

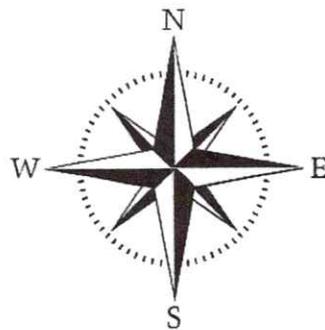
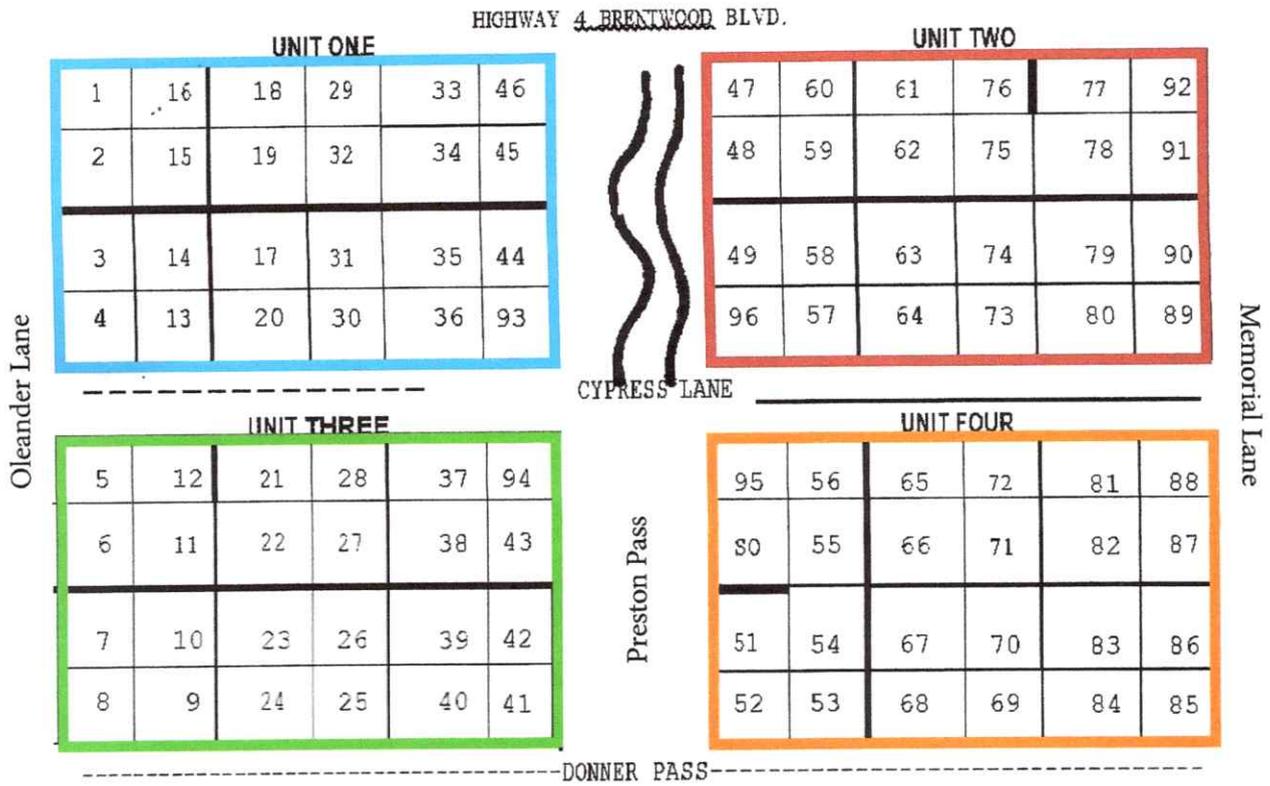
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UNIT 2

SEE FILE FOR THE BOUNDARY MAP.

DETAILED PIONEER UNIT AREA

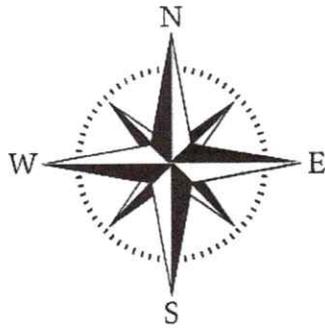
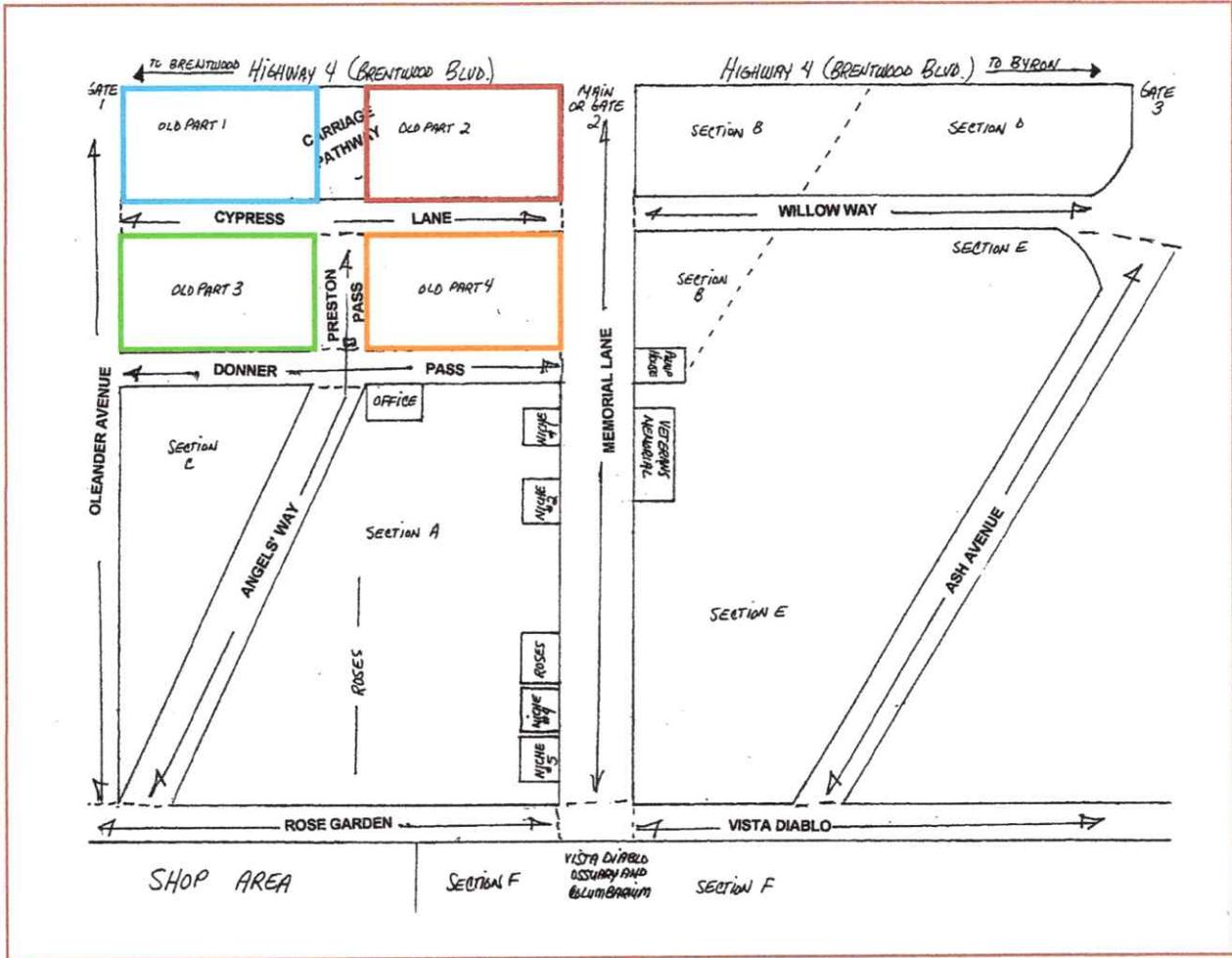
Old Units 1, 2, 3 & 4



UNION CEMETERY

Pioneer Units located at top left

Units 1 (Blue), 2 (Red), 3 (Green), & 4 (Orange)



UNIT 1

Glass, John - we know very little about him except that he was an early grain farmer in the Point of Timber area. Glass' gravestone is unique in the Union Cemetery. It incorporates the organizational symbol of the Ancient Order of United Workmen (AOUW). This was a "fraternal organization similar in its rights to the Masonic Lodge. It was the first of the fraternal benefit societies" which were the first organization to offer insurance as well as sickness, accident, death and burial policies.

