Holgate St. named for John C. Holgate, pioneer, who made first claim in Seattle, Grand St. is the north line of his land claim. Had brought a pine seedling to plant here, not knowing of abundant other forests.

Playground name is derived from its location on "Beacon Hill" which had been named (1875) by M.H. Young, who developed a street car line to the hill; named in honor of Young's birthplace, Beacon Hill, in Boston. [The Boston "Hill" was notable in American Revolutionary history as the site of a protest skirmish in 1774, following the "Boston Tea Party," in the year before, to be followed by the defeat of the Red Coats at Lexington & Concord and the Siege of Boston formally commencing the 1776 Revolution.]

South half of P.G. had been developed into a Waterworks by the Spring Hill Water Co. (1881-1907) complete with reservoir, served by Pump Sta. X on E. Washington & Calman Pk. By 1912 this reservoir had been abandoned, filled in 1928 and developed as a playground, even though community youths had requested conversion to a swimming pool.

X This pump station and reservoir functioned to the point of heartbreak during the 1889 Fire.

3.9 Acres 15,000 ± 88 Acre
Purch. 6/1/1908 - Geo. Debrohn
1925 Reservoir filled in
"... placed under jurisdiction of Park Commission"