In 1894 the flat industrial Valley View was at the foot of this Viewpoint was a tidal flat of the delta of the Duwamish River. By 1918 the river had been re-channeled and the flats and delta filled with earth dredged and sluiced from Beacon Hill in Eugene Sewall's attempt to dig a Ship Canal from Elliott Bay to Lake Washington. Sewall had been Terr. Gov 1887-1889. James Henry built a slaughterhouse (Henry House Packing) and "Stockyards Viewpoint" was the original name of the site area. Soon after, the stockyards (and smell) were closed and in 1969 the parking plant was razed; replaced with distribution of processed foods.

The Freeway in this vicinity was built in 1966.

**Twelfth Ave. So. Viewpoint**

*Gift 1950 by C.R. Holliday and H.G. Herman*  
*NORTH*  

- Magnificent panoramic of Industrial Duwamish Valley.  
- West Seattle, Elliott Bay, Olympic Pkwy, EOL.  

*2 benches*  
*Gross*  

**550**