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Francisco real estate. There is a Macdonough Kearny street between Bush and Pine. The California was built by his widow, and the Macdonough Company also owned property around Union Square Grant avenue.



MOLLY'S FATHER, Dent Macdonough, who lived on Ormondale Ranch in the house his father had had one brother, Joseph Macdonough III who was a lieutenant in the first World War. Since Molly has no brothers, their father is the last male of the family name. He now raises black angus beef and chickens on the ranch which is still managed by Strong who has been the superintendent for 25 years.

There is a large cow barn on the ranch and they had a dairy when the girls were children. They remember when the Ormondale flock, led by a Ben herder, used to graze all over the 1500-acre ranch with permission, go across country to other Woodside where the fields needed cropping. The Macdonoughs always given Woodside Trail Club members permission to ride over their property, and lots of the girls remember playing a kind of "run, sheep, run" game over the rolling hills of Ormondale Ranch.

There are two main houses on Ormondale. Joseph Macdonough continued to spend her summers and her winters in New York even after husband died and had already planned to occupy the smaller house past summer when she died of a heart attack in 1934.



THE LARGER HOUSE, which was remodeled by adding a swimming pool added when the girls were quite young, was lived in by Dent Macdonough and his first wife, (Worthy) Mitchell, a former Philadelphian, and John Kearsley Mitchell, and grand-daughter of a neurologist, author and poet, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, after their divorce. Mrs. Macdonough and the girls lived in the Ross Valley in Marin county, and Dent Macdonough continued to live at Ormondale with his second wife, Margaret Baillie Leppo, a former wife of Harris Leppo.

Much of the 1500-acre Ormondale Ranch has been sold, and two real estate developments on Portola Avenue in the direction of Stanford University have been promoted. "Westridge," an exclusive tract of two-acre estates