



*It's Harry Cowell's 150th Birthday*  
*Come Celebrate the Cowell Legacy*

## Harry Cowell's 150th Birthday Party

Born in 1861, Samuel Henry (Harry) Cowell, grew up in Santa Cruz, attending Bay View School with his four siblings. His father, Henry Cowell, amassed a fortune manufacturing lime at the home ranch in Santa Cruz (now UCSC) and elsewhere in California and Washington. The family patriarch was a controversial figure in local history, but the children were much less so and more philanthropically inclined. Eventually, operation of the family business passed to Harry, who became the last surviving member of the family. In 1954 Harry donated part of his vast land holdings to become Cowell Beach in Santa Cruz and Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park near Felton. The UCSC property, Pogonip, Fall Creek, and part of Wilder Ranch were also Cowell lands. When Harry Cowell died in 1955 at age 93, the bulk of the family assets went to the S. H. Cowell Foundation.

**Date:** Saturday, February 19, 2011, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, free.

**Location:** Women's Center, UCSC (From campus main entrance, proceed to first stop light, turn right, park in "A" lot on left. Follow signs to Women's Center. Disabled parking at Women's Center).

**Activities:** Enjoy refreshments, birthday cake, and a short talk on the Cowell family legacy in Santa Cruz County. Optional tour to lime kilns, weather permitting.

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