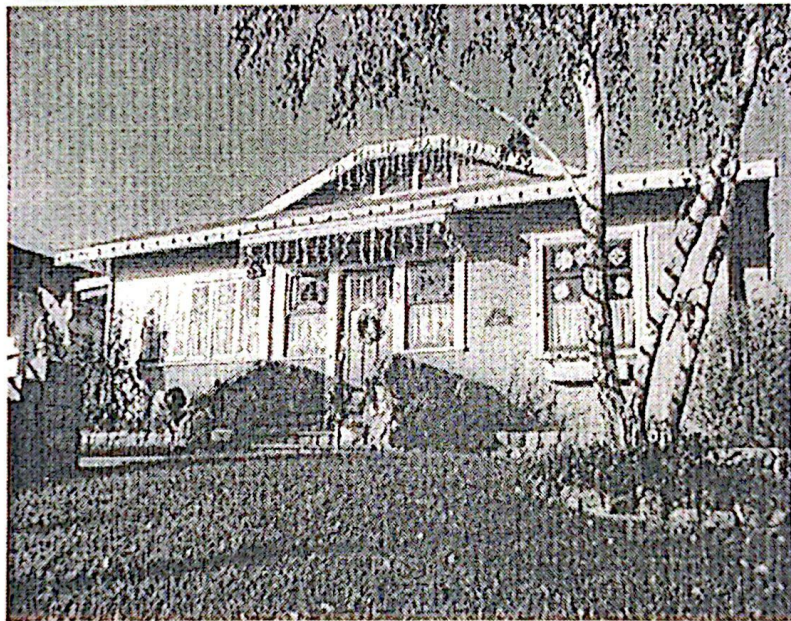


**DR. WALTER DAVIS HOME
PLAQUE CEREMONY**



**Originally located at 200 South Brea Boulevard
Relocated to 101 South Redwood Avenue in 1993
Brea Historic Landmark No. 9**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001

4:30 P.M.

CEREMONY

Welcome

Adrienne Gladson, Associate Planner, City of Brea

Special Remarks

Marty Simonoff, Mayor, City of Brea

Historical Background

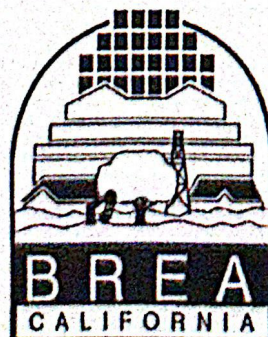
Brian Saul, Vice President of the Brea Historical Society

A few words from the property owner

Michael Muhovich

Unveiling of the Historic Resources Register Plaque

Tour of the home and refreshments.



HISTORY OF DR. DAVIS AND HIS HOME

- Dr. Walter W. Davis set up his practice in Brea shortly after he arrived here with his family prior to 1914.
- His infant daughter died and was buried at Loma Vista Cemetery.
- On July 24, 1918, he volunteered for military duty to serve as a doctor in Europe during World War I. He was one of the first doctors in the county to sign up.
- While on his way overseas, he was delayed for a time at Camp Mills, Long Island, N.Y., where he helped to fight the deadly Spanish influenza epidemic.
- After sailing to Europe and arriving in Liverpool, he was sent to Le Havre, France, where his unit set up a base hospital. Over the next 8 months the hospital moved from Le Havre to Cannes and then to occupied Germany.
- Almost exactly one year after leaving our town, Lieutenant Davis returned to Brea in July 1919 to continue his practice.
- On January 5, 1920, Dr. Davis became one of the charter members of Brea's American Legion Post No. 181.
- A short article appeared in the *Brea Star* newspaper of March 7, 1921, stating that the doctor was thinking about moving his home on the corner of Pomona Ave. (Brea Boulevard) and Birch Street (*the one we're now dedicating*) to the rear of his lot and then build a "modern" house up front. While the new house was being built, he and his family would live in the old home. At the completion of construction the old house would then be moved to another lot in the city and be sold. (*All this never happened. If it had, we probably wouldn't be here today.*)

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BREA: OIL, ORANGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- In February 1922, Dr. Davis added two rooms to the front of his office and two others to the residence portion of the structure. The office rooms were comprised of a waiting room and an examination area. (It may also be that the second room served as the doctor's personal office.)
- In the late 1920's the doctor closed his practice in Brea, and the building became a restaurant run by the Ford family.
- On February 5, 1930, Dr. Davis, 49 years old, died at his new Brea home after an illness of several weeks.
- At the end of the 1930's, Mrs. Mike Hogue, whose husband was an early postmaster and later mayor of Brea, opened her "tearoom" in the former office/home. It's said that many local businessmen and women and local teachers enjoyed the cozy atmosphere for noon lunches, as well as dinners in the evening.
- When the tearoom closed, the house again became a residence, which was rented for many years.
- During the following decades, the building was also used as a paint store, a gift shop, a bead store, the office of the Brea Redevelopment Agency, and a police substation.
- In the mid-1980's, it was painted blue and received the nickname, the "Blue Bungalow."
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(compiled by Brian Saul, Vice President, Brea Historical Society)

City of Brea Historic Resources Register

*Site No. 1 - Old City Hall
401 South Brea Boulevard*

*Site No. 2 - Brea Plunge
404 South Walnut*

*Site No. 3 - Old America Legion Hall
495 South Brea Boulevard*

*Site No. 4 - Practice House
255 South Laurel*

*Site No. 5 - Brea Jr. High
400 North Brea Boulevard*

*Site No. 6 - Laurel Elementary School
200 South Flower Avenue*

*Site No. 7 - Pioneer Hall
330 West Elm Street*

*Site No. 8 - Seagraves Fire Truck
soon to be at Fire Station 2*

*Site No. 9 - Dr. Walter W. Davis House
101 South Redwood Avenue*

Site No. 10 - 121 South Redwood Avenue

Site No. 11 - 107 South Redwood Avenue

Site No. 12 - 114 South Redwood Avenue

*Site No. 13 - Charles C. Kinsler House
258 South Redwood Avenue*

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Great news! We now have a new official city landmark!

