

# "If These Floors Could Talk": A History of the Home at 1917 - 46th Avenue Southwest in West Seattle

Version 0.3  
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## Forward: About this Book

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There will be a separate book of Appendixes with images and supplemental materials.

### A Note on Sources

Some of the primary sources used in preparing this work are:

- The Puget Sound Regional Archives of the Washington Secretary of State
- The Seattle Post Intelligencer and Seattle Times digital editions via the Seattle Public Library
- The King County Archives of property and land transactions
- Seattle’s Property Record Cards held by the City’s Department of Construction and Inspections (DCI)
- Ancestry.com
- Newspapers.com

### “Thank you Clay Eals” or “Why I Wrote this Book”

In 2025 I met Clay Eals for breakfast. Clay, pictured at right, lives in the Admiral District of West Seattle, not far from this house at 1917 - 46th Avenue SW. He’s worked as an editor, reporter and photographer for newspapers, and is a well known writer for such projects as the “Seattle Now and Then” articles in the *Pacific NW Magazine* of the Sunday *Seattle Times*.



Clay asked me “who is your audience for this book”? I had never thought about that question. I am fascinated by history. I’ve always been fascinated by my family history, marveling at the photographs my ancestors - especially my mother - had saved and annotated. Indeed, have written a book with biographies and photos of those ancestors, which also includes the memories my five siblings and I have, especially of our parents. I am sorry - and yes, a bit angry - that none of my ancestors had thought to write their personal histories. Growing up on an Iowa farm among the tools and implements and photographs of that history, I wondered what their lives were like. I was also inspired by the Tom Hanks’ movie “Here”, which shows vignettes of the history of a house and its land from prehistoric times to current day.

In writing this book, my original intent was the same: to preserve the history and stories of the people who inhabited the place - walked the floors - before my spouse Kathy and I moved in and raised our family here. Again I wondered what their lives - the lives of the previous owners and tenants - were like here in West Seattle. West Seattle is really a young neighborhood, being only populated by European Americans for about 125 years.

But rather than just being a dry history of people who have lived here, I’ve also speculated a bit about their lives and their stories. You’ll see that scattered throughout the book in boxes like this one - outlined in a blue, double-lined box. I guess I’m trying to “live the history” of the many souls who have “walked the floors” of the place I live.

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## Owners and Occupants of 1917 46th Ave SW

These tables are incomplete.

Year	Owner
	The Duwamish Indian Tribe
1864***	George Plummer and Martha F. Hanson
1888	The West Seattle Land and Improvement Company
	Richard Stretch
1908*	Millard F. Mitchell
1915*	Aug(ust) C. Maul
1916	Ellen F. Maul
1916	House is advertised "For Exchange" in the Seattle Times
1918	Luella Radovich
1921	Harry W. Foster
1922	Est. of Frances E. Byrne
1944	E. E. Lacy
1947	Kenneth R. and Gladys Kirkerde
1954	Lyman A. & Winifred L. Peterson
1957	Winifred L. Peterson
1957	Berkeley A. and E. Amaryllis Nokes
1960	Kenneth R. & Gladys S. Kirkeide
1965	Rudolph L. & Margaret E. Peden
1972	Jesse M. & Ernestine K. Turner
1978	William M. & E. Kathleen Schrier

Year	Occupant
	The Duwamish Indian Tribe
1864	Unknown
1888	Empty Land
1909*	Millard F. Mitchell
1914*	Millard F. and Jennie E. Mitchell
1923*	William J. and Frances E. Byrne
1924*	William J. and Frances E. Byrne
1928*	William J. and Frances E. Byrne
1929*	William J. and Frances E. Byrne
1931*	William J. and Frances E. Byrne
1932*	William John and Frances Ellen Byrne
1938*	Richard and Phyllis Million Frances Byrne
1942*	Frances E. Byrne widow of William J. Byrne Clarence E. Silvernale
1943-44*	Opal C. Silvernale
1955*	Lyman A. and Winifred Peterson
	(add others)

### Sources:

\*Property Record Card maintained by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection.

\*\*King County Archives records of land sales.

\*\*\*Federal Bureau of Land Management

### Sources:

\*City Directories

\*\*Federal Censuses

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## City Directory and Federal Census Entries Summary

Source: Seattle City Directories via Seattle Public Library and Ancestry.com

Year	For 1917?	Listing and Notes
1892	?	Richard Stretch, civil engineer, Columbia Ave between Madrone and Cedar, same block of 46th Ave. SW where 1917 46th SW is today.
1895	?	Richard Stretch, mining engineer, residence on Columbia Avenue, West Seattle
1898	?	Richard Stretch, mining engineer, residence on Columbia Avenue, West Seattle
1904	?	Richard Stretch, mining engineer, business address Columbia Ave. near Madrone
1905	?	Richard Stretch, mining engineer, business address Columbia Ave. near Madrone
1907	No	Millard F. Mitchell at 702 Eastlake Avenue Richard Stretch draftsman for O&WRR Co., home in West Seattle
1910	Yes	Millard F. Mitchell
1910	No	Census: Richard Stretch, age 72, living at 3661 Olga Street
1911	Yes	Millard F. Mitchell, farmer
1913	Yes	Millard F. and Jennie E. Mitchell
1914	Yes	Millard F. and Jennie E. Mitchell; side sewer card specifies Millard at the address
1916	Yes	An advertisement in the Seattle Times lists the 8 room home "for exchange"
1918	Yes	Nicholas C. and Luella Radovich live at the address
1922	No	William J. and Frances Byrne Live at 112 Queen Anne Ave., occupation "carpenter"
1923	Yes	William J. and Frances Byrne live at the address; he is a "helper for the PSP&L Co."
1924	Yes	William J. and Frances Byrne
1928	Yes	William J. and Frances Byrne
1929	Yes	William J. and Frances Byrne
1931	Yes	William J. and Frances Byrne
1932	Yes	William John and Frances Ellen Byrne, occupation electrician
1938	Yes	Richard and Phyllis Million, Chemist, the Wittwer Company, and Frances Byrne
1942	Yes	Mrs. Frances E. Byrne, widow of William J. Byrne Clarence E. Silvernale, Driller PSNY
1943-44	Yes	Mrs. Opal C. Silvernale, employed at BA Co.
1950	Yes	Census: Kenneth and Gladys Kirkeide with daughter Sharon Lee Lower Unit: Ray H. and June Gerring with daughter Lynne
1955	Yes	Lyman A. and Winifred Peterson, emp USA Alaska Communications
1958	Yes	Berkeley R. and E. Amoryllis Nokes, occupation carpenter at Noise Control
1966	Yes	Rudolph L. and Margaret Peden, Mach(inst) at Naval Shipyard
1970	Yes	Rudolph L. and Margaret Peden, Mach(inst) at Naval Shipyard

City Directory and Federal Census Entries Summary, continued  
Source: Seattle City Directories via Seattle Public Library and Ancestry.com

Year	For 1917?	Listing and Notes
1974	Yes	Jesse Turner
1978	Yes	Bill and Kathy Schrier

# Chapter 1: History of 1917 - 46th Ave. SW until 1908

This chapter documents the history of 1917 - 46th Ave. SW in Seattle from first human habitation until approximately 1908 when Richard Stretch sold the property to Millard F. Mitchell.

## First Owners: The Duwamish Tribe

The first “owners” of the land which is now 1917 - 46th Avenue Southwest were undoubtedly the Duwamish Tribe of Indians. But Native Americans at that time did not recognize land ownership by individuals. Land was simply a place to live and make a living. There is little evidence of permanent habitation of the Admiral District by the tribe, who preferred to live near the Duwamish River.

The Modern **History of this House Starts with Abraham Lincoln!**

**Yup, The Homestead Act of 1862 was the basis for the first claim on the land in 1864.**



## 1864: Abraham Lincoln Warrants the Land to George Plummer

The first owner, from a European American point of view, was Martha E. Hanson, minor child of James Hanson, deceased Lieutenant of Captain Kerr's Company, Florida Militia, of the Florida War. Martha's Guardian was Rufus K. Sewell, who assigned the 160 acres of land to George Plummer. See “Figure 4. Land Grant to Martha Hanson and with George Plummer as Assignee” on page 14 showing the Warrant making this land grant, signed by President Abraham Lincoln on 1 December 1864<sup>1</sup>.

“Figure 1. Section 11, Township 24N, Range 3E, Willamette Meridian” on page 8 shows the approximate extent of the land grant overlaying the present day Admiral District.

The “Florida War” was probably one of the three wars between the United States and the Seminole Band of Indians<sup>2</sup> which took place between 1816 and 1858

Plummer's ownership of this land is further reinforced by the 1889 Atlas of King County,

## Salish Teen-Agers

The first human beings to walk on the land which is now 1917 - 46th Avenue SW were undoubtedly members of the Duwamish, the indigenous people who inhabited Seattle prior to the arrival of European-Americans. The Duwamish spoke Lushootseed and were part of the Southern Coast Salish<sup>13</sup>.

The Duwamish lived in at least 17 villages around the Seattle area. The villages were all along coasts and waterways. It is doubtful any Salish village or habitation existed on top of the West Seattle hill or at the property now known as 1917 - 46th Ave. SW.

I envision Salish teen-agers, on their own and eager to get away from their parents and elders, leaving their villages along the Duwamish River, hiking through the forest to the top of the hill and walking on the land where the house sits today. Perhaps they had bows, quivers and arrows, and hunted rabbits, squirrels and other game, returning to the village with their bounty to contribute to the village meals.

which shows early land ownership for King County, providing names and property boundaries of the original purchasers and grantees<sup>3</sup>.

George Plummer was a wealthy sea captain from San Francisco who had invested heavily in Henry Yesler's enterprises<sup>4</sup>. But he also homesteaded and purchased land in what is now the Admiral District, including the land of 1917 46th Ave. SW<sup>5</sup>.

The tax rolls of King County for 1880 support Plummer's ownership. “Figure 6. Assessment/Tax Roll 1880” on page 16 shows Plummer's ownership of this exact tract of land, with an assessed value of \$600 but no value for any improvements.

## 1888: West Seattle Land and Improvement Company

The West Seattle Land and Improvement Company (WSL&I Co.) first purchased land in the North Admiral District of West Seattle in 1888<sup>6</sup>. I've not found a definitive warranty deed showing who the land was purchased from. Presumably there were multiple owners over various parts of the peninsula, including George Plummer.

The Duwamish people had inhabited the peninsula we know as West Seattle for hundreds of years. The primary settlement was on the Duwamish River. But in March of 1893 that settlement was burned, probably by agents of the WSL&I Company, which was eager to develop the area for the use of European Americans. The tribal members were forced to leave<sup>7</sup>.

## Richard Stretch and 1917 46th Ave. SW

Richard Stretch purchased the lots where the house at 1917 46th Ave. SW presently sits, and he probably built the first home on this site.

Richard Stretch was born in England on November 25, 1837, but came to the Pacific Coast in 1867. Stretch was San Francisco City Engineer in 1870, but moved to Seattle in 1888 and became Chief Engineer for the Seattle and Southern Railroad<sup>8</sup>.

Stretch was married to Caroline Amelia Kunz, but she died in 1885 in California, according to Stretch's handwritten biography<sup>9</sup>. They had at least two children, Arthur and Florence Stretch. Subsequently, in 1888, Stretch moved to Seattle.

### The Stretches - 1900 Millennials?

Richard and Arthur Stretch have a long list of occupations, which seemed to change year-to-year (see table on the facing page).

