

Clark County Heritage Register
NOMINATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating individual properties or districts. For completing Clark County Heritage Register registration form, see applicable instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in appropriate space or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets. Type all entries.

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name Stryker, Dr. Ralph and Florence House and Gardens

Other names/site number None

2. LOCATION

Street & number 207 S. 3rd Street not for publication _____

City, town Ridgefield vicinity _____

State WA code _____ county Clark code _____ zip code 98642

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property

private
 public-local
 public-state
 public-federal

Category of Property

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property	
Contributing	Non contributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<u>1</u>	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>2</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the Clark County Register:

N/A

4a. OWNER CONSENT FOR NOMINATING, DESIGNATING AND LISTING

I (we) consent do not consent to the nomination, and designation of the above property on the Clark County Heritage Register. I (we) also certify that I am/we are the legal owner(s) of the above property.

he (HEIDI NEAL) 2/13/07
Owner signature Date

Heidi Neale (NEAL AUSE) 2/13/07
Owner signature Date

4b. CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the Clark County Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Jacqueline E. Kemp 3/13/07
Signature of commenting staff Date

4c. CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/DECISION

In the opinion of the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission, the property meets does not meet the Clark County Register criteria.
 See continuation sheet.

Robert A. Priddy 4/10/07
Signature of CCHPC Chairperson Date

5. Clark County CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the Clark County Register
- See continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the Clark County Register.
- See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for Clark County Register.
- removed from Clark County Register
- other (explain)

Signature of the Chair
Clark Co. Historic Preservation Commission

Date of
Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movement- Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Concrete

Walls Horizontal Wood Siding – Lap and Shingle of dormers

Roof Composition

Other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

X See continuation sheet

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

_____ Nationally _____ Statewide Locally

X1. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state, or local history.

X2. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

3. It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder, or architect who has made a substantial contribution to their field.

4. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the county's history.

5. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history.

6. It has yielded or may be likely to yield important archaeological information related to history or prehistory.

7. It is an historic building or cultural resource removed from its original location but which is significant for architectural value, or association with an historic person or event, or prehistory.

8. It is a birthplace or grave of a prehistoric or historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person.

9. It is a cemetery or burial site which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, or cultural patterns.

10. It is a reconstructed building that has been executed in an historically accurate manner on the original site.

11. It is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.

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Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

1. The Stryker house was built in 1912 thus making it over 50 years old.
2. As is stated in the statement of significance, the house is associated with the architecture and cultural heritage of the community.
3. The building has strong integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, location, and association.

Period of Significance

1912 - present

Significant Dates

1906 - Railroad came through

This was a significant time in Ridgefield's

1909-City of Ridgefield Incorporated

History. Electricity, telephone, rail service and paved roads became available.

1917- Auto bridge built across and Columbia River to Portland.

Cultural Affiliation

Ralph and Florence Stryker were significant players in the early history and culture of Ridgefield. Dr. Stryker was the 2nd physician to practice in Ridgefield and the only physician residing in Ridgefield from his arrival around 1906¹ until his death in 1937. Dr. Stryker kept an office above the Pharmacy at what is now Main St. He built his home nearby, to allow him a walk of a few short blocks to the office. One of the still extant charms of Ridgefield is the proximity of the business district, the waterfront and the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Dr. Stryker took advantage of all three with the placement of his home.

Florence Stryker was a founding member in May, 1938, of the Ridgefield Garden Club which has continued to be a significant organization in the community to the present day. She lived in Ridgefield from 1928 until her death at almost 102 years old in 1996.

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Dr. Ralph Stryker and Mrs. Florence Stryker

Mr. George Buker

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

¹ Dr. John Brougher History of Medicine in Clark County. Broughton, p.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Previous documentation on file (CCHR):

- Preliminary determination of individual listing has been requested
- Previously listed in the Clark County Heritage Register
- Previously determined eligible by the Clark County Heritage Register
- Recorded by Clark County Cultural Resources Inventory
Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Federal agency
- University
- Other state agency
- Local government
- Other

Specify repository: With the family Neal Ause (grandson of Dr. Stryker) Janet Ause (daughter of Dr. Stryker) Ridgefield Public Library and Clark County Historical Society

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of property 1.25 Acres

UTM References

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 Verbal Boundary Description

Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4, North Range 1, West

RIDGEFIELD 24-4-1W SE1/4
BookPage: A80
Township: 4
Range: 1
Meridian: 1
Section: 24
Quarter: SE

 See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The entire 1.25 acre property is included.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title Lynn Hunt

Organization _____

Street & Number 951 S. Oak Rd. Phone # 887-1991

City or Town Ridgefield State WA Zip Code 98642

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The Stryker house is an excellent example of an early 20th century Craftsman Bungalow. The home demonstrates the full complement of architectural features typically associated with the style. The home was built for Dr. Ralph Stryker and his first wife Alma, by George Buker² around 1912.

The structure is a side gabled 1 1/2 story residence with shed roof dormers. It is oriented on the lot with the front facing to the east. The western and southern views are toward the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. A broad porch wraps around the eastern, southern and western facades, maximizing the views. The home is situated on the ridge for which Ridgefield was named.

Roof

The roofing material is composition. Rafters are exposed along the horizontal edges. The rake edges of the roof are supported by triangular knee braces.

Dormers

The shed roof dormers break through the eastern and southern roof lines. They are clad in shingles. The dormer windows consist of 2 sets of sliding (side by side), 8 by 8 divided lights.

Porch

A wide porch wraps around the eastern, southern and western facades. Square columns support the roof connecting at a solid balustrade. At one point in time window boxes formed an additional balustrade level above the solid wall. Currently, the additional balustrade consists of small diameter square spindles, approximately 2"X2" square and 18" high.

Windows

The main floor of the east (front) facing façade contains 3 sets of 9/1 double hung windows. The main floor of the southern facing façade contains 2 sets of 9/1 double hung windows with a French door in between, opening to the porch. These windows afforded the living and dining areas of the interior ample opportunity for fresh air. The sleeping porch upstairs boasts 5 sets of double hung window each in a 4/1 divided light pattern.

Each dormer contains 2 sets of sliding (side by side), 8 by 8 divided lights. This window pattern is repeated on the south facing façade.

Gardens

The gardens on the 1.25 acre site are also significant. Most of the site is landscaped. Both Dr. and Florence Stryker were avid gardeners. The lovely gardens Dr. Stryker viewed during his WWI tour of duty in France inspired his life long interest in gardening.

² George Buker is listed in the 1911 Polk Directory as; *bldg contr, sec-mngr Ridgefield Fruit Growers Assn*. He also served on Ridgefield's first City Council with Dr. Stryker.

Florence was a founder of the Ridgefield Garden Club. Mrs. Stryker continued to maintain and work in the gardens well into her 90s.

During the depression, hobos knew to jump off the trains that passed behind the house. The Strykers would offer food and shelter in exchange for garden work. Patients who were unable to pay their bills any other way also assisted with landscaping projects.

Many of the early features of the garden remain including the two ponds, roses, lilacs, azaleas and rhododendrons.

An article from the 1997 Ridgefield Review³ describes the gardens:

The Stryker home sits on a little more than an acre and a quarter and though over grown, the garden area is still discernable. There is still a Wisteria that climbs 20 or more feet into the aged trees.

Resting on the slope of the hill, the classic home is framed with lawns on three sides. The lower lawn, once used for tennis, is still called by the family "the tennis lawn".

The southern lawn is bordered on the house side by trellises of roses and walkways of stone, sided by a hedge which combine to give a feeling of mystery to the grounds. The outer sides are enclosed by woods and gardens still grow many varieties of perennials. The third lawn climbs the hillside edged by more trees and foliage.

Modifications:

The vast majority of this house is historically intact, including the features described above. Exceptions include:

1. A 10 by 10 ft. breakfast eating area was added on the north side in approximately 1928.
2. The sleeping porch upstairs was added around 1931. At the time memories of the 1918 influenza epidemic were still fresh in people's minds. It was believed that fresh air was important for prevention and treatment of influenza. Therefore, Dr. Stryker made sure the addition was built with an abundance of functional windows including 5 sets of double hung windows.

Both additions are consistent with the original craftsman style.

³ The Ridgefield Review September, 1997 Historic Ridgefield Homes; Dr. Stryker's Legacy with Heidi Jester

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Dr. Ralph Stryker

Dr. Ralph S. Stryker was born May 22, 1879 in Chicago, Illinois. His mother died when he was a young boy and he was sent to live with the Kimbells⁴, a prominent Chicago family whose business was in the banking industry.

Anxious to enlist in the military, he lied about his age, joined the United States Navy and began service aboard the USS Baltimore at age 17. He received the Dewey Medal for his service at the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish American War. He returned to Chicago where he graduated from medical school at the University of Illinois in 1905. He traveled to the Pacific Northwest for internships in Seattle and Pullman.⁵ He later served in the hospital corps of the 15th Engineers for 22 months during World War I advancing to the grade rank of major⁶.

Dr. Stryker was introduced to Alma Némodé by his sister Grace at the Avondale Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Ralph and Alma married prior to their arrival in Ridgefield. They had a son, Ralph Kimbell Stryker (known as "Bud") in 1916. Alma died in 1926.

In 1928 Dr. Stryker married Florence Noffz. She was introduced to him at Herman Némodé's house during a visit to Chicago following Alma's death. They carried on a courtship by mail and were married in Vancouver, Washington, in the summer of 1928.

