

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 7

Continuation Sheets / Individual Properties

Ravenna-Cowen North Historic District

Site ID: 21-6303

Address: 6303 21st Avenue NE

Parcel No: 8824900170

Built: 1914

Style: Craftsman

Architect: Charles H. Haynes, Haynes & Cautin

Classification: Historic Contributing

Historic Names:

Original Owner(s): J. Harland Bretz

Source: PSRA 1937, KCA, ST, U.S. Census

Sub Group: Front Gable (Rustic)

Builder/Contractor: J. H. Jones

Description: This unusual one-and-a-half-story Rustic Craftsman front clipped gable bungalow has a projecting clipped gable bay on the southern side of the street façade and a central entry porch sheltered by a non-original, but historically compatible upper floor balcony. The entry stairway retains its original brick masonry stair cheeks. All windows on the primary façades are original. The house is sheathed with shingles and the roof overhangs are supported on wood corbels.

Cultural Data: J. Harland Bretz, Ph.D. (1882-1981) was a Seattle high school science teacher who earned his Ph.D. in Geology at the University of Chicago in 1913. He became an assistant professor of geology at the University of Washington in 1914, and the following year accepted a faculty offer at the University of Chicago. Bretz became internationally famous for his theory of glacial flooding in Eastern Washington from prehistoric Lake Missoula. Charles Abbot Newhall (1881-1941) and his wife, Esterre Murdo Powell Newhall (1881-1949), lived at this address in the early part of the 20th Century. Newhall was a chemical engineer for the firm of Clyde C. Kennedy, with a special interest in sewage and water waste. He represented the engineers' committee in 1938 on a large public works initiative to put thousands back to work. In 1932, Newhall ran for state senator as the Democratic candidate from the 46th District.

Home Owners/Occupants

Year:

1914 -

1920 - At Least 1932

1940

1967

1971 - Current

Name:

J. Harland & Fannie B. Bretz

Charles Abbot Newhall

A.V. Johnson

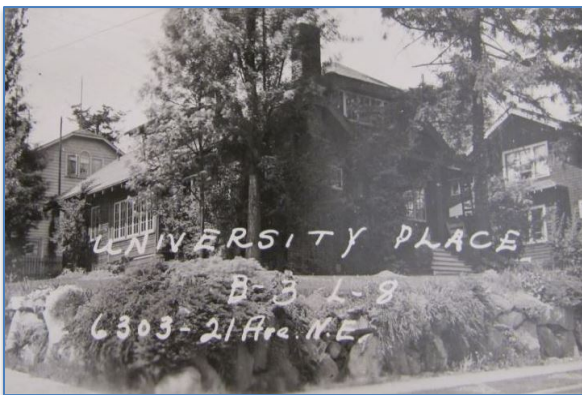
Glen A. Johnston

Ron M. Abramson/Richard Laboda family

Accessory Structure: Garage

Built: ca. 1912

Classification: Historic Contributing



1937



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