

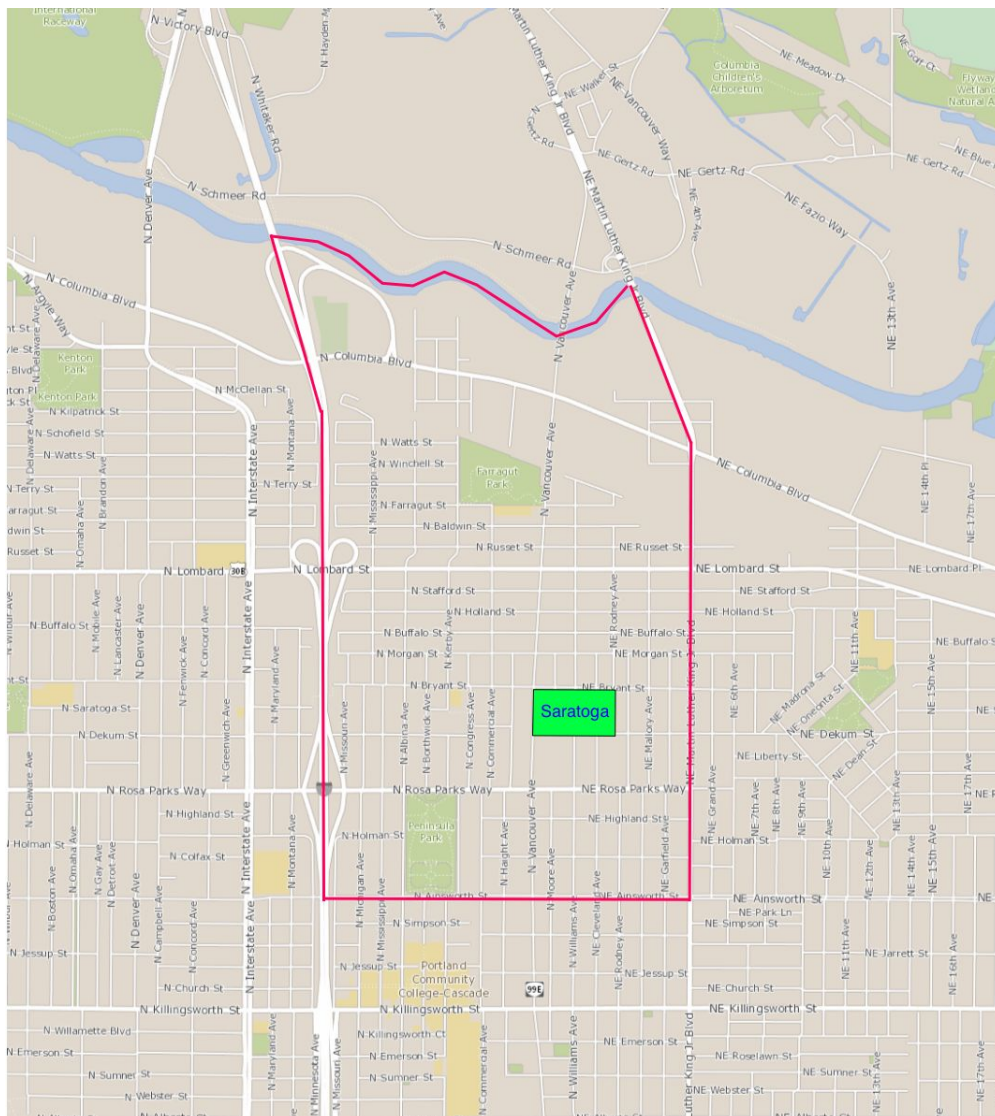
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## Subdivisions: Saratoga

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Seize your bargains while ye may  
Let not this chance go by  
The home within your reach to-day  
Next month may be too high



On March 30, 1889 the plat for Saratoga was registered by H. C. Wortman.



<http://www4.multco.us/Surveyimages/Plats/PL0000-0499/PL0114-037.PDF>

As usual, the longhand is not easy to decipher. The best I can do is

I H.C. Wortman hereby declare the annexed Map to be a true Plat of the Property held and laid out by me as Saratoga, situated in the North East Quarter of Section 15 T. 1 N R. 1 E. of the Willamette Meridian consisting of Eight Blocks numbered from One to Eight Inclusive. And Thereby dedicate to the public forever the Streets and Avenues as laid out in said map.

The street names have changed. Windsor Street became Williams Avenue in 1892, Belmont Avenue became Dekum Avenue in 1892, Woodlawn Street became Bryant Street in 1907, Congress Street became Cleveland Avenue in 1892.

