

Wappo Map
<https://native-land.ca/maps>



Wappo Woman
 Napa Valley Register

You are standing on the ancestral homeland of the Coast Miwok, Pomo and Wappo Peoples who have lived here continuously for more than 10,000 years.. The name Los Guilicos is a Coast Miwok word for the Wappo Village that once was located just east of here along Calabazas Creek.

In 1905, the property was sold to silver baron Thomas Kearns, a former senator from Utah. Kearns expanded the Hood House and held lavish parties here. Some of his guests were presidents Teddy Roosevelt and William McKinley. Upon his death, newspapers reported that the Los Guilicos property was 'one of the most picturesque and valuable properties in Sonoma County with some of the highest quality fruit, grain and cattle land around.'



Senator Thomas F. Kearns and friends at the Hood Ranch
 - Larry Witham

Los Guilicos, with its rich agricultural history, is an important part of the history of Sonoma County and we think it represents a great opportunity for UC Master Gardeners to help to steward this beautiful site and to help shape its future.

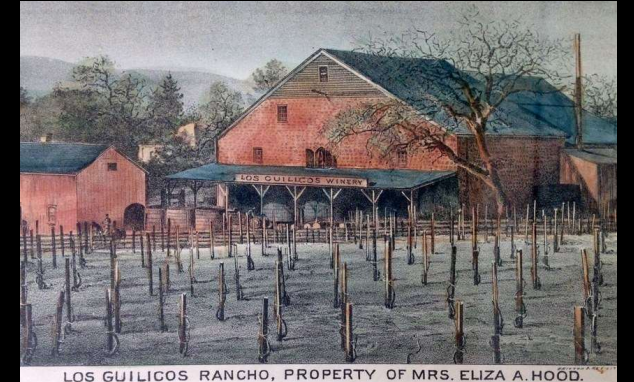
In 1839, The Rancho Los Guilicos was created through a Mexican Land Grant awarded to Sea Captain John Wilson who was married to Ramona Carrillo who was the sister of Mariano Vallejo's wife. The land grant was over 18,000 acres and included most of what we call the Valley of the Moon today including the town of Kenwood, all of Oakmont, and Annadel State Park.



The Knights of Pythias seated in front of the Hood House.
 - Theodore J. Nelson,



Eliza Hood
<https://timgaiser.com>



Los Guilicos Winery
 Britton & Rey, circa 1880

In 1850 the land was sold to William Hood who began to cultivate the land with a vineyard, as well as a crop of wheat oats and hay. In 1855 Hood married Eliza Shaw and built her the 15 room Hood House of locally fired bricks that still stands today just to our North. William Hood became ill in 1877 and Eliza gained control of Los Guilicos. By 1885, she had expanded the winery to 250 acres and began shipping wines to Europe by way of the Santa Rosa Carquinez Railroad. At that time, it was the largest production of any-single grower winery in California. In 1893, she was named one of the most successful women ranchers in California.

In 1925, the property was sold to the fraternal organization called The Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters of California. The Pythians intent was to create a self sufficient farm, retirement community and orphanage for their members a 'Mecca for California Pythians' with acreage set aside for camping and picnicking. The Pythians added a 5 acre chicken ranch and packaged dried peaches and prunes that were sold throughout the state. The entrance drive was planted with Walnut and Fig trees and harvested annually.

After an almost 20 year period of prosperity, the Pythians sold the property to the state of California who repurposed the Hood House and Pythian era buildings into the California School for Girls. In 1970, the County purchased Los Guilicos and has used the property for various purposes including a juvenile detention center, a junior college law enforcement program and Sierra Girls Garden Center. After the Glass fire in 2020, and the subsequent COVID pandemic, the site was largely abandoned and today is home to a number of organizations including the Sonoma County Master Gardeners!



Draft Master Plan Los Guilicos Teaching Garden Site History