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The Yngve and Hansen Grocery

East Stanwood's popular grocery store, the Yngve and Hansen Store was built in 1931 on the main street. From the photo below, shopping looked so much simpler! They were among about six or seven small groceries and mercantiles in Stanwood and East Stanwood of that era.

After being in business since 1922, Evelyn Yngve

and Jim Hansen opened their new brick "Cash and Carry" grocery store. It featured the opportunity to pay cash rather than run a charge account. "Credit and delivery added to overhead" according to Mr. Hansen. The store was sold to Hildur and Sven Skogland in 1959 who operated it until 1965. By then Thrifty Foods and the Viking Market brought the area into the modern age of groceries, both are now closed also. (See p. 6 for photo)



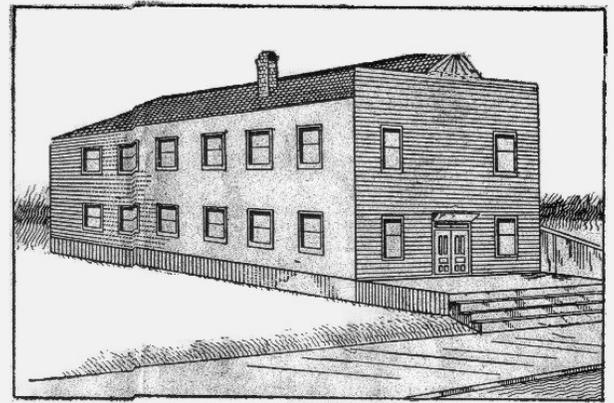
They Built the Floyd

By Richard Hanks

The latter third of the 19th century has been dubbed the “Golden Age of Fraternalism.” Fraternal organizations proliferated throughout the United States into the early 20th century, as common in small towns or larger cities as the corner grocery store. Stanwood was certainly no exception to this growing trend. Two of the biggest associations in these times were the Freemasons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In Stanwood and Camano, where logging in particular was a large employer for area residents, organizations such as the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Woodmen of the World and the Independent Order of American Foresters found willing members. Many also belonged to the Order of Good Templars and later the Elks and Eagles. A 1906 Snohomish County history stated that “like most of the towns in the West, Snohomish [County] has the fraternal spirit well developed, and is abundantly supplied with lodges.”

Enterprising members of the Stanwood Fraternal Association, which organized in January of 1901, were responsible for building the 1902 hall which today bears the name of the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center. Their first officers were President Ed Potter, Secretary Thomas Murphine, and Treasurer George Ketchum who was also a trustee along with Ira F. Galloupe and Frank Connors.

The Ancient Order of Foresters of America formed in Stanwood in 1893 according to the *Seattle Daily Intelligencer* and it is likely that many of this Order joined the new Fraternal Association. Many were journeymen laborers who moved from town to town or camp to camp to find employment. That includes some of the officers of the Stanwood Fraternal Association. The Fraternal Association owned the Floyd for only a short time when it financially failed in 1906. The hall was sold to the Odd Fellows two years later. It became known as the Public Hall, Forester’s Hall and concurrently the Opera House of Stanwood.



FRATERNAL HALL

Fraternal Hall design from the *Stillaguamish Valley Press* Feb 7, 1902

George Ketchum, Pioneer, Passes

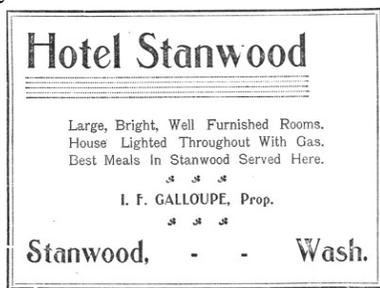


George Ketchum became a well-known and respected fixture in Stanwood until his death at the age of 95 in September 1955. Born in Ontario, Canada in 1859 he made his way to Stanwood in 1884. In 1892 he married Mattie Frances Hall. The owner of a general merchandise store on Market Street, he was elected to the first city council in 1903 and later became the town’s mayor from 1910 to 1911 and again from 1918 to 1920. The 1900 building which housed his store still stands today at the corner of Market and Irvine streets. He also speculated in land as a real estate agent and owned a shingle mill when he joined the Fraternal Association. His acquisition of a lake two miles north of Stanwood bears his name today and supplied clean water to Stanwood. A dedicated participant in civic and fraternal life, he also was a founding member of the Camano Lodge of Freemasons. Upon his death the *Twin City News* proclaimed that his life showed “a standard of morals and achievement well worthy of emulation.”

