

Ohhh My Orinda      Forward

I don't know why I thought I should present this material.

Since eventually growing up, kind of, I have always felt lucky to have been raised where and when I was, with two parents and four grandparents who loved me unconditionally even though I was always getting into some kind of trouble.

Orinda is located smack dab in between two world shaping cultural influencers.

To the east lies the recently settled Wild West of ranchers, farmers, and businessmen whose families were dissatisfied with their prior historical living conditions and left, searching for something better.

To the west is the Pacific Ocean and the grand gold rush city of San Francisco with many tendrils and connections to the Far East. Plus UC Berkeley is right over the hill.

Great minds and determined hard working people have always populated Orinda.

The entire San Francisco Bay Area is a wonderfully functioning melting pot of cultures, races, and societies. People come from all over the world just to quickly take in a few of our unique locales, and mix with the fascinating people who live here.

How lucky we are to be a part of the history of the greater world.

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