Dr. Stryker was active in the community. He was a member of the 1st town council when Ridgefield incorporated in 1909. He was instrumental in forming the Clark County Medical Society which started in 1908 (the precursor to the Public Health Office which formed in 1922). He joined the AMA (American Medical Association) in 1910. The Strykers were members of the Ridgefield Presbyterian Church.

When Dr. Stryker received orders to report for duty during WWI a newspaper article⁷ proclaimed the following:

Dr. Stryker has been located here for the past ten years and has not only been successful as a physician but has been an enthusiastic worker in everything for the improvement and betterment of the town. He has scores upon scores of friends here who regret his leaving but admire him for the sacrifice he makes in entering the service of his country.

⁴ Family records indicate that Dr. Stryker continued to do his banking through Kimbell Trust and Savings Bank, 3600 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago throughout his life.

⁵ Dr. John Brougher History of Medicine in Clark County. Brougher, p.

⁶ According to family history and stated in various obituaries.

⁷ Unidentified newspaper article from family collection.

Dr. Stryker filled a significant need in the community as a physician and leader. Many of the areas early pioneers' obituaries' note that Dr. Stryker attended them in their last days. Among them were⁸;

William O. Brice
Albert Bush
James Ayers
Augusta Bauer
Christian Yann
Griffith Griffiths

A tribute to Dr. Stryker published in a local paper following his death reads:

The passing of our friend, Dr. Stryker, removes from the ranks of Washington Citizenry one of the most prominent and colorful characters. He was born into the world with a desire for romance and adventure which was fulfilled in his many travels and experiences abroad, but gone to him is the home, the flowers and shrubs in which he prided. Gone to him is the civic and educational life of his community and in which he had a leading part. Gone to him is the professional life –the community doctor- over which he presided a quarter of a century. Gone forever in the memory is the roar of guns that broke the quiet morn of Manilla Bay fired from the ship he loved and served, the Baltimore. No more shall his ears catch the blare of trumpets or his eyes behold the glittering bayonet at the battle-front. To us his part in this great drama of life, his services to country, will be a living memory and we shall not forget. "Rest, rest 'til shadows take their evening flight, when morning breaks, Doc, good night-good night."

Florence Stryker

Mrs. Florence Stryker was born Florence Dorothea Noffz in Green Bay Wisconsin in 1894. She graduated from High School in Oconto, WI and then attended normal school. For 3 years she taught in rural Wisconsin. Later, she moved to Chicago where she attended business school and became a secretary and bookkeeper for Union Petroleum⁹.

She was introduced to Dr. Stryker in 1927 while he was visiting Chicago. They carried on a correspondence and she moved west following their engagement. They were married in Vancouver, Washington in July, 1928. Florence took on the care of her step-son Kimbell, as well as the two children she and Dr. Stryker eventually had Janet and Mark.

Mrs. Stryker was active in the community and in the life of her children. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, the Priscilla Club, Cub Scout Den mother, Mother advisor to Rainbow girls and a founding member of the Ridgefield Garden Club.

⁸ Clark County Pioneers Through the Turn of the Century; Clark County Genealogical Society.

⁹ Program Notes from "Hats Off to Florence" Tea held in her honor; December, 1994.

Florence's passion for gardening was evident in the grounds surrounding her home. In addition to leadership roles in the Ridgefield Garden Club, she served as Director of the Lewis and Clark District. She served terms as both Treasurer and President of the Washington State Federation of Garden clubs.¹⁰

Florence lived in the home at 207 S. 3rd Street until her death in 1996. Today, Florence's grandson Neal Ause and his wife Heidi Neal live in the home. At this writing they are awaiting the arrival of the newest resident, Lily Florence Neal, who will become the 4th generation to live in the home.

¹⁰ Program Notes from "Hats Off to Florence" Tea held in her honor; December, 1994.

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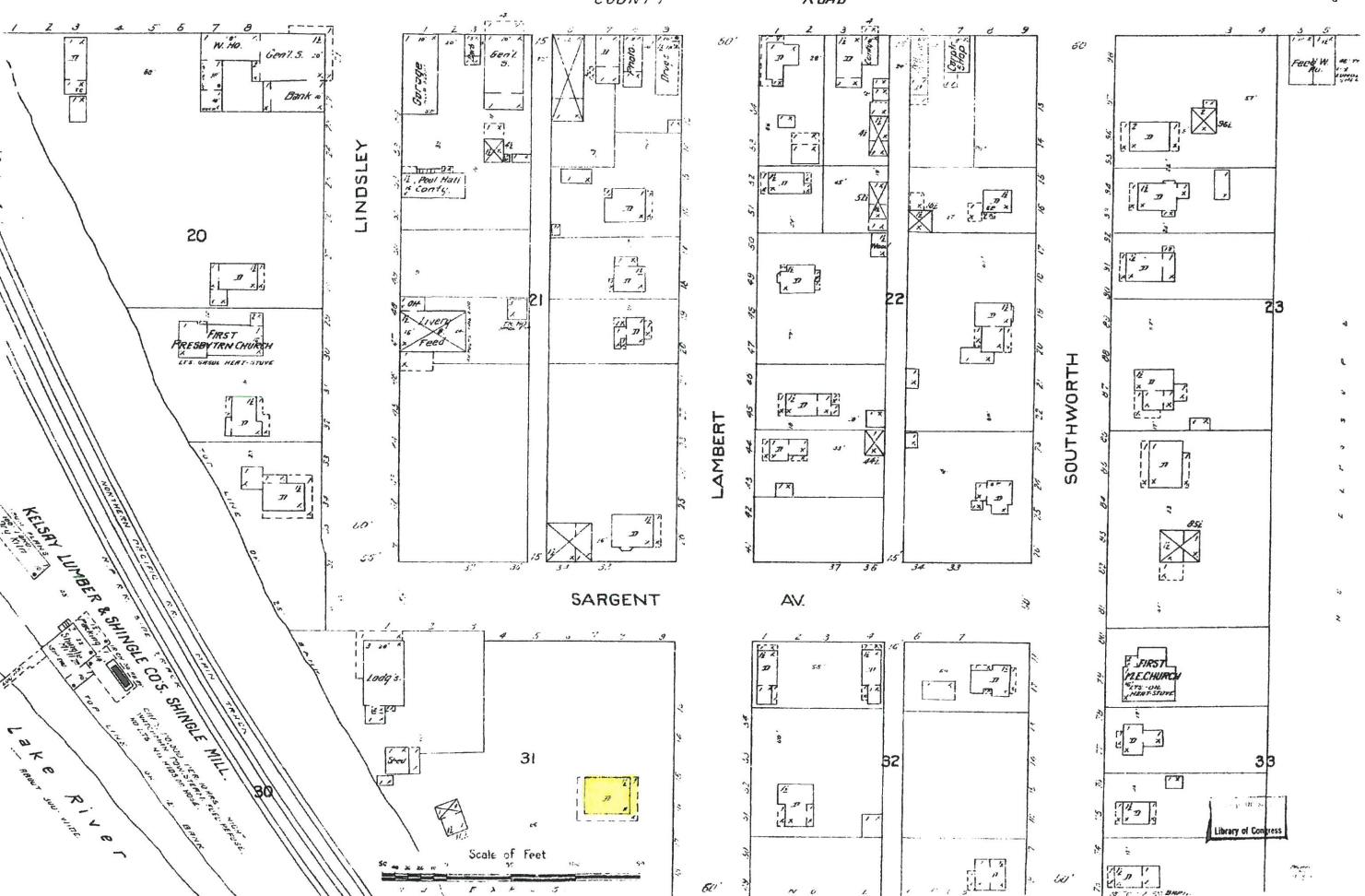
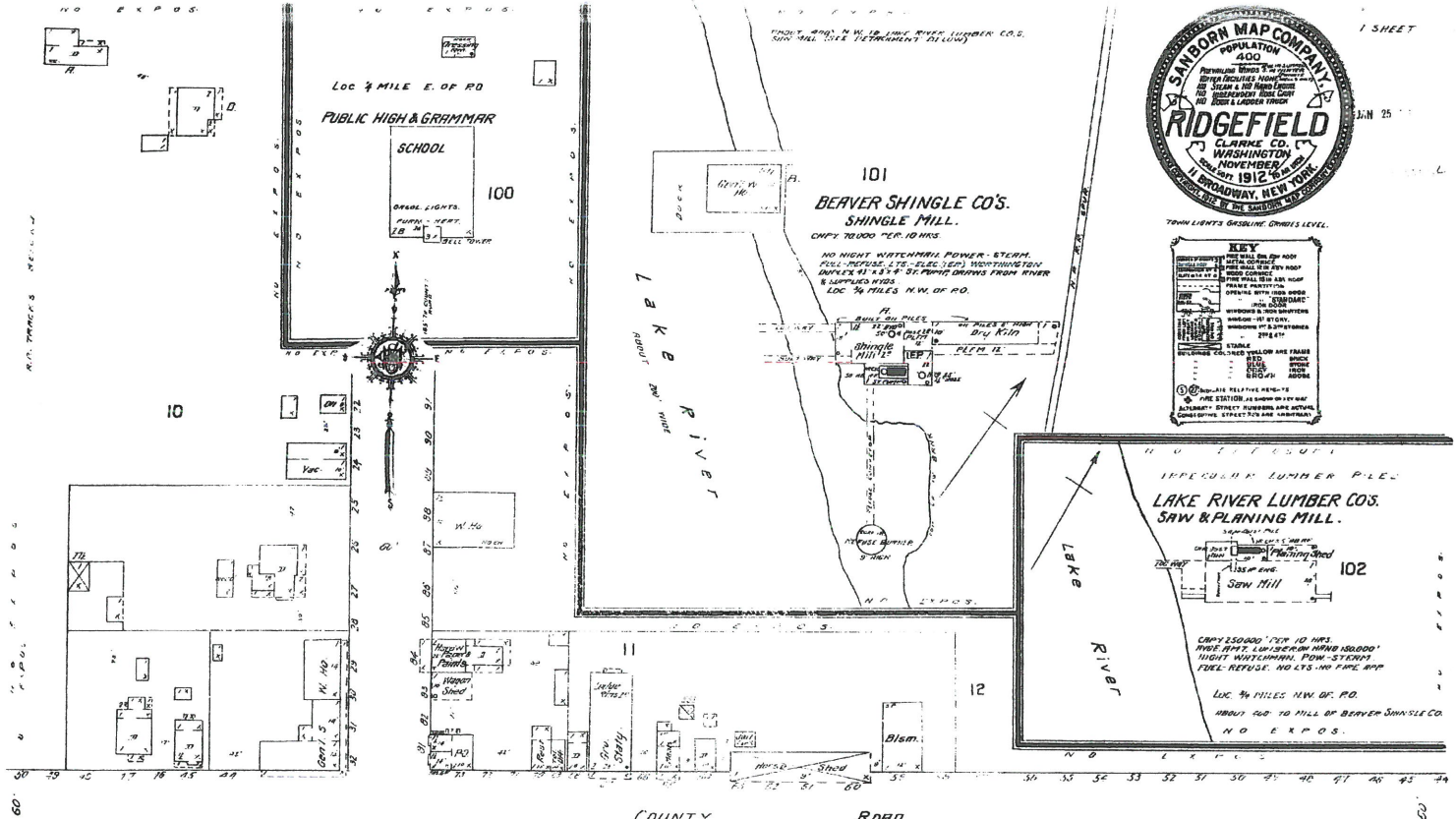
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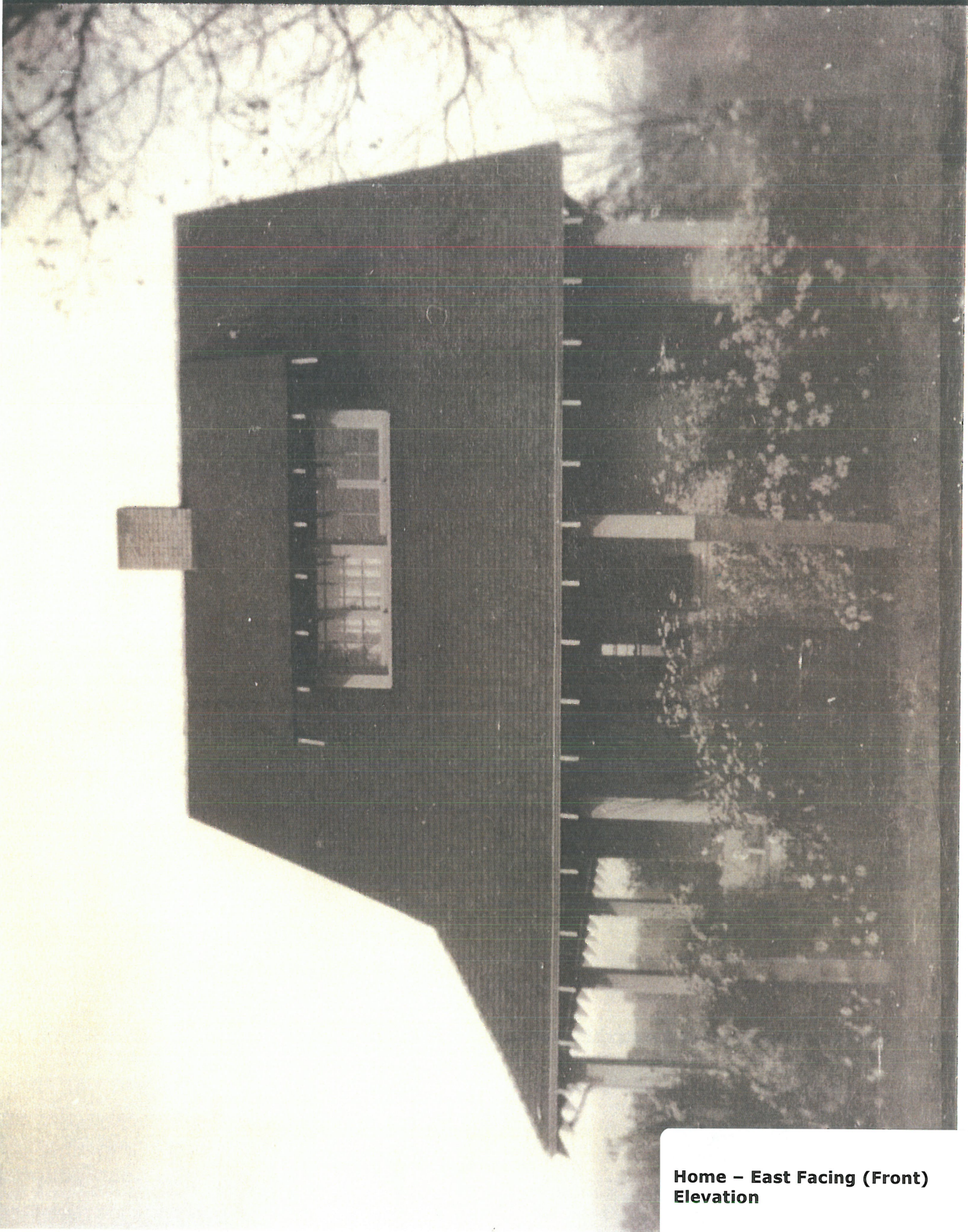
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Ridgefield, Washington 1912