Trustee **Frank Connors** was born in Machias, Maine in 1868. After living with an older brother for a few years, 14-year-old Frank joined his father John and brother Billy in Stanwood in 1882. He lived with his father until 1887. On Christmas day of that year, Frank married Cora Wheeler and began farming outside of Stanwood. He had 120 acres of prime land a short distance outside of Stanwood and a five-acre plot just across the city's northern limit. The reliable Frank was made road supervisor of District 1 in 1895 and served on the Stanwood city council at different times. He became a Snohomish County Commissioner during some of the rough early years of the Great Depression often lamenting the hard financial decisions the Commission was forced to make. "I will be glad when my term of office expires," Frank wearily said in 1932. Eight years later, at the age of 71, Frank was working as a Water Works engineer when he died in Stanwood in 1940 of a heart attack. His home still stands at the north end of Market Street just before the railroad tracks.

Unlike Ketchum and Connors, Ed Potter, Thomas Murphine and Ira Galloupe lived in the Stanwood community only for a short time but today the resurrection of the Norgaard Center is part of their legacy. The youngest of the group was Murphine who was also the hall's first manager. Ironically his middle name was Floyd. His future involved a long political career in Washington state and later in California real estate.

Not surprisingly **Ed Potter**, the Association's first president, was a carpenter while living in Stanwood with his wife Isabell. By 1910 he had moved on to the city of Snohomish where he managed a skating rink. Nine years later in Wenatchee he married a second time and worked in the building industry primarily as a painter. Potter died in Leavenworth in 1927.



Galloupe early Stanwood Hotel Proprietor and elected to the first Stanwood Council Sept 1903 *Stanwood Tidings* Feb. 5, 1904 advertisement.

Association trustee **Irophara "Ira" F. Galloupe's** connection to the timber industry is not apparent but the early councilman and ex-soldier had a flair for cooking, hotel management and surviving a hazardous past. Born in Ohio in approximately 1847, his family soon migrated to Illinois. In 1864 he enlisted in the 39th U.S. Infantry – a Missouri volunteer unit of mounted troopers attempting to curtail Confederate guerrilla activity. He survived a deadly ambush in September 1864 by the infamous Bloody Bill Anderson one month after enlisting which killed 122 of his regiment. After the war he worked as a laborer around Quincy, Illinois and married in 1873. Three years later he enlisted in the 7th Cavalry (George Custer's old command) and by

1880 was part of the garrison at Fort Meade, Dakota Territory. Divorced by his first wife, he traveled through Idaho and settled in Seattle by 1895 where he began a business venture. He becomes owner of Hotel Stanwood around 1903. Five years later he is a farmer in Benton County. In 1910 his second wife Clara Galloupe died. A year later he re-purchased the hotel--the same year he married Ethel West--his third and last wife. While living in a disabled soldiers' home in California in 1920, Galloupe is credited with helping push forward an important remodeling of the I.O.O.F. hall in 1922. Galloupe died in a soldiers' home in Retsil, Washington in January 1937.



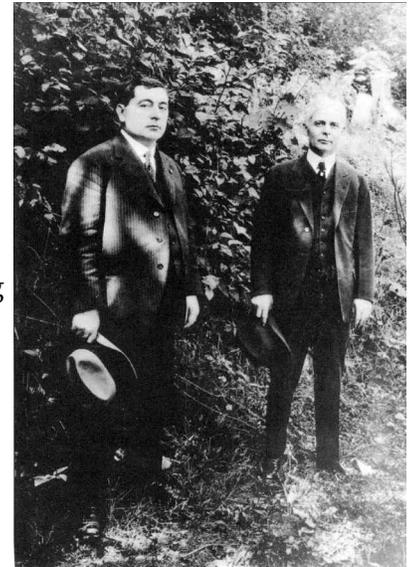
Only 21 when he became Secretary of the Stanwood Fraternal Association, **Thomas Murphine** was the hall manager in 1903. Born in Ohio in 1878 he and his parents were living in Snohomish County by 1887 and in Stanwood by the 1900 census. His father Samuel was a farmer and stock trader. Thomas was working in the logging industry at

that time. A capable student, Thomas earned a Bachelor's of Philosophy degree from the University of Washington in May of 1898 and was still working on his law degree when he became the Fraternal Association's Secretary and two years later married Violet Cowan. The couple moved to Seattle where Murphine and his father Samuel started a cigar stand while he took evening law courses.

