

# WASHINGTON HERITAGE REGISTER

## A) Identification

Historic Name: **Novelty Cemetery**

Common Name: Novelty Hill Cemetery

Address: 28031 116<sup>th</sup> Street

City: Duvall

County: King

## B) Site Access (describe site access, restrictions, etc.)

The cemetery is located approximately 3.5 miles south of downtown Duvall, east of the intersection of Hwy 203 and 124th street. The cemetery is located on the east side of 116th.

## C) Property owner(s), Address and Zip

Name: Novelty Cemetery Association

Address: 28031 NE 116<sup>th</sup> Street

City: Duvall

State: WA

Zip: 98019

## D) Legal boundary description and boundary justification

Tax No./Parcel: (1) 302607-9011,(2) 312607-9006,& (3) 302607-9022

Boundary Justification: Approx 5.4. acres and includes the (1) E 418 ft of S 313.5 ft of GL 4 LESS CO RD (2)E 418 ft of N 209ft of GL 1 LESS CO RD, & (3) N 16.5 ft of 418 ft of S 330 ft of GL 4

## FORM PREPARED BY

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City / State / Zip: Duvall, WA 98019

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Nomination Date: Feb 14, 2020

Date:

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## E) Category of Property (Choose One)

- building     structure (irrigation system, bridge, etc.)     district  
 object (statue, grave marker, vessel, etc.)     cemetery/burial site  
 historic site (site of an important event)     archaeological site  
 traditional cultural property (spiritual or creation site, etc.)  
 cultural landscape (habitation, agricultural, industrial, recreational, etc.)

## F) Area of Significance – Check as many as apply

- The property belongs to the early settlement, commercial development, or original native occupation of a community or region.
- The property is directly connected to a movement, organization, institution, religion, or club which served as a focal point for a community or group.
- The property is directly connected to specific activities or events which had a lasting impact on the community or region.
- The property is associated with legends, spiritual or religious practices, or life ways which are uniquely related to a piece of land or to a natural feature.
- The property displays strong patterns of land use or alterations of the environment which occurred during the historic period (cultivation, landscaping, industry, mining, irrigation, recreation).
- The property is directly associated with an individual who made an important contribution to a community or to a group of people.
- The property has strong artistic, architectural or engineering qualities, or displays unusual materials or craftwork belonging to a historic era.
- The property was designed or built by an influential architect, or reflects the work of an important artisan.
- Archaeological investigation of the property has or will increase our understanding of past cultures or life ways.

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## G) Property Description

Novelty Cemetery lies approximately 3.5 miles south of the town of Duvall and east of the Snoqualmie River in the former community of Novelty. Divided at the south end by NE 116<sup>th</sup> St, the cemetery is located on a hillside 1/4 west of the intersection of 284<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. The cemetery occupies a roughly rectangular 5.4 acre property composed of three parcels. It is on a rolling terrain surrounded by second growth Douglas Fir forest, sloping evenly to the NW at a 10% grade. Surrounding parcels are occupied by large-lot rural residential development. The well maintained property is entered through a brick and wrought iron gate in the SW corner. Approximately 1.5 acres of the property are in use for the graves and roadway; much of the rest is graded and planted with lawn.

Landscaping is limited to lawn and a few plantings, almost all to the east of the loop road at the top of the slope.

Structures on site are limited to a small prefabricated steel shed used for storage and maintenance equipment. It is located in the NE corner of the property. A flagpole stands just downhill from the middle upper section of the loop road. At the base of the pole is a small Veterans memorial installed by American Legion Post No. 75. A center lane through the cemetery wide enough for a single vehicle has been graveled following the original, pioneer-era pathway. A majority of the oldest graves are in the farthest east corners of the property. A gate surrounds the property with entry points at the west and south side of the center lane. The hilltop is very peaceful, quiet, and often has a gentle breeze. To the west the cemetery overlooks the Snoqualmie River Valley, to the north the rounded peak of Mt. Baker is visible, and to the south is Mt. Rainer. Currently lush trees are blocking the view of the river; however when the trees are sparse in the fall and winter your view is less obstructed.

The grounds have been maintained by multiple pioneer families and the Novelty Cemetery Association for 100 years. Currently there are seven hundred and thirty-five (735) known gravesites at the cemetery. The oldest grave at the cemetery dates to 1901. Fourteen percent of the resting population (one-hundred and four burials) are Veterans.

In 2019 sonar tests revealed twenty-seven potential additional graves mixed among the existing burial sites. However these are unmarked.

## H) Significance

The Novelty Cemetery is historically significant for its direct connection to the early pioneer settlers of the Duvall area. The location of the cemetery, outside the city of Duvall indicates patterns of early development by Euro-American settlers as well as the physical needs and requirements to build a burial ground. Novelty Cemetery is the final resting place for some of the area's most significant settlers.

The initial burial ground for Duvall (at the time called Cherry Valley) was a small half-acre lot behind the Squak Methodist Mission church. Donated by early pioneer and saloon keeper, James O'Leary in 1886, the site was plagued by its proximity to the Snoqualmie River and seepage from the upper slopes. The ground in the cemetery was constantly wet and soggy. It was noted that grave diggers were often furiously bailing out water minutes before an interment. Since it was disconcerting for mourners to see gravediggers bailing several inches of water before lowering a casket into the ground, the site was abandoned as a burial place.

In 1901 a cemetery association was formed to find a new burial site. Members of the association included Horatio Allen, Milo Clark, Alexander Adair, Alfred Pickering, John Dougherty Sr., Daniel McKay and Andrew Peterson (all whom are buried in the Novelty Cemetery). Searching for dry land outside of the city, the association purchased a 5 acre site just east of the community of Novelty from logger Willard Houghton for \$1.00 in March of 1901.

At the time the unincorporated town of Novelty included a post office, church, store, dance hall, and hotel. Originally settled in the 1870's, Novelty was named after Novelty, Missouri; the community of town founder James H. Boyce (King Co. Commissioner, 1900-1904).

The first person likely buried at the new cemetery was Smith Philander Benham, buried in early March 1901. Other early burials include Mrs. Abbie McMillan (1901); Albert T. Peterson (1901), Jay F. Benham (1902), and Hannah T. Benham (1905). However there is currently no master list of burials at the cemetery, but research shows that a majority of the burials date to after 1960.

Reportedly when the Great Northern Railroad decided to build a new track down the east side of the Snoqualmie River in 1909, a portion of the Cherry Valley Cemetery in downtown Duvall had to be excavated for the right-of-way. Stories note that about 20 bodies were moved, many to the new Novelty Cemetery.

In 1960 the cemetery tract was redesigned and replatted. W.E. Hawley, a landscape architect from Monroe, was hired to create the new plat which included service drives, walks and borders for future plantings. At that time the rules and regulations were also updated to meet both state and county regulations. Vern Pickering, then President of the Cemetery Association reported that the burial methods at the cemetery would also be changing. Instead of the above ground stone monuments, the "use of all tombstone,

mounds, monuments and other obstructions above the lawn level would be eliminated". Only bronze markers, level with the ground, were allowed. The Association noted that this method would reduce the maintenance costs at the cemetery, would reduce interment costs and would create a "park-like" unity throughout the cemetery.

Every lot owner was automatically part of the Association and the Novelty-Vincent Ladies Aid club donated \$200 to help with the expansion of the grounds in 1960. Volunteer labor was used to create a new loop drive and clear ground for new burial areas, which was then seeded. Other improvement included a new entrance gate. The metal work was done by Custom Metal Works in Duvall, and volunteer laborers built the brick piers, short stem walls, and metal fence panels.

