

An Anchorage History

Aerial Photo May 1950

Early years of Rogers Park and Traversie Sub-divisions

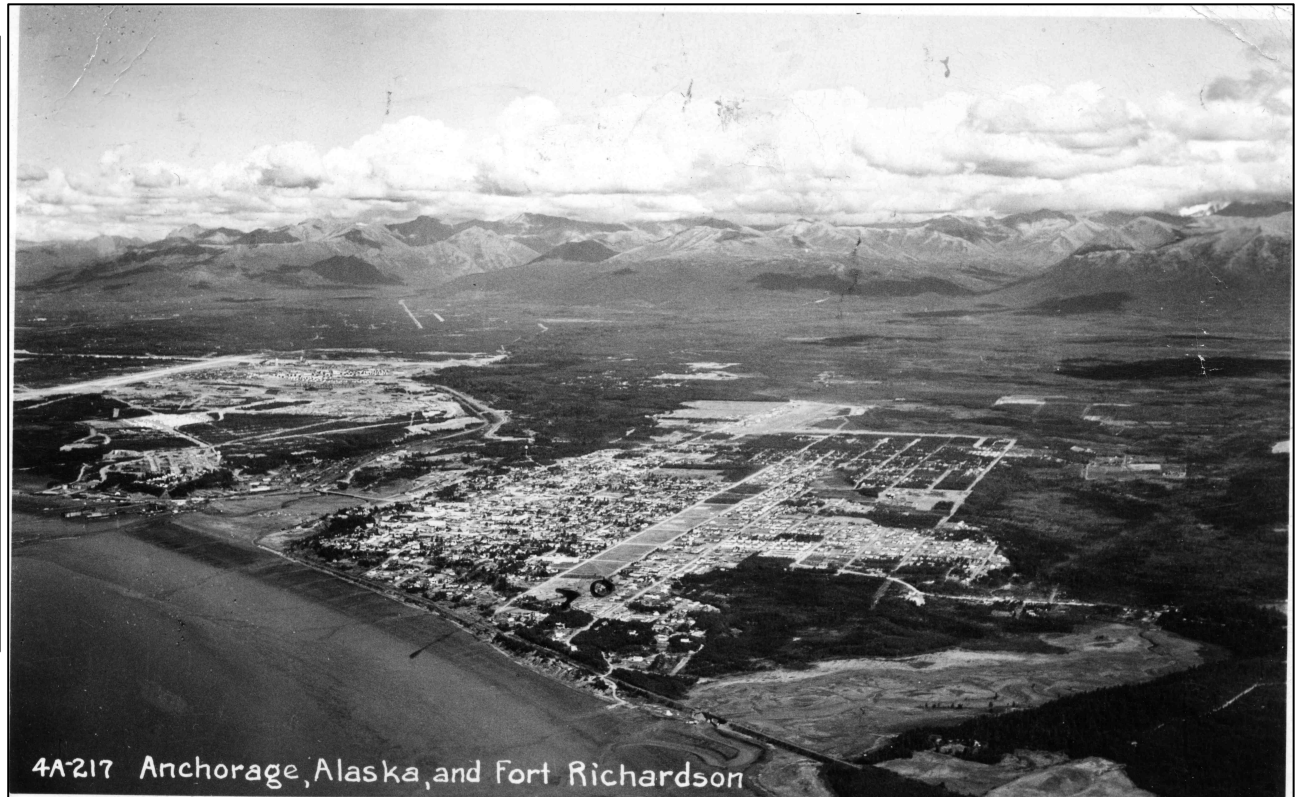
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Harold Fournelle 1950

In 1950, he joined the U.S. Public Health Service as a commissioned officer and had two job possibilities: Cincinnati Ohio or Anchorage Alaska. He drove his 1950 Ford up the Alcan Highway, arriving Anchorage August 11. He was 41 years old.



August 16 he sent Louise this postcard. "...I have circled where I am staying. A. appears to be a nice town. There are many fine shops here and it is up-to-date in many respects. It would be wonderful if you and the boys could be here. Hope it won't be too long."

Rogers Park 1950



August 23, 1950



September 3, 1950



September 30, 1950

Galewood : 104 ... then 2511 ... then 2503 ... today 2513

Aug 24.

My dear Louise –

One of the fellows here told me about a building constructor who was building new homes. I went over there then and made an inquiry. They took me out to a new addition being built up. It's known as Rogers Park and apparently was started about a year ago. The homes out there now are very nice. They showed me 2 houses they have left. They are well under way in construction and are scheduled to be completed by Oct 1. The entire building project in Rogers Park is financed through the AK Housing Authority.

He acquired a \$14,000 25-year mortgage.

Rogers Park in the 1950s



John and Joe December 1950



January 1954: Flooding Back Yard



Summer 1951
Constructing Oil Shed



Summer 1952



Meter Readers January 1956

Lake Otis Elementary 1957

Top: Mrs. Selma Wiese, Dixie McCree, Randy Eley, Billy Kind, Nancy Knedelik, Bobby Ball, Rickie Greenwood, Frances Lakiseen(?), **John Fournelle**, Janet Calerak



Middle: Bill Cummings, **Dorothy Traversie**, Ralph Belden, Vivian Meekens, Mary Howard, Alex Binek, Gale Biederman, Kenneth Comstalk, John Rail

Bottom: Terese McCloud, Patty Armstrong, Janice Cutler, Stanley Kehl, Ann McInnes, Norman Bailey, Barbara Zollar, Pamela Radcliffe

Rogers Park 1951 ... 2009

- I take a working vacation in summer 2009, house sitting on Cottonwood
- My brother asks me to try to find info about “plane crash in Rogers Park in 1951” (he scanned and emailed me the clipping our mother kept)

From: IARetread@aol.com

Date: Sat, 6 Jun 2009 19:19:36 EDT

John,

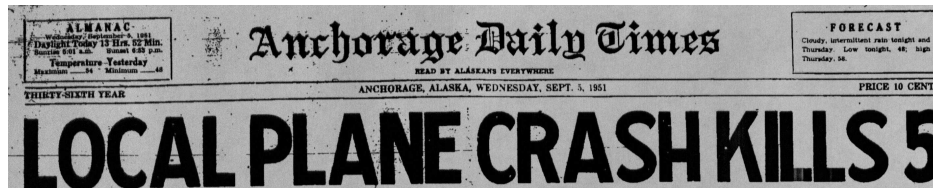
While you're there if you get a chance go to the library and look up the plane crash in Rogers Park when we were kids. I have a partial clipping from the paper but there's no date but I was able to narrow it down to sometime after July 27, 1951 and it seems to have been August or September. I can remember hearing the airplane going over and looking up and seeing fire coming out of it. The clipping heading reads "Engine afire shortly after takeoff; misses 3 homes by few feet". There's also a picture. I remember running in the house and telling Mom that a plane was on fire—she took us over to the Hopes and we shelled peas while she went to the crash to see if she could help. Do you remember any of that? I believe it's my earliest childhood memory that I can put a date on. Quite a thing for a first memory!

—Joe



Rogers Park 1951 ... 2009

- After several hours in ANC library I find it – Sept 5, 1951



ENGINE AFIRE SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF; MISSES 3 HOMES BY FEW FEET

Five persons, including a newly-wed military couple, were killed late yesterday afternoon when a twin-engine Cessna smashed down in suburban Rogers Park just after taking off from Merrill Field for Seward.