Were Richard and Arthur Stretch 19th Century Millennials, changing jobs and employment every few years, just as people born in the late 20th Century did in the 2010s? Or was movement between professions and employers common in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?

Figure 1. Section 11, Township 24N, Range 3E, Willamette Meridian



This informal map, based on the King County Quarter Section Map Viewer<sup>14</sup>, shows Section 11 divided into quarters, with the land granted to Martha Hanson and George Plummer in green.

### Who was Richard Stretch?

Stretch had a long and colorful life, starting with his birth in Nantwich, Cheshire, England, On 25 November 1837. He married Caroline (Carrie) King in 1866. They couple had two children, Arthur J. and Regina Florence.

The family emigrated to the USA leaving from Liverpool and arriving in New York on the passenger ship "Bothnia". They found their way to San Francisco and, according to the 1870 Federal Census, lived in Ward 12. Richard was elected "Surveyor" (City Engineer) in San Francisco in 1871, which is well-documented in the San Francisco Chronicle. Carrie died early in 1888 and Richard moved to West Seattle. Richard became a naturalized citizen on 13 January 1890. Stretch had many occupations while living in Seattle, as noted on the facing page. Most notably, the West Seattle Land and Improvement Company hired him to survey and plat the land in the North Admiral Neighborhood of Seattle.

## What was Richard Stretch's Occupation?

Seattle City Directories have many entries for Richard and Arthur Stretch.

Occupations:

Year	Occupations
1891	Richard: Civil Engineer, WSL&I Co. Arthur: Engineer
1892	Richard: Civil engineer Arthur: Electrician
1894-95	Richard: Dep U S Mineral Surveyor Arthur: Electrician, NW Fixture Company
1898	Richard: "Mining"
1899	Neither is in the Directory
1900	Richard: Mining Engineer, 319 NY Block Arthur: VP NW Fixture Company
1901	Richard: Mining Engineer, 319 NY Block Arthur: not listed
1902	Richard: Mining Engineer, 319 NY Block Arthur: Treasurer, NW Fixture Company
1903	Richard: Surveyor, bus W H Hainsworth Arthur: salesman Z C Miles & Piper Co
1904	Richard: Mining Engineer Arthur: Salesman
1905	Richard: Mining Engineer Arthur: Electrician
1906	Richard: Engineer W H Hainsworth Arthur: emp Wash Insurance Assn
1907	Richard: Draftsman, O&WRR Co Arthur: not listed
1908	Richard: Mining Engineer 3661 Olga Arthur: Salesman W H Hainsworth
1909	Richard: not listed Arthur: Salesman W H Hainsworth
1910	Richard: Mining Engineer 3661 Olga Arthur: salesman W H Hainsworth
1911	Richard: Mining Engineer Arthur: real estate
1912	Richard: Mining Engineer Arthur: Salesman Wash Auto Supply Co
1913	Richard: Asst Sec'y Alaska Bureau New Chamber of Commerce Arthur: salesman Wash Auto Supply Co
1914	Richard: Asst Sec'y Alaska Bureau New Chamber of Commerce Arthur: salesman Wash Auto Supply Co

## Where did Richard Stretch Live?

Stretch and his son had these residence addresses from Seattle City Directories:

Year	Location
1891	Richard: res w s Columbia bet Cedar and Madrone Arthur: boarding with Richard
1892	Richard: Columbia bet Madrone and Cedar Arthur: bd R H Stretch W Seattle
1894-95	Richard: Columbia Ave W Seattle Arthur: boarding with Richard
1898	Richard: Columbia Av W Seattle
1899	Neither is in the Directory
1900	Richard: Columbia 1 n Cedar W Seattle Arthur: Columbia Ave. W Seattle
1901	Richard: res W Seattle Arthur: not listed
1902	Richard: Columbia 1 n Cedar W Seattle Arthur: bd Columbia nr Madrone W Seattle
1903	Richard: bus W H Hainsworth Arthur: bus W H Hainsworth
1904	Richard: bus Columbia av nr Madrone W Seattle Arthur: Olympia Av nr ft Sunset W Seattle
1905	Richard: bus Columbia Ave nr Madrone W Seattle Arthur: Olympia Av nr ft Sunset W Seattle
1906	Richard: bus W H Hainsworth Arthur: Olympic av nr ft Sunset W Seattle
1907	Richard: W Seattle Arthur: not listed
1908	Richard: bus 3661 Olga Arthur: 1163 Sunset
1909	Richard: not listed Arthur: 1163 Sunset
1910	Richard: bus 3661 Olga Arthur: 1163 Sunset
1911	Richard: home 2657 37th SW Arthur: 1163 Sunset
1912	Richard: home 2657 37th SW Arthur: 1163 Sunset
1913	Richard: res 2657 37th SW Arthur: 1163 Sunset
1914	Richard: res 2657 37th SW Arthur: 1163 Sunset

The 1922 Seattle City Directory lists Arthur J. Stretch and wife Lillian living at 1163 Sunset Ave and Richard living at 2657 37th Ave. SW. An article in the Seattle Union Record on Friday, January 14, 1921, told of Captain R. H. Stretch celebrating Mrs. Mary Hainsworth's 90th birthday at her home, 2657 37th Avenue SW. His death certificate, dated March 22, 1926, stated W. H. Hainsworth, living at 2657 37th SW was the informant, and Stretch was a retired mining engineer.

I'm unsure where, exactly, Richard Stretch lived and did business. The City directories quoted above say "Columbia Avenue near Madrone", which is, today, 46th Avenue SW and SW Holgate streets. Paul Dorpat, in a May 28, 2011 article<sup>10</sup>, says "William and Mary Hainsworth, their daughter Betsy and two sons Will III and John moved to the West Seattle plateau in 1889 when, according to the recollection of Will III's brother in law Arthur Stretch, it was still 'covered with second-growth timber and brush.' Both the Stretch and Hainsworth families lived on what the West Seattle Land and Improvement Company named Columbia Street - Arthur Stretch's father Richard was the engineer who laid it out. The name was changed to 46th when West Seattle was annexed into Seattle in 1907. See "Figure 5. North Admiral Plat Map Original Street Names" on page 15 for a map of the Admiral District and the street names prior to 1908.

That article also describes one of the Hainsworth homes, a Victorian, which was (and still is) on 46th Avenue SW north of SW Massachusetts Street, which is about one-and-a-half blocks north of SW Holgate. And this may be where Richard Stretch did business.

Nevertheless, Stretch owned the land at 1917 46th Avenue SW. "Figure 11. Warranty Deed" on page 21 shows his purchase of Lots 27 and 28 of Block 41, Second Plat of West Seattle by the West Seattle Land and Improvement Company (WSL&I Co.) on 30 September 1890 for \$1000.

Stretch wasted little time adding improvements to the lots, as shown in "Figure 7. Assessment/Tax Roll 1891" on page 17, where the lots were valued at \$200 each with \$1100 for improvements. But the "Figure 3. 1891 Koch Map Excerpt" on page 13 does not show the lots or improvements, probably



because the information for that map was collected well before it was drawn, perhaps in 1889 or 1890.

"Figure 7. 1895 Assessments Right" on page 7 shows that Stretch was the only owner of property on that block, other than WSL&I Co. Lots 27 was valued at \$200 for land and \$500 for improvements. Lot 28 was valued at \$200 for land and \$600 for improvements. Both lots show Stretch as owner. No other improvements are shown in the block (see full copies of these assessment rolls in the separate book of endixes.). The values are significantly down undoubtedly due to the "panic" or recession of 1893<sup>11</sup>.

"Figure 8. Assessment/Tax Roll 1895" on page 18 shows the value of each lot at \$80 and the value of improvements at \$400 for each lot with Stretch as owner. Again, no other lots on the block have improvements (see full copies of these assessment rolls in the Appendixes.).

“Figure 9. Assessment/Tax Roll 1900” on page 19 shows that, in 1900, at least one other lot on the block had been sold (see full copies of these assessment rolls in the endixes.), but again Lots 27 and 28 were owned by Stretch and were the only lots with improvements, valued at \$320 each plus land value of \$50 each lot.

“Figure 10. Assessment/Tax Roll 1905” on page 20 shows Lots 27 and 28 each valued at \$60 for land plus \$320 for improvements, and owned by Stretch, although W. S. Hainsworth paid some of the taxes. And many of the other lots on the block have been sold (see full copies of these assessment rolls in the endices.)

On 3 September 1908, Richard Stretch sold Lots 27 and 28 to M. F. Mitchell for \$3000. “Figure 12. Warranty Deed” on page 22 shows the transaction. Arthur Stretch, Richard’s son, acted as his attorney, and W. H. Hainsworth witnessed the transaction.

Richard H. Stretch passed away on 22 March 1926 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William H. Hainsworth at 2657 - 37th Ave. SW<sup>12</sup>. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle.

### **Did Richard Harper Stretch live on the Property at 1917 46th Avenue SW?**

Stretch owned the property from 1890 to 1908, and it had improvements. City Directory entries from 1891 to 1905 certainly indicate he at least lived within about a block of the property, and, since there were few other homes in the area, likely on this particular property.

The best evidence he lived at this address is the 1891 City Directory which lists his address as “res w s Columbia Ave bet Cedar and Madrone, W Seattle”, which probably means “residence west side Columbia Ave (now 46th SW) between Cedar (now SW Hill) and Madrone (now SW Holgate) and



Richard Stretch in 1918  
Photo from the Seattle Times

the 1902 City Directory listing his address as “res Columbia 1 North Cedar West Seattle”. The 1908 Baist Map shows five homes in this block, three on the West Side. And in 1908, Richard definitely moved away from Columbia Ave. to 3661 Olga Street.

One other possibility, which still needs to be investigated at the King County Archives and Puget Sound Regional Archives, is that he lived across the street at 1924 46th Avenue SW in a three story house there.

### **Who Built the House at 1917 46th Avenue SW, and When?**

Richard Stretch purchased the lots in 1890, and the 1891 King County Assessment showed a value of \$1,100 for improvements. Every subsequent assessment - 1895, 1900, 1905 - shows assessed value for improvements. The records of the

City of Seattle and King County date the present house from 1908. However West Seattle was annexed into the City of Seattle on 24 July 1907. It is likely the 1908 date on the property record card dates from annexation, not the actual date of construction. Stretch’s continuous ownership from 1890 to 1908 indicates he actually constructed the house, and that house dates back to at least 1891.

“Figure 3. 1891 Koch Map Excerpt” on page 13 does not show the house, but does show the house at 1924 Columbia Avenue, which still exists across the street from 1917 - 46th Ave. SW. Although this map is dated 1891, the information used to draw it is probably earlier. Therefore it is likely some kind of house existed on the property at 1917 46th Ave. SW in 1891.

**Stretch and Hainsworth  
“All in the Family”**

Richard Stretch and W. H. Hainsworth were both pioneers of West Seattle. Stretch “raised his children, Arthur and Florence, in the home he built on Columbia Avenue<sup>15</sup>” (now 46th Avenue S.W.). Richard Stretch worked for William Henry Hainsworth (table, p. 4) , a national pioneer in the steel casting industry, who owned a foundry in Ballard. Florence Stretch married Hainsworth’s son, and Richard Stretch died in her home. Arthur Stretch, after growing up on 46th S. W., lived for many years in West Seattle. His wife Lillian died in 1944. Arthur died by suicide on 2 April 1961, still living in the home he purchased in 1907 at 1123 Sunset Ave. S. W.