Today the Novelty Cemetery is the final resting place for many prominent area pioneers and generations of family members. These include the Roney Family. Cora Roney (1877-1959) was second female Mayor of Duvall. Her son, Ward Roney Sr. (1903-1984), also buried at Novelty, was the longest tenured King County Superior Court Judge. Duvall's first female mayor, Mable E. Bourke (1883-1976) is also buried at the cemetery. Bourke's primary project while in office was to plant trees along five streets in downtown Duvall, many of which remain today. Emmitt Minaglia (1912-1993), another former mayor Duval and his wife Ruth (1916-2003) are also buried at the cemetery.

Other internments include Horatio Lynsander Allen (1851-1916). Hariatio was on the school board and was on the Board of Directors of the Duvall State Bank. He was also one of the members of the Novelty Cemetery Association who founded the cemetery. Prominent local citizen Alva "Alvie" Miller (1892-1979) is also buried at Novelty as well as George M. Anderson (1915-1993). Anderson installed the electrical system for the Town of Duvall and later became a councilman.

Other names prominent local families buried in Novelty Hill include: Taylor, Bird, Stewart, Virginia, Cherry, Stella, Kennedy, Richardson, Brown, Dorothy, Park, Valley, Stephens and Burhen.

The cemetery is also home to 104 veterans who served in the Spanish-American War and World Wars. The Renton-Pickering Post No. 79 of the American Legion has erected a memorial to these men. Veterans include Stanley A. Bourke Pvt. Cl. 7 U.S. Vol. Sig Corp (?- 1943); John L. Batton, Pvt. US Marine Corp WWI (1888-1957), Albert Westman, Pvt 315 MG BN 80 Div (1896-1938); Charles Bosdoc, Pvt 39 MG BN (?-1941); Carl J. Adolfson, US Navy (1935-1993); Robert M. Fields, F2 USNRF WWI (1895-1967); and George E. Myers, Co. H 6<sup>th</sup> Calf Inf, Spanish American War (1863-1938). Additionally to the men that served and buried at Novelty are several women volunteers that manned the 12'x12' aircraft spotter station for the civil defense department. These include Verle Bowe (1916-2015).

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## I) Documentation

Xerox and attach any information or evidence that supports the property's significance.

### *Written Sources (books, articles, newspapers):*

"Real Estate Transfers: Willard Houghton et ux to Novelty Cemetery Association..."  
Seattle Daily Times – March 15, 1901.

"The funeral of Mrs. Abbie McMillan was held yesterday..." Seattle Daily Times – November 11, 1901.

"The Local Seen: Novelty Cemetery" The Carnavall Reporter - June 2, 1960.

"Entrance Gate Add Beauty to Novelty Cemetery" The Carnavall Reporter - October 1, 1960.

"Volunteer Workers Improve Cemetery" The Carnavall Reporter - October 1, 1960.

"Complete Change in Organization Planned at Novelty Cemetery" The Carnavall Reporter -  
December 1, 1960.

Find-A-Grave website for Novelty Hills Cemetery: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=tr&CRis=246666> , accessed September 18, 2010

Just Cogitating: Stories of Old Duvall. Duvall Historical Society, 1989 Page 3. Author Don Funk

King County Assessors data for parcels 3026079006, 3026079006,& 3026079011

King County Interactive mapping system (1936 & 2007 aerial photos)

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/GIS/Maps/iMAP.aspx>

Ancestry.com (various family trees)

### **Oral History/Interviews:**

None

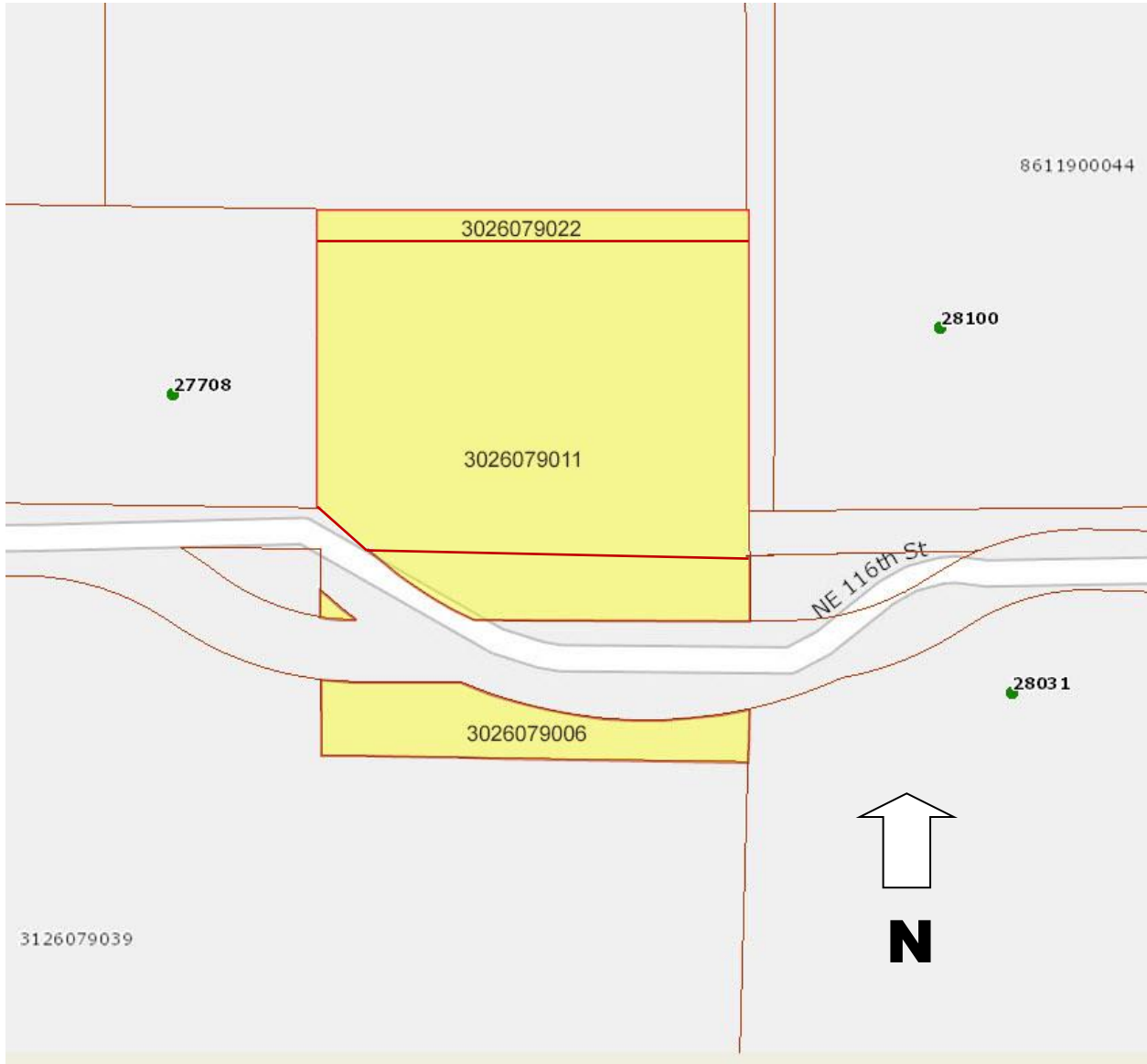
## J) Map and Photographs

Attach copies of historic maps or photos if available, and current photos (5 x 7 B & W). Include a current map – appropriate U.S.G.S. map and parcel map – with the location of the property and its boundaries clearly marked. (see instructions)



