## 1101 E Pike Street seattle landmark nomination



So Prepared by Tom Heuser, Marvin Anderson, and Adam Alsobrook

## Introduction

- This report was prepared at the request of Liz Dunn, the owner of the property in order to ascertain its historic significance.
- It was researched and written from May to August of 2019 and revised from August to December 2019 with answers to board questions added in 2020.
- Name: 1101 E Pike Street
- Built: 1916
- Original Use: Commercial, automobile showroom and service
- Original Owner: Mary Liebeck, realtor
- Architect: Sønke E Sønnichsen
- Original Occupant: Henry Grant and the Seattle Automobile Company



Figure 1) Context photograph of subject building looking east up East Pike Street. (Google)



Figure 2) Context photograph of subject building looking south down 11th Avenue. (Google)

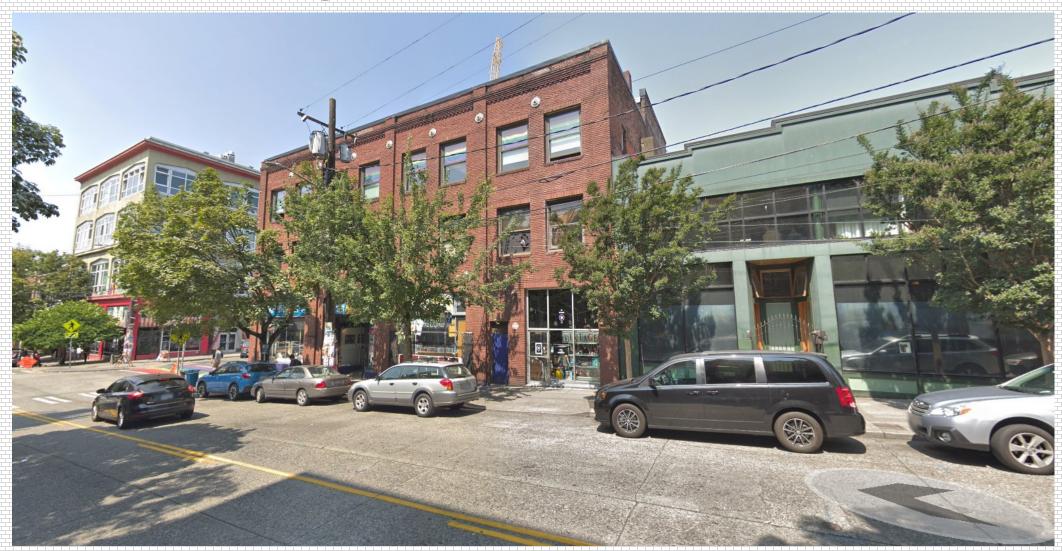


Figure 3) Context photograph of properties located across East Pike Street to the north of subject building. (Google)



Figure 4) Context photograph of properties located to the east of the subject building. (Northwest Multiple Listing Service)



Figure 5) Context photograph of properties located to the south of the subject building. (Google)



Figure 6) Context photograph of properties located across 11th Avenue to the west of the subject building. (Google)



Figure 7) Context photograph of the properties located across East Pike Street to the northwest of the subject building. (Google)

## **Building description**



Carson-Pirie-Scott Building, ND (Louis H. Sullivan, b.1899)

Image: wendycitychicago.com



1101 E Pike St near completion,1916. (NAHA P659, 1.6)



Bekins Moving & Storage, 1929 (Gould and Champney, b.1910; Sonnichsen, b.1918)

Image: MOHAI

## Complete view - 1916 / 2019





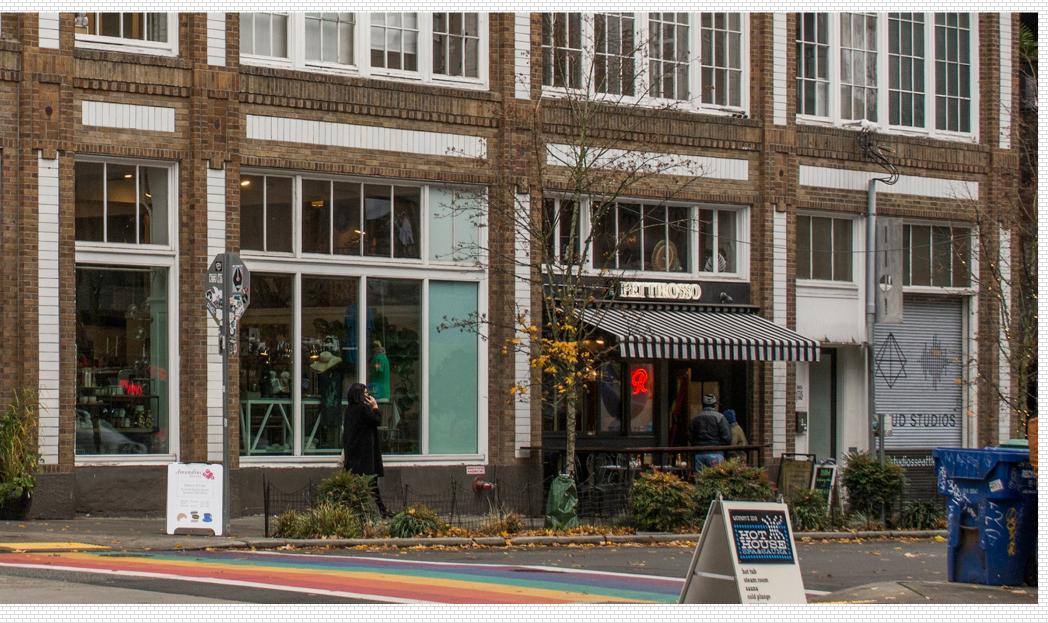
# Corner Entrance – 1916 / 2019



# north Elevation – 1916 / 2019



## West Elevation - 2019



## West Elevation - 1916



## Showroom 1919 / 2019



Remodeled showroom at 1101 E Pike St, circa 1919. Image: University of Oregon Libraries

Showroom at 1101 E Pike St, 2019. Image: Marvin Anderson Architects

## Showroom 2019



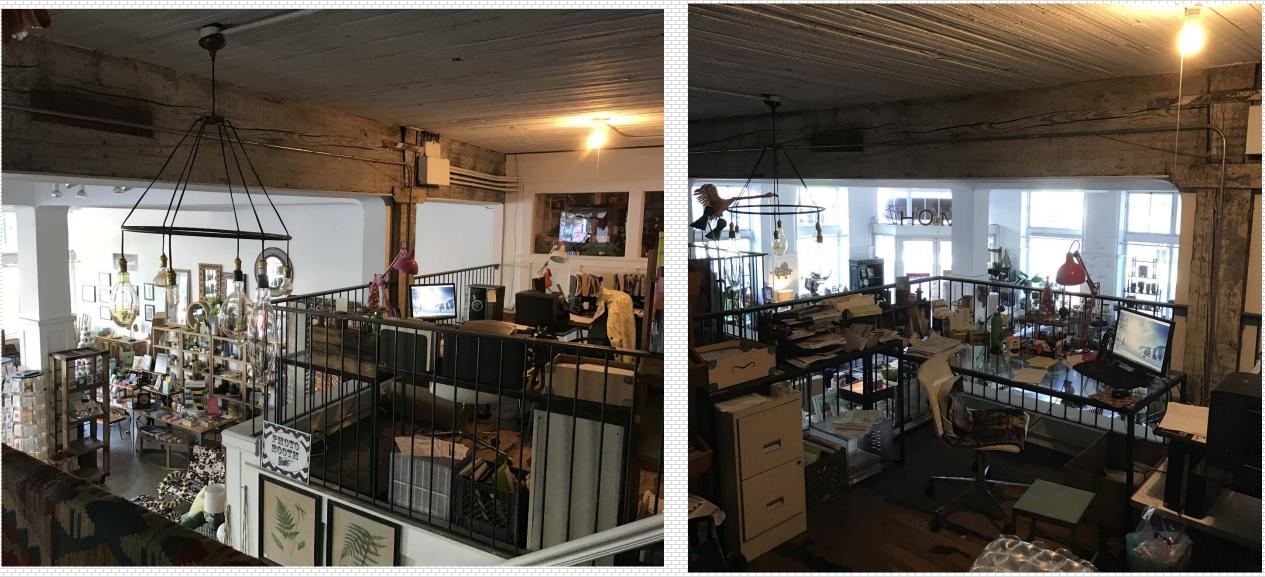
Showroom at 1101 E Pike St, 2019. Images: Marvin Anderson Architects

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#### Basement



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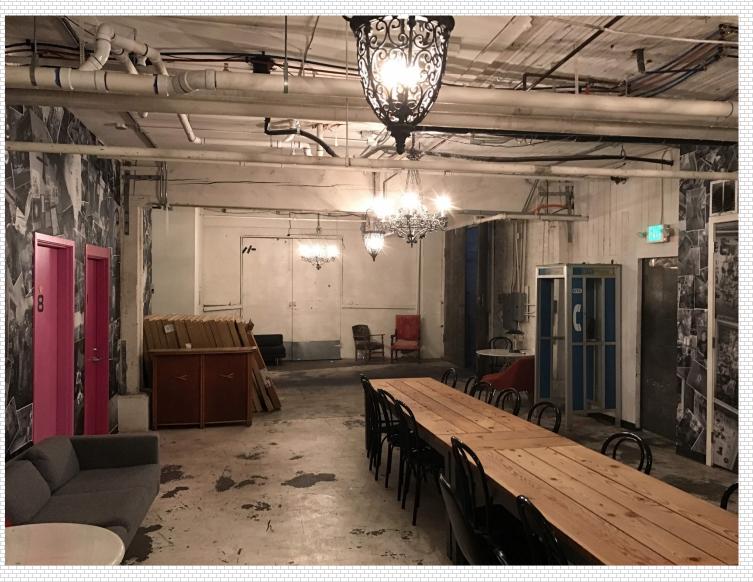


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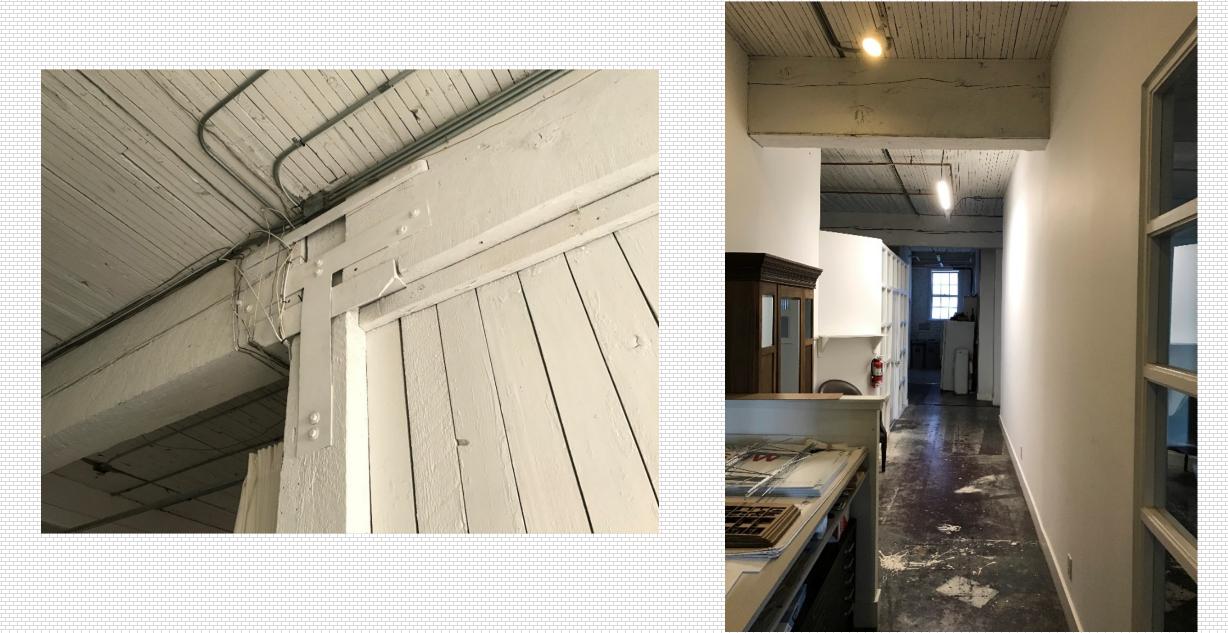
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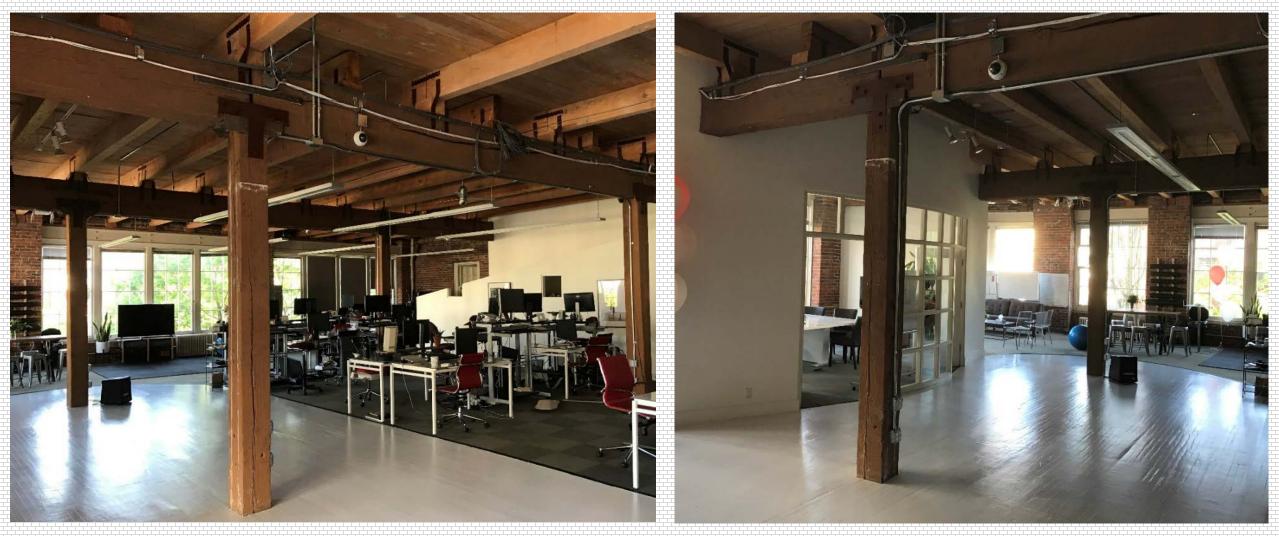


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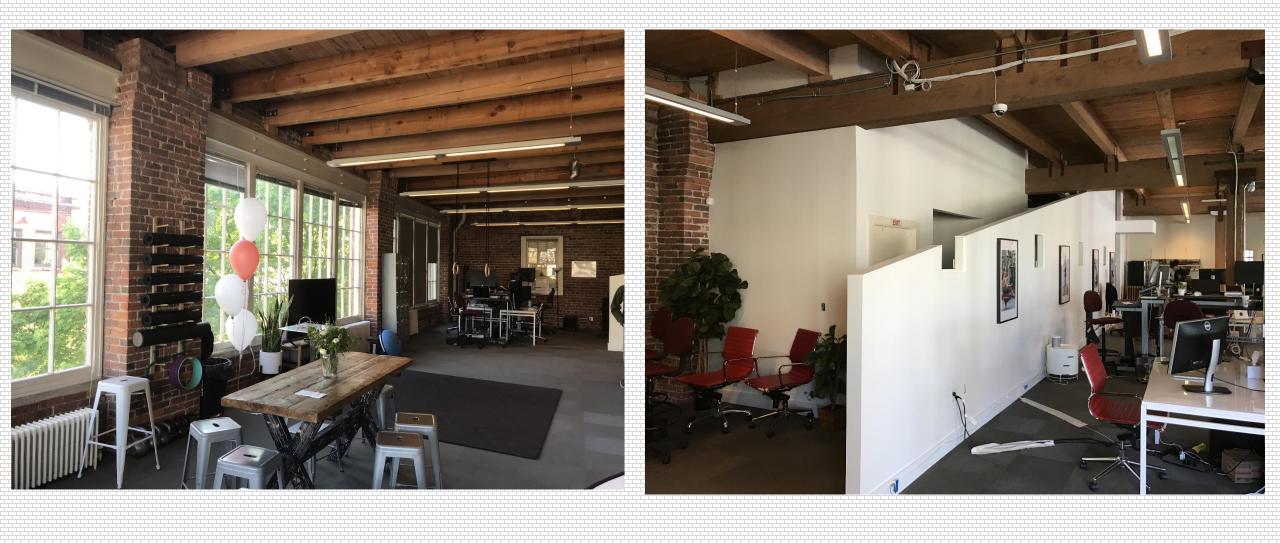
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# Interior – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

