



## THE BOHL HOUSE

*Owner: Stein Insurance Agency*

This house (now a business) was restored by J. Lawton Stone in 1967, and was purchased by Glennis and Sylvan Stein in 1968 for use as their insurance agency. It is typical of the early Texan-Alsatian archetype in the 19th century. It still has the original floors and fireplace in the living room (office). Of interest is the uncovered fireplace in the old kitchen area at the back of the house. Today this area is used for storage.

The ladder and staircase visible from the glassed-in porch lead to the attic and are unique in design. A view into the attic reveals the initial construction of the roof. Limestone was used for the walls of the house with stucco over the limestone.

Catholics in the city of LaCoste in the early days had to come to St. Louis Church in Castroville for instruction in order to make their First Communion. Mr. William Jungman of LaCoste, now in his eighties, remembers making the trip to Castroville for instruction, usually on foot or horseback or wagon, and staying with the Bohl Family. He remembers the house and notes that it has not changed.

On a Castro Garden Club pilgrimage in the early 1960s, the house carries the Pioneer Castroville Home (PCH) Marker.