In a Redwood Ave. ceremony last Wednesday, attended by Mayor Simenoff and other council members, the former home and office of Dr. Walter W. Davis, also known as the "Blue Bungalow," received its official plaque.

Originally located at the southeast corner of Brea Blvd. and Birch St., this historically important structure, built circa 1918, is not only associated with one of our first physicians, but it itself has played a long-time role in the story of our city.

On hand to talk about Dr. Davis and his home was Brea historian Brian Saul who provided a timeline of the doctor's life and the history of the structure.

The timeline reads as follows:

Other structures/artifacts on the Brea Historic Resources Register are the Old City Hall, the Brea Plunge, the old American Legion Building (soon to become Brea's new Museum and Heritage Center), the BOHS Practice House, Brea Jr. High, Laurel School, Pioneer Hall, the Seagraves fire truck, and three additional homes on Redwood Ave. (the Casner House, the "Box House" and the Mitchell House). The final structure on the register is the Kinsler House.



City of Brea

The City of Brea is proud to announce the
Induction of the Dr. Walter W. Davis House
Into the City of Brea's
Historic Resources Register.

The City of Brea and
Homeowners Lori and Mike Muhovich

Cordially invite you to attend a
Ceremony and plaque unveiling

At 101 South Redwood, Brea

Wednesday, December 12, 2001 – 4:30 p.m.

For additional information call Adrienne Gladson at 714/990-7674

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Map of Brea subdivision 1911

As filed with the Orange County Recorders Office
by Ontario Investment Co. in 1911.

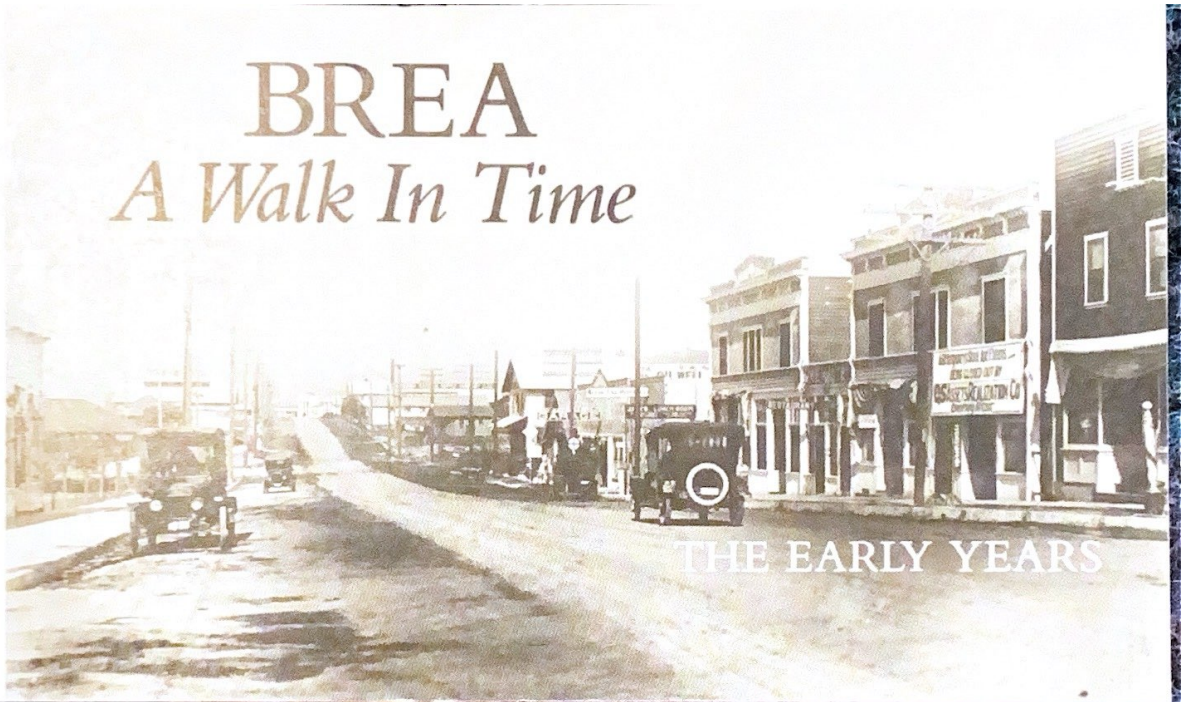
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THE EARLY YEARS

BUSINESSES

158

Flannigan's Gas Station

1922

Ponoma (Brea Blvd.) and Central Avenue

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STREET SCENES

348

Pomona Avenue (Brea Blvd.) Circa 1917
Looking south from Ash.
100 Block. Center of street unpaved,
only oiled.

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STREET SCENES

107

Brea Blvd. looking west on Ash 1919

La Habra Valley, ^{Bank} Sewell Bldg.,
to P.E. Depot, Delaney Bldg. in background

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