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Miramar Beach / Romero Canyon Creek (Santa Barbara, California)

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Description:

Detailed map of the area near Miramar Beach and Romero Canyon Creek, near Montecito, California.

The map shows the Romero Creek Bridge, the old Right of Way line of the Southern Pacific Railway and is centered on the Fernald Property, location of the Charles Fernald Mansion.

Judge Charles Fernald, was born at North Berwick, Maine, on May 27, 1830. At the age of 18, he left New England for California, arriving at San Francisco June 14, 1849, ultimately joining the California Pioneers' Society. After a few months spent in the mines he returned to San Francisco in November 1849, and was workd for the Morning Post and Alta, the two leading journals of that day.

During the time of his residence in San Francisco, he pursued his law studies. On May 4, 1852, a conflagration again destroyed the growing city and swept away his entire library, which persuaded him to return to Boston. On the trip home, he stopped at Santa Barbara and at Los Angeles, intending to take the Panama steamer at San Diego. On June 30, 1852, he arrived at Santa Barbara, where he met his friends,



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Edward Sherman Hoar and Augustus F. Hinchman, who were among the leading lawyers and citizens of what was then an old and respectable Spanish settlement.

Santa Barbara was then actively fighting against organized set of bandits who were terrorizing the city, which resulted in the resignation of most of Santa Barbara's law enforcment officers. At a public meeting of the leading citizens of the town, a new effort was organized to fight the bandits and re-establish order. Charles Fernald, then 22, was invited to remain and take on the office of County Judge.

Governor John Bigler appointed Fernald to the bench on March 14, 1853, as Judge of Santa Barbara County. He was elected Judge on September 5, 1853, and re-elected in 1857. Among his first official acts was the appointment of Russel Heath to the office of district attorney.

In 1862, Fernald resigned his office on account of the inadequacy of the salary, and entered upon the active practice of his profession in Santa Barbara. Fernald was elected Mayor of the city of Santa Barbara in May, 1882, and held the office for two years.

Detailed Condition: