

PARSONS MEMORIAL GARDENS

16,552 sq. ft. / 0.4 Ac.

Gift: 1960 "public purposes for flower + garden... no structure other than a... Chapel... (default) shall vest in Arboretum Fdn." (Lease to Dept. 1956-'60)
650 W. Highland Drive

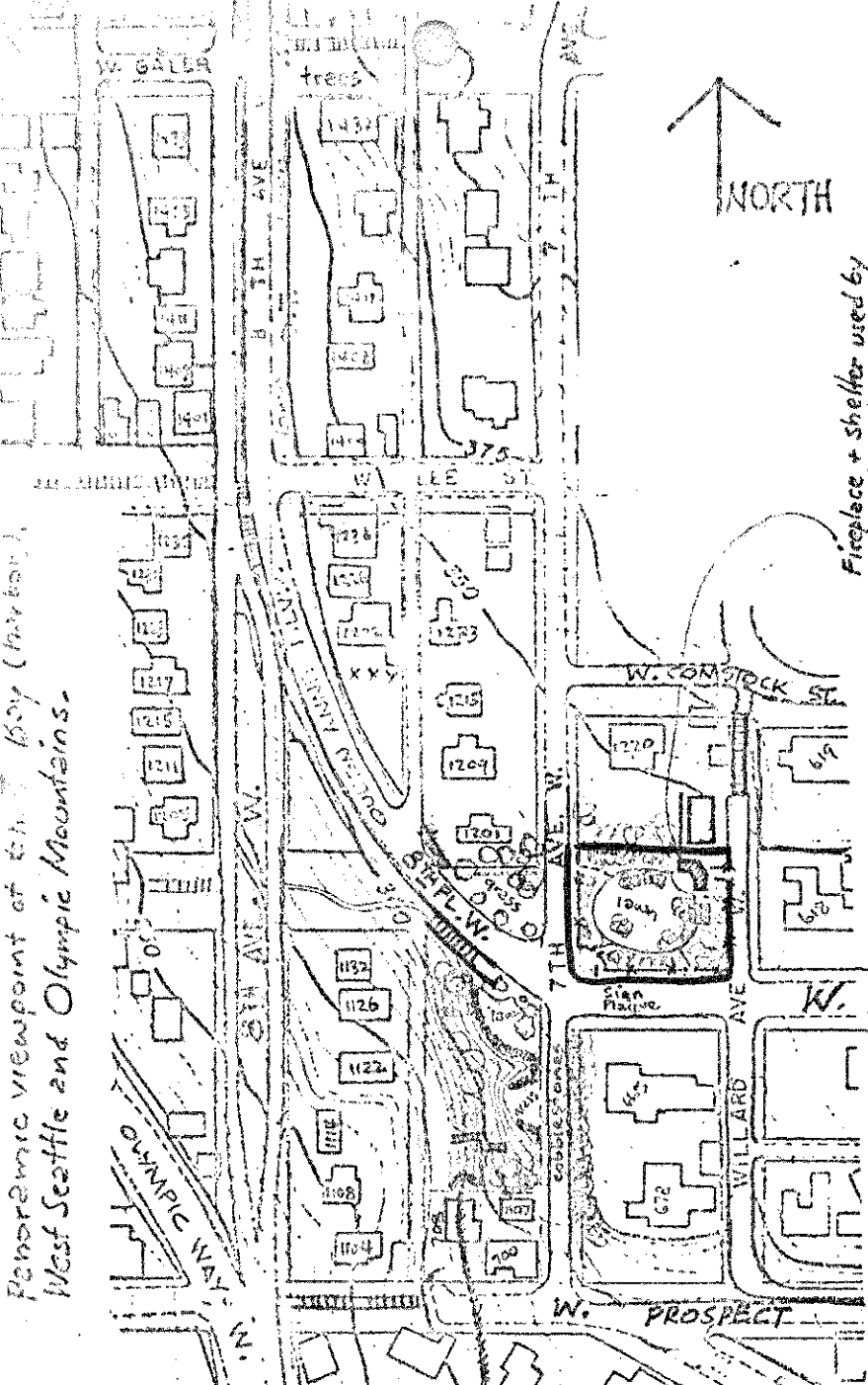
The family garden of Mr. + Mrs. Reginald H. Parsons was given to the public by their children as a memorial in 1956. The existing fence gates were "replaced" with a "brick" entry and paved path in 1959; garden area realigned.