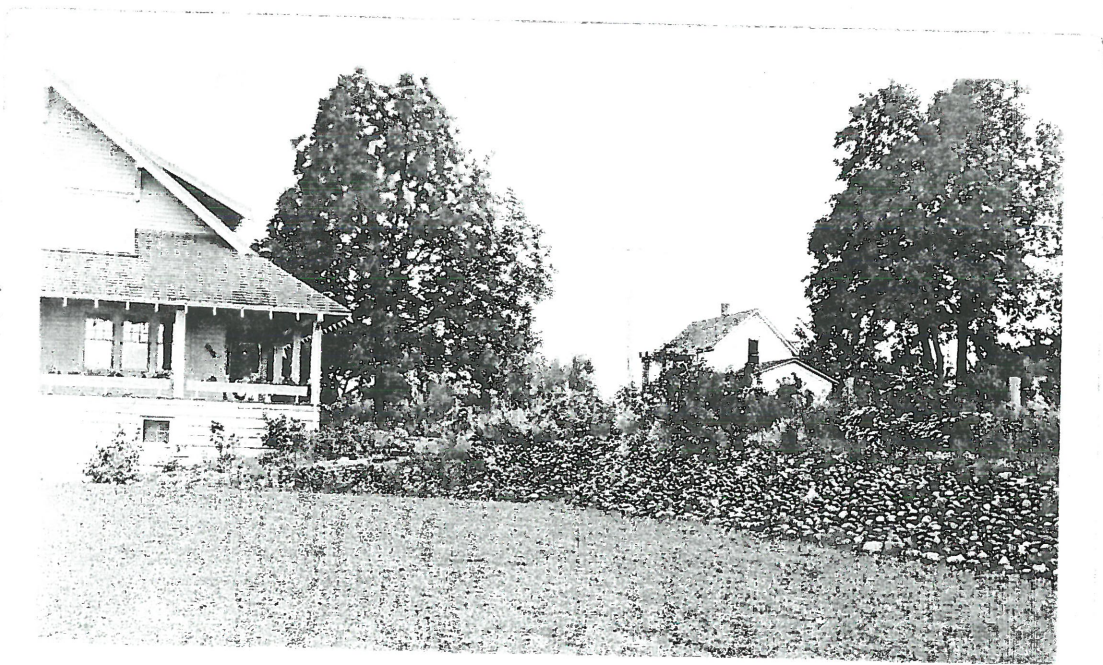
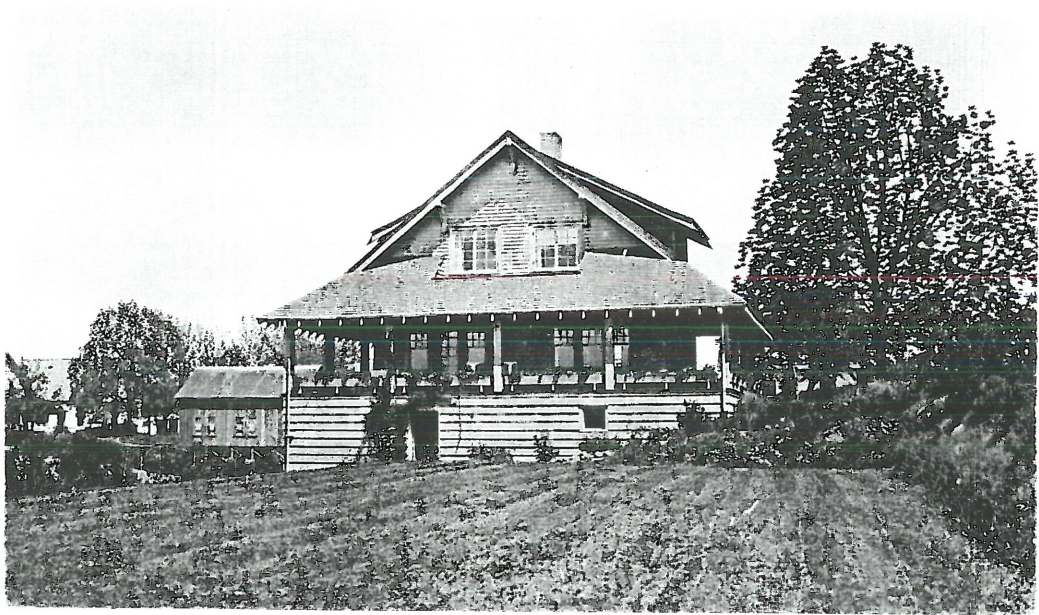


