

(formerly: 1901 - 1902)
 Fortson Square - NOT Park property
 honor Capt. Geo. H. Fortson + other Seattle volunteers who died in 1901 in the Philippines during the Span-Amer. War. Origin planted, area paved (in 1907)? and a weather observation station located here (1908-); "kiosk" - the concrete pedestal remained as a bench until 1968 when "street" or east side was closed, brick walk + lamps installed and plants (again!)

Jefferson St. named by Henry Yesler to honor third President.

Yesler Way named for Henry Yesler, pioneer logger; street was original road down which logs were skidded to his sawmill near Pioneer Square ("Skid Road"). His mansion was on site of present County Courthouse.

Dilling Way named for George W. Dilling, agent for Hunter Tract + Improv. Co. elected mayor by the "Forces of Decency" to replace recalled Hiram (Open City) Gill - 1911. (Gill came back in 1914 as a reform (Closed Town) mayor!)

CITY HALL PARK

(DILLING PARK in 1911)

1856: site of Indian attack on pioneer village - "Battle of Seattle" allegedly led by Chief Leschi. (Blackhouse at 1st + Cherry) Event commemorated w/ rock: "pile" of cannon balls from Sloop Decatur + plaque by Lady Stirling chap. D.A.R. Plaque on south side from metal of "U.S.S. Maine, Havana, 1898. (C. Kecks, sculp.)

1883: site purchased by King Co. + frame Court House constr. A second Court House was built to the east, on "Profanity Hill" (so named by Judges, Lawyers, etc who daily climbed hill. Now site of Harborview Hospital.)

Frame bldg. + site sold 1890 to City for city hall; many additions gave it nickname "Katzenjammer Castle" (1889: Great Fire did not burn this far.) Park office @ NW cor. 5th + Yesler. 1909: City offices moved to "flat iron" bldg. @ 4th + Yesler (until 1951)

"Hall" wrecked + empty lot became "dump".

1911: Mayor Dilling asked Park Dept. to improve + maintain "only downtown park."

1930: LID - \$353.

1940: Seattle + Rainier Valley RR abandoned "Y" turnaround for Interurban on site: (Jefferson "St.")

1942-44: Drill ground + outdoor recreation field for Seattle Air Defense Wing, V Fighter Command, quarters @ Frye Hotel, opposite SE corner.

1955: "UN" pin oak planted to commemorate 10th Anniversary of United Nations.

1962: City offices moved from County Bldg. to Municipal Bldg. @ 4th + James.

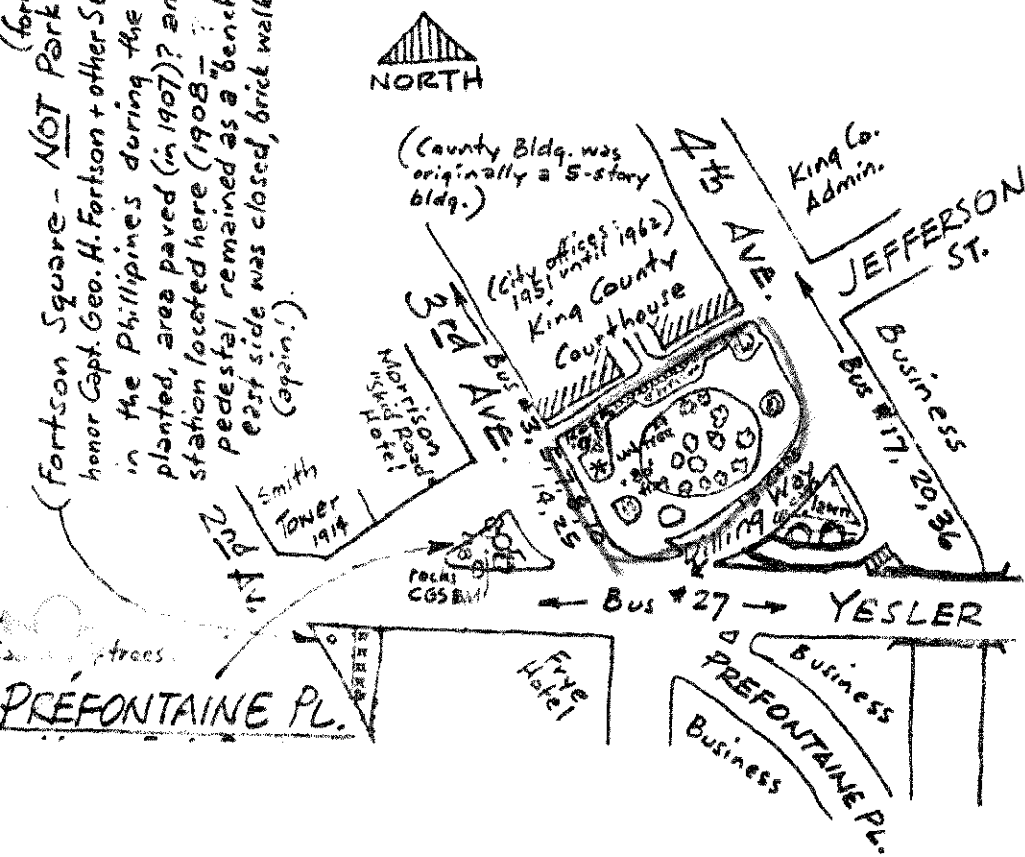
OPEN DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICAL ISSUES PERMITTED.

Trees, benches, checkerboard tables + chairs + 14 lamp posts.

0.7 Ac.

Purch. 1890 + 1909 (for city hall)
 Improv. + Maint. 1911, Jurisd. 1962
 by Comptroller

CITY HALL PK.



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