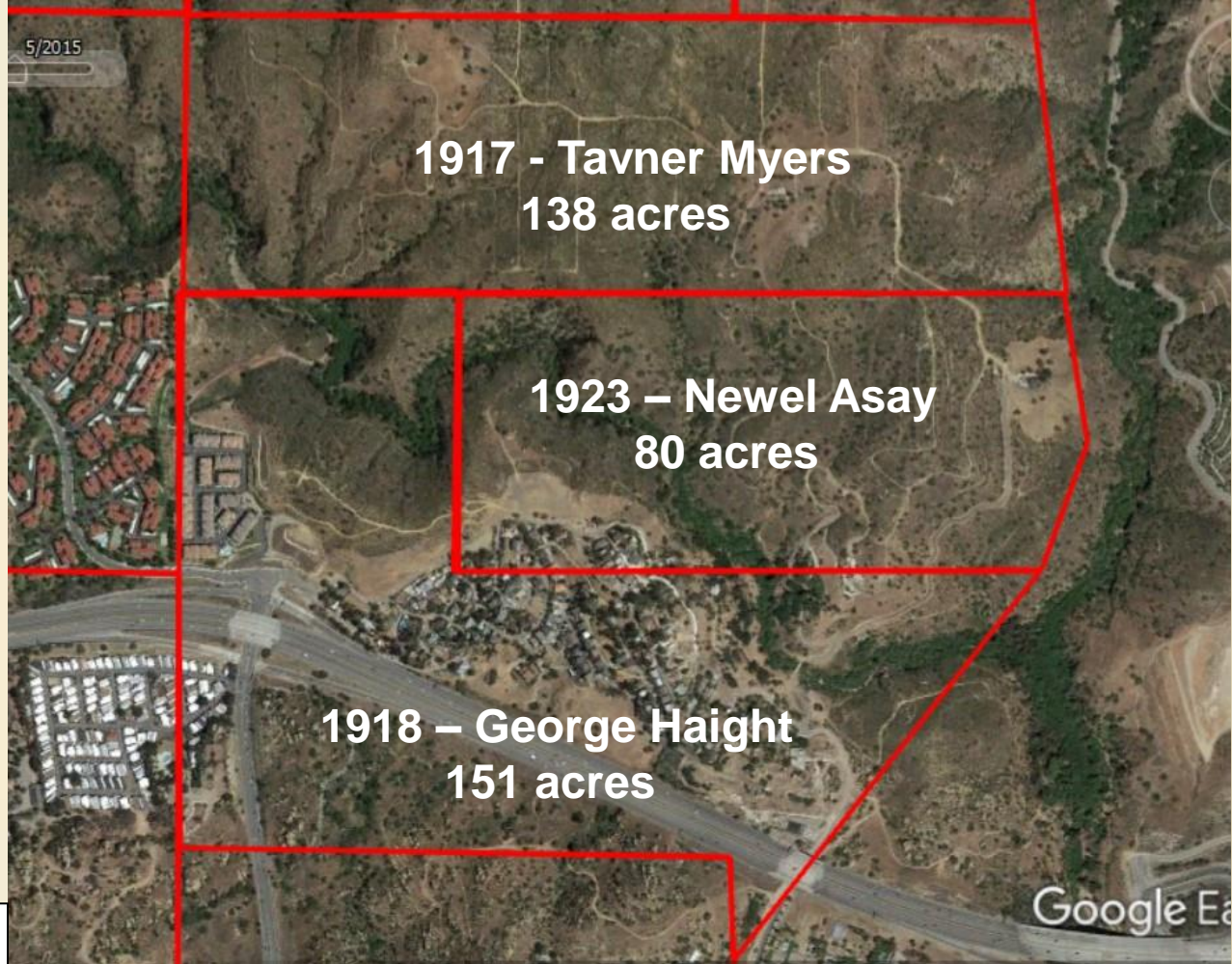
- A theory is that George Haight (an influential attorney from San Francisco) and his friend Newel Asay purchased quitclaim deed(s) from whomever built the 1906 Devil Canyon Dam (and bridge)
- They planned a vacation development based on the lakes and canyon atmosphere.



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Background

- Victor Gerard (of the 1923 town of Gerard, now Woodlands Hills) was an owner of Twin Lakes with M. Walters and Haight. (Surveyor map Unit A Nov 1927)
- Tavner Myers (or subsequent purchasers) recognized the development potential, and created Deerlake Highlands, a similar concept, just north of Twin Lakes on a plateau.

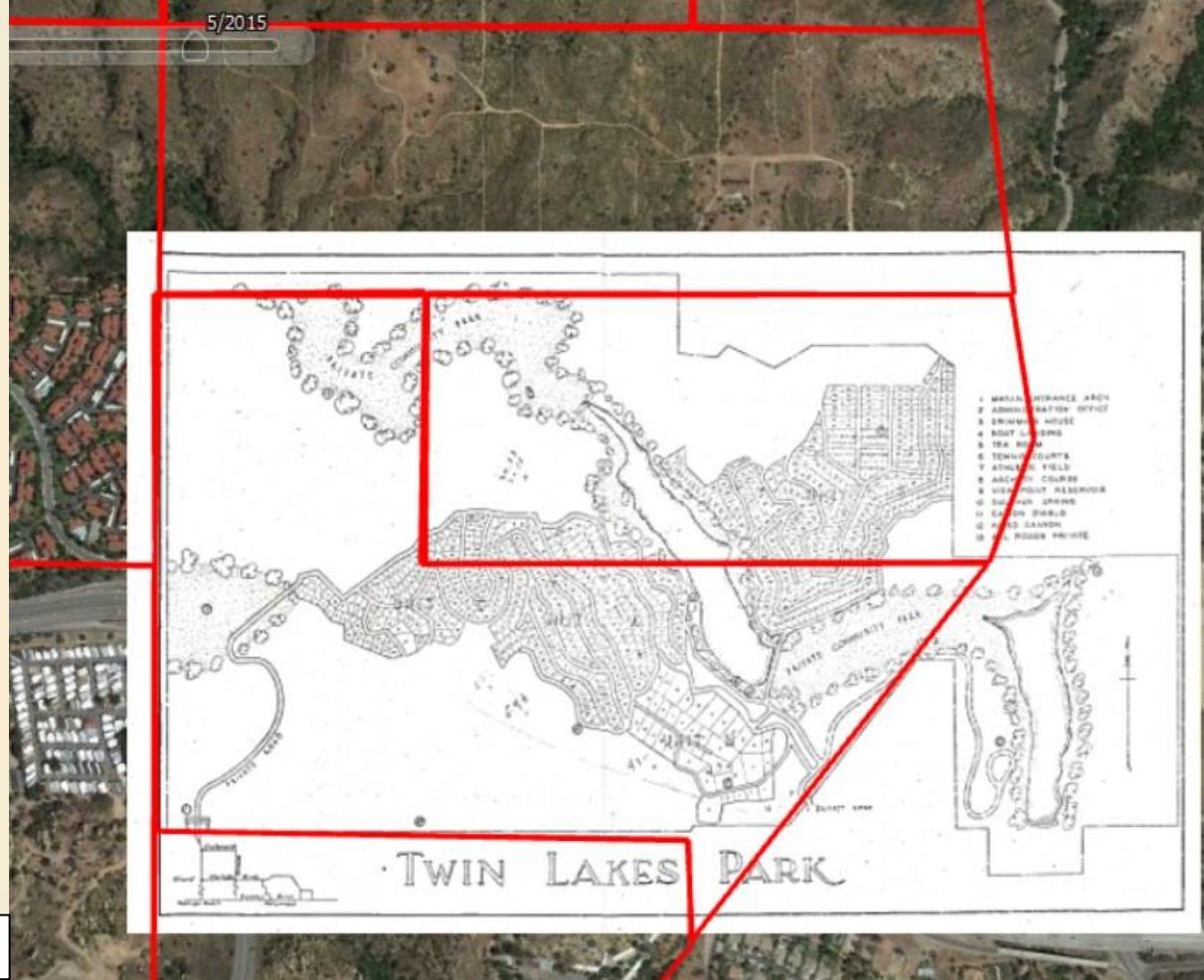


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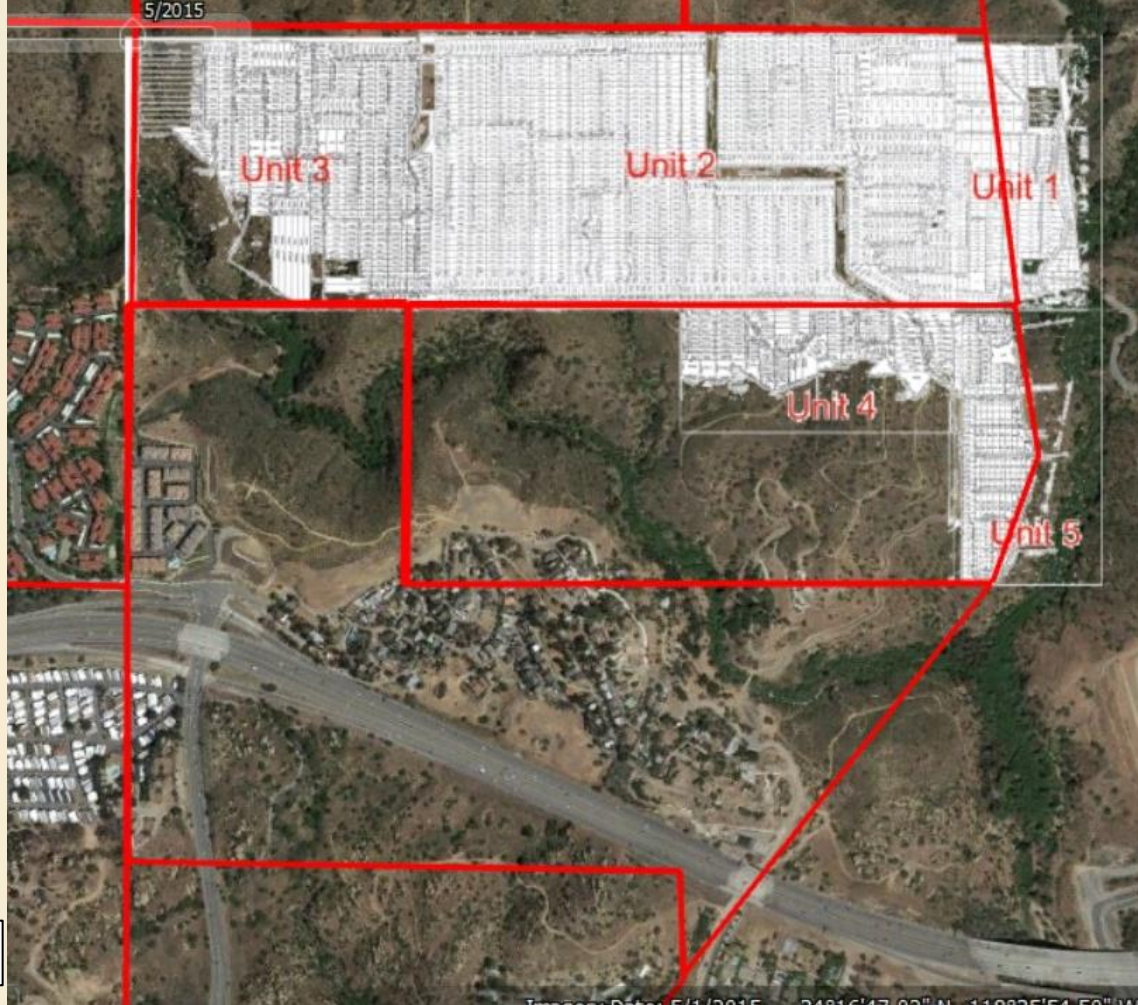
- The overlay of the 1927 Twin Lakes Park map at right on the homesteader parcels.
- There are 370 lots below Devil Canyon dam, and 446 lots above the dam.
- Access to Twin Lakes Park was from Santa Susana Pass Rd.
- We will discuss the Twin Lakes Park map in detail later.

Google Earth 2015 image



Background

- The overlay of the Deer Lake Highland parcel maps at right on the homesteader parcels.
- Note that all 2,624 lots are above the Devil Canyon bridge.



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Background

- The overlay of both maps

Deer Lake Highlands = 2,624 lots
Twin Lakes Park = 816 lots
Total = 3,440 lots

- NOTE: All parcel maps are attached in the Appendix of this presentation

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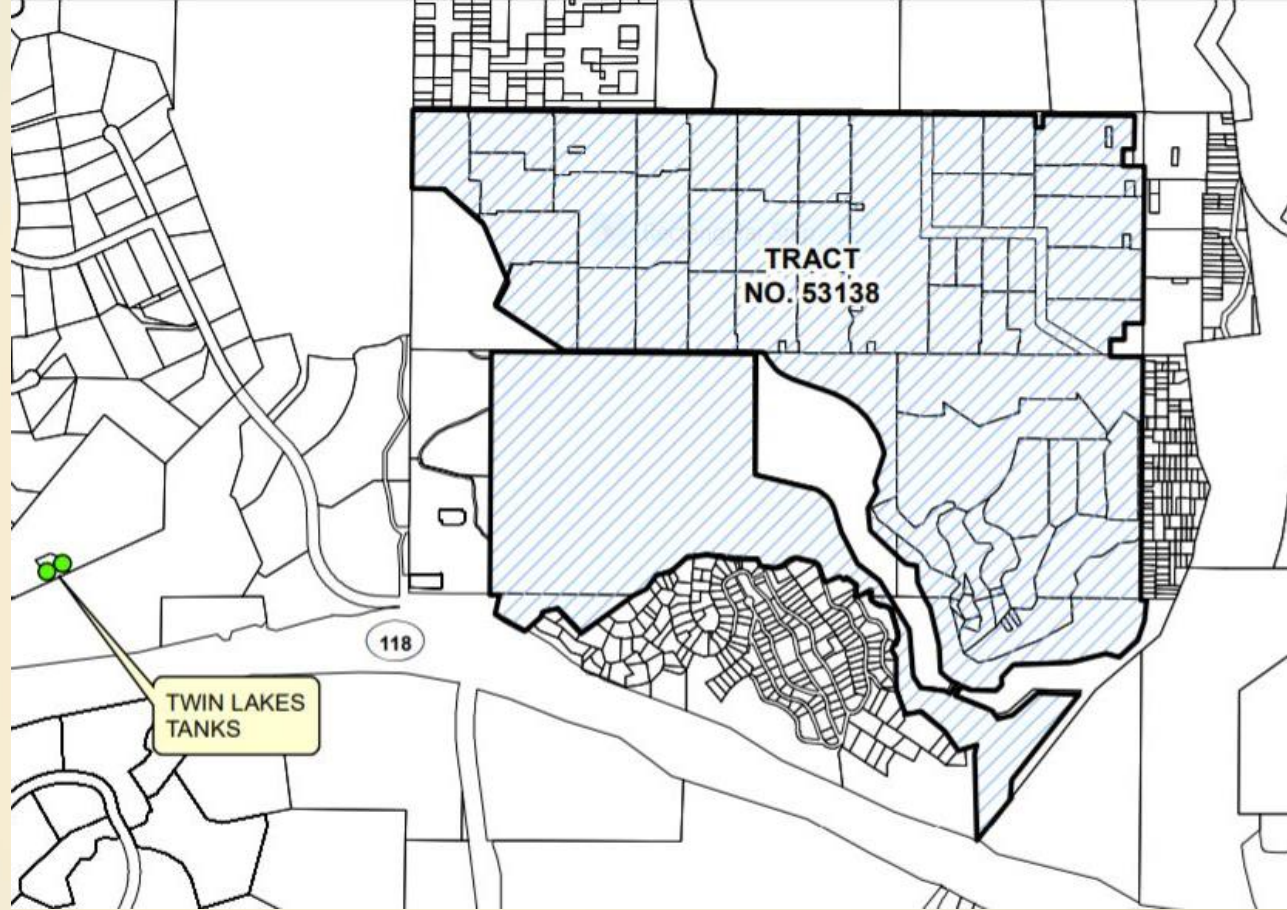
- Construction-in-progress at Deerlake Ranch
- Note two new bridges, Poema Bridge and Canoga Bridge
- The 1906 Devil Canyon Dam/Bridge has been converted to a hiking/horse trail (circled in yellow)

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Today

- Deerlake Ranch Tract No. 53138
- It is on 233 acres, and will include 314 single-family residential lots, one recreation building, one sheriff facility, and 31 open space/slope lots