This latest crash raises to 91 the number of persons killed or missing in a series of Alaskan air accidents that started July 21 with the disappearance of a Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-4 on a flight to Anchorage from Seattle with 38 Korea-bound servicemen aboard.

Pilot Norm Mather of Christiansen Air Service fought valiantly to keep the plane from striking houses, bringing it down in flames in the back yard of an occupied home and narrowly missing several other houses.

Persons killed in the crash included:

Norm Mather, about 42, formerly with CAA and at one time airport manager for the City of Anchorage. O. M. Beaver, 37, senior member of the accounting firm of Beaver and Vansever.

Laurence Arndt, about 55, one of the original settlers in the Matanuska Valley and now an operator of a sawmill in Seward.

An Air Force captain and his Air Force nurse wife. They had been married only a few days. Their names are being withheld at the request of the military pending the notification of the next of kin.

The plane took off from Merrill Field at 4:40 p.m. A hundred feet in the air the craft's left engine caught fire and moments later it crashed just west of Cottonwood Avenue in Rogers Park, a short distance off Fireweed Lane.

Mather was still alive when rescuers pulled him out of the wreckage but he died on route to Providence Hospital in the Anchorage Fire Department's rescue truck.

One other person besides Mather was alive when rescuers got to the plane seconds after the crash. However, the terrific heat and flames made it impossible to aid them.

Jim Chadwick, pilot for Christiansen Air Service, watched the plane take off from Seward.

"Everything was normal until it was about 100 feet in the air," Chadwick said. "Then flames broke out in the left engine. There was no backfire."

"I don't know whether the pilot knew that the engine was on fire. I started for the control tower to tell them to tell him. Just the plane started down. I saw it as it went behind the trees and I knew that a crash was imminent."

The two-engine plane missed the homes belonging to Albert McGee and his wife.

The incident occurred at a mining camp near Wallace.

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Two Crashes Kill 14 Navy, Air Force Men

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho. — Seven Air Force fliers were killed last night when a B-29 bomber crashed one-fourth mile from a runway at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Base public relations officials said all the victims were stationed at the air base and that the plane was on a routine training flight from the base.

Names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The big bomber exploded on impact.

QUONSET POINT, R.I. — A seven-man crew perished last night when a Navy patrol plane plunged into the sea and exploded during operations with a submarine.

The accident occurred about 30 miles east of Montauk Point, N.Y.

Witnesses said the plane gave evidence of distress just before the crash.

The plane was attached to the patrol squadron five at Jacksonville, Fla., but was temporarily assigned to the Quonset Naval Air Station.

Hunt Kidnapping Cougar In Idaho

WALLACE, Idaho. — Animal or man — the penalty for kidnapping is death.

And North Idaho hunters are out for blood in their search for a cougar that tried to kidnap a two-year-old child.

Sam Peterson of Wallace said his small daughter, Jane, was carried 200 yards by a large cat that picked the girl up with its teeth in the child's sweater.

The animal dropped the child when Mrs. Peterson and her two sons ran after it screaming. After letting go of the little girl, the big cat stopped, snarled for a moment, and then disappeared in the brush.

Little Jane suffered only scratches about the face.

The incident occurred at a mining camp near Wallace.

Rogers Park 1951 ... 2009

From: IARetread@aol.com

Date: Sun, 23 Aug 2009 07:34:15 EDT

John

I have an aerial picture of Anchorage taken August 1950. It shows Rogers Park but not in great detail. So if you can scan me other pictures that would be great. I do remember the AfricanAmerican community south of Rogers Park--actually isn't that Northern Lights Blvd over there? I remember there were some shanty houses on the RP side of NL and one had a fire one summer day--dryer or electrical fire I think and we caught hell for going over there--Mom found you inside and I had just gotten out before she got there--how's that for memory? As for the other side yes I remember a good size community and remember a couple kids who lived over there: Carolyn Golson who was AfricanAmerican and whose father was in the Air Force--neat kid--I remember we traded cookies at lunch I think she was in my 2nd & 3rd grade classes at Lake Otis. The other was Arthur Melichian (?). He was white and lived in the "big house" over there. I remember him in 3rd & 4th grades. Mom found out he was Catholic and asked him if he had received his "first holy communion". He responded "Oh, yes ma'am and my second and third, too". He was a bit wild and wooly and I remember Mom saying she didn't want me to be so "palsy-walsy" with him. Naturally I hung with him at every opportunity. The things that come to mind!!

Joe

- I talk with neighbors Paul Reich and Noel Nelson about RP history
- I learn that Wilda Hudson is "old timer" and I go talk with her and she mentions the "community that was urban-renewed away"
- I ask my brother Joe if he remembers the African-American community across Fireweed...
- And this project starts...

Rogers Park Plat - 1953

In 2009, searching both online and downtown I found something...



Drawing dated March 1953, certified April 1953, of original plat P-20 filed April 1941 and plat P140 filed June 1949. And shows old names I couldn't remember: Eastway (E. 26), Snowcap Drive (E. 27), and Birchwood (Redwood)

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Aerial Photo-1950



Aerial Photo - 1959



Questions

What was the early development of Rogers Park?

Who was Rogers?

What was that community across Fireweed Lane?

What happened to it?

Rogers Park ... Robert J. Rogers

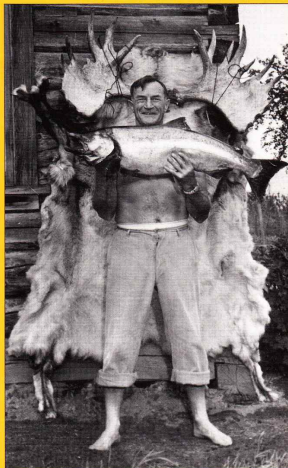
ROGERS Park

Robert J. Rogers (1920–1990) worked in construction and in 1939 homesteaded land that is now the Rogers Park Subdivision named for him. He was a 33rd-degree Mason, past Master of Juneau Lodge 147 and honorary Master of Anchorage Lodge 221.

Anchorage Place Names

The Who and Why of
Streets, Parks, and Places

By Rac Arno



Marvin R. "Muktuk" Marston, 1951
(Anchorage Museum, WWC 19-1)

Rogers was 33rd-degree Mason, 40-year resident of Alaska

Robert J. Rogers Sr., 69, died Tuesday at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital of a heart attack.

Mr. Rogers was born Oct. 22, 1920, in Boise, Idaho. He was a 40-year resident of Alaska and was retired from the construction industry.