The mysterious Albermarle Street on the east side seems to have never been registered as such. It explains the curious jump Rodney Avenue still makes at Bryant Street, and the fact that Saratoga dead ends going east before it actually gets to Rodney. We see the dead end on the 1908 Sanborn map in the back of this chapter. We also see that initially the street on the east side of the subdivision was named Camden Street, and then became Rodney Avenue in 1922. The 1924 Sanborn map still shows many empty lots in Saratoga. As the 1906 Block Book shows, it is not that the lots have not been sold, they just have not been built on yet.

In due time I will gather some more information about some of the owners of multiple lots, such as for example Sarah J. Henderson. But for the time being, we'll just look at H.C. Wortman, who is named H.C. Nortman in some documents. The name H.C. Wortman is perhaps familiar to Portlanders, because of the Olds, Wortman, and King department store downtown. Olds and King started a dry goods store in 1851, and Hardy Christian Wortman bought a third interest in that store in 1891, leading to the name change in 1900. His father, steamboat captain Jacob Wortman, had bought stores at Junction City and Monroe, and Hardy Wortman became a part owner in 1877. He moved to Portland to learn the banking trade, and became assistant cashier at the Commercial National Bank. Details about Wortman's further career in merchandising and his death in 1934 can be found in the references of this chapter. The webpage of PdxHistory.com has nice photos of the department store and the large deport near Woodlawn Park.



H. C. WORTMAN  
Retired department store executive,  
died here yesterday.

For our purposes it is more interesting from whom Wortman bought this section of the David Ulery DLC, and to whom he subsequently sold it. This requires quite a bit of additional research into the chain of title, which I am currently engaged in.

100	J.E. Heenan	100	Patience J. Gray
100	1	10	Annie M. Ammer
	2	9	
90	Wakefield Fries & Co.	0	
	3	8	
	4	7	Duncan Stewart
9	Herman Schmid	9	Ellen M. Breck
100	5	6	100

57.5

<sup>100</sup> Alf. Kolner <sub>5</sub>	<sup>100</sup> Jas. Sarfield <sub>5</sub>
1	<sup>10</sup>
<sup>100</sup> Geo. F. Felts <sub>5</sub>	<sup>100</sup>
2	9
<sup>100</sup> Kathleen Slevin <sub>5</sub>	<sup>100</sup> Sarah J. Henderson <sub>5</sub>
<sup>3</sup>	<sup>8</sup>
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<sup>100</sup> Ella M. Buck <sub>5</sub>	<sup>100</sup> Herman Schmid <sub>5</sub>
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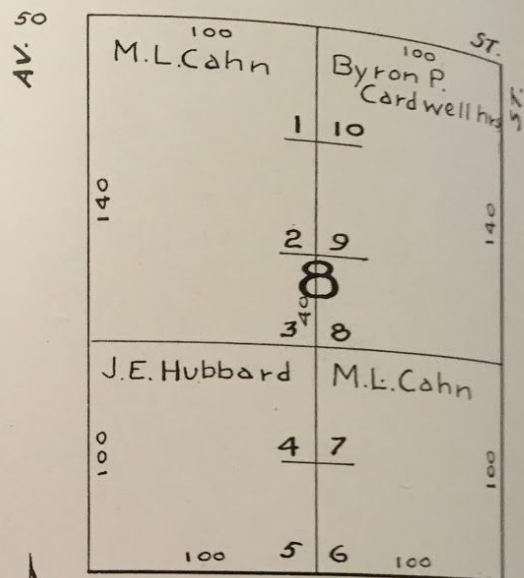
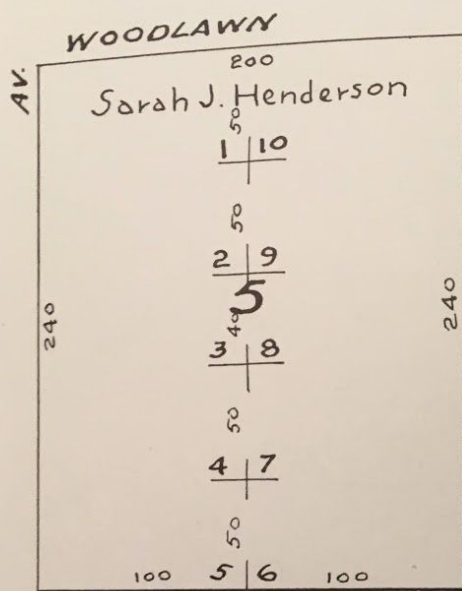
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	4	7
50	Stanley Soule	
100	5	6
		100

MOORE

Alfr. Kolner	Oscar Brun
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Minnie Leichtweis	F. Wandros
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3	8
Mary G. Northrup	Mary G. Northrup
4	7
H. C. Smith	
5	6