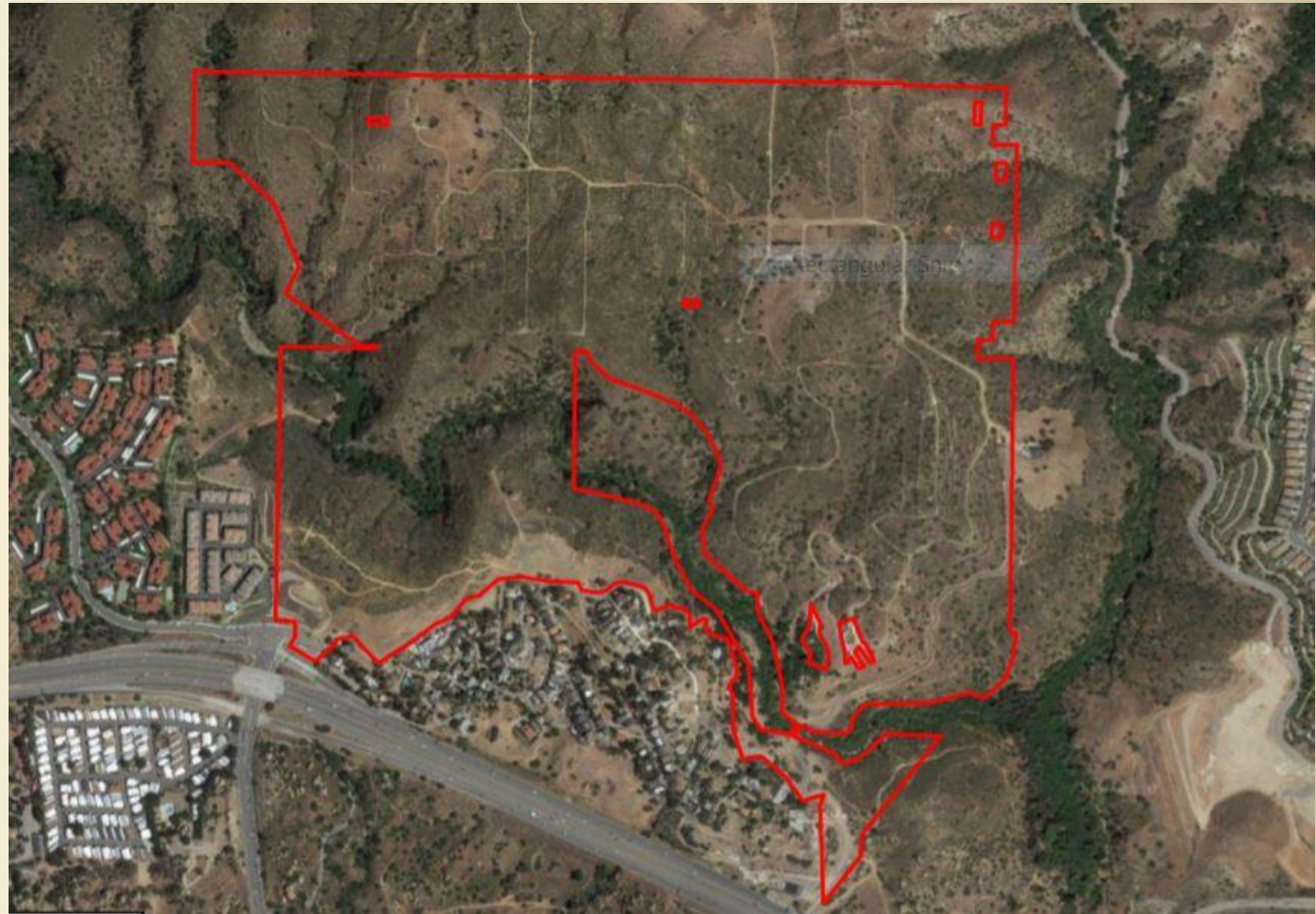


Source: LVMWD 2017 Water System Design Report Deerlake Ranch

Today

- Deerlake Ranch Tract No. 53138
- Project Boundaries

Source: 2017-05-02 EIR 4th Addendum



Deerlake Ranch promotional view

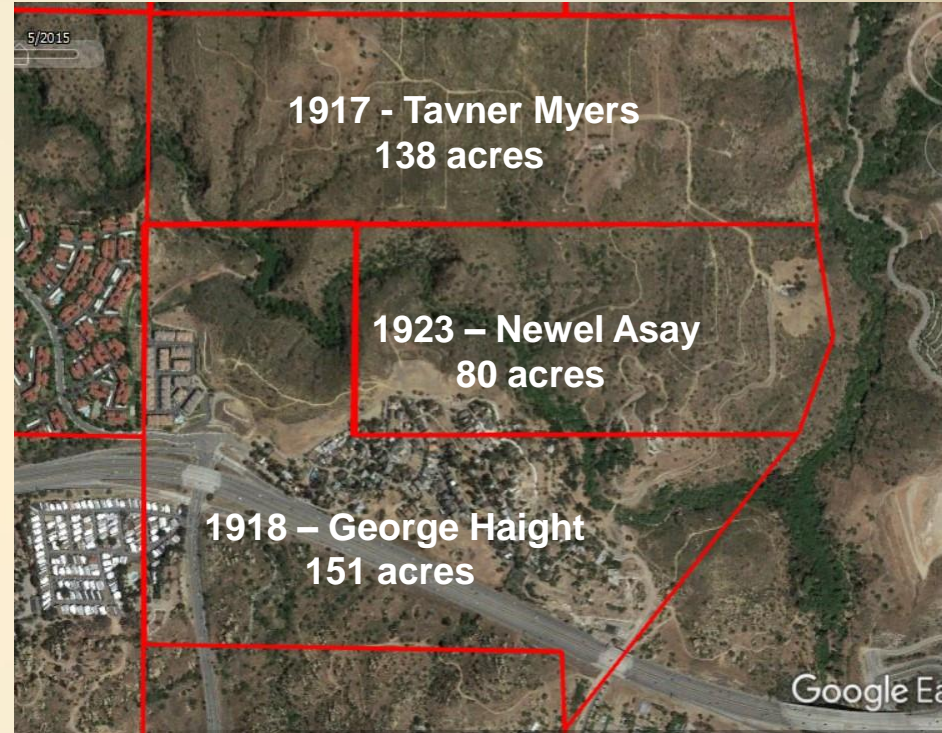


History of Three Homesteaders

Homesteader History

Tavner Myers

- Tavner Myers married Martha Stout in Los Angeles in 1908
- In 1914 they both registered to vote, as farmer and housewife. Their address was “4 miles N Chatsworth”. They had 3 young children living with them.
- His 1918 WWI Draft Registration was signed by Carl Iverson.
- In 1920 they own a farm on Lurline in Chatsworth.
- In 1930 he is 50 years old living on Santa Susana, with wife, Martha, and children Hazel, Lora and Tavner. His occupation is real estate salesman.

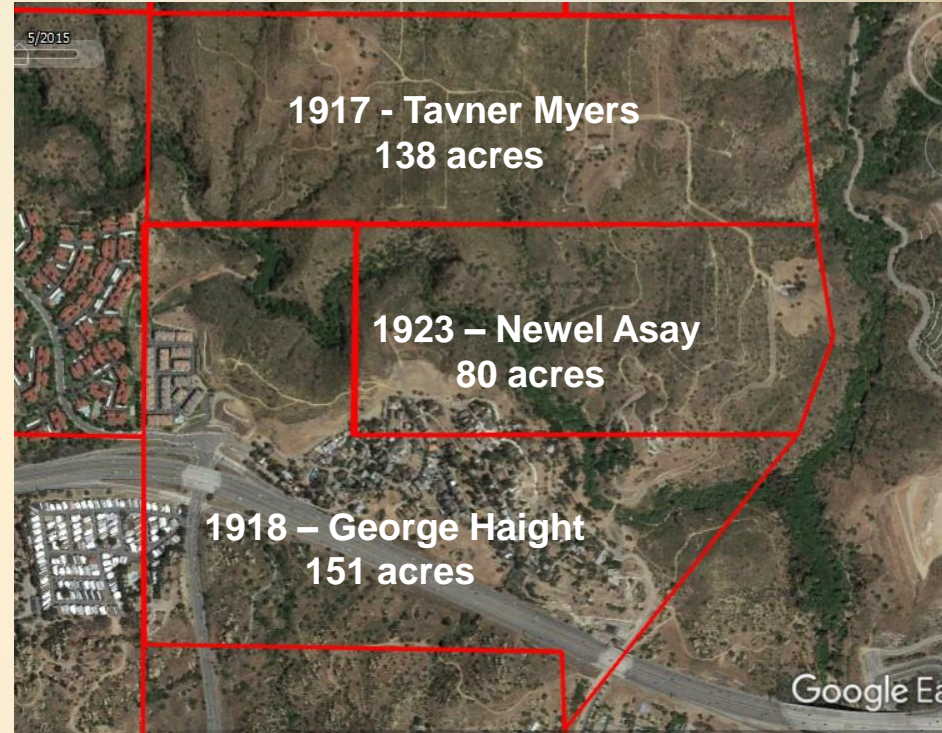


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Homesteader History

Newel Asay

- In 1911 at the age of 45 Newel Asay marries his 2nd wife Maria in San Francisco. The marriage is witnessed by George Haight's wife Icadora.
- In 1920 his voter registration has him listed at the homestead with his wife Martha "rancher, SE1/4 SW1/4, Sec 6, T2N, R16W, SBM" The 1920 census has him listed as a homestead farmer.
- His son LeRoy Newell Asay can be found in the 1920 Owensmouth High School Yearbook as a student.

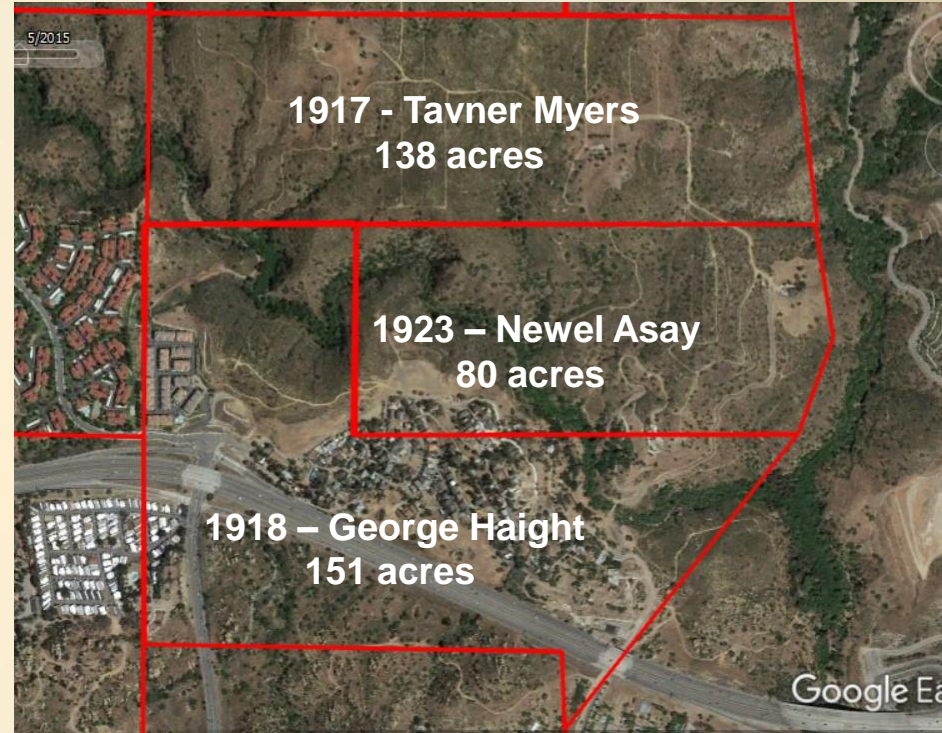


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Homesteader History

George Haight

- George Haight was born in Oakland and was a successful practicing attorney in San Francisco and Los Angeles.
- He was a member of the prominent Haight family that includes several prominent figures associated with California's Gold Rush and the development of San Francisco and Northern California. The Haight-Ashbury district in San Francisco bears their name.
- In 1908 at the age of 39 he built a 4,200 sq ft home on Adams and Normandie in Los Angeles, that is today [LA Historic-Cultural Monument #1044](#).
- In the 1910 and 1920 Census he is residing at his home at West Adams.

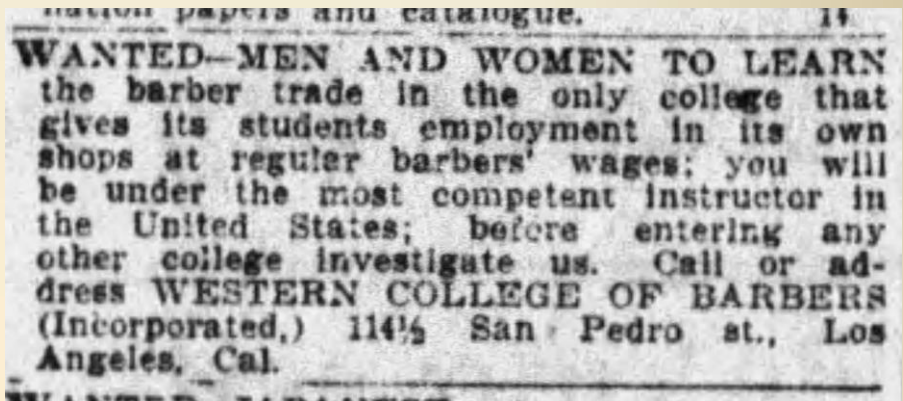


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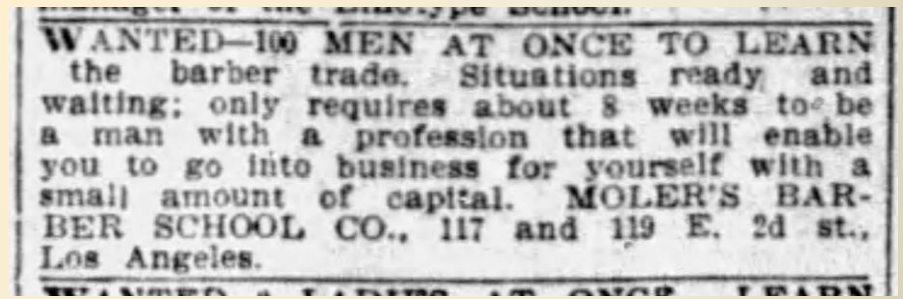
Homesteader History

George Haight

- In 1916 he is registered to vote with his wife Icadora as an atty-at-law, Chatsworth, Section 6, Township 2N, Range 16W
- In the 1918 LA Directory he is listed as the manager of the Moler Barber School in Chatsworth.....
 - 1904 LA Directory he is president & mgr of Western College of Barbers.
 - 1910 census, living at Adams and Normandie, his occupation is listed as "Head Manager Barber Supply House"
 - 1911 LA Directory proprietor Moler Barber College



1904-05-13 Western College of Barbers LATimes



1910-08-22 Moler Barber School Ad LATimes

- More history on the Haight family, from a flyer from Raymond Haight's run for governor in 1934.
- George Haight's grandfather, also named George, arrived by covered wagon in 1849 from New York. He built a log cabin in Little Shasta Valley, and had five children. Two of them were carried off by mountain lions.
- Haight mountain, near Shasta, is named after the original pioneer. Haight St, in San Francisco, is named after Henry Haight, a first cousin who was governor of California in 1867-1871

THE HAIGHTS FROM 1849 TO 1934

Have Made California History

Long distinguished in the annals of the Golden State is the name which the present candidate for Governor wears so illustriously. Raymond L. Haight has descended from a great line of ancestors.

First to reach California was his great grandfather, George Southard Haight. With his family, he toiled into Little Shasta Valley in 1849, from New York. Oxen drew his covered wagons. There had been hopes, to start with, but an Indian raid drove them off. The Haight, were lucky to escape with their lives.

With his axe, old George felled trees for a log cabin that still stands in the valley, monument to his pioneering spirit. Bitter tragedy struck the little home. Two of the children were carried off by mountain lions. But three sturdy sons survived—Cornelius, Harry and Fulton.

Old George became the first postmaster of Shasta Valley; Fulton became the first school teacher, as other families began to populate the region. All three sons married and raised families of their own. Today there are Haight from the Oregon line to the Mexican border.

Fulton was admitted to the bar and for many years a distinguished attorney in San Francisco. Also he was a member of the Vigilantes who ridded that city of the "bad men," forerunners of the present gangsters.

Fulton's son was George W. Haight, father of Raymond L. Haight, the present candidate. For 40 years George W. Haight worked for clean government. Many times he was offered political positions. Always he refused them. He stuck to the practice of the law, in which he is still active, as is also Raymond L. Haight. Now there is a Raymond L. Haight, Jr., aged 13, who aspires to carry along the legal tradition

If the present candidate is successful, he will be the second Governor Haight that California has known. A first cousin of his grandfather, Henry Huntley Haight, was Chief Executive of the State from 1867 to 1871.

Permanently a part of California history is the Haight name. Haight Mountain, near Shasta, is named for the original pioneer of the clan. Haight Street, in San Francisco, is called after the one-time Governor.

1. GEORGE SOUTHARD HAIGHT
Pioneer
2. FULTON HAIGHT
Vigilante
3. GEORGE W. HAIGHT
Lawyer
4. RAYMOND L. HAIGHT
Candidate for Governor

**Twin Lakes Park
and
Deer Lake Highlands
Ownership**

Twin Lakes Ownership

- A 1928 article announces that G.W. Haight and Fred Ballin purchased the 1000-acre Twin Lakes Park a number of years ago, and have invested \$750,000 in a development program.
- Fred Ballin in 1921 was the president of the Monolith Portland Cement Company in Kern County
- Fishing, boating and swimming in the lakes, recreational facilities in a canyon playground, and a community clubhouse are features of the new park.
- Others mentioned in charge of the project's development:
 - Raymond Haight, George's son, who would later run for Governor of California in 1934
 - Melancthon Walters from Glendale, a real estate subdivider (*per a 1924 voter registration*)
 - Charles Casey sales manager, previously in charge of Lake Arrowhead properties (*1928-04-07 Los Angeles Evening Express*)

New Mountain Tract Opened

Following a development program involving more than \$750,000, Twin Lakes Park is now ready for inspection. The park is in the Santa Susana Mountains, one mile north of Chatsworth, and only twenty-five miles from Hollywood.

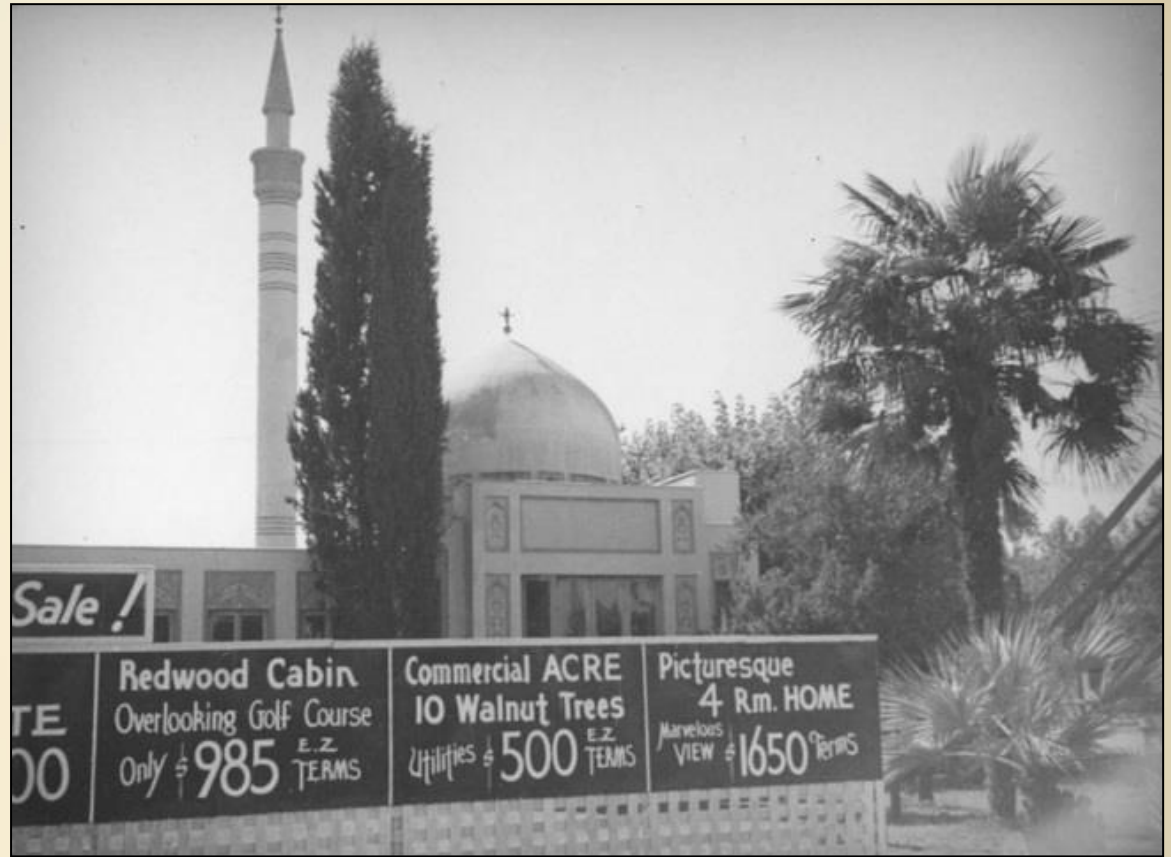
Easy accessibility and location in the heart of a section famed for its weird and beautiful geological formation, and heavily wooded canyons is said to feature the property. G. W. Haight and Fred Ballin purchased the 1000-acre park a number of years ago, and with R. L. Haight, Melancthon Walters and Charles W. Casey are now engaged in the project's development.

Fishing, boating and swimming in the lakes, recreational facilities in a canyon playground, and a community clubhouse are features of the new park, John C. Woods, recently named sales manager of the tract, stated yesterday. Peter L. Ferry is in charge of the improvement program. Domestic water and electricity will be supplied to every residence. The owners have established headquarters at 930 North Western avenue.

1928-03-18 LA Times

Twin Lakes Ownership

- As mentioned previously, Victor Gerard (of the 1923 town of Gerard, now Woodlands Hills) was an owner of Twin Lakes with M. Walters and George Haight.
- The 1923 City of Gerard adopted a Turkish Theme, with mosque towers at Ventura and Topanga Canyon.
- Gerard and Haight may have collaborated to choose a Mayan theme to promote Twin Lakes Park.



