

# ATHERTON'S ICONS

## Celebrating Atherton's 100th Birthday Atherton's Daughters

Faxon Dean Atherton's daughters, Alejandra, Isabella, Elena, and Florence married into prominent families.

Alejandra, the eldest child, married Lawrence Rathbone who was Consul General to Paris in the 1890's. In her youth Alejandra was considered the beauty of the family with her vivid blue eyes, olive skin and dark hair. She remained handsome throughout her life. Alejandra and Lawrence's home at the corner of Alejandra Avenue and El Camino was later used by Menlo College as a dorm, as office and eventually for storage.

Helena Amanda (Elena), pictured in the far right middle photo, married Frederick Macondray, son of San Francisco shipping magnet who died at a young age. Elena then married Percival "Percy" Selby, heir to the 640-acre Selby Property and many years younger – in fact, he was born on the day of her marriage to Frederick!

Isabella Atherton, pictured in the right upper photo, married Enrique Edwards Garriga from a family of Chilean bankers and lived out her life in Chile. She was artistic and good at interior design. Enrique was a lover of books and reportedly only 4 feet tall.

Florence, shown in the photos below, was the youngest and only child to be born in California in 1861. She does not have an Atherton street named after her; however, she married Edward Eyre, Jr., who became Atherton's first mayor in 1923, the year the Town of Atherton was officially incorporated! Their marriage in 1888 linked two of the earliest and most influential Fair Oaks families.



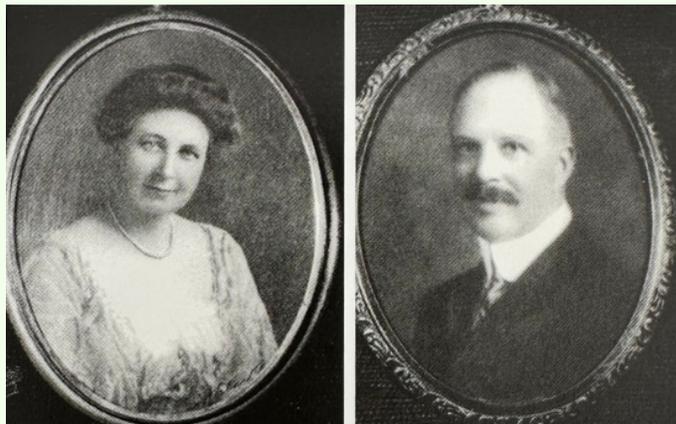
Alejandra, the beauty  
(1844 - 1913)



Isabella, the artist  
(1853 - 1902)



Dominga de Goni Atherton with two of their seven children, Alejandra and Elena



Florence and her husband Edward Eyre, Atherton's First Mayor



Florence sitting in a very early model of an autocar



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**Save the date! Atherton's Centennial Celebration will be on  
September 24, 2023 at Town Center.**