

# Highlands History

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Lake Washington used to be called Duwamish Lake and it was nine feet higher (drawing from around 1870)



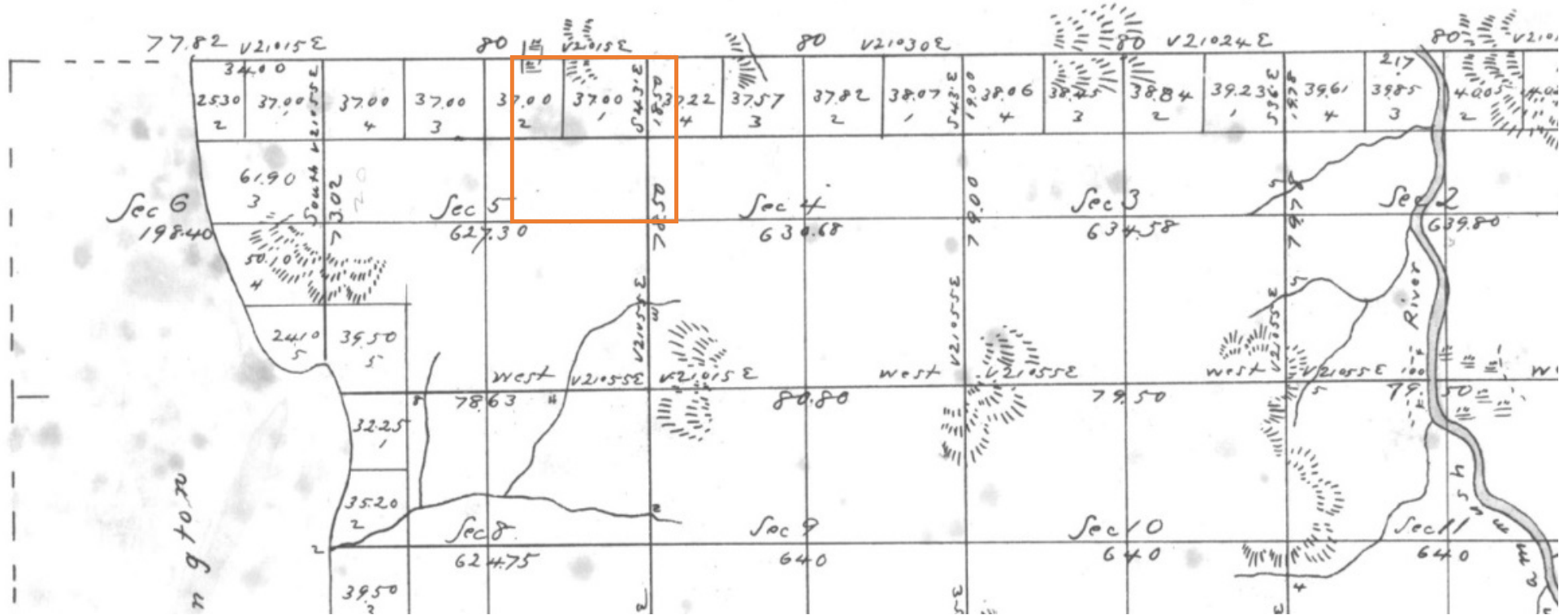
Seattle in about 1870; Lake Washington in the background