Deer Lake Highlands Ownership

- Deer Lake Highlands was owned by the Chatsworth Land and Building Corporation.
- Willard Marble was their office manager at 1054 South Grand Ave.
- Articles of Incorporation were filed in 1928. The directors were **Willard Marble**, his wife Marie Sweet, and Paul Friedman
- In 1929, three of their sales agents were arrested by the Better Business Bureau for selling property without a license and under misrepresentation.
- The company was in receivership (bankruptcy) in 1931.

FRESNANS GET MONEY BACK IN REALTY DEALS

Chatsworth Corporation
Makes Returns To
13 Persons

Efforts Of Better
Business Bureau
Bring Results

More than \$1,000, representing down payments on Southern California real estate sold under misrepresentation and by unlicensed agents, is being returned to 13 Fresno county residents by the Chatsworth Land and Building corporation. Ed Kanitz, manager of the Better Business bureau, announced yesterday. Checks from the

Deer Lake Highlands Ownership

- In 1925 Willard Marble was offering prizes of free lots at "Cuesta by the Sea" (Morro Bay) for the completion of a cross-word puzzle.

RIGHT AT YOUR DOORSTEP

AS LOW AS	\$400.00	LOTS	\$2500.00	JUST A FEW
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FREE LOTS FREE

To the Fortunate Contestants Who Submit the Nearest and Most Accurate Solution of This

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

1ST PRIZE \$600 Lot	2ND PRIZE \$500 Lot	3RD PRIZE \$400 Lot	4TH PRIZE \$250 Credit	5TH PRIZE \$200 Credit
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AND 50 ADDITIONAL PRIZES

In case of a tie the full amount of the prize tied for will be awarded to each fortunate contestant

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

IN CONTEMPLATED CLUB HOUSE TO ALL OWNERS OF LOTS

HORIZONTAL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 VERTICAL

PRE-OPENING SALE

The Only Remaining Beach in Central California
WHERE YOU MAY BUILD YOUR OWN HOME FACING THE OCEAN

CUESTA

(PRONOUNCED QU-ESTA)

BY THE SEA

On Land-Locked Morro Bay in San Luis Obispo County
and Destined to Be the

Playground of Central California

Located Within Easy Reach of Middle San Joaquin Valley
Near a State-Paved Highway 11 Miles Northwest of San Luis Obispo

OCEAN Boating Bathing Fishing	BAY Swimming Diving Aquatic Sports	MOUNTAINS Hiking Hunting Healthful	ROCKS Towering In Massive Grandeur	VALLEYS Motoring Tennis Golf
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HORIZONTAL 1. Hoax. 6. Hard covering of nuts. 11. Having a tendency to catch the attention. 12. Verbal tense made of calve. 13. Sign. 14. Consolidated card of milk, used as food. 16. Revolve. 18. Age. 19. Hasten. 21. Tilt. 22. Assent at which person is agreed with reference to something. 25. Extra dividend out of accumulated profits. 27. Spooked. 28. Dismantled (esp. over a hawk). 21. Puffed. 22. English verb. 23. Dismantled. 24. Female deer. 25. Slam of the reins. 26. Discretion. 45. To go along. 47. A rising into view. 48. To glance again. 49. Conveyed a seat.		VERTICAL 1. A machine for cutting trees. 2. Dismant. 3. Largest plant. 4. The machine. 5. To prevent. 6. Stir. 7. Home of bees. 8. Card. 9. Cut. 10. Shrike-hearling, feeding, etc. 11. Interjection meaning stop. 12. African antelope. 13. Thoroughly professed. 14. Surreptitious boy. 15. Boy. 16. Where one sleeps. 17. Lyric song. 18. A carrier of luggage. 19. Meant in natural state. 20. Horse. 21. Waspnet. 22. Quarry. 23. Trid. 24. Whistle. 25. Suffered. 46. Specially large hawk. 41. Region. 44. Opposite fabric of beautiful dress.
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CUT THIS OUT AND FILL IN NAME AND ADDRESS

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Street _____

Contest Closes May 29. All Answers Must Be Mailed on or Before May 29. Mail Answers to
WILLARD MARBLE
707 Lincoln Bldg., 742 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Deer Lake Highlands Ownership

- In 1928, Deer Lake Highlands salesmen operated a booth at the Fresno County Fair.
- They offered a first prize of \$715, to be applied on a purchase of a lot.
- Following the fair, the salesmen called on at least 25 people informing them they had won the first prize. They then called on the housewife, when possible, attempting to get a signed contract using high pressure methods.



Deer Lake Highlands Ownership

- In 1933, "Willard Investment Co" drilled a well at Deer Lake Highlands.
- The well was called "Sweet #1", his wife's maiden name.
- No oil was found.
- The hole was plugged in 1937.

Wildcat Exploring

Official reports from the Willard Investment Company's wildcat well, known as the Deer Lake Highlands project, on Sec. 6, 2-16, near Chatsworth, indicate that the well is exploring ahead slowly at approximately 2500 feet.

This well, which has been drilling for a considerable period of time, stopped to make a water shut-off test at 1600 feet, and tried for production at approximately that depth, but proved to be wet, at the same time failing to yield petroleum in quantity.

Deer Lake Highlands Ownership

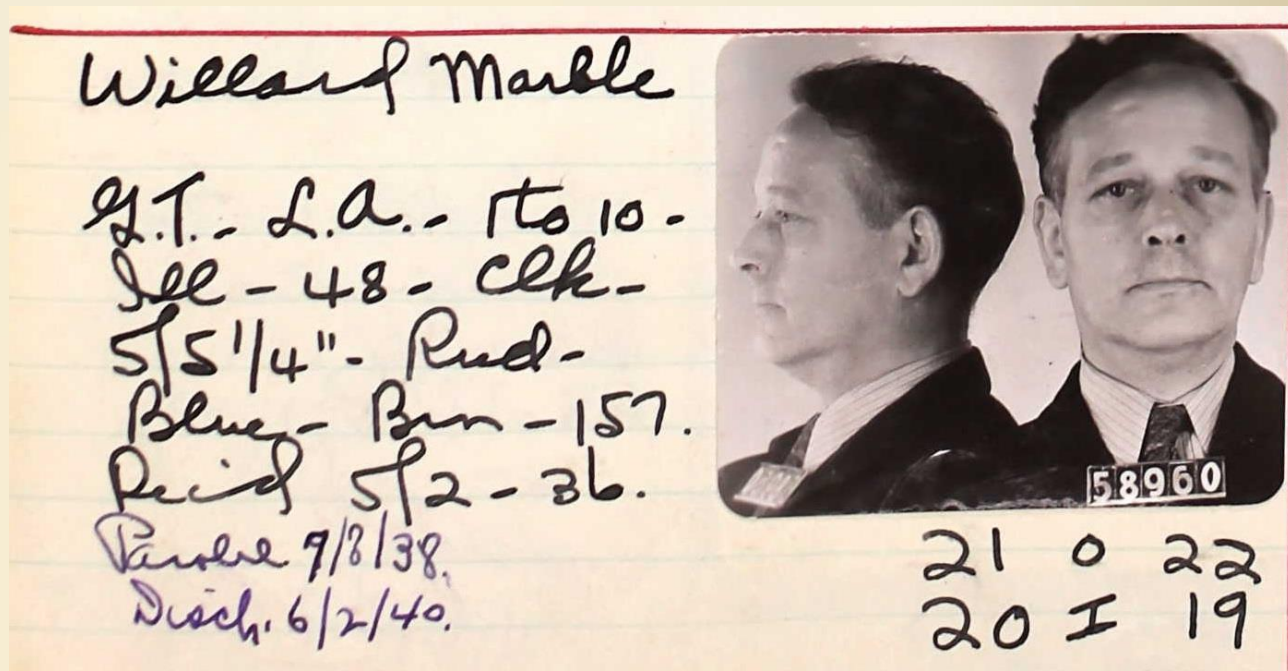
- The entire 44 page Well Record file on the history of the Willard Oil Well can be found at the [California Well Finder](#)

The screenshot displays the Well Finder CalGEM GIS interface. On the left, a navigation menu includes options for Well Status and Well Type Filter, Search, Zoom to Field, Measurement, and Layers. The main area shows a topographic map of the Deer Lake Highlands region, with a purple well marker. A popup window titled 'Well' provides the following details: API: 0403706249, Lease Name: Sweet, Well Number: 1, Status: Plugged, Type: Dry Hole, and Operator: Forestar Chatsworth, LLC. The popup also offers links to 'View in WellSTAR Dashboard: About Wells', 'Well Record', and 'Get Driving Directions', along with a 'Zoom to' option. The map includes a search bar, zoom controls, and a scale bar indicating 0.3 miles. The bottom of the interface features the WellSTAR logo and the text 'Powered by WellSTAR'.

Note: right-click the link above to open in new tab

Deer Lake Highlands Ownership

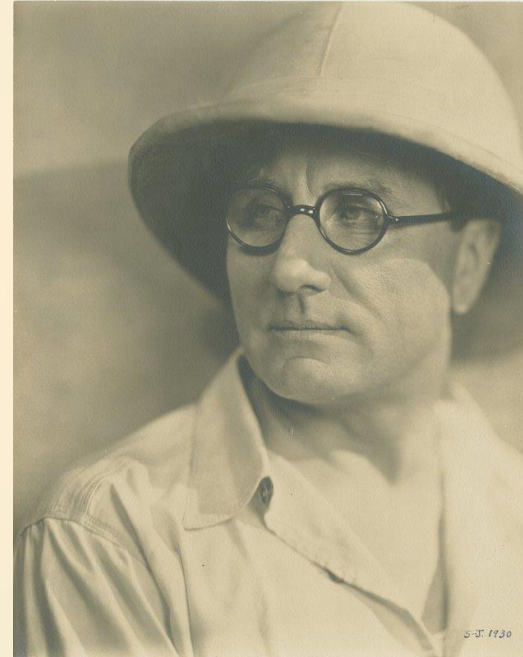
- In 1930, Willard Marble was associated with the Consolidated Building and Loan Association.
- A 1933 trial accused him of Grand Theft for stealing \$25,500 from the firm.
- In 1936 he was in San Quentin serving a term of 1 to 10 years for Grand Theft.
- He was paroled in 1938 and discharged in 1940.



1936 Willard Marble
San Quentin Prisoner # 58960

Robert Stacy-Judd

Twin Lakes Park Architect



1930 portraits, Source: [Art, Design & Architecture Museum at the University of California, Santa Barbara](#)

Robert Stacy-Judd

Twin Lakes Park Architect

- Robert Stacy-Judd was an English architect involved in the Mayan Revival, an architectural movement that flourished during the 1920s and 1930s.
- This style drew inspiration from the art and architecture of pre-Columbian Mesoamerican civilizations.
- One of Stacy-Judd's best-known works is the Aztec Hotel, which was built in 1924, on the U.S. Route 66 in Monrovia, in the San Gabriel Valley, California.



The Aztec Hotel and Mayan Bar and Grill
311 W Foothill Blvd, Monrovia, CA 91016

Left: Stacy-Judd artist rendering of the
Mayan Drive Entrance Arch

Right: 1937 photograph of actual entrance



The Entrance Arch
was destroyed by a
brush fire in Sept 1954

A photograph from the Stacy-Judd collection at UCSB

“The Tract Office”, also known as the Administration Office or Mayan Observation Building



Twin-Lakes Park, Chatsworth, Calif.

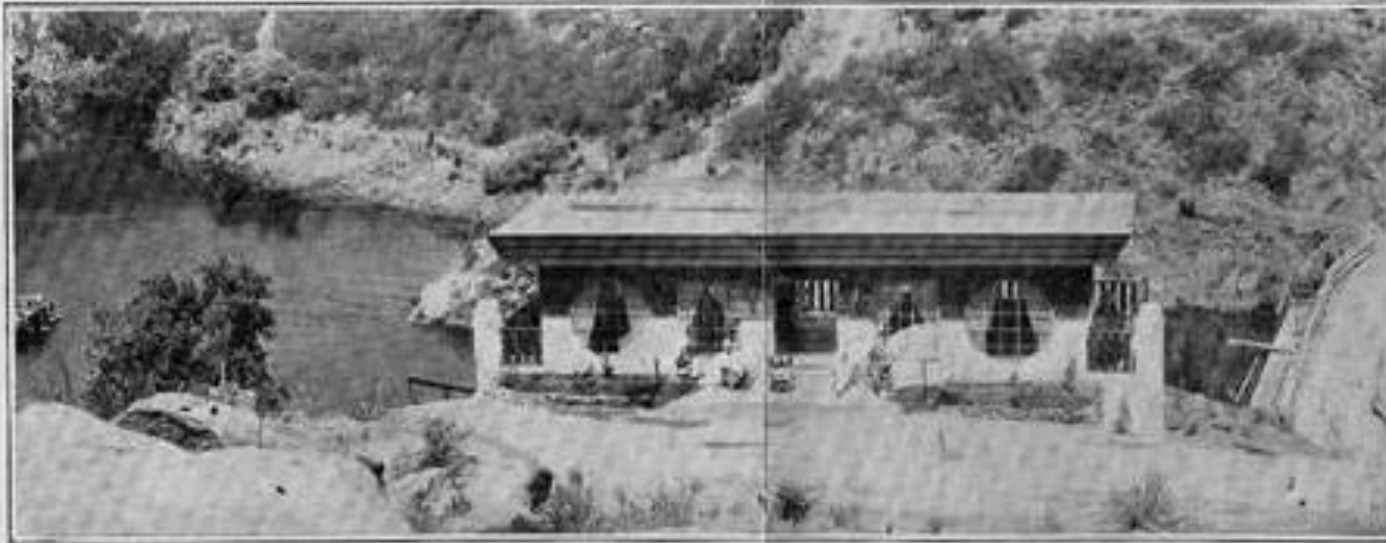
The Tract Office.

*Robert B. Stacy-Judd, A.-I.-A. Arch.
Maya Art Motifs.*

Closeup of the Tract Office



Photo from the Sales Brochure, The Mayan Observation Building
on the south shore of Raymond Lake



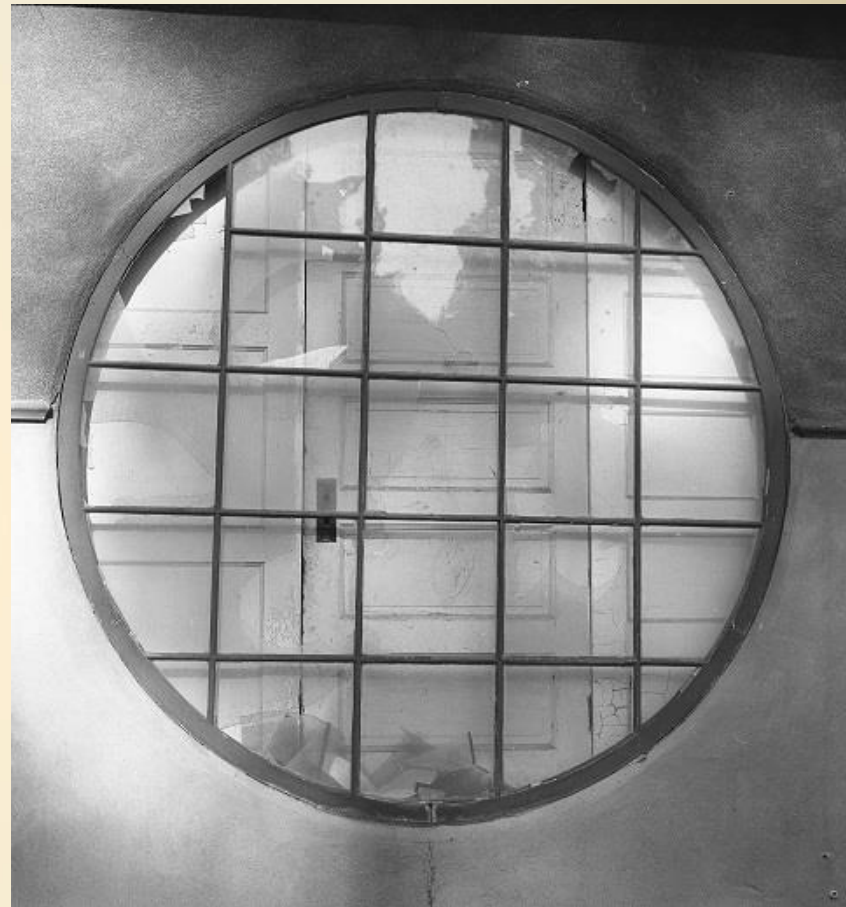
View of The
Mayan Observation
Building showing
its Location on
The South shore
of Raymond Lake

Robt. B. Stacy-Judd
Architect

George Haight named the Devil canyon lake after his son Raymond, who in 1934 would run for governor in California.



Mayan Observation Building front door 1960's



Mayan Observation Building window 1960's

Mayan Observation Building
East Side 1960's

1960's photos by Neil Jack



Twin Lakes and Deer Lake Highlands Sales Brochures

The Twin Lakes Sales Brochure Pgs 4 & 1

"Southern California's GARDEN of the GODS"

YOU owe your family a place for recreation and you don't have to go hundreds of miles up Owens Valley or to the San Bernardino Mountains, when Twin Lakes Park is only an hour's drive from Hollywood over paved roads and no grades.



Fishing
Swimming
Archery
Hiking

Boating
Hunting
Skiing
Relaxing

THE MOST UNIQUE COMMUNITY IN ALL AMERICA

From the ancient Aztec and Mayan Indian ruins we borrow the mode of architecture for Twin Lakes Park, not only for the club houses and commercial buildings, but for individual dwellings as well.

Inexpensive, yet attractive, and comfortable, this type construction should bring worldwide distinction to Twin Lakes Park. So far as we know, Twin Lakes Park will be the only community in America of this type. An architectural board advises and approves all designs.

We can show you beautiful Mayan Lodges costing less than \$1000 including the lot.



The "Inland" Sign
for Twin Lakes
and Trails



Code of
Twin Lakes Park
Society Club

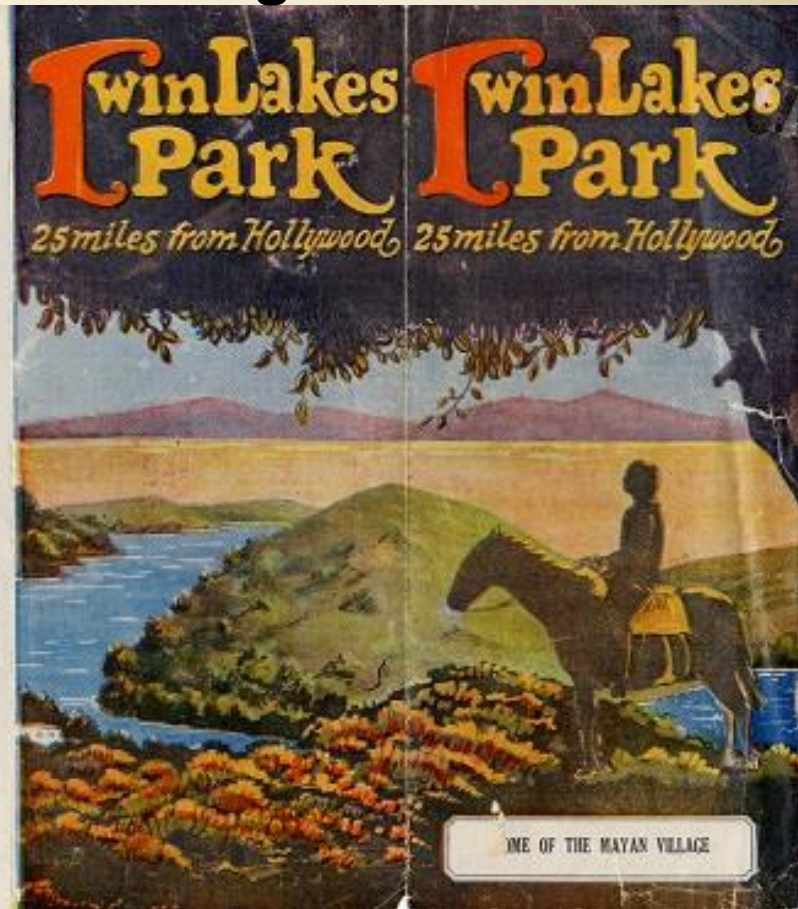
Moving picture companies are paying us liberally for the privilege of using our scenery for their settings, and a scenic picture of the Garden of the Gods, (Twin Lakes Park), is now being shown on the screen.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Therefore next Saturday or Sunday we expect you as a visitor, where we will supply you with a courtesy card to enjoy the privileges of our Park for the day.

