

FEBRUARY 20, 1975

MEMO

TO: DR. A. D. MARTINSON
FROM: RICHARD D. OSNESS
SUBJECT: PARKLAND HISTORICAL PROJECT;
INTERVIEW WITH MRS. MALLA
(SINLAND) DAHL, 514 SO. 123RD,
PARKLAND, 537-5120.

ON OCTOBER 22, 1974, I TALKED TO MRS. MALLA (SINLAND) DAHL TO SET UP AN INTERVIEW DATE. (MRS. DAHL CAME HERE IN 1893) HER MAIN INTEREST DURING THIS PHONE CALL WAS "OLD BETSY", PARKLAND'S STEAM ENGINE CONTACT TO TACOMA. SHE SAID THE DEPOT WAS ON THE CORNER OF C STREET AND GARFIELD STREET, ACROSS FROM "THE PRIMITIVE SHOP", (WHAT USED TO BE THE MOWER SHOP). THE ENGINE MADE TWO TRIPS PER DAY AND CONNECTED WITH THE STREET CAR IN SOUTH TACOMA.

ON NOVEMBER 1, 1974, I INTERVIEWED MRS. DAHL AT HER HOME. MRS. DAHL TALKED ABOUT HER FATHER, SAMUEL SINLAND; OLD BETSY (THE STEAM ENGINE); THE HARSTAD'S; AND OTHER FAMILIES IN THE AREA. THE SINLANDS CAME TO PARKLAND IN 1893 WHEN MRS. DAHL WAS 5 YEARS OLD. (FAMILY OF 6 CHILDREN - 2 MORE WERE BORN IN PARKLAND.) SAMUEL CAME FROM BELLINGHAM, AT BJUG HARSTAD'S REQUEST, TO WORK ON PULP'S FIRST BUILDING. THE PAY WAS \$1.00 PER DAY PLUS LAND. FAMILIES IN

THE AREA WERE:

LUNKE - LIVED ACROSS & NORTH OF
PROPERTY NOW PART OF ADMINISTRATION
PLU BUILDING, 1894 - HOME

✓ OLE BAKKUM, ACROSS & NORTH OF
✓ TRINITY. HOUD'S LIVE THERE NOW.
✓ 121ST, 1894,

MENSON - GARFIELD STREET, NEXT TO
DEPOT. BAKERY & LIVING QUARTERS.

✓ GLASSO - WHERE LINDGREN'S ARE
✓ NOW, GARFIELD STREET.

✓ ROSSO FAMILY - ON GARFIELD STREET.
✓ NOW VACANT LOT BETWEEN POST
✓ OFFICE AND PIGGLY-WIGGLY STORE,

✓ GROCERY IN BROOKDALE AT FIRST, THEN
✓ GROCERY BUILT BY EMIL ERICKSON.

✓ REV. TOBIAS LARSON - BUILT HOME ON
✓ YAKIMA AVENUE, WHERE STUEN
✓ HALL IS NOW, RETIRED PASTOR.

✓ STARTED CHILDRENS HOME ON 124TH
✓ AND "A" STREET AFTER 1900. GREAT
✓ UNCLE OF MRS. DAHL,

✓ REV. M.A. CRISTENSEN. PASTOR PASSED AWAY
✓ PRIOR TO 1900 & MRS. CHRISTENSEN
✓ REMARRIED & BECAME MRS. JURGEN-
✓ SEN. OPENED ORPHAN HOME ON
✓ PARK AVENUE IN WHAT WAS THE
✓ FLEUGER HOUSE. XAVIER'S LIVED
✓ THERE FOR A SHORT TIME ALSO.
✓ HOUSE HAS SINCE BURNED.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES FROM THIS INTER-
VIEW AND OTHER PHONE CALLS DURING
THE PAST FEW MONTHS:

1. SINLAND FAMILY CAME FROM NORWAY IN 1885. MRS. DAHL BORN IN 1888 IN HARMONY, MINN. FAMILY CAME TO BELLINGHAM IN 1890 AND TO PARKLAND IN 1893. SAMUEL WAS A CARPENTER, ^{MRS. SINLAND - INGER TONETTE RUISELAND} (LISELAND).