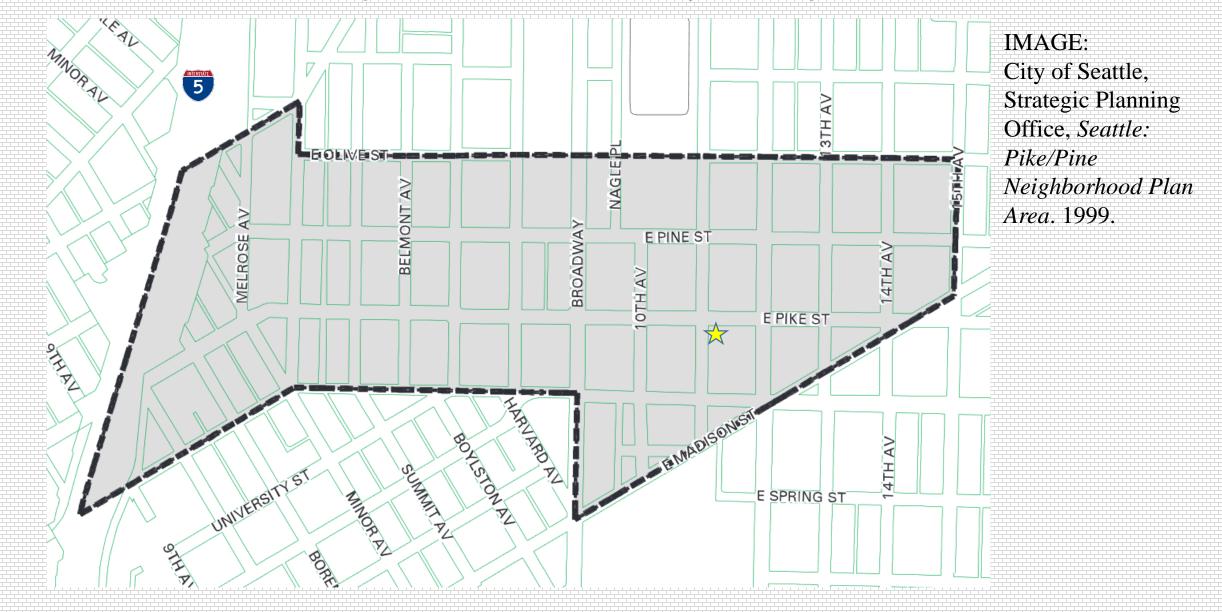


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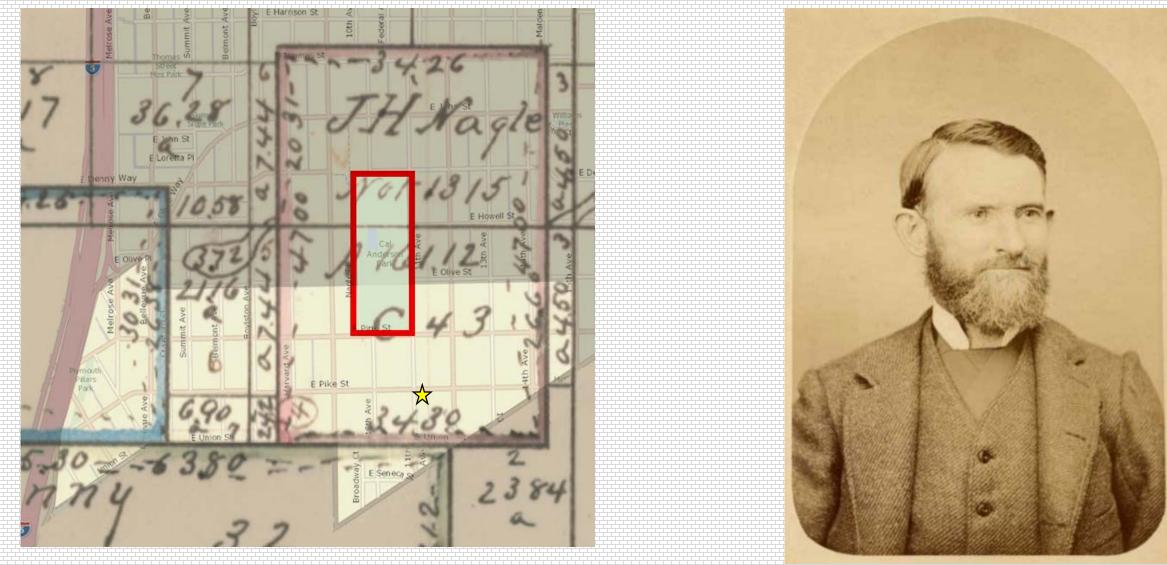
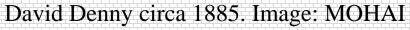


IMAGE: 1863 Cadastral Survey (Bureau of Land Mgmt) overlaid with present-day map (King County)



John H.Nagles Second Addition To the City of Seattle.



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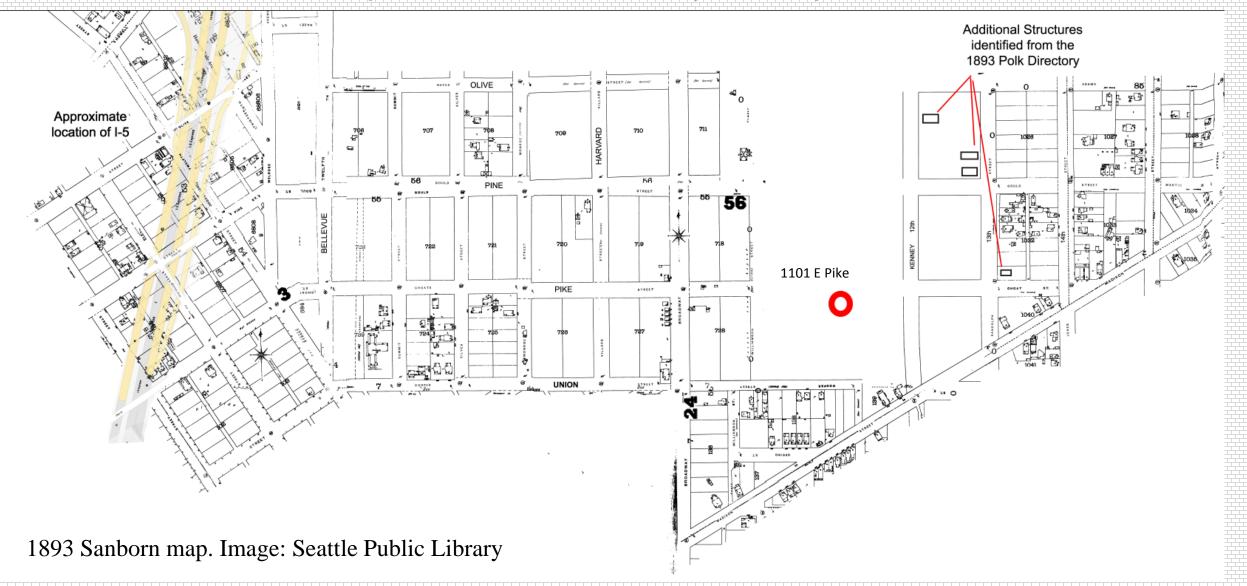
D. T. Denny, Guardian of the Estate of J.H. Nagle.

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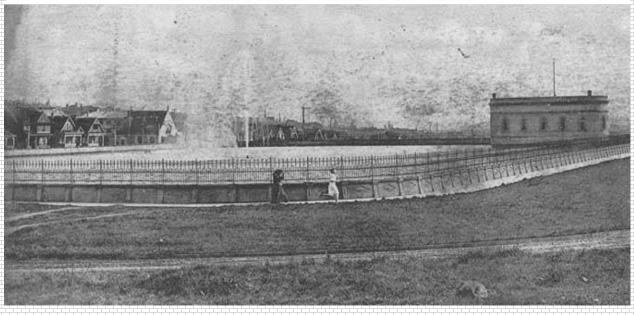
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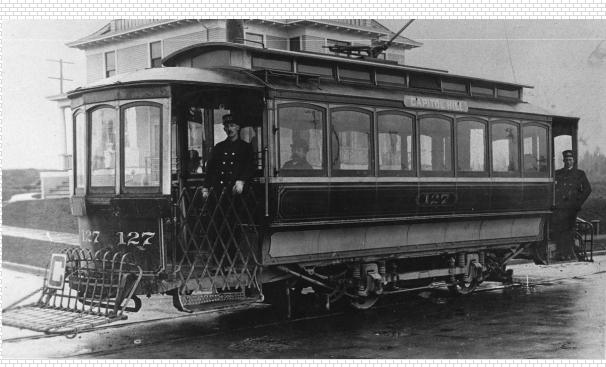
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Capitol Hill Streetcar, circa 1903. Image: Seattle Municipal Archives