**Google Earth Map**  
Novelty Cemetery

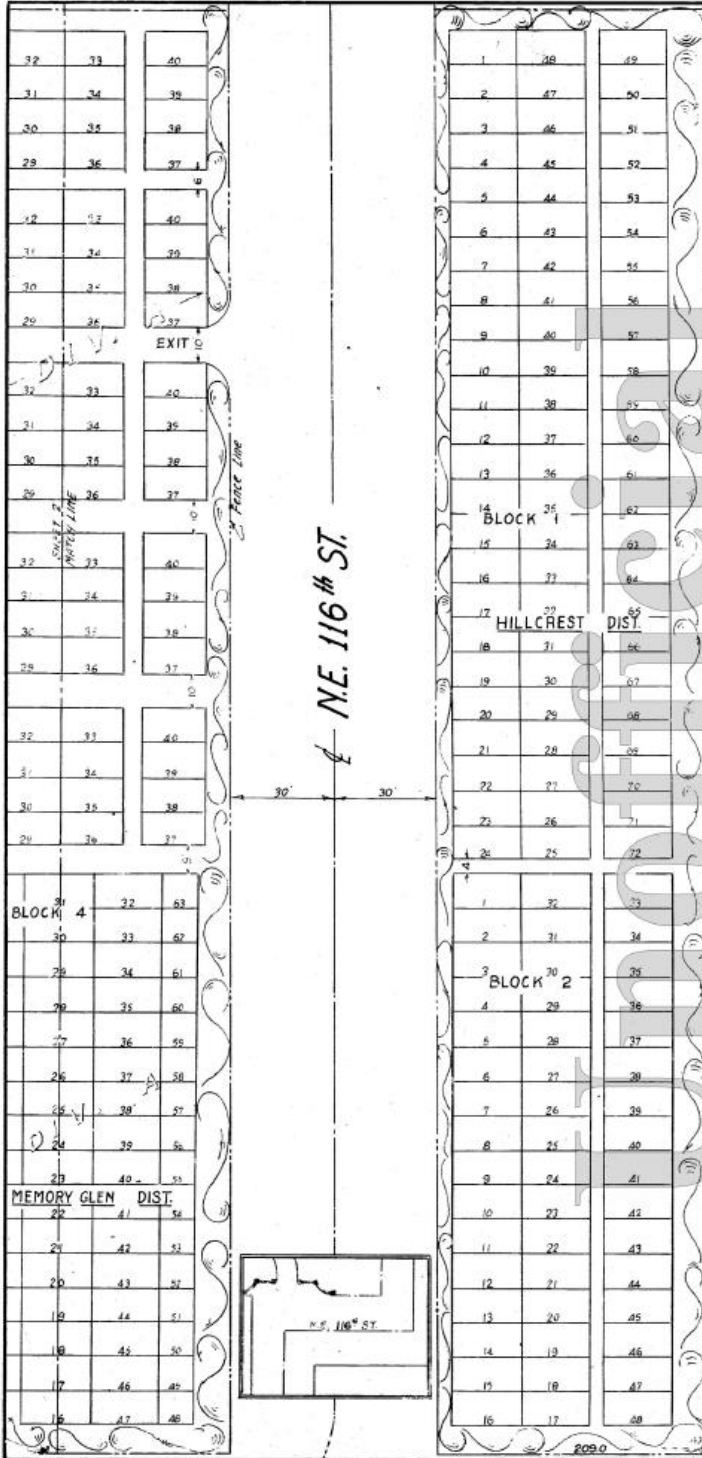
Cemetery Boundaries



**Parcel Map**  
Novelty Cemetery

Parcel Numbers: (1) 3026079011, (2) 3126079006 & (3) 3026079022





**TREASURERS CERTIFICATE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL PROPERTY TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID. ALL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON ANY OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONTAINED DESIGNATED AS STREETS OR OTHER PUBLIC USE ARE PAID IN FULL THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 1960  
 A TREASURER, KING CO. TREASURER. By *A. J. T. [Signature]*

DESIGNED & PLATTED BY

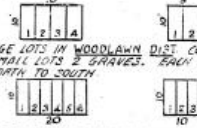
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**NOVELTY CEMETERY**



**LOT NUMBERING**



ALL LARGE LOTS IN WOODLAWN DIST. CONTAIN 4 GRAVES EACH. SMALL LOTS 2 GRAVES. EACH ARE NUMBERED FROM NORTH TO SOUTH.

ALL LARGE LOTS IN DISTRICTS HILLCREST, MEMORY GLEN, GLENDALE, RESTHAVEN, AND PARKWAY CONTAIN 6 GRAVES. SMALL LOTS 3 GRAVES. EACH ARE NUMBERED NORTH TO SOUTH.

**DESCRIPTION**

BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T. 26 N., R. 7 E. W.M. AND RUNNING THENCE ONE SOUTH 209.0 FT. THENCE ONE WEST 218.0 FT. THENCE ONE NORTH 522.5 FT. THENCE ONE EAST 418.0 FT. THENCE SOUTH 313.5 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING AN AREA OF 5 ACRES, AND BEING PARTLY IN THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T. 26 N., R. 7 E. W.M. AND PARTLY IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 31, T. 26 N., R. 7 E. W.M. AUDITORS RECORD 254004 VOL. 151 PAGE 14 31

**DEDICATION**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE THE UNDERSIGNED OWNERS BY OUR SINGLE OF THE LAND HEREBY PLATTED, HEREBY DEDICATE THIS PLAT AND DEDICATE TO THE USE OF THE PUBLIC, THROUGH THE DRIVEWAY SHOWN THEREON AND THE REASONABLE USE THEREOF FOR PURPOSES INTENDED.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF WASHINGTON } SS THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1960 BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED NOTARY PUBLIC PERSONALLY APPEARED IN PERSON AND KNOWN TO BE THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE NOVELTY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WHICH EXECUTED THE WITHIN DEDICATION AND WHO ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT THEY SIGNED AND SEALED THE SAME AS THEIR VOLUNTARY ACT FOR THE USES HEREIN MENTIONED, AND ON OATH STATED THAT THEY WERE ENTITLED TO EXECUTE SAID INSTRUMENT.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

**APPROVALS**

TESTED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1960  
 [Signature] KING COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID. THERE ARE NO DELINQUENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND ALL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON ANY OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONTAINED DESIGNATED FOR ANY PUBLIC USE ARE PAID IN FULL, THIS DAY OF MAY 1960.

**ENGINEERS CERTIFICATE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN DESIGNED PLAT IS CONTAINED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY ABOVE DESCRIBED.