TWIN LAKES PARK

Administration Building 1626 West Adams
RM prev \$100



1927
Brochure

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The Twin Lakes Sales Brochure Pgs 2 & 3

Southern California's "GARDEN of the GODS"

Southern California has many beautiful places that fill the hill, but few near at hand.



Happy is the man and his family who have not forgotten the joys of the great outdoors.

Interesting FACTS Concerning TWIN LAKES PARK

Close to City

1. Only 25 miles from Hollywood, adjoining the City Limits, at the entrance of the Santa Susanna Pass, overlooking the fertile San Fernando Valley, about a mile north of Chatsworth.

Lake and Mountain Playground

2. It is the nearest Lake and Mountain Playground to Los Angeles to those who desire a Mountain Retreat or Estate.

Your Private Park

3. It is a home and lodge owner's Private Park with two beautiful Lakes, about 125 acres in area, surrounded by hills, where you find the most grotesque and picturesque rock formations, and miles of densely wooded enyons, abounding in game and where there is room for five thousand homes, with good roads to each lot.

Amusements

4. The Park has already been improved with roads and paths, picnic grounds, tables and ovens, with water and electricity, with comfort stations, and observation building. The Lakes have been stocked with bass and perch and supplied with boats and made attractive for bathers and swimmers.

Fish

5. There are fish for every property-holder and fishing is permitted the year round.

Elevation

6. The property surrounding the Park has from 1400 to 2500 feet elevation, which insures cool and pure air and instills renewed vigor to combat the vicissitudes of man's pursuits, even if visited only on week-ends, after an hour's drive over paved roads.



Ownership in Twin Lakes Park differs from other investments. . . .

1. Ownership entitles you to Membership in Twin Lakes Park Country Club without the payment of any initiation fee.

2. Membership gives you and your family exclusive use of all that the Park represents, and offers, so that your investment draws immediate interest in the pleasures you derive therefrom.

3. As lots are now offered at a low cost, you are far-sighted enough to realize the increase in value, when thousands of homes have been built, and the present program of further improvements has been carried out.



One of the beautiful Lodges in Twin Lakes Park (Mayan-Aztec Motif)

25% of all sales is set aside for improvements. There are no assessments to property owners. Deeds are issued by Security Title Company

Here is Food for Thought

When you compare the desolate and arid aspect of the hills surrounding Los Angeles before Beverly Hills, Hollywoodland, etc. were created, you can visualize Twin Lakes Park, with its lakes and natural beauties, in a few years hence.



View of The Mayan Observation Building showing its location on the South shore of Raymond Lake Held. B. Stacy-Park Architect

YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM A ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CAMP SITE TO A TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR ESTATE



Twin Lakes Park Map

Devil Canyon

Swimming House

Boat Landing

Athletic Field

Administration Office

Tennis Courts

Mayan Entrance Arch

Viewpoint Reservoir

- 1 MAYAN ENTRANCE ARCH
- 2 ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
- 3 SWIMMING HOUSE
- 4 BOAT LANDING
- 5 TEA ROOM
- 6 TENNIS COURTS
- 7 ATHLETIC FIELD
- 8 ARCHERY COURSE
- 9 VIEW POINT RESERVOIR
- 10 SULPHUR SPRING
- 11 CAÑON DIABLO
- 12 ALISO CANYON
- 13 ALL ROADS PRIVATE

Aliso Canyon,
really Brown's
Canyon

Sulphur Spring

Tea Room

Archery Course

TWIN LAKES PARK

Twin Lakes Sales Brochure

THE MOST UNIQUE COMMUNITY IN ALL AMERICA

From the ancient Aztec and Mayan Indian races we borrow the mode of architecture for Twin Lakes Park, not only for the club house and community buildings, but for individual dwellings as well.

Inexpensive, yet attractive, and comfortable, this type construction should bring worldwide distinction to Twin Lakes Park. So far as we know, Twin Lakes Park will be the only community in America of this type. An architectural board advises and approves all designs.

We can show you beautiful Mayan Lodges costing less than \$1000 including the lot.



The Indians' Sign
for Twin Lakes
and Trees



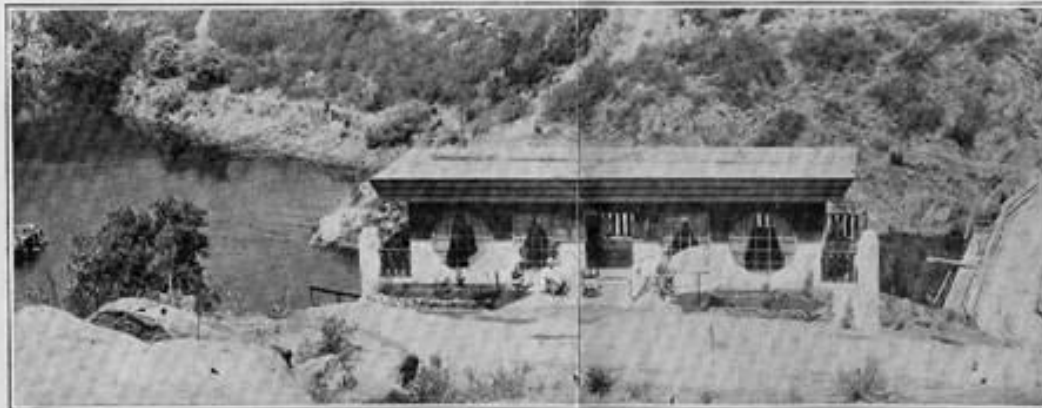
Crest of
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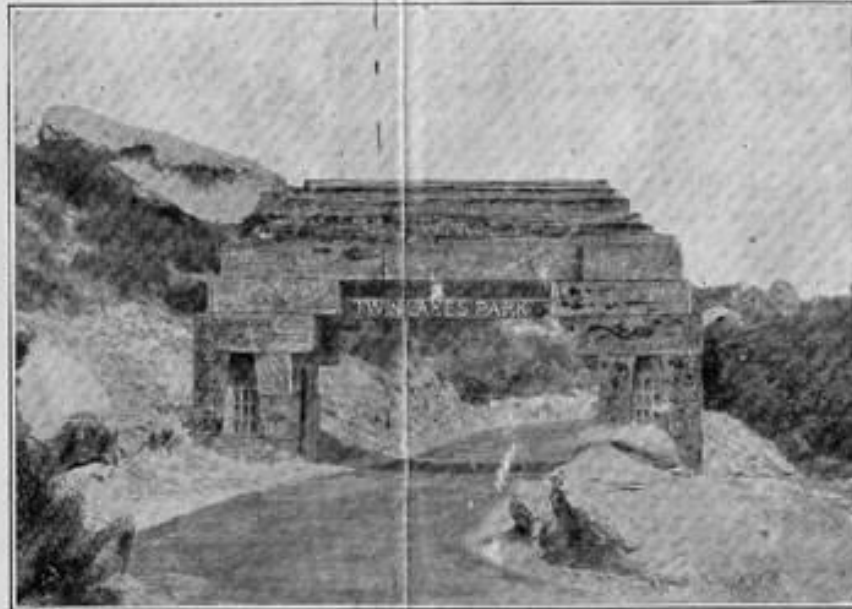
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Twin Lakes Business Card



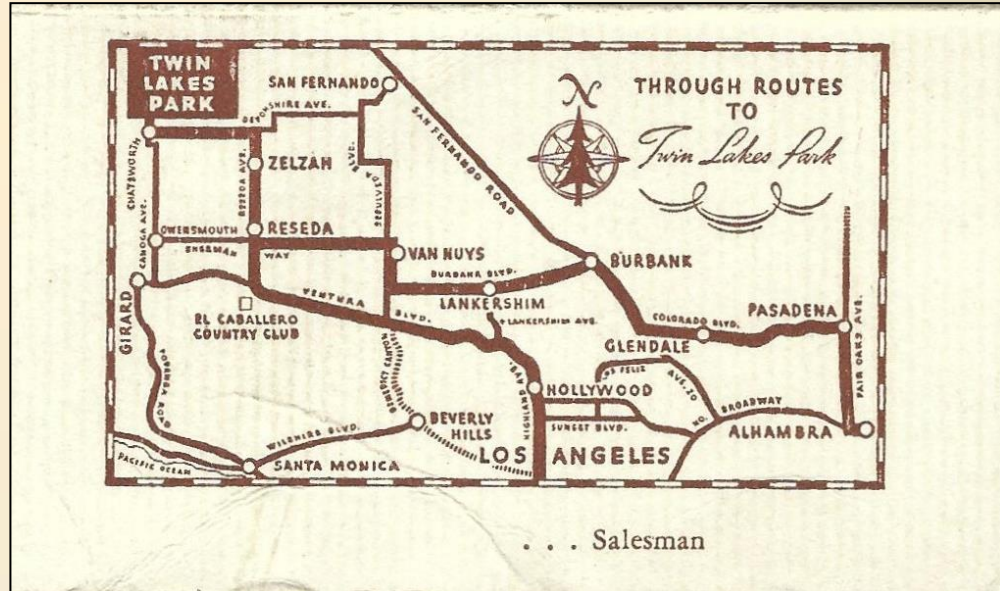
ELLIS F. JONES, GENERAL SALES AGENT FOR ~

Twin Lakes Park Company

"CALIFORNIA'S GARDEN OF THE GODS"

BOX 73 • CHATSWORTH, CALIF. • PHONE CANOGA PARK 6875

. . . Salesman



. . . Salesman

The Deer Lake Highlands Sales Brochure Pgs 4 & 1

DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS

"THE HOLLYWOODLAND OF CHATSWORTH"

Ideal Residential—Resort Homesites



THE Hills of Hollywood occupy, in a larger way, the same position as DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS to Chatsworth. A few years ago all of Hollywoodland could be bought for \$135,000.00. Today it is worth over \$40,000,000.00. Were it not for the magnificent system of roads the owners would still be looking for buyers. So don't underestimate the value of the miles of boulevards that have been built and will soon be in and around Chatsworth; and don't underestimate the value to you, as a buyer, of Deer Lake Highlands property.

"TIME IS MONEY"

Rapid Transit Saves Time—You make the Money

Los Angeles, Lankershim and their sister cities fully believe that the man who said, "Time is money," knew what he was talking about, and that is why they secured the services of those nationally known Traffic Engineers, Kelker and Deleuw of Chicago, to submit

Plans for Rapid Transit

Between Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley points. According to Los Angeles and Burbank papers the estimated cost of the system will be less than \$5,000,000, while the increase in the value of real estate will be startling to those not familiar with the r of great boulevards, of automobiles and rapid transit facilities, or electric car lines.

What Arthur Brisbane says about owning land:

"Learn from Germany's once Crown Prince, back on his landed estate at Oels, that it pays to own a piece of this solid earth. His hope of the crown is gone, or dim, and gone his military hat with skull and cross-bones on it. His millions, or billions of marks, if he has them, will not buy enough to feed the dachshunds at his feet.

"Own a piece of the earth, take Voltaire's advice, 'Let us cultivate our garden and you may laugh at the fall of the mark, or the rise of the bolshevism.'"

Real estate agents, here is your Text: "There is No Real Security Outside of Real Estate."

There is no better place on this whole continent to own land than in Southern California. There is no life insurance in the world that is as safe for your family and your own old age.

PRICES \$400 TO \$1250, Improvements Included

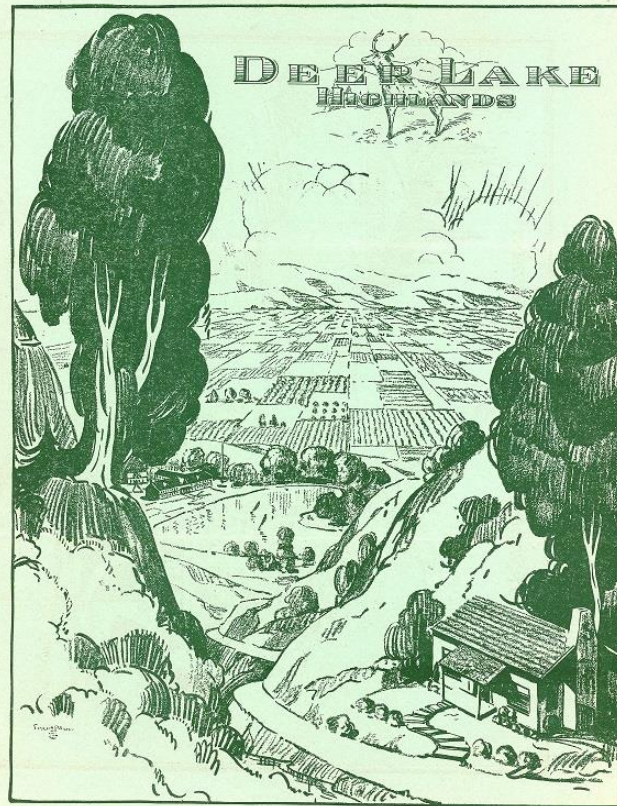
GOOD ROADS, GRADED STREETS, WATER, ELECTRICITY, ETC., ETC.

