

they will constitute a work of the greatest local importance and interest.

Previous to the passage of the first Charter, A. J. Moon, Edson Adams and Horace W. Carpentier had settled upon the land now occupied by the city, made a map of the eastern portion, and in accordance with its lines sold lots and blocks, giving quitclaim deeds, transferring their right, title and interest. They erected the first buildings, and were in point of fact the founders of the city. A small population had been attracted here, sufficient to require a town government.

The Board of Trustees first elected consisted of A. W. Barrell, A. J. Moon, Edson Adams, A. Marier and A. Staples. Mr. Marier was elected President of the Board, and A. S. Hurlbutt was appointed Secretary. May seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, Mr. Barrell introduced a bill or ordinance for the "disposal of the water front belonging to the Town of Oakland, and to provide for the construction of wharves," which was unanimously passed. The ordinance granted unto H. W. Carpentier, his heirs and assigns, the use of the water front for thirty-seven years, with the exclusive right to erect wharves and docks and collect tolls and wharfage. In consideration of these privileges, he was to build three wharves and a school house. By subsequent action the title was vested in him forever. The deed to the property, under the ordinance of May seventeenth, and an agreement between the contracting parties, was duly signed and executed. December thirtieth, what is now termed Broadway wharf was completed, and an ordinance approving and accepting the work was passed by a unanimous vote. July twelfth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, the Board of Trustees received a communication from Mr. Carpentier giving official notice that he had built a "substantial, elegant and commodious school house," and that a free school was at the time maintained at his own expense. He delivered to the Board a conveyance of the house and a deed to the lot on which it stood, the corner of Fourth and Clay streets.