Clark homestead in orange

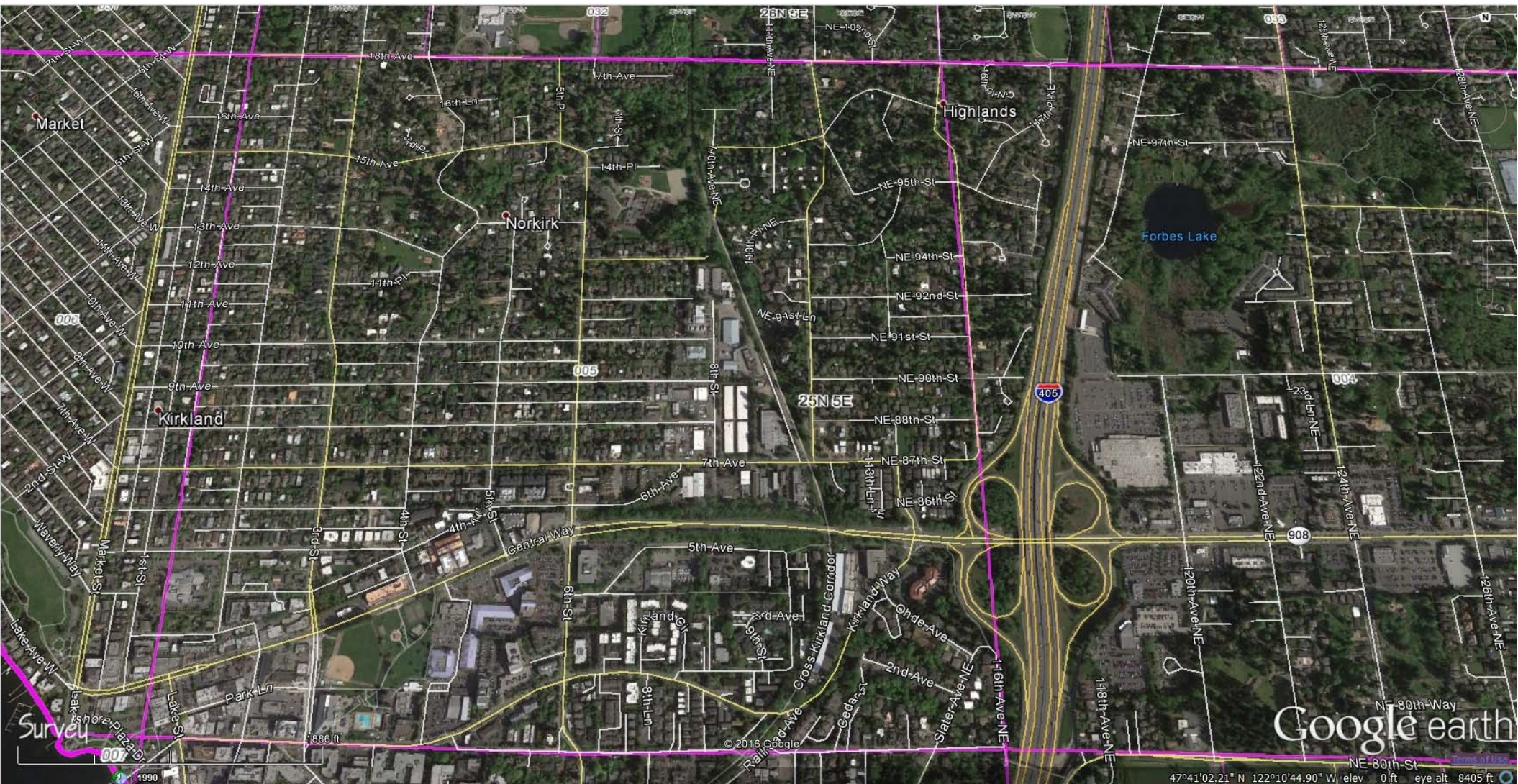
Township N<sup>o</sup>. 25. N. R. N<sup>o</sup>. 5. E. Willamette Meridian.







Section 5 overlaid on current map of Kirkland (center purple square). Clark homestead was upper right quarter of section.