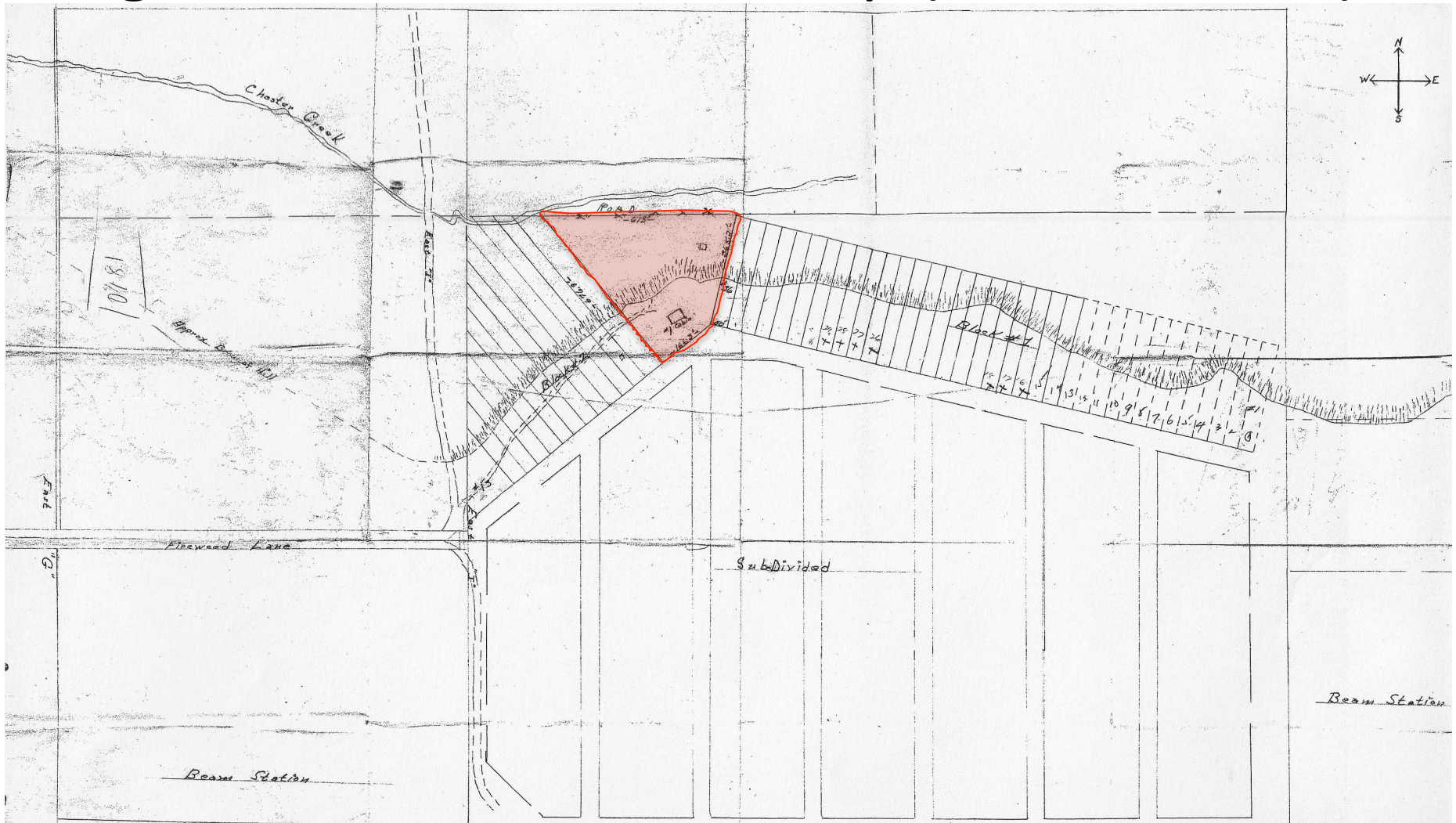
He was a 33rd-degree Mason, past Master of Juneau Lodge No. 147 and honorary Master of Anchorage Lodge No. 221. He was also a Past Scottish Rite Deputy in the Orient of Alaska.

Mr. Rogers leaves his wife, Beverly of Anchorage; son Robert Jr. of Anchorage; daughter Beverly Ann Hayes of Kenai; three grandchildren; two brothers, A.E. Rogers of Covina, Calif., and Claude Rogers of Mercedes, Texas; and one sister, Marguerite Linn of Carlsbad, Calif.

A memorial service was held in Fairbanks at the Chapel of Chimes on Saturday.

Thanks to Becky Orford, AK State Library Juneau

Rogers Park ... Undated Map (1936?-1941?)



From Janet Drake: original pencil map found in a closet in her home, the log cabin on Bannister (Lot #1 of Block #2). Note the road to Anchorage is "East I". In next map it will be "Otis Lake Road".

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Property of Robert L. Rogers
44 Hollywood Avenue
Chicago, 20, Illinois

Copy of map that
came with the house
Not dated

Rogers Park ... Original (Homestead) Cabin

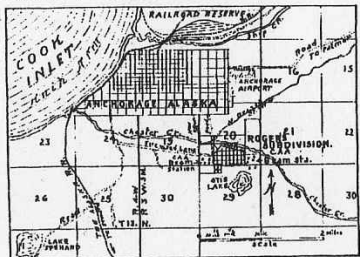
1335 Bannister (now 1359)

- Built ~1936?
- Ray G Wolfe? A Mr Bannister?
- Owned by L. J. Meeker to ~1946-47
- Owned by Ernie & Carie Boyd from 1946/7 to 1958
- Owned by The Drakes since 1958



Courtesy Janet Drake

VICINITY MAP, ANCHORAGE ALASKA



1941 (pre War)

Rogers Subdivision

S-E 1/4 OF N-E 1/4 SEC 20 = 40 AC.

UNPATENTED HOMESTEAD OF ROBERT J. ROGERS

CENTER OF SECTION

20

1/4 COR.
20-21

1/4 COR.
19-20

CHASTER CREEK
N 1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF S-W 1/4 = 20 AC.
UNPATENTED HOMESTEAD OF ROBERT J. ROGERS

N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF S-W 1/4 = 20 AC.
UNPATENTED HOMESTEAD OF ROBERT J. ROGERS

N 1/2 OF N-W 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SEC 20 = 20 AC.
UNPATENTED HOMESTEAD OF ROBERT J. ROGERS

NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SEC. 20 = 40 AC.
UNPATENTED HOMESTEAD OF ROBERT J. ROGERS

PROPERTY OF CHESTER LAMPERT

SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 = 10 AC.
UNPATENTED HOMESTEAD OF ROBERT J. ROGERS

THE NORTH 495 FT. OF THE SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 = 15 AC.
PATENTED LAND, PROPERTY OF ROBERT J. ROGERS

U.S. C.A.A. RADIO
BEAM STATION GROUNDS

U.S. C.A.A. RADIO
BEAM STATION GROUNDS
LEASED FROM ROBERT J. ROGERS 25 AC.