DR. RALPH AND FLORENCE STRYKER HOME AND GARDENS
207 S. 3RD STREET, RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
PHOTOS

1. HOME – EAST FACING (FRONT) ELEVATION
2. HOME – SOUTH FACING ELEVATION
3. HOME – NORTH FACING ELEVATION
4. HOME – INTERIOR FRONT LIVING AREA CIRCA 1915
5. GARDEN- GRAPE ARBOR
6. GARDEN – RALPH IN THE GARDEN CIRCA 1920
7. GARDEN – ENTRANCE GATE
8. GARDEN –FLORENCE UNDER THE WISTERIA 1993 & FRONT DOOR WALK 1988
9. HOME AND GARDEN- VARIOUS
10. DR. STRYKER – CIRCA 1915
11. DR. STRYKER – IN HIS OFFICE ON MAIN ST
12. STRYKER FAMILY – CIRCA 1930
13. FLORENCE STRYKER- CHARTER MEMBERS ON RIDGEFIELD GARDEN CLUB 1982
14. FLORENCE STRYKER- OBITUARY
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**Home - East Facing (Front)
Elevation**



Home - South Facing Elevation



Home - North Facing Elevation



Home - Interior Front Living
Area Circa 1915



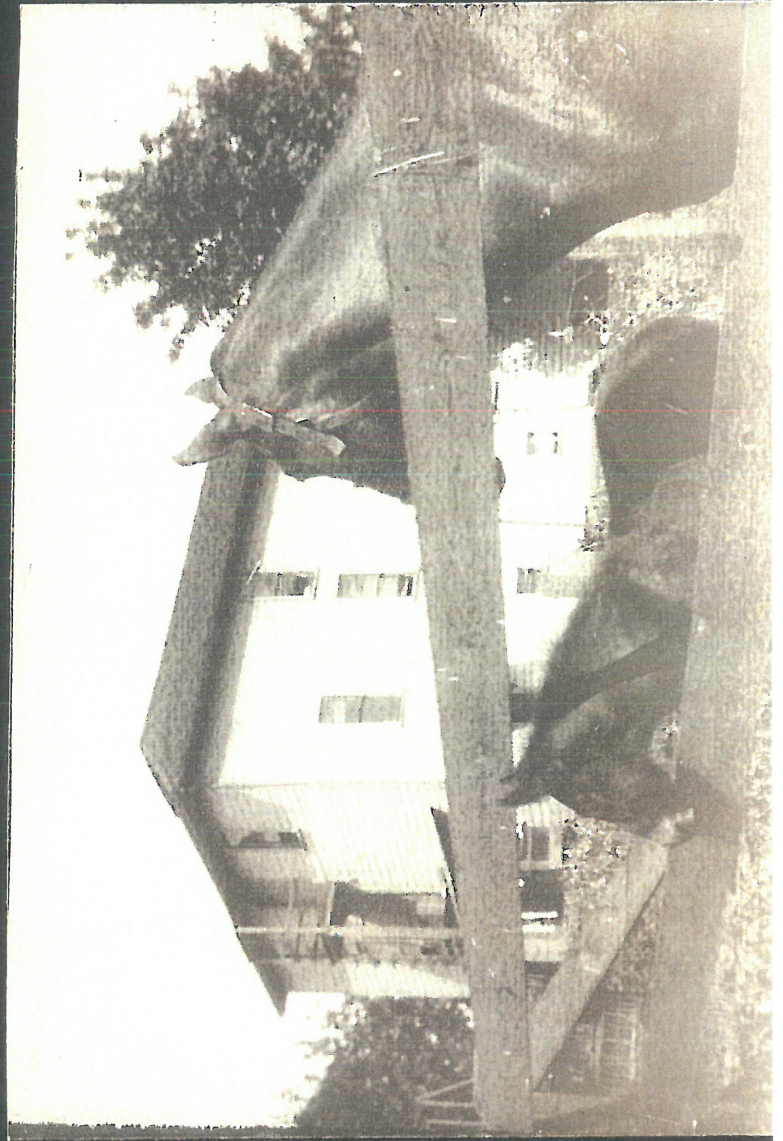
Grape arbor



Garden - Grape Arbor

**Garden – Ralph in the Garden
Circa 1920**

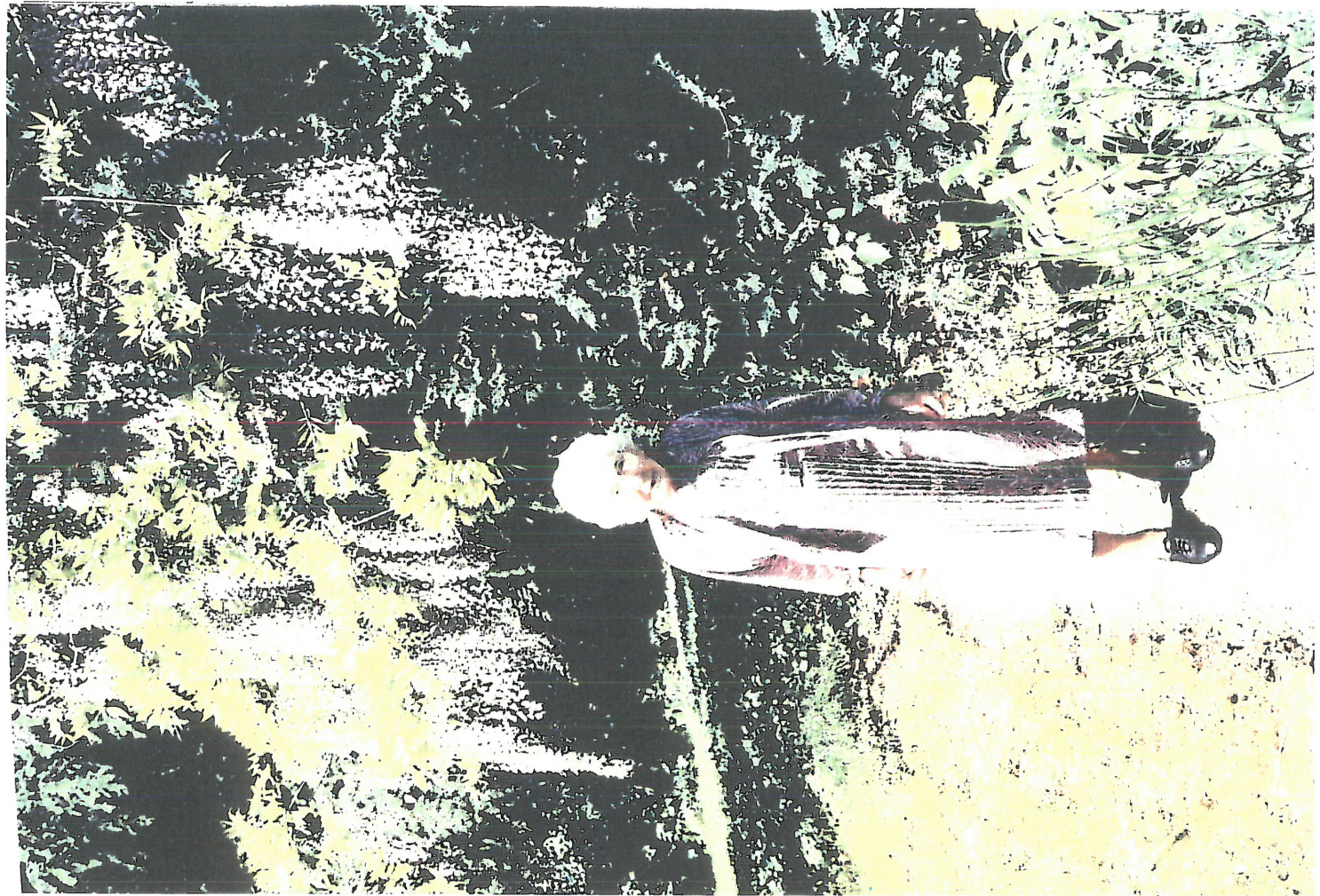




Entrance Gate

Garden - Entrance Gate





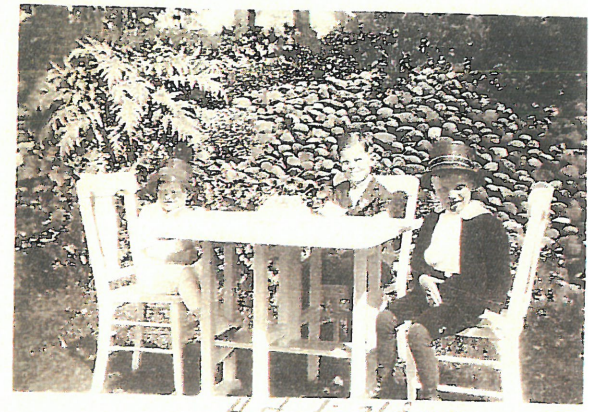
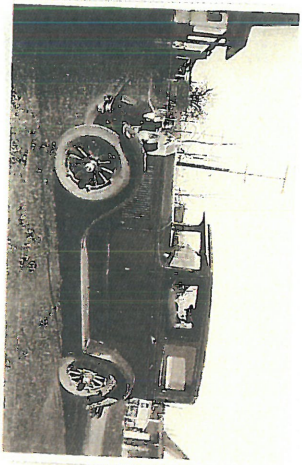
MAY 16, 1993 FLORENCE BOGNER