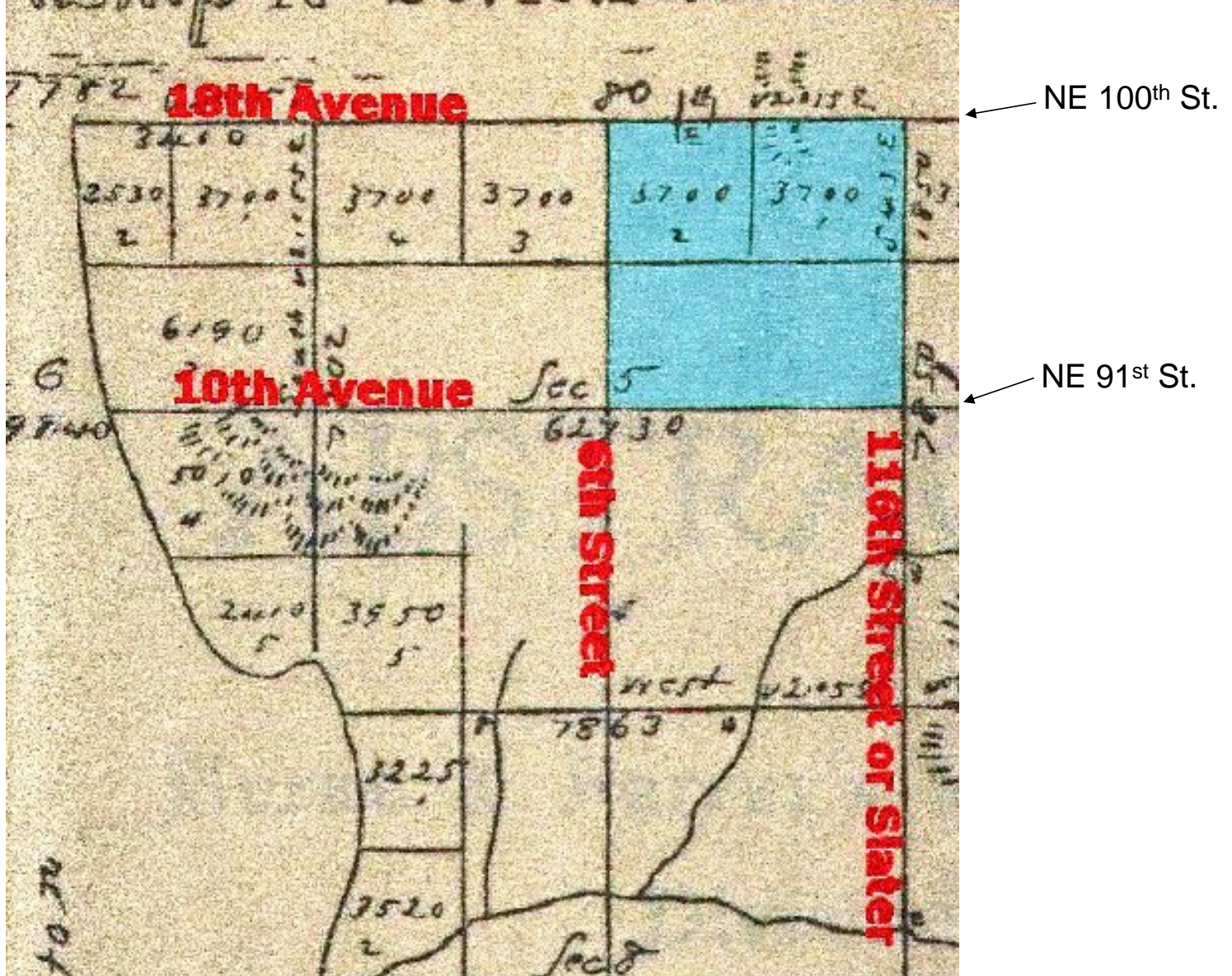




The Clark homestead  
154 acres

Martin and Eliza Clark, 28 and 26, headed west in about 1877 with their two daughters, Sarah, 2, and Ora, 4.

Read their story here:  
<http://www.kirklandvies.com/blog/archives/27565>





Eliza Clark with  
Lucy (Lutie),  
Margaret, and  
Walter.

Younger children  
Ora, Sarah, and  
Willis died of  
diphtheria in 1882:  
[The most  
poignant and  
heartbreaking  
story in Kirkland  
history.](#)





Martin Clark was a shoemaker. He worked in Seattle and came back to his "ranch" and his family on weekends. Here he is with his granddaughter Alice.



Walter, left, who became a doctor, with his sister Margaret and her daughter.





Eliza Clark





Eliza Clark with  
Lutie, Margaret,  
and their  
children around  
the 1910s.



Eliza  
Clark, a  
tough  
pioneer  
woman



The Clark home in the Highlands. This frame home, built around 1890, replaced their original cabin. The home no longer exists, and the exact location is uncertain.





Eliza Clark with her  
granddaughter. The  
house may be the Clark  
home.



## HOMESTEAD.

The Clark homestead  
 "final certificate," dated  
 1888. This document  
 granted ownership to a  
 homesteader after they  
 had met the  
 requirements for  
 improving the land. This  
 shows the location as  
 the NE quarter of  
 Section 5, Township 25.

Land Office at SEATTLE, WASH.April 28, 1888.

FINAL CERTIFICATE,

No. 25-37

APPLICATION,

No. 4750

It is hereby certified That, pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 2291, Revised Statutes of the  
 United States, Martin H. Clark has  
 made payment in full for NE 1/4

of Section No. 5, in Township No. 25 N, of  
 Range No. 5 E, of the Will (Principal  
 Meridian Mt., containing 154 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acres.

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE  
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said Martin H. Clark  
 shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

Johny Stearns  
 Register.



[4-369 (a.)]  
HOMESTEAD, PRE-EMPTION, AND COMMUTATION PROOF.

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Full and Specific Answers must be given to each Question. Evasive Answers will be Fatal to the Proof.

Martin H. Clark, claimant, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your correct name, your age, and occupation? If employed by any person, state by whom.

Ans. Martin H. Clark. 39 years old. Shoemaker. No.

Ques. 2.—What is your post-office address?

Ans. Houghton. King Co. W.T.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made ~~pre-emption~~ filing No. 4750 at the

Olympia land office on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1883, and

what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes. CT 2<sup>d</sup> Sec 5. Tp 25, et R 5 E.

Ques. 4.—Where did you live before settling upon this land, and what was your occupation?

Ans. Seattle. Shoemaker.

Ques. 5.—Are you a citizen of the United States, or have you declared your intention to become such?

Ans. Am a native born Citizen.

(In case the party is of foreign birth, a copy of his declaration of intention to become a citizen or full naturalization certificate, officially certified, must be filed with the case. The latter is only required in final homestead entries.)

Ques. 6.—Are you interested in any other entry or filing than the one upon which you now seek to make proof?

Ans. No.

Ques. 7.—Have you ever made a pre-emption filing for any other tract of land, or made any other homestead entry or filing or entry of any kind? (Answer each question separately, describe the land, and state what disposition you made of your claim.)

Ans. Yes, for a Pre-emption.  
Rock improvements for \$75.00

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. No.

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. Agricultural, very little timber. Principally bottom  
sandy or clay loam. Strictly agricultural.

Ques. 10.—Is the land valuable for coal, iron, stone, or minerals of any kind? Has any coal or other minerals been discovered thereon, or is any coal or mineral known to be contained therein? Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? If so, describe what they are.

Ans. No. No. No.

