

600 Morgan Street and the Toscani Family



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Built in 1920. Classic example of a California bungalow this was the home of the Toscani family from the 1920s-1940's.



Original owners of 600 Morgan Street: Anthony and Angelina Toscani

Anthony Toscani was born on March 15, 1880, in Switzerland. His Swiss-Italian family immigrated to the United States in 1892 and settled in New Jersey. By 1906, he had relocated to Santa Rosa, California. He married Angelina Lena Maccario of Petaluma on March 16, 1907. They had two children during their marriage – a son Francis and a daughter Angelina.

The family were members of the St. Rose Church and daughter, Angelina, was the president of the Young Ladies Sodality of the St. Rose parish in 1929.

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Anthony was a baker and started out delivering bread in a horse-drawn wagon for the Pioneer French Bakery. The bakery was located on West 7th Street in what is now the West End Historic District (the location of Santa Rosa's early Italian community). Eventually he became a partner and by 1937 is listed as the sole proprietor of the Pioneer French Bakery.

Anthony's son, Francis "Bud" Toscani, made a name for himself playing college football for the Saint Mary's College football team – the Saint Mary Gaels. In 1931 he was selected by the Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA) as a second-team halfback on the 1931 College Football All-American Team. He also played professional football in the National Football League in 1932 for the Chicago Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers.



Bud returned to Santa Rosa and in 1933 married his wife, Lenore, moving into a bungalow just down the street from his parents' house (512 Morgan Street). He entered the family business and became a supervisor at his parent's bakery. In 1941, he was hired as Assistant Football Coach for the Santa Rosa Junior College Bear Cub varsity football team. Sadly, Lenore died of polio in 1943 at the young age of 28 leaving their two daughters Carol Lee and Marlene without a mother.

Both Anthony and Francis moved to Nevada 1948 (possibly due to the proposed new freeway that would run directly in front of their homes). Anthony and Francis continued in the bakery business after the move, working for Franco American Bakery. Francis died in a car accident in 1966. Anthony died a year later on July 11, 1967, in Sparks, Nevada, at the age of 87, and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Santa Rosa, California.