# Garrett's dairy, South Side Dairy operated in today's Southside Park area

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*Editor's Note: This is part four in a series about dairies that were located in and near the Land Park area.*

Today's Southside Park area also has its own dairy history.

**Garrett's dairy**

This history includes Garrett's dairy, which was established by Hiram Garrett at the southeast corner of 9th and U streets in 1884. He also resided on the same property.

The Garrett family's connection to this land began in about 1874, when John O. Garrett, who was a farmer, began living in a home on this property.

The 1887-88 city directory lists the address of the dairy as 2105 9th St.

Also associated with the dairy as early as 1896 were Harry J. Garrett and Howard W. Garrett.

During that time, among the residents of the grounds of the dairy, which then had the address of 2115 9th St., were Mrs. Marina J. Garrett and Miss Marie Garrett.

The dairy remained in operation until about 1897.

It appears that Hiram Garrett may have been leasing the property where he operated his dairy, since the property was not transferred to him until July 1897, when he acquired "Lots 1 and 2, U and V, Ninth and Tenth streets" from Fannie K. Cross of 722 8th St.

By 1899, Hiram Garrett was residing at 2101 9th St. and working as a gardener at the city cemetery – today's Sacramento Historic City Cemetery at 1000 Broadway.

The 1900 U.S. Census lists Hiram Garrett as a deputy sheriff. He held this position until about 1904, when he became a flagman for the Southern Pacific Company.

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Manuel Fonts, Jr., on left with a carnation in his mouth in this c. 1914 photograph, and Laurindo Silva, delivered milk for the South Side Dairy.

It was also mentioned in the 1900 U.S. Census that Hiram Garrett was born in Ohio in February 1840 and that he had a wife named Emma M. Garrett, who was born in Ohio in April 1846.

The same census lists the couple's son, William A. Garrett, as being a stone cutter, who was born in California in March 1876.

In about 1908, Hiram Garrett began serving as a policeman in Oak Park.

Hiram Garrett's address changed to 910 U St. about two years later.

The city directories of 1911, 1912 and 1913 list Hiram Garrett as a watchman residing at 910 U St.

The 1914 directory is the last city directory to mention Hiram Garrett as being a resident of Sacramento.

The directory of 1915 lists William A. Garrett, who was then working as the engineer of the steamer Red Bluff, as living at 910 U St. But whether this means that Hiram Garrett, who would have been 74 years old at that time, was then deceased, was unknown at the time this article went to press.

**South Side Dairy**

Also located in the area during a latter era was the South Side Dairy.

On file with the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society is a c. 1914 photograph of a South Side Dairy delivery wagon with its accompanying horse and two employees, Manuel Fonts, Jr. (1892-1986) and Laurindo Silva.

Fortunately, the society, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Portuguese historical and cultural heritage, acquired the photograph in the early 1980s.

Had this photograph not become part of the society's historical archives, the existence of the South Side Dairy might not be known of today.

Dolores (Silva) Greenslate, a longtime historian with this organization, recalled obtaining the photograph and adding it to the society's collection.

"I got the photo from Manuel Fonts, Jr.," Greenslate said. "He was a nice man. I knew him personally and I went to school with his kids. We got to talking about the photo and I said, 'I didn't know (the Machados) had a dairy.' And he said, 'Oh, they didn't.' And he was laughing, and he said, 'They didn't have a dairy. (Manuel J. Machado, owner of a grocery store at 500 T Street, near Southside Park) just bought the milk and we delivered it. Laurindo (Silva) and I would just deliver it to the people around town.'"

Greenslate said that she then asked Fonts how the Machados obtained the milk.

