



**THE GREAT
SAN FRANCISCO
FIRE
AND
EARTHQUAKE
APRIL 18, 1906**

Considerations

Why do you think that old-timers referred to the 1906 disaster as “The Great Fire”?

Do peoples’ physical afflictions affect their personalities?

What is “retrofitting”?

Doorstops, bulletin boards, and no-exit elevators

The Outsiders' View

- “If they insist on living on top of the San Andreas Fault so that they can enjoy a fresher orange, a better tan or a more impressive vista that you'd find in Illinois, why should the rest of us have to pay for the millions in federal disaster relief and rebuilding assistance? Forget it. You guys out there, you took your chances. You pay for the rebuilding.” -
- *The Chicago Sun Times*, October 22, 1989
- Did the existence of earthquakes in the San Francisco Bay Area play any part in your decision to live here?

The Great Quake of '65



- A month afterward I enjoyed my first earthquake. It was one which was long called the “great” earthquake, and is doubtless so distinguished till this day. -- Mark Twain

The Great Outdoors

After the first shock, an
minister said:

“Keep your seats! there is
better place to die
this” —

And added, after the third:

“But outside is good enough!”

He then skipped out at the back door.

— Mark Twain



Cloven Street, 1906



“Drunken Row” (Howard Street)



Twisted Pipes

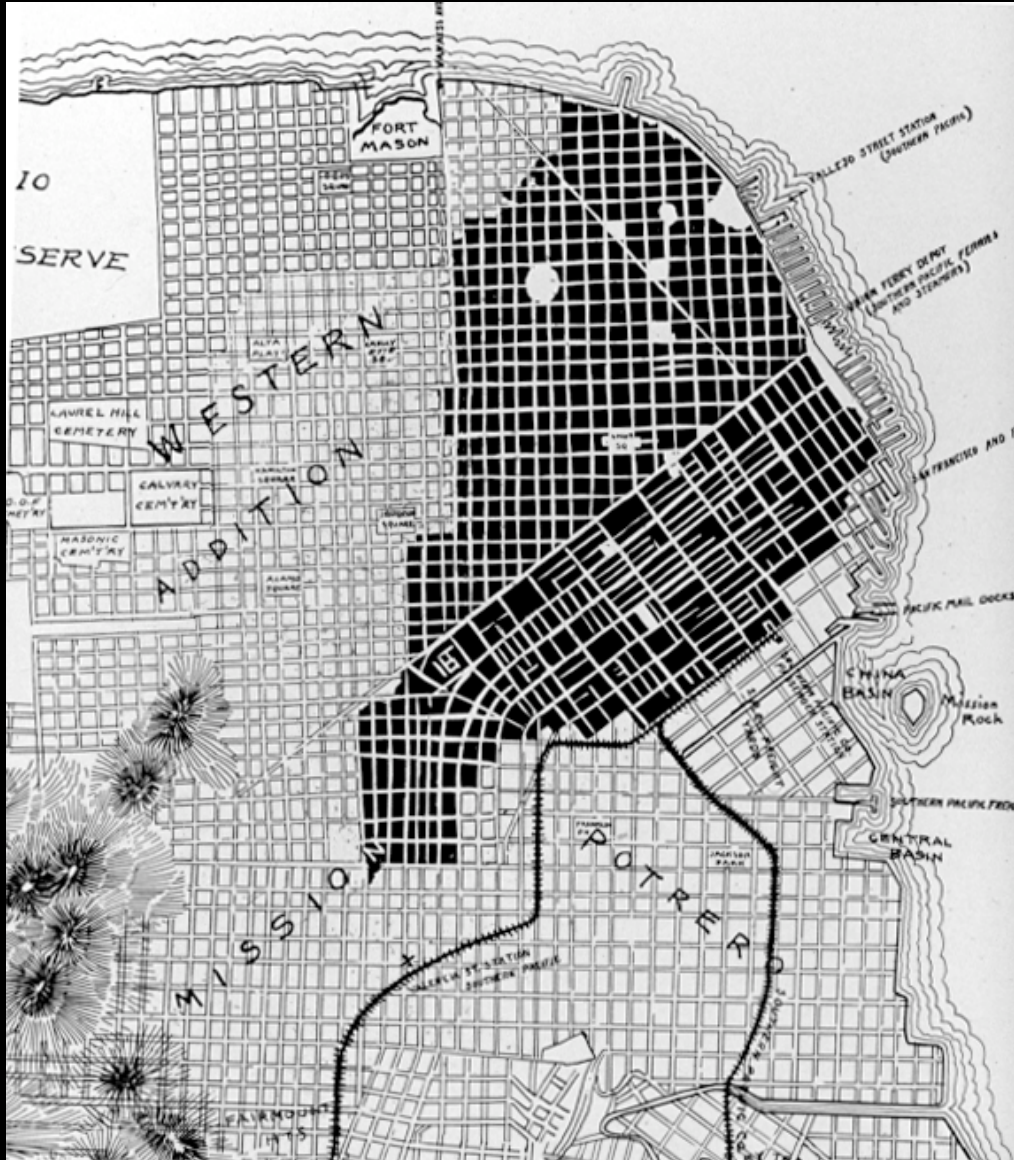


Alamo Square



Van Ness Avenue







Original Footage from April, 1906







Remember what happened when Arnold Genthe went back to his place to retrieve his photos?





Sure, Mrs. Van Bergen is takin' it fine,
Ye'd think she was used to the food;
We're gettin acquainted a-standin' in line,
And it's doin' the both of us good.



Earthquake Housing

At
the
Presidio





San Francisco, 1906



Three Years Later



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