The W. H. Hainsworth Family at their house on Olga Street. Image courtesy pauldorpat.com

# Chapter 1a: Figures and Images

Figure 2. Baist 1908 Map Excerpt

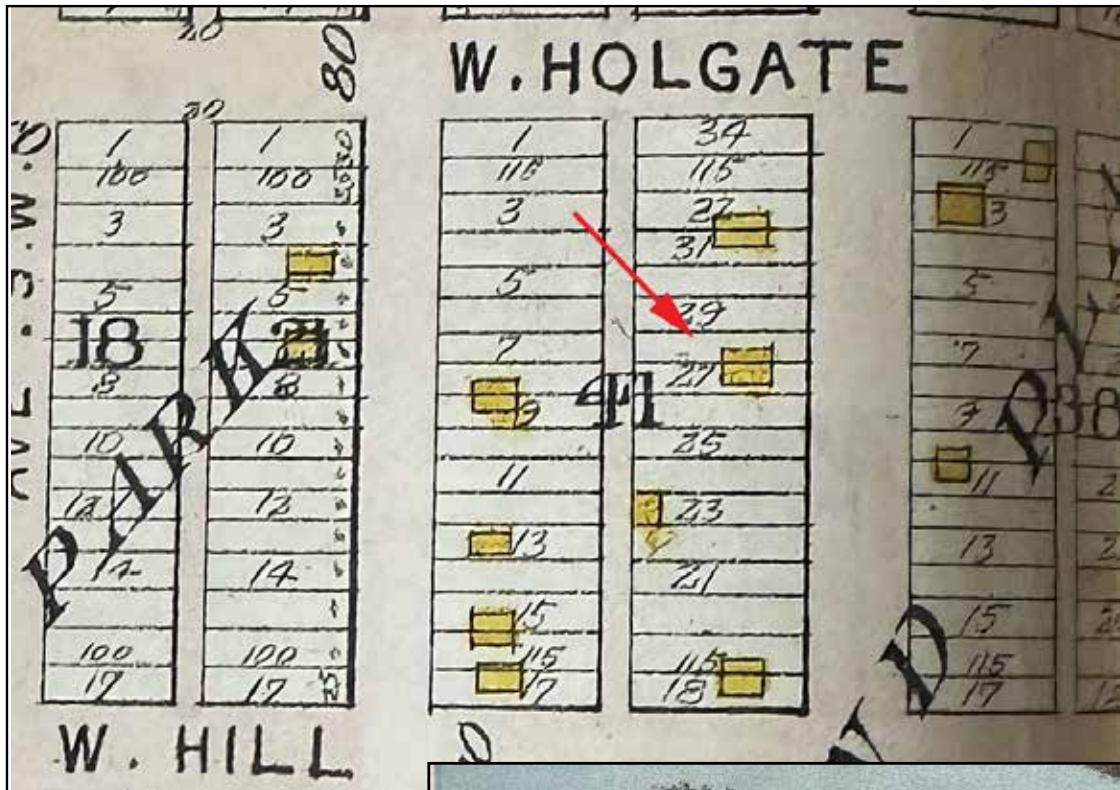
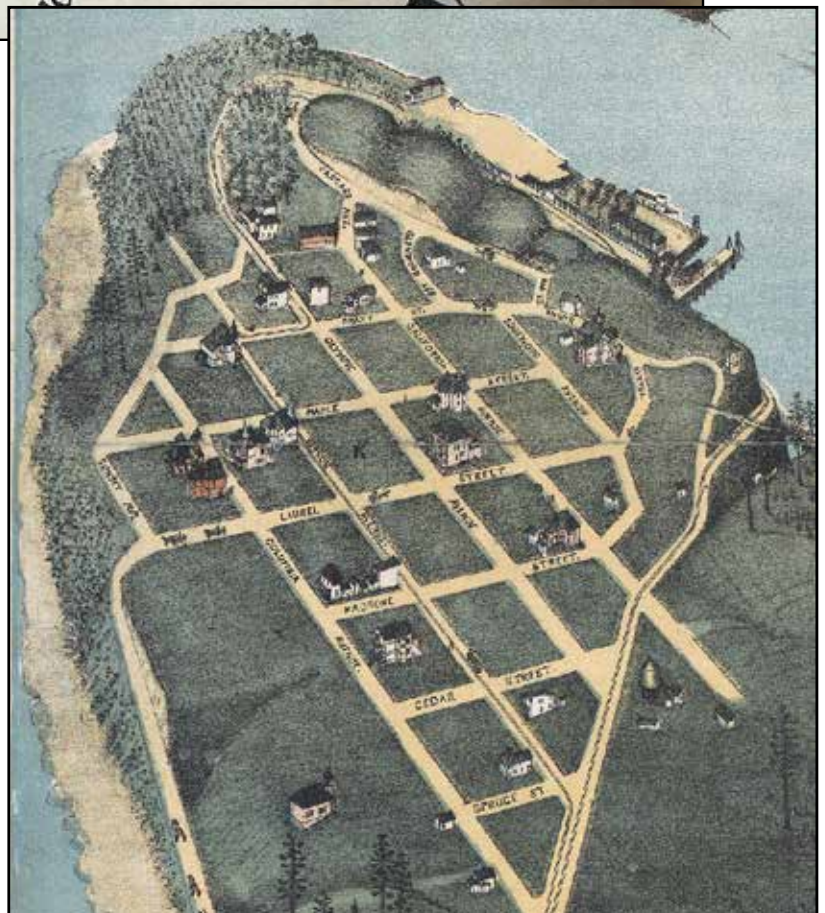
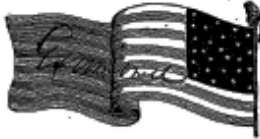


Figure 3. 1891 Koch Map Excerpt

This is an excerpt from a "Birds Eye View of Seattle and Environs", 1891 Map Drawn by Augustus Koch from the Digital Collections Library of the University of Washington<sup>16</sup>.





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 15,677 for 160 acres, in favor of Martha E. Hanson Minor child of James Hanson, deceased, Lieutenant, Captain Kerr's Company, Florida Militia Florida War,

with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the South West quarter of the North East quarter; the South East quarter of the North West quarter; the North East quarter of the South West quarter and the North West quarter of the South East quarter of Section Eleven in Township Twenty-four North of Range Three East in the District of Lands subject to sale at Olympia, Washington Territory containing One Hundred and Sixty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL the said Warrant having been assigned by Rufus K. Swall Guardian of the said Martha E. Hanson to George Plummer in whose favor said tract has been located

NOW KNOW YE, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said George Plummer as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said George Plummer as assignee as aforesaid and to his

heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Abraham Lincoln

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.



GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the First day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Eighty ninth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Abraham Lincoln

By Edm. M. Hull Secy.

J. A. Granger, Recorder of the General Land Office.

Figure 5. North Admiral Plat Map Original Street Names

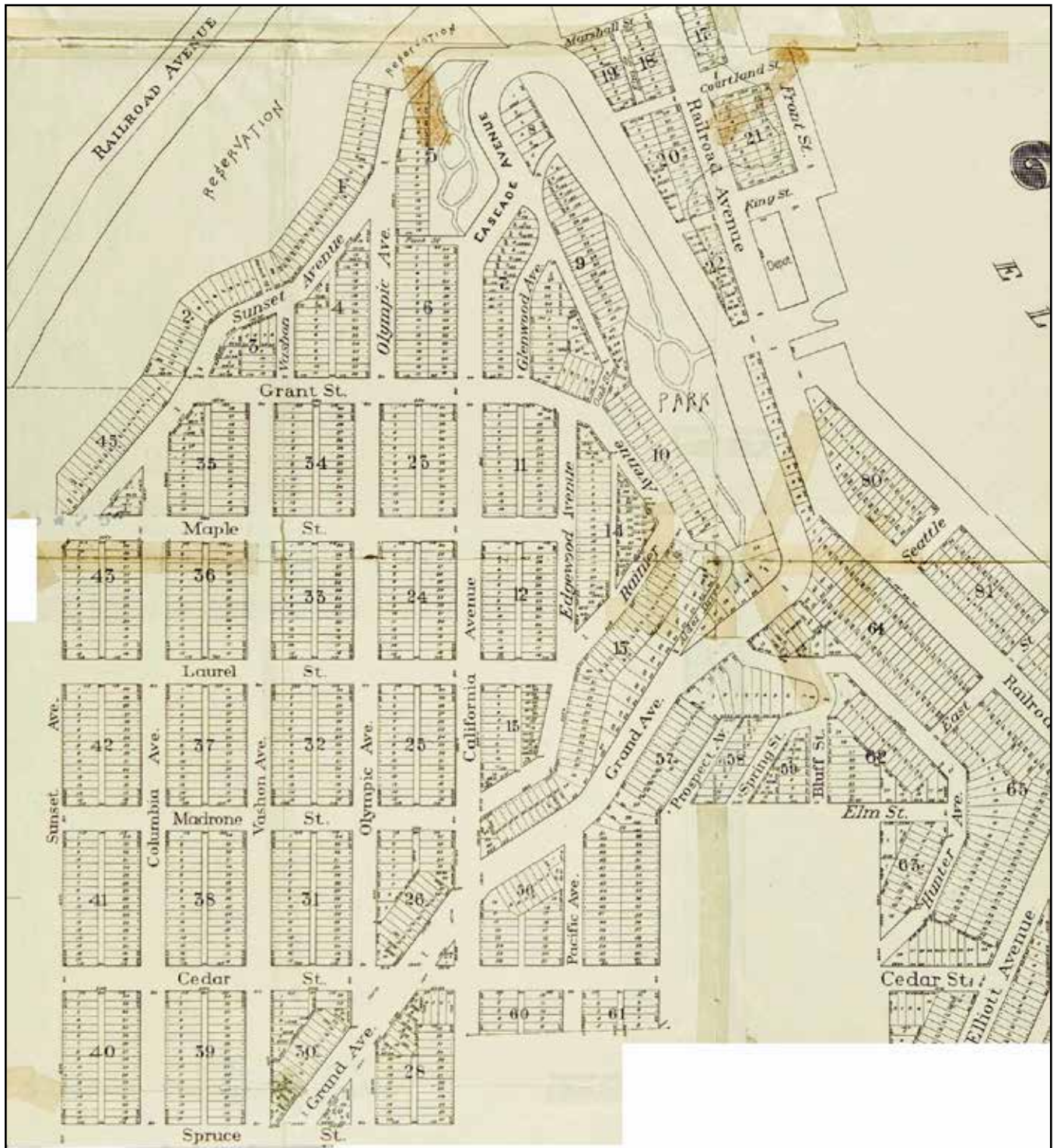


Figure 6. Assessment/Tax Roll 1880

These images are excerpts from the oversize assessment books of King County. The left page excerpt shows George Plummer owned the "SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 24, Range 3 (East)" a map of which is shown "Figure 1. 1880 Assessments Left" on page 2. The parcel was 200 acres with a full cash value of \$600. The right page excerpt shows the segregation of taxes: \$1.80 territorial, \$480 county, \$4.80 school, \$2.40 road property for a total of \$13.80.