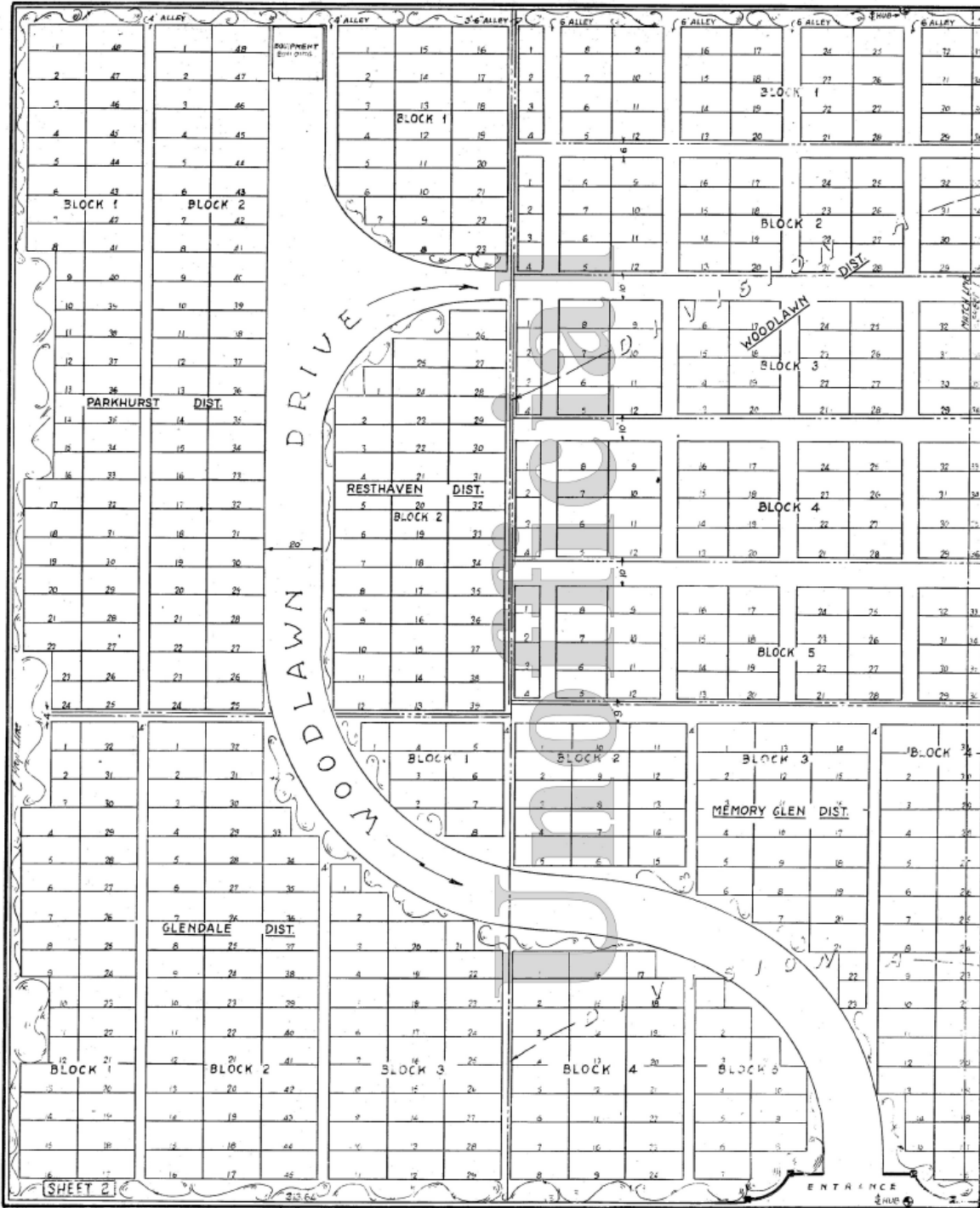
**FILING**

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 FILED FOR RECORD AT THE REQUEST OF THE NOVELTY CEMETERY ASSO. THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 1960 AT 11:00 AM. PAST 3:00 P.M. AND RECORDED IN VOLUME 24 OF PLATS, PAGE 35-36 RECORDS OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON.  
 [Signature] COUNTY AUDITOR

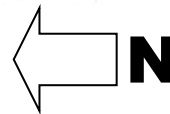
**SHEET 1**

**Novelty Cemetery Plat**  
 Drawn by W.E. Hawley - May 1960





**Novelty Cemetery Plat**  
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## Section J: Maps & Photographs

Top: Public view

Right: Main looking South

Bottom: South Entrance



South entrance gate is locked by chain and continually cut. For easier access to pioneer area. Gate must be propped open to stay open. Does not swing properly because of rust, wear and tear with age.



Main entrance gate hardware only allows for gate to rest on ground and not swing properly because of rust, wear and tear with age.

**Section J: Maps & Photographs**



Looking west onto Woodlawn District #3



Looking east onto Woodlawn District #1. last year 4 stolen headstones



Looking south onto Resthaven #1

**Section J: Maps & Photographs**



Up: Unmaintained landscaping near maintenance shed

Left: Dying cedar in Woodlawn District #2

Below: Unmaintained landscaping throughout Woodlawn District #1



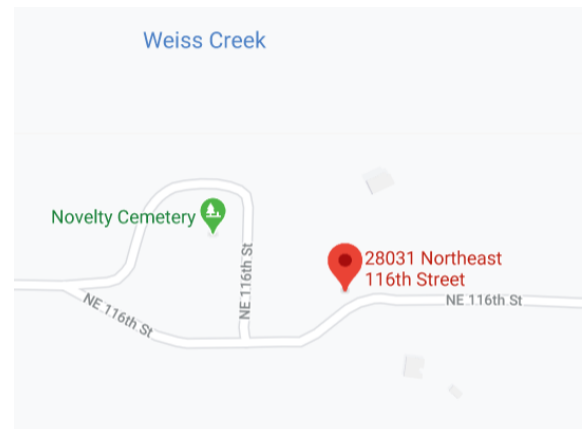
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Maintenance shed where we would like power for lights & security



Cemetery road looking west



## Section J: Maps & Photographs



Left Upper & Lower: East property border foliage growing into burial locations



Right: Unmaintained native foliage growing into burial locations





**Seattle Times**

Nov 11, 1901

The funeral of Mrs. Abbie McMillan was held yesterday morning from the family residence on Twenty-fourth Avenue, near Madison Street. The remains were buried in the family lot in the Novelty cemetery. Rev. E. E. Morris officiated in this city and Dr. Stanley at Novelty. The deceased was the wife of Capt. T. F. McMillan and the daughter of the late Smith Benham, a King County pioneer.



**Seattle Times - March 3, 1938**

**WESTMAN**—At the U. S. Marine Hospital, **Albert Westman** of Carnation, Wash., aged 42 years. Beloved son of Mrs. Anna; brother of Carl, Peter, August, Edward and Clarence Westman and Mrs. Sophie Busche, Carnation, Wash.; Mrs. Hannah Olson, Gateway, Or.; Mrs. Marie Gardner, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Ada Lindquist, Ventura, Calif., and Mrs. Lillian Pointer, Seattle. Member of Snoqualmie Post, American Legion of Snoqualmie, Wash. Body at Butterworth's.



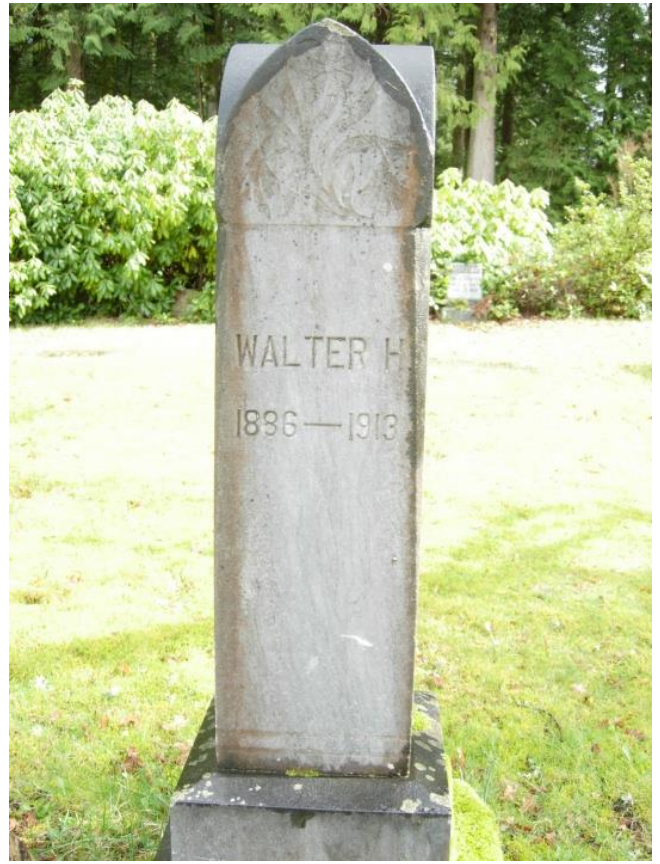
**Seattle Times**

Oct 5, 1918

**RASMUS QUAALE, PIONEER, DIES.**

Rasmus Quaale, 61 years old, a pioneer of the Northwest, died Thursday at Vincent, Wash., where he had lived the last seventeen years. Interment was at Novelty Cemetery, Novelty, Wash., today. He is survived by his widow.