Ques. 11.—If the land is timber land, state the kind, quality, and amount of timber thereon at date of initiating your claim, the amount still standing, how much has been cut and removed, and by whom, and whether the same has been disposed of, and to whom; also whether any other person than yourself has any interest in the timber, and if so, what kind of interest.

Ans. It is not timber land. There is not over 100000 ft  
of lumber timber. Have not disposed of any of it.

Clark homestead claim from about 1887 shows that Martin was 39 years old and a shoemaker. He gives his address as Houghton.

What is the character of the land? "Agriculture, very little timber, principally bottom land, sandy and clay loam. There is not over 100,000 feet of lumber timber."

The land "is not used for grazing purposes."

In October 1882 Clark "Opened a road  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, cleared a piece of land, and erected a house. Rough board house one story. Value of all improvements \$150."

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Ques. 12.—If the land is used for grazing purposes, state how and by whom it is so used, and whether it is within any stock range or fence or other inclosure, and who owns or controls the range or inclosure.

Ans. *Is not used for grazing purposes. No.*

Ques. 13.—When did you first make an actual personal settlement on this land? State what you did to make such settlement, and the character and value of the improvements you then placed upon the land.

Ans. *12<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1882. Opened a road  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, cleared a piece of land & erected a house. Rough board house one story. Value of all improvements \$150<sup>00</sup>*

Ques. 14.—Was the land occupied by any other person when you made such settlement? If so, state who lived there, and how you obtained possession.

Ans. *No.*

Ques. 15.—When did you actually move on this land and commence living permanently thereon?

Ans. *13<sup>th</sup> Oct 1882*

Ques. 16.—Where has been your actual personal residence and home during the whole time since the date of this filing or entry?

Ans. *On my ranch.*

Ques. 17.—Has your residence on the land now claimed been actual or constructive, continuous or at intervals? Explain what you mean by actual continuous residence.

Ans. *Been actual & continuous. With the exception of four months that I had my wife & family in Seattle at the Hospital from sickness. I mean that since the time of moving there in 1882 it has been in the strictest sense of the word my home.*

Ques. 18.—Have you resided or boarded elsewhere than on this land since commencing your residence thereon? If so, state when and where, how often, and for how long?

Ans. *Have worked off & on in Seattle, for the past 5 years, returned home every week. My family living there.*

Ques. 19.—Where have you voted since establishing residence on this land, and where did you last vote, and how long have you voted there?

Ans. *Haughton King Co. Haughton. Five years.*

Ques. 20.—How many times have you been absent from said tract since you commenced actual residence thereon? Give the dates when each absence commenced and terminated, and the cause therefor.

Ans. *Can't say. Have been working off on every week in Seattle, to support my family & improve my ranch.*

Ques. 21.—Have you a family, and of whom does your family consist?

Ans. *Yes. Wife & Three Children.*

Ques. 22.—Has your family resided with you on this claim? If so, state when they moved on the land, how long they have lived there, and whether they actually reside there still.

Ans. *Yes. About 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 1882. Ever since 1882, same months in the hospital. Yes.*

Ques. 23.—If your family has been absent any part of the time since moving on the land, state the causes for and the dates when each absence commenced and terminated.

Ans. *Yes. Sickness. From about the 30<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1882 to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1883.*

Ques. 24.—When and by whom was your house built? Is it habitable at all seasons of the year?

Ans. *In 1882. By myself & two men. Yes.*



Description of house and improvements:

"Roughboard. Cedar lumber, shingle roofed, 10 ft. high. 24'x26'. 4 rooms. Worth \$150. Three acres of land cleared worth \$150. 40 fruit trees worth \$40. Log barn 12'x14' and out houses \$25. A well worth \$25. Hydraulic water works worth \$50. 1/4 of an acre each of blackberries and strawberries \$50. Have 2 acres of land slashed worth \$20."

Animals included 1 cow, hogs, 1 dog, and chickens

Furnishing included a cook stove, heating stove, 3 beds, tables and chairs

Crops grown included potatoes, berries, and vegetables.

Ques. 25.—Did you and your family live in said house during all of each or any winter since the date of your filing or entry? If not, state the duration and causes of each absence.

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 26.—If your family has not lived with you on this claim since the date of your filing or entry, state the causes therefor, where they did reside, and where they are now living.

Ans. Sickness. Seattle. On my Claim.

Ques. 27.—Do you own any other residence house than the one now on your claim? If so, state where, and who occupies the same.

Ans. No.

Ques. 28.—Describe fully the house on this claim, giving value thereof; also describe fully all other improvements thereon of whatever kind, giving the value of each and total value of all improvements.

Ans. No Roughboard Cedar Lumber Shingle roofed, 10 ft high. 24'x26'. 4 rooms, worth \$150. Three acres of land cleared, worth \$150. 40 fruit trees worth \$40. Log barn 12'x14' and out houses \$25. A well worth \$25. Hydraulic water works, worth \$50. 1/4 of an acre each of blackberries & strawberries \$50. Have 2 acres of land slashed, worth \$20.

Ques. 29.—What farm implements do you own and use on this claim? State kind and number, and how long you have owned the same.