Left Page 114 Excerpt

NAMES	Real District	Section or Lot	Tract or Block	Range	No. acres in tract or block	No. acres in tract or block improved	Real District	Full cash value of each tract, parcel, lot or block of land assessed.	Full cash value of improvements on each tract, lot or parcel assessed.	Aggregate cash value of personal property of each person, firm, corporation or company.	Total value of all property assessed for this purpose, with corrections or omissions.
Pill. Wm. D. C.		6	10				11	15			15
Plate Adolph	12						7	50			50
Plummer George		11	20	3	200		7	600			600

Right Page 114 Excerpt

Name of landowner if any, or property assessed.	Amount of landowner's interest.	Total valuation of all property as reported by the Board of Equalization.	SEGREGATION OF TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED.					Total amount of taxes of each person, firm, corporation or company.	Amount of taxes returned as delinquent Dec. 31, 1880, with 20 per ct. added.	ADDED PENALTIES.	Date of Payment or Redemption.	REMARKS.
			TERRITORIAL.	COUNTY.	SCHOOL.	ROAD PROPERTY.	SPECIAL, IF ANY.					
11/11/80	78	600	1.80	480	4.80	2.40	367	37.00	20	11/11/80	paid in full	

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Figure 8. Assessment/Tax Roll 1895

These images are excerpts from the oversize assessment books of King County. The left page excerpt shows R. H. Stretch owned lots 27 and 28 of Block 41 of the West Seattle's 2nd Plat, with a full cash value of \$80 each lot, similar to other lots in this block, but \$480 for improvements on each lot. The right page excerpt shows the consolidate tax levy at \$3.12 each lot, the tax under "sec. 2 Page 4" to be \$0.12 each lot, the road tax was \$0.56 each lot, the school special tax was \$2.40 each lot, and tht total amount of taxes \$6.20 each lot. Stretch made a partial payment of \$24.80 but had added penalties of 50 cnets for the 3% penalty and \$1.56 for the 13% interest. The payments were made on 12-8-96.

Left Page 4073 Excerpt

No. of Lot	NAME OF OWNER	DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND TORES PROPERTY		No. of Acres in each Tract, or Part of Lot	No. of Acres in each Tract, or Part of Lot, Improved, except Lots	No. of Acres in each Tract, or Part of Lot, Unimproved	No. of School District	Full Value of each Tract, Lot or Block of Land Assessed	Full Value of Improvements on each Tract, Lot or Block of Land Assessed	Full Value of each Tract, Lot or Block of Land Assessed with Improvements	Amount Paid by the County Board of Equalization	Amount Paid by the County Board of Equalization	Total as Reported by the County Board of Equalization
		NAME OF TRACT, ADDITION OR EXTENSION	No. of Sections										
1	West Seattle Land Co.	7.11	PAID				7	60		60			60
2		7.11	PAID					60		60			60
3		7.11	PAID					60		60			60
4		7.11	PAID					60		60			60

(Other lines omitted here.)

20		7.11	PAID					80		80			80
21		7.11	PAID					80	480	560			560
22		7.11	PAID					80	480	560			560
23		7.11	PAID					80		80			80
24		7.11	PAID					80		80			80
25		7.11	PAID					80		80			80

Right Page 4073 Excerpt

No. of Lot	UNPAID TAX LEVY		TAX UNDER SEC. 2 PAGE 4		ROAD TAX		SCHOOL TAX		TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES		Partial Payment	Unpaid Local Assessment City of Seattle	AMOUNT PAID				Date of Payment or Date of Satisfaction	Tax Collected or Property Sold for year	REMARKS
	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts			4% Penalty	13% Interest	Dollars	Cts			
1	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28	
2	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28	
3	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28	
4	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28	

(Other lines omitted here.)

18	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28
19	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28
20	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28
21	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28
22	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28
23	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28
24	70	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	00	24	80	46	20	70	00	12-8-96	1000 West Seattle 27 & 28

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Figure 9. Assessment/Tax Roll 1900

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Left Page 4441 Excerpt

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### Real Property Assessment and Tax Roll of King County,

No.	NAME OF PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION TO WHOM ASSESSED	DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND TOWN PROPERTY	No. of Acres or Parts of Lots, Acres	Full Value of Land	Full Value of Improvements	Full Value of Lot and Improvements	Taxable Value of Land and Improvements	Consolidated Tax	Road Tax	School Tax	Total Tax	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Rebate	Total Amount Paid	
																Block
1	R. H. Stretch	West Seattle 2nd Plat by West Seattle Council	0.10	50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
2				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
3				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
4				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
5				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50

(Other lines omitted here.)

16				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
17				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
18				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
19	R. H. Stretch			50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
20				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
21				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
22				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50
23				50	320	370	370	4.41	2.22	2.59	9.25					12.50

Right Page 4441 Excerpt

### State of Washington, for the Year 1900.

PROPERTY TAX		CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO COUNTY		DELINQUENCY LOCAL ASSESSMENT		CITY OF SEATTLE		REBATE	
DATE	No. of Return	DATE	No. of Certificate	DATE	No. of Return	DATE	No. of Return	DATE	No. of Certificate
	330			12 31 1900	175595				
				1 17 1901	175595				

*R. H. Stretch*

(Other lines omitted here.)

17				1794	36 9 11 1911				
18									
19									
20									
21									
22									
23									

*R. H. Stretch*

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Figure 10. Assessment/Tax Roll 1905

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Left Page 3321 Excerpt

No. of Lot	NAME OF PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION TO WHOM ASSESSED	DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND TOWNSHIP	No. of Acres		Full Value of Land	Full Value of Improvements	Total Value	Consolidated Tax	School Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Amount of Tax on Each Lot
			Acres	Fraction							
1	R. A. Stretch	West Seattle 2nd Plat of by W S L & I Co. Lot 27	0.0		60	320	380	4.94	5.70	4.56	15.20
2	R. A. Stretch	West Seattle 2nd Plat of by W S L & I Co. Lot 28	0.0		60	320	380	4.94	5.70	4.56	15.20
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											
10											
11											
12											

Right Page 3321 Excerpt

No. of Lot	FIRST PARTIAL PAYMENT				DELINQUENT LOCAL ASSESSMENT CITY OF SEATTLE			
	Amount	Date	No. of Receipts	Amount	Amount	Date	No. of Receipts	Amount
1					380	5-10-06	1	7.60
2					380	5-10-06	1	7.60
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								

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Figure 11. Warranty Deed WSL&I Co. by Thomas Ewing, President, to Richard Stretch, Lots 27-28, Block 41 dated 30 September 1890 for \$1000

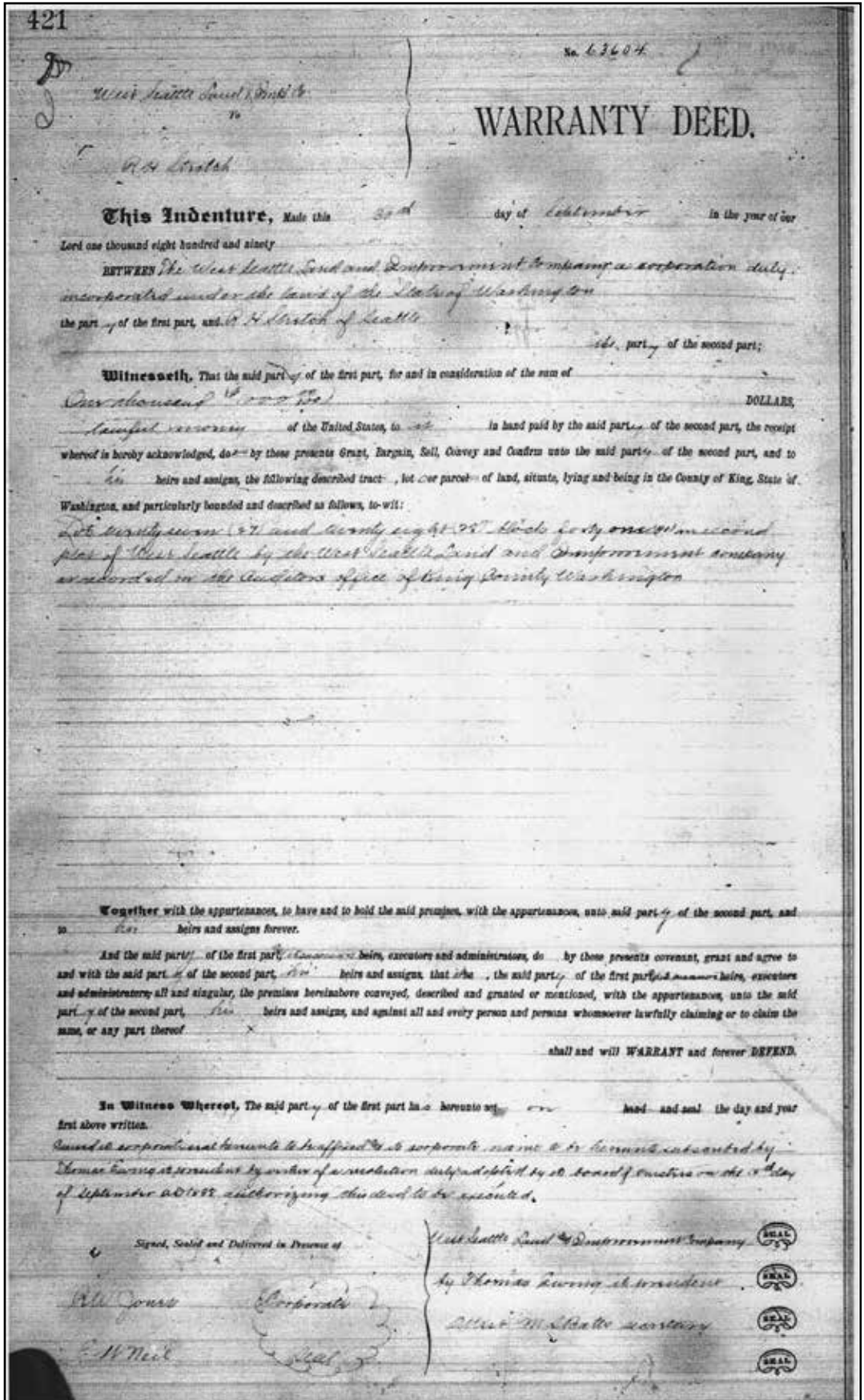


Figure 12. Warranty Deed Richard Stretch to M. F. Mitchell Lots 27-28, Block 41 dated 3 September 1908, with Arthur J. Stretch as Richard's Attorney and witnessed by Wm. H. Hainsworth

576169 Richard H. Stretch  
 To M. F. Mitchell  
 Warranty Deed

The Grantor Richard H. Stretch widower since 1888 For and in consideration of three thousand and no/100 (\$3000.00) Dollars in hand conveys and warrants to M F Mitchell the following described Real Estate:

Lots Twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28) in Block Forty-one (41) in the second Plat of West Seattle by the West Seattle Land & Improvement Co. King Co. W. T. according to the recorded plat thereof situated in the county of King State of Washington

Dated this third day of September 1908.

Witnesses  
 Wm H. Hainsworth } Richard H. Stretch (seal)  
 ————— } by Arthur J. Stretch (seal)  
 ————— } his attorney in fact (seal)

State of Washington }  
 County of King } ss

I the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington residing at Seattle in the above named County and State duly commissioned sworn and qualified do hereby certify that on this 8th day of September A.D. 1908 before me personally appeared Arthur J. Stretch to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within instrument as the Attorney in Fact of Richard H. Stretch and acknowledged to me that he signed and sealed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed as Attorney in Fact of said Richard H. Stretch for the uses and purposes therein mentioned

Given under my hand and official seal this 8th day of September A.D. 1908  
 W. H. Washington

Notary Public in and for the state of Washington residing at Seattle

Filed for record at request of Grantee Oct 14 1908 at 54 min past 9. AM

County Auditor

## Chapter 2: History of 1917 - 46th Ave. SW 1908 to 1947

### 1908-1914: Millard F. Mitchell

The sale of Lots 27 and 28 of the West Seattle Land and Improvement Company's 2nd Plat of West Seattle is first directly mentioned in a Warranty Deed dated 3 September 1908 and recorded at King County on 4 October 1908. Richard Stretch sold the property to M. F. Mitchell for \$3000.