**Welcome To Novelty Cemetery**

Novelty Cemetery is a fully dedicated cemetery registered with the State of Washington. It is operated by Novelty Cemetery Association, whose members are all owners of these gravesites. Active involvement by members is encouraged. We hope your visit brings peace and comfort.

- Cemetery visitation hours are dawn to dusk.
- Only non-breakable flower containers may be left on the grave markers.
- Some floral plantings are allowed and encouraged to eliminate the accumulation of pots with dead plants. Please see the Novelty Cemetery brochure for details. Trees and shrubs may only be planted with prior written permission of Novelty Cemetery Association. Unauthorized plantings will be removed.
- Money or other valuable items should never be left at a gravesite.
- Please see the Novelty Cemetery brochure in regard to placement of decorations, mementos.
- Garbage cans and water barrels are located on the left side of the maintenance building for your convenience.



**Historic Cherry Valley Cemetery**

This site was donated for a cemetery in 1886 by James O'Leary. A high water table made interment difficult with the need to bail water while waiting for the hearse to arrive. In 1905 a better place for a cemetery was found on Novelty Hill and by 1910 most remains were moved there. Among the graves still here are those of Stephanie Dyer Duvall, Ardle Pinkerton, Corinda Woodbury Pinkerton, Mr. Leyd, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Pingway, two Ruddy children, Florence Hible, and two Allen children. These last three were aunts of Eleanor Zarembo and Bill Tru who donated the cemetery to the Duvall Historical Society after caring for it for many years.



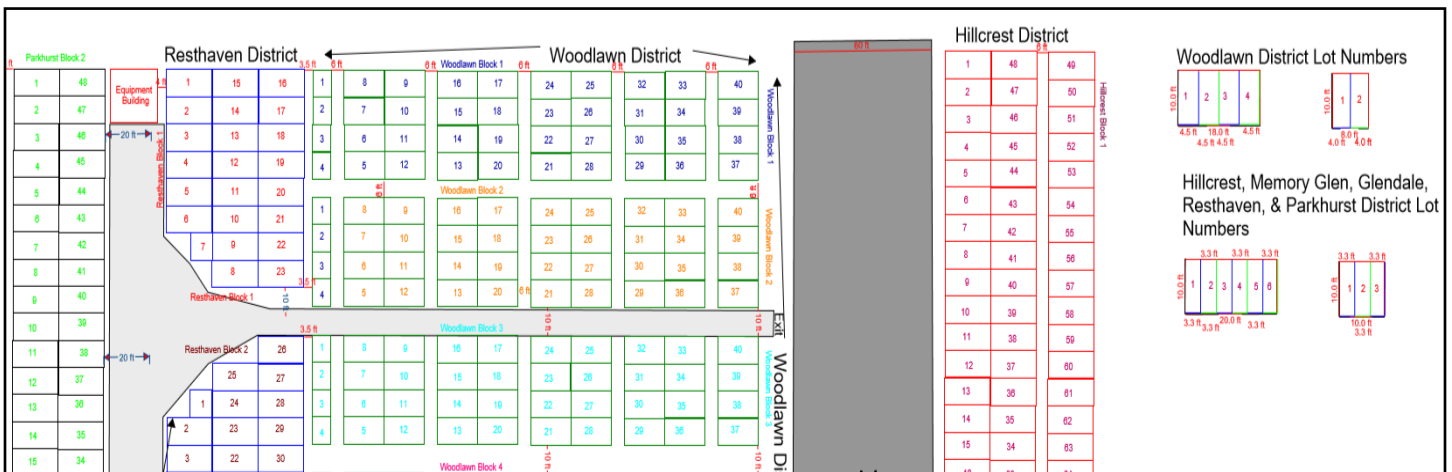
Sec- Section 13.4: Attachments Digital Images



The following equipment was used on this project:

- 400 MHz GPR antenna. Typically capable of detecting objects several feet deep. Maximum effective depth depends on site and soil conditions.
- RD 7000/8000 Radio Frequency detector. Detects electromagnetic fields. Used to actively trace metallic pipes and tracer wires, or passively detect electric, communications and other lines.

Subsurface scanning confirmed 27 graves are unmarked.



Snapshot of digitized map created in Bluebeam software. To be displayed in kiosk.

# CEMETERY DESCRIPTION AND SIGNIFICANCE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## - The Local Seen -

### NOVELTY CEMETERY by Freddie Smith

Editor's Note: This is the first of an irregular series of "local color" articles to be written by our Carnation news editor, Freddie Smith.

Last Monday, Memorial Day, the American Legion from Carnation held a brief but impressive memorial service at both the Carnation and the Novelty cemeteries. It is the latter place that drew our attention one day recently while driving about the valley, and we decided to find out what we could about its history.

Novelty Cemetery lies at the end of the road on the hill above Duvall. It is peaceful there, the parklike scene enclosed by a fence and gates that hold back the surrounding forest of cedar, hemlock, fir and dogwood. Among the stones in the cemetery are lilacs, rhododendrons, ornamental evergreens, ivy, heather, forget-me-not and iris. Some deer tracks led up to a jar of trillium placed on a grave, the day I was there.

Back at the turn of the century, in 1901, a group of valley residents sought a permanent resting place for their loved ones. They were offered—and accepted—five acres of land on the hill by Mr. C. Dameyer. The group organizing the cemetery included M. C. Clark, Alexander Adair, J. F. Dougherty, R. T. Leeper, A. W. Peterson, Daniel McKay, Fred Finken, E. F. Hansch and Theobald Herzog. None of these men are living today, but many have descendants in the Lower Valley.

Some of the birth dates on the headstones go back to 1835 and 1836, and there are many in the 1850's and 1860's. There are

## New Beauty Salon Planned In Duvall

A brand new beauty salon, to be operated by Mrs. Curtis Link, will be opened in Duvall early in July. The salon will feature modern equipment and will be run on a full-time basis.

The new business will be located in the space now occupied by Clarkson Realty at the north end of Main Street. This office is being enlarged and will be about three times its present size. Clarkson Realty will move next door, also into much larger quarters, as soon a new 20x30 foot addition is built. Construction work is expected to get under way this week.

### CHANGE OF DATE

Several school board members have found that they will not be able to attend the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, so the meeting has been set up a day to Monday, June 13.

the names of men who represented their country in the Spanish-American War as well as in both World Wars. The Renton-Pickering Post No. 79 of the American Legion has erected a memorial to these men.



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Landscaping no longer as picturesque as mentioned

Not living today, but buried in the cemetery they founded

# CEMETERY DESCRIPTION AND SIGNIFICANCE SUPPLIMENTARY INFORMATION

Thursday, December 1, 1960

## Complete Change In Organization Planned At Novelty Cemetery

Yes! The Novelty Cemetery is to undergo a complete change by adopting the more modern type burial methods. It is to become a Memorial Park reflecting the beauty of life immortal. Our loved ones are deserving of such repose where a peaceful and quiet atmosphere prevails. So say the Trustees of the Novelty Cemetery Association who have worked hard to bring this transformation about. The marks of progress during the past number of years are beginning to remind us of what the demands of the future will be. The trustees not only have in mind the demands of the future but they especially want to provide this community and surrounding communities something deserving of the future.

In order to gain and retain the desired parklike effect it became necessary to eliminate the use of all tombstones, mounds, monuments and other obstructions, above the lawn level. Therefore, hereafter only a specific pattern of bronze marker can be used, except in lots where burials have been made. This method of grave markings reduce the maintenance costs and at the same time makes interments much less expensive and creates unity throughout the park.

ing of many memorial parks in Washington and southern Idaho. The very popular Terrace Heights Memorial Park at Yakima is one of them.

A printed copy of the plat is on display at Mrs. Alexander's office of the Tri-Valley Insurance Agency, Duvall Motors, Duvall and can be seen if you care to stop. Mrs. Alexander, by the way, is assistant secretary of the Association and can answer questions pertaining to the operational features.