19 20
30 29

THE N 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE N-W 1/4
PROPERTY OF CHESTER LAMPERT

20 21
29 28

ROGERS SUBDIVISION

IN
THE S 1/2 OF SEC. 20, THE N-W 1/4 OF N-E 1/4 OF N-W 1/4 SEC. 19, T-13-N, R-3-W, S.M.
AT
JUNCTION OF FIREWEED LANE AND OTIS LAKE ROADS

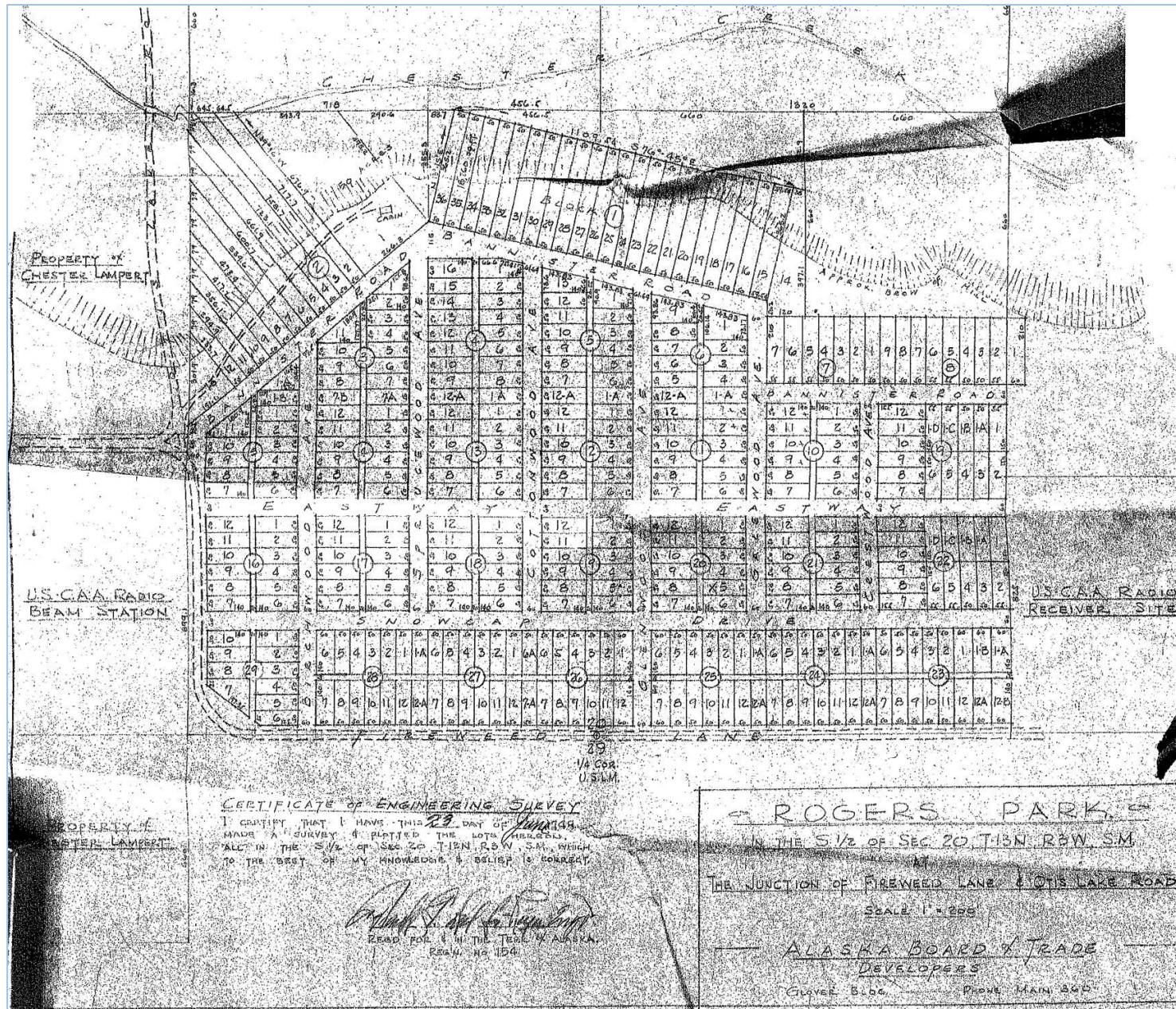
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA MARCH & APRIL 1941

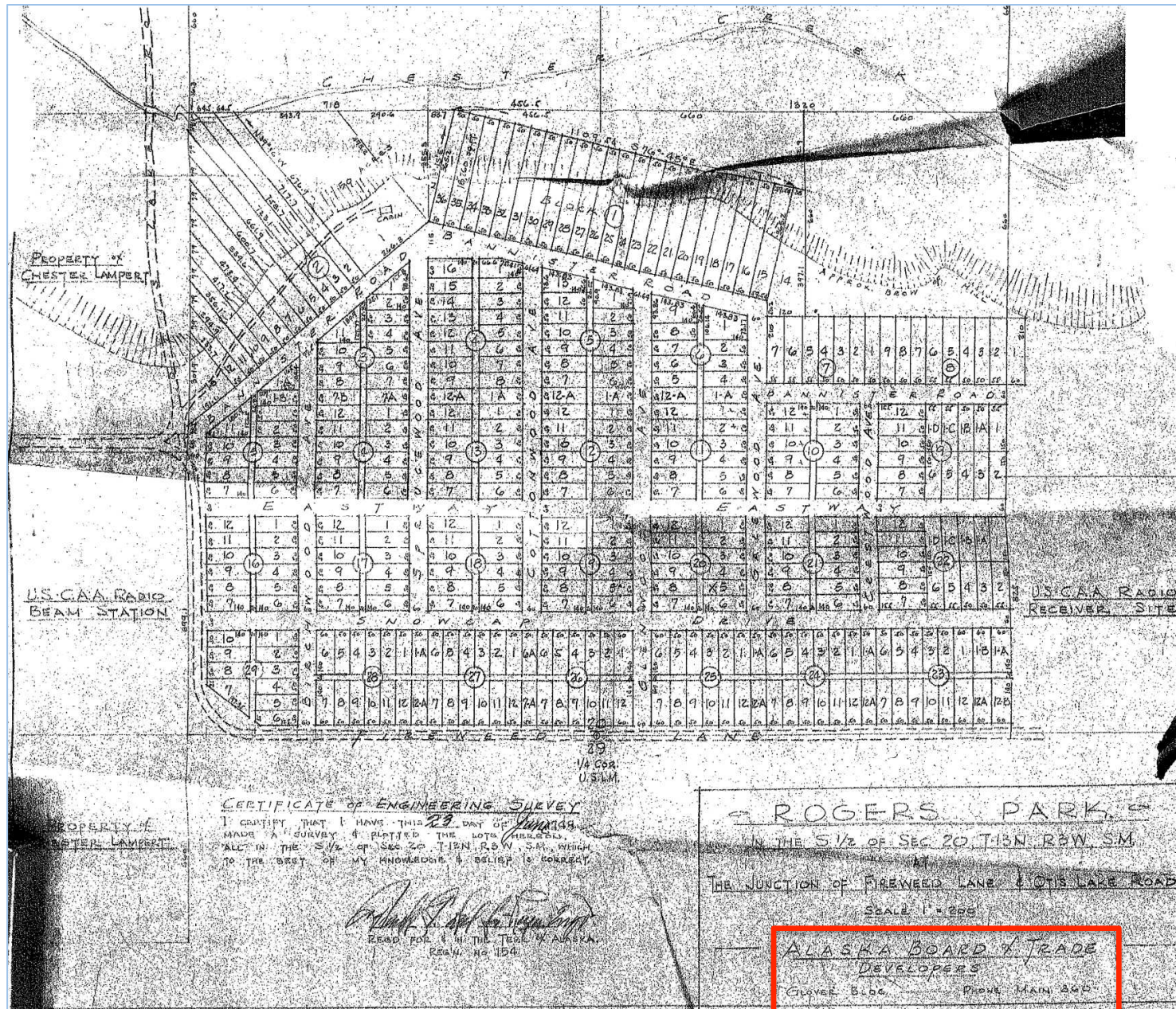
Rogers Park ... June 1949

From National
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(Maryland),
RG207