Ans. Whetborrow, Cultivator, & hoe, axes & other necessary tools. For five years.

Ques. 30.—What domestic animals and live stock do you own and keep on this claim? State kind and number of each kind.

Ans. Cows, hogs & Chickens. 1 Cow 4 piglings & pigs on dog. Chickens

Ques. 31.—State what articles of furniture of every kind you keep and use in your residence on this claim, and how long you have had them there.

Ans. Cook stove, heating stove, 3 beds, & necessary bedding tables, chair & all the essential household furniture Five years.

Ques. 32.—Have you any personal property or live stock of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.

Ans. No.

Ques. 33.—How many seasons have you raised crops on this land, and what kind of crops have you raised each season?

Ans. Four years. potatoes, fernise, & vegetables

Ques. 34.—How many acres have you put in crops each year, and how much did you raise? State the amount in bushels of each kind.

Ans. The first 3 years had only a garden & some grassland. Some the last 2 years grass which for last last year was a better vegetable garden area.

Ques. 35.—Have you the land in crop this year, or is it prepared for cropping the coming season? How much of the land is so cropped or prepared?

Ans. Is prepared for crop this season. had already plowed 1/2 acre.

Ques. 36.—Do you carry on any trade, profession, or business elsewhere than on this land? If so, state what business you have been engaged in while claiming this land, where it was carried on, and the distance from your claim.

Ans. Yes shoe making. At Seattle, about 9 miles from claim

Ques. 37.—If you have been employed in working for others away from this claim since you established residence thereon, state when, where, and for whom, in what occupation or capacity, how long you have so worked, and where you staid and lived during that time.

Ans. Off on for five years. Seattle. For Brown & Raymond & Simon & Smith. Shoe making. for the first five years for 3 years. & the last five about 6 months. The balance of the time for myself. In Seattle & on my ranch.

Clark headstone at  
the Kirkland  
cemetery

Lutie Clark is  
buried in the family  
plot with her  
husband Ollis Patty  
and one of their  
daughters, Stella.





Lutie Clark with  
her daughters  
Alice and Stella

Stella was  
working at the  
Gateway theater  
on Central Way  
when a Kirkland  
police officer  
(rumored to be  
intoxicated) took  
a shot at a group  
of teenagers! The  
bullet ricocheted  
off the wall and  
into Stella's back,  
where she carried  
it for the rest of  
her life.



Lutie Clark and Ollis Patty,  
around 1905

He'd been passing through  
town on his way to Alaska  
when he met Lutie and got  
no farther.

Ollis was Kirkland's first  
town treasurer, also worked  
at the Ford dealership at  
Central at Lake.







Lutie Clark and Ollis Patty

Charles Walter Clark became a doctor (no one knows why he changed his name to Clarke). He was a pioneer researcher of STDs, helping to save many lives.

# *William Freeman Snow Award*

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO HUMANITY



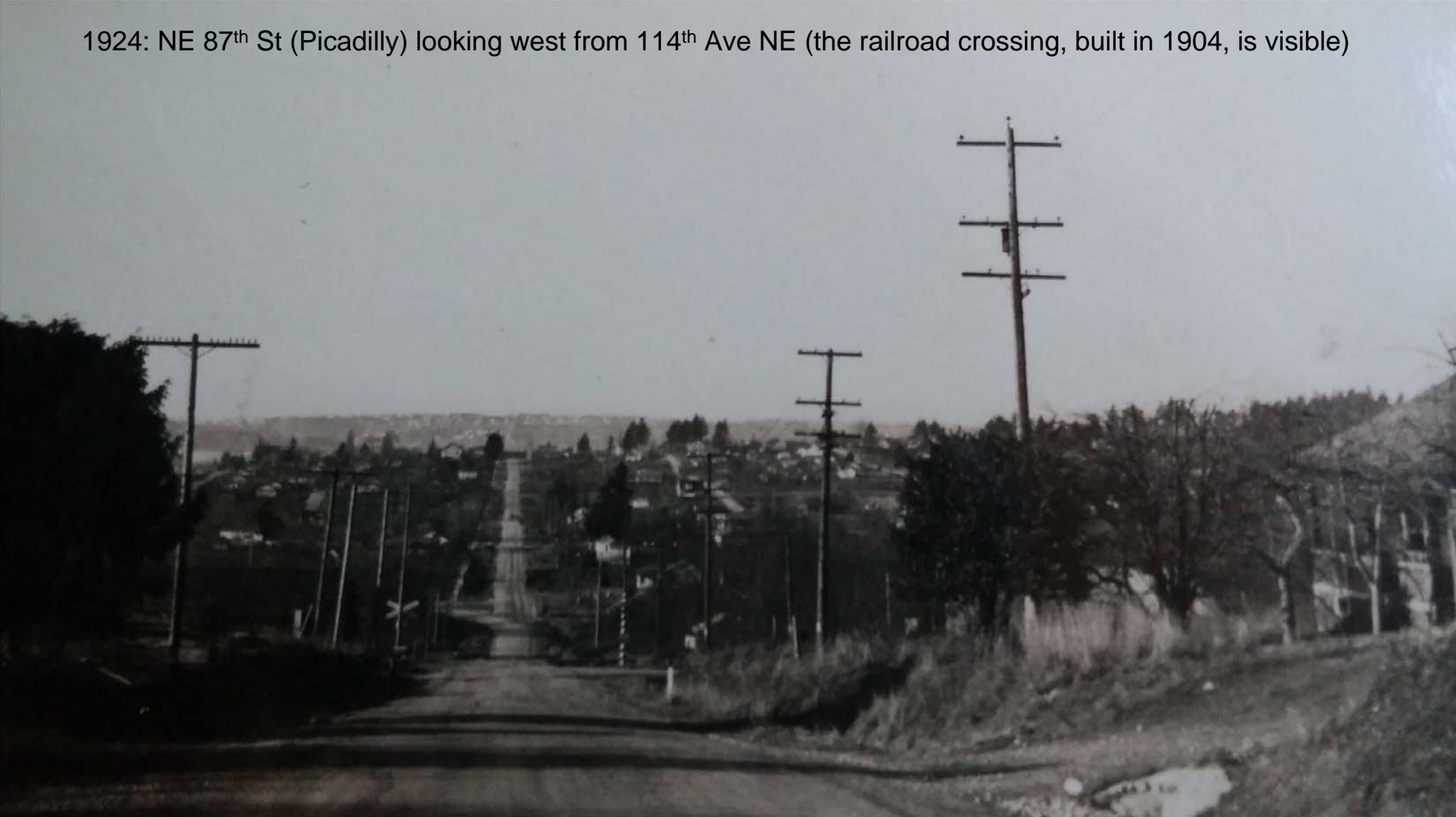
*Presented to* Charles Walter Clarke, M.D.  
1961

