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Structures: Farragut Park

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The land for Farragut Park was part of the Lewis Love Donation Land Claim, more precisely from the portion inherited by the reverend Green C. Love. I have not traced yet when the Love family sold it, but I am sure that will not be difficult to find. I also have not find the ordinances and appropriations of the City of Portland to acquire the land and make it a park. Again, those will no doubt turn up eventually.

Note to Jan: Something about Zimmerman-Wells-Brown

I do know that on July 9, 1940 the City of Portland bought the land from the Zimmerman-Wells-Brown Company for \$ 10,000. Here is a link to a copy of the deed.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1C5xvjsPXF0nB-IMLXRU15F4Aev0fAeIe>

Note the precise description of the land, which is obviously not a rectangular parcel. Also note the exclusion of the approximately fifty by two hundred fifty feet parcel deeded to the Portland General Electric Company (I will find out when and by whom later). Portland Maps shows this strip of .24 acres is still not part of the park, although now it is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Again, I have not found yet when the ownership was transferred.



Here is another map from the County Assessor that shows two other aspects. None of the park is in the Lovewood subdivision, but the strip along Kerby is in Swinton.

The City Archives have many pictures of Farragut Park, beginning with the 1946 clearing.



[A2001-045.725 : Farragut Park clearing N Commercial Ave and Farragut St - 1](#)



[A2001-045.726 : Farragut Park clearing N Commercial Ave and Farragut St - 2](#)

Eventually I will include some of the more interesting pictures, but keep in mind that the Archives charge ten dollars for each picture, so I am going slow on buying them.

There are also plans and ordinances in the Archives to build and improve the various structures in the park, such as the grandstand, the concession stand, bleachers, baseball field lighting, and so on.

[Grandstand seating, concessions stand, comfort station, sports facilities and playground bleachers, scoreboard, and parking. Roland B Hall, designer.](#)

This will be all be added in due time.

It seems that Walter F. Rudd had a concession at Farragut from at least 1959 to 1974. I will collect some information on him and his activities. From the Oregonian of February 7, 1954.



Providing musical entertainment at luau or Hawaiian feast put on Monday by classes in hula dancing at YWCA were (from left) Mrs. Helen Wells, Walter Rudd, Miss Joyce Minami, James Lovewell and Mrs. Crystal Nagel. The feast drew capacity crowd with many turned away.

From the Oregonian of February 2, 1978.

Walter Rudd

Funeral for Walter F. Rudd, a Portland resident since 1939, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Pearson-Allen Funeral Home, with interment in Lincoln Memorial Gardens. Rudd, 70, died at his home Monday.

Mr. Rudd was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He had been a member of several bands in the Portland area, and operated the concession stand at Erv Lind Park for 18 years.

Surviving are his wife, Florence J.; one son, Jack B. of Portland; one stepdaughter, Pat Walker of Gresham; three sisters, Lora Douglas and Ruth Weldon of Cedar Rapids and Dora Dean of Long Beach, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

The Archives also contain permits for softball tournaments and associated concessions. To be worked out.

[Authorizing an agreement with the Portland Metropolitan Softball Association for the exclusive privilege of operating all concessions at the Erv Lind Stadium at Normandale Park and Farragut Stadium at Farragut Park for a period commencing April 1, 1972, and terminating March 31, 1974](#)

In general it seems that between 1950 and 1980 there was more activity going on at Farragut Park, and the City was investing more resources, than we see these days.