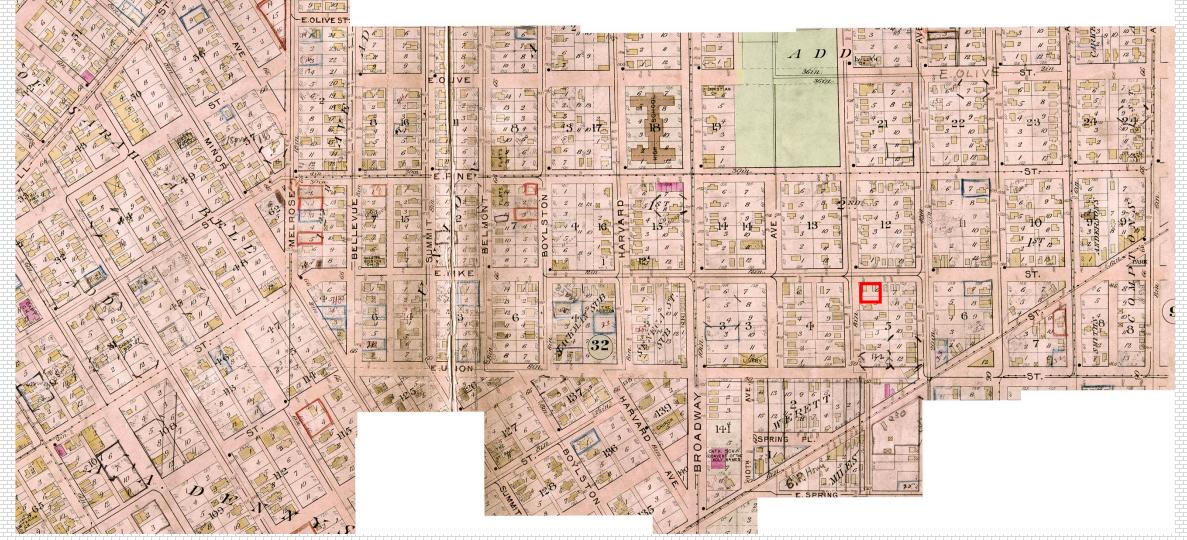


Broadway High School circa 1903. Image: MOHAI



Lincoln Park, circa 1915. (b. c1904) Image: MOHAI

## Development of the pike/pine area



Pike/Pine section of 1905 Baist Map. Seattle Public Library.

## Development of the pike/pine area



Pike/Pine section of 1912 Baist Map. Courtesy Ron Edge.

# Development of the auto showroom

#### **Summary**

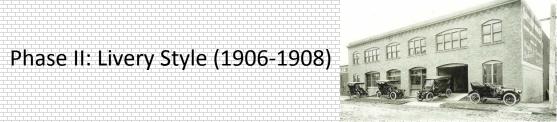
Phase I: Standard Commercial (1900-1905)









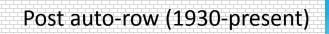
















## "Dry Goods Row" 1938/39~1994

known locations of Dry goods manufacturers in Pike/Pine



## Mary Liebeck: The Original Owner



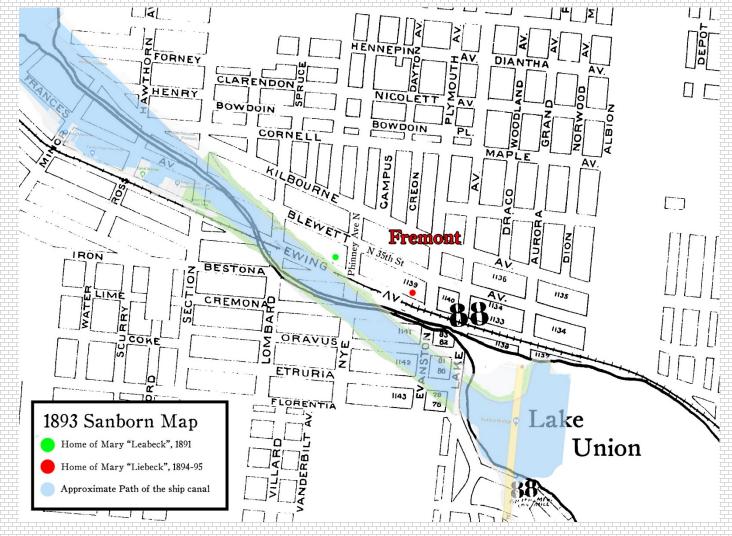
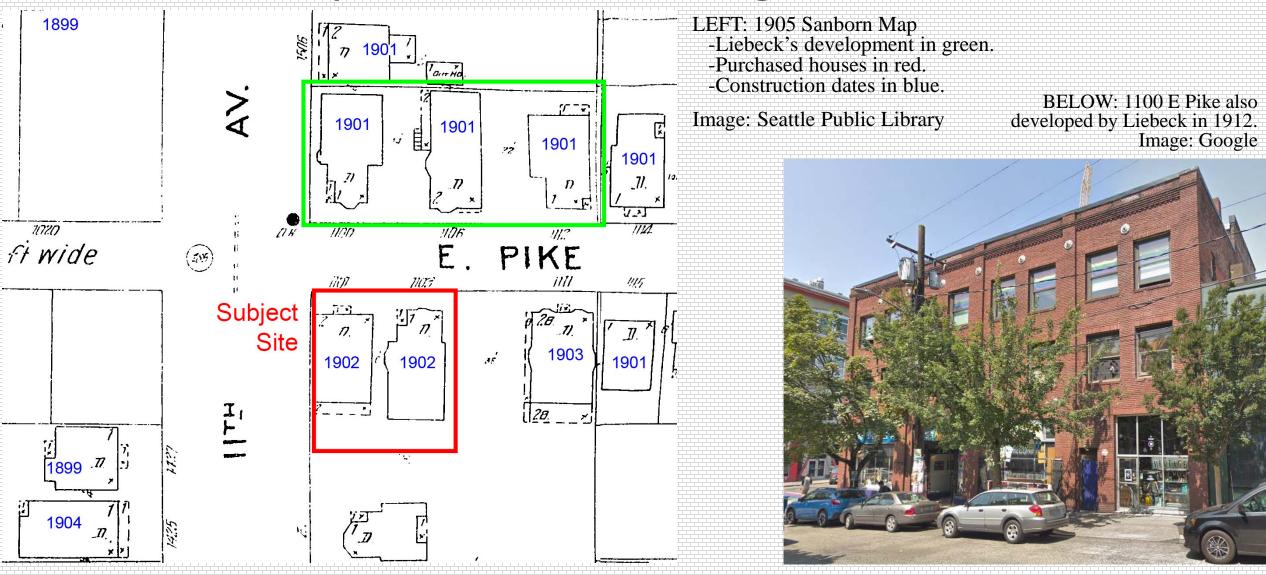


Image: Seattle Public Library and Google.

## Mary Liebeck: The Original Owner



## **Ownership Summary**

- 1905/1915 1928: Mary Liebeck
- 1928 1929: A.V. Cordovado
- 1929 1934: A.F. Wright
- 1934 1935: Eva M Shingler
- 1935 1943: Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company
- 1943 1959: Benjamin Barlin
- 1959 1959: Partenbar Corporation (of which Barlin was listed as officer)
- 1959 Unknown: Colkat Incorporated (of which Barlin was listed as officer)
- Unknown 1982: Northwest Credit Corporation
- 1982 1982: H W Baker Linen Company
- 1982 1986: Center Sixty Eight
- 1986 2004: Susan M Singleton
- 2004 2011: 1101 E Pike LLC
- 2011 2014: Kelsey Singleton & Aaron Singleton
- 2014 Present: Pike Baker Linen LLC

## Women in Seattle Real Estate

RIGHT: Real Estate Ad from \_\_\_\_\_ *Prosperous Washington*, 1906. Courtesy Diana James.