According to the General Land Office Records of the Bureau of Land Management, on June 25, 1896, Mitchell had been granted a patent for land near what is now College Place near Walla Walla. The 1910 and 1910 City Directories show him living at 1917 46th Ave. SW. The 1911 states his occupation was "farmer". I wonder if he "farmed" some of the land around this property?

The 1910 Federal Census stated Millard F. and Jennie E. Mitchell lived at the house, ages 57 and 51 respectively. Sons Frederick age 27 and Alfred Age 25, daughter Margie age 20, son Rowland age 15 and daughter Helen age 9 also lived there. Also of interest, the only two homes on this block identified in the census are 1917 and 1924, implying no other homes had yet been built on this one-block stretch of 46th Avenue SW. Note: the 1900 Census showed the Mitchell family living in Walla Walla. Millard was born in Alabama and Jennie in Illinois. Also of Note, Alfred Mitchell served in World War I as a sergeant, and is buried at Mountain View Memorial Park in Lakewood.

By 1913, according to the City Directory, Mitchell lived still lived at 1917 46th Ave. SW along with Jennie E. Mitchell. But by the 1916 City Directory shows them moved to 4647 1st Ave. NE.

Millard and Jennie had been together for some time - the 1880 Federal Census shows them living in Mason, Illinois. Son Alfred, age 17, was married in 1906 according to a marriage record from Walla Walla, and that same record stated Alfred was born in Walla Walla.

The Mitchells also had a daughter, Virginia. In 2012 Virginia became engaged to and then married to Captain Raymond Stanton Patton.

Jennie died in 1928 in Fresno, California, but was

survived by Millard and by sons living in Seattle. Millard Fillmore Mitchell died shortly thereafter, 2 October 1928, and was buried in Fresno according to Find-A-Grave.

On 27 April 1915, Mitchell sold the house to August C. and Ellen F. Maul<sup>17</sup>.

#### A Marriage in the House

**Millard and Jennie Mitchell's daughter Virginia became engaged to Captain Raymond Stanton Patton who commanded the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey ship Explorer. According to the Seattle Times article on the wedding (Exhibit XX), the ceremony took place at the Mitchell's home, 1917 46th Ave. SW in Seattle. Patton later was promoted to Rear Admiral and became the second Director of the USC&GS<sup>21</sup> serving from 1929 to his death in 1937. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was the first officer of the USC&GS to reach flag rank. Virginia, born in 1889, died in 1980, giving birth to a son and two daughters. Photos of Patton below, in 1908 (left) and later as Director, USC&GS (right)<sup>22</sup>.**



## **Raymond Stanton Patton and Virginia Mitchell**

How did a ship captain, Raymond Stanton Patton, Captain of the United States Coast and Geodetic (USC&GS) survey ship *Explorer*, meet and woo Virginia Mitchell, daughter of a farmer living in a wild corner of Seattle, in 1914? The Coast and Geodetic survey charted the inlets, bays and depths of coastlines around the United States. I doubt the ship stayed in port for any length of time. And Patton was a young captain - his first ship assignment was in 1904 and he was already a ship captain by 1912<sup>24</sup>. West Seattle, as a populated neighborhood, was barely 20 years old in 1914.

**For Virginia Patton, the first four years of her married life must have been lonely. Patton resumed his shipboard duties, and became a naval officer at the onset of World War 1, when the USC&GS became part of the Navy. But by 1 March 1918 his naval duty assignment was at the Naval Observatory in Washington, D. C., so perhaps Virginia joined him there. When the war ended, Patton returned to the USC&GS, but as part of the Chart Division, which meant he probably stayed in Washington, D.C., and remained there until his death in 1937. Eventually he was promoted to Rear Admiral, becoming the first Flag Rank officer in the history of the USC&GS.**

**For Virginia, as wife of a military officer in the early 20th century, much of her time must have been spent raising their three children, but also on social duties in D. C. That is, she attended gatherings of officer's wives and hosted elegant parties at their home in the District. That's a far cry from being a farmer's daughter in Seattle. Virginia passed away in 1980.**

## **1916-1918: August C. and Ella Maul**

August C. and Ellen F. Maul purchased the home from M. F. Mitchell on 27 April, 1915. Unfortunately, August died on 14 June 1916, at age 49. And they had only been married since 31 August 1911. They were married in Walla Walla.

Ellen F. Sponster Maul was born on 11 October 1884 and died on 7 June 1934 in Athena, Oregon (Figure XX) but was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla. She was 28 when she was married, apparently for the third time, to August. In the 1900 census for Wells, Appanoose County, Iowa, she was listed as married to John Black, with a one year old son Reed. Reed's name is also on her death certificate, so it is likely he was living in Seattle with August and Ellen F. Maul in 1916. She was married again in 1921 in Walla Walla to Charles H. Potter, age 47, in 1921. Charles Potter died in 1931 in Athena, Oregon, suffocated by several thousand bushels of wheat in an elevator collapse.

On 27 May 2016 a quitclaim deed was filed in King County, deeding the house from "Aug C. Maul" to Ellen Maul. and on 1 February 2018 Ellen Maul sold the house to Luella Radovich on a contract (insert reference to DCI Property Card).

## **1918-1921: Luella and Nicholas Radovich**

### **Ella Maul: Quite a Character**

Ellen Sponsler Black Maul Potter was quite the character. Three husbands and only one child. She married her first husband, John Black, in Iowa on 12 September 1898, had her only child, Reed Black, on 10 May 1899 in Iowa. John Black died in 1904 at age 36 in Appanoose County, Iowa. Foklore states that a brother of John's wife in 1904, Jennie Yaryan, confessed on his death bed that he murdered John and dumped his body in a well<sup>23</sup>. And her second husband, August Maul, born in Switzerland, died relatively young, Age 49, of a "rupture of the esophagus", possibly in this house. And her third husband died buried under 3000 bushels of wheat in Athena, Oregon. Reed Black apparently accompanied his mother to Seattle, and, in 1920, to Walla Walla. He died in 1982 in Athena, Oregon, with 10 children.

Luella Radovich purchased the home from Ellen F. Maul on February 1, 2018. The 1918 City Directory shows Luella and Nicholas living at the house and employed in “oysters”. The 1920 Federal Census showed the Radovich family living at the home. Nick, age 54, Luella, age 48, son Rudolph, age 19, and son-in-law Reese A. Hooper, age 27.

By 1922, according to the City Directory, Luella and Nicholas Radovich were still in the oysters business at the foot of Yesler Way, but their home was at 3302 24th Avenue.

Luella Thatcher Hoopes Radovich was born in Missouri on 5 July 1871 and died in Seattle on 12 January 1957. Her children included Gordon Cornelius Hoopes, Rudolph Nicholas Radovich and Reese Albinus Hoopes according to Find-a-Grave. Her first marriage was to Gordon Hoopes in Kansas City Missouri on 20 September 1890. Nicholas Radovich was born 5 March 1863 in Czechia, died on 6 Dec 1941 and is buried with Luella at Pacific Lutheran cemetery. They were married on the 29 October 1910 - her name was Lula E. Hoopes at that time.

Radovich apparently defaulted on the contract, because on 10 January 1921 a warranty deed was recorded with Ellen F. Maul as the grantor and Harry W. Foster as grantee, transferring the house to Foster (insert endnote reference to DCI Property Card). Note: “Foster” was also Ellen F. Maul’s surname at her birth. And on 19 December 1921 a quitclaim deed was filed with Luella Radovich as the grantor and Harry W. Foster as the grantee, apparently giving up an interest Radovich had in the property.

### **Harry W. Foster**

It is doubtful Harry W. Foster ever lived at the house. In doing research on Ancestry.com, his address uniformly appears to be at 611 West 73rd street in City Directories and censuses and on his death certificate. On 22 August 1922 a warrantee deed was filed with Harry W. Foster as the grantor and “Est. Frances E. Byrne, deed” as the grantee. Ada E. Walsh, Byrne’s daughter, appears in that record, as do the notations PC71741 and PC81104 in the Date Recorded column. “PC” may refer to a property contract. Interestingly, this warranty

deed, although dated in 1922 was not recorded until 9 May 1931. So the property may have passed to Frances Byrne in 1931 after she and William J. Byrne lived in the house since 1922. This conclusion is supported by the 1930 Federal census shows the Byrnes in the house, but with the notation they were renting, not owning.

The 1930 Federal Census shows Harry W. Foster, age 40, at 611 West 78th Street (may be 73rd), with wife Laura, age 38, son Leland, age 17, and son Harry, 13.

### **~1922-1934: William J. Byrne**

William J. Byrne and his wife Frances E. Byrne, lived in the house from 1923, and perhaps earlier, until his death on September 21, 1934, due to prostate disease and metastatic growth on his liver, complicated by pneumonia.. He and Frances are buried in Evergreen-Washelli cemetery.

According to City Directories, Byrne worked as a farmer and then as a warehouseman, carpenter, helper, and electrician for Puget Sound Power and Light for at least 15 years. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 2, 1868.

William J. Byrne had a homestead patent on 160 acres near Waterville and Royal City, Washington, granted on July 13, 1911 according to the Bureau of Land Management. And Clarence H. Glandon received a similar patent for 160 acres, implying Byrne and Glandon knew each other before Byrne married Frances Glandon.

I believe he married Frances later in life, and did not have any children, but had at least two stepchildren, Ada Glandon Walsh and Clarence H. Glandon, and six step grandchildren based on Frances’ previous marriage to Harris Glandon (see below).

According to the 1930 Federal Census, Byrne and his wife lived at the house, and they rented it. Others living at the house were Frances’ son Clarence H. Glandon who was a plumber, stepson Ralph Glandon, who was an electrician, and four other Glandon children. But also at the house were Oscar and Marion Estensen and their five children.

It’s interesting that the person noted as the “informant” on his death certificate is Ada Walsh,

who, according to the 1900 Federal Census, was probably Frances (Glandon) Byrne's daughter. Ada has several other connections with this property. Find-a-Grave states she was married to Cornelius L. Walsh, she was born in 1883 and died in 1967. Various federal censuses show her occupation as a saleswoman in a department store, and her husband Cornelius as a Deputy Sheriff.

### **~1922-1942 Frances E. Byrne**

Frances Byrne, wife of William J. Byrne, has an interesting history and lived at the house longer than any other residents except Kathy and Bill Schrier.

Frances Byrne was born December 20, 1861 in California, according to her death certificate. Byrne died while living at the house on March 11, 1942. Her son Clarence H. Glandon is the "informant" on the death certificate and probably found her at the house or was called by others living there and arrived to handle arrangements.

Her marriage to William Byrne was her second marriage. According to the 1880 Federal Census, Frances was 18 years old and married to Harris J. Glandon who was 28, and they were living in Perrydale, Oregon, along with Frances' brother William Moreland.