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1924: NE 87<sup>th</sup> St (Picadilly) looking west from 114<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (the railroad crossing, built in 1904, is visible)





Historian Matt McCauley looking at old photos of the Clark family donated by Patty (Fessenden) Bernhardt, Lutie (Clark) Patty's granddaughter. Below, Patty Bernhardt with Matt at the Kirkland cemetery tour in June, 2016. Patty lives in Renton.



Train schedule from 1892. Kirkland Junction was up by Woodinville. Wipplers was Totem Lake, where there was a shingle mill (owned by a man named Weppler). The Kirkland station was near Costco.

## SEATTLE, LAKE SHORE & EASTERN RAILWAY—Ballard Branch.

PACIFIC OR 120th MERIDIAN TIME

PASSENGER No. 7.		Station Numbers	Distance from Seattle	TIME CARD No. 29 SEPT. 29TH, 1892 SUCCEEDING No. 28 A.		Capacity of Sidings	Telegraph Offices	PASSENGER No. 8	
First Class				STATIONS.				First Class	
DAILY								DAILY	
De 10.09	A. M.	A 4	4.6	BALLARD JUNCTION 0.2				Ar 10.14	A. M.
Ar 10.11	A. M.	B 5	4.8	BALLARD		30	D	De 10.13	A. M.

## BELT LINE—NORTHERN PACIFIC & PUGET SOUND SHORE R'Y

PACIFIC OR 120th MERIDIAN TIME

Station Numbers	TIME CARD No. 29 SEPT. 29TH, 1892	Distance from Kirkland Junction
	STATIONS.	
B 24	KIRKLAND JUNCTION 3.00	0.0
C 3	WIPPLERS 2.01	3.00
C 5	KIRKLAND	5.01

116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
(Sheffield St.)  
looking north, from  
an old glass  
negative. The  
building on the left  
is probably a train  
station for the spur  
that went to the  
steel mill (Slater  
Ave NE used to be  
a railroad spur).  
The first street  
visible is probably  
either NE 87th  
(Picadilly) or Slater  
Ave NE.





Leigh Hunt, for whom  
Hunts Point is named,  
owned the Seattle PI, and  
purchased land in the  
Highlands, which he sold to  
Peter Kirk for the mill



1907

# KING COUNTY ATLAS

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH. RANGE 5 EAST. W. M.

