



## THE CHARLES NAEGELIN HOUSE

*Owner: Julie McCrary*

The building of this house was started in 1872 by Charles Naegelin, a Castro colonist, who arrived in Texas as a child in 1847. Mr. Naegelin completed the Alsatian rock home just before he died in 1874.

Since the house was built after the Civil War, the workmanship is better than in the earlier built houses. Both the exterior and interior walls are of native rock which was plentiful in the area at the time. It has 10-foot high ceilings, floors of red longleaf pine, and the inside staircase that is found in many of the early Castroville homes. It also has a standing seam tin roof.

In the parlor, the center of interest is the hand-carved mantel on one of the two fireplaces that are found in the house. The second one is a quaint corner fireplace in one of the bedrooms. It served to heat the room and added to its beauty. Of special note in the bedroom are the lovely window cornices and the unique molding.

The house remained in the Naegelin family until it was sold in 1961. The new and present owner completely restored and furnished the home with antiques in keeping with the tradition of its designation as a Castroville Pioneer Home. It has the PCH Marker.