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MEMO

TO: DR. A. D. MARTINSON  
FROM: RICHARD D. OSNESS  
SUBJECT: PARKLAND HISTORY PROJECT;  
INTERVIEW WITH OLIVER HARSTAD,  
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DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 1974, I CONDUCTED AN INTERVIEW WITH OLIVER HARSTAD, SON OF BJUG HARSTAD, b. 1889. MR. HARSTAD TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT THE AREA, AND HAD MANY OLD PICTURES WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE.

THE DISCUSSION WAS ON MANY AREAS AND OLIVER MENTIONED:

- 1- PRIOR TO OLD BETSY, THERE WAS A STEAM RAILROAD FROM PUYALLUP BY WAY OF FERN HILL, c. 1888,
2. THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC HEROLD, BY BJUG, WAS IN 1891 AND WAS SENT TO THE MIDWEST AS PART OF A FUND RAISING EFFORT FOR PLU,
3. OLD PICTURES - BUTCHER'S HOUSE WITH BARN, MR. FANGSARUD (OLE & AAMOND, GARFIELD ST.), MENSEN'S HOUSE, REV. LARSON'S HOUSE,
4. BROOKDALE SETTLED BEFORE PARKLAND, SEEMED TO BE THE MAIN SETTLEMENT. WATER OUT OF CLOVER CREEK,

5. OLD BETSY, STORE, BLACKSMITH SHOP NORTH OF BRIDGE, BRIDGE ACROSS CLOVER CREEK, SETTLEMENT BECAUSE OF THE WATER - IRRIGATION, BROOKDALE, START OF TACOMA WATER WORKS, 5-6 MILES OF CHANNEL, SWIMMING AT TULE LAKE,
6. FIRST PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, BELOW MRS. DAHL'S HOUSE, <sup>UNTIL 1900 - FIRST PARSONAGE & FIRST PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE, BUILT BY PLU ASSOCIATION.</sup>
7. NORWEGIANS FLOCKED IN WHEN BTJUG STARTED SCHOOL - CAME IN JULY OF 1891, GLASSO HOME ON GARFIELD, WATSON STORE BUILT BEFORE KRAABLE-ERICKSON, TWO-STORY STORE,
8. THOMAS HOWITT/LOGGER, SAWMILL. WORKED FOR DELIN, LIVED IN TACOMA, LAND COMPANY,
9. 121ST - NORTH BOUNDARY OF TALLENTIRE (1876) CLAIM. S.E. CORNER, CORNER OF PARKLAND LUTHERAN CEMETARY, CEMETARY, <sup>(EAST)</sup> LEFT OFF PACIFIC ON 136<sup>TH</sup> STREET, EAST F ST. 1/2 MILE WEST OF PACIFIC.
10. CATTLE ON PRARIE, BETSY SET PRARIE AREAS, HAD TO PLOW FURROUGHS, PRARIE FIRES FOUGHT WITH FUR BOUGHS - BEAT IT OUT, KEPT PRARIES FROM GROWING TIMBER,
11. WILLIAM WILSON BOUGHT NORTH HALF OF TALLENTIRE CLAIM, 121ST SOUTH,
12. WARD T. SMITH NO RELATION OF PETER SMITH, BOUGHT LOTS ALLOVER PRARIE, 5-10 LOTS WENT TO SCHOOL, FOR EACH SALE, \$5 OR \$10 TO PLU, WARD WAS A CIVIL WAR VETERAN,

13. HENRY MURRAY - MURRAY'S FROM, ROY.
14. NELSEN FAMILY LIVED FURTHER EAST AND SOUTH.
15. GEORGE B. CAMBELL - EARLY ATTORNEY.
16. 1890 - BUG, PRESIDENT OF THE MINNESOTA & IOWA LUTHERAN CHURCH. WAS ONLY TO BE HERE TEMPORARILY FOR THE FOUNDING. ASKED FOR DONATIONS - OFFICIAL PAPER FOR PLU.
17. CATHERINE TEMPLE - DAUGHTER OF WARD T. SMITH, FIRST POST OFFICE, BILL'S DRIVE IN ACROSS FROM PARKLAND CHURCH. TEMPLE WAS POST MASTER - 1892.
18. PETERMAN - LUMBERMAN.
19. HOLMES & BULL FURNATURE, HOLMES, SON IN LAW OF KRAABLE.
20. WILLIAM WILSON GAVE <sup>SOME</sup> LOTS TO PLA & GAVE SOME LAND TO SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1888, 121<sup>ST</sup> & PACIFIC, FERN HILL SCHOOL PRIOR TO THIS.
21. REV. LARSON, 1892-93. BUG & GURD MARRIED BY LARSON IN 1877 IN HARMONY, MINNESOTA. LARSON MADE MONEY ON LAND IN HARMONY. SWANSON PLASTERED HIS (LARSON'S) HOUSE HERE.
22. OLD PICTURE - FT. HOUSE JOHNSON, SHOE MAKER, WHEELER STREET - GRU'S DORM NOW. LOOKING WEST FROM OLD MAIN.
23. BUG - JUST PRIOR TO COMING HERE BOUGHT A HOUSE IN ~~THE~~ NORTH DAKOTA - MAYVILLE. BORROWED MONEY ON LAND - SEE SHEET 22 OF ABSTRACT TITLE.

24. WHEN BJUG GOT HERE & SMITHS,  
MAYONS, SALES', WILSONS, GARFIELD  
STREET BUILT UP AFTER BJUG CAME  
HERE, WARD T. SMITH HAD BJUG'S  
HOUSE PRIOR TO WHEN HARSTAD  
FAMILY MOVED ON THE HILL - 1900.  
25. RICHARD'S STUDIO HAS FOLLOWING  
PICTURES OF OLD PARKLAND,  
# C-140913-1, -2, -3, GARFIELD  
STREET, OLD BETSY, LARSON HOUSE,

VERY TRULY YOURS  
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