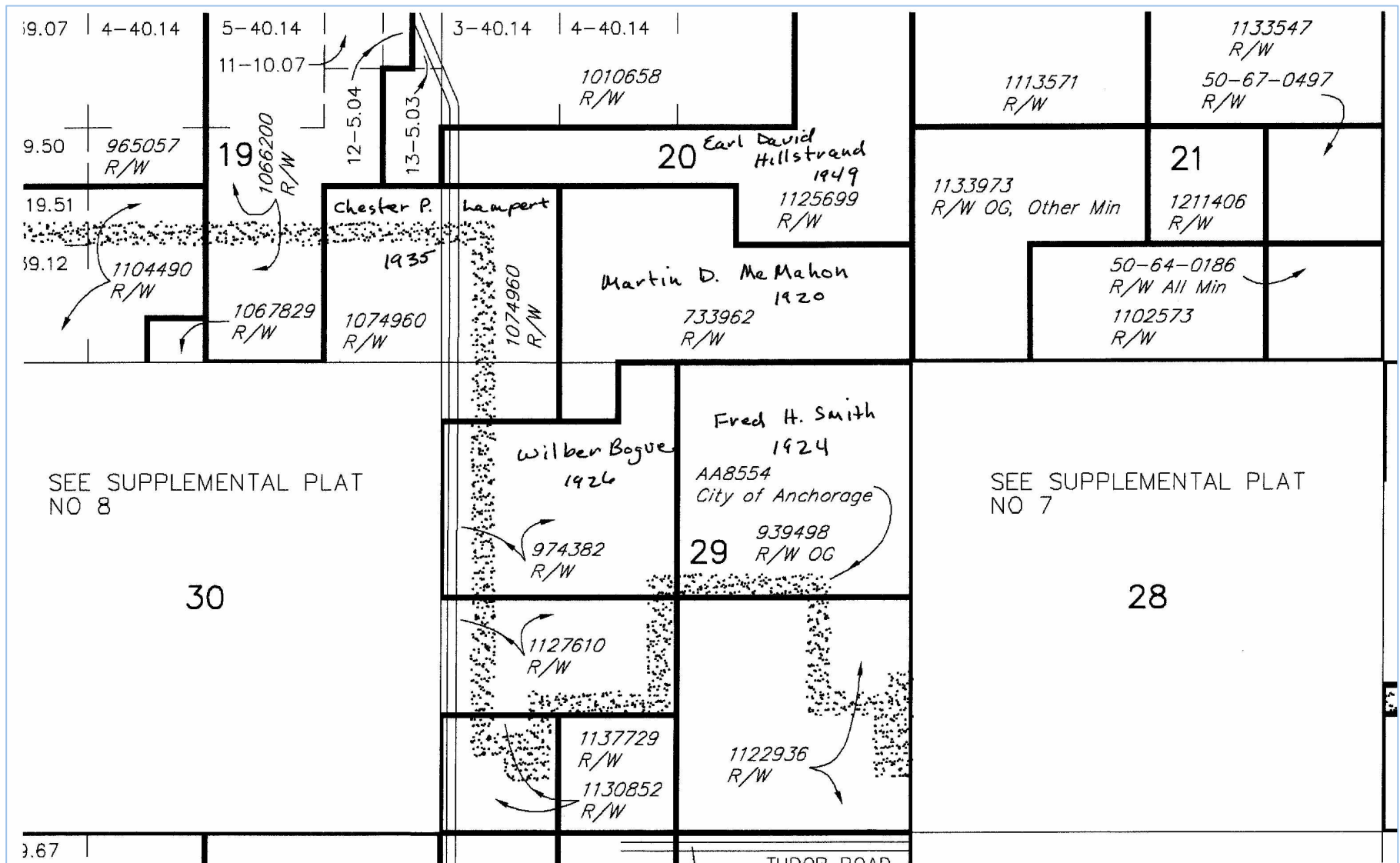


Rogers Park ... June 1949

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Rogers Park...original homesteading



From BLM Master Title Plats 8-24-2011

Courtesy of Meg Hayes

Who Was Rogers?

- Robert J. Rogers, Sr., 1920-1990, “40 year resident of Alaska” born in Idaho, according to obituary
- undated (early?) map mentions “Rodert J. Rogers” of Chicago
- 1941 map of Rogers Subdivision references Robert J. Rogers
- married Beverly
- I spoke with Harley Clough, a Mason in Juneau who knew him: “He was in Juneau from 1954 to 1970; he had a construction business around town, it folded and he moved to Anchorage. He was 5’9”, bald, and lame in one foot.”
- Record in Juneau Masons on internet: Juneau Chapter #7 Eastern Star
Beverly B. Rogers 1962 Robert J. Rogers ; Grand High Priest 1978 – 1979
MEC Robert J. Rogers

Rogers Park in National and State Archives

There is a record in National Archive II (Maryland) documents in RG207, documenting relations between the Federal Housing Authority and Alaska Housing Authority: both in providing funding for building homes in Rogers Park, and in “Urban Renewal” of the adjacent Traversie sub-division.

In 1950, the Home Builders company received an FHA loan of \$72K for building 6 houses in Rogers Park; my father bought one, 2503 Galewood, where our family lived from 1950-59.

Also, a Sacramento builder formed "Alaska Associates, Inc" and received a 2 year loan of \$340K in October 1951 to build 25 houses in Rogers Park.

The NARA files record much controversy over finances, workmanship and titles for this later project.

The State Archives in Juneau have preserved the extensive files of the Alaska Housing Authority, which give documentation on the statewide urban renewal projects as well as the issues with builders of Rogers Park

National Archives II (Maryland)

Alaska Associates-1953

Problems with titles of Rogers Park Houses

This project is fully completed with approved FHA final inspection reports received by AHA. 22 houses have been sold with full down payments, one sold under contract for Deed and two have been leased. None of the Notes have been insured by FHA due to the Title difficulty which exists in Rogers Park. Kansas City Title has promised to rectify this situation as they are vitally interested since a Title policy has been issued by them. Mr. McAdams of Kansas City Title had promised a visit here about January 1 to settle this matter but as yet he has not arrived. We were advised today by AHA that Mr. McAdams is on his way and should arrive in a few days. We are hopeful that the Title problem will be satisfied within the next two weeks so that FHA insurance can be obtained and ultimate sale of the Mortgages made.

Files in Record Group 207

207.9 Textual Records (General) 1934-70

Includes "Alaskan housing case files, 1949-67"

The issues would not be resolved until July 1963.