#### \* \* SEATTLE-OF-TO-DAY \* \*

#### MRS. CORINNE SIMPSON.

The part that women have played in the development of the West, commercially as well as in many other ways, is of no inconsiderable extent, and it is noticeable that in whatever line of endeavor a woman may choose she pursues it with an energy and enthusiasm that is sure to win the highest success. Among the prominent business women of Seattle, Mrs. Corinne Simpson, real estate, loan and insurance specialist, is conspicuous, and has won splendid success in the field in which she operates. Mrs. Simpson, whose splendidly arranged and well equipped offices occupy suite 702-3-4 American Bank Building, has been engaged in business in Seattle for two years, and during this time has secured a large and constantly increasing clientele, sixteen assistants being required to show lists and properties, and aid in the consummation of deals. Her lists of



both residence and business properties are omplete and comprehensive, containing many rare bargains, and her sales are of large volme. During the time she has been operating ere Mrs. Simpson has engineered as many eals in valuable realty as any concern operatng in Seattle, all of her transactions being atisfactory alike to buyer and seller. Among he specific properties handled by her may e mentioned the Hall Lake townsite and Green Lake Reservoir tracts, the first named ontaining one hundred and sixty acres and the latter fifty acres, divided into five hundred lots. In addition to the general real estate department, which embraces a rental agency, Mrs. Simpson does an extensive brokerage business in Alaska and California mining stocks, and is prepared to give investors the best service obtainable in these lines. Loans are also negotiated on approved securi-



OFFICES MRS. CORINNE SIMPSON, 702-703-704 AMERICAN BANK BUILDING

#### LEFT: Biography of Corinne Simpson from Seattle Of Today, 1907. Courtesy Marvin Anderson.

PROSPEROUS WASHINGTON

#### Opportunities of the Past

Some of the greatest fortunes known today are the result of an investment in Seattle Real Estate A competency now being enjoyed by some acquaintance or friend, as the result of placing a few dollars in property in some of our many flourishing cities, in the years past, is a fact known to almost everyone. The opportunity presented itself, and they accepted it. With blind faith they held on. The village grew to a town, the town to a city, the city to a metropolis, and the property that cost only a small sum, grew to an immense value. This is not a fairy tale. You probably know several persons who have had the experience. Some say that their success was largely luck. Was it? Have you regretted making investment of property in the past? The wise ones accepted their opportunity. Be wise.



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Have you followed the history of Seattle? Have you noted its peculiar position? Have you stood upon one of the prominent eminences of the city and drank in the beauty and grandeur of the scene that met your view, and felt the exhilaration of that new life inspired by the wonderful possibilities of the magnificent harbor, and the hundred hills, with millions of feet of the world's finest timber? Have you thought of the thousands of acres of virgin soil, waiting for the settlers? Coal and iron, gold, silver and copper right at our doors, waiting for the miner? Do you know of the millions received by the city from its immense shipping with Alaska and the Orient that is growing with such rapid strides? Do you know of the three new continental railroads being built to this city? Do you know of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair to be held here in 1909? Can you doubt that this is your opportunity? We cannot estimate the possibilities of the future. Write me today. I have a splendid list of property of all descriptions. Your inquiries will receive my best attention.

CORINNE SIMPSON REALESTATE LOANS AND INSURANCE 20345 EPLER BLOCK SEATTLE PHONE MAIN 3010

## Architect Sønke E. Sonnichsen Early years

- Born September 13, 1878 in Laurdal, Telemark, Norway
- Attended Royal Academy of Arts and Crafts in Oslo, Norway
- Graduated in architecture from Baugewerk School in Eckernförde, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
- Immigrated to United States in December 1902
- Arrived in Seattle in early 1905



S.E. Sonnichsen in the drafting room of Somervell & Coté, March 1908

### Architect Sønke E. Sonnichsen Architectural Career

- 1905-1910 Sommervell & Cote, Seattle
- 1910-1913 Sommervell & Putnam, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1914-1923 Independent practice, Seattle
- 1923-1924 Independent practice, Los Angeles
- 1924-1925 Employee, B. Marcus Priteca, San Francisco
- 1926-1940 Independent practice, Los Angeles
- 1926-1940 Priteca & Sonnichsen Associated Architects, Los Angeles
- 1941 With Priteca & Young Architects, Seattle
- 1942-1945 Naval Architect, Phoenix Engineering, Milwaukee and Baltimore
- 1945-1956 Independent practice, Seattle
- 1945-1956 Priteca & Sonnichsen Associated Architects, Seattle





Sons and Daughters of Norway, 1914 Boren Ave. near Denny Way, Seattle Existing, City of Seattle Landmark Seattle Automobile Company, 1915 1101 E. Pike, Seattle Existing

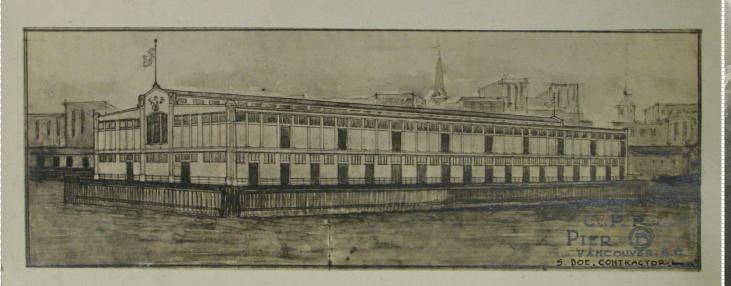






Perry Truax Residence, 1915 951 Federal Avenue, Existing Thomas Kolderup Residence, 1916 3700 E. Union St., Existing

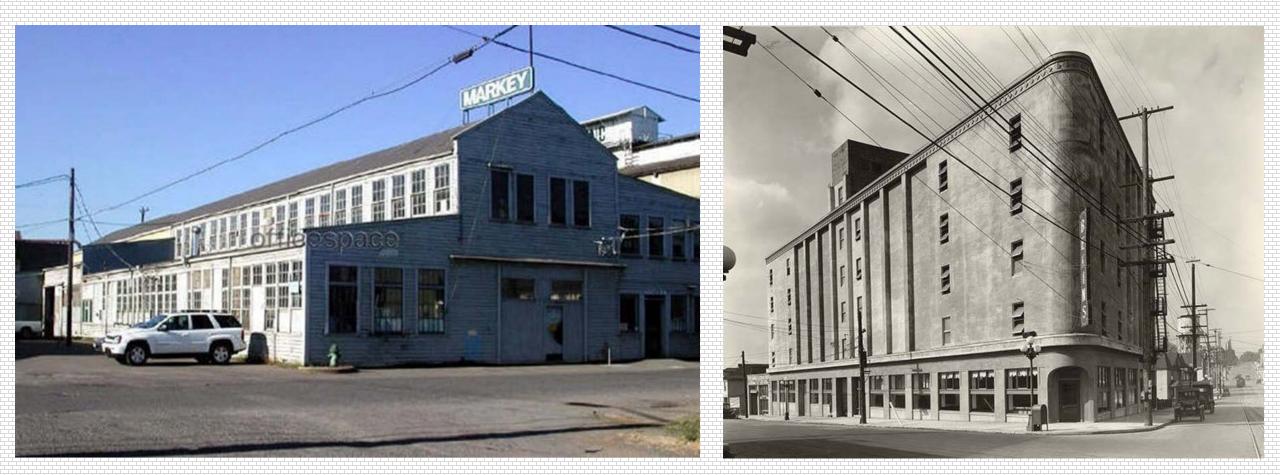
Egil Mack Residence, 1917 3612 E. Union St., Existing



Canadian Pacific Railway Pier D, 1917 (above) Vancouver, British Columbia Destroyed by fire 1938

Alaska Pacific Herring Company, 1917 (right) Big Port Walter, Alaska, Status unknown



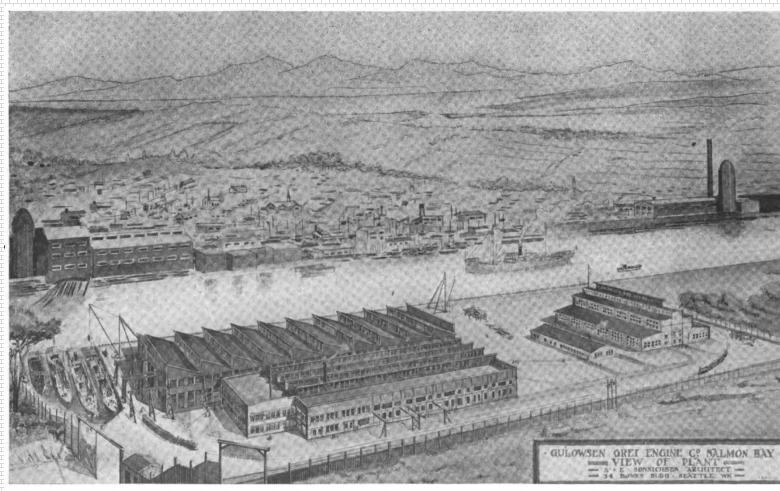


Markay-Campbell Machine Shop, 1917 85 S. Horton Street, Seattle Existing

Bekins Moving & Storage Warehouse, 1918 1125 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue East at East Madison, Seattle , altered







