

HISTORIC HOMES  
of  
HERCULES



## FEATURES

**H**ISTORIC HOMES OF HERCULES OFFER YOU turn-of-the-century ambience combined with modern amenities, in a beautiful, yet affordable, bayside setting.

*General features:*

Front porches with turn-of-the-century railings and bannisters  
 Wooden floors  
 Picket fences, fully fenced rear gardens  
 Bay views  
 Prewired for telephone and cable television  
 Traditional steel gutters  
 Handmade Victorian front doors with glass panels  
 Interior laundry room  
 Detached garage  
 Cedar exterior shingles  
 Elegant period light fixtures  
 Designer decor  
 Formal dining room  
 Fire retardant roof  
 Deep baseboards with custom molded redwood trim  
 Color coordinated interiors  
 Double hung wooden sash windows with counterweights and pulleys

Generous closet spaces  
 French doors opening to rear views  
 Rear decks adjoining family dining areas  
 Low maintenance full landscaping  
 Automatic irrigation systems  
 Historic streetscapes and streetlights  
 Gas forced air furnaces  
 Pedestal lavatories  
 Tiled bathtubs with showers  
 Recessed kitchen lighting  
 Automatic garage door openers  
 Brass toilet fittings  
 Countertops  
 Community/pool club membership  
*Kitchens planned for warmth and efficiency:*  
 Counter space  
 Stainless steel sinks  
 Storage space  
 Gas range with black glass fronts  
 Matching dishwashers  
 Open and bright  
 Disposals  
 Characteristic old style floor coverings  
 Old fashioned wooden cabinets  
 Outside views

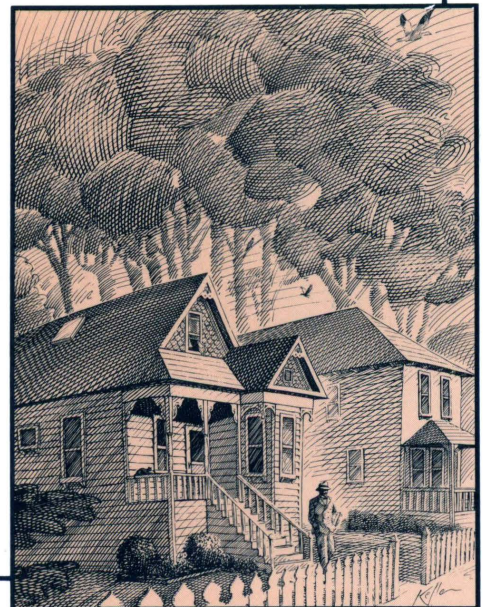
*Added Colonial Revival features:*

Open balustrade staircase  
 Old fashioned coat closets

*Added Queen Anne features:*

Full sized basements  
 Attic storage spaces  
 Skylights  
 Intimate second story master bedroom  
 Study/3rd bedroom options  
 Bay windows  
 Ten foot ceilings  
 Overscale windows  
 Country kitchen atmosphere  
 Cooking islands  
 Unique exterior with fishscale shingles, finials, and scroll work

