

Bancroft Way, and Albert went from real estate broker to telegraph operator. They moved with daughter Marguerite, a music teacher, to the Webster house in 1918. Albert died in early 1921, but Emma lived until 1953 when she died in Pasadena at age 89.

The Darches had been renters. 1730 Webster Street was one of the bay cities properties that Lina intended to "close out" after her marriage. Soon after Albert Darch died, the property was purchased by Amonda Vivetta Troplong Gordon.

Amonda, a stenographer at Dupont de Nemours Powder Company, her brother Paul, and their recently widowed mother were living on Bancroft Way when her marriage to Grant Gilchrist Gordon took place in 1910. The Gordons had one child, Grant, born in 1911. The Gordons lived on Yolo Avenue; Grant was "well-known as the circulation manager for Sunset magazine." His untimely death in January 1921 was most likely the impetus for Amonda to buy the Webster House.

At some point in the 1930s the house was converted to two flats. Before that, a number of different people lived in the house in the 1920s, often seemingly at the same time. Beginning in 1921, Nancy Durbrow, a student from Placerville, and later her mother Mrs. True Durbrow as well, lived in the house. Amonda also lived there. Lina Dabney's one-room cottage would have helped with overcrowding. During 1922, Dozier Finley, a chemical engineer, and his wife Mary, also lived in the Webster Street house, but only for one year. It is a mystery as to why they were there, as they had built a house in 1907 on Ashby Place that was in the family until the 1960s.

In 1923, Amonda married Charles Josef Carey (Class of 1917), who had recently lost his first wife and had two children. The combined family moved into a large house at 2828 Webster Street and then to a Julia Morgan-designed house at 2900 Derby. Amonda built a two-room cottage in the rear of 2730 in 1929, which was a home for her then-grown son for a time. Amonda retained ownership of both Webster Street houses, even after the Careys moved to Sacramento, where Charles was Deputy Director of the California Department of Agriculture. Charles died in 1959; Amonda in 1965. Amonda's son Grant, who like his father was in the magazine business, and his own family, lived in the house at 2730 Webster Street until the early 1950s.

Amonda's maiden name, Troplong, rang a bell with me. I had only seen that name once before: the real estate agent who sold us our house in 1951 had the middle name of Troplong. Amonda's sister was Ora Mercedes Juanita Troplong Cohen Clark. Amonda and Ora were the daughters of Octavius Bartholomew Troplong, who was serving on the Philippine Supreme Court when he died there in 1908. Ora married Joseph Ward Cohen in 1909. A son was born in 1920. He was given the initial "J" as a temporary first name, with the idea that he could choose a name later. Instead, he kept the "J" and eventually became known to the world as J. T. Ward, creator of Rocky and Bullwinkle.