By 1890, Frances was probably living in Seattle. The 1889 Washington Census showed H. J. Glandon, age 36, F. E. Glandon, age 27, C. H. Glandon, age 8, and A. E. Glandon, age 6, living the 3rd Ward of King County. H. J. was listed as a Blacksmith born in Iowa and F. E. was a housewife born in California. An article in the Thursday, September 4, 1890, Post-Intelligencer described the attempted suicide of Mrs. Phineas C. Joel who attempted suicide due to an unhappy marriage. Mr. and Mrs. "G. H. Glandon" were disturbed by the sound of heavy breathing coming from the upstairs. And in an article in the Salem Statesman Journal from Saturday, August 26, 1893, "Mrs. Harris Glandon of Seattle" was visiting friends and relatives at McCoy. The 1894 Seattle City Directory lists "Harry J. Glandon" as a blacksmith working for August Wenzel, rooming at 1507 4th Avenue. An 1893 article in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer described a social given at her house 510 Olive

### **Billy Glandon's Wives**

**William (Billy) Roscoe Glandon lived at 1917 46th SW from the 1920s until about 1934. Billy had an interesting time with marriage, death and divorce. He married Katherine Beckman in 1934 but she died in 1945. He married Pat Kucera in 1948 but they divorced "before July 1956" probably because he married Clara Dahl in July 1956. Clara and Billy divorced "before December 1961" because Billy married Margery Eklund in December, 1961. Margery and Billy divorced in 1987. Billy married Dorothy Johnson in 1988 in Reno. Dorothy died in 1997 and Billy in 2004<sup>25</sup>.**

Street, which included William Moreland, and Clarence and Ada Glandon, her children. In the 1900 Federal Census, Frances, Clarence and Ada were listed at 616 Columbia Street, along with William Moreland, but the census notation states "Gone to Alaska east steamer". And an 1899 article in the Post-Intelligencer describes a birthday party given for Ada at their home, 616 Columbia Street, again including Moreland and C. H. Glandon. That address is now the I-5 freeway through downtown.

Harris J. Glandon was born in Sigourney Iowa, about 1861. The 1910 Federal Census showed him divorced, age 58 and living in Yamhill Oregon working as a driver for an express company. The 1920 Federal Census showed him as age 70, divorced and living in Yamhill Oregon with his sister. An article in the Los Angeles Times on September 17, 1930, stated funeral services for Harris J. Glandon will be held at the W. A. Brown Chapel, 1815 South Flower Street.

According to the 1900 Federal Census, Frances was living at 616 Columbia Street with her son Clarence and daughter Ada. Also living there was Frances' brother William Moreland. Frances' unmarried name was Moreland. The 1902 Seattle City Directory showed Frances as widowed, a canvasser, and living at 2505 Second Avenue, same address as her son Clarence H., who was a plumber for Baker and Son.

In January, 1923 Frances was involved in a traffic

“smash” where her son Clarence was the driver, and she was seriously injured. Her address at that time was 1917 46th Ave. SW.

At the 1940 Federal Census, Frances E. Byrne, age 78 now widowed from William J. Byrne, was living with her brother William Moreland, age 76 and also William Weingartner, age 48. Weingartner’s occupation was listed as “Male Nurse” in a “Private Home” and may have been a caretaker for either Frances or William.

Frances died 11 March 1942.

### ~1923 to about 193 - C. H. Glandon

Clarence H. Glandon, born in about 1881, was the son of Frances and Harris Glandon. He and his children lived in the house in the 1920s. C. H. was living in Douglas County, Washington, and was married on 27 September 1904 (Figure XX). Glandon was a plumber. His wife was Evva (or Eva) Belle Churchill, according to the marriage certificate, and she was born in Minnesota. Her occupation was listed as “housekeeper”.

Clarence and Evva (Eva) had six children: Ruth, Ralph, Billy, Francis, Clarence and Maybelle. Ruth was born 6 September 1907 and died 16 July 1991 in Seattle, Ralph was born 21 August 1909 and died 1 December 2001, William (Billy) was born 17 July 1911, and died 6 November 2004. Francis was born 22 August 1912, and died 4 September 2002. Clarence “Bud” was born 11 May 1916 and died 29 May 2011 in Peoria Arizona, and Maybelle Evva was born 19 Oct 1917 in Okanogan County and died 29 April 2010 in Barstow, California.

The 1902 Seattle City Directory showed Clarence H., living at 2505 Second Avenue and working as a plumber for Baker and Son. In 1903 they were living in Seattle at 2505 Second Avenue. Clarence’s wife’s name was Fannie E. Glandon and she was listed as a travel agent. In 1910 they lived in Low Gap, Grant County, Washington, according to the federal census. By September 12, 1918, when “Clarence Herman Glandon” registered for the draft, he and Eva were living at 1710 Roxbury, RFD 4, Seattle.

Eva Glandon, born on August 8, 1885, in Minnesota, died on August 8 1919 from “Lobar

Pneumonia” according to Washington death records, probably leaving C. H. Glandon to raise the children.

In 1920 the Byrnes, C. H. Glandon, and the five children were living at 4427 42nd Ave. SW. In 1930 C. H. Glandon and five children were living at the house. According to the federal census, they were Ralph age 20, Billy age 18, Francis age 17, Clarence age 13 and Maybelle age 12.

Also in 1930, Clarence remarried on May 29. His second wife was Mildred D. Smith and the marriage was witnessed by Clarence’s son Ralph. In the 1930 census, Mildred was a boarder at 1910 45th SW and did clerical work in the insurance industry. Mildred

#### **A Full House in 1930**

**According to the Federal census, fifteen people lived in the house in 1930, including 7 adults and 8 children. William J. and Frances Byrne rented the house according to the census, although Frances apparently was buying it, with a warranty deed executed in 1922 but not recorded in King County until 1931. Frances’ son from a previous marriage, C. H. Glandon, lived in the house with his five children, although he remarried in May of 1930, perhaps from the pressure of living with 14 other people, including two of his sons aged 18 and 20. And the Estensen family, who had moved from Minnesota - two adults and seven children - also lived in the house. The house was registered as a legal duplex in 1946, but the basement apartment had to be finished and in use in 1930.**

was born on November 25, 1899 in Minnesota, and died on September 20, 1983 in Seattle. According to the 1932 Seattle City Directory, Clarence and Mildred were living at 2301 37th Ave. SW. Ralph, a salesman, was married to Elizabeth and lived at 3217 - 4th Ave. SW. Billy, a student, still lived at the house, 1917 46th Ave. SW. By the 1940 Federal Census, Clarence and Mildred lived in Lakewood and all the children were on their own. Clarence had to register for the draft again in 1942 when he was sixty years old. He was a plumber for Fred Smith Plumbing and Heating Company, and lived at

11422 - 4th Ave. SW in Seattle with Mildred.

Find-a-Grave shows Clarence H. Glandon, born in 1881, died in 1967, and buried at Evergreen Washelli.

### 1930 Oscar and Marion Estensen Family

The 1930 Federal Census showed Oscar E. and Marion Estensen lived at the house, along with their children Donald, age 11, Stanley, age 10, Maxine, age 7, Dorothy, age 4, and Roger, age 1 and 11/12.



Oscar was born in 1891 in South Dakota and died in 1981 in San Jose, California. Marion was born in 1893 in Minnesota and died in 1990 in San Jose. They were married in 1917 in Lewistown Montana. They stayed only briefly in Seattle. The census showed they lived in Minneapolis in 1920, but by 1935 they were living in San Jose. The Estensens, including their children, appear to be a rock solid salt-of-the-earth family, the kind which helped build the nation, as no news articles or accomplishments are found either in an Internet search or on Ancestry<sup>18</sup>.

### William L. Moreland

William Moreland was the brother of Frances E. Moreland-Glandon-Byrne. William apparently lived with Frances from at least 1880 until his death 30

#### Francis the Meat Cutter Glandon

Francis C. Glandon, son of C. H. Glandon, and grandson of Frances E. Byrne, lived in the house in 1930 at age 17 and graduated from West Seattle High School in 1933. In 1939, at age 27, he purchased White's Meat Market inside McGlenn's Red and White Store in Port Angeles. Glandon married Harriett Clauson on 10 August 1957 in Bremerton. Glandon retired from the meat cutting business in 1979 after owning a business in Bremerton, and passed away in 2002. More information in app. XX. Photo is from 1957.



March 1942, just 19 days after his sister, Frances. The 1880 Federal Census shows Harris J. Glandon, age 28, Frances E. Glandon, his wife, age 18, and William L. Moreland, age 16, living in Perrydale Oregon. William's occupation is listed as farm laborer. The 1910 census has him living in Low Gap, Grant County, Washington, with his nephew C. H. Glandon, and his occupation farmer. But in 1930 he was still living in Grant County at age 66, with the Angelo Garay family, occupation laborer. And in 1940 he was living again with Frances at 1917 46th SW. Virtually no records other than censuses, and the Washington Death Index, exist referencing William. He died 30 March 1942.

### Ada Glandon Walsh

#### Frances E. Byrne

Frances holds a special fascination for me. She lived in this house for 20 years, from about 1922 until her death in 1942. That's longer than anyone else, except my wife Kathy and I, who have lived here since 1978.

Her life must have been hard. Married at age 18, she had at least two children, Clarence and Ada Glandon. And she lived with and probably cared for her brother William L. Moreland, virtually all her adult life. William was probably either mentally or physically impaired, as his only occupation listed by the census is "laborer". And he died just 19 days after Frances in 1942.

Frances' second husband, William J. Byrne, only held laborer or other low-level jobs at Seattle City Light, and died 8 years before her.

I can see Frances in the kitchen of 1917 46th Ave. SW making meals for her son and his six children. And her income undoubtedly was helped by consistently renting the basement apartment, although most of the names of renters are lost to history.

William Byrne and Frances had no children. William, with no direct descendants, left little mark on the world unlike Frances, with many Glandon children. It is a pity we have no photo with which to remember her.



### All in the (Police) Family

Law Enforcement is a way of life for the Bourdage Family. Edmund O. Bourdage lived at 1917 46th SW. with his wife Lila and was Kalama, Washington Police Chief in 1977. His wife Lila was a Cowlitz County matron. His son Steve Bourdage was a patrolman in Kalama, Washington, and his son Edmund A. Bourdage was born in Seattle in 1938 and lived at 1917 46th SW in 1940. He became a Lieutenant in the Longview Police Department, later becoming Chief in 1983. Photo is from 1977 Longview Daily News. More detail in "Figure 13. The Bourdage Family" on page 32.

Adeline (Ada) Ellen Glandon was the daughter of Frances E. Glandon Byrne. She never lived in the house, but inherited it along with her brother Clarence C. Glandon after Frances died in 1942. She also was the "informant" to the medical examiner when William J. Byrne died in 1934. Ada was married to Cornelius L. Walsh. Ada was born in 1883 and died in 1967. Of note, Ada Glandon was given a surprise birthday party in 1899 at her home 616 Columbia Street. That's probably in the Seattle Central area, rather than West Seattle's Columbia Avenue, which was renamed 46th Ave. SW in 1908.

### Edmund, Lila, Edmund Jr., Joseph Bourdage

The 1940 census showed the Bourdage family also living at 1917 46th Ave. SW (Figure XX).

Edmund O. Bourdage, the father, later became police chief in Kalama, Washington. Edmund A. Bourdage, Jr., was born on 14 March 1938 and in 1983 became police chief Longview Washington. He and his wife Lila had five sons, several of whom entered law enforcement. Edmund A. Bourdage, Jr., pictured at right, died 26 August 2021.



