**Hattie Sprague Walton**

Hattie Sprague Walton was instrumental in the development of the Western Pacific Railyards site in what is now Curtis Park Village, and as such, represents a unique and significant historical thread in the fabric of what eventually became Curtis Park Village.

Hattie Sprague Walton was born to Moses Sprague and Nancy Smith Sprague in 1858, and they lived on what was known as the Sprague homestead, south of the then incorporated city of Sacramento, and north of what eventually became the Western Pacific shops site. (Sacramento Union, Nov. 16, 1909; Sacramento Bee, Feb. 8. 1928; Ancestry, federal census sources; attached map of Sacramento County, Sacramento History Center.)

Hattie Walton was the first known person to deed right-of-way across her land for the Western Pacific line. (Dan Murphy, *Sacramento's Curtis Park*, Arcadia Publishing, 2005; October 12, 1907 Deed (attached.) Other property owners followed, and later Western Pacific acquired the land which it had selected to be its location for its main maintenance shops in Curtis Park. At that time, it was identified as a site between Oak Park and the Sacramento River, south of Y Street (now Broadway). (Sacramento Union, January 11, 1908.) As the Sacramento Union described it at the time, "Placing of the shops at Sacramento means an increase of the right kind of population...." and would be a major employer and economic engine for the Sacramento community. (Ibid.) The property donations and sales to Western Pacific were part of a campaign by local businesses to boost Sacramento as an opportunity for growth as a commercial, financial and railway center. (Chamber of Commerce of Sacramento flyer, attached.)