

SPOKANE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Nomination Form

6PR90-433

City/County Historic Landmarks Commission
Sixth Floor - City Hall
Spokane, Washington 99201-3333

Type all entries--complete applicable sections

1. Name

Historic Hart Home
and/or common Collins Home

2. Location

street & number East 1314 Fifth Avenue
city/town Spokane vicinity of _____
state Washington county Spokane

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>occupied</u>	<u>agriculture</u>	<u>museum</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>building(s)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>private</u>	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>	<u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>	<u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>yes:restricted</u>	<u>government</u>	<u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes:unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>	<u>transportation</u>
		<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>	<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property

name Larry and Charlotte Collins
street & number East 1314 Fifth Avenue
city,town Spokane vicinity of _____ state WA.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse,registry of deeds,etc Spokane County Courthouse
street & number West 1116 Broadway
city,town Spokane state WA. 99201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____
date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____
depository for survey records _____
city,town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
XXexcellent	__deteriorated	XXunaltered
__good	__ruins	__altered
__fair	__unexposed	XXoriginal site
		__moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The one and one half story bungalow with some Colonial Revival elements is located on the south side of Fifth Avenue overlooking Liberty Park. This side of Fifth Avenue was designed to be lined with homes overlooking the park as specified by F. Lewis Clark, the wealthy businessman who donated the land for Liberty Park to the City of Spokane in 1897. No architect has been identified, but the house is similar in design and detail to Plan #91 of the Ballard Plannery Company, a Spokane architectural firm that sold plans and specifications by the number. Purchasers could either build the home themselves, or hire to have it constructed. It is part of the Liberty Place addition platted by Clark, president of the Consolidated Improvement Company that was involved in many other land holdings, among them, Hillyard. Arthur Jones, vice-president of the company, was head of the real estate firm that sold the lots.

The house has a full front porch with a bracketed pediment over the front steps and square porch supports with turned balusters on the porch railing. The house is clad in horizontal lap wood siding and shingles. Each side elevation has a large gable roof dormer and a bay on the main level. The front elevation has a triple window on the upper level and a balcony with decorative railing. The west elevation dormer has double windows with a similar and smaller, decorative balcony. The main floor has triple windows in front, one smaller rectangular window adjacent to the glass paneled front door, and a window panel over the door. Windows are mostly one over one, double hung, with some beveled, leaded panes that lend a beautiful rainbow effect in the interior when the sun is shining. The interior has been renovated at considerable expense and effort. Original woodwork, hardwood floors, beamed ceilings, built-ins, and fireplace all reflect the home as it must have looked when the Harts were in residence.

Some of the homes along Fifth Avenue have been fairly well kept up even though the neighborhood has been in a decline. Hart originally owned several lots in this addition that he later sold, so there are several brick homes indicative of the late 1920s. The Collins purchased the home and adjacent lot and completely renovated the home, which had deteriorated through neglect.* The Frequency Changing Station is located at the east of this block (National Register). Both projects have made a significant impact on this neighborhood.

*This nomination is for the house on Lot 25. The Collins also own Lot 26 and are constructing a garage/workshop that will be in a similar style to the house and set far back on the lot and fairly well screened from the street.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below		
--prehistoric	--archeology-prehistoric	--economics	--military
--1400-1499	--archeology-historic	Xeducation	Xmusic
--1500-1599	--agriculture	--engineering	--philosophy
--1600-1699	--architecture	--exploration/settlement	--politics/government
--1700-1799	Xart	--industry	--religion
--1800-1899	--commerce	--invention	--science
X1900-	--communications	Xlandscape architecture	--sculpture
	--community planning	--law	--social/humanitarian
	--conservation	--literature	--theater
			--transportation
			--other(specify)

Specific dates ca. 1907 Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The home at East 1314 Fifth Avenue is located on the south side of a tree-lined street that was designed for view homes overlooking beautiful and rustic Liberty Park. The park, a donation to the City of Spokane in 1897 by F. Lewis Clark, was one of Spokane's oldest and largest parks. The original plans, that included rustic bridges, paths, and a stone pavilion, were drawn up by K. K. Cutter and later revised slightly by the Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Mass. The house belonged to Henry M. Hart, a Cornell graduate who came to Spokane as principal of the first high school, now known as Lewis and Clark. During Hart's tenure, from 1907 to 1936, the school became known as one of the finest in the West and Hart was a leader in the educational and cultural affairs of the city.