\*All features not available in all houses





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## OUR PAST

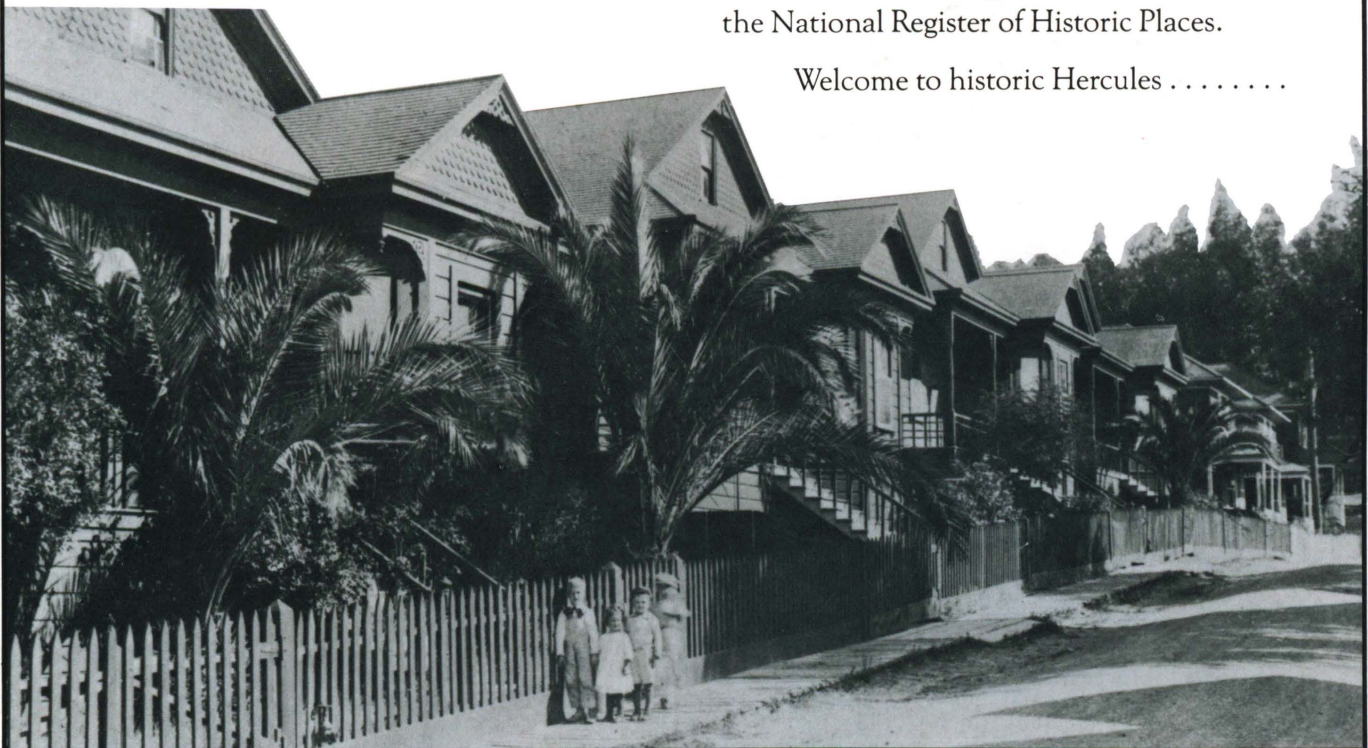
The Town of Hercules was established when the California Powder Works Company moved here in 1879, after the area around their Golden Gate Park facility had become too heavily populated to continue operations there. The town, and eventually the company itself, adopted the name of a potent black powder manufactured by the firm—HERCULES. The company built both the plant and its homes, as well as recreational and health facilities. The scenic, rolling hills overlooking San Pablo Bay proved to be an idyllic setting for what was to become a close knit company town.

In its first decades of operation, the plant became the largest producer of dynamite in the world. It supplied powder to Admiral Dewey's fleet for his defeat of the Spanish at Manila Bay in 1898, and during World War I manufactured more TNT than any other plant in the country.

The Queen Anne style cottages built by the company from about 1890 to 1900 and simpler Colonial Revival style homes built during the following decade lined the few streets. Sheep roamed the surrounding landscape, continually trimming the grass to minimize the threat of grass fires near the dynamite plant.

The twenty Queen Anne and Colonial Revival cottages remaining from the turn of the century have now been restored by AEGIS Corporation in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. Thirteen of the twenty homes were moved from Santa Fe and Hercules Avenues and Park Street in order to recapture the original pattern of development on Bay and Pinole Streets. The resulting neighborhood of homes and the historic district of parks and public buildings which surrounds it are now recorded on the nation's official listing of cultural resources, the National Register of Historic Places.

Welcome to historic Hercules . . . . .



Pinole Street, circa 1920