Gulowsen-Grei Engine Company, 1918 On south side of ship canal, west of Salmon Bay, Seattle Mostly demolished, one building remaining



Salmon Bay Foundry, 1918 5320 24<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Ballard Destroyed by fire 1947

Baptist Hospital, 1919 Spring and Boylston Streets, Seattle Unbuilt project





Seattle Automobile Company (HP Grant), 1919 1428 Eleventh Avenue, Seattle Existing, now part of Chophouse Row



Garage Building for HP Grant, 1922 1427 Twelfth Avenue, Seattle Existing, now part of Chophouse Row



Caughley Garage (Chilcott-Nash Showroom), 1922 Corner of Thirteenth Ave and E Pike St, Seattle Existing, Elysian Brewing

Union Bank of Canada, 1919 560 Hastings Street at Seymour, Vancouver, British Columbia Somervell, Putnam & Sonnichsen Associated Architects





Washelli Cemetery Mausoleum, 1919 Aurora Avenue, Seattle Existing Washelli Cemetery Columbarium and Crematory, 1921 Aurora Avenue, Seattle existing, altered



Everett Aerie of Eagles, 1921 Everett and Wetmore Avenues, Everett Unbuilt project First National Bank and Office Building, 1923 800 S. Third at Williams, Renton Existing



Thomas Street Apartments, 1922 1106 E Thomas Street, Seattle Existing



Stonecliff Apartments, 19222602 Fourth Avenue at Vine Street, Seattle, existing

### Architect Sønke E. Sonnichsen Priteca & Sonnichsen Associated Architects, Los Angeles, 1927-1937





Warner Theatre, Fresno, 1928 (upper left) Existing

Hollywood Pantages Theatre, Los Angeles, 1930 (above) Existing

San Clemente Theatre, San Clemente, 1930 (lower left) Unbuilt project

### Architect Sønke E. Sonnichsen Independent practice, Los Angeles, 1927-1939



Grantz-Wolcott Residence, Fullerton, 1927 (left) Existing

Campus Theatre, Los Angeles, 1939 (bottom center) Existing, undergoing restoration

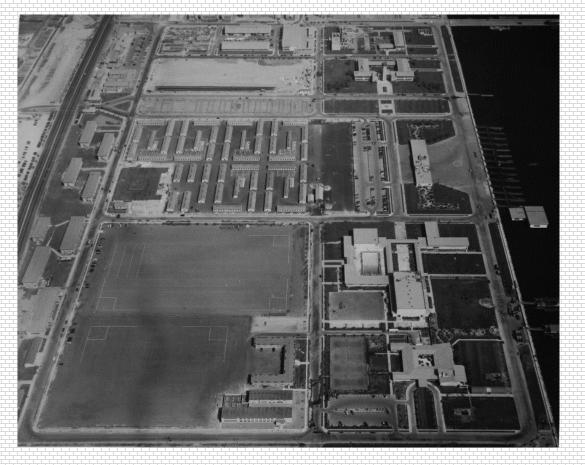
Commercial Building, Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, 1939 (bottom right) Existing



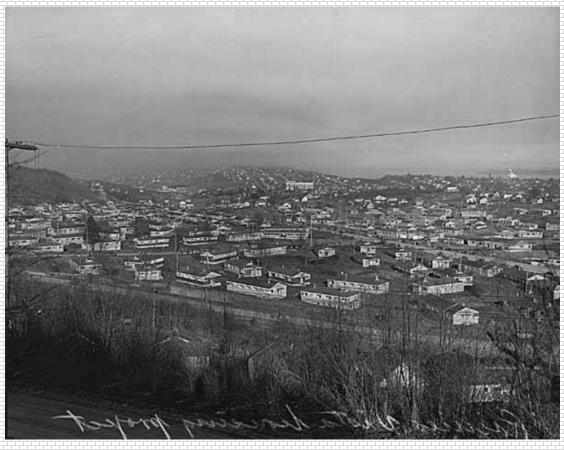


#### Architect Sønke E. Sonnichsen World War II, 1940-1944

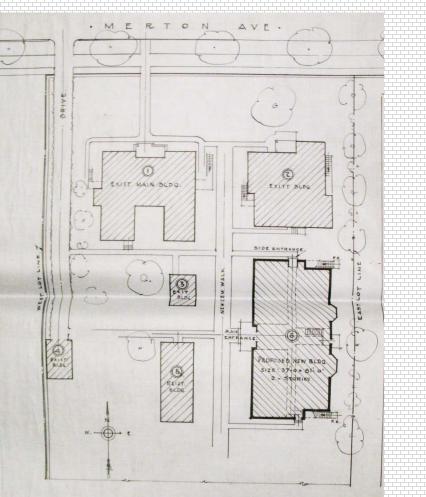
Roosevelt Fleet Operating Base, Long Beach, 1940 Architect with Guy F. Atkinson, George Pollock Co. Existing, altered



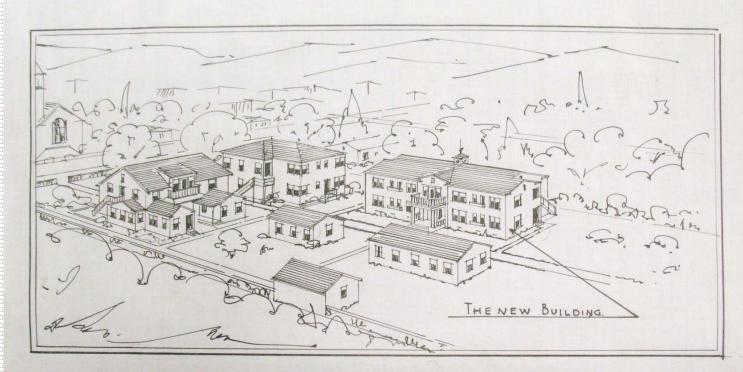
Rainier Vista Homes, Seattle, 1941B. Marcus Priteca and A.M. Young, architectsDemolished



#### Architect Sønke E. Sonnichsen Seattle, 1945-1956



PLOT PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF PROPOSED NEW BUILDING. (.NO SCALE.)



Solheim Lutheran Home for the Aged, 1945 2236 Merton Avenue, Los Angeles Existing, altered

### Architect Sønke E. Sonnichsen Seattle, 1945-1956

Magnolia Theatre, Seattle, 1948 (bottom left) Priteca & Sonnichsen Associated Architects Demolished

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State Theatre, Olympia, 1948 (bottom center, right) Priteca & Sonnichsen Associated Architects Existing From 1945-1956 Sonnichsen shared an office with Priteca in the Pantages Building, downtown Seattle

Sonnichsen retired in 1956 and passed away in 1961



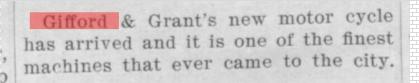
# Occupant Summary 1916-2000

Automotive	1916 - 1922: Seattle Automobile Co.	
	1922 - 1925: United Motors Co.	
	1925 - 1927: Seattle Automobile Co.	
	1928 - 1929: Wade Albee Motors	
	1929 - 1933: P.J. Cronin Co. (Auto & radio parts)	
	1935 - 1936: Nagelvoort Stearns Co.	
	1936 - 1937: Aladdin Trailer Homes	MAGLE'S 2ND. B- S. L- G ALADDIR TRAILER HOMES
Textiles	1939 - 1944: WA Training Center For The Blind Blind & Handcrest Inc.	POINE ST.
	1943 - 1953: Commercial Linen Company	1101 E Pike St, 1937.
	1953 - 1983: H W Baker Linen Company	Image: WA State Archives
	1986 – 1994: Don Shingler Inc / Down Factory	
Art &	90 – 2000+?: Azo Art Studio (Susan Singleton) and Donald Young Gallery	
Architecture	1993 – 2000+?: J.E. Grudger, Architect	
	1996 – 2000+?: A R C Architects, Talley & Co A	rchitects

#### THE SEATTLE MAIL AND HERALD.



View of Gifford & Grant's Bicycle Store. The gentlemen, reading from left, are Bike Policeman Dewel, Mr. Gifford, Mr. Grant, and Virgil Hall, winner of Good Roads Club medal.

