

## **ROBERT H. POWER AND HIS CASE FOR DRAKE IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY**

Robert H. Power was a Bay Area Drake historian who, through his many years of research and writings, made a strong case for Francis Drake's California landing site being in the Tiburon area of San Francisco Bay. Mr. Power authored, *Drake's Landing in California: a Case for San Francisco Bay (1973)* and *Francis Drake & San Francisco Bay: a Beginning of the British Empire (1974)*, and became the president of the California Historical Society in the 1970s. Robert Power was also a general partner of the Nut Tree Restaurant, on Highway 80 in Solano County, Calif.

Mr. Power's conclusion that Captain Francis Drake had found San Francisco Bay resulted in many years of heated debate with the Drake Navigators Guild about both the true location of "Drake's Cove" and Power's support for the authenticity of the Drake Plate of Brass (found in Marin in 1936). His passionate and dedicated efforts made Robert H. Power a major player in the investigation to solve the great mystery of Drake in California.

**Robert H. Power archive material is available on these websites:**

**UC Davis:**

<https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt029034p3/>

**The California Historical Society:**

<http://c95040.eos-intl.net/C95040/Search/SimpleSearch.aspx>