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Garden - Florence under the Wisteria (1993)

Front Door Walk (1988)



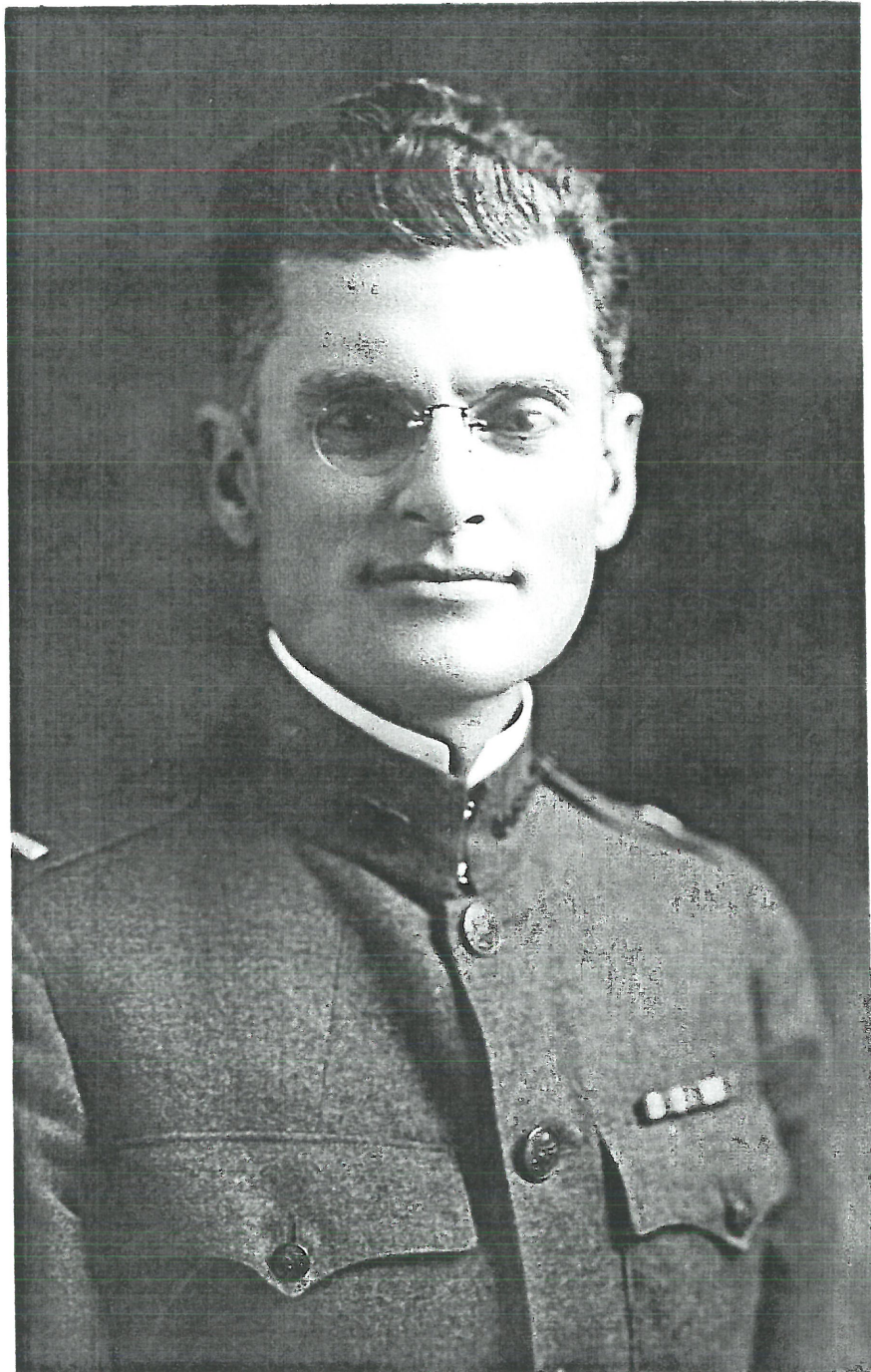
4th birthday



Dr. Stryker Receives Orders

Dr. R. S. Stryker, who enlisted in the U. S. Army hospital corps some time ago, received orders from the War Department last week and left on Monday morning to report at Fort Riley, Kansas. The doctor is a first lieutenant. He served in the navy hospital corps in the Spanish American war and Uncle Sam's service is not new to him.

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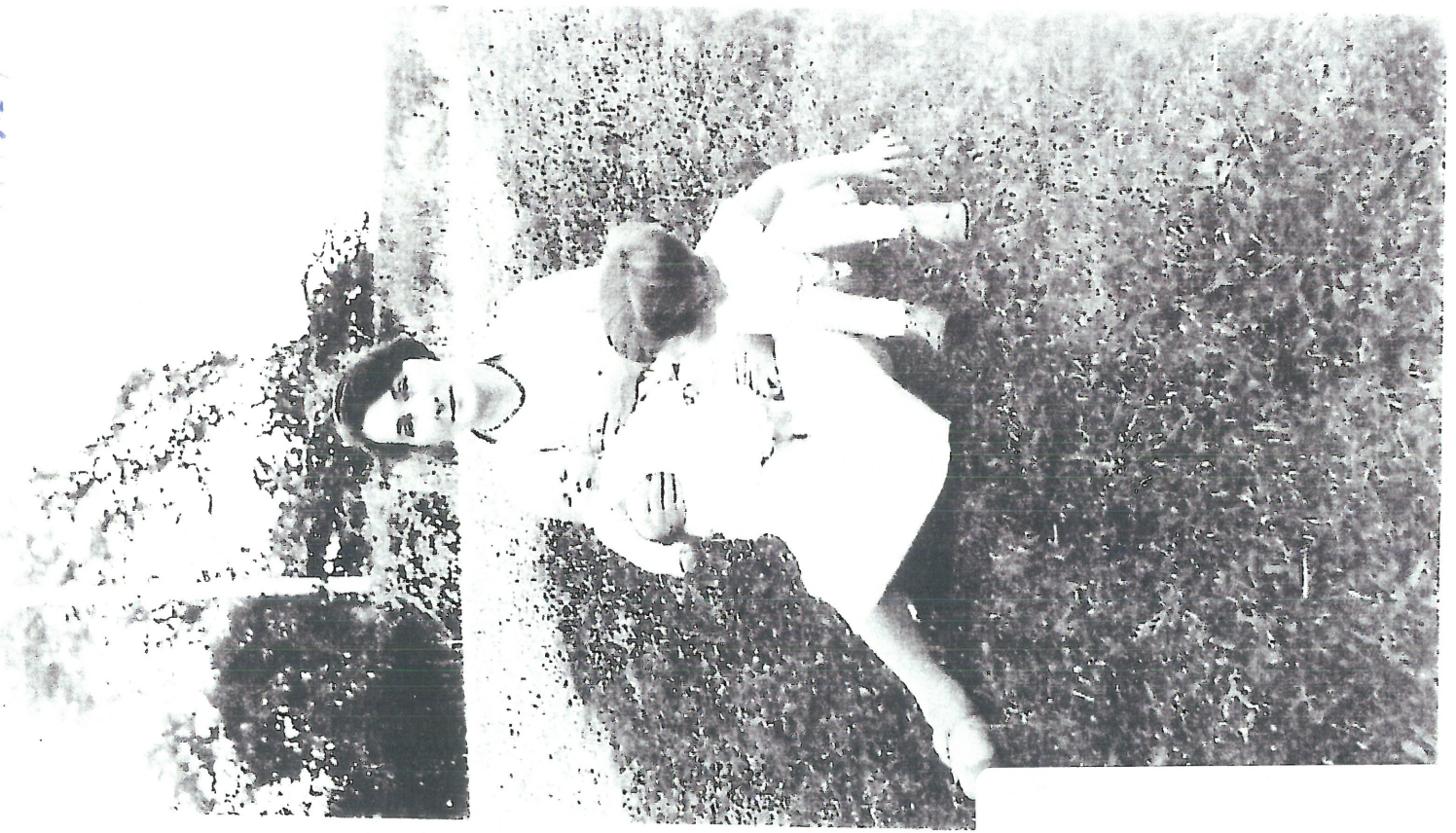


Dr. Stryker - Circa 1915



**Dr. Stryker – In his Office on
Main Street**

LORENCE & EILEY MITCHELL
- JANET



Stryker Family - Circa 1915



DR. RALPH STRYKER - JANET THOS
FLORENCE



SARIE FARRINGTON VERA E. BORN MARY BRADIE FLORENCE
STRYKER
CHARTER MEMBERS 1982

Florence Stryker - Charter
Members on Ridgefield Garden
Club (1982)

Obituaries (Cont.)

FLORENCE STRYKER

Florence Stryker, a charter member of the Ridgefield Garden Club, died Sept. 23, 1996, at Southwest Washington Medical Center. She was 101.

Stryker was born on Dec. 16, 1894, in Greenbay, WI, and was raised and educated in Oconto, WI.

She was working as a stenographer and bookkeeper at an oil company in Chicago when she met her future husband, Dr. Ralph Stryker of Ridgefield. The two corresponded by mail for some time before Stryker traveled west to marry her husband.