The Spokane Park Board, led by Aubrey L. White, envisioned an extensive system of parks throughout Spokane. Harvard-educated Clark came to Spokane and added to his fortune through investments in banking, real estate and mining. He donated the land for Liberty Park, with the stipulation that Fifth Avenue be graded and paved so that the homes along the basalt cliff on its south side would overlook the park. The area was a perfect setting for a rustic park, with the cliff, a small lake, and huge basalt out-croppings. The plans by Cutter and the Olmsteds were carried out and Liberty Park remained one of the most beautiful parks in the city until the freeway was built. It went through the heart of the park, disrupting the entire area and leaving only a poor remnant of the once gorgeous natural setting.

Hart, who lived in the home with his wife and two children, was a leader in the establishment and development of Lewis and Clark high school and its traditions. Spokane high school, later called South Central, was the first secondary school in the city. The school burned in 1910 and while it was being rebuilt, the two student bodies shared facilities at the new north side high school under the direction and leadership of Hart. He was instrumental in getting "Teddy" Roosevelt to lay the cornerstone of the new school that opened in April, 1912. Hart suggested the name Lewis and Clark and the school colors, orange and black.

Hart saw the high school as a center of both education and culture for Spokane. He planned and directed efforts to have a large auditorium in the new school equipped with a pipe organ and grand piano so that visiting artists could use the facilities to give concerts for the townspeople. Realizing that Spokane had no art gallery, he established one in the school corridors, raising \$40,000 to purchase paintings. He was innovative in the programs he introduced to the district that included

9. Major Bibliographical References

R. L. Polk Spokane City Directories

Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1910 and 1953

SouthCentral/Lewis & Clark high school annuals, 1908, 1924, 1926

Spokane Park Board Annual Report, 1912/1913.

Spokesman-Review newspaper: ~~Sept. 12, 1897; June 2, 1898; June 11, 1898; July 10, 1898; Aug. 14, 1898; Dec. 15, 1929; Nov. 17, 1936; June 4, 1944; May 25, 1952;~~
Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1958.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre.

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 25 of Liberty Place Addition, City of Spokane.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state

county

state

county

11. Form Prepared By

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organization

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city/town Spokane

state WA. 99203

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summer school, adult education, ^{and} special classes tutored by teachers willing to work with students who were having difficulty. To encourage scholastic achievement and community involvement, he initiated awards to recognize students who excelled. Hart started the band, orchestra and journalism programs as well as the many clubs and organizations designed to foster interest for those students who were not involved in athletics. He was given two honorary degrees in recognition of his work, one from Whitman College in 1930 and another from Gonzaga in 1932. He was named to a national committee to study secondary education and was president of the Northwest Association of secondary schools.

Henry M. Hart, through his career and his high personal standards, had an impact on generations of students and townspeople in Spokane. Since it was his home the entire time he lived in Spokane, the house reflects this impact.

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12. Signature of Owner(s)

Larry Collins

Charlotte Collins

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: 9-14-90

Date Heard: 10-3-90

Commission Decision: Approved

Council/Board Action: Approved

Date: October 22, 1990

Attest: Elizabeth Davidson
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Amber Schuck
Ass't City Attorney

We hereby certify that this property has been listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places:

Spence S. Bernard

MAYOR, City of Spokane

or

CHAIR, Spokane County Commissioners

[Signature]