Mr. Hawley is of the opinion this little tract of land is ideally situated to serve this portion of the valley. Its natural features are ideal for burial purposes. There is a nice slope which assures good drainage, the approach to the park is perfect, available water for irrigating is close at hand and the native towering trees add a striking background to the setting.

All of these appealing features reflect the character of the great Creator we need now. But add the touch of man to enhance the beauty and make this a garden of restful serenity, and also where the memories of beautiful lives will be kept beautiful always. The modern way is the best way. Following it, we provide that comfort which, some uncertain

A large portion of our theft

Confirmation our landscaping needs restored

# CEMETERY DESCRIPTION AND SIGNIFICANCE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Continued

throughout the park.

An endowed care fund has been set up for future maintenance. This fund is created by individual endowments, a percent of lot sales and the small profit made on service charges.

The by-laws, operational rules and regulations have been rewritten to conform with the new setup.

The cemetery tract has been redesigned and replatted. In so doing, planting areas have been provided along service drives, walks, and borders for future plantings. There will be no more plantings permitted on graves, except on graves created prior to the adoption of the memorial park plan.

The plat, rules, regulations, accounting and trust fund complies with both state and county regulations. Insist on a deed when you buy a family plot or an individual grave.

Mr. Vern Pickering, President of the Cemetery Association, says: "We were delighted to have the services of W. E. Hawley, Landscape Architect and Engineer, to assist us in this complicated changeover." Mr. Hawley is local and civic minded, therefore we feel his service, in value, has been underestimated. He is well experienced in this line of landscape engineering, having designed and supervised the build-

comfort which, some uncertain day, we shall surely and finally need.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Trustees thus far, and we still have things to do", says Mr. Hawley. "We have plans for clearing and seeding additional areas, building the service drive and installing concrete lot markers on all cleared areas." These improvements are temporarily held up awaiting the extension of 116th St. N.E. It is believed that this extended road delay is only of short duration, and that they may proceed with their plans before too long.

It is felt that the needs of progress have been met by making this change, and it is hoped they may have the cooperation of all they serve. This is your burial place. It belongs to the community. Every lot owner becomes a member of the association automatically and has a voice in its affairs.

The trustees are pleased to announce that the Novelty-Vincent Ladies Aid donated \$200 to start this fund.

(Submitted by Vern Pickering)

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Armstrong and family and Mr. and Mrs. Drew Smith of Seattle were Thanksgiving guests at the Wm. V. S. Smith home.

There are no longer concrete markers designating districts



CEMETERY DESCRIPTION AND SIGNIFICANCE SUPPLIMENTARY INFORMATION



**Volunteer Workers Improve Cemetery**

Members of the Novelty Cemetery Association met last week Thursday and, with the use of much heavy and light equipment, pioneered a new loop drive all around the cemetery, cleared an acre of new ground for burial plots, and seeded the area into lawn.

The cemetery has a "new look" now, as one approaches it, and the loop roadway (named "Wood-lawn Drive") will make access a great deal easier to all parts of the cemetery after it is graveled and graded.

The Novelty Cemetery Association committee on improvement and expansion, headed by John

**FOOD SALE PLANNED —**

Seven members of the Cherry Valley Grange Auxilliary met at the home of Mrs. Maude Ficht last Friday. They made plans for a Food Sale to be held October 28 at the Grange Hall.

Further details will be announced next week.

Clark and Vern Pickering, wishes to thank the men who so generously contributed time and equipment last Thursday. Those who turned out for the work day included Ole Ronnel, Harry Sinn, Jim Carns, Virgil Galyan and boys, Eric Adolfson, Otis Thayer, Ches Funk, Bill Roetcisoender, Bill Barker, Ed Quaale, William Quaale, Dick DeVries, Warren Hawley and Joe Dougherty.

**Entrance Gate Adds Beauty to Novelty Cemetery**

By W. E. Hawley

The lovely new entrance feature to the Novelty Cemetery reflects a memorial aspect of modern service for our appreciation of all that is beautiful and sacred in the place where our beloved lie.

This little cemetery is owned by the members of the cemetery Association; each property owner automatically becomes a member of the association. Therefore it is locally owned and is a community enterprise.

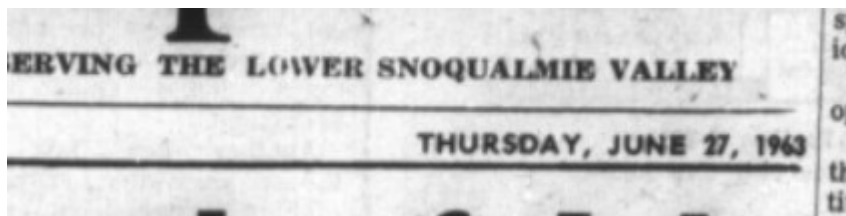
The cemetery property was recently redesigned and platted and now complies with all state and county regulations. A care fund has been set up and this fund is sacred; invested in government bonds and the principal cannot be touched. The earnings, however, are the assurance of future care. Many improvements have been made, such as clearing, grading, seeding, building driveways and fences.

The new and recent feature "entrance gate" adds much beauty to the setting. The metal and machine work was done by the Custom Metal Works in Duvall and the brick and concrete work was done by "That old artist with the trowel," Carl Homann. Most of the labor was donated, along with a good portion of the material. John Clark, Vern Pickering and Mr. Barker were among those donating time and labor.

There still remains a little seeding and fencing to be done which will be completed soon.

To visit this sacred little spot where peace and quiet prevail

Not living today, but buried in the cemetery they helped maintain



## **Adolph Hanisch, WL1-10-1, 1898-1971**

Adolph was the son of Frank and Paulina Fruehauf Hanisch. Frank married Paulina in Seattle in 1897. Adolph was born in 1898. Adolph's brother Emil was born in 1906. Neither of the Hanisch brothers ever married.

Frank (Adolph's father) came to the Seattle area in 1881 or 1882. He heard about land for sale around the present day city of Duvall and bought 200 acres of railroad land about a mile south of present day Duvall. **Could this be up Big Rock Road on the top of Stillwater Hill? Has anyone done any land record research?**

The family spent their lives clearing the land on their farm, planting crops, and dairying. They also harvested many of the big trees and sent the timber to market.

## **John B. Clark, WL1-11-1, 1897-Jan. 13, 1980**

**Is there anyone here who would like to tell some stories about John B. or any of the Clarks?**

## **Toshio Tanabe, Died: 1918 at the age of less than 6 years old. WL2-09-04**

We don't know very much about Toshio, and his infant brother, except that his parents came to Duvall in 1914 from Seattle. Mr. Tanabe wanted a healthier life in the country for his children. The family bought a farm out by Cherry Creek and settled in. Four years later, tragedy hit this family. The influenza epidemic of 1918 traveled out to Duvall from Seattle. It hit Seattle so badly that many people were buried in mass graves. It's probable that the Tanabe family still had family or friends in Seattle that they visited and that's how it spread to their family.

While we don't really know anything about Toshio or his little brother, we do have some stories about his older brother, Shigeo. Shigeo was about 10 years old when his siblings died.

Shigeo's parents moved back to Seattle after the tragedy of losing 2 children, but they left Shigeo with the Clarence Platt family. They had two sons, Wilbur and Glenwood, who were about Shigeo's age. He was already enrolled in school here and proved to be a very bright little boy. In 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, he excelled in "spelling bees" and would win frequently. As was the Japanese custom, Shigeo would apologize to the loser! Shigeo lived with the Platts until he graduated from Cherry Valley High School.

After graduation, Shigeo got a job with a fishing crew in Alaska. The night before he left for Alaska, he was invited to say farewell during the evening service at the Methodist Church. He gave such a moving farewell there was not a dry eye in the congregation.