Reginald Parsons, born in New York 1873, of ancestry incl. John Bradford + Quaker John Bowie, was educated in Rhode Isl., Colo. Springs + Berkeley. While in Colo. joined Real Estate + Railroad operations, stock broker and Bemis Bldg Co. Married Maude Bemis, 1901. Transferred to Seattle in 1904 to open branch of Bemis Bldg Co. Went into management of Orchards + Produce in Wash. + Ore., thence into Livestock + Mining, Title Trust Co. Chairman of First City Beautiful, on National Board of Boy Scouts (statue of Liberty @ Alki Beach), sponsor of Natl. Recr. Assoc. in Seattle + Civic Christmas Ship in 1949. His son George + daughter Anne are also active in the Natl. Recr. Assoc. George is a lawyer in Seattle.

(As youth, he contributed to fund to build base for New York statue in 1889.)

Boulevard so named because it circles Queen Anne hill and in 1906 offered continuous viewpoints. The first houses on the hill, on the south side, were of Queen Anne (18th C. English) architecture, and thus named the hill. [Ref: Queen Anne P.F.]

No signs identifying blvd. anywhere.
Trees indicated: S.T. = small size
M.T. = medium
L.T. = large
O.T. = ornamental



Panoramic viewpoint of the Boy (market), West Seattle and Olympic Mountains.

Fireplace + shelter used by permit only.

MARSHALL VIEWPOINT

32,400 sq. ft. / 0.7 Ac.
Condemn. 1902: "...for public square."
1904: named "Phelps Park"
+ Gift: 1960: G.W. Marshall + wife
"...for park purposes."

The original portion was named in honor of Admiral Thom. S. Phelps who, in 1855, was a Lieut. aboard the gunboat Decatur and gave opportune assistance to the handful of pioneers in the "Battle of Seattle" with the Indians. The park "views the harbor where the Decatur lay at anchor." [Decatur honors Stephen Decatur, Am. Naval officer, won gratefulness of Europe in "most daring act of the age" (Adm. Nelson) by bringing pirates of Algiers, Tripoli + Tunis to terms. Killed in a duel - his second was Comm. Wm. Bainbridge (Island) (Decatur Reef)]

In 1909 the Park was used largely as a sightseeing point by pleasure vehicles and the following year was identified as a "Place". The improvement of Queen Anne Blvd. must have "swallowed" Phelps Place for it was gone from the list by 1930. In 1960, upon recommendation of the staff to name the new gift property, the whole viewpoint was named honor of the Marshalls. He is a partner of Foster + Marshall, investment Bankers + Brokers + Marshall + Meyer, Munic. Bonds.

1913: Design by Frial, G.E. w/ Engr. Dept. [significant design contract] Retaining wall + steps down to lower level of 8th Av. W. x from 7th Av. W. to W. Galer, with ornamental lights along balustrade. M.T. + weeds + pole line along base of retaining wall. Hose conn. @ Galer. Park jurisdiction east from east curb of lower pavement. (Ord. 26340) No sidewalk along east side of blvd.; one along balustrade. x sidewalk overhang - covered as bridge.

31.39 Acres - 3.69 miles long
Condemn. 1907: LID \$167,000 = \$201,000 =
Gf. + 34,000 = }
"...to estab. a boulevard, to be known as Queen Anne Boulevard."
Jurisd. transf. to Park Dept. - 1911
Improv. (paving, bridges, retain. walls + trees)
1911-1916: \$295,003 = '08 BF
Pavement maint. transf. to Engr. 1942
Blvd. identification "erased" by various "Street Naming Ordinances".

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