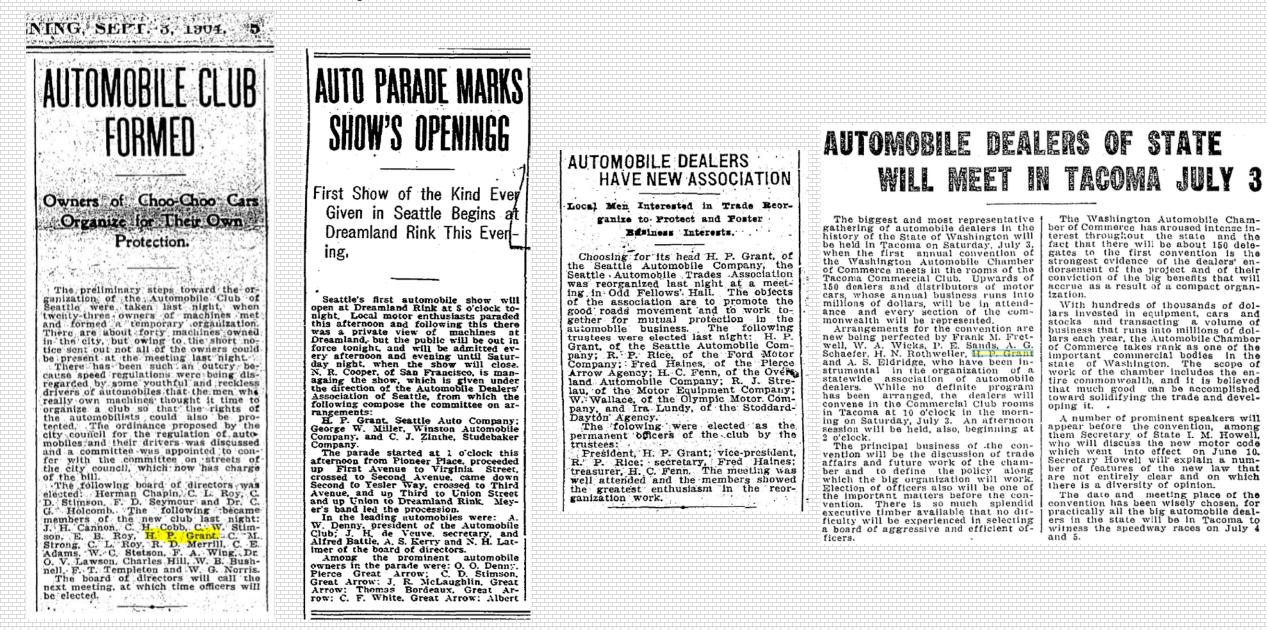


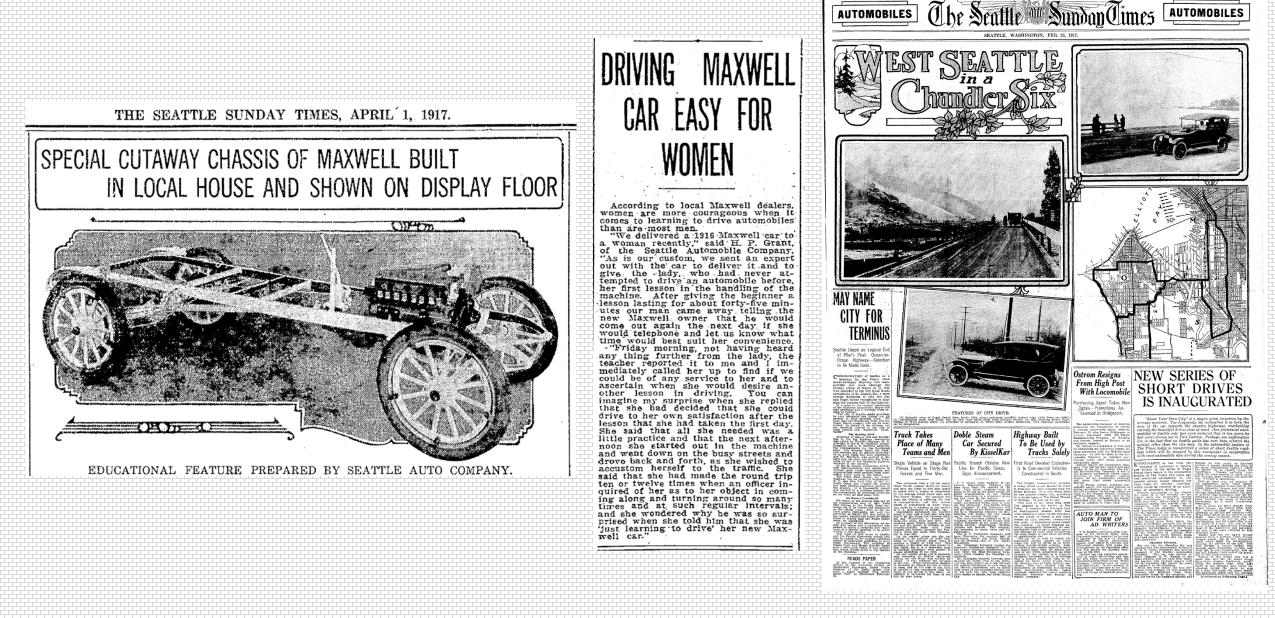


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First Gasoline Automobile in Seattle





TNDER the personal supervision of H: P. Grant, president, who planned the entire scheme, work of remodeling the interior of the Seattle Automobile Sales Company's building at 1101 E. Pike St. is now completed. With the completion of the elaborate program of renovation, reconstruction and redecorating, the company now has one of the most up-todate automobile distributing plants in [1 the West. The Seattle Automobile Sales Company holds exclusive distribution rights for the Chandler and Maxwell automobiles. Many of the features of the remodeled and practically new building interior are innovations and were ( planned by Mr. Grant only after he had made an exhaustive study of salesrooms throughout the country. Mr. Grant outlined all plans for the changes in design, new construction work and decorating and deserves full credit for the excellent results obtained.

By moving the general offices of the company from the main floor to the specially constructed mezzanine floor. Mr. Grant not only enlarged the showroom space but also gave the organization larger and more comfortable administrative offices.

Beautiful Showroom. The showroom faces both on thoroughfares and covers sixty-four feet by forty feet, giving ample space for the display of the attractive Maxwell and Chandler 1916 models, which are winning strong favor with motor devotees of Western Washington. The showroom is exceptionally light, which is in keeping with the plans of Manager H. P. Grant to make it one of the most cheerful establishments on Automobile Row. The walls are finished in. white and trimmed in ivory, which enhance the effect of the high powered somi-indirect lighting system.

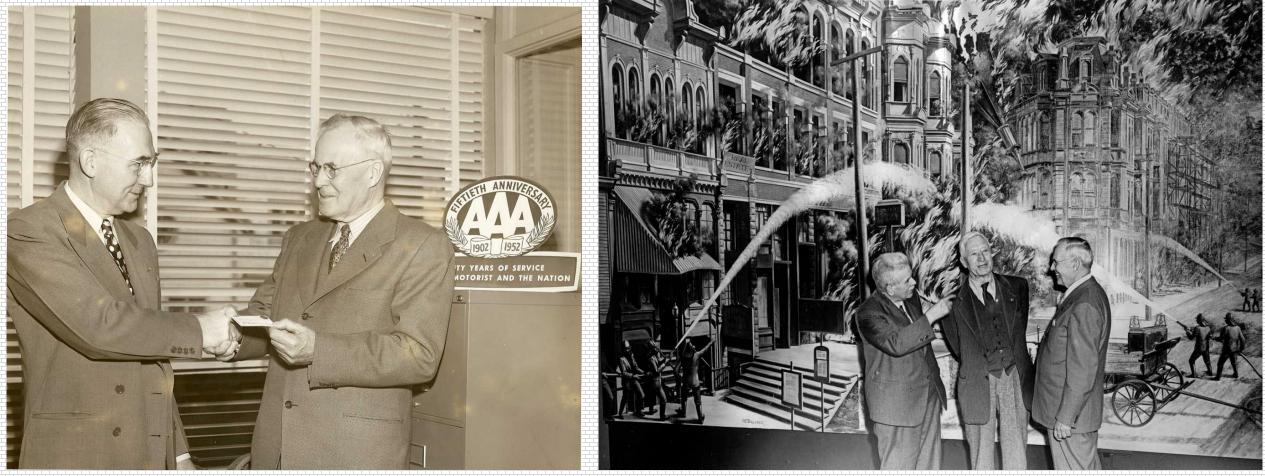


Image: Highline Heritage Museum.

Image: Seattle Times via Paul Dorpat.