Stryker had lived in Ridgefield for 68 years.

Stryker helped form the Ridgefield Garden Club in 1938. Later, she assisted in the organization of other garden clubs in the Lewis and Clark District. She held offices at both the local and district level as well as in the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs.

Stryker's garden at home always had roses in it. A variety of annuals and perennials joined the color show.

Stryker was also active in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Priscilla Club. She was instrumental in forming the Cub Scouts in Ridgefield and was the first den mother. She also helped organize and served as an advisor to the Rainbow Girls



FLORENCE STRYKER

in Ridgefield.

Stryker was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, who died in 1937.

Survivors include sons, Dr. Mark Stryker of Astoria, OR, and Ralph K. Stryker of Longview; daughter, Janet S. Ause of Ridgefield; brother, Bill Noffz of East Troy, WI; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Private services were held.

Memorials can be made to Hospice Southwest, P.O. Box 1600, Vancouver, WA, 98668.

Davies Cremation and Burial Services in Ridgefield is in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET CHAPMAN

Margaret Mabel Bramhall Chapman, 82, died Oct. 11, 1996 in Vancouver.

Chapman was born Oct. 25, 1913 in Battle Ground, was a homemaker, and lived in Clark County her entire life.

Chapman was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, where she directed the choir, played the piano and organ, sang, taught Sunday School, and helped in other ways. She attended Battle Ground schools and graduated as valedictorian of her class. She worked as a bookkeeper for the deaf school and at KVAN radio where she and her sister, Ruth, had a music program.

Chapman married C. Kenneth Chapman 51 years ago. They were Bible Wycliffe Bible translators and had spent time in Mexico with that mission. Chapman was devoted to her family, loved to sew and make things for her family, and was a gifted musician.

Chapman was preceded in death by a brother, Wesley Bramhall, in 1996. Survivors include husband Charles Chapman, at home, son Charles Chapman of the Philippine Islands, daughters Margaret Anne Rodda, Kathryn Landers, and Carol Chapman, all of Vancouver, sisters Ruth Newman of Oregon, Evelyn Adams of Illinois and Lois Snavelly of Alaska, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thurs., Oct. 17, 2 p.m., at Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, with memorial services Thurs., Oct. 17, 4 p.m., at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14810 NE 28th St., Vancouver. The casket will be open at Layne's Funeral Home, Battle Ground, Oct. 16, 2-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Layne's Funeral Home, Battle Ground, is in charge of arrangements.

PHARMACY TOPICS

by Darrell Rafferty
Registered Pharmacist



The Food and Drug Administration moved quickly to approve broader use of an implantable defibrillator that delivers jolts to the heart when it begins beating rapidly and erratically.

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First used for patients who'd had at least one cardiac arrest, the device is now used also after some heart attacks. It's said to halve the risk of death from abnormal rapid heartbeats.

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Scientists at Yale University and in California believe they have discovered the gene responsible for basal-cell carcinoma, the most common

Historic Ridgefield Homes

with Heidi Jester

Dr. Stryker's legacy

There is a secret garden gate at the corner of Shobert and 3rd Avenue. It leads right into a bygone era of the 1910's.

Ridgefield's resident physician and pharmacist at the time, Dr. Stryker, had a medical office located above the Ridgefield Drugstore (now the Ridgefield Mercantile). When he established his medical practice in Ridgefield, he dispensed medications downstairs as the town pharmacist and filled the position of the only member and officer of the Health Department. Needing to be close to the office for emergencies, he chose a site two blocks south of the Ridgefield business district on which he built his home in 1912. In 1928, a fine lady from Chicago arrived and became Mrs. Florence Stryker.

Dr. Stryker and Florence, were avid gardeners and charter members of the Garden Club. They had the yard beautifully landscaped and always enjoyed it very much. A lot of the work in the gardens and the building of the stone walkways was done during the years of the "Great Depression". Hobo's, from the nearby railway, who needed a meal, chopped wood and did yard work for the Strykers. Residents of the community who had no money but needed the care of a physician also had a hand in the landscaping projects, as they worked off their bills.

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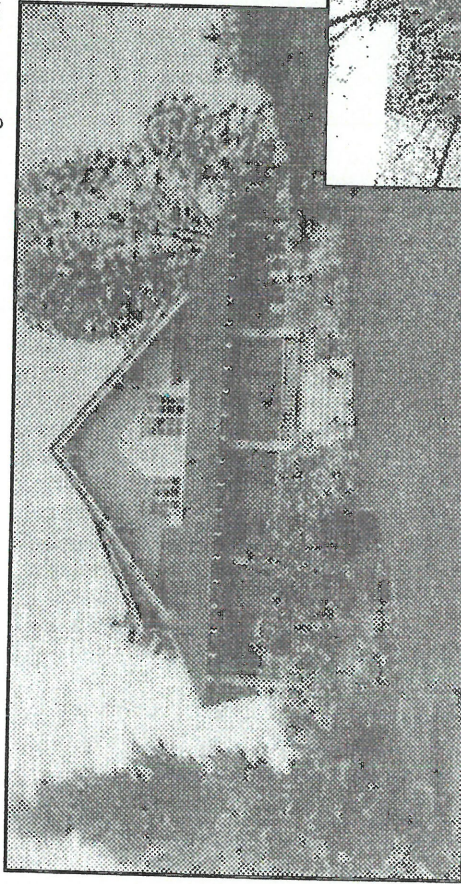
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The southern lawn is bordered on the house side by trellises of roses and walkways of stone, sided by a hedge which combine to give a feeling of mystery to the grounds. The outer sides are enclosed by woods and gardens still grow many vari-

"Grandmothers Mantle Clock" finishes the room, perched above the large fireplace.

A built-in below-the-stairs bookcase with small glass doors calls to the curious. Even the stairs, with their open side and railing have been kept intact, bringing to mind the image of little faces peering through them when callers came, or as a holding area for anxious children before the Christmas morning rush to the presents.

The dining room has a large old table centered in it with chairs calling all comers. The original drapery rods of turned maple and crafted 10 inch moldings could tell



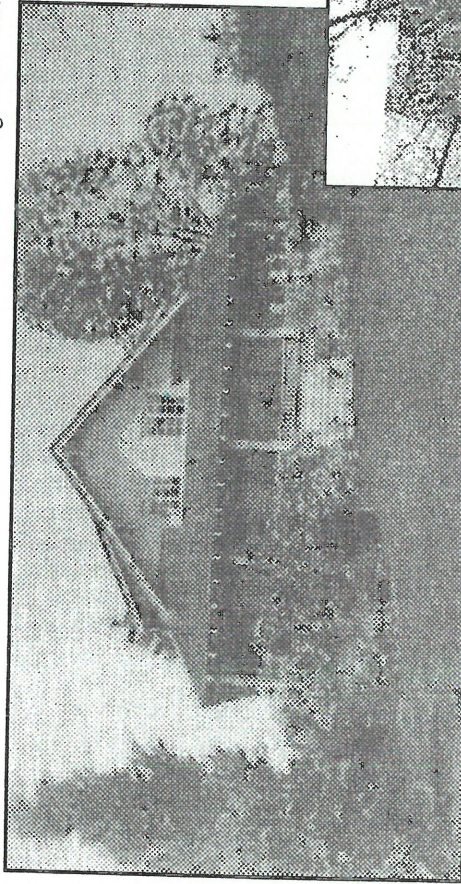
front steps at one end of the three-sided wrap-around porch surrounded by a low railing featuring vintage woodwork. From here, the main entry to the house beckons. We paused as we climbed the wide old steps which have carried generations to work, school and home, then passed through the handcrafted door. Once on the inside, there is an inner porch with a window seat for sitting to remove your wet things.

Once through the portal, we entered the parlor with the living room opening to our left. Large windows flood the room with light and the ten foot high ceilings give the room a feeling of spaciousness. The antique brass curtain pulls highlight the windows and the view of the outside gardens. Furnishings in light colored Queen Ann style further add to the refreshing appeal. A

many stories I'm sure.

The kitchen, separated from the dining room by a door, still has the original sink and a large old electric stove surrounded by quaint cabinets. The adjoining morning room was always where the family gathered for breakfast with full windows on three sides and windowsills set with many houseplants. Two steps up to a landing and then two steps down puts you back in the parlor.

Turning up the stairs from the landing, we went to the four bedroom second level with promises of a dressing room, walk-in-clo-



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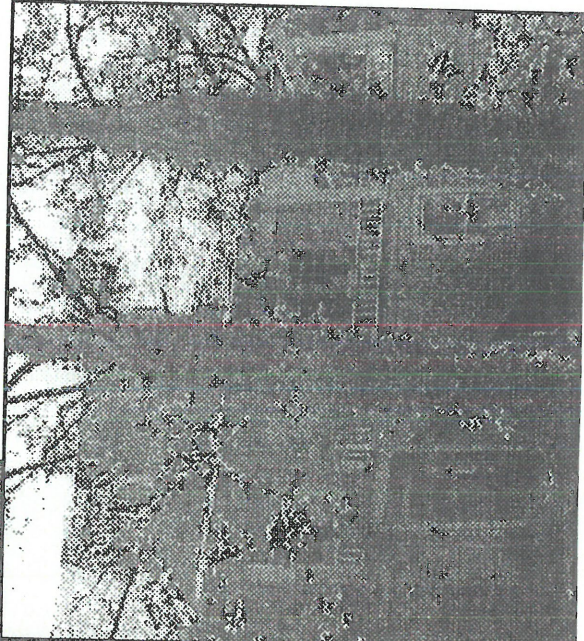
se and a full bath - complete with a claw foot tub, a birdbath pedestal sink and more antique fixtures to see.

