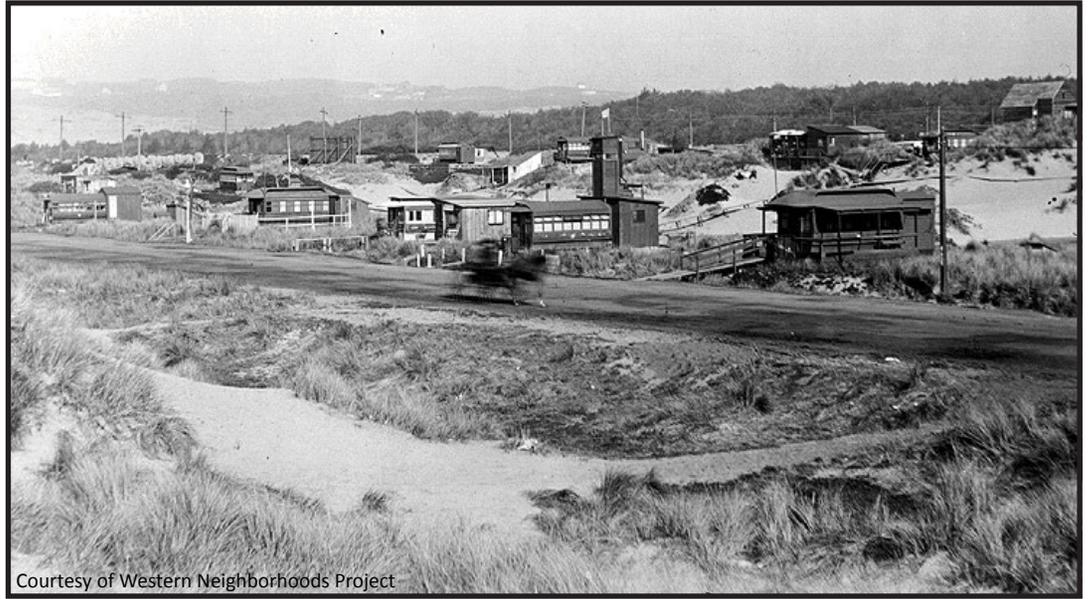


VESTIGES of *Lands End*



Left: Multi-storied homes constructed from abandoned streetcars sit among the dunes at Carville; *Right:* Looking northeast across the Great Highway, 1902.

Carville

This small community of homes and businesses was constructed from the obsolete horse-drawn streetcars of the Market Street Railway Company. Its development began in 1895 when Adolph Sutro purchased several streetcars and parked them on his “Oceanside” tract of land on the Great Highway between La Playa and 48th Avenues, in today’s Outer Richmond district. Sutro intended to sell off the Oceanside lots for the construction of city dwellers’ grand estates, but the rental of the streetcars quickly gained popularity.

Many who purchased the Oceanside lots followed Sutro’s example, bought their own streetcars, and set them up on the plots. Some cars were full-time residences. Other Carville establishments included vacation rentals, a coffee shop, tea room, the Lady Falcons bicycle club, a dinner club, musicians’ haven, and even an Episcopalian church.

The community thrived until the early 1910s when more traditionally styled homes began to be built. Some of the old streetcars were incorporated into newer constructions. Others were moved or demolished. Only one of these streetcar homes is known to exist in the neighborhood today.