

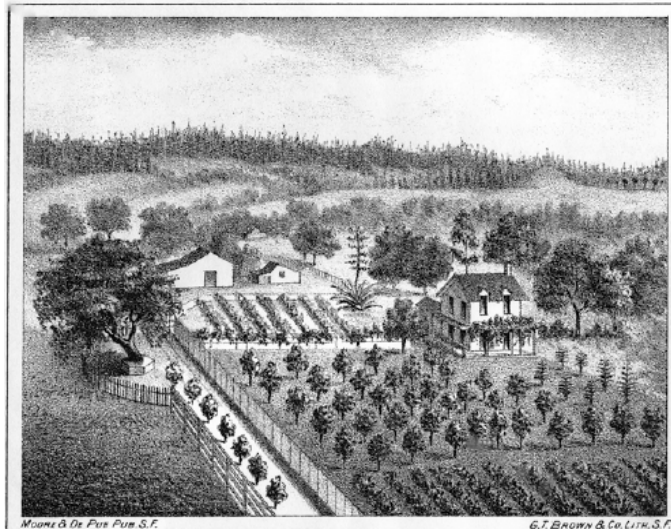
History of the Grove on Liberty Hall Lane

The Grove sits on a portion of the former farm of Theodore and Mina Finger.

The Fingers emigrated from Germany in the 1840's, eventually finding their way to California in the 1850's. In 1855, the Fingers purchased the 13.45 acres that became known as the Finger Farm. Today that property can be described approximately as El Camino Real to Warwick, Cordilleras Creek to Finger Avenue, encompassing all of the street.

The Fingers planted their land with fruit trees and table and wine grapes. For many decades they ran a successful vineyard.

The Finger Farmhouse still stands (slightly altered over the years) adjacent to the Grove. Theodore and Mina raised their three natural and four adopted children in the Farmhouse.



The home was described as an atmosphere of self-respectful dignity where flowers bloomed all the year, where vine and orchard tree fruited abundantly and deliciously, where good cheer tempered by simplicity was part of the daily regime – an indescribable blending of old-world courtesy and new world informality.

All were welcome to their home. The Fingers named their Farmhouse “**Liberty Hall**”.

For the local community, the Fingers created the **Finger Grove** for picnics and other gatherings. It was a patch of woods that sat at the westernmost end of their property – at the end of Finger Lane. The street's name changed to Finger Avenue in 1906 when the property was subdivided. A pavilion was built for dances. Fraternal organizations, churches, and private citizens all enjoyed their many celebrations at the **Finger Grove**.

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