

Springhaven Pagoda at Stonebridge Park, ca. 1890

A MONONA LANDMARK



4200 Block of Winnequah Road

A graceful pagoda on the southeast shore of Lake Monona was built to protect the clear water that flowed from a natural spring. It stands today as a reminder of the peaceful pastoral setting that was once part of a farm owned by Judge E.W. Keyes. The spring was so treasured by Keyes that he not only built this housing for it, but also named his farm Springhaven. Thus the pagoda in Stonebridge Park is referred to as Springhaven or Keyes Springs.

The Keyes' farm was adjacent to the southern end of the Frank Allis property. In the early 1900s the farm was eventually divided into tracts for summer homes but the Stonebridge Park ravine in which the pagoda is located was kept as public property.

Through the years many have enjoyed the serenity of the setting, the wild flowers there, and the water from the spring. In earlier years the children from Nichols School held their end-of-the-year picnics there and used the cool clear spring water to make their lemonade.

Springhaven Pagoda has managed to survive all these years and the natural spring water occasionally flows. Although the Pagoda shows the wear of both time and vandalism, it is hoped that this landmark can be restored to its original graceful charm.