### 1942-1944 Clarence C. and Opal C. Silvernale

Frances Byrne died on March 11, 1942. City Directory entries for 1942 show Clarence E. (supposed to be C.) Silvernale, a driller at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, as living at the address.

Clarence's wife Opal was undoubtedly also in the house. as Clarence's Draft Card (Figure XX) shows his address at 1917 46th Ave SW, and his point of contact as "Mrs. Silvernale, address same". But in 1943-44 (one book) only Opal is listed at the residence, and she is employed at the "BACo.", probably the Boeing Aircraft Company.

Clarence and Opal did divorce, perhaps in 1943, because Opal's death certificate dated September 12, 1970 (Figure XX) shows her divorced and living in the Bremerton area.

Clarence and Opal had at three children. In the 1940 census they were living in Bremerton. Clarence, age 41, and Opal, age 35, Silvernale lived with daughters Norma age 14, Constance, age 12 and Dolores, Age 9 (Figure XX).

Margaret Delores McDonald died on October 26, 1964, in an automobile accident in Belfair, Mason County. She was 34 years old at that time, born on April 19, 1930, and was a checker at a grocery store.

Daughters Norma and Connie are mentioned in Opal's obituary (Figure XX).

The Silvernales lived in the house but never owned it. On 26 August 1944, Frances Byrne's children Clarence H. Glandon and Ada E. Walsh signed a warranty deed transferring the property to E. E. Lacy.

## E. E. Lacy

On August 26, 1944, Clarence H. Glandon and Ada Walsh transferred the house to E. E. Lacy via warranty deed. Frances Byrne apparently left the house to both of them.

I don't believe Emery (Emory) E. Lacy ever lived at the property. The 1942 City Directory showed "Emory" E. and Jassie A Lacy living at 4007 42nd Ave. SW. His occupation was listed as salesman for Barney Brush Inc. The 1950 Federal Census showed "Emory" E. and Jessie A. Lacy, ages 50 and 45, living at 4007 42nd Ave SW. The census showed his occupation as a real estate salesman for a real estate company. The ages listed in the census are about 11 years different than those found in other sources. A World War II Draft Registration card from 1942 stated Emory Ellis Lacy lived at 4007 42nd Ave SW, but his birth date was listed as 19 April 1883 and his age 59 years. His contact on that card was Barney Brush, 4512 California Avenue.

Emery E. Lacy signed a warranty deed on 13 May 1947 transferring the property to Kenneth R. Kirkeide and Kenneth's wife Gladys.

### 1947 - 1954? Kenneth and Gladys Kirkeide

Kirkeide was a mechanic at an airplane manufacturer, probably Boeing. According to the 1950 Federal Census, he was 30 and his wife 28, and six-year-old daughter Sharon Lee lived with them at 1917 46th Ave SW. Both Kenneth and Gladys were born in Montana. Kenneth and Gladys "Dolly" Good were married in Havre, Montana, on September 28, 1940. Kenneth was born on June 15, 1919, and Gladys on July 24, 1921. According to Find-a-Grave, Kenneth died on June 18, 2011, and Gladys "Dolly" died on December 21, 2004. Their obituaries are "Figure 14. Kenneth Kirkeide Obituary" on page 33 and "Figure 15. Gladys "Dolly" Obituary" on page 33. Both were active in the Church of the Nazarene. Ken was also a woodcarver and fisherman.

### 1947? - 1954 Ray and June Gerring

The 1950 Federal census also showed that living in the lower unit were Ray H. Gerring, age 23, a commercial artist at an advertising agency, his wife June age 20 at home, and daughter Lynne, probably a newborn.

Ray and June Paylor were married on 22 October 1948. By 1954 the Gerrings had moved to 8411 47th Ave. South and operated a company named Studio Art.

Ray was born on 11 June 1926 and died on 13 April 2020. His children included Lynne, Richard and Dale. According to Find-a-Grave, his wife June E. was born on 30 June 1929 and died in 28 August 2023. They were buried in the Tahoma National Cemetery.

But the Gerrings were a fascinating couple who made significant accomplishments later in their lives.

Ray went to Franklin High School and played baseball. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II, a few years before living at the home at 1917 46th SW. Besides painting, he later became an art instructor at Roosevelt High School and Seattle Central Community College. He lost his eyesight starting in the 1990s and became a member of the Blinded Veterans Association<sup>19</sup>. Nevertheless Ray wrote a book "Tales from the Emerald City" based on his experiences growing up in the 1930s and 1940s in Seattle. And his art still appears on Facebook<sup>20</sup>. His paintings sell for \$100 to \$150.

Alas there is not as much information online or in Ancestry about June, but the Exhibits at the end of this book contain obituaries and comments on obituaries from their friends and former students.



Ray Gerring 1942  
Franklin High School  
Yearbook



June Paylor (Gerring)  
Ballard High School  
Yearbook 1946

## Chapter 2a: Figures and Images



Figure 13. Example of Ray Gerring's Art  
As found on the Blinded Veterans Association Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152366058057996.1073741832.8687027995&type=3>

### THE DAILY NEWS

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## 'Like father, like son' adage fits Bourdage men in police work

By Richard Spivey  
Two News Service Staff Writers

**KALAMA**—For the family of Kalama Police Chief Ed Bourdage, the adage "like father, like son" holds a special significance. The sons are making a career of police work, two others had been policemen, and a fifth is considering it.

Although it is also somewhat "like mother," too, because Mrs. Lila Bourdage had worked as chief matron at the Cowlitz County Jail for several years when her husband was a deputy sheriff.

Remembering in the Kalama office, Chief Bourdage said he guessed it all must have started when he was a youngster in Duluth, Minn., and sometimes was allowed to ride in a patrol car with his deputy sheriff uncle.

That early exposure to police work remained a live spark, and in 1940 Ed took the first tentative steps towards what became his career when he became a security guard for the Boeing Co. in Seattle.

In succession then, he was special investigator at the Seattle-Tacoma shipyards during World War II; a King County deputy officer on the Bremerton police department; back to King County; and then in 1953 he joined the sheriff's department here.

Bourdage remained with the county until 1968, when he was one of seven applicants for the job of Kalama police chief. He was the successful one.

But it was while he was still a deputy sheriff that Ed Jr., the oldest of five boys, embarked on his police career in Kelso. Six years later he transferred to Longview, and on Nov. 1, 1974, he was appointed sergeant. Just recently, in April, he was promoted to lieutenant.

So it is that the oldest and the youngest, Steve, are both police officers. Since 1974 Steve has worked for his father on the Kalama force.

Glancing at his wife, and his two uniformed sons, Chief Bourdage began to tick off the names. There is David, who was with the Kelso Police Department before he decided to switch, and become a log truck driver.

And Wall, once a deputy in Washouak County, then a policeman in Washouak, and he too turned to driving log trucks.

Two Bourdages, with some retail police experience in Castle Rock, recently took a civil service test for a job with that city's police force. He doesn't yet know the results.

Neither of the two Bourdage daughters have shown any inclination to emulate their father or brothers. Mrs. Edith Morgan works for Tullcraft Corp. in Kelso, and Mrs. Susan Crockett lives with her husband in Kalama.

Since police work isn't exactly a low-risk sort of endeavor, the Bourdages have had their moments of excitement and danger.

1975 in particular brought with it incidents that Steve and Ed Jr. are likely to remember the rest of their lives. Steve's came early in September, when, after a chase, he was out in the hills behind Kalama. As he approached the car, the driver leaped out, got in his hand, and warned Steve not to draw his gun unless he wanted to be killed.

The gunman locked young Bourdage in the police car's trunk and roared off in what turned out to be a stolen vehicle. By using a fire iron, the officer was able to free himself and broadcast an alarm.

Later, in Clark County James Moore was arrested, but only after he shot and wounded a state trooper.

Steve's moment of truth occurred only a few weeks before brother Ed, a sergeant at the time, became involved in a chase and shootout. The man he and other officers were trying to capture was Ben Burman, wanted in connection with robberies at several Longview stores.

At least two shots fired by Burman left holes in the patrol car. "But it was the car that got shot, not me," Bourdage commented, "and in the end we caught Burman and the man with him."

We asked Ed if he had consciously gone into police work because it was his father's career.

"The youngest considered. 'Well, I've known policemen ever since I was a kid. It seemed a natural move to make, but besides that, I wanted to do it.'"

If bad happenings occur in threes,

*Daily News photo by Joe Perdue*

### Law enforcement runs in the Bourdage family

Police work is a way of life for the Edmund O. Bourdage family. Pictured are the senior Ed Bourdage, chief of police at Kalama, seated, his wife, Lila, a former Cowlitz County Jail matron, and Kalama Police Patrolman Steve Bourdage, left, and Longview Police Lt. Edmund A. Bourdage, right.

<b>Western Family</b> <b>WHIPPED TOPPING</b> 9-ounce Tub <b>39¢</b>	<b>Western Family</b> <b>FRENCH FRIES</b> Regular or Crinkle Cuts, 2 lb. <b>49¢</b>	<b>Banquet</b> <b>FRIED CHICKEN</b> Pre-cooked 32 oz. <b>\$1.79</b>	<b>Swanson's</b> <b>TV DINNERS</b> Chicken, Turkey, Salisbury 11 1/2 OZ. <b>79¢</b>
<b>BATH TISSUE</b> Charmin 4-Ball Pack, White/Colors <b>79¢</b>	<b>REFRIED BEANS</b> Beans, 18 oz. <b>3/\$1.00</b>	<b>FLOUR</b> Gold Medal, 10 lb. <b>\$1.29</b>	<b>CHEERIOS</b> General Mills Cereal, 15 oz. <b>89¢</b>
<b>HI-HO CRACKERS</b> 1 lb. box <b>59¢</b>	<b>DELICIOUS APPLES</b> Extra Fancy RED or GOLDEN lb. <b>29¢</b>	<b>U.S. No. 1 California GRAPES</b> Seedless, Black Ribbon, Ruby, Ladyfinger lb. <b>45¢</b>	<b>FLUFFO SHORTENING</b> 3-lb. <b>\$1.59</b>
<b>CARROTS</b> Leaf No. 1 Medium Size 1 lb. bag <b>3/39¢</b>	<b>BRUSSELS SPROUTS</b> California lb. <b>29¢</b>	<b>DANISH SQUASH</b> Local lb. <b>3/39¢</b>	<b>BEETS</b> Local bunch <b>29¢</b>
<b>LIQUID DETERGENT</b> Buy 44 oz. size - get a 16 oz. size FREE! <b>ERA</b> 44 oz. <b>\$2.69</b>	<b>BLEACH</b> 3 1/2 gal. <b>\$1.19</b>	<b>BORAX</b> 20 Mule Team 5 lb. 4 oz. <b>\$1.09</b>	<b>MINI PADS</b> Stepfline 48 <b>\$1.99</b>
<b>NAPKINS</b> Eco Luna Design 100 Count <b>39¢</b>	<b>DIXIE CUPS</b> Radio Kitchen Coffee, 100 1 1/2 oz. <b>\$1.09</b>	<b>MARGARINE</b> Blue Bonnet 1 lb. tubs <b>59¢</b>	<b>TINY SHRIMP</b> Pacific Pearl Alaska 4 1/2 oz. <b>\$1.09</b>
<b>DOG FOOD</b> Blue Bonnet, 11 oz. Best Buy, Low Protein, Chicken and Liver, Doghouse <b>4/\$1.00</b>	<b>COUPON</b> St. Helens Shopping Center <b>FOLGERS COFFEE</b> with creamer 3 lb. tin <b>\$8.69</b>	<b>Meat's Whole Pack</b> <b>TOMATOES</b> 28 oz. 100 count <b>69¢</b>	<b>TEA BAGS</b> Quaker Oats <b>CAPN' CRUNCH</b> 12 oz. Quaker Oats Malt, 7 Grain, Not Apple <b>79¢</b>
<b>MEAT DEPARTMENT</b> <b>U.S. Choice BEEF</b> Center Cut <b>ROUND STEAKS</b> <b>\$1.59</b>	<b>ANGEL FOOD CAKE</b> 10 oz. Betty's Bakery <b>5/\$1.00</b>	<b>BISCUIT MIX</b> 6 oz. Crescent Muffins and Pizzas <b>\$1.29</b>	<b>HOT CEREALS</b> 16-21 oz. Whitehouse Instant <b>DRESSING</b> 16 oz. Lee & Pomeroy WORKINGMANS <b>99¢</b>
<b>U.S. Choice Beef-Think Cut for Steaming</b> <b>ROUND STEAKS</b> <b>\$1.49</b>	<b>WALNUT MEATS</b> 6 1/2 oz. <b>\$1.29</b>	<b>SAUCE</b> 5 oz. Oyster's Steaks and Pizzas <b>59¢</b>	<b>MUSHROOMS</b> 4 oz. Lee & Pomeroy WORKINGMANS <b>59¢</b>
<b>U.S. Choice Beef-Think Cut for Steaming</b> <b>SLICED BACON</b> <b>\$1.19</b>	<b>'RED PRICED ITEMS'</b> in every aisle - Means SAVINGS that will make you SMILE! <b>ST. HELENS Shopping Center</b>	<b>FROZEN SPECIALTIES</b> <b>TONY'S 10 3/4"</b> <b>PIZZA 30¢ OFF</b> All Varieties <b>99¢</b>	<b>PUMPKIN PIES</b> Mrs. Smith's, 28 oz. <b>99¢</b>