"(Fonts) just named somebody that I hadn't even heard of, so it didn't really make any difference to me at that time," Greenslate said. "(Machado) got the milk in cans, not bottles. (Fonts, who was born in the Azores Islands of Portugal) said that people would come (into the store, which opened in about 1914) and they would buy their groceries and want milk and so, they either bought it (at the Machados' store) or it was delivered to them. So, (South Side Dairy) was associated with the grocery store. (Machado) contracted with the man who owned the dairy (to acquire milk) for the store (and deliveries). It was just a side business and it was convenient for the people. (Machado) decided that, with all the Portuguese people in the Southside Park area, he would sell milk there (at the store) or have it delivered to them."

Among Fonts' other jobs in his life was working on the "Colusa," a river sternwheeler freight boat, which was moored in Sacramento and traveled to and from Colusa.

Although research for this article did not result in any date when the South Side Dairy discontinued its operations, it is a possibility that this service ceased existing in 1926, when George Y. Inai became the owner of the 500 T Street store and Manuel J. Machado began his proprietorship of his grocery store at 601 T Street – today's South Side Market.

But however long the South Side Dairy existed, fortunately the lone, aforementioned photograph and the limited known history regarding this business has been retained for current and future generations.


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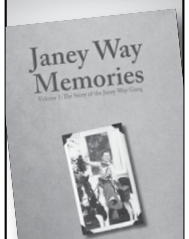


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Land Park author releases first children's book in series

# Kate David describes journey self publishing while raising two children

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When a rainy day threatens to spoil a little girl's plans to play outside, her disappointment quickly disappears when her mother shares a "magical" hat with her. This "magical" hat has the power to whisk the little girl away to any place she imagines. The real magic in "Murphy and the Magical Hat" lies in Land Park children's book author Kate David's message - imagination can lead children from despair to delight in a matter of a few moments.

David reminds parents of the importance of kindling their children's imaginations, particularly, when life seems bleak and boring. David believes it is critically important that children develop resilience to life's disappointments and the book shares that poignant message with parents while delighting the child.

David was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She received her degree in Journalism from Ohio University after numerous higher education creative writing courses. In her prior life, David was in advertising and marketing for both radio and television stations. She feels fortunate to make her lifelong dream of becoming an author a reality, in "Murphy and the Magical Hat."

Sparked from the birth of her daughter, Murphy, in June 2010 in New York City, Kate had spent many days imagining all the adventures she would take with her daughter and the idea for the book began. Kate currently resides right in the heart of Land Park with her two daughters and husband, Jeff. She spends her time caring for her two daughters and working on the next book in the "Murphy and the Magical Hat" series.

David said it's definitely been a challenge working on the book while staying home and raising two children. "Some days are better than others," she said. "It was definitely something that I wanted to do – in regards to the book and certainly to have kids. So I do the best I can."

With two really well-behaved girls, she tries to get work done on her second book during their naps. "It's a lot of work, for sure," she said with a chuckle. "But I don't know, you manage it."

Self-publishing was a huge learning curve for David. After reaching out to agents before she started this process, she got great feedback but no takers on the book, so she decided to self publish. After going through three different companies, she settled with Outskirt Press.

"It was a huge learning curve. I knew nothing about the publishing industry. I'm still learning everyday … I think you have to be prepared for a lot of curve balls," she said.

One of them was the unanticipated cost of self-publishing a book. Another had to do with coordinating the text with the illustrations. And then she also had to choose the font and design the layout of the book. "I thought somebody would have helped me through all of that. You have to do everything even though you are working with a company that will eventually publish the book," she said.

However, she said self-publishing companies can provide a lot of assistance for you if you want it. They guide you through the process – the step-by-step ways of doing it. You are the one making a lot of the decisions.

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David started writing "Murphy and the Magical Hat" when her daughter was 6 months old, or about two years ago and she didn't have a book until this past January.

The illustrator she chose was one she found online named Helen Turner who lives in the United Kingdom. "It's funny, we never met. We communicated through email. She had such a great, creative vision. It just came together perfectly," David said.

"For my first book, I am really pleased with the way it turned out but it was a fantastic, scary, wonderful,

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Children's book author Kate David with her two daughters in their Land Park home.


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