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Commission Council
IN THE
Superior Court
~~of King County~~
State of Washington

Petition of
J. H. Peterson Plaintiff
et al. to abate
a nuisance.

Ryther House Defendant
between 8th & 9th on alder
Health & San. Com. AUG 31 1896

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Will H. Perry
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FRED H. PETERSON
Attorney for
OFFICE, ROOMS 1, 2 & 3, OLYMPIC BLOCK
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on

Sanitation

to whom was referred

*petition of F. H. Peterson and others
to abate nuisance concerning the "Pyther Home",
report — That they have given their attention to the
matter and find that the Health Board do not
recognize the Home as a nuisance more than
any other well regulated hospital.*

*Your Committee would recommend that
the Board of Health instruct the authorities
of the Pyther Home to have the plumbing put in
better condition, also urge them to allow more
help as needed, that the place may be kept
in a clean, sanitary condition*

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CHAIRMAN

E. A. Herrmann

COMMITTEE

Geo. B. Raymond

Date Adopted SEP 8 1896 189

To the Hon the Common Council of the City of Seattle:

Your petitioners respectfully show, that they are residents and property owners in the vicinity of Ninth Ave. between Yealer Way and James Street; that on the south side of Alder St. between Eighth and Ninth Aves. there is situated a large unfinished structure known as "the Ryther Home"; that said "home" is ostensibly used for charitable purposes and particularly for the reformation of fallen women and as a "lying-in" establishment; that a large number of persons are continually crowded into this place, which has poorly ventilated rooms and no yard room about it, so that the inmates are constantly compelled to remain in their rooms and that the water used for washing and laundry purposes is thrown on the ground to run into the alley and adjoining lots; that frequently diseases of a deadly nature have broken out in this place and many deaths have resulted; that on August 26, 1896 one person

died of small-pox and four other persons are confined now therein with the same disease; that in the immediate vicinity many families reside who are exposed to continual danger to their health by reason of the class of persons kept therein the "home" and the negligent manner in which the same is kept; that said "home" in the way in which it is conducted and the kind of people kept there is a continual menace to the citizens and their families for blocks around, and therefore constitutes a nuisance that should be abated by your Honorable Body:

Wherefore, petitioners pray that said "home" be investigated and that the same be abated as a nuisance and as dangerous to the public health and safety.

Thos H. Peterson
J H Carr

Edw. J. May Residence.
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