Figure 15. Kenneth Kirkeide Obituary  
24 June 2011 via *The Seattle Times*

### **Kenneth Kirkeide Obituary**

Kenneth Raymond Kirkeide of Edmonds went home to be with his Lord on June 18, 2011. Born on June 15, 1919 in Chinook Montana to Carl and Philomena Kirkeide.

September 28, 1940, he married Gladys 'Dolly' Kirkeide from Havre, Montana. They were married for 64 years before Dolly's passing in 2004. One son and two daughters were born to this union. They moved to Seattle in 1941 where he began a 39-year career with Boeing and sixteen years at Westinghouse. In his spare time, he worked as a heavy-duty machine operator and land developer. As a result of his hard work, Ken along with his wife were able to create an endowment that included 20 units of married student housing (The Kirkeide Apartments) at Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID. Following Dolly's passing, Ken would add six additional units in her honor. Ken's great loves were his family, church, sports, fishing, and wood carving. He dearly loved his 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren and often traveled across the country to enjoy their activities. For over sixty years, he and Dolly were greeters, welcoming, and loving people into the church. He was known as 'Grandpa Ken' or the 'Tootsie Roll Man' and Dolly was known as 'Grandma' by all the kids that were benefactors of his tasty handouts and their love. He was an enthusiastic and loyal fan of the Mariners and Seahawks and Sonics. Ken was an avid fisherman with family and friends at Sekiu, Neah Bay and points up and down the coast. Ken became a highly regarded woodcarver and passed on those skills to others often teaching classes in wood carving at Shoreline Community College and other wood-carving shows and clinics.

Ken was preceded in death by his beloved wife Dolly, and his two parents and stepmother. He is survived by his children Sharon (Gary) Locke, Keith Kirkeide (Karen), Carol Kirkeide, 5 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. A celebration of his life will be held June 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Aurora Church of the Nazarene in Shoreline.

Figure 16. Gladys "Dolly" Obituary  
24 December 2004 via *The Seattle Times*

### **Gladys "Dolly" Kirkeide Obituary**

Gladys "Dolly" KIRKEIDE Of Edmonds, went home to be with her Lord on December 21, 2004. She was 83. A devoted member of Aurora Church of the Nazarene, she enjoyed entertaining, being a member of The Rafters Motor Home Group, playing SkipBo and was known as the "SkipBo Queen". Being a greeter for many years, loving and welcoming people into the church, she was known as "Grandma" by all the church kids. She created with her husband an endowment which included 20 units of married student housing (The Kirkeide Apartments) at Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Kenneth Kirkeide, children Sharon Locke (Gary), Keith L. Kirkeide (Karen), Carol Ann Kirkeide, brothers Bill Good and John Good, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Her Life will be held Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004 at 3 p.m. at Aurora Church of the Nazarene, 1900 N 175th St., Shoreline.



## Chapter 3: History of 1917 - 46th Ave. SW 1948 to 1978

### 1954 - 1964 Lyman A. and Winifred L. Peterson

The Petersons purchased the house on a real estate contract from the Kirkeides. The Kirkeides retained ownership, as the Petersons apparently defaulted on the contract in 1960 and ownership returned to the Kirkeides.

Lyman Anferd Peterson was born in 1920 in Duluth Minnesota and died in 1998. He went to high school in Alexandria Minnesota. He served in the Navy in World War II. The 1950 federal census showed him employed as a Tracing Clerk. The 1954 City Directory shows his job as a salesman.



Lyman Peterson Alexandria Minnesota High School Yearbook Photo about 1938. Peterson is in the front row, second from right.

Winifred L. Peterson was born in about 1917 in Iowa. In 1950 she was employed as a stenographer and married to Lyman, but no children were listed.

Winifred and Lyman appear to have been divorced in about 1957, as a property record shows Lyman granting his interest in the house to Winifred on 22 July 1957. Lyman married Elsie L. Reid in 1959.

### 1957-1960 Berkeley A. and E. Amaryllis Nokes

The Nokes received the house on the assignment of a real estate contract, probably the contract by which the Petersons had purchased the house from the Kirkeides. But in 1960 they apparently defaulted on the contract and ownership returned to the Kirkeides. In 1963 the house was briefly owned by Washington Mutual Savings Bank.

Berkeley Rufus Nokes, known as “Bert”, was born in 1924 in Seattle and died in 2015. Bert grew up in West Seattle and was a carpenter and general contractor.



Edna Amaryllis (Mask) Nokes was born in 1929 in Kemmerer Wyoming. I always sit up and take notice when Kemmerer is mentioned, as it is also the site of the first-ever J. C. Penney Department Store. She was known as Ryllis and married Bert in 1948. Her career was mostly in bookkeeping. After retirement, she and Bert moved to Colville.



Bert and Ryllis had a big family: Jerry, Aleece, Teresa, Edrie, Jesse and Bruce.

“Nokes” is a prominent name in West Seattle history, with many family members. A horse farm on SW Kenyon Street was in the family until its sale in 2017. One of our first mail carriers after we moved into 1917 46th SW was Don Nokes, although I’m not sure of his relationship to Bert and Ryllis.

I wonder if Bert, as a carpenter, might have been responsible for some of the construction in the house. The ceilings were ten feet high originally, but lowered to eight feet, probably in the 1950s as drywall rather than plaster was used. We’ve since restored them to their ten foot height.

### 1965-1972 Rudolph L. and Margaret E. Peden

The Pedens purchased the house on 9 September 1965 via Warranty Deed (and probably a Deed of Trust).

Rudolph Peden was born in 1919 in Washington, D. C. and died in 2012 while living in Renton. He married Margie and they had nine children: Betty, Kassie, Jessie, Sue, Rudy, John, Sheri, Janie and Mike. Three were from Margie’s first marriage. He served for twenty-two years in the Navy and Air

Force, and then worked at the Bremerton Naval Shipyard until 1973. Rudy loved to swim and worked as a lifeguard, then competed in the Senior Olympics nationally.

Margaret Elisabeth (Little) Peden was born in 1929 in College Station, Texas. After retirement she and Rudy traveled the country in their fifth wheeler, and worked seasonally in Yellowstone and Death Valley National Parks.

Nancy Morrison lived next door at 1911 46th Avenue SW from 1964 until her death in 2023. Nancy would sometimes talk about the “Pedens”. With nine children living in the house at 1917 46th SW, Nancy certain would see a lot of kids running around the neighborhood.

### **1972-1978 Jesse M. and Ernestine K. Turner**

Jesse Turner was born in 1936 in Danville, Virginia. He served in the United States Army. In November of 1957, Jesse married Ernestine K. ‘Kay’ Konrad in Tacoma. While living in Seattle he owned and operated T.H.E. Graphics Co. Jesse was a member of the Elks, Kiwanis and AAOS. He died in 2010 while living in Ocean Shores.

Ernestine “Kay” Konrad Turner was born in 1938 in Canada. She went to school in Cashmere, Washington in the 1950s and died in 2013.

Jesse and Kay had sons, Terry D. and Scott Alan and a daughter, Patricia LeAnn. Scott graduated from West Seattle High School in 1978.

### **1978 to present day - William M. and E. Kathleen Schrier**

Bill Schrier worked for Equitable Savings and Loan in 1978, and the Schrier’s obtained a loan from Equitable to purchase the house. Equitable later was purchased by Ben Franklin Savings and Loan of Portland, which, in turn was purchased by Seattle First National Bank, which later became part of the Bank of America.

Bill and Kathy have two children, Julia and Lara, and seven grandchildren.

I’ll write very little more about us here, as our history in this house is still a “work in progress” and I want to respect our own privacy.

One of the advantages of the house is the basement mother-in-law apartment, which has often been rented. The first renter was Elaine (Beach) Corry, who passed away in 2010. Other renters included Sherri Ellison with her son Ryan, Sherri’s mother, Wayne Garrow and his daughter Alexandria, Jonathan Rasely, and Rachel Kirby.

The house has been completely renovated, inside and outside. The “bones” of the house have remained - 2x4 rough lumber which is actually two inches by four inches. And the underlying floors of softwood have remained.

But the exterior cedar shingle siding is now hardiboard, all the plaster and old drywall has been replaced along with the millwork. New hardwood and engineered hardwood covers most of the floors, but stairs are still carpeted. The galvanized steel plumbing is now copper. The knob-and-tube wiring is all gone. The clay tile sewer line is now PVC.

#### **The Trail Runs Out**

**It is hard to research the history of the House after about 1960. The federal censuses are a wonderful place to mine information, but they are not released until 72 years after the information is recorded. So the latest census available to the public is 1950 and the 1960 census will not be available until 2032.**

**Seattle City Directories are also quite useful to determine who lived at a particular address. The first such “reverse directory” in Seattle was in 1928, with more complete collections after 1938.**

**Reverse directories and the federal censuses are especially important for this book, as they list not only the owner, if living at the House, but also the renters in the basement apartment.**



Above: Bill and Kathy Schrier, Ryan and Lara Parr with son Jack, and Toki the Dog, in front of the House in March, 2026

Right: Bill Schrier shows a page of the Seattle Times from 1941 which he found during remodeling. It was embedded in the plaster of a wall.

Photos by Clay Eals.



# Chapter 3a: Figures and Images

## Endnotes

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A note about the Assessment Rolls:

The images of the 1880, 1891, 1895, 1900 and 1905 King County Assessment Rolls are photographs taken by the Author of pages of the tax history found at the Puget Sound Regional Archives on the campus of Bellevue College. Only one year out of every five are available for this period.

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