As we walked through the family's history, Janet shared with us how her father would use the dressing room to dress so as not to disturb her mother when going out and coming in from house calls at all hours. Her father was also an advocate of plenty of air and built the house with oversized opening windows.

Janet's room, added after the original house was built, has a full wall of windows that show the stars throughout the night, and she told us of the many nights she has spent watching the heavens.

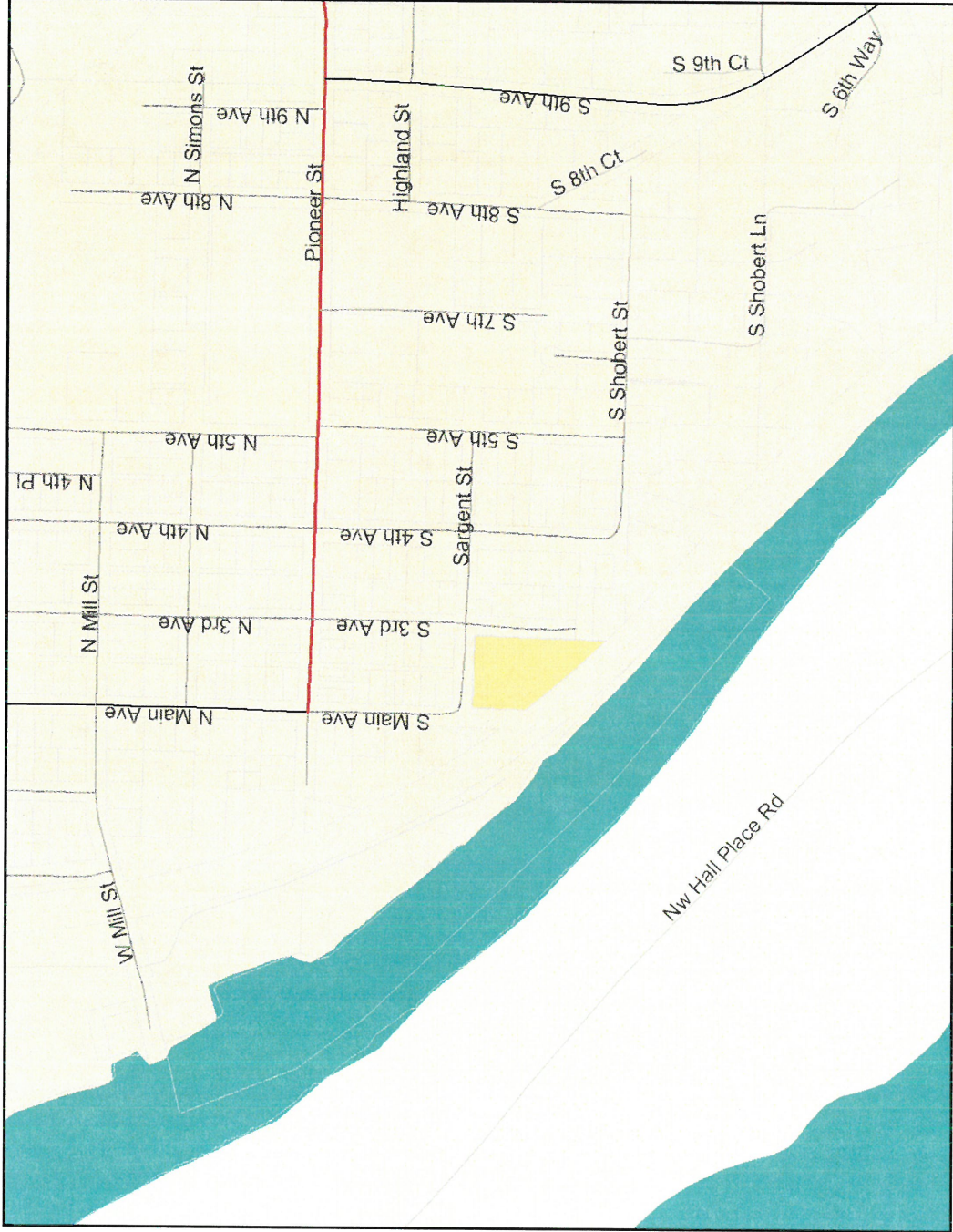
As Janet told us of her mother and father, the family pride was very evident. Though her father passed away while she was still very young, it is obvious he was loved very much.

Florence Stryker passed away just last September and had spent many of her 101 years enjoying her home, family, friends and gardens here in Ridgefield.

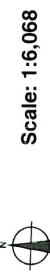


Dr. Stryker's home is a town treasure, and a constant reminder of a man whose dedication to humanity touched many of the people in our community.

Stryker House and Gardens

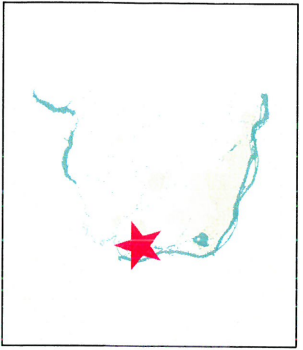


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Legend

- Parcels
- Roads
- Alley
- Arterial
- DNR
- DNR (Private Land)
- Driveway
- Interstate
- Interstate Ramp
- Primary Arterial
- Private Roads
- Private Roads w/o Names
- Public Roads
- SR Ramp
- State Route
- Waterbodies
- City Boundaries
- Urban Growth Boundaries
- County Boundary



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Clark County Property Information

Land & Building Details

Account No **068834-000**

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Site Address

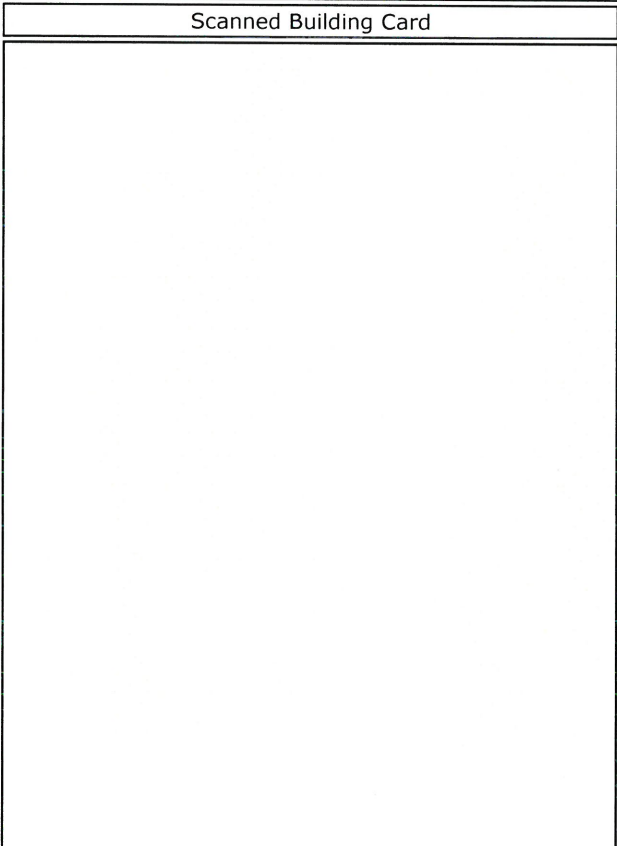
207 S 3RD ST, RIDGEFIELD, 98642

Abbreviated Legal Description

RIDGEFIELD LOTS 1 THRU 9 BLK 2

[Account](#) | [Building](#) | [Environmental](#) | [Taxes](#) | [Documents](#) | [Permits](#) | [Splits/Merges](#) | [Sales](#) | [New Search](#) | [Maps Online](#)

Land Data		Building 1		Photo Date: 04/21/2004	
Approximate Area	61515 sq ft	Effective Year Built	1975	<p>Click photo for printable image</p>	
Subdivision	RIDGEFIELD 24-4-1W SE1/4	Actual Year Built	1905		
Survey	No Records	Number of Bedrooms	03		
Land Use Code	Single family unit not sharing structure with other uses	Construction Quality	GD- Codes...		
FEMA Flood Map	5302980001B	Building Style	2 Codes... story		
		Building Type	Conv		
		Condition	Codes... AV		
		Square Feet Main	820		
		Square Feet Upper	740		
		Square Feet Basement	1080		
		Square Feet Garage	na		
		Heat Type	Codes... BB		
		Central Air Conditioning	N		



Building Sketch

SKETCH ADDENDUM File No: 068834000

Parcel Number: 068834-000

Property Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Tract No: _____ Lot No: _____


Drawn By: KJ Date: 6/21/05 Source: APER

Model: _____ Remarks: _____

FLOOR	Dimensions	Area (SF)
FIRST FLOOR	2 x 24	48
	10 x 34	340
	18 x 24	432
	Subtotal	820
RCWP	4 x 30	120
	30 x 6	180
	6 x 30	180
Subtotal	480	
Total		1300
SECOND FLOOR	4 x 10	40
	22 x 30	660
	1 x 10	10
	Subtotal	740
Total		740
BASEMENT	30 x 36	1080
	Total OTHER	3180

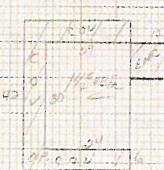
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RIDGEFIELD LOTS 6, 7, 8 & 9 BLK 2



