

Danville Redwood Grove

A short ceremony in Danville Saturday brought back an instant of the town's rural past and dedicated that memory to the future.

The ceremony was the unveiling of a plaque dedicating a grove of redwood trees to Danville pioneers Charles and Ellie Goold.

The Goolds planted the trees in 1913, at the site of what was their ranch home and is now the site of the new Long's Drug store shopping center complex north of Sycamore Valley Road.

Goold first came to the valley with his family in 1870 to live on the land now known as the Blackhawk Ranch. Ellie Johnson's family had settled in the valley in 1853. The two were married in 1884 and moved to their ranch in 1904. Wanda Goold was born in the ranch house in 1906 and married Gerald Deardorff there in 1933. The two lived in the house until 1971 when they sold the property to Long's.

The ceremony was organized by Dr. William Close, president of the San Ramon Historical Society and by realtor Bill Anderson.

The plaque was donated by Long's Drug company.



REMEMBER - A plaque commemorating early Danville residents Charles and Ellie Goold was dedicated Saturday afternoon. The plaque is on a rock amid redwood trees planted by the Goolds in 1913. The trees are now in the parking lot of the new

Long's Drug Store. Pictured (from left) are Tom Long, chairman of the board of Long's Drugs, Tom Sweeney, Long's Danville store manager, Gerald Deardorff, and Wanda Goold Deardorff, daughter of the Charles Goolds. photo - David Lowell

Goold Family Home Site

Dedicated 1975

