

VESTIGES of *Lands End*

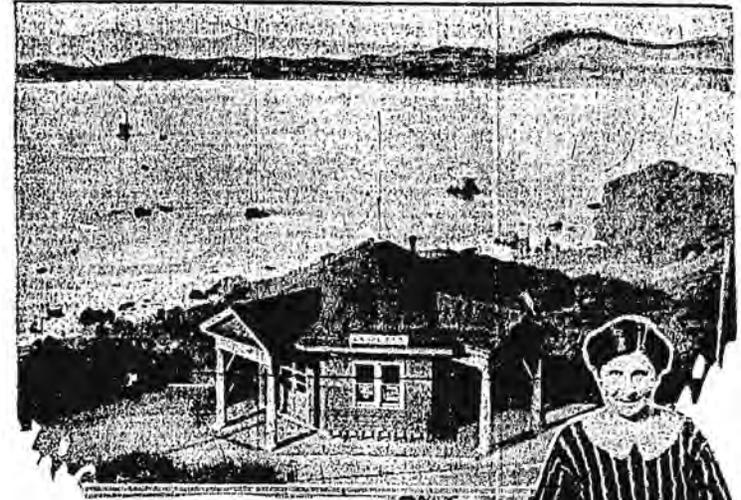
Suicide

Suicides were frequent at Lands End in the late 19th and early 20th century. According to legend, the first was a Spanish woman who fell in love with a mission padre who ultimately chose his faith over her love.

Early newspaper accounts tell of numerous men and women distraught over lost love, financial ruin, and other calamities of the human spirit who chose Lands End as the place to end their lives.

The location became so well-known for these events that by 1916 employees at the City morgue reportedly kept a journal titled "The Death Lure of Lands End" recording suicides that occurred there.

In 1910 San Francisco had the highest rate of suicide in the country. Lands End continued to be the favorite location until the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, which holds the world record for most suicides at a single location.



Goldie Harris, who ran the Lands End Station with her husband, was known for her life saving skills, pulling at least two attempted suicides from the Lands End surf.