He went on to a powerful political career. He was awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in June 1907 and soon became known in Seattle as the leading "Bull Mooser," running for the state legislature as a Progressive Republican in 1912 at which time a Seattle newspaper dubbed him a "state political magnate." While in the legislature (1913-1917) he met and became close friends with Ole Hanson who won a term as Seattle's mayor in 1918 appointing Murphine as Superintendent of Public Utilities. Both men were instrumental in putting down the first general strike in U.S. history when Seattle's 65,000 workers walked off their jobs in 1919.

In 1920 Hansen and Murphine formed a real estate partnership in Los Angeles with Murphine as the primary sales agent even as he finished a second stint in the Washington legislature (1921-1925). They developed several properties in L-A before turning their sights to what is today San Clemente. Around 1930 Murphine became the town's first mayor. Plunging property prices and political in-fighting brought their friendship to an end in 1933. Tom Murphine died November 18, 1943 and was buried in Forest Lawn in Glendale, California.

Each of these men left their own unique mark on the times in which they lived. Part of their lives also changed the course of events in Stanwood and Camano. As stewards of the legacy they left us with the creation of the Floyd, we are proud of its enduring presence in the stories which created this community.



Sources: Stillaguamish Valley News, February 7, 1902; Application for Admission to State Soldiers' Colony, Orting, WA, March 17, 1931; Stanwood Tidings, October 6, 1911; Seattle Daily Intelligencer, August 8, 1893; Tacoma Times, January 23, 1913; San Diego Union, October 3, 1933; Seattle Daily Times, October 1, 1933, November 18, 1943; Bellingham Herald, November 18, 1943; Tacoma News Tribune, January 26, 1937; Twin City News, September 15, 1955; Don Kindred, The Legend of Ole Hansen, San Clemente Journal, www.sanclementejournal.com, posted March 19, 2018; Alice Essex, The Stanwood Story, v. 1, 1971; Illustrated History of Skagit and Snohomish Counties, 1906; Obituary files of the Stanwood Area Historical Society Archives; Public records on Ancestry.com.

The Norgaard Barn in Cedarhome

Peter Norgaard, father of Floyd Norgaard and his many sisters and brothers, made a classic scrapbook with many pictures from the Stanwood area and of the Norgaard family. It was sent to us in 2020 from Denmark by cousin Ingil Norgaard. The collection includes two large ring-binders with everything from bus-tickets over napkins to printed menus from the ship. There is also an account of the building of the barn written by brother Wesley and an typewritten family history by his sister Norma.

We are very grateful to the many families like the Norgaards who have shared their family histories that all serve to enrich our stories, exhibits and projects with more than vital statistics.

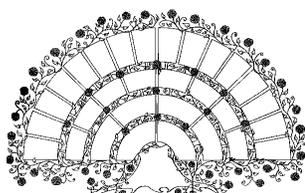
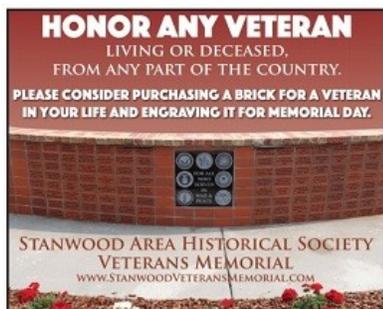


Norgaard Barn built in 1911



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Camwood Genealogy Workshop resumes with social distancing, first Mondays of the month. Contact info@sahs-fncc.org

Memorial Day to be celebrated in the Veterans Memorial Park.

COVID-19 willing there will be Memorial Day Ceremony (outdoors) recognizing those who died in our wars of the past centuries. We begin **Memorial Day, May 31 at 11:00 am at the Anderson Cemetery**, where the American Legion continues their tradition of honoring the Veterans who are buried there.

At noon, we will close 102nd Ave. NW from 271st to 272nd Street and we will set up chairs in front of the SAHS Veterans Memorial. The Cookie Mill will have cookies and hot drinks available and Ed Pearson will be performing live music.

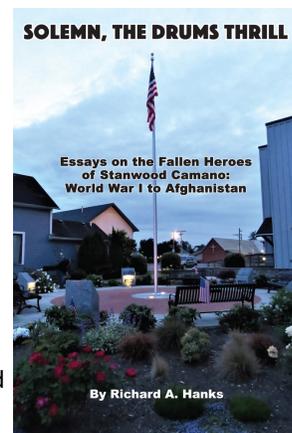
There will be an art and military exhibit on the first floor of the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center highlighting the life and work of Fred Pilkington. On the third floor there will be an exhibit on the Von Moos family tradition of placing flags on Veterans graves at Anderson Cemetery. There will also be an exhibit on Bob Neale of the Flying Tigers, who was Camano's Ace of Aces.

