

# Point Pinos Lighthouse

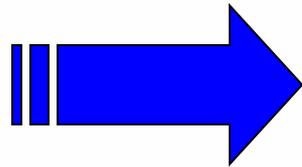


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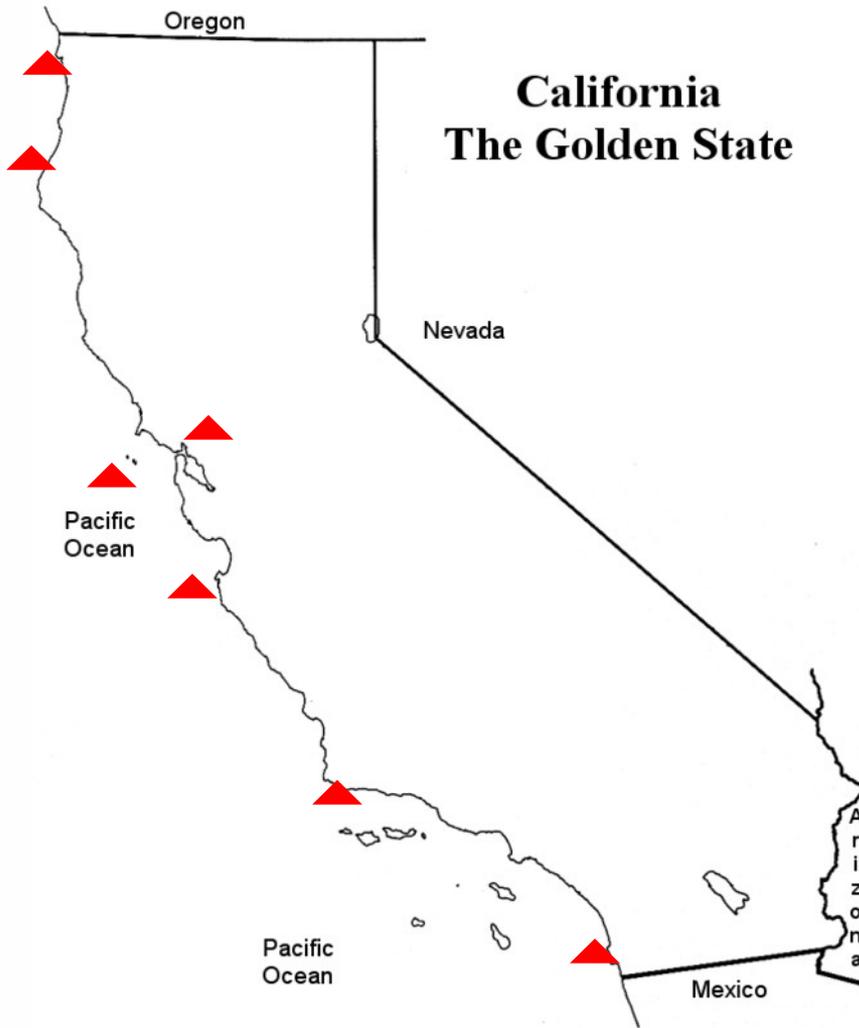
- (1821) Mexico wins independence
- (1848) Gold discovered
- (1849) California became U. S. property with Treaty of Guadalupe
- (1850) California became 31st state



- (1860) The Pony Express carries mail from Missouri to California
- (1869) First westbound train arrived in San Francisco

- (1850) Act of Congress for 6 West Coast Lighthouses
- (1851) Act of Congress for 2 West Coast Lighthouses
- (1852) Secretary of Treasury signs contract
- (1853) Bark Oriole arrives in San Francisco
- (1854) Charles Layton nominated Pt. Pinos Lighthouse Keeper
- (1855) Pt. Pinos Lighthouse begins operation

# In the Beginning....



- Alcatraz Island
- Pt. Conception
- Battery Pt.
- San Diego
- Monterey
- Farallones
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- Humboldt Harbor
- Cape Disappointment

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## SAILING DIRECTIONS

*This anchorage though open to the Northw'd and Westw'd is safe at all seasons of the year. In entering the Bay give the South Shore a good berth in order to avoid Pt. Pinos (the only Pt. where the Pines reach the Sea.) It is best to strike into the Middle of the Bay, but avoid getting too near its head, as the prevailing wind (N.W.) does not generally blow home & there is danger of getting becalmed with a heavy swell setting on to the Beach. When Pt. Pinos bears South, (S. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.,) and the town is plainly in sight, shape a course for the latter, and anchor nearest the Western shore a short distance from the wharf*

*Steamers in thick weather should steer to the Eastward until they shoal the water to 10 fathoms or less, then follow the beach around to the anchorage. By pursuing this course, in coursing from the Southr'd they will be certain that they have passed Point Pinos, and in coming from the North'd that they have not done so.*

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Lighthouse near Monterey



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Mr. Charles Layton, who was wounded in the attempt to capture Anastasio Garcia at Salinas last week has just died, after great bodily suffering. .... Sheriff Keating, with a posse of 9 men, one of whom was Mr. Layton, started from this place for the Salinas, to arrest Garcia, who was suspected of the murder.

Arriving at the destination, they surrounded the house where Garcia was, when they were fired upon from within the building. .... and Layton received a pistol ball that took off the first joint of the index finger, and a second finger at the knuckle. It then struck the hilt of his pistol, and from there glanced transversely to the stomach.

In the melee Layton, being thus wounded, sought the bush for safety, and although he bled copiously, he actually crawled on his hands and knees for about six miles, when he was found and brought to the Washington Hotel .....

Inflammatory symptoms soon became manifest and, after several days of intense suffering, death has finally closed the scene. .... Mr. Layton leaves a wife and four small children...