Following his fishing experience, Shigeo attended Wayne state University in Detroit, Michigan, earning a Master of Education degree. There he met Haru Somba and they married in 1934. He also earned a Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of Puget Sound and he credits the Platt family for finding his way into ministry.

Because of his ancestry, Shigeo was interned in Idaho during WW2. Following his release at the end of the war, Shigeo went on to Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, earning another degree. He and Haru served churches in California, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, and Hawaii for a total of 41 years.

This was a man who saw much tragedy in his lifetime, yet was able to rise above it and minister to many people. Duvall should be proud that he got his start here...

## **Mabel Bourke.....1932 (WL2-12-03)**

Mabel was elected Mayor of Duvall in 1932. I don't know who her opponent was, but I do know her campaign slogan was, "Not a Moth, Not a Fly, Vote a Miller!"

When she won, she was the first female mayor and surprisingly, all the city council were women, too. It was easy to call a council meeting: Mabel invited them to her kitchen. While she stirred up some cake batter, they discussed City business. (This may be the first recorded instance of women's ability to multi-task!)

Mabel's primary goal was to get trees planted along the 5 new streets in town. She was not happy that the loggers had completely denuded the hillside that once was forestland. Her council agreed with her. Most of the trees that were planted were young native firs, hemlocks, and cedars. They were dug from one location and re-planted along the new streets. Assuming these trees were about 5 to 10 years old at their replanting, they are now 80+ years old. Think about that the next time you drive up

There is a grave here listed only as "Baby Bourke."

Does anyone know if this is Mabel's child?

## **Emmitt Minaglia, WL2-28-2, March 4, 1912 – March 20, 1993**

People drive by the Shell gas station on Main Street every day and never think about how it got there or who was the first to put a garage on the site. Originally called the "Anderson Garage" it was operated by George Anderson.

This wooden building housed a "parts" department and a small office, and a grease rack. Three gas pumps and a large grease hoist were under a roof that extended from the building. Mr. Anderson sold the garage to his son, George, Jr. and George's friend, Emmitt Minaglia in the early 1940's. A year or 2 later, Emmitt became sole owner in 1945.

An addition was built after a few years because Emmitt's International Harvester clientele and equipment stock was growing. The entire building was still made of wood.

In 1955, ten years after taking over the garage, Emmitt was elected Mayor of Duvall. He said more than once that one of the most surprising things that came with that office were urgent calls to fix things. Everyone thought the Mayor could do most anything. from fixing a break in a water line to trimming a fallen tree blocking a driveway. His term of office passed peaceably and he went back to building his business, volunteering for Duvall's Fire Department and serving as Fire Chief. Emmitt also has the distinction of being the person who sold the Fire Department its very first brand new fire truck! It was made by International Harvester: shiny paint, everything working, brand spanking NEW! It was a dream come true after all the old rigs that continually broke down.

In 1977, the garage caught fire. It was still a wooden building. No one knows exactly how it happened. Emmitt's son Bill was working on Dale Harder's car, a Chevell, at the time. Bill and another mechanic had the car up on the lift rack with all the wheels off. When people started screaming about the fire, they tried to get the wheels back on so they could push the car out of the way of the fire. Working as fast as they could wasn't fast enough. Finally they had to run to safety and the car was lost. Duvall's Fire Department was first on the scene, then departments from Woodinville, Monroe, Carnation, and Redmond showed up to lend a hand. Helicopters were hovering over the site with TV stations announcing the activity below. It was the end of the wooden gas station, for sure.

## **Andrew Peterson , WL2-31-3**

By legend, Andrew's connection to Novelty Cemetery began before 1917. For almost 17 years, the farmers in the valley had been searching for a new site for a cemetery. (The Pioneer Cemetery was found to be unsuitable because of the high water table. Test holes were dug all over the hills and each of them collected water.)

The story says that Andrew had a strange dream one night. In the dream, he a wooded area where a large cedar tree had fallen, exposing the roots and a large hole. When he look closer, he saw that the hole was dry. Then, standing under a large tree, was an angel! The angel said, "This is the place. Dig here." It was one of those dreams that are *so real*, it wakes you up!

Waking the next morning, Andrew knew he had to search for that tree. He was amazed when he saw that tree, lying just as it was in his dream. He immediately took his shovel. Going to the tree, he found a likely place to dig a "perk" hole. The hole didn't immediately fill with water, but many of the holes that the committee members had dug took a while to flood, so he didn't get excited right away.

The hole was still dry the next day. No one knows how much longer the hole was watched, but not too long after, the committee came up the hill and dug holes all over the hillside. None of them filled with water! This was the place the angel had designated in the dream! Novelty Hills Cemetery was born!

We do not know if the land was a gift or if the committee reimbursed the owners from grave sales, but in 1917, the first graves were opened. Some of these graves are occupied by people who had been buried in the Pioneer Cemetery and were then moved to Novelty. That's why you see death dates on the markers pre-dating the platting of Novelty Hills Cemetery.

It's also believed that for some of the deceased, only their markers were moved. Their body still resides on the hillside in the old Pioneer Cemetery next to the Dougherty House.

We owe a great deal to Andrew Peterson who had that remarkable dream and acted on it. To this day, the ground you are standing on is dry as a bone...

**David Richard Harder.....April 9, 1932 – February 9, 2010 (WL3-24-3)**

Dave was born and raised in Duvall. When he met and married Diane, the woman of his dreams, they moved to Woodinville. He was persuaded to join the Woodinville Fire Department and received his fire fighting training and experience there.

Once the Harders moved back to Duvall, he became involved with the Duvall Fire Department, an all-volunteer outfit. It wasn't too long before he was elected Fire Chief. He served Duvall's Fire Department for 34 years, with only the last 4 giving him a paycheck.

Dave was instrumental in starting the annual Fire Men's Breakfast that recently celebrated it's 53<sup>rd</sup> year. He did it to bring awareness to the local citizens of who was a volunteer and to encourage more people to join the team.

He was passionate about the fire department, constantly finding more equipment and better training for the volunteers. Diane would listen to a short wave radio in their home and dispatch calls to the volunteers once Dave had been notified.

I remember seeing the volunteers speeding to the fire station on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue or down one of the roads with their green lights flashing. We pulled off to let them pass, knowing they *had* to get to the scene of a fire quickly. Dave would always be the last one to leave the scene, staying behind to give what comfort he could. His compassion for the victims, and warm, friendly nature was well known.

Besides the volunteer work, Dave and Diane owned and operated Duvall Hardware & Appliance on the corner of Main and Cherry Streets for 30 years. He was a founding director of Valley Community Bank and was always involved in civic festivals and community events. It was under his direction that the fire trucks would both begin and end the annual Duvall Days Parade. The crowd loved it!

Once he retired from the hardware store, he bought a team of mules and a few Shetland ponies, a small covered wagon and a carriage. He would bring his ponies to children's parties and company picnics, especially at Remlinger Farms. He called his company, "Have Mules, Will Travel." He later expanded his equipment to include an old fashioned hearse. I don't know if he ever delivered anyone to Novelty Cemetery, but it was a big hit at parades!

## **Joseph Franke, WL3-30-3, April 29, 1870 – August 29, 1943**

Joseph was born in Glocau, Selesia, an area of east Germany. He was apprenticed to a shoemaker and learned the trade before coming to America in 1904. His first shoe shop was in Brainard, Minnesota where he homesteaded. In 1908 he married Meta Wohlfeil and their first child, Helen, was born there.

In 1911 he bought 9 lots in Duvall and opened a shoe store in his house. Three more children were born to Meta and Joseph: Harold, Velma, and Alice. In 1913 he built his shoe store on Main Street. That building stands to this day and has seen many changes through the years. It's been a newspaper office, a fabric store, an antiques shop, a restaurant, and currently is the Duvall Coffee House.