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ALASKA HOUSING PROGRAM
MONTHLY PROJECT REPORT

Date: March 5, 1953
Covering month of February

Alaska Associates, Inc.
Borrower

203 Project, 25 single family houses
Type of Project

BOND ISSUE

Amount	Date	Maturity of Principal & Interest
\$340,000.00	10-10-51	1 year, ending 10-10-51, extended to 10-10-53

Disbursement GA into Special Account	Deposits other than GA in disbursements	Total Disbursements	Balance in Spec. Acct.
\$340,000.00	\$36,066.73	\$366,331.11	\$10,335.29

Date and Amount of Repayments of Principal on Bond Issue	Date and Amount of Interest Repayments
Prior to February: \$5938.37 February: 660.37	Prior to February: \$8244.51 February: 779.58
\$6198.74	\$9024.09

REMARKS:

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G. F. White
Alaska Program Representative

National Archives II (Maryland)

Alaskan Urban Renewal -- Files in Record Group 207

Housing and Home Finance Agency

URBAN RENEWAL ADMINISTRATION

TITLE I, HOUSING ACT OF 1949, AS AMENDED

Urban Renewal Program Activities in Designated Redevelopment Areas as of November 30, 1961

Redevelopment area State and locality <u>Project location</u>	Certifica- tion under Sec. 113	Project name	Proj- ect num- ber	Project approval dates Plan- ning Emor- tion	Planning advances		Temporary loans		Grants		Pre- domi- nant re- use	
					Approved	Disbursed	Approved	Dis- bursed or guaran- teed	Reserva- tion	Dis- bursed		
ALABAMA <u>Gadsden</u> Gadsden		Birmingham St. North Fifth St.	6-1 6-2	U U	5-52 5-52	6-57 6-57		\$1,765,589 701,433	\$1,064,117 579,321	\$1,195,339 124,651	\$ 640,696 107,721	Resid'l. Resid'l.
ALASKA <u>Anchorage</u> Anchorage	X	Government Hill #1 Northerb Lights Westchester	R-3 R-12 R-8	R R R	6-56 12-59 4-58	5-58 4-61 6-60		744,863 204,198 976,638	594,106 298,700 800,295	501,263 234,198 598,338	337,399 260,400	Resid'l. Resid'l. Resid'l.

Traversie Urban Renewal-1958

March 1, 1958 Anchorage Daily News

City Approves Traversie Subdivision Renewal

Anchorage city council last night approved resolution 1148, to enter an agreement with the Alaska State Housing authority for the Urban Renewal of Northern Lights area known as Traversie subdivision.

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SIZES TRUE

By passing this resolution, the city committed itself for some \$100,000 as their share of the cost of the urban renewal. The city pays one third, while the federal government, through the Housing and Home Finance agency, pays the other two thirds. The cost of this project is estimated at \$331,690.

The area approved for urban renewal, approximately 13 plus

acres, is slated to be purchased by the Anchorage Independent School district as a site for a new elementary school.

The urban renewal will necessitate the relocation of some 34 families and householders from the area. These people will be paid for their property by the Alaska State Housing authority on the basis of a fair market

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value as arrived at by two qualified appraisers.

This was one of the points brought up at the public hearing prior to passage of the resolution by the council. One of the residents of the area who appeared asked Victor Fischer of the Alaska State Housing authority where the appraisers came from. When told that both appraisers were outsiders, not from Alaska, the objection was raised that they could not arrive at a fair market value by Alaska standards.

Other residents appeared at the hearing either protesting or asking for further clarification of the project. One asked why it had taken so long for the project to get under way. He pointed out that this program has been in the works for nearly three years and that in all that time the residents of the area have been unable to do any work on their property because under urban renewal, once a project is under its cloud, all improvements and alterations are automatically frozen.

Some objected to having to relocate if the property is to be used as a school. They assert that within a few blocks is another elementary school and feel that there is sufficient other property in the general area should a new school be needed.

Most of those appearing at the hearing asked the most pressing question, "How much?" will be paid for the property. Without this knowledge, which Fischer said was unavailable, they feel that they have no idea which way to turn. One man said that only half of his property is being included in the urban renewal but until he has a figure with which to work, he is afraid to enter into any contract for moving his house to the notion of his property not included in the urban renewal.

General resentment was expressed that the urban renewal was entered in the area shortly after the section came into the city. The council assured the people that the area was not singled out for any vindictive purpose but they were included in urban renewal under the city-wide attempt to clean up sub-standard housing through urban renewal.

With the passage of the resolution, the project can now move into high gear, being submitted sometime this week, according to Fischer, to the Housing and Home Finance agency, who should have their end of it completed sometime around the middle of April.

Fischer said he expects once the project gets rolling like this it should be about the middle of June when the Alaska State Housing authority can start negotiating with property owners.

(Thanks to Bruce Merrell)

Traversie Urban Renewal - 1958

Daily News vintage 1958 edition Anchorage Daily News -

Plans For New Schools are OK'd

By VIRGINIA O'REILLY Daily News Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 1958) School board members last night approved a three-point program which calls for the construction of a third junior high school, the acquisition of a 40-acre tract in Traversie subdivision for a high school and a complete reorganization of the present school system in 1960.

In presenting the program, Hillis K. Idlemen, superintendent of schools, urged its quick adoption because of the increasing school population and the need to have sufficient time for planning and construction of new junior and senior high schools.

The new program provides for the immediate modification of plans for the Orah Dee Clark Junior High School, which is now under construction in Mountain View, to fit the 20-acre site adjoining Lake Otis school for a third junior high school. Construction will begin in the spring of 1959.

The school district will begin immediately to plan for a second high school to be located in the Traversie subdivision or on land presently under lease by the district on Bragaw Street in Mountain View

The school board will make application for a 40-acre tract of land for a new high school. Board members agreed to pay up to \$65,000 for the land.

The choice of the second high school's location will depend on how fast the urban renewal program goes through and how soon the school district can gain possession of the Bragaw Street location, which currently is under lease to a gravel quarry operator.

Courtesy Bruce Merrell

Traversie Urban Renewal-1961

March 2, 1961 Anchorage Daily News

OKAY DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

**Council Authorizes \$110,002 For Urban
Renewal Project; To Move 34 Families**

The Anchorage City Council has given the go ahead to the Northern Lights Urban Renewal Project after hearing residents of the area complain of delay.

By a vote of 5-3, the council approved the plan for redevelopment of the 13.7-acre area at Northern Lights and Birchwood Street and authorized a grant in aid of city funds and services amounting to \$110,092.

THE REMAINDER OF the net project cost of \$331,690 has been set aside by the federal government, said Victor Fischer, acting executive director of the Alaska State Housing Authority, which acts as agent and supervisor of urban renewal projects.

About 34 families will be relocated and buildings torn down to make way for an elementary school, Fischer said. The Independent School District has agreed to purchase the land "at fair market value," he said.

Acquisition of land will begin the middle or latter part of April, Fischer told the council.

RESIDENTS OF the area, Charles E. Johnson, Woodson Williams, J. C. Casey, and Robert Bailey, protested the delay in launching the pro-

gram since first proposed in 1959.

Stating "we have been held in suspense since 1959," Johnson asked, "Why do we have to move out — give us a chance and we will bring our homes up to (city building) specifications."

Johnson claimed there was no need for another school in the area since the Lake Otis elementary school "is within a stone's throw" of the renewal site.

Fischer and councilmen pointed out the school was eight to 10 blocks away. The school district has indicated the new school would serve the Rogers Park area while Lake Otis would serve the area to the east and south.

WILLIAMS complained of the short time between annexation of the area and its proposal for urban renewal. The section is near the Alaska Methodist University, and the Providence and state mental hospitals being constructed, he said. He did not wish to move away from such an area and proposed property owners be allowed to repurchase their property.

He owns two acres, said Casey. One acre upon which his house stands is within the renewal area. He wanted to determine whether the house

could be moved to the other acre, Casey said.

CASEY WAS directed to request an inspection of the building by the city building inspector.

Stating he had a fine home, Bailey declared "if they're going to buy my land, they're going to buy my house." He was assured the house would be purchased.