Improvements now being installed

CHATSWORTH LAND AND BUILDING CORPORATION

Phone WEstmore 9431

1054 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

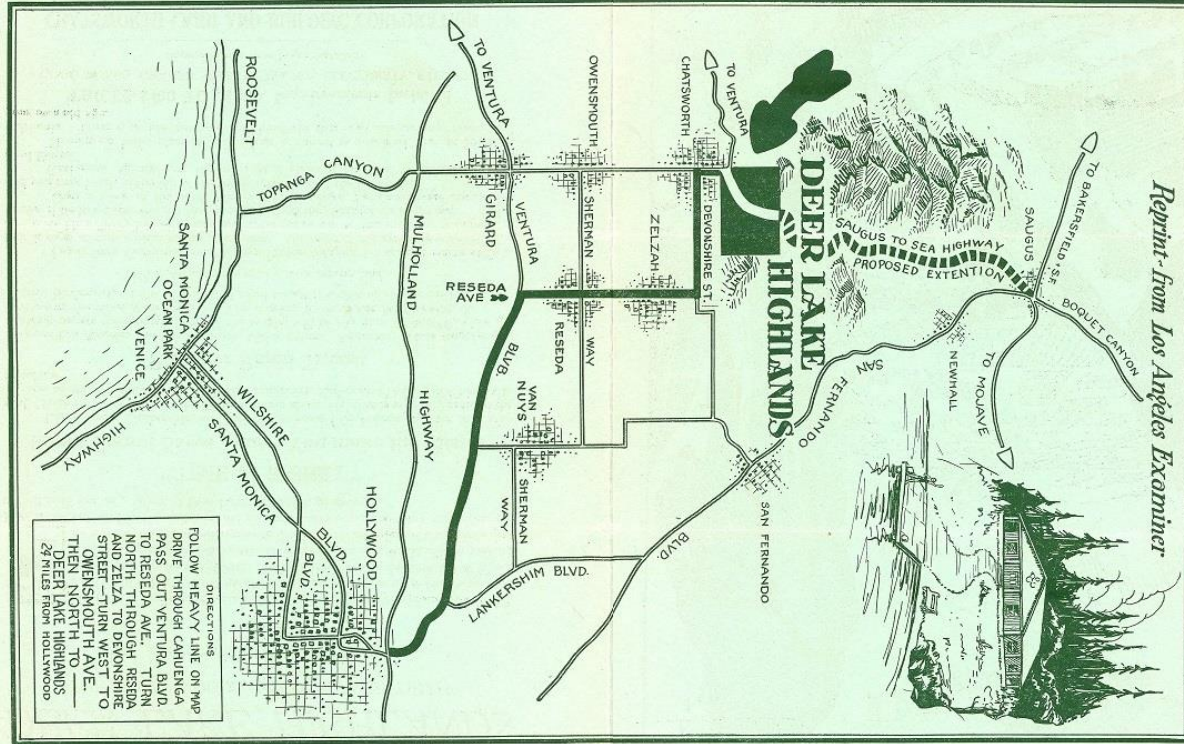


1927
Brochure

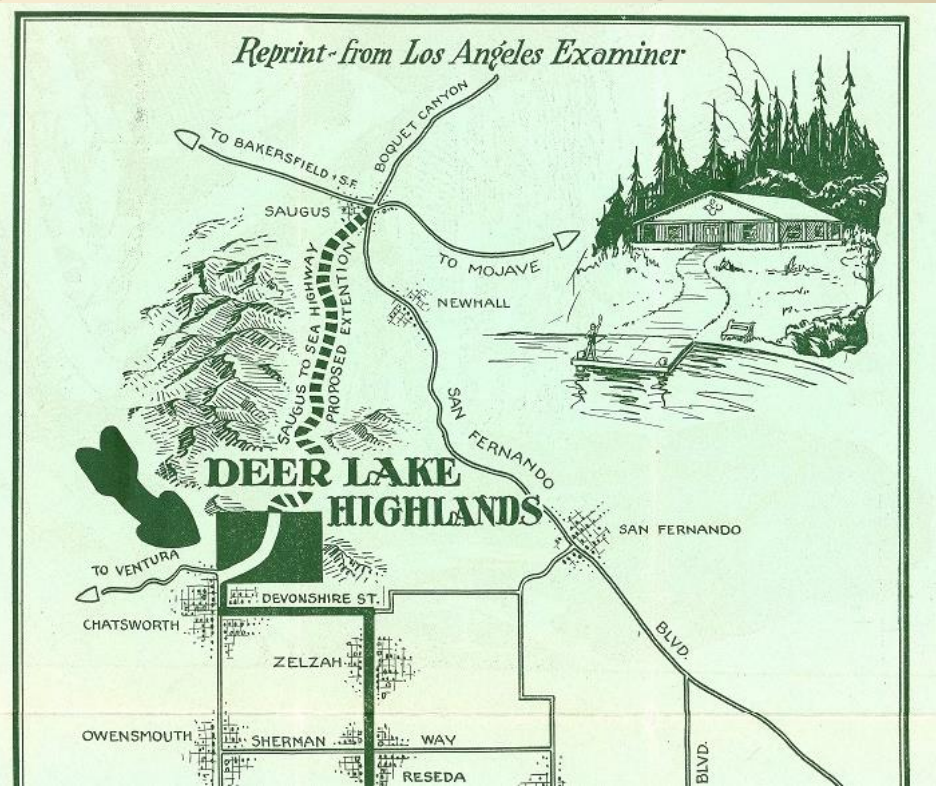
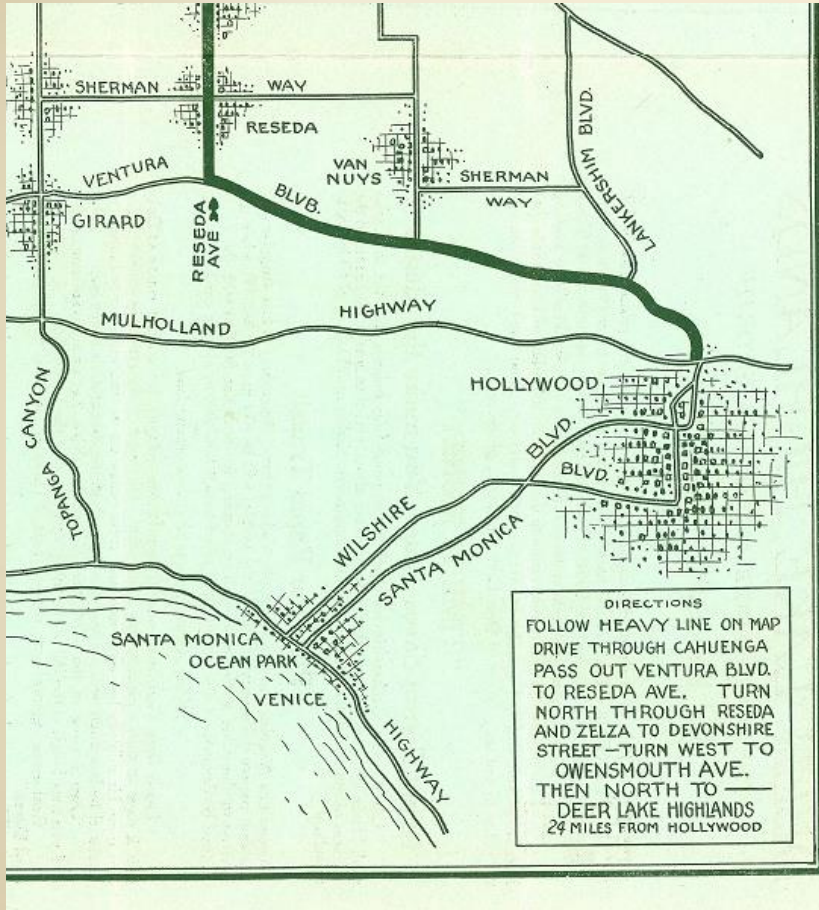
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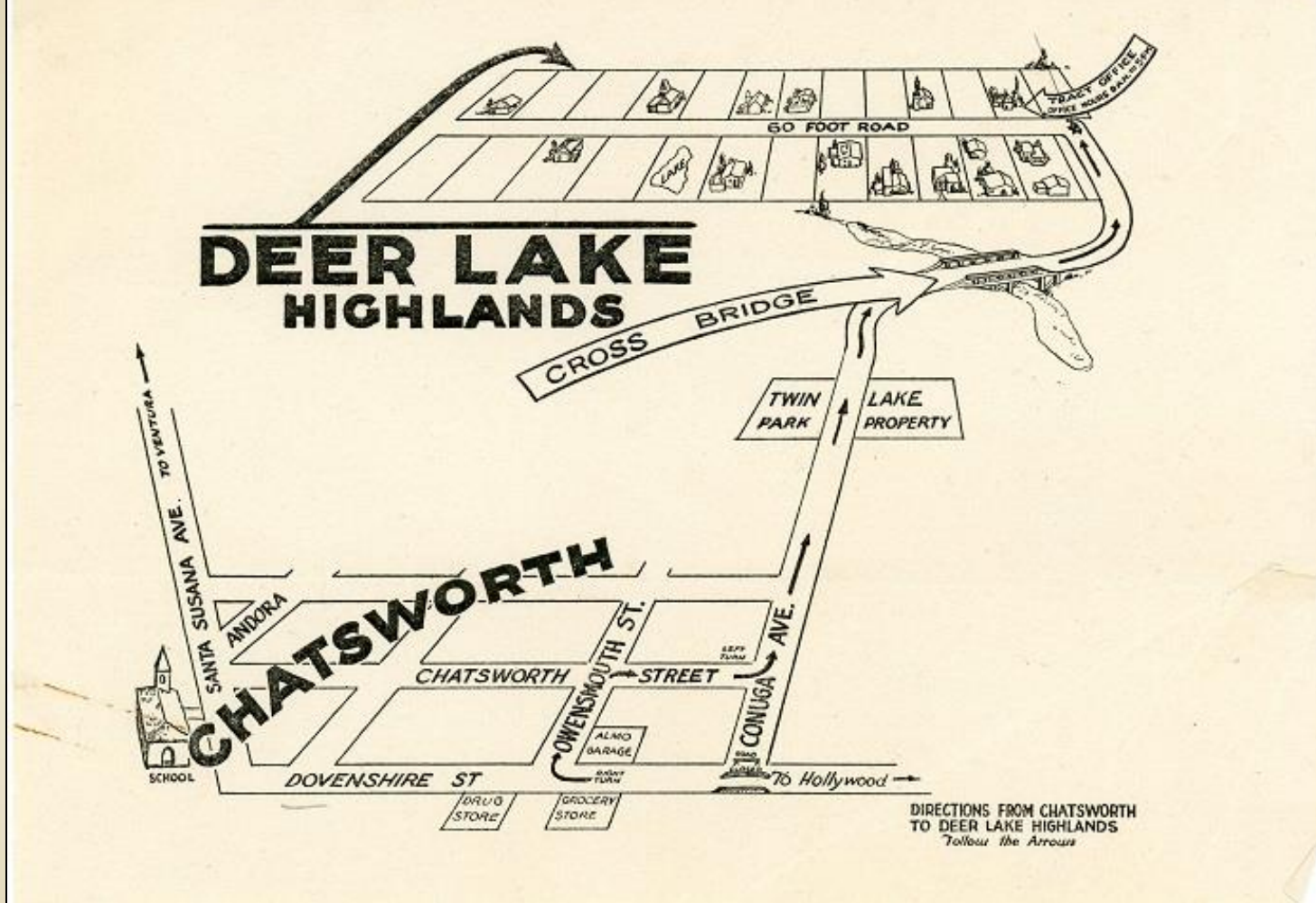
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Map Rotated - The Deer Lake Highlands Sales Brochure Pgs 2 & 3





Postcards and Photographs

Boating in upper
Twin Lake, Mayan
Observation Building
at upper right.

Dam with guardrail
at left.

Notice some of the
following photos are
postcards in a
numbered series



Joseph Harry Lamson, Jr. lived in Tujunga with his wife Alice, and was a professional photographer.

He started taking photographs in 1913 and continued to take photographs of people, buildings, and landscapes until the 1940's.

[\(source: CSUN Oviatt\)](#)

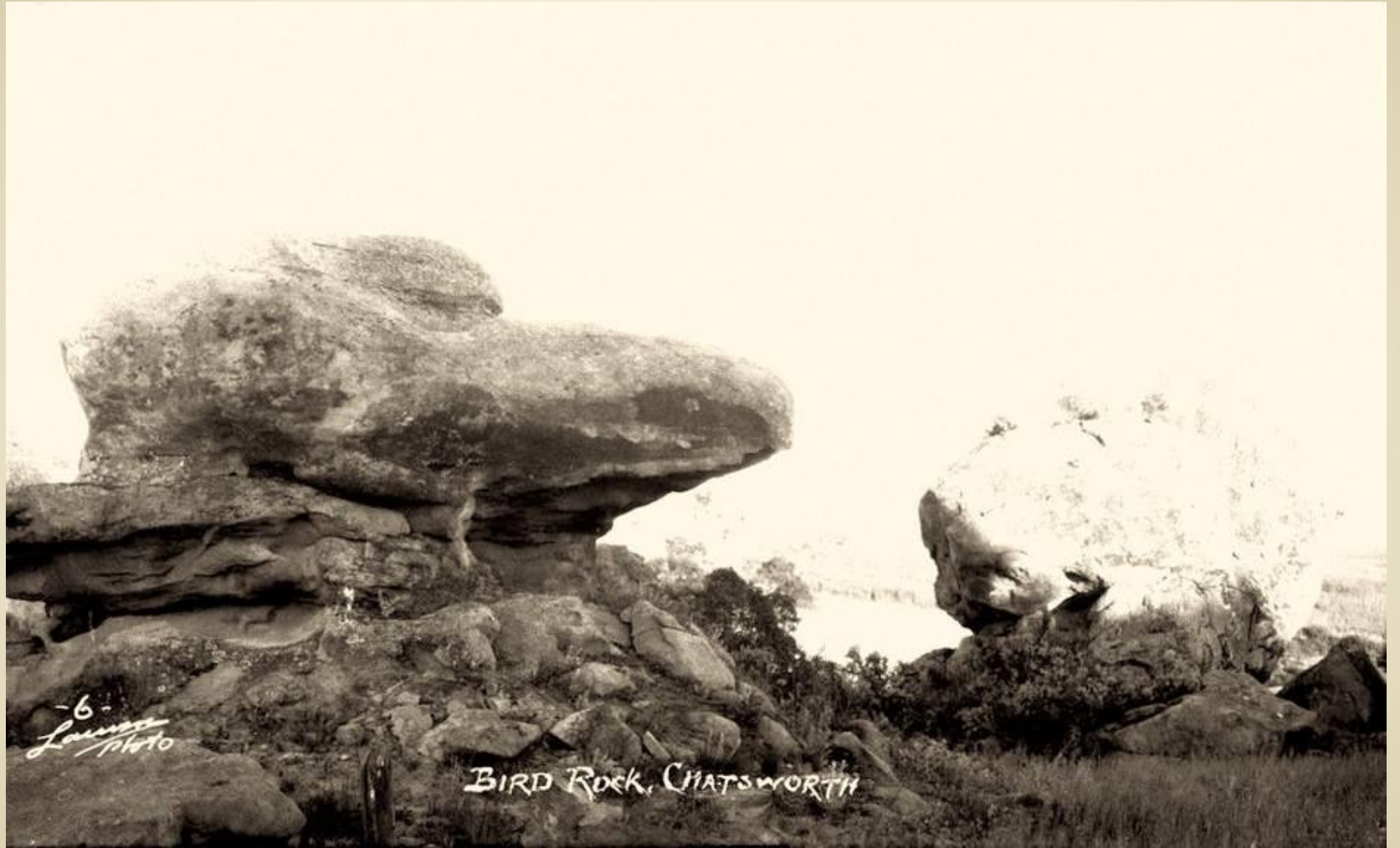
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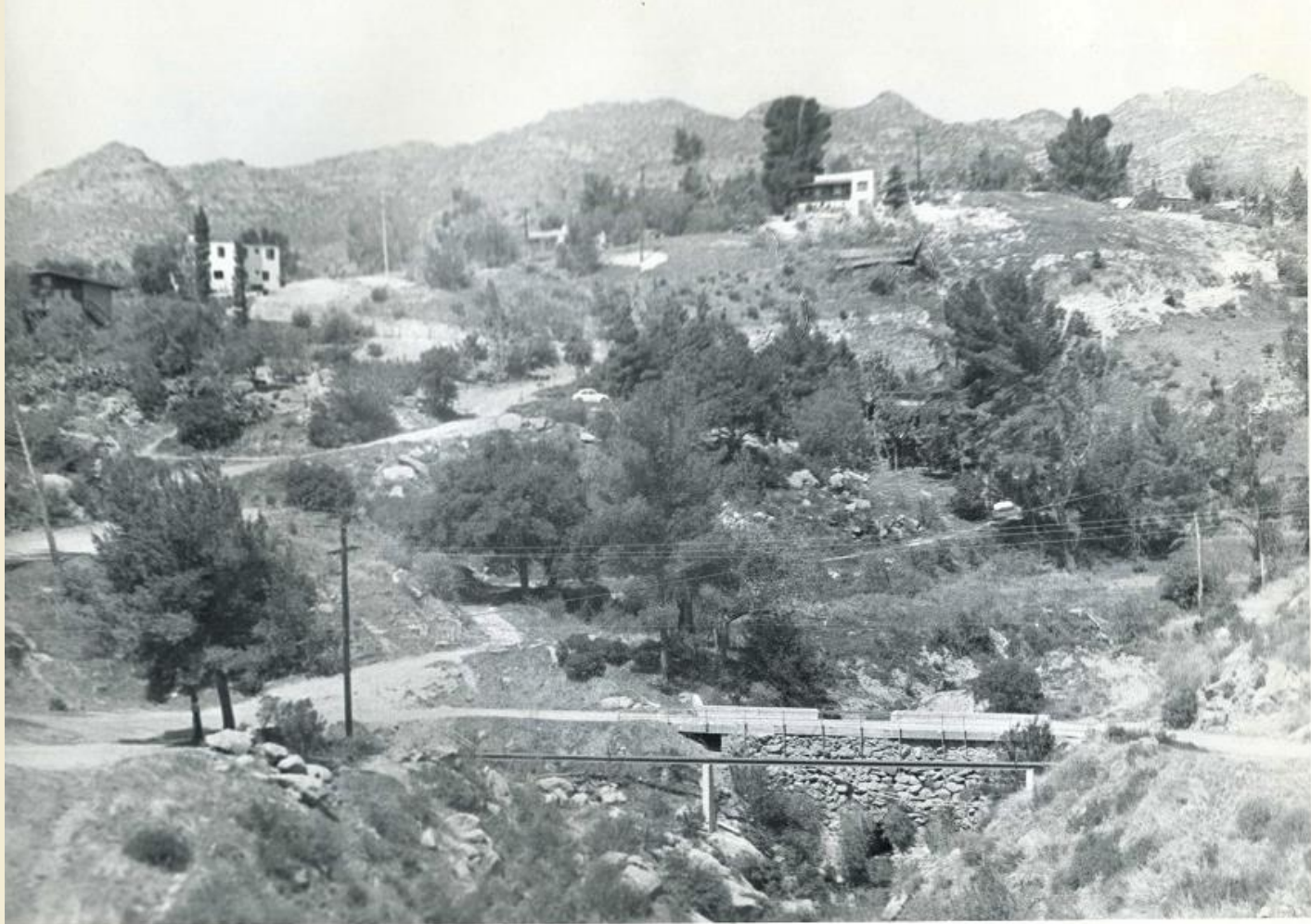




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Twin Lakes Park, Chatsworth







Twin Lakes Devil
Canyon Bridge

1976

Observation Bldg
is gone

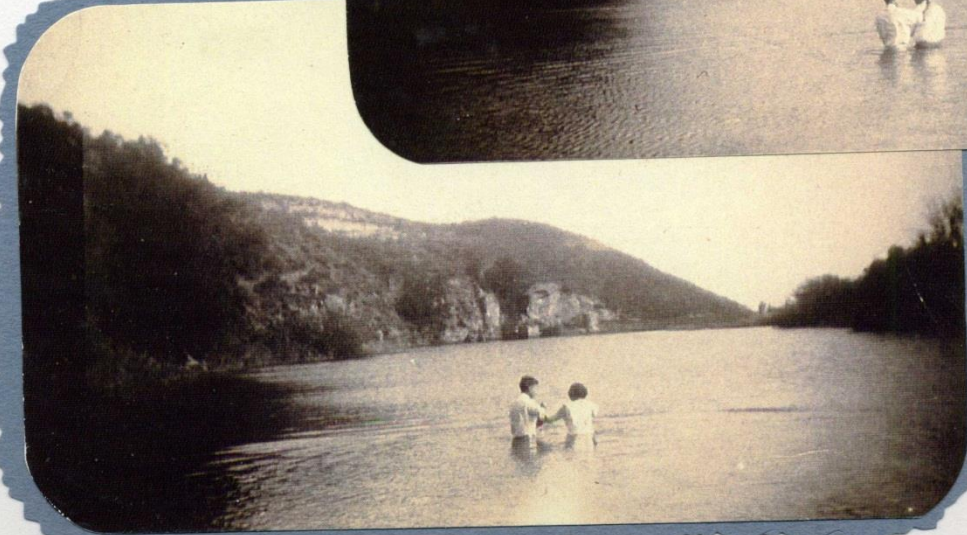
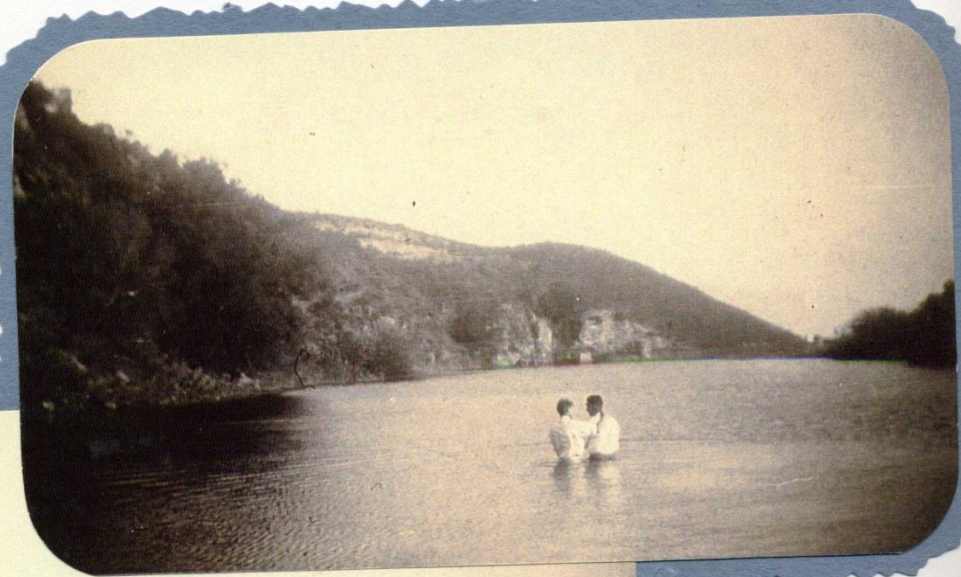
View west

A baptism at the upper
Twin Lake, Easter
Sunday, 1934.

Jim Summers' parents,
Alex and Jessie
Summers, were
baptized by Reverend
Harold Preston of the
Chatsworth Community
Church, known today as
the Pioneer Church.

