



## Luttig Park History

Frank Luttig came to California from Wewelsburg, Germany in the 1860s, initially settling in San Francisco where he started his first grocery store. He later worked for the California Steam and Navigation Company as a waiter on a ship (the Yosemite), traveling the Sacramento River between San Francisco and Sacramento. It was during one of Frank's trips to Sacramento that he met Meta Sprock and she convinced him to settle in Sacramento, where they married in 1870 and where he and his partner, Phillip Kestner, started the Golden State Candy Manufactory Shop. In 1872, Frank started his own grocery store at the corner of 9th and N Streets in Sacramento, next door to the Leland Stanford Mansion. Frank's wife, Meta, died in 1879. In the early 1880s Frank, with his 5-year-old son, Henry, moved and took his grocery business to the town of Franklin, where he set up the Franklin General Store. He had decided to move to Franklin to be closer to Meta's parents, who lived in nearby Point Pleasant.

Frank's business was very successful and he soon sent for his niece from Germany, Bernardine Hoffknecht, to help him run the store and care for young Henry. Frank Luttig died in 1889. Henry was only 13 and too young to take over the family business, so Bernardine, who had married Frank Kunsting, operated the store for a time. Henry Luttig eventually took over the store and married Nellie Frey. Henry also served as the Franklin Postmaster for more than 25 years, and built one of the first automobile servicing stations in the region in 1916.

When Henry Luttig Sr. died in 1936, his wife, Nellie, assumed management of the store. Their son, Henry Luttig, Jr., served in the Navy and returned to Franklin in 1943 to take over management of Luttig's Market. He sold the store in 1970 due to health reasons and went on to earn a degree in accounting and work for the State of California until his retirement in 1984.

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