Hill, Edna Heidorn was the youngest Christian and Dora's three children. She attended San Jose Normal College now called San Jose State University, for two years and returned in 1912 to teach at Eden Plains School. Family lore has it that as many as three teachers preceding her had been run off by some older students, teenagers and grown men, who had been in the eighth grade for several years. Edna put the bullies in their place making way for the serious students. She became the superintendent of Brentwood School District in 1930 an office she held for seven years before returning to the classroom. In 1955, they named a school in her honor. On May 15, 1964 Edna retired.

Dean, Robert Garwood came to California from New York in 1850 on the schooner Francisco, which turned out to be a seven-month trip. He built a log cabin in Bear Valley intending to prospect for gold, but Indians stole his mule and supplies. He travelled around but eventually he became a wheat farmer and businessman in east Contra Costa. He was the first president of the Bank of Brentwood as financially backed by Balfour Guthrie & Co. He was also instrumental in establishing a High School in Brentwood.

Easton, Margaret has the earliest headstones in the Union Cemetery. She passed away at the age of 10 in 1865. Margaret was moved from the Point of Timber and placed in the Union Cemetery when the cemetery opened. Five other graves date prior to the establishment of the cemetery as they were moved from private land or from the informal Wills ranch graveyard.

UNIT 3

Wilder, Frances was one of five daughters of Captain George Donner, the leader of the ill-fated Donner party. Frances was nearly 7 and 1846 when the 25 men, 15 women, 43 children and 23 ox-drawn wagons became stranded in heavy snow in the Sierras near what is now known as Donner Lake on their trek to California. Infamous for having to resort to cannibalism many froze or starved to death. But young Frances was rescued and taken to Sacramento. She married William Wilder in 1858 and they settled on a farm at the Point of Timber. The Native Daughters of the Golden West, Donner Parlor #193, Byron is aptly named in her honor. Two of William and Frances's grandsons, Delmar and Donner Wilder lived their entire lives in Byron.

UNIT 4

Nunn, Stanley an east Contra Costa County agriculture leader, was known for his fruit and nut orchards. President of the California Almond Growers Exchange, he was involved in agriculture organization both regionally and at the state level. He served on the Liberty Union High School Board for many years and was a Director for the Contra Costa Flood Control District and Water Conservation District. Stanley's father George came to the Brentwood area about 1880 and worked as a grain harvester. Stanley's children: Ron and Shirley still live in the community. Stanley's wife Grace Nunn was the first woman to serve on the Brentwood Park Board of Directors.

Section D

Bristow, William Bill was born in Arkansas arrived in eastern Contra Costa County during the depression as a one-year-old child. He, seven siblings and his parents first lived in Geyserville where his parents worked in the vineyards. The family moved to Brentwood when Bill was in grammar school and worked on Tony Ghiozzi's farm on Marsh Creek Road. The indigent farm labor life found the family in and out of east Contra Costa County as his parents followed seasonal crop work. Eventually Brentwood became home, and Bill graduated from Liberty Union High School excelling in sports. His early desire to become an educator led Bill to San Francisco State University where he graduated in Education with a minor in history. Knightsen Elementary School provided Bill with his first teaching job in an eighth-grade classroom at age 21 and his first administration position five years later. Administrative advancement came rapidly after that as Bill wrote a curriculum and educational modulars for Byron, Knightsen, Brentwood and Liberty School Districts. Appointment as principal of Edna Hill School followed and subsequent employment as the School District Superintendent. Bill held the position of Brentwood's Superintendent of Schools for over 25 years. The William B. Bristow Middle School in Brentwood is named after him.