

HUNTINGTON BEACH-
HISTORY

Reference Drawer



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*The Newland House
19820 Beach Boulevard*

The Newland House, built in 1898 by Huntington Beach pioneer William Taylor Newland, has been called the most historically significant site in the city, according to an archaeological-historical survey commissioned by the City Council.

"During the early 1900's, agricultural activity represented the principal industry of the area, with the Huntington Beach-Fountain Valley farmers producing millions of pounds of table vegetables for the cities of San Diego and San Francisco", said the survey by Archaeological Resources, Inc. of Costa Mesa.

The property consisted of 1,000 acres and was part of a Spanish land grant held by Abel Stearns. Reaching from Yorktown Avenue to Atlanta Avenue and facing Beach Boulevard (then known as Hampshire Avenue), the ranch produced crops of celery, lima beans, sugar beets and chili peppers.

Early records tell the story of Mr. Newland's participation in the forming of Orange County. He organized the first bank in the city and established the first newspaper.

Mary Juanita and William Taylor Newland's cultural contributions included the first school in 1903 and construction of the first church.

Through the combined efforts of the Huntington Beach Historical Society, the City of Huntington Beach and the community, restoration was begun and the house was dedicated as our city's "Heritage" contribution to the 1976 Bicentennial celebration on June 14, 1976.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors designated the house as "Orange County Historical Site #9" on September 19, 1976.

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