2. RIGNEY'S, MILE S.W. OF PARKLAND. DONATION CLAIM. SMITH LAND FOR WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH 37TH STREET, MABEL (SMITH) SINLAND, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE SMITH.

3. MRS. DAHL SAID NORWEGIANS LIVED AROUND THE SCHOOL AND EVERY ONE ELSE LIVED FARTHER AWAY. (IN THE OUTSKIRTS, ^{IE. BLOODDALE} HILLHURST.)

4. BUTCHER WAGON MADE TRIPS AROUND THE COMMUNITY AND SOLD PORK & BEEF.

5. NORWEGIANS (FOREIGNERS) NOT WELL LIKED. COMMENT ABOUT WOMAN MRS. DAHL MET IN DENTISTS OFFICE IN TACOMA. THE WOMAN TOLD MRS. DAHL SHE HAD LIVED IN PARKLAND AT ONE TIME, BUT HAD MOVED TO MIDLAND BECAUSE TOO MANY FOREIGNERS MADE LIFE RATHER UNBEARABLE.

6. MRS. DAHL'S DESCRIPTION OF TRIPS FROM OHOP VALLEY TO TACOMA. TRAVELERS WOULD STAY OVERNIGHT AT THE SINLAND HOME ON PACIFIC AVENUE (NEAR STORAASLI HOME) AND THEN GO TO TACOMA THE NEXT MORNING. THE RETURN TRIP WAS IN REVERSE, TRIP TOOK 3 DAYS. FIRST DAY TO SINLANDS, SECOND DAY TO TACOMA AND BACK TO SINLANDS AND THIRD DAY BACK

TO THE VALLEY.

7. SECOND HOUSE FROM MRS. DAHL'S WAS USED AS A PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, THEN TRANSFERRED TO PLA.
8. DAHL'S STORE, WHICH WAS LOCATED ON GARFIELD STREET WHERE GLASS COMPANY IS NOW. BUILDING WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT (1919-1915) FOR POOL HALL. BUT COLLEGE DIDN'T WANT IT SO THEY (THE BUILDERS) FINALLY GAVE IN. DAHL'S BOUGHT & OWNED IT FOR A WHILE, LATE 1920'S AND EARLY 1930'S. (1926-1933)
9. MRS. DAHL MARRIED IN 1908, MR. DAHL WAS FROM MINNESOTA.
10. THE RELIGION CONTROVERSY IN 1917 WAS VERY TRAGIC - MUCH BITTERNESS, DON'T DWELL ON THIS ASPECT, ^{PLC CLOSED FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS.}
11. GROUP FROM SEATTLE TRIED TO FORM NATIONAL CITY IN AREA WEST OF JAMES SALES PLACE. TORE DOWN SALES LOG HOUSE. DID NOT PROGRESS VERY FAR AND ONLY BUILT SMALL RETAINING WALL.
12. WHITE PICKET FENCE AROUND PLA.
13. MANY PARKLAND PEOPLE WORKED IN TROMA. RODE BICYCLES TO WORK.
14. FRED MASON HOLMES, ARTIST, WHEN DAHL'S OWNED GROCERY, MR. HOLMES WOULD PAINT PICTURES FOR GROCERIES. MRS. DAHL HAS PICTURE OF FORT SALES, C. 1932.
15. BUILT BARN - ARTIST / PHOTOGRAPHING