CHAIR, Spokane City/County Historic Landmarks Commission

Katherine W. Hawelt

City/County Historic Preservation Officer

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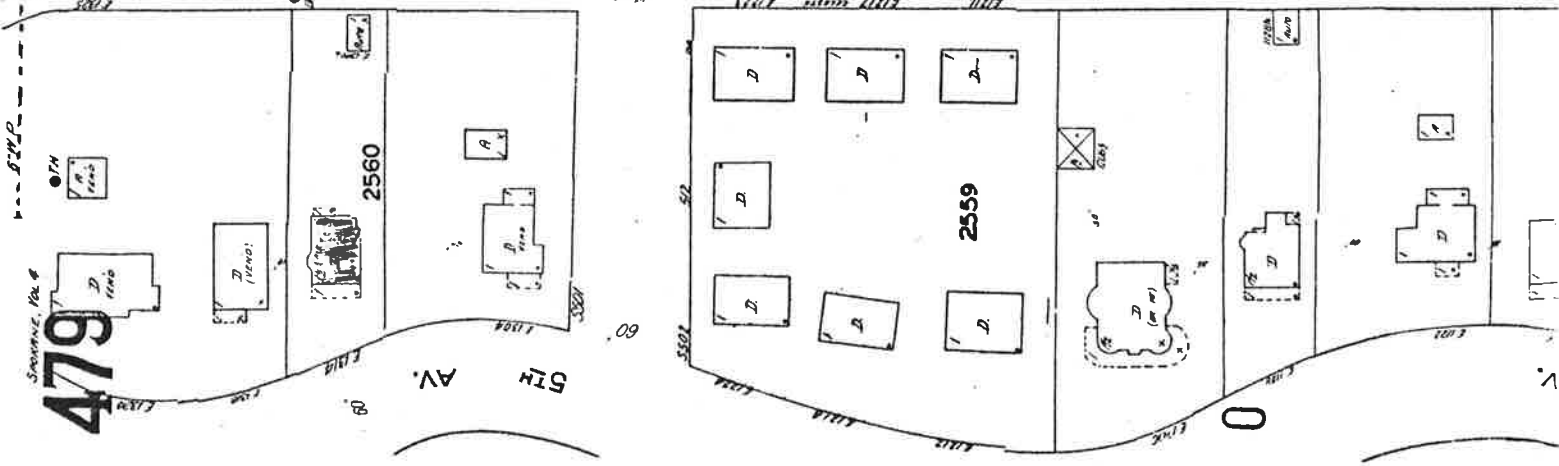