## Commercial Linen Co. 1943-53

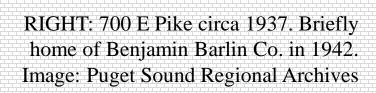
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Louis Nickols Sr. Courtesy Bill ward CENTER: 2<sup>nd</sup> location of Commercial Linen Image: Puget Sound Regional Archives

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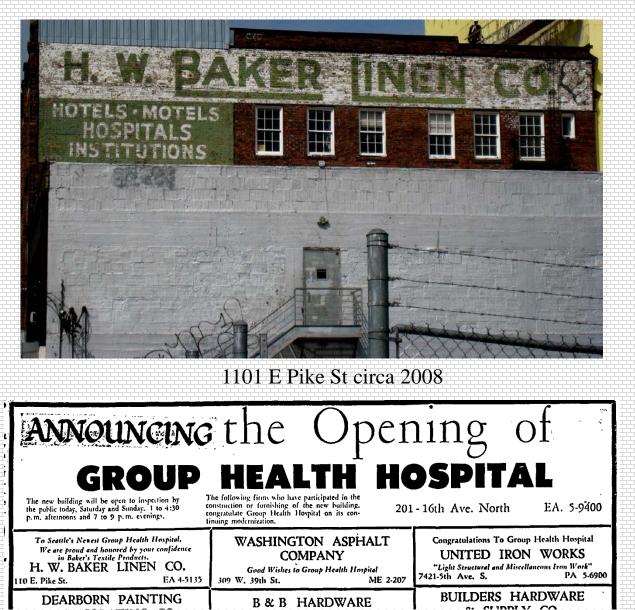
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PIKES MARKET

## H.W. Baker Linen Co. 1953-83



Norwood Nickols, October 1931. Courtesy Bill Ward



Hiram W. Baker. Image: American Biography, A New Cyclopedia Vol 8

## 1101 E Pike Street - conclusion



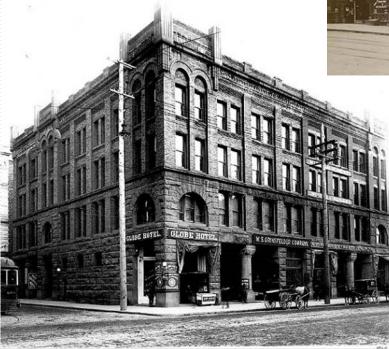


### Development of the auto showroom Phase I: Standard Commercial

#### LEFT:

Globe Building, 308-310 1st Ave S Mitchell, Lewis & Staver. (1900)

Image: University of WA Special Collections, pictured in 1902.





#### CENTER:

Chapin Block, 1418 2nd Ave Whitford Rapid Vehicle & Motor Launch (1901)

Image: MOHAI, pictured in 1903

#### **RIGHT:**

Idaho Block, 508 Pike St, Gifford & Grant. (1903)

Image: University of WA Special Collections, pictured in 1910.



#### Development of the auto showroom end of Phase I: Standard Commercial

Broadway Building at Broadway & Madison, home of Broadway Automobile Company.

Right Image: MOHAI, 1905.

Below Image: The Coast magazine, vol 18, #6 December 1909





#### Development of the auto showroom Phase II: Livery Style

LEFT: Seattle Automobile Company at 1423-25 10th Avenue, circa 1910. Built, 1907. Image: Tacoma Public Library

RIGHT: Pacific Coast Automobile Company at 1414 Broadway circa 1937. Built, 1907. Image: Puget Sound Regional Archives

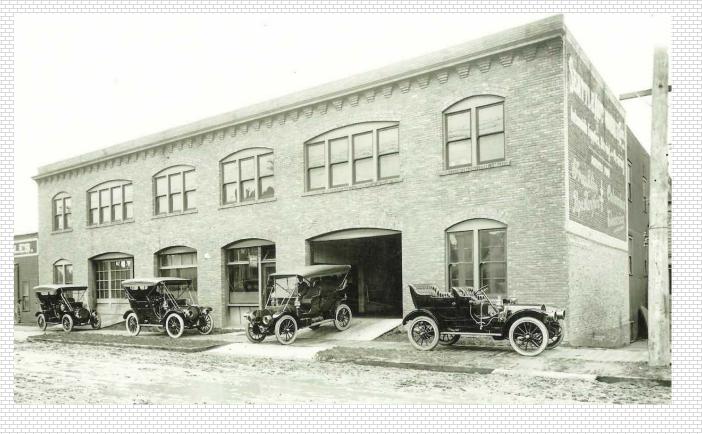


#### Development of the auto showroom Phase II: Livery Style

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THE RAINIER.

TOP RIGHT: Union Stables, 2200 Western Ave. Image: Allegraproperties.com.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Rainier Stables, 2114 Western Ave Image: MOHAI



Motor Car Agency at Broadway & Union, b. 1909. Image: Coast Magazine, December 1909, p. 306.



N&K Packard dealership at Belmont & Pike, b. 1909. Courtesy Paul Dorpat.



J.W. Leavitt Company. Built to two stories in 1913. Pictured circa 1937, edited in Photoshop to appear as it did in 1913.

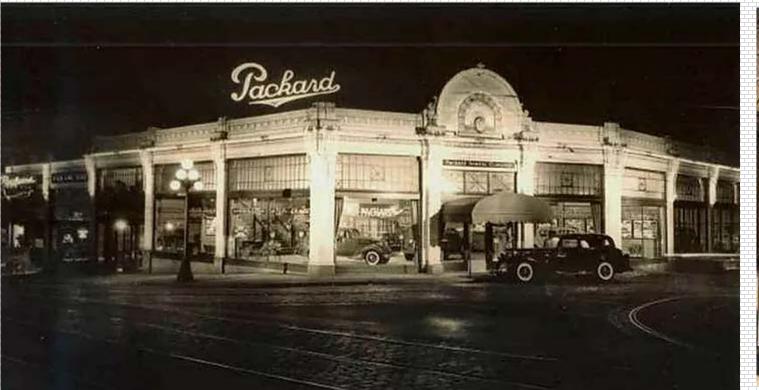
J.W. Leavitt Company building after two-story addition in 1915. Pictured in 1937. Images: Puget Sound Regional Archives.



1101 E Pike St circa 1916. Courtesy Paul Kilpatrick



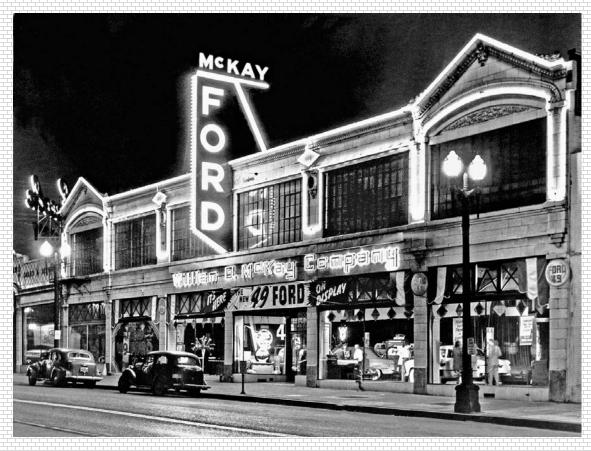
White Building, circa 1937. (b. 1917) Image: Puget Sound Regional Archives.



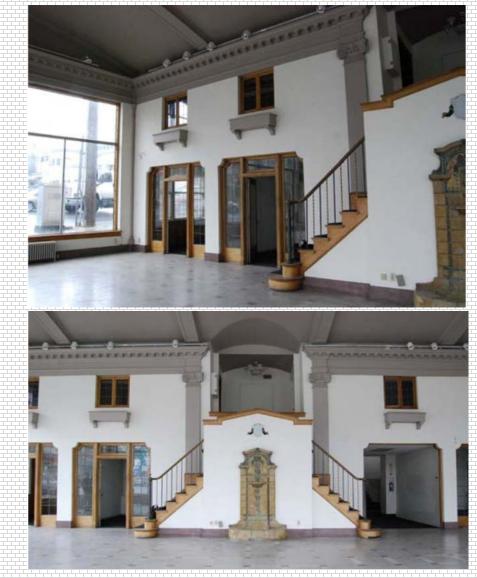
Packard Dealership at 1154 Pike Street (corner Minor) circa 1937. b. 1920. Image: Packardinfo.com



Packard Dealership showroom circa 1937. Image: Packardinfo.com



Ford McKay building on Westlake. B. 1923. Courtesy Paul Dorpat.



McKay Block Early Design Guidance Report, 2008. City of Seattle

#### Development of the auto showroom Post Auto-row



S. L. Savidge dealership at 2021 9th Avenue, circa 1960s. (b. 1948) Courtesy Alden Jewell.

University Chevrolet, 1974. Image: Seattle Municipal Archives.