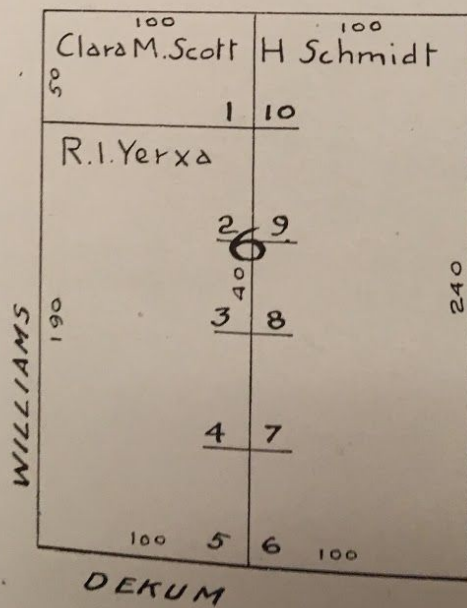
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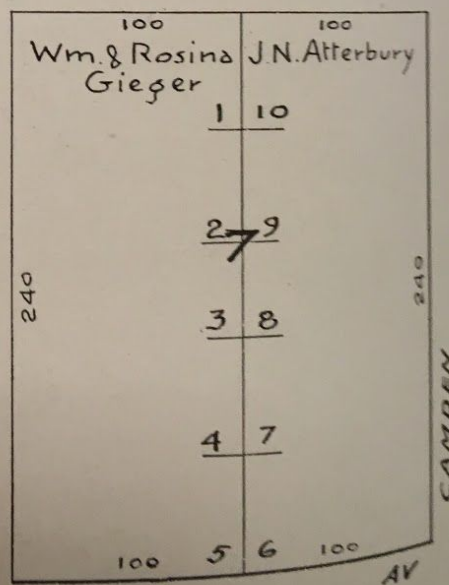


