

Ada + Robert Hallberg 4/19/1999

Ada born Swedish Hospital 8/6/1924. Lived at 2613 Marine Ave 'till married in 1948.

~~Grandmother~~
~~Mother~~ Grace Mary Bowden Woodhouse was British + came to US (Cleveland). ~~Her~~ Birth home ^{2613 Marine Ave SW.}

Grace was married in Tacoma - Lived on Queen Anne + family ~~spent~~ camped on Alki in the Summers. Soon they moved to Alki + stayed.

Family came to Seattle at the time of the 1889 Fire.

Grace's husband, Bob Woodhouse, was a carpenter + built homes.

Marine ~~St~~ Ave was a farming area + a landing place for the Mosquito Fleet.

Farms disappeared around 1903-1906

Carroll Street used to be Esthers Store

The Copp family home was in the area.

Ada
Loved going to the ~~nat~~ Natatorium. ~~Her~~ Her mother didn't want her to swim there ~~due~~ due to polio epidemic (School of thought was you could catch it in swimming pools.)

~~Bob~~ Bob's father was born in St. Louis + in service WWI. After war he ~~worked for~~ Vice President of the ~~M&W~~ Milwaukee RR. In charge of bridges, tunnels + culverts. - Father was the VP's secretary. met the daughter of the Road Master of the RR + followed the family to Tacoma

He married Bob's mother + moved to Dash Point.
Left the RR + worked for a bank for a
few years - laid off when the depression came.
Moved to Seattle because there seemed more
opportunities than Tacoma.

After 1 week in Seattle - got a job with
Alaska Steamship. Stayed at the YMCA for \$1/night.
He had 35¢/day left + bought a bag of peanuts
+ a cup of coffee. Lived on that for a week.

Mosquito Fleet went from ~~Dash Point~~ Downtown ~~Tacoma~~
Tacoma to Brown's Point to Dash Point to
Lakota to Quarter Master Harbor, Vashon Island to
Warm Springs Bay then several other stops on
Vashon before Return to Tacoma.

Bath house had 3 rafts - 2 close to shore
for children + 1 further out in deep water.
Furthest raft had a diving tower.

During winter (fall?) draft horses brought
down to beach to pull in the rafts for
winter. Waited for high tide + used pull lines.

Rafts were gone by 1952.

Field Station on the beach ~~was~~ where lifeguards
would store belongings + First Aid Supplies.

Rec ^{Field Station} Center - activities for children + adults.
Play checkers, parcheesi, croquette many games on
rainy days. - Also had a stage (bandstand)

North of Admiral way was a ~~at~~ small church.
 Built on the side of a bluff 20x40 feet.
 (Where Lander joins Admiral way)
~~Haunted Church~~ Church was abandoned & used
 as a "haunted ~~church~~ ^{house}" for Halloween. ~~Operated~~
 Operated by the Boy Scouts.

Field House had a haunted house operated by
 the Boy Scouts. Skeleton came from Dr Brady's house.
 Tough kids would try to "tear up" the trucks in
 the house. They were known as the "Alki Rats".
 Hess Viney kept the "Alki Rats" from damaging
 property by his reputation.

In the Charlestown area - Sand Hills like sand dunes.
 There were tunnels going to the houses. Bootleggers
 used the tunnels. Every other or every fifth
 house had some kind of bootlegging operation.
 Federal Agents would be around - looking for
~~the~~ tunnels that led to bootlegger's homes.

Ada's mother was trained to be a concert pianist.
 Father was a ferrester. Member of Wobblies. John Woodhouse.
 Also a light weight prize fighter. Ada's parents
 met at the Alaska Expedition in 1909. John went
 to school & became a pharmacist. Lived next door to
 George Bartell.

Stage big enough for dances every Friday night.

Hess Viney - Recreation Director, great swimmer, coached basketball, taught badminton, in charge of lifeguards - taught swimming at natatorium.

~~Bob~~ Ada lived in apts above natatorium. The bathroom was purple tiled (lavender, purple, plums) ugly --- 2 large bedrooms. ~~Living~~ Living room had huge view windows + was on pilings. In winter logs would bang against the pilings + they would go in the water to move them. Had a circulating oil heater. Bob's family moved there to become "caretakers" of Natatorium - Parks Dept ~~there~~ threatened to close - His father suggested to rent out the apt for income for Natatorium + have someone there. \$32/month.

Natatorium had a boiler that was rarely used to heat the water.

At the corner of 64th was a house that had a locked front gate. (1930's) owned by a well known Seattle family then sold to a woman who was the madam of prostitutes that worked in Kelso or Aberdeen (where prostitution was legal). The house was an "R + R" for the girls. Also rumored to be the place the girls were sent to for treatment of venereal disease.

J L Morrow - Scout Master. Take the troop to ~~San~~ Schmitz Park for capture the flag + other games.