



Canterbury Woods
Your Place Nestled on the Coast

Location: Pacific Grove, California

Opened: 1965 – The original property of the John Tennant Memorial Home in Pacific Grove is now home to Canterbury Woods, the first of ESC's six Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

Accommodations and Amenities: A community of 150 independent and assisted living accommodations just a short stroll from historic and scenic downtown Pacific Grove. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Canterbury Woods offers residential accommodations and a full-service health center. Residents enjoy access to the acclaimed Monterey Bay and Carmel area amenities.

Of Historical Note: John Tennant was born in County Wexford, Ireland and in 1852, at the age of 43, he and his sister Margaret set sail from the Pool of London to California.

Although it was the height of the Gold Rush, Tennant prospered as a piano and cabinet-maker and was able to purchase several thousand acres of land that Margaret named "Edenvale."

After Tennant's death in 1891, Margaret donated \$30,000 for the construction of a retirement home for the aged and infirm in Pacific Grove. Thus was born the John Tennant Memorial Home.

The home, popularly known as "the Holiday House," subsequently became a retirement home for Episcopal clergy. But by the 1960s that need was no longer required. So, under the inspired leadership of the Reverend Dr. Darby Betts, the site was converted into a modern retirement community. In 1965, Bishop Pike formally opened the new community, presenting the keys to Canterbury Woods' administrators.