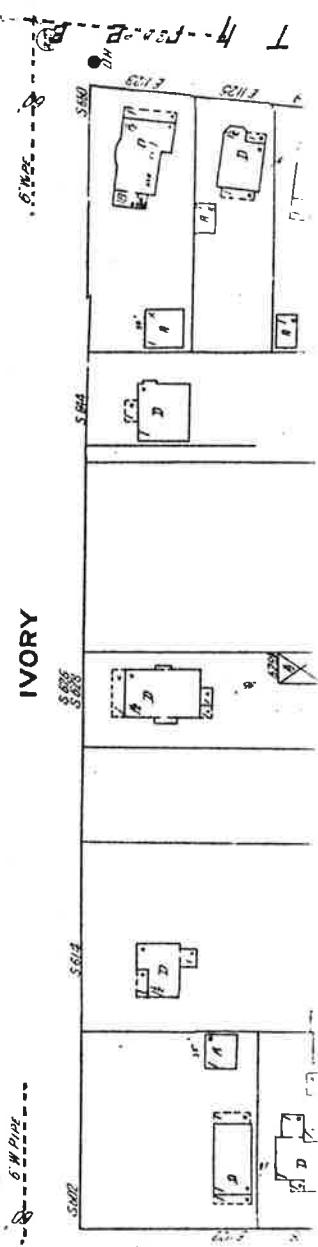
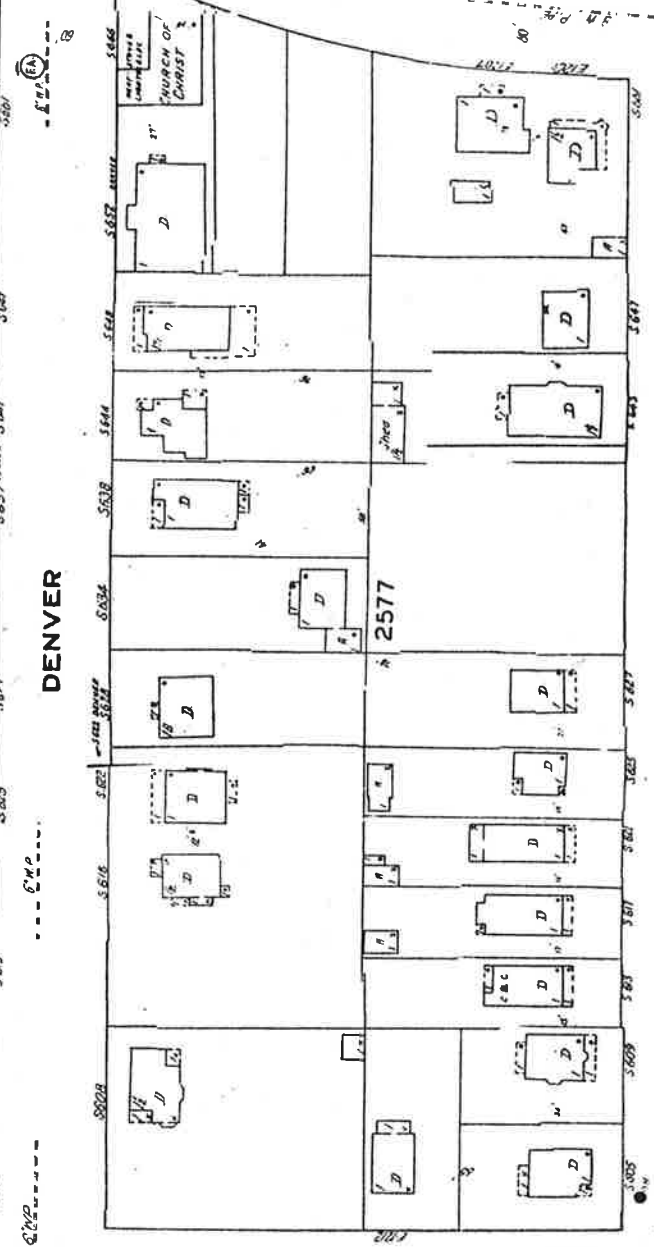
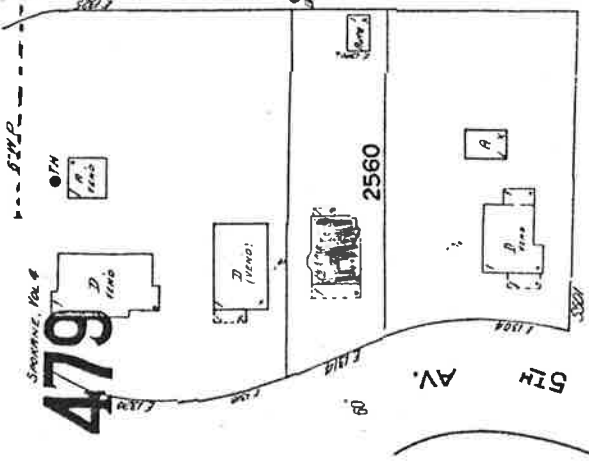
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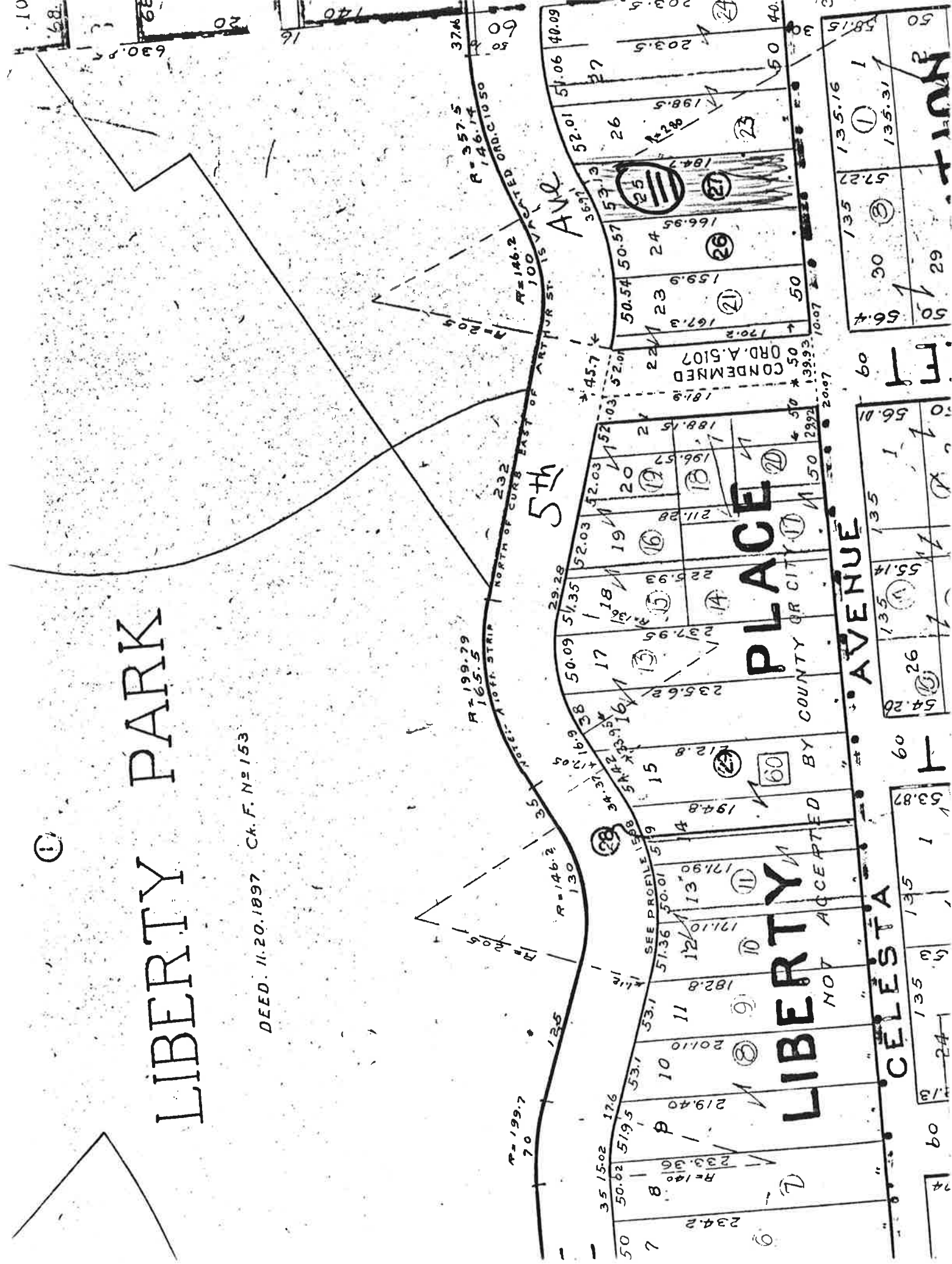