WASHINGTON

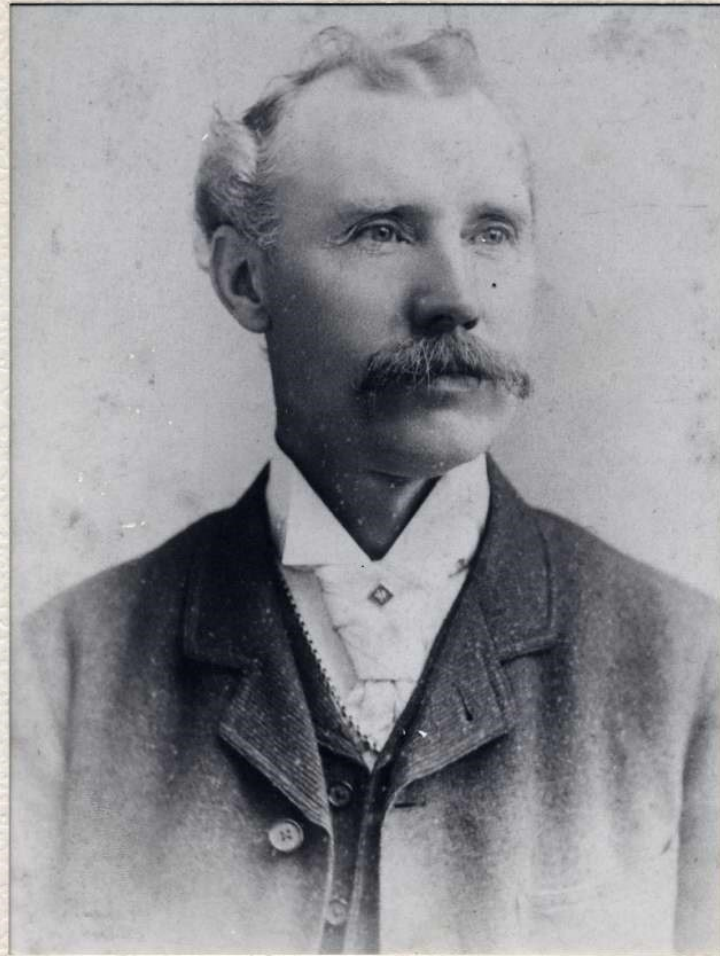
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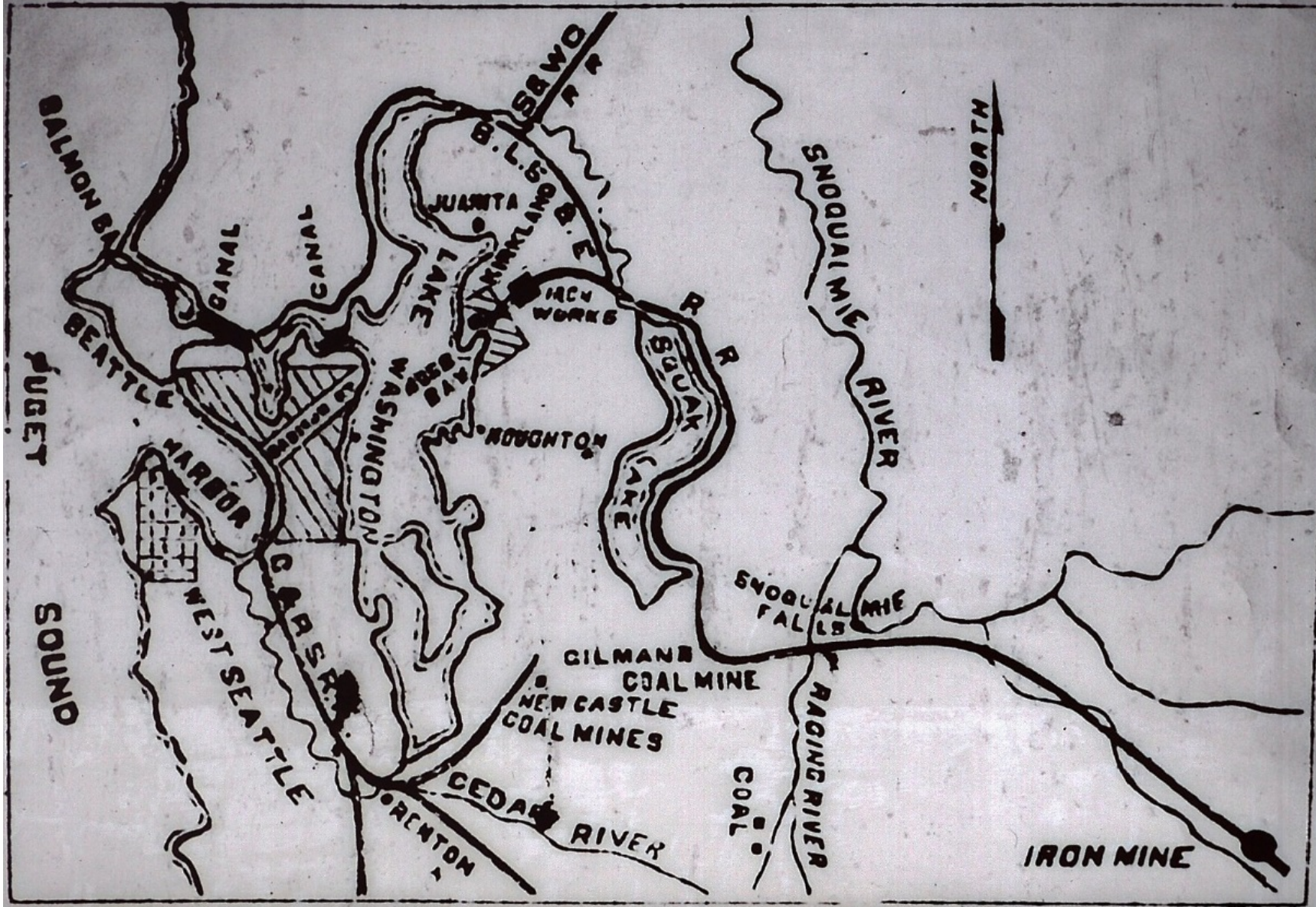
455 PEARL STREET, SEATTLE, WASH.