Joseph is noted in history as running out of his shoe store when the Duvall Bank was robbed. He had been assisting Mrs. Taylor and her young son Ralph who was getting anew pair of shoes. When gunshots were heard, Joseph ran out to see what was happening. He heard Beadon Hall shouting, "the bank's been robbed! There they go!"

Ralph Taylor – as any young boy would – ran out behind Joseph. Mrs. Taylor wasn't far behind, yelling for Ralph to stop.

The Franke family settled into life in Duvall, and the shoe shop thrived. Unfortunately, Meta died in 1920, leaving Joseph with 4 children, the eldest, 12 year old Helen. In 1923, Joseph married Eva E. Vogt. They had one child, whom they named Daisy.

Business slowed as more people drove to Seattle to buy their shoes. Joseph rented out half the building to Dr. Pfeifer. During WW2, Joseph and his family were viewed with suspicion by some townspeople because of his German heritage. It was an uncomfortable time and his business fell off drastically. He finally made the decision to retire in early 1943. His life of ease did not last long. He suffered a stroke on August 29, 1943 and died on September 16 at the age of 73 and a half. Joseph had always been a very healthy man and loved to walk. He had many friends in the Novelty area and would walk to visit them while his family would board the train to meet him in Novelty.

He grew a very large garden and orchard on the hill below 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He continually improved the house, too. He was a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Duvall Lodge #311 which was organized in 1914. He was also a member of Cherry Valley Grange and served as a councilman in Duvall for many years.

According to his daughter, Daisy Franke Sterling, Joseph was a reserved, quiet spoken man ready to help anyone in need of shoes or repairs, often taking no money. He belonged to a weekly Pinochle group, and enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie. During the Depression in the 30's, Eva and Joseph began boarding school teachers. That continued for 11 years. This meant a lot of extra work, both in preparing and maintaining the house for boarders and growing more produce to feed everybody. About 1500 quarts of vegetables and fruit were canned each year. Jellies and jams were also prepared, eggs were preserved, and crocks of sauerkraut were put up.

## **William McCormick, WL5-19-4, November 3, 1898 – September 19, 1988**

Bill was 11 years old when he arrived in Duvall with his family.

He graduated from Cherry Valley High School in 1918. (Tolt or Cherry Valley?) From there he attended the University of Washington for 2 years.

When he settled back in Duvall, he worked for King County from 1923 to 1932. During this time, he was also the town constable from 1926 to 1942.

When Bill's grandfather died, Bill was named as a beneficiary, but the land wasn't free. Bill had to pay \$1 to gain title. Bill then bought 15 acres of bottom land. It took him 15 years to pay it off, but he did!

While he was Duvall's constable, he had to deliver prisoners to the jail. He usually had someone else ride along to watch the prisoner. On one particular evening, the watchman had to get out in Bothell. The prisoner was a drunk driver and seemed harmless enough that Bill didn't search him for any weapons. Bill said, "I learned my lesson that time."

The drunk was wearing a long overcoat and hidden in that was an automatic pistol. "I snatched it out of his hand and *smacked* him over the mouth with it!" said Bill. The prisoner went to jail without any trouble after that.

Bill's next job was at Cherry Valley School as custodian. He worked there for 10 years, meeting his future wife, Margaret there. He later said, "She kept the neatest class in the school."

Following that job, he found various employment: the shipyard in Seattle, Duvall's water superintendent, Then as a dump truck driver for the State. With a change in administration, Bill lost that job and went to work as school custodian in Carnation.

He retired in 1962 at the age of 63.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was known for his stories.

The house he built for Margaret is still occupied by Bill and Margaret's daughter, Alice. It's the first house on the right going south from the historic district.

## **Margaret McCormick, WL5-19-4, April 30, 1905 – December 27, 2008 (almost 103 years old!)**

Margaret met Bill shortly after she moved to Duvall from Seattle. A young teacher and unmarried, she had no shortage of eligible men to choose from. She told me (more than once) about answering a knock on her door in the evening and finding a line of men waiting for her. They were all cleaned up after their workday, ready to invite her to some function or party. "It wasn't any grand affair, said Margaret, "maybe dinner at one of the restaurants, or a soda at the confectionary, or a picnic with friends. They would write their invitation on a piece of paper. Margaret would go down the line and silently read the "offers". If she found one that interested her, she would politely thank them all for coming and announce which invitation she was accepting!

This all changed the evening that Bill McCormick came. She said, "He was so handsome and tall! When he introduced himself to me – I just knew he was the one!

Margaret was one of the last teachers at the old Cherry Valley School when it closed its doors on June 4, 1957. She taught 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade there for many years. The school that had its beginnings in 1907 at a cost of \$10,000 was replaced by a new brick and concrete block building. It had 8 rooms and a cost of just over \$200,000.

## **Frank Joseph Vanhulle .....()**

**(WL5-11-3)**

Frank moved to Duvall from Kerriston, Washington with his parents, Hector and Marie Vanhulle when he was 5 years old. He spent the rest of his life on the family farm on NE Cherry Valley Road.

He was a life-long member of Holy Innocents Church. He remembered the catechism classes taught by Kate Dougherty in her home. When the cross on the steeple on the little white church on Stella Street needed to be fixed, his dad said to him, "Frank, you could climb up there." Frank said he really didn't want to, but since he was the only teenager in the work party, he was elected to do the job. Hector tied a "safety belt" – it was a thick rope – around Frank's waist and told him, "when you get up to the shingles, just toss a rope around them. Then, work it higher and higher until you can reach the cross." Frank said he'd never done anything like that before, but he had seen some of the loggers work their way up a tree with a rope and figured that's what his Dad wanted him to do. Frank said the hardest part was knowing his Dad and all his friends were watching his every move. Sometimes someone would yell some direction to Frank and he'd have to either ignore the instruction or follow it. Finally he got to the cross and removed the broken pieces. The new cross was hoisted up to Frank and he successfully attached it. All the men watching him from below applauded. Frank said he was just glad to get back on the ground!

I was there when the church was repainted in the late 1980's. So were a lot of the men that saw Frank climb that steeple. They all teased him, saying *he* should be the one to repaint the cross. Frank just took the teasing in stride, shook his head and told the story about his climb up there so many years ago.

He was a quiet, industrious man, serving as a volunteer fire fighter (and later as commissioner for the Fire Department), a dairy farmer, and a school bus driver. Once he retired, he did some logging and commercial fishing in Alaska. (That's not what I would call "retirement!")

Frank enjoyed fishing and hunting, and having a good time with his family and friends. After he gave up his "retirement jobs", Frank and Ruby travelled in their motorhome to numerous places, enjoying the company of friends along the way. He was known to always have a ready smile and a quick laugh, never turning down a party invitation.

## **Ruby Vanhulle.....**

Ruby met Frank at a dance in Monroe in the early 1940's. She told me that he seemed so shy when she met him, she didn't pay much attention to him. But Frank paid attention to her by coming back to the next dance. Soon she looked forward to seeing him at the dance sessions. When her parents noticed that she was talking about him more and more, they asked to meet him. Ruby asked Frank to come to the house and they would go to the dance together. Ruby's folks thought he was a nice enough man, but really expected any romance to soon blow over.

When Ruby announced to her parents that Frank had asked he to marry him, Ruby's mother said, "Oh, Ruby, NO! don't do that!" Ruby was surprised at her mother's outburst and asked, "Why not?"

"He's a farmer and he's CATHOLIC, Ruby!" Ruby said it sounded like he had a bad sickness or something, but she managed to calm her mother down.

Ruby and Frank were married on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1945. He was 26 and she was 23. They celebrated 67 years of marriage and did a lot of celebrating along the way.

Ruby enjoyed her life on the farm, and especially their 7 children. With that many kids in the house, "Life was never boring" said Ruby. "There was always something happening." She always had a twinkle in her eye and a friendly greeting for everyone. ...And she never regretted marrying Frank – even though he was Catholic!