Councilman Robert Livie said he questioned the need for another school in the area, also.

Approval of the project was opposed by Dr. Livie and Councilmen Harry Pursell and Ron Rettig.

(Thanks to Bruce Merrell)

Joseph David Traversie

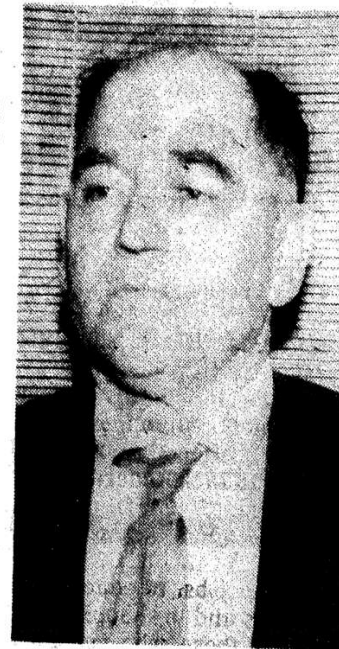
Data from Coleen Mielke and
Geneological sources

Born Oct 28, 1900 in Dewey Co. South
Dakota (Sioux Tribe)

First married to Laura Johnson, with 5?
children in SD

"Enlisted 8/8/42, Greenlee, AZ; with 2
years high school; semi-skilled RR brake-
man"

Married Gladys Hazel Samuelson
(born 1914 Egavik, Alaska, died 2003)
maiden name Savetilik, (Eskimo) wife of
Joseph Traversie



JOSEPH TRAVERSIE

Joseph Traversie Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services for Joseph David Traversie will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Green's Eagle River Mortuary.

Traversie died Sept. 22 in Anchorage. Born in Whitehorse, S.D. on Oct. 28, 1900, Traversie was 71 years old.

Traversie was a veteran of World War II and was employed by the Maintenance Department of the Chugiak School System.

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Earl Norris on a training run about 1950. "Aladdin" in lead, The lighter swing dog, T-Serko of Anadyr

A kennel of registered Siberians was operated by Ray and Mable Scoby at Forty-mile Roadhouse on the Alaska Highway who bought their original stock from Joe Traversie (Lakota Kennels). They raced successfully in the Tok area during the late fifties and early sixties, only recently selling out to another Tok kennel. The Tok Dog Mushers field an active racing season terminated in late March by their championship, labeled "the race of



Tyndrum Kennel team driven by Charles Macinnes, owner, racing at Lake Lugille, Alaska, in the early fifties.
"Chena", the lead dog and "Oslo", near swing, are out of Ch. U-Chee of Anadyr, the former sired by Keetna of Monadnock, latter sired by Pando of Monadnock. Swings and next two pair are littermates. "Keetna" right wheel.

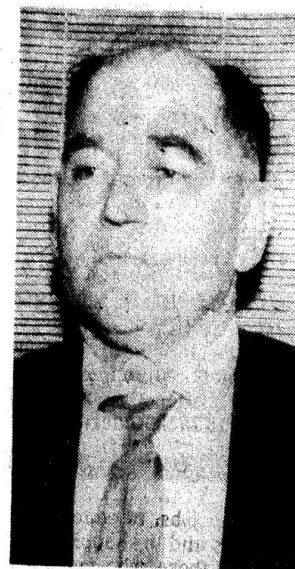
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Joseph David Traversie

Family sources:

Patsy Traversie (83 yrs old, in Kodiak); Joe was her uncle, served in Alaska in WW2, stayed after war. Some story about him and Fire Island. Known as "The Chief". He died in a car wreck a couple years before she came to Alaska (with Ken Hinchey, former Anchorage mayor) 8/15/11

Pandora Traversie (WA state): Joe was her grandfather. Was the black sheep of the family. Robbing banks in 30s; convicted of robbing bank in Chamberlin SD and given option of joining military and going to front lines, or jail. Somehow ended up in Alaska, loved it and stayed. Married Gladys, no biological children, one adopted.