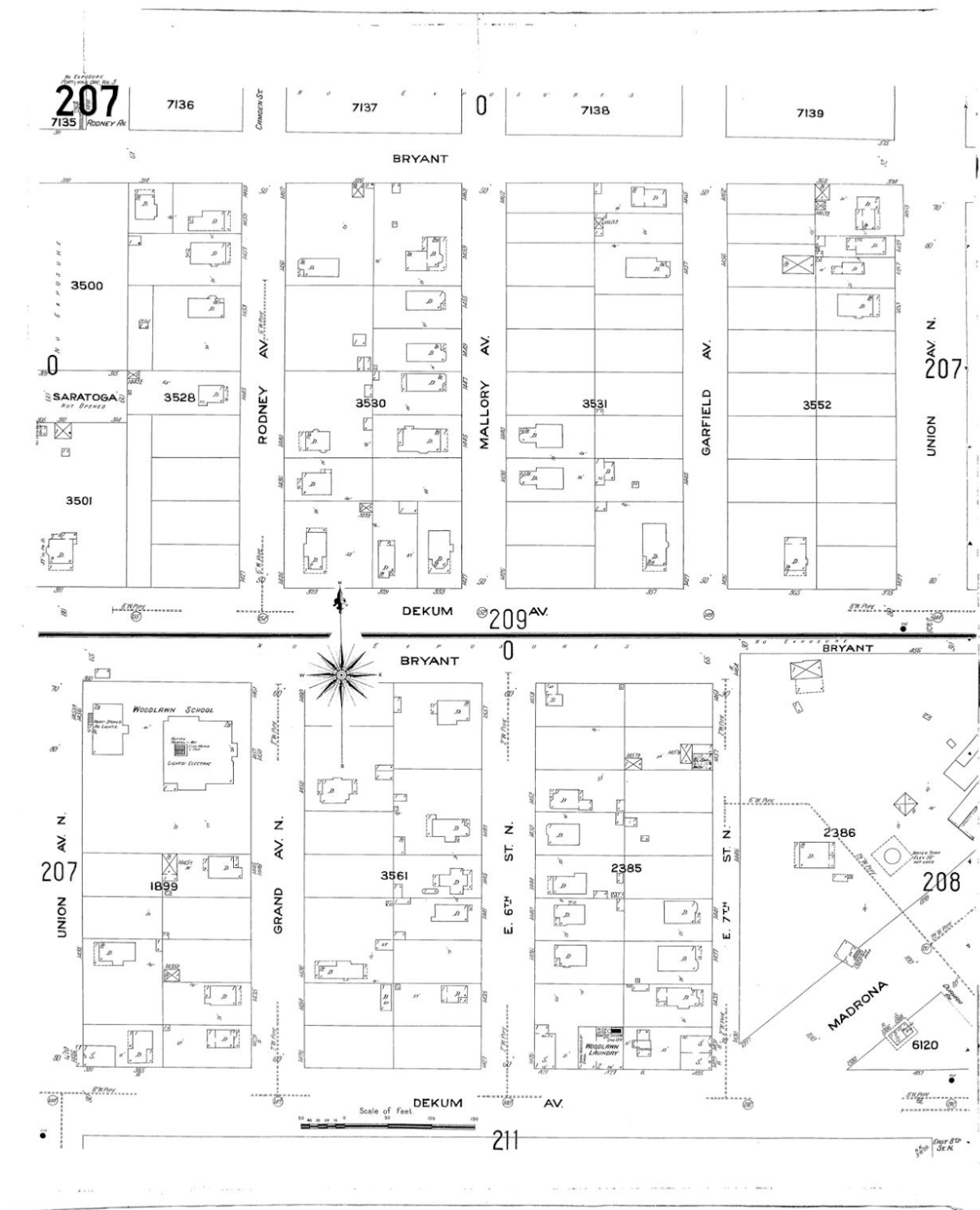
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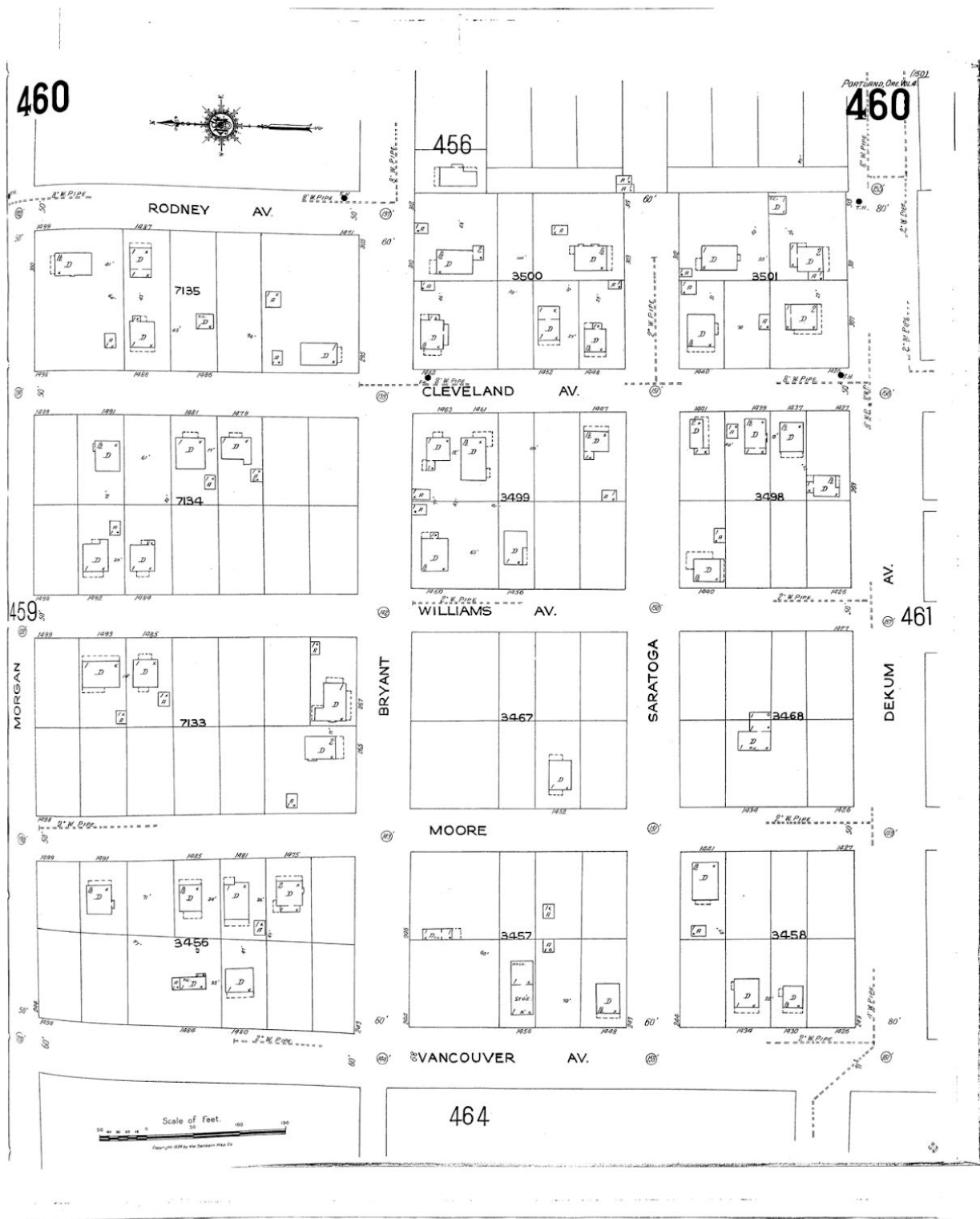


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1908 Sanborn Map



1924 Sanborn Map



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	\$200				\$250
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Next month may be too high

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