732-3

NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1	PERMITS	100.00
2	RECORDS	100.00
3	PLANS	100.00
4	INSURANCE	100.00
5	REPAIRS	100.00
6	REAR WALL	100.00
7	REAR PORCH	100.00
8	REAR DRIVE	100.00
9	REAR FENCE	100.00
10	REAR LIGHTS	100.00
11	REAR SIGN	100.00
12	REAR PAINT	100.00
13	REAR CLEANING	100.00
14	REAR MAINTENANCE	100.00
15	REAR INSPECTION	100.00
16	REAR REPAIRS	100.00
17	REAR REFINISHING	100.00
18	REAR RESTORATION	100.00
19	REAR RENOVATION	100.00
20	REAR RECONSTRUCTION	100.00



UNIT OF BUILDING FIVE OR SIX FEET

RECORD OF BUILDING PERMITS

DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT
1/15/04	100.00		
2/15/04	100.00		
3/15/04	100.00		

HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Site No. 018-C OAHF No. 6-186 Date Recorded 1-Aug-99

Site Name Historic Dr. Stryker House

Common Sean O'Skea
 Field Recorder Ause, Janet & Stryker, Mark
 Owner's Name PO Box 323
 Address Ridgefield, WA 98642
 City/State/Zip Code

Status Survey/Inventory
 National Register
 State Register
 Determined Eligible
 Determined Not Eligible
 Other (HABS, HAER, NHL)
 Local Designation

Classification District Site Building Structure Object
 District Status NR SR LR INV
 Contributing Non-Contributing
 District/Thematic Nomination Name

Description Section

Materials & Features/Structural Types

Building Type Residential Hip Pyramidal
 Rectangular Flat Other (specify)
 Structural System Wood Frame Monitor Gambrel
 No. of Stories 2 Shed

Cladding (Exterior Wall Surfaces)

Log Horizontal Wood Siding Rustic/Drop Cleboard
 Wood Shingle Board and Batten Vertical Board Asbestos/Asphalt
 Brick Stone Stucco Terra Cotta
 Concrete/Concrete Block Vinyl/Aluminum Siding Metal (specify)
 Other (specify)

Roof Material

Wood Shingle Wood Shake Composition Slate Tar/Built-up Tile Metal (specify)
 Other (specify) Not visible

Foundation

Log Post & Pier Concrete Block Poured Brick Other (specify)
 Not visible

Integrity (Include detailed description in Description of Physical Appearance)

Changes to plan Intact Slight Moderate Extensive
 Changes to windows
 Changes to original cladding
 Changes to interior
 Other (specify)

State of Washington, Department of Community Development
 Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
 111 21st Avenue Southwest, Post Office Box 48343
 Olympia, Washington 98504-8343 (206)753-4011

LOCATION SECTION

Address 207 S 3rd Street
 City/Town/County/Zip Code Ridgefield, Clark, 98642
 Twp. 4N Range 1E Section 24 1/4 Section SE 1/4 1/4 Sec NE
 Tax No./Parcel No. 068834-0000 Acreage <1
 Quadrangle or map name _____
 UTM References Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____
 Plat/Block/Lot Ridgefield Lots 1-9 Blk 2
 Supplemental Map(s) _____

High Styles/Forms (Check one or more of the following)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Greek Revival	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish Colonial Revival/Mediterranean
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Queen Anne	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rustic Style
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shingle Style	<input type="checkbox"/>	International Style
<input type="checkbox"/>	Colonial Revival	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northwest Style
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beaux Arts/Neoclassical	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Vernacular
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicago/Commercial Style	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential Vernacular (see below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Foursquare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify) _____
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Vernacular House Types

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gable Front	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cross Gable
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Side Gable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify) _____

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit Themes (check one or more of the following)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment/Recreation
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health/Medicine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Planning/Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manufacturing/Industry
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify) _____
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Statement of Significance

Date of Construction 1912 Architect/Engineer/Builder George Buker
 In the opinion of the surveyor, this property appears to meet the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places.
 In the opinion of the surveyor, this property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local).

Dr. Stryker was Ridgefield's second, and for many years only, doctor and pharmacist. The doctor came to Ridgefield in 1909 and continued to practice out of his office on the second floor of the mercantile building on Main Street until his death in 1937. In 1909 Dr. Stryker served as the chairman of the first committee on health for Clark County. Dr. Stryker served on the first town council in 1909. He married Florence in 1928. Florence Stryker was the founder of the Ridgefield garden club, a very popular organization that still exists. Florence's gardens were envied by the townsfolk. During the depression, hobos knew to jump off the trains that pass behind the house. The Strykers would offer food and shelter in exchange for garden work. Florence lived in the house until her death in 1996. The house was still in the Stryker family in 1999.

Description of Physical Appearance

The house is an excellent example of an early 20th century Craftsman bungalow. The two story, side-gabled house sits on the edge of the ridge from which Ridgefield gets its name. The site results in a daylight basement facing west. The house has a rather complicated roof form. The overall shape is a side gable. A pair of shed dormers break through the roof on both the east (front) and west sides. Part of the main gable falls away on the south side of the house creating a large gabled dormer effect. Judging by the number of windows this projection probably served as a sleeping porch. Below this area a shed roof extends off the south side to shelter the south side of the porch around the east and west side of the porch are inset under the main gable. Horizontal wood siding covers most of the house. The sides of the shed dormers are clad in wood shingle. The porch roof is supported by large, square columns on all three sides of the porch. A low, square-balustrade, porch rail wraps around the porch. Windows make up much of the character of the house. Pairs and triples of nine-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows open onto the porch. This same type is found on the second story of the north side. The sleeping porch has a row of five four-over-one windows. Wood framed casement windows open out from the shed dormers. A small four-light casement window opens on the sleeping porch gable. Tiny fixed windows peak out from under the eaves of the main gable on the south side. The front door is centered on the east side and is a handsome Craftsman paneled door with multiple lights. Doors open onto the porch on both the south and west sides. Ground level doors open into the basement on both the south and east sides. The house exhibits many typical Craftsman details; knee-brackets support the large eaves, rafter tails are exposed and the soffits are open along all the roof eaves. In all the Stryker house is an excellent example of a Craftsman House. The remains of Mrs. Stryker's gardens that surround the house are very much in the Arts & Crafts landscaping tradition.

Major Bibliographic References

- Interview with Janet Aulse (Dr. Stryker's Daughter) 8/1/99
- Interview with Gody Frewing (Ridgefield resident since 1911) 8/10/99



Site Address 207 S 3RD ST Location RD

Site Name DR. STRYKER'S HOME

I. Design/Construction

Style/Type – Significant as an example of a particular style or construction:

- Especially fine or rare example 5
- Excellent or very rare example 3
- Good example 2

Artistic Quality – Significant because of quality of composition, detailing or craftsmanship:

- Excellent 5
- Very good 3
- Good 2

Materials/Construction – Significant use of a particular material or type of construction:

- Especially fine or extremely early example 5
- Excellent or very early example 3
- Good Example 2

Designer/Contractor – Designer, contractor or craftsman of local, state or national importance:

- Of particular importance to the community, county, state, or nation 3
- Of secondary importance 2
- Of minor importance 1
- Unknown 0

Age – Significant because of age relative to local development:

- Pre 1899 10
- 1900 to 1929 5
- 1930 or later 2

II. History

Person(s) – Associated with the life or activities of a person, group, organization or institution that has made a significant contribution to the community, state or nation.

- Person of primary importance intimately connected with the property 17
- Person of primary importance loosely connected OR person of secondary importance intimately connected 10
- Person of secondary importance loosely connected OR person of neighborhood importance intimately connected 5

Event(s) – Associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the community, state or nation

- Event of primary importance intimately connected with the property 20
- Event of primary importance loosely connected OR event of secondary importance intimately connected 10
- Event of secondary importance loosely connected OR event of neighborhood importance intimately connected 5

III. Rarity

Significance as only remaining or one of few remaining properties of particular design or construction.

- Only example in city/county/area 10
- One of several in city/county/area 5
- One of many in city/county/area 3

IV. Environment

- Contributes to the character or continuity of the street, neighborhood or area.
 - Of particular importance in establishing the character of an area OR
may be taken as a symbol for the city or region as a whole 10
 - Of importance in the character or an area OR
conspicuous and familiar in the context of the city or region..... 8
 - Conspicuous and familiar in the context of the neighborhood 6
 - Contributes to the dominant character of the area 4
 - Compatible with the dominant character of area 2

V. Integrity

- Retains its original design elements, materials and character.
 - Very minor changes 10
 - Minor alterations which do not destroy the overall character 8
 - Major alterations to portions of the property; remainder intact... 6
 - Extensive alterations 4
 - Greatly altered but recognizable 2

INTRINSIC VALUE

I.	Design/Construction				
	Style/Type	5	<u>3</u>	2	
	Artistic Value	5	<u>3</u>	2	
	Materials/Construction	5	3	<u>2</u>	
	Designer/Contractor	3	2	1	
	Age	10	<u>5</u>	2	Subtotal = 13
II.	History				+
	Person(s)	17	<u>10</u>	5	
	Event(s)	20	10	<u>5</u>	Subtotal = 15

Intrinsic total (Max. 20) 20 x 3.5 = 70 weighted total (Max. 70)

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

III.	Rarity	10	<u>5</u>		
IV.	Environment	10	8	6	<u>4</u> 2
V.	Integrity	<u>10</u>	8	6	4 2

Total contextual 18¹⁹ x 1.0 = Contextual total weighted 18¹⁹

Contextual total weighted 18¹⁹ + intrinsic weighted total 70 = 88 ⁸⁹ **Total Score**