16. STEAM ENGINE WITH ONE COACH - OLD BETSY HERE IN 1893,
17. ZEPPELIN - MOORING MAST USED FOR ONLY ONE (1) LANDING. CAMP LEWIS,
18. PACIFIC AVENUE - DIRT ROAD, PEOPLE FROM OHOP VALLEY (SEE ABOVE), TRAILS, BICYCLE PATH - PARK AVENUE,
19. MRS. LOUISE SALES IS DAUGHTER OF JOHN BROTTEN,
20. KRAABER-ERICKSON STORE ON GARFIELD, HALL AND LIVING QUARTERS UPSTAIRS, STORE DOWN STAIRS, MILK - 5¢ A QUART,
21. PRARIE AND LITTLE PATCHES OF WOODS, EARLY SPRING, WITH VIOLETS, WILD FLOWERS, WILD STRAWBERRIES, RED WITH BERRIES, LADY SLIPPERS, JOHNNY JUMP-UPS,
22. FIRST POST OFFICE IN BROOKDALE - STORE/P.O. BROCK JOHNSON, 131 ST, LATER MOVED TO K & E STORE,
23. BLACKSMITH SHOP - TOP OF HILL ON PACIFIC & 22ND, J. C. PETERSON,
24. B. HARSTAD - BELOW HILL FROM SCHOOL (PLA). PARSONAGE BUILT HERE - MOVED FROM COLLEGE CAMPUS,
25. OLD PARKLAND GRADE SCHOOL. WINGS BOUGHT BY SINLAND, BUILT HOME ^{NEAR TO BILL STORASCI} FROM ONE OF THE WINGS - 1908/9, ANOTHER WING ON YAKIMA, NEAR HAUGE'S HOUSE, JOHN SALATER - BOUGHT MIDDLE SECTION - NOW KOTTELSON NURSING HOME,
26. 123RD * A, S.E. CORNER - CHILDREN'S HOME, ^{WAS TO BE} WARETT, WARETT COLLEGE

COMBINED WITH PLU, 1917 - CHILDREN'S HOME NOW IN EVERETT, LUTHER CHILD CENTER.

27. NORWEGIANS CAME TO PLU FROM SEATTLE - CHEAPER TO LIVE HERE, THAN RENT IN SEATTLE. FISHERMEN.

28. HALLOWEEN TRICKS - GREASE TRACKS SO TRAIN COULDN'T GO UP HILL ON RETURN TRIP FROM SPANAWAY TO PARCLAND - 123RD & 2ND STS.

29. 1890'S - OTTESON HOUSE, WHERE MRS. DOERING LIVES NOW, JIM BEZEM - HOME ON 116TH ST. SINDLAND'S ON 118TH ST. KNUTSON HOUSE ON GARFIELD. - BARBER SHOP, FRED HANDY, FROM SPANAWAY AREA, BROTHER-IN-LAW OF MRS. DAHL. STORE - SOLD BREAD, CANDY, ETC. KIDS SHOOK DICE. GARFIELD ST. ACROSS FROM PRESENT POST OFFICE, SHAGER HOUSE - WHERE UNIV. HOUSE IS NOW, THOMPSON'S STORE - STILL STANDING ON GARFIELD, LATER OWNED BY J. O. BROTTEN. SINDLAND'S RENTED FROM GUNNAR JOHNSON, 12TH ST * YAKIMA WHERE AD. BUILDING IS, SECOND HOUSE FROM MRS. DAHL'S - BUILT BY LAMBERTSON, FROM ROY - PAROCHIAL SCHOOL HERE, THEN TRANSFERRED TO BASEMENT OF OLD MAIN. JOHN RISZLAND - MRS. DAHL'S UNCLE - HOUSE ON 117TH - FISH COMMISSIONER IN PARCLAND 1890'S. DEPOT WAS ON WEST SIDE OF A STREET. PAROCHIAL SCHOOL BELOW

HILL, BUILT AFTER 1900, CAMPBELL HOUSE
- ACROSS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL,

30. RUBBER PLANTATION - INVESTMENT TO
RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL, DIDN'T WORK
OUT. MEXICO - c. 1905-1906. WORK OF
HARSTAD,

31. \$1,000 A YEAR CLUB DURING TING-ESTAD'S
TIME - ROUGH GOING FINANCIALLY, TRIED
TO RAISE MONEY THIS WAY,

32. WHERE PIGGLY WIGGLY STORE'S -
"SKLADER" ERICKSON'S HOME, TAILOR,

33. MOSES HERBER (OLSON) BUILT HOME
LATER OWNED BY PROF. AKRE, OF PLU.
PROPERTY LATER BOUGHT BY COLLEGE,