They walked into the
lake near the north end,
view is northwest, away
from the Bridge/Dam

*Easter
Sunday
1934
4:30 p.m*



Alex

Jessie







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Twin Lakes & Deer Lake Highlands History

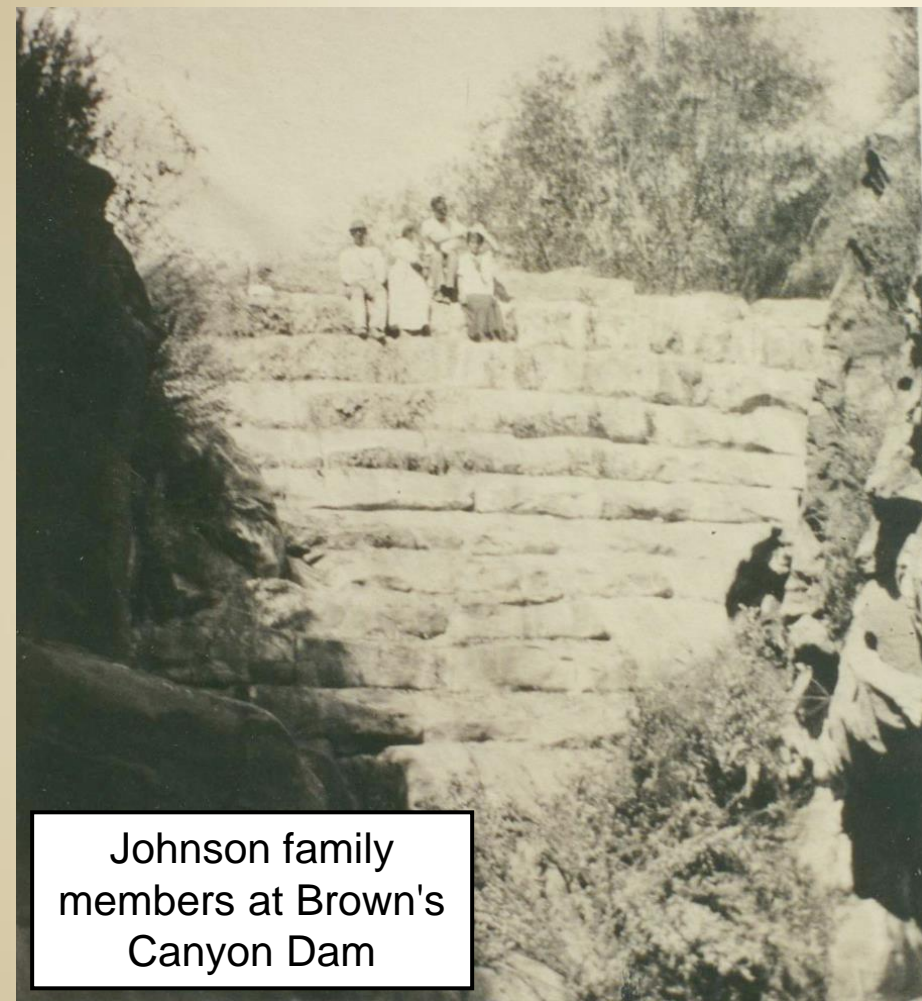
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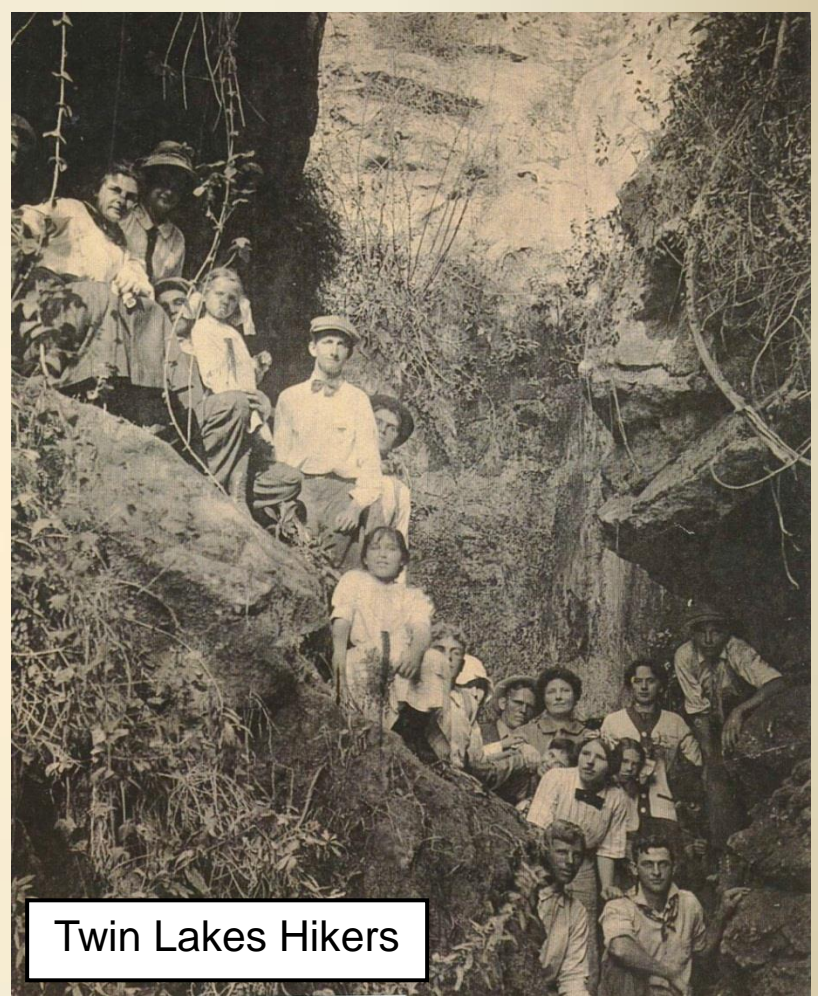
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Johnson family
members at Brown's
Canyon Dam



Twin Lakes Hikers

**Advertisements
and
sales techniques
in the 1920's**

Deer Lake Highlands

Sales Efforts local and out of area

DEER LAKE
25 Miles from Hollywood 1 Mile from Chatsworth.
HIGHLANDS
660 Feet from Los Angeles City Limits
Wooded Lots—View Lots
SPECIAL ADVERTISING COUPON

DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS CO.
604 Lincoln Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.
I am interested in your advertising offer whereby I may earn a two hundred dollar credit on the purchase of a lot, half acre, or acre, at Deer Lake Highlands.

Name

Address

1926-04-26 Deer Lake Highlands Lot coupon in the Salinas newspaper

Every holder of a coupon attending the theater has the opportunity of securing a \$275 lot for \$89.50 at DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS (Near Hollywood)

1926-01-30 LA Evening Express

Earn \$200 credit on the purchase of a lot, half acre, or acre

25 Miles from Hollywood, 1 mile from Chatsworth

CRYSTAL
ALWAYS GOOD PICTURES

TWO BIG DAYS
Today and Tomorrow

BUSTER KEATON in
"GO WEST"
Also "The Adventures of Mazie" and Comedy

EVERY HOLDER OF A COUPON ATTENDING THIS THEATRE TONIGHT, WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SECURING A \$275.00 LOT FOR \$89.50 AT DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS. (Near Hollywood).

GET YOUR TICKETS AT THE DOOR

FRIDAY ONLY

"THE PENDLETON ROUNDUP"
The Official Pictures of the Pendleton Roundup
NO RAISE IN PRICES

Deer Lake Highlands Sales Efforts out of area

1928-09-19 newspaper ad:

Deer Lake Highlands 10 free club memberships worth \$500 at Tulare County Fair. Plus a \$500 lot for only \$285.

Do Not Fail to Register
at the booth of the
DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS COMPANY
when you attend the
Tulare County Fair
10 VALUABLE CLUB MEMBERSHIPS VALUED AT \$500.00 GIVEN AWAY FREE
and a combination offer of a limited number of \$500.00 lots, appraised and insured by Federal Land Value Insurance Co., with a country club membership valued at \$500.00, for
Advertising \$285 Price
Do Not Fail to Register and Acquire a Valuable Premium

Twin Lakes Park Sales Efforts all local

SOMETHING NEW AND INSPIRING Next Week

TWIN LAKES PARK. will be thrown open to the public. 45 minutes from Hollywood. We will have over 100 sales people. All sales managers & district managers will be selected from the ranks of salesmen. Swimming, Fishing, Boating, Tennis, Dancing, etc.; will be available to every purchaser of a lodge site in this Park. Lots from \$100 up. Makes everyone a prospect. Liberal commission should enable every man to make \$100 per week at least. Apply at 930 NO. WESTERN AVE.

1927-04-25 Twin Lakes Park opening LATimes
\$100 and up, amenities available to every purchaser of a lodge site

MOUNTAIN, RESORT, LAKE Property—Sale, Exch., Etc.—\$2

25 MILES FROM
HOLLYWOOD

TWO BEAUTIFUL LAKES
Fishing, swimming, boating, tennis,
etc., in a great private park. Lots
\$150 and up on easy terms. Magnificent and unusual scenery. Water to each lot and privileges of park to purchasers only.

TWIN LAKES PARK
930 N. Western Ave. HE. 2704.

1927-07-12 LATimes

25 miles from Hollywood, Two Beautiful
Lakes. Lots \$150 and up, water to each lot
and privileges of park to purchasers only.

Twin Lakes Park Sales Efforts all local

Hello Folks!

Can you imagine it—
In Sunny Southern California?

Two Beautiful Lakes
Shaded, wooded canyons and marvelous
mountain vistas, all within

25 MILES from Hollywood
in
CALIFORNIA'S GARDEN OF THE GODS
at

Twin Lakes Park
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Bring Your Picnic Lunch, a Bathing Suit. Start Early and Stay
Late, and

HAVE the Time of Your Life

The great park with all its privileges is private for lodge site owners, and a
wonderful view lot may be had for as little as \$200 (\$40 down). Drive out
through San Fernando valley to Chatsworth and then one mile north.

TWIN LAKES PARK
930 North Western Avenue HE. 2704

BOATING
FISHING



SWIMMING
HIKING

ARCHERY EXHIBITION SUNDAY, 2:30 P. M.
BY CHIEF LITTLE BISON

1928-05-19 LA Evening Express
*Archery Exhibition Sunday by
Chief Little Bison*

1928-06-29 Pasadena Evening
Post
*Full page ad on Twin Lakes, 4th
of July Dance with Orchestra, 8
miles of roads have been built,
water and electricity to every lot.*

Section Two **PASADENA EVENING POST** Section Two
PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING, SAT. 21, 1928

MOUNTAINS, DESERT, LAKES AND BEACHES BECOMING TO PASADENANS AS VACATION SEASON IS OPENED



**WIFE'S LOWER
SHOT, PLACE
PUNCT' FALLS**

**SCHOOL WALL
COST PLAYED
BY LEHRBACH**

**Friendship in Metropolitan
Districts Is Big Factor in
Twin Lakes Park Popularity**

**SEEKS SOME
ONE TO SUE
WITH BOARD**

**STREET CAR
AUTO CRASH
ONE INJURED**

Twin Lakes Park Sales Efforts all local

CHIEF INSTRUCTS BOYS IN ANCIENT ART OF ARCHERY



Above, Chief Little Bison showing how his ancestors brought down the lordly buffalo in days of yore. Twin Lakes park was the scene of this gathering.

Second only to the enthusiasm of interest at Los Angeles' nearest which swimming and other aquatic sports are receiving at Twin Lakes Park, archery offers a high point

URGE OPENING OF NEW ROAD

The Mines field, established by the City Council recently as the municipal airport, will be reached from Wilshire district, Hollywood, Beverly Hills directly by Highland and La Brea avenues when they join as one important boulevard over Baldwin Hills.

This is another reason Los Angeles Investment Company officials state, why this boulevard should be opened at as an early date as possible. Already, they point out, Mesa drive has carried over 26,000 cars daily, and when Highland-La Brea is opened, it will be meeting a demand which should give this much-needed highway an equal amount of traffic.

The route outlined for these important boulevards will traverse this district a direct, quick outlet to Hollywood and San Fernando visitor at the park in the Santa Susanna mountains and he has a large following of adults and children now eager to learn more about bows and arrows.

According to John Woods, sales manager of Twin Lakes, archery contests, horseback riding, swimming and boating will be available for all visitors at the park every Sunday for the balance of the summer. Here in the region famed as California's "garden of the south" one mile north of Chatsworth only 25 miles from Hollywood Mayan village is being created those who enjoy mountain recreation without the necessity of of hard driving over poor and heavy grades. "Plan to visit Twin Lakes this week-end," is invitation of Mr. Woods.

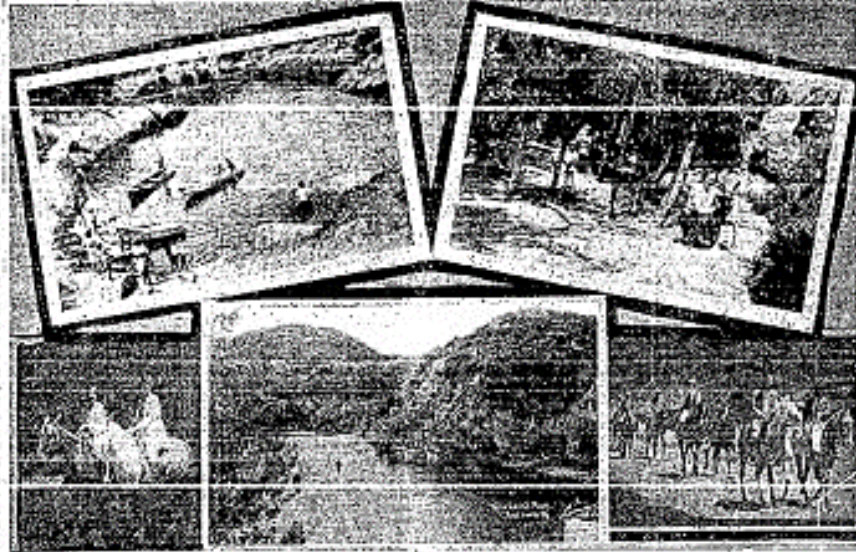
1928-08-04 LA Evening Express

Chief instructs Boys in Ancient Art of Archery

1928-08-24 Van Nuys News
25 mountain homes have been built already. 100 acres of common grounds, and 500 acres of subdivided land.

Rush Development of Twin Lakes Project

An expanding recreational center in the site of developers of Twin Lakes Park in the northwest corner of San Fernando Valley. Below are typical scenes at the park.



North (separate attention is being given the new recreational development project of Twin Lakes Park, mountain playground in the rugged scenery of the extreme northwestern corner of San Fernando Valley. Location, with two beautiful lakes suitable for fishing, boating and kindred water sports, with wooded grounds for tennis, basketball, riding and the like, one of the sections of Valley conditions—these are the characteristics of Twin Lakes Park.

The project is but twenty miles from Van Nuys and a single mile into the mountains, back Chatsworth, rapid to some of the wind-swept terrain of the pleistocene Santa Susanna mountains area.

While the main field is a 100-acre reservation set aside for public games, and half for the use of private parties, in the district surrounding them are more than 200 acres of choice land which is being subdivided by the sales company since the opening of Twin Lakes Park, approximately 200,000 has been expended in various improvements, while the program for the coming year calls for an additional expenditure of at least \$75,000 in the development work. Already extensive mountain roads have been built, and it is stated, some 200 or 300 others plan the erection of cabins and homes in the future.

Sweden bonds will start helping in 1930 says of Indian squares about September 1. The Mountain White district in Washington will begin making \$2,500 cars two wheel motor and the Twin Lakes section has about 200 cars to go during about the same time.

- The marketing and sales efforts for both developments differed.
- Twin Lakes was touting existing and future improvements, while Deer Lake Highlands was promoting sales at non-local county fairs.
- The October 1929 stock market crash ended the Roaring 20's.
- There were no promotional advertisements of Deer Lake Highlands or Twin Lakes after 1929.



The History of Twin Lakes and Deer Lake Highlands

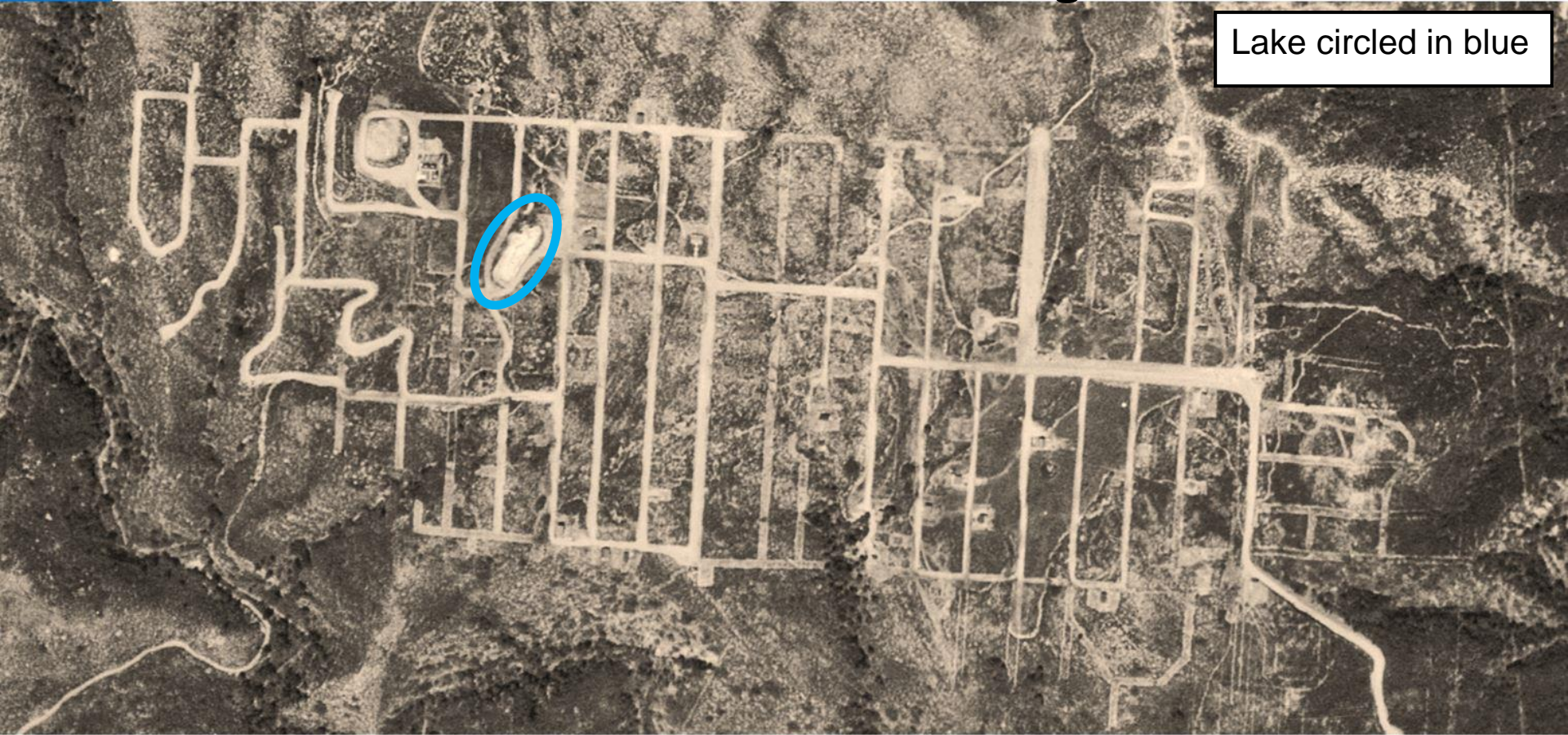
1928 UCSB aerial Twin Lakes

Devil Canyon dam/bridge
circled in yellow



1928 UCSB aerial Deer Lake Highlands

Lake circled in blue



1940/41 Topographical Map

1940/41 Chatsworth/Zelzah Topo map.

Each black square identifies a home/building. The brown lines signify a change in elevation of 50 ft.

Notice Mayan Drive at left.

There are 23 homes/buildings in Deer Lake Highlands, and a lake circled in blue.

There are 46 homes/buildings in Twin Lakes -- 10 north of the dam/bridge, 36 below the dam/bridge. Raymond Lake is circled in blue, Brown's Canyon Lake is silted up, circled in blue.

County Fire Station 75 is circled in red



1927 Deer Lake Highlands Boy Scout Cabin

In Oct 1927, the Van Nuys News reported that a Boy Scout cabin will be completed soon at Deer Lake Highlands.

It will have a large fireplace, a 20x30 living room, and a 10x10 kitchen.

SCOUT CABIN TO BE FINISHED SOON

Work on the Boy Scout cabin at Deer Lake Highlands is progressing rapidly. The residents of the communities of Chatsworth, Weeks Community, Owensmouth and Reseda have given generously to the project and the Legion men of the Owensmouth post are doing the work. About twenty of the men worked Saturday. They have the foundation in. They expect to put the cabin up very soon. It is to consist of a large living room 20 feet by 30 feet, with a large fireplace at one end and a 10 by 10 kitchen.