Peter Kirk, for  
whom Kirkland is  
named





Early map  
of the  
Seattle area  
shows  
railroad  
lines





Peter Kirk's steel mill, located near Forbes Lake





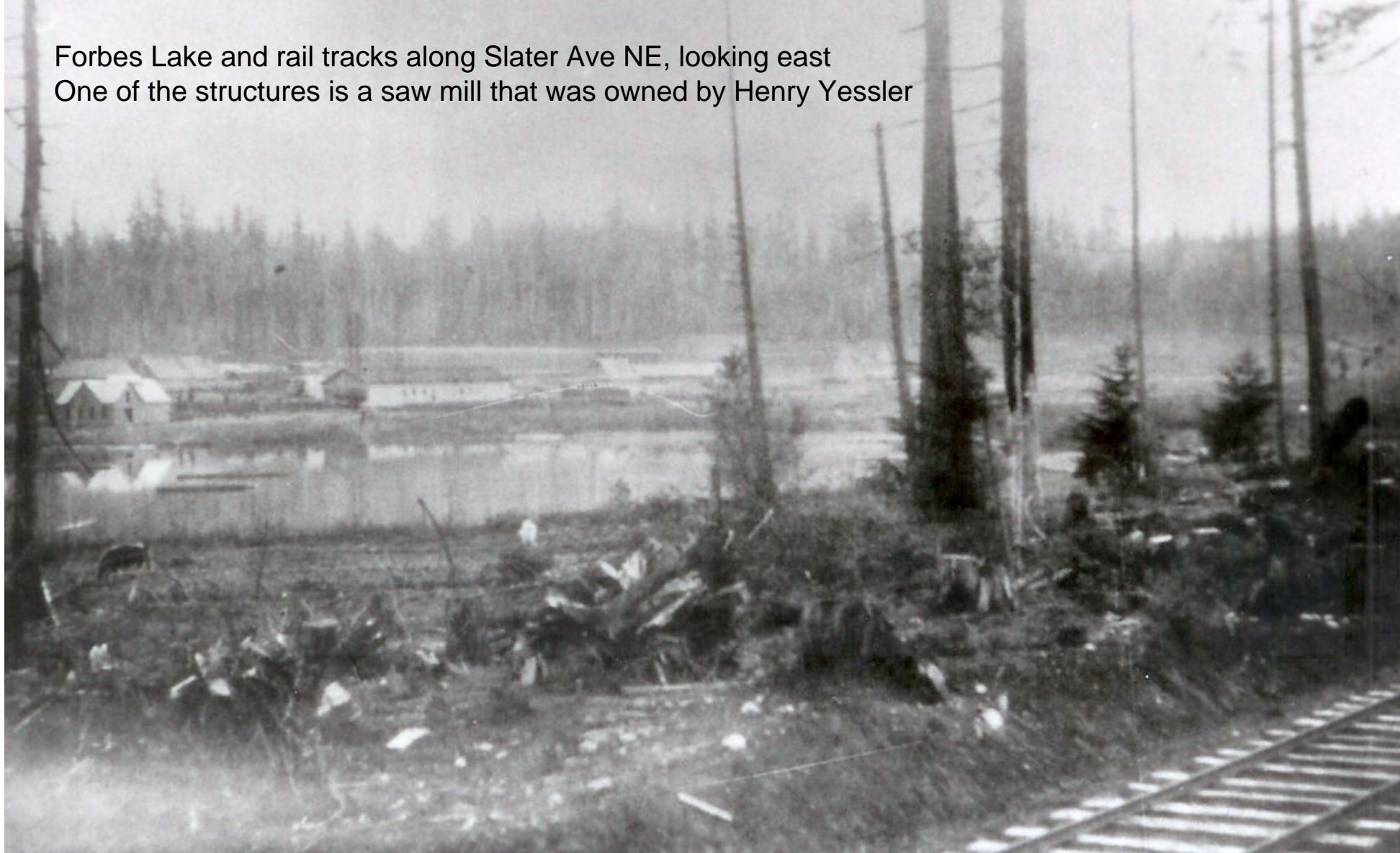
Peter Kirk's steel mill  
near Forbes Lake

The mill never produced  
any steel and failed  
because the ship canal  
wasn't built soon  
enough; the financial  
panic of 1893 sealed its  
doom.





Forbes Lake and rail tracks along Slater Ave NE, looking east  
One of the structures is a saw mill that was owned by Henry Yessler



The steel mill was stripped and the timbers and bricks were used for construction by locals. Here are members of the Lee family having a picnic in the ruins of the steel mill. They came in 1911 and settled in the Highlands. A granddaughter, Janeen Ryseff, still lives nearby.