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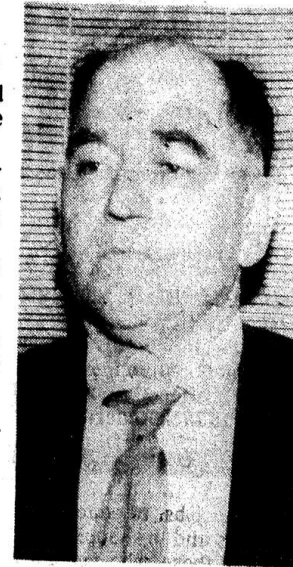
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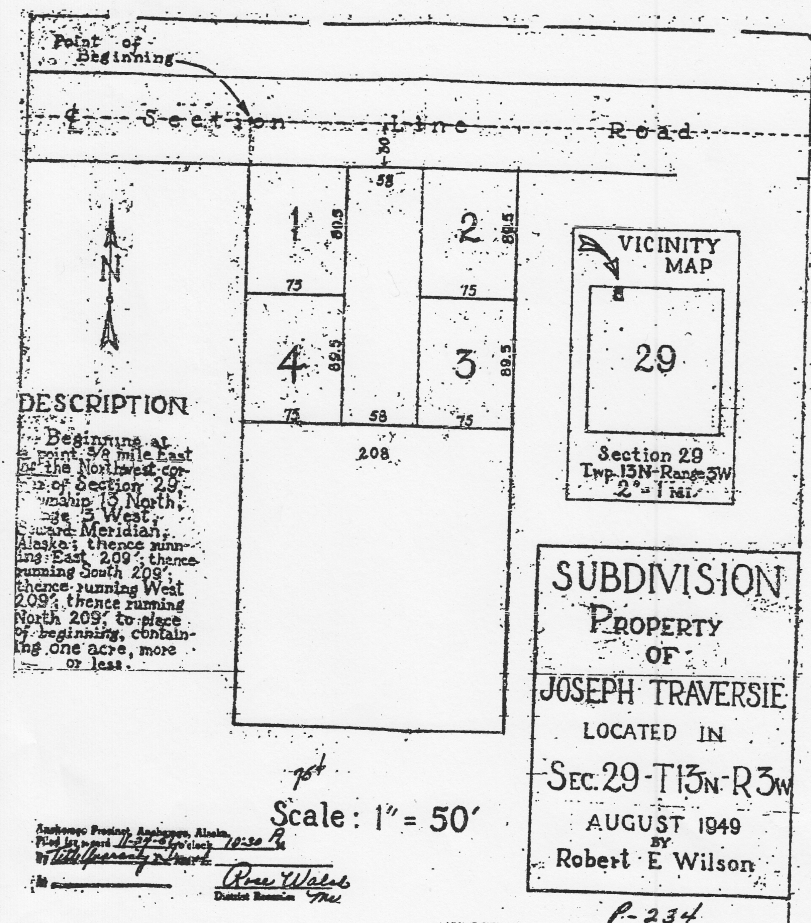
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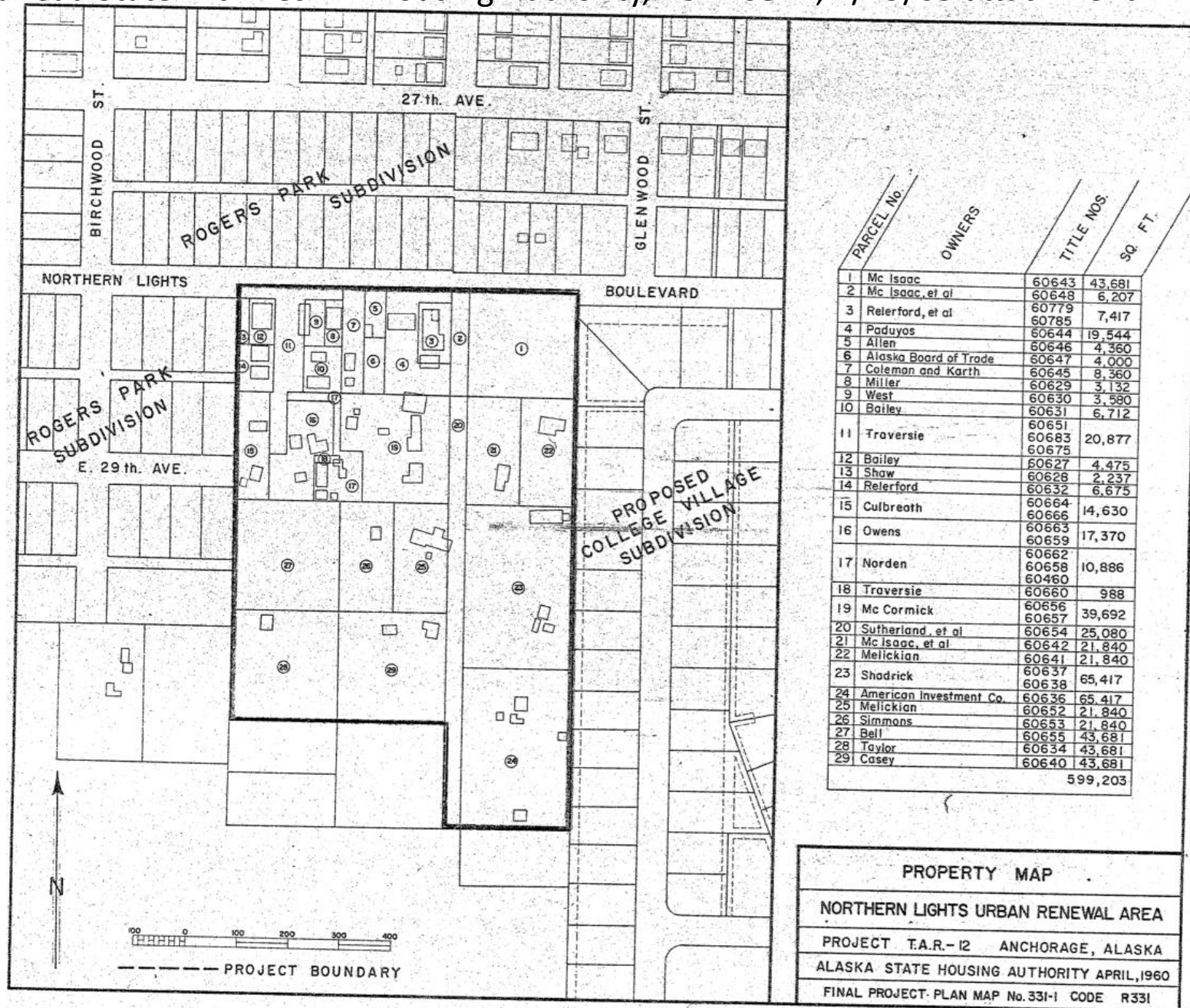


“Northern Lights Urban Renewal Project, R-12”

Some relevant highlights in the Alaska Archives:

- January 1959: \$10,000 AK Housing Authority and Rogers Parks funds embezzled by the AHA staff member Alpha Berfield
- January 1960: AK Supreme Courts puts roadblocks up to AHA's condemnation proceedings to acquire land for urban renewal
- April 1960: \$278,000 allocated for R-12, Project Proposal voted on by AHA
- October 1960: Revised Proposal for R-12
- January 1961: Yet another revised proposal for R-12

Juneau State Archives AK Housing Authority, Box 10314, 4/19/65 attachment



January 11, 1961

Juneau State Archives AK Housing Authority,
Box 10320, Jan 11, 1961, attachment

PROJECT ALASKA R-12
NORTHERN LIGHTS, ANCHORAGE

RELOCATION PLAN

Relocation activities will commence with the first acquisition of properties within the project area. We are assuming that relocation activities will take place over an eight-month period from the date of the first acquisition.

Prior to the execution of the relocation plan, current listings from real estate agencies, apartment operators, the Civilian-Military Referral Service, newspaper ads, and individuals will have been inspected to determine if the units meet the standards for relocation housing. After inspection, relocatees will be referred until suitable housing is found. If adequate housing has been offered that is within relocatee's financial means and he fails to accept without justification, the obligation of the Alaska State Housing Authority will be terminated. If a relocatee desires to purchase or build he may be certified by the Project Manager as an eligible applicant for Section 221 financing and referred to his local lending institution and the Federal Housing Administration for approval. There are presently 57 FHA 221 commitments available for relocation purposes.

It is assumed that 34 families and householders will have to be relocated from the Northern Lights project area. During the eight-month period of relocation we estimate that a minimum of 5 families or householders will be relocated each month. The rate of acquisition will be the determining factor of the actual workload.

Families:	White	1	1 owner
	Non-white	22	10 owner, 12 renter
		<u>23</u>	
Householders:	White	0	
	Non-white	11	4 owner, 7 renter
		<u>11</u>	
Roomers:	White	0	
	Non-white	7	
		<u>7</u>	
Commercial:		7	4 owner, 3 renter

Proposed Relocation

Families:	9	private rental housing units
	11	private sales housing units
	3	public housing units
Householders:	7	private rental housing units
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<u>Total Relocation Requirements</u>	16	private rental housing units
	15	private sales housing units
	3	public housing units

Property management and relocation will be a combined position under a single individual so that little difficulty will be encountered in coordinating the relocation activities with management of acquired properties.

*For set of Conditions, see Exhibit "7" attached.

April 26, 1961

Juneau State Archives AK Housing Authority,
Box 10320, April 26, 1961, attachment

PARCEL NO.	IDENTIFICATION OF OWNER	MAXIMUM ACQUISITION PRICE	
		PROPOSED BY LPA	APPROVED BY HHFA
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Neisane	\$ 7,850	\$
2	Neisane	1	
3	Reierford	20,000	
4	Paduyos	8,000	
5	Allen	2,250	
6	Alaska Board of Trade	900	
7	Coleman et al	1,750	
8	Miller et al	23,000	
9	Vest	8,000	
10	Bailey	7,250	
11	Traverse	4,550	
12	Bailey	12,000	
13	Shaw	1,500	
14	Reierford	1,500	
15	Culbreath	7,800	
16	Owens et al	15,500	
17	Bordin	7,500	
18	Traverse	100	
19	McCormick et al	30,000	
20	Earth	1	
21	Neisane et al	12,500	
22	Kelickian	22,000	
23	Williams	22,700	
24	American In- vestment Co.	25,500	
25	Kelickian	6,000	
26	Simmons	7,000	
27	Dell	8,750	
28	Taylor et al	10,000	
29	Casey	16,000	