



QUEEN ANNE ALTENHEIM: The Germans in Oakland planned well for their future. In 1891, they pooled their resources and paid \$7,500 for six acres of land overlooking Dimond. They hired architect Charles Mau to design a building to house their *Altenheim*, retirement home. Mau had just built the Masonic Hall in Alameda, inset. Perhaps this structure made a good enough impression on the Germans to prompt them to hire Mau. The architect designed his Alameda building in brick; it still stands. Mau's larger wooden Altenheim, however, burned in July 1908; thankfully, no injuries or fatalities were reported.