

# *30 Estrella Avenue, Piedmont*

## WHY IS THERE A LIGHTHOUSE IN PIEDMONT?

As a builder in town, Mr. Bertelsen was excited to build his own house at 30 Estrella Ave in 1921. He had immigrated from Denmark as a young man and married in California. Mr. and Mrs. Bertelsen had a daughter that they named Eleanor.

Mr. Bertelsen was nostalgic for his childhood home, and when he bought his property in Piedmont, he decided to honor his heritage. As a child, Mr. Bertelsen lived by the sea, and played at the beach underneath the local lighthouse.

The lighthouse he built in Piedmont is a replica of his childhood lighthouse in Denmark. Eleanor grew up hearing lighthouse stories, and re-counted them during the 85 years she lived at 30 Estrella.

The second - and current - owners took great care to ensure that the lighthouse stayed in place during the work in 2002, 2003, and 2010 that created the 3-story addition and garden re-models. Their designs are consistent with the lighthouse.

And it still lights up!