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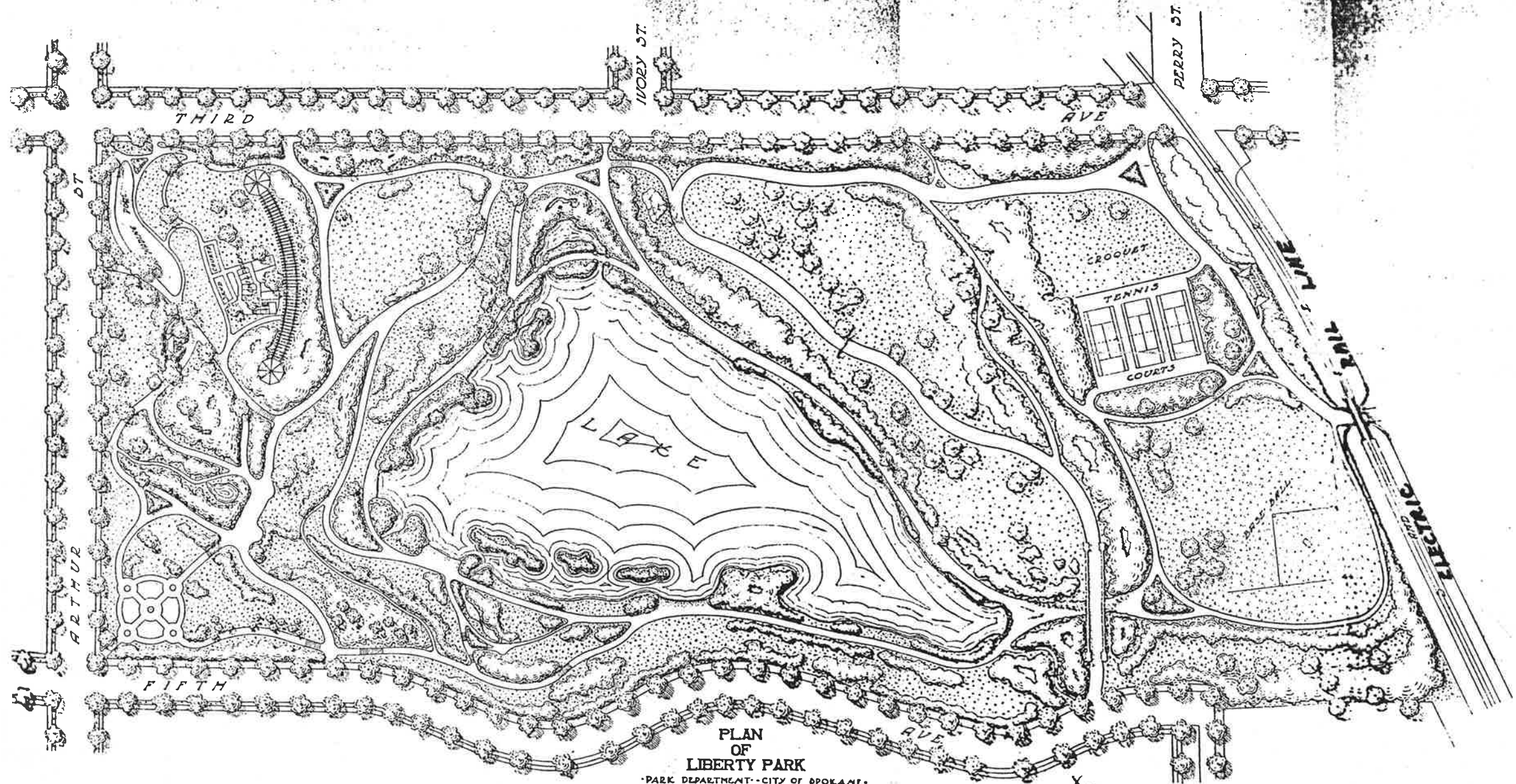


1952 Sanborn map

LIBERTY PARK

DEED. 11.20.1897. C.K.F. N° 153





X Original plan of the
Liberty Park neighborhood.

PLAN
OF
LIBERTY PARK
 PARK DEPARTMENT - CITY OF SPOKANE
 J. W. DVANCEAN PARK DVPT - E. J. CLARKE, ENG.
 SCALE 80 FT. = 1 IN. - FEBRUARY 11TH 1912.
 OLIMTED DROB LANDSCAPE ARCHT'D.
 BROOKLINE MASS. MAY 15TH 1902.

X
E. 1314-5th
Hart Home

Frequency
Changing
Station