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Honored Historical Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the nomination of the Los Altos Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for your 2022 Los Altos Historical Preservation Award for the electronic book **Early Settlers of Old Los Altos/Mountain**

View. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zVCdPHDyjtAip4U8eUYO4Akr2xnsX-eS/view?usp=sharing>

I am a member of the Los Altos DAR and I jumped at the invitation to participate in the “at home” project to compile a one page biography of a settler who lived here in the late 19th century. Sixteen of us participated! We began by selecting names from 1876 and 1889 maps of this area then known as the Fremont Township. My eye fell on a tract of land known as the Madigan Subdivision because my own home is recorded in county maps as on a portion of lot 11 of the estate of G. Madigan. This is the area known today as the South Clark neighborhood between El Monte and Springer Roads. History became personal. I was fortunate to find the probate records of Garrett Madigan on line. His story led me to research the merchants he dealt with in old Mountain View and the buyer of the majority of his estate, David Farnsworth, whose home on Rinconada Ct. is one of our Historic Landmarks.

Throughout the project we met several times to share our research and to learn from one another. One of the strongest “take aways” was learning about the individuals who worked together build the community such as the neighbors who joined together to create a local bank which in turn provide the capital for further growth and development.

In summary I hope you will recognize this project because

- it engaged 16 local contributors,
- it covers a period of local history not previously well known,
- it was produced for non-profit educational purposes (It is available on-line and at the History Museum, local libraries (Los Altos and Woodland) and at the local LDS Family History Center.)
- and is not for sale - it is a gift for the community.

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