## In the Beginning....

☞ Charlotte Layton....George Harris....Garcia  
innocent?

## The Luce Years - 1871



## The Luce Years - 1874

Until 1874, the roads or trails zigzagged from the Lighthouse to Monterey across sand dunes, by the sea or over the hills through the woods. Provisions were brought to the Lighthouse station in mule-drawn wagons.

If cream chanced to be on its way to the Lighthouse, the jolting of the wagon did the trick of churning it into butter. Often it would take the better part of a day for the animals to plow through the sand from Monterey to Point Pinos.

On July 20, 1874, the keeper was authorized to fell trees on ... (what) became known as Lighthouse Road.

Quoted from A Piney Paradise by Lucy Neely McLane

## The Luce Years - 1875

SACRAMENTO DAILY RECORD

WEDNESDAY. AUGUST 4. 1875.

A Whale Destroyed Two Whale Boats. Monterey, August 3d.

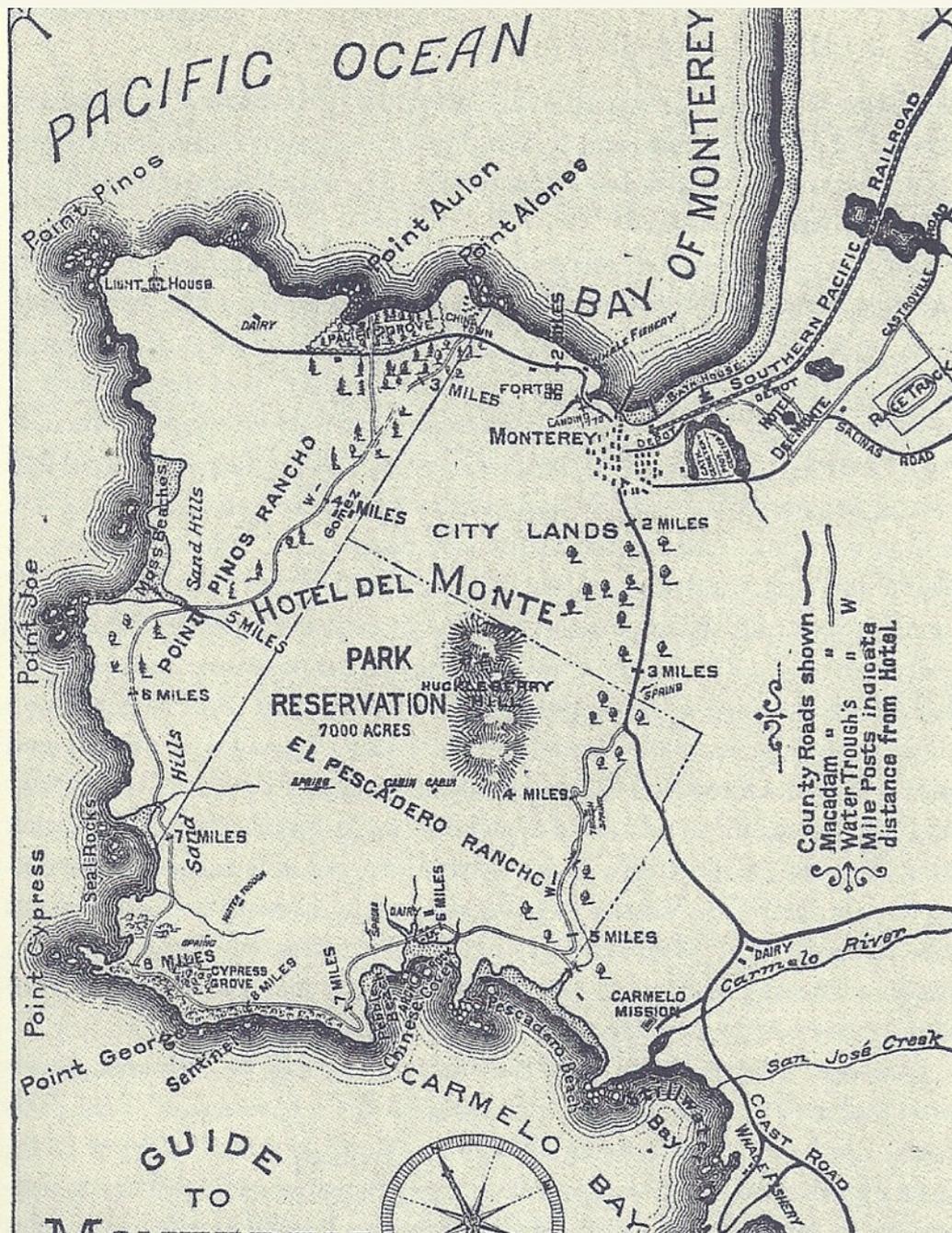
Two whale boats, comprising thirteen men, attacked a sulphur bottom whale off Point Pinos lighthouse this morning. On receiving a discharge from a bomb gun the whale attacked the boats and completely demolished them.

Fortunately a fishing smack was in the neighborhood of the disaster, and saved the men. The wreck of the boats, minus the armament, were towed into port this afternoon.

## The Luce Years (1872-1893)

- 1874 First Train arrives in Monterey
- 1875 Pacific Grove established as a Methodist Retreat
- 1879 Robert Louis Stevenson visits
- 1880 Del Monte Hotel opens
- 1881 17 Mile Drive completed
- 1885 Water piped to lighthouse
- 1890 Pacific Grove population 1500

Quoted from Point Pinos, Pacific Grove, California Lighthouse by J. McCaffery



The Luce Years –  
1886 map

## The Luce Years - circa 1891