At 1:00pm, the ceremony begins and service flags will march up 102nd Ave. to the south entrance of the Memorial. We will welcome the Veterans and make announcements. Then everyone will stand for the presentation of the U.S. flag, the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Pastor Scott Brents.

Ed Pearson will play service songs and all service flags will be posted. Richard Hanks will read a story from his book, followed by the reading of all 50 names by Dave Hayes and Tracey Meck.

Mary Pilkington will carry the POW/MIA flag and post, Ed Pearson will play God Bless America and Samuel Stanton will play Taps. The American Legion Post #92 will perform a 21-gun salute.

When the program is over we will continue to have cookies and drinks, the exhibits will be open until 3:00pm and Richard Hanks will be selling and signing his book on our fallen heroes for \$21.00 (cash or check please) with all proceeds going to the Memorial.



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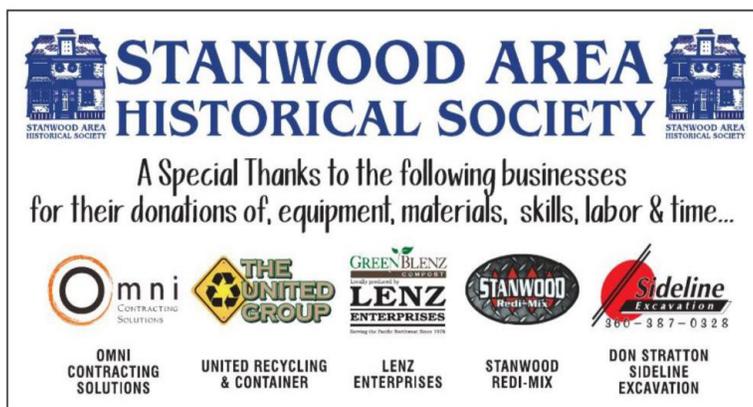
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Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center Painting & Restoration Project 2020-21

We are looking forward to Spring and Summer with the completion of the front and north exterior walls of the Floyd. Because of loss of our regular schedule of events, we anticipate that a vaccine and practicing social distancing/masks will bring us an opportunity to re-open for tours and begin to re-schedule our activities - making use of this great building again. Just this month we have been awarded \$15,000 in reimbursable grant funding from **2021 Snohomish County Historic Preservation Grant Program** and another grant from the **Tulipcares.org**. Thank you! Thank you! Thank You!

We have many, many people to thank for all the work accomplished this year in spite of COVID-19, most especially **ARA Construction, D G Hopkins Painting, Bill Keller, Jim Joyce and Richard Hanks**.

In addition to the painting and restoration projects, we recently removed a small residence in severe disrepair from the lot north of the FNCC. We could not have done this without the help of help of **Les Anderson**, and the in-kind donations of **Omni Contracting Solutions, United Recycling & Container, Lenz Enterprise, Stanwood Reditmix and Don Stratton Sideline Excavation** and an **anonymous donor** who helped cover costs of removing asbestos in the residence. More details are chronicled in our webpage posts: www.sahs-fncc.org - scroll down!



Activities, Volunteer Opportunities and Highlights

Social distancing is still necessary but we anticipate we will begin with appointment only tours and will soon be open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons 1 p.m.—4 p.m. We have many volunteers to thank for their time and expertise to move forward while working under COVID-19 safety guidelines this year:

The **Stanwood Branch of the Sno-Isle Libraries** donated the 1970-2018 bound volumes of the Stanwood Camano Newspapers. They are invaluable and will help us immensely with our many history research projects. Note Sno-Isle Libraries provides digital versions of the Stanwood Camano News beginning in 2009. <https://www.sno-isle.org/resource/>

Thank you also to **Janet Larson, Diane & Les Anderson, and Joan Andrews** who spent many hours on new signage for our facilities which will be appearing soon.

Volunteers from the community and our members have been planning of the **Memorial Day Program** (see p. 5 for details).

The members of the Board meet monthly to plan events and share information. If you would like to be involved, feel free to contact us for details. We welcome new and continuing members to visit and learn how you can volunteer every week or month or as you are available. Interest is the only qualification, bring your own local expertise and experience, share and learn with all of us. Contact info@sahs-fncc.org



Help us with our historic buildings research projects.

The Historic Sites Tour continues with volunteers researching our historic buildings in Stanwood and on Camano Island. There are always more discoveries to be made.

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