1927 Deer Lake Highlands Boy Scout Cabin



"Troop 10" written in foundation

2014 Photos of remains of the 1927 Reseda Boy Scout Troop 10 cabin at Deer Lake Highlands

1920's-40's

In Aug 1928, one newspaper reports 25 mountain homes have been built in Twin Lakes.

In 1931 a rural postal route was sought, as the Twin Lakes Park district was changing from a summer resort to a home section, and fifteen families made application for mail service.

During the depression of the 1930's, owners were unable to meet taxes on the lots, and the Twin Lakes company paid the delinquent taxes and took title.

Approximately 59 homes were built by 1940.

Jim Summers states that after a heavy winter in the late 30's, the lower lake at Brown's Canyon silted up to the level of the dam.

Around 1947, Raymond Lake went dry following a drought. In 1948, the gate on the Devil Canyon dam was opened, and is still open today.

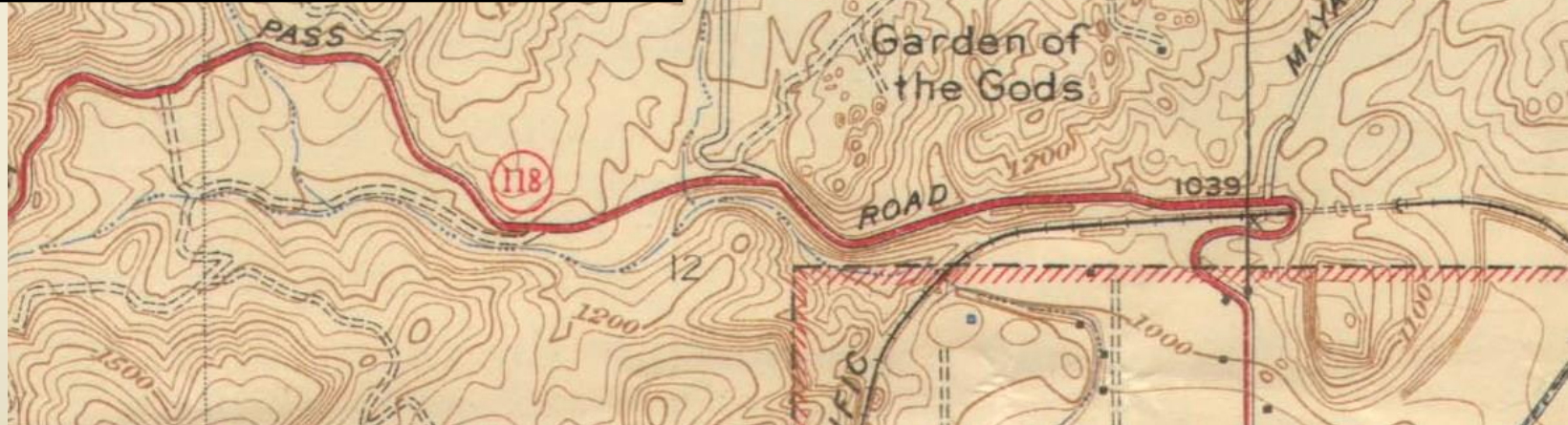
1940 Chatsworth Topo map. Each black square identifies a home. The brown lines signify a change in elevation of 50 ft.

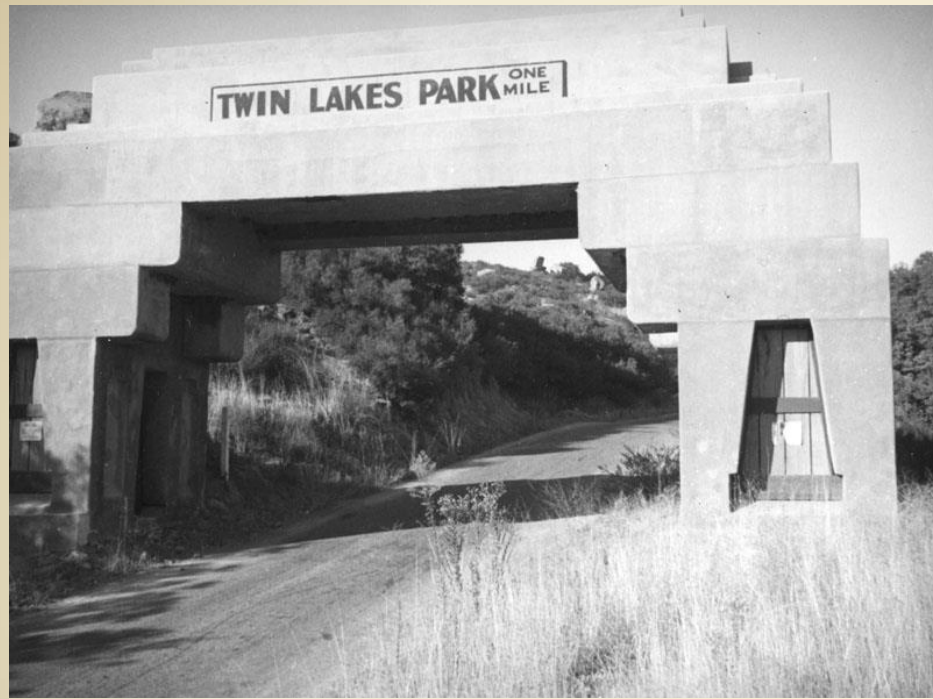
Notice Mayan Drive to the right, connecting to Santa Susana Pass Rd

Today's Indian Hills Mobile Home park is marked with a green star. It is relatively flat, and was where the Iverson Ranch Western Town movie sets were located.

County Fire Station 75 is circled in red

Mayan Drive History





1937 photos of the front and back of the Twin Lakes Park Entrance Archway, located 80 feet north of Santa Susana Pass Road.

Mayan Drive was accessible from Santa Susana Pass Road before the continuation of Topanga to the 118 freeway in the 1970's.



1933 Stoney
Point, looking
south.

Twin Lakes Park
Entrance Archway
on Mayan Drive is
identified with red
arrow.



1959 Aerial view of Stoney Point looking south, before Topanga went through to the 118 fwy.

Mayan Drive is identified with the red arrow.



Enlargement of the previous slide.

Mayan Drive entrance archway has been removed, but the foundations for the arch are identified by the red arrows.

The Mayan Drive Arch was destroyed in the September 24, 1954 Chatsworth fire.



From the top of Stoney Point looking north.

Topanga extension to the 118 freeway under construction, 1966.

Mayan Drive still in use.

Notice freeway buildup to the upper right.

Also note the water tank for the mobile home park at the upper left.



- This 1937 photo was taken from Mayan Drive about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Santa Susana Pass Road.
- The rock formation is visible today on the east side of Topanga, just south of the 118 freeway.



Fire Station 75 History

- In 1934 the Twin Lakes Park Company granted conditional use of their land to the LA County Forestry Department for the purposes of fire prevention and suppression.
- Fire Station 75 operated the station located at 21880 Mayan Drive from 1935 to 1967.
- The construction of the 118 Freeway required a move to a new location.
- Today Los Angeles County Fire Station 75 is occupying an eight room converted house at 23310 Lake Manor Drive.



The photo above is circa 1934, at the southwest corner of Chatsworth and Topanga, facing west. The sign reads “LA County Forestry Dept. Chatsworth Patrol Station Soledad Division”. This photo was taken before they moved to the Mayan Drive location.

Fire Station 75 History

- A 1940 Topo Map of Chatsworth. Each small square or dot represents a house.
- Fire Station 75, located at 21880 Mayan Drive is identified as the solid square within the red circle.
- The “flat” area to the southwest of the station is where the Iverson Ranch Western town movie sets were located. Today it is the Indian Hills Mobile Home park.



Fire Station 75 History

These 1937 photos from the LA County Fire Department Photo Archives show the Mayan Road location.

The picture to the right is looking south; Stoney Point is behind the water tower.

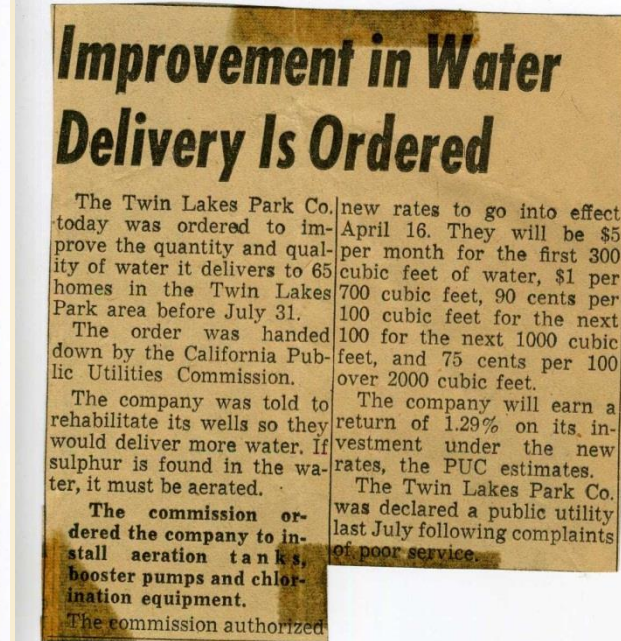


Water problems at Twin Lakes

- 1951 – A new well is drilled at a depth of 200 ft., for a cost of \$3,000.
- 1951 - A water rationing program limits use for domestic purposes only.
- 1955 – pumps and pipe are replaced/repared in wells #2 and #3. The Twin Lakes Park Company (TLPC) tells residents it may consider operating under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission.
- 1956 – The Twin Lakes Property Owners Inc. file a Superior Court suit against TLPC asking that a license fee agreement started in 1927 be rescinded and that liens on property be removed.

Water problems at Twin Lakes

- 1957 – Residents appear before the Public Utility Commission and ask that the TLPC be placed under PUC control. Sixty four residents charged their water service was frequently interrupted and that they were buying air instead of water.
- The picture at right is of Catherine Leverton and Mary Sterling holding a jar of “Muddy Fluid” for their drinking water.



Water problems at Twin Lakes

- 1959 – Residents file a formal protest with the State Public Utility Commission as water conditions do not improve.
- In 1963, a bond issue was passed by the Las Virgines Water District, establishing a water tank in Indian Springs that now supplies Twin Lakes with their water.

History continued

- As of 1962, the Twin Lake Park Co. owned about 450 lots, plus other raw acreage, totaling 200 acres. The president of the Twin Lakes Park Co. was W. L. Lawrence, son-in-law of George W. Haight.
- 1970 – The Newhall-Malibu fire of September 1970 destroys about half of the 60 homes in Twin Lakes.
- 1975 – A November fire hits Twin Lakes.

About 1970 Devil Canyon Dam overflow

Since that time, the county has installed a series of debris dams in Devil Canyon to slow and control the water flow, and catch debris





The dams are debris dams built in 1971. There is one near the [southern end of Devil Canyon](#) by the Indian Springs townhomes (Above) and 1.5 miles north by the fork with [Blind Canyon and Ybarra Canyons](#) (At the right)
(source: Tom Nachtrab, Dean Fields)



Robles photos

Dam cleanup



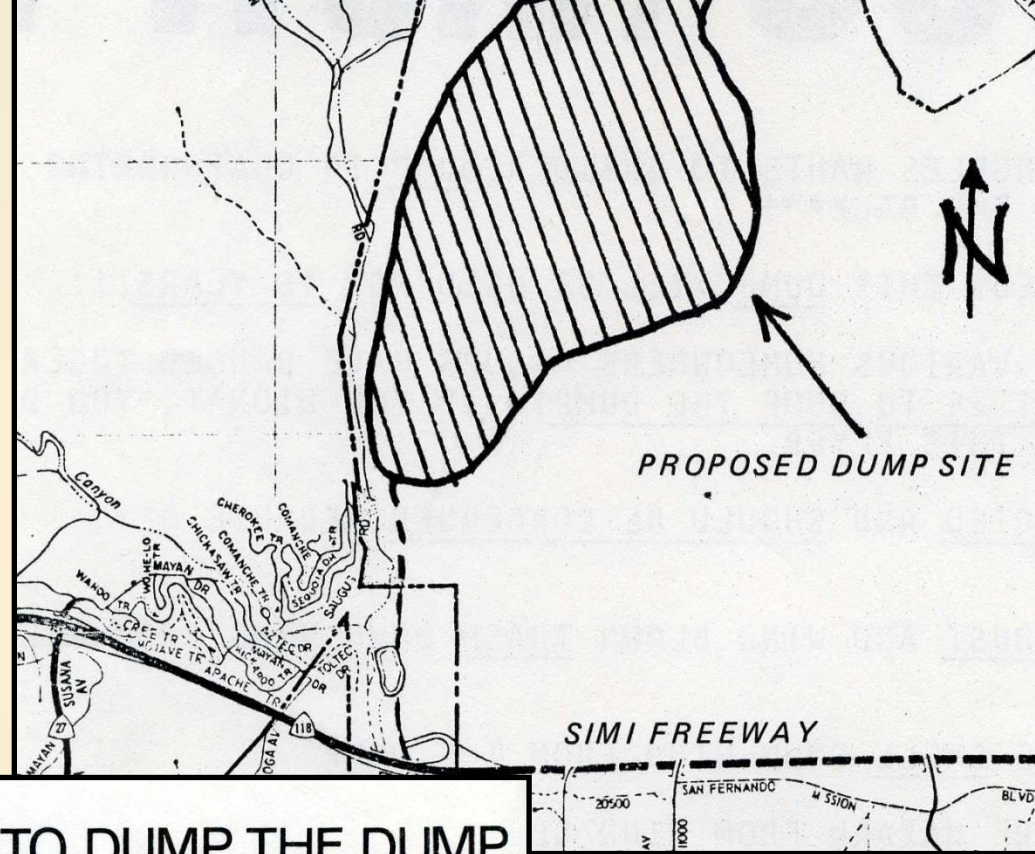
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History continued

- 1975 – The City of Los Angeles proposes a 440 acre dump site in Brown's Canyon. 1,000 dump trucks a day for 45 years.
- Local Residents create the Dump the Dump Committee, which collects 3,000+ petition signatures
- 1977 – The City Council votes 11-0 to abandon plans for the dump.



THE COMMITTEE TO DUMP THE DUMP
P.O. BOX 491 · CHATSWORTH, CA. 91311

1978 Firefighting problems at Devil Canyon Dam

- The only access to lots and homes north of Devil Canyon was the 10 ft wide, 50 ft high, 91 ft long bridge roadway, on top of a private dam bridge built in 1906. (source: 1978-06-08 LATimes)
- In 1978 the county determined that heavy firefighting equipment would not be able to enter the area.
- At that time, there were only eight homes north of the bridge, in the Twin Lakes development (none in Deer Lake Highlands)

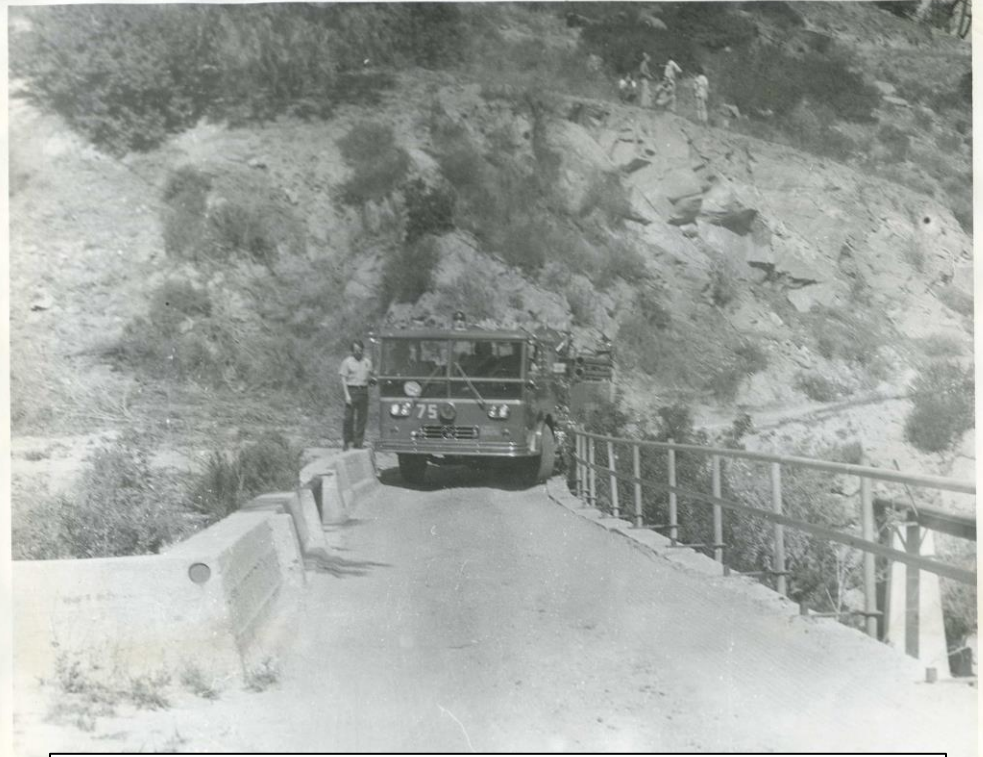


Image of the bridge and County Fire Dept 75 at the bridge (source: Twin Lakes photo archives)

History continued

- 1978 – Fire Department declares Devil Canyon Bridge unsafe for fire trucks. Emergency situations will be limited to small fires and rescue operations on the 10 foot wide, 91 foot long, 51 foot high roadway.
- 1979 – 20 photos were made identifying shoddy construction by the homeowners.
- 1989 – The LA County Board of Supervisors prepares a community plan for Twin Lakes. In its background report, it identifies 304 lots, (204 south of Devil Canyon, 100 north), of which 98 are developed with single family units. The number of lots has been reduced from those created in 1927 due to the combination of small lots.
- As a result of the 1989 community plan, Twin Lakes was identified as the first LA County Community Standards District, establishing operating rules unique for the community of Twin Lakes.
- 1994 – It was proposed to make Twin Lakes a gated community.
- 2008 – The October 2008 fire burns another home.

2015
Deer Lake Highlands
History Hike

- On July 25, 2015, Dean Fields took a group of his regulars and a few Chatsworth folks on a Historic Hike to Brown's Canyon Dam and Deer Lake Highlands.
- The [History Hike](#) was well documented by Dean on facebook (follow link above), and includes over 100 photos of the hike at [Hiking with Dean](#)

Note: right-click the links above to open in new tab



- This was our first chance to put our feet on the ground and explore Deer Lake Highlands, soon to turn into a 314 unit housing development
- We were joined by President of the Twin Lakes POA Vanessa Waters and her husband Mark, as well as other historians.
- The hike was 4 ½ miles long, and had a gain from 1,100 ft to 1,500 ft.



Deerlake Ranch Construction

Next... A two-minute video

Available on YouTube as

“Jan 2016 Deerlake Ranch Goats clear the land before grading”

<https://youtu.be/ePlcj3-v7rA>

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Next... A one-minute video

Available on YouTube as

“2017 Deerlake Ranch Poema Dirt Conveyor Movie”

https://youtu.be/ACpk2cHO_oQ



Stories and Legends

- In the 30's one of the homes was a brothel, and the girls would sit around on the porch in harem pants.
- One of the homes was previously a sheriff's station, and the home next door was the jail. When a later owner was remodeling, he found bars in one of the walls.
- The Captain and Tennille lived in Twin Lakes on Cree Trail.

