



Kastner's Market was located at 2000 NW 56th Street. The sign on the left side of the store has the slogan "Ballard's Pioneer Market". (1937)



This drug store had a soda fountain and was located at 5344 Ballard Avenue.

*"I have lived in Ballard all my life. My brother, my sister, and I remember going to our corner grocery on 17th and being waited on by Bill Boutin. My brother remembers buying candy from Bill. A lot of kids came to the store and made a bee line to his candy counter near the back of the store. Bill was always kind to us kids. I can still almost picture Bill with a pipe in his mouth." Geraldine Hansen*



Established in 1890 by Pharmacist H.S. Calhoun, the Ballard Pharmacy was a neighborhood fixture for decades. It was located at 5209 Ballard Avenue. The sign on the side door reads W. Johnson, Physician and Surgeon.



# BALLARD CORNER STORES

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CORNER STORES WERE INTEGRAL TO THE CULTURE and development of Ballard. During Ballard's early years, there were corner stores on almost every street in Ballard. Ballard's corner stores were a convenient place to buy food and supplies. As Ballard grew over the years the corner store, meat market, pharmacy, hardware store, flower shop, tailor, and the shoe store, were crucial to daily life. Having these supplies readily available to Ballard residents helped catalyze the growth of Ballard, especially from 1890 through 1930.

Schuessler's Grocery on the corner of 20th Avenue NW and NW 56th Street was Ballard's original corner store. As Ballard grew, there was at least one family owned corner store in every neighborhood.

Ballard's corner stores were much more than just a store on a corner. Daily home delivery was standard and children could often receive a treat, such as a hot dog or piece of candy, when stopping by the store to say "hello". Employees that weren't family members were generally treated as family members. Store owners played the role of parent, driving the young employees home after night shift or providing a home cooked lunch. Regardless of its location and wares, the corner store was woven into the fabric of Ballard, serving to strengthen the community and enrich its history.



Depression era photo of corner store that stood on this site 1905-1964

*"We lived at 1742 62nd Street and my mother would send me to buy bread or milk. The store had a central door with big windows on either side. The floor was wooden planks. From the door straight back was a long wooden counter where the cash register was located along with many jars and containers with candy. The candy was probably a penny to a nickel. The chocolate bon bons were usually with vanilla filling but if you got a pink filling you got a free one."*  
Shirley (Francis) Faris

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The north lot of the Ballard Corners Park site had a corner store which was built in 1905 and operated as a neighborhood market until 1954. Earlier grocers included M.M. Ross, Sever Thompson, and Nils Hawkins. The last grocer was William "Bill" Boutin who operated the store as Boutin's Grocery from 1941 to 1954.

Older residents have described Boutin's store as similar to a modern convenience store, stocked with essentials such as milk, bread, and eggs. According to several residents who were children in the store's final years, it also had a large selection of candy and confections stored in large glass jars along one counter. Another older resident recalls getting ice cream at the store.

The store was closed in 1954 and stood empty until it was torn down in 1964. It probably couldn't compete with larger grocery stores nearby.

The facades of many old corner stores still exist in Ballard. The 'corner store' built by Nathan Arnold for Ballard Corners Park pays homage to these historic places.



S.O. Howick's Peoples' Market was located at 5433 Ballard Avenue. The store owner is the third man from the right with the mustache.



This 1906 photos shows Peterson & Jensen Grocery, "The Peoples Store", located at 5443-5447 Ballard Avenue.



1926 Seattle Post Intelligencer advertisement.



H. Jacobsen groceries was located at 36th Avenue NW and NW 65th Street at the end of the street car line.

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