

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*

## Point Lobos

Lands End was once part of a large Mexican land grant known as Rancho Punta de Lobos. It was named for its many lobos marinos, meaning sea wolves or sea lions as we call them today.

After California's cessation from Mexico in 1848 the Rancho Punta de Lobos land became part of the City and County of San Francisco. The name Point Lobos survived, referring to the area's westernmost promontory.

This area was relatively remote from the city center and difficult to access, thereby earning its nickname the "Outside Lands". By 1854, a potato farmer had settled in the area, but visits were made by only the most adventuresome.

The area's popularity for recreation was quickly recognized. In 1863 the construction began on the Cliff House and Point Lobos Road, which connected downtown San Francisco to Point Lobos.

In the coming years Point Lobos would experience the development of the Sutro Baths, Sutro Heights, the Cliff House and the many other establishments that have come and gone in the Lands End area.



Bird's eye view of San Francisco showing Lands End in the foreground and downtown San Francisco in the background, by George Goddard 1868. Courtesy of David Rumsey Map collection