"Dec 2012 - Dear Ann:

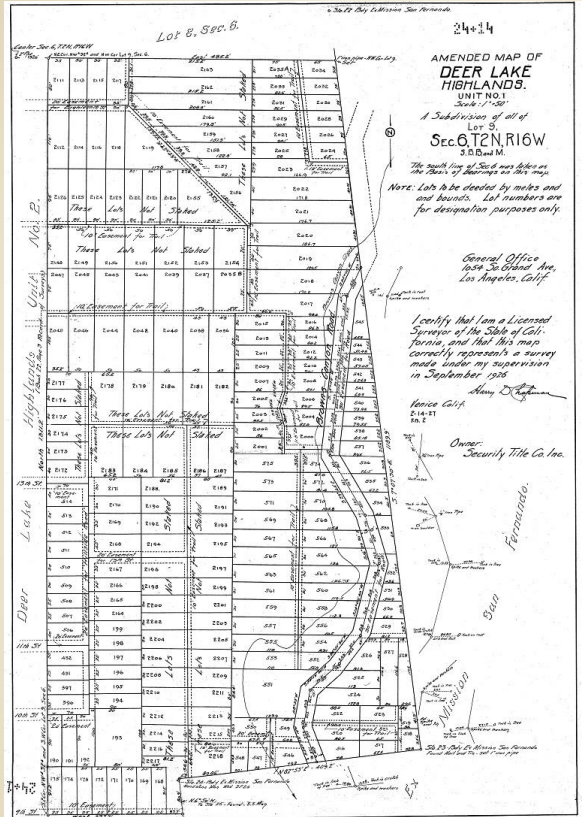
We rented the historic, tiny home on Cree Trail for a few years (\$200.00 per month). Toni wrote a hit record called THE WAY I WANT TO TOUCH YOU, and I did the arrangement for LOVE WILL KEEP US TOGETHER in that home as well. We got our A&M Records recording contract at that time (1974), and when we received our first royalties check - we moved and bought a home in Pacific Palisades.

Daryl Dragon"

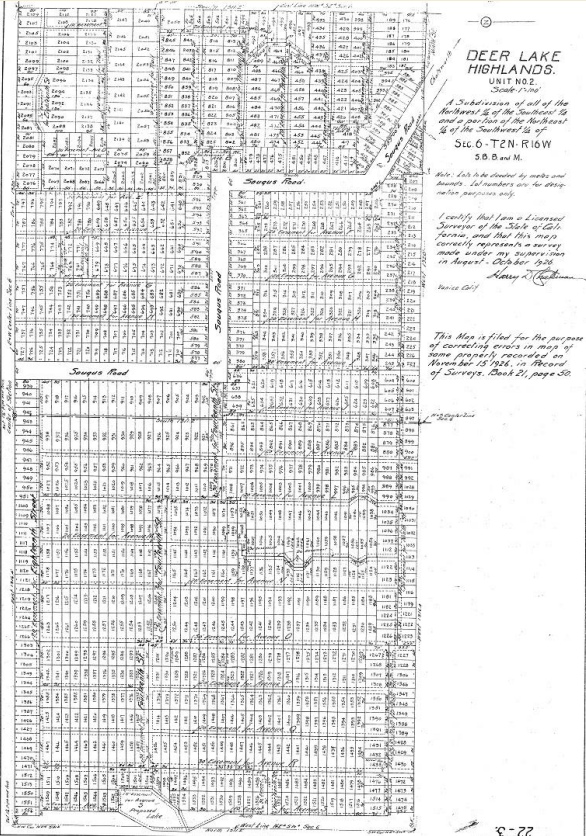
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- Hike leader and Historian Dean Fields [2015-07-25 Deerlake Highlands Hike on Facebook](#)
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Appendix – Deer Lake Highlands Parcel Maps Units 1 & 2

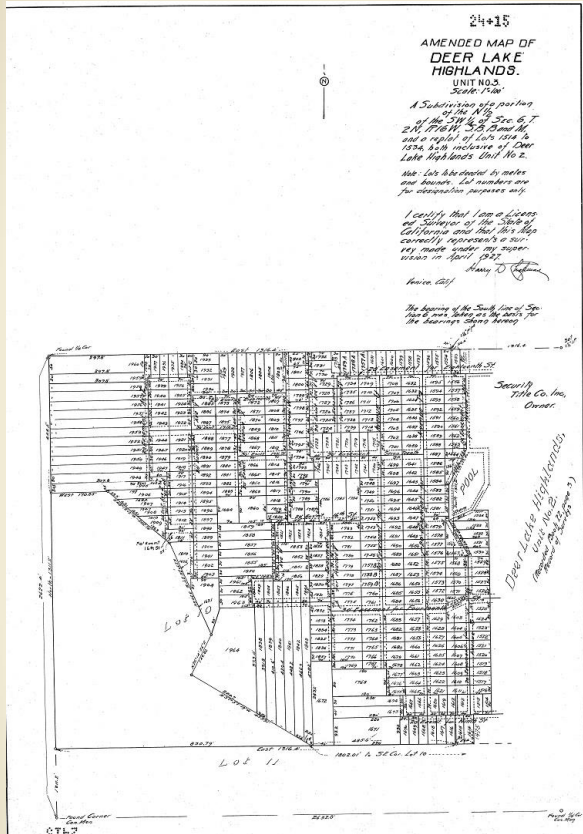


Unit 1 Sept 1926
Owner Security Title Co.

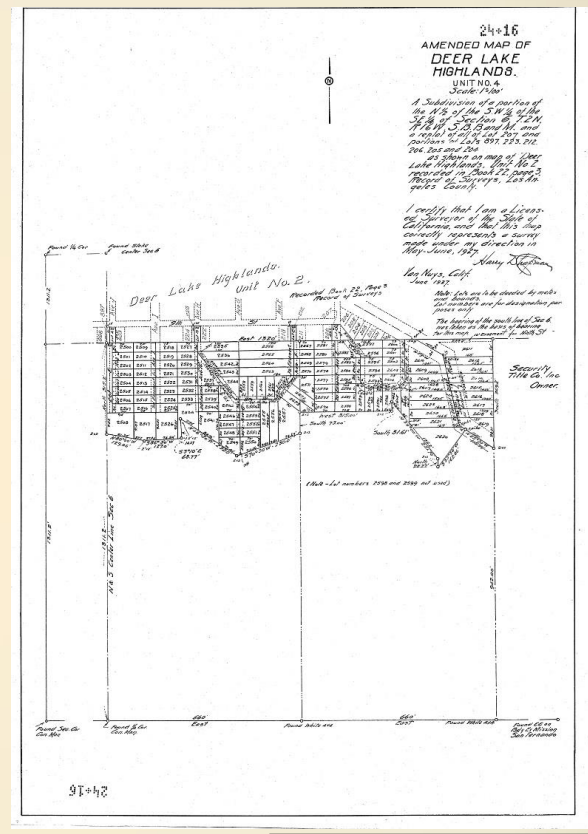


Unit 2 Oct 1926

Appendix – Deer Lake Highlands Parcel Maps Units 3 & 4

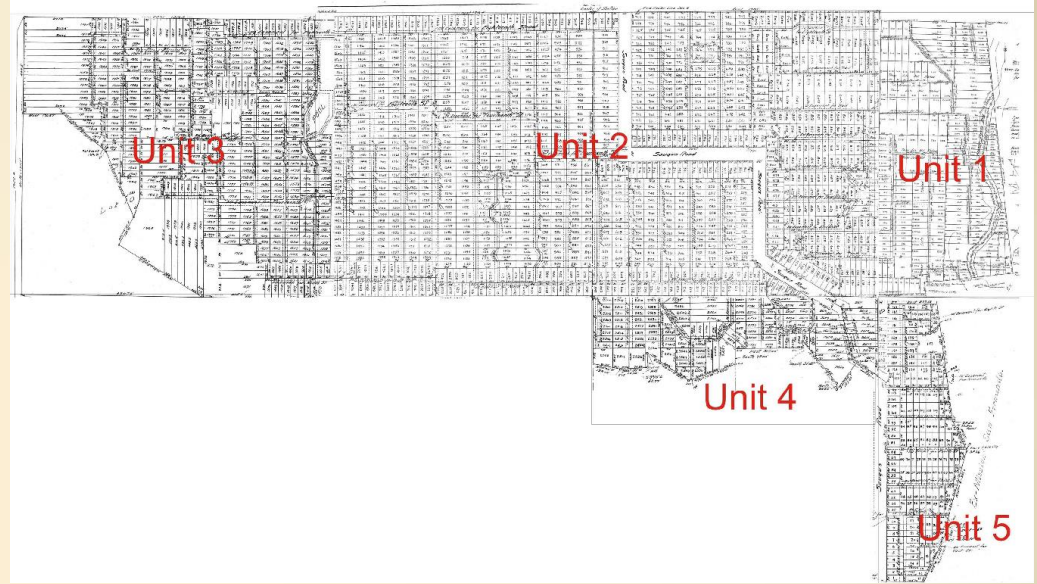
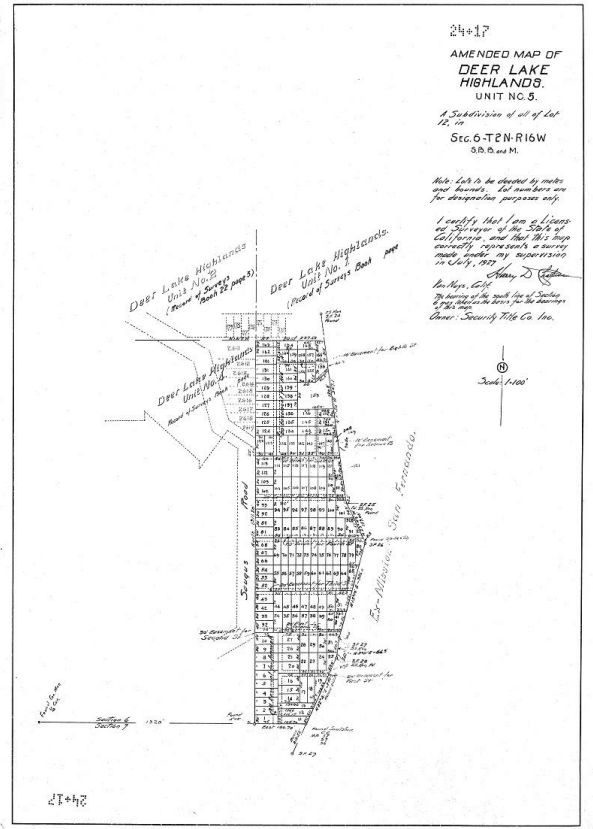


Unit 3 Apr 1927
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Unit 4 Jun 1927
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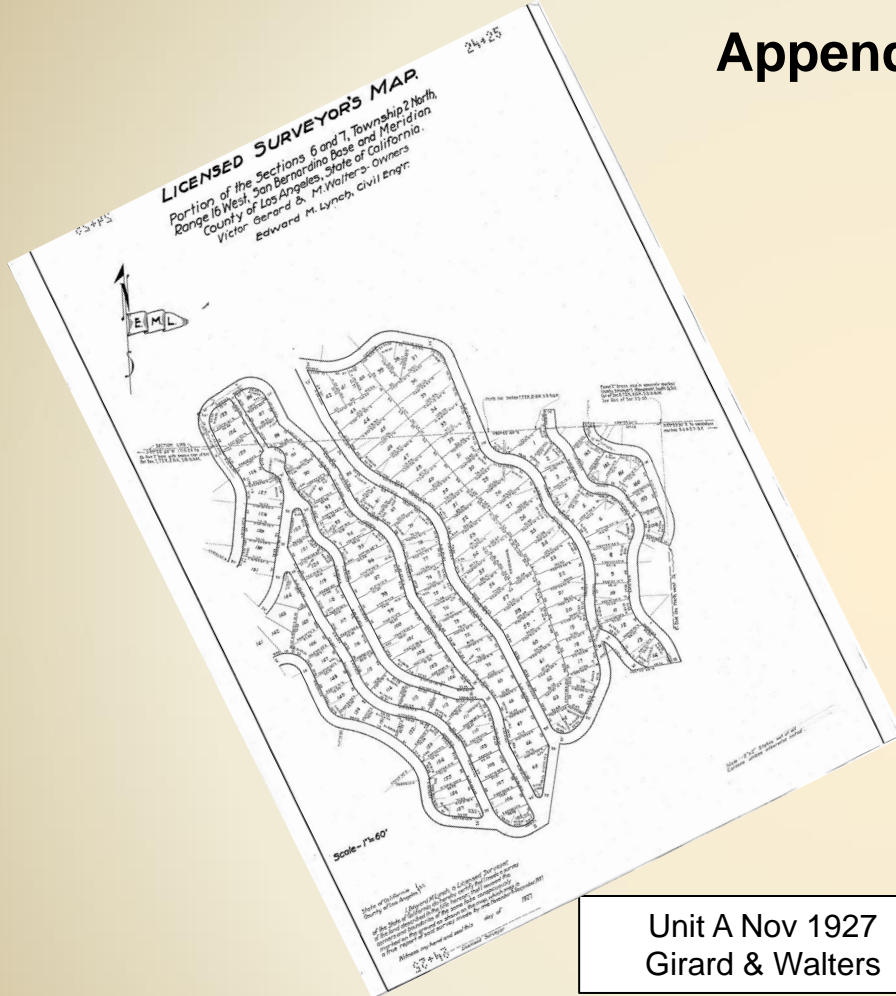
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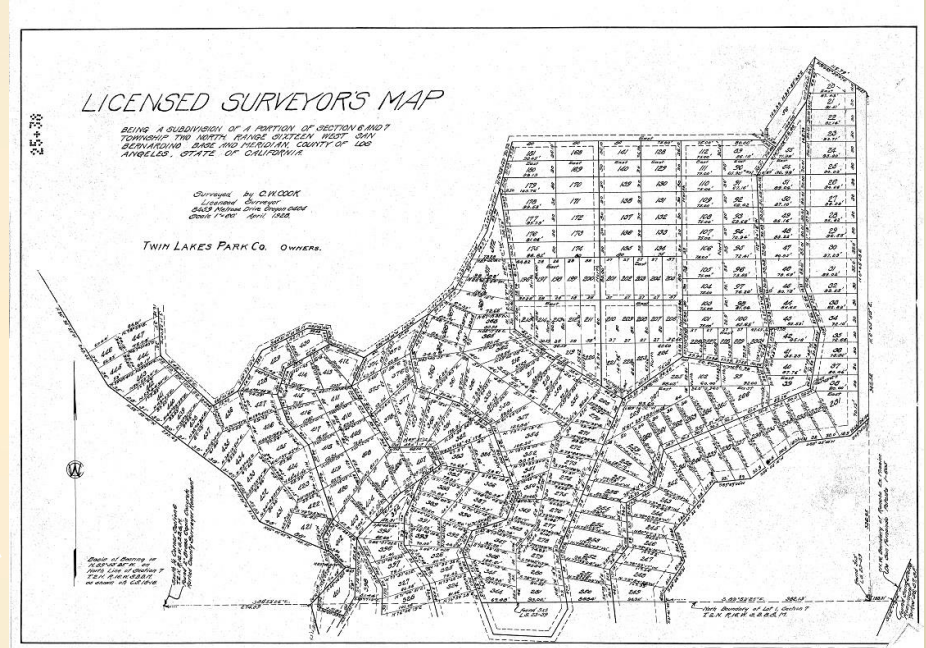
All 5 units Sep 26 to Jul 1927
2,624 lots

Unit 5 Jul 1927
Security Title Co. Owner

Appendix – Twin Lakes Parcel Maps Unit A & Unit B

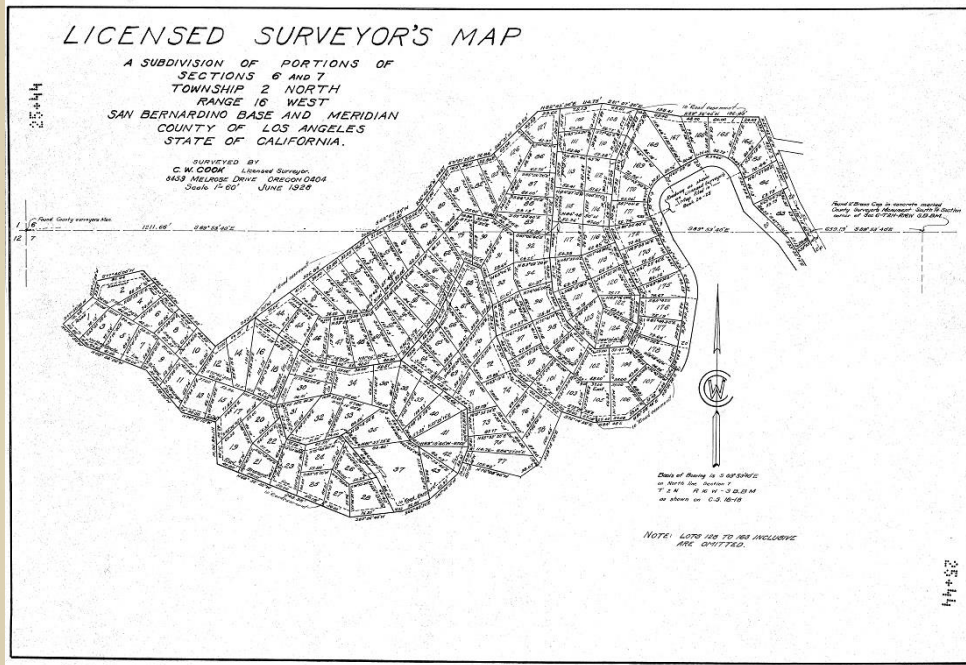


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 Girard & Walters

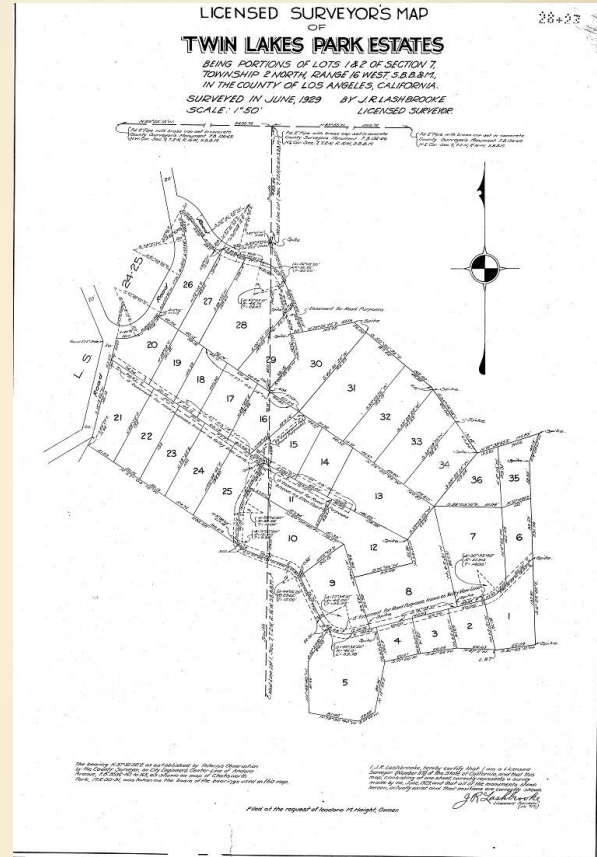


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Appendix – Twin Lakes Parcel Maps Unit B final & Unit C



Unit C Jun 1928



Unit H Jun 1929
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Appendix – Twin Lakes Park Map

