

Playground named for John Collins, pioneer + mayor, who in 1845 came to Maine from Ireland at age 10, to work in Pope + Talbot mills there. Transferring their operations to Puget Sound, Collins became manager of Port Gamble Mill in 1857. Also became manager of company hotel, the Teekalet. Bought into the "Seattle (Occidental) Hotel" (adjacent to Pioneer Square) in 1867, became sole owner by 1882, rebuilt it into town's leading hotel + center of festivities as well as stronghold against

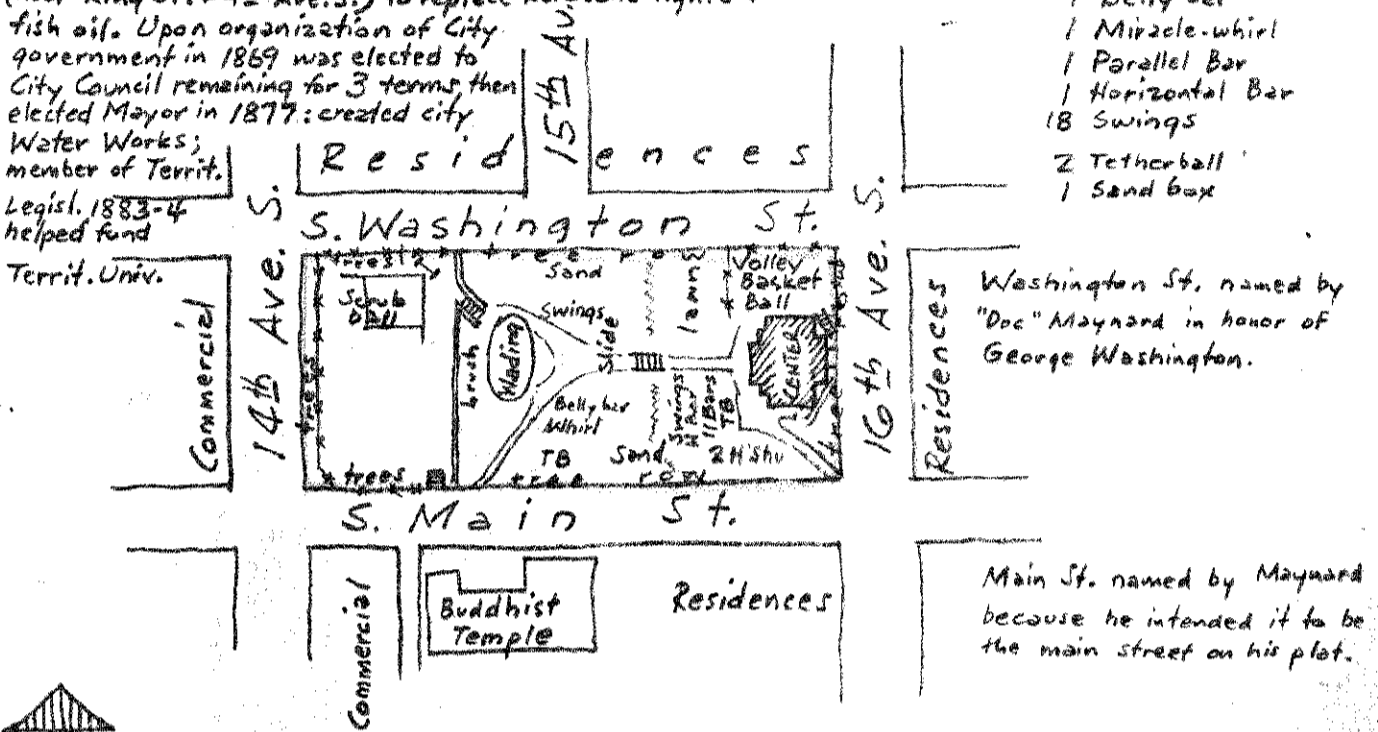
Anti-Chinese rioters, rebuilt after 1889 fire to decline upon shift of city center northward; final razing in 1960 for parking garage. Collins invested in newspaper, Leary-Collins Land Co. (Duwamish Tidal flats), Peoples' Savings Bank, Denny-Renton Clay + Coal Co., first Gas plant - 1874 (near King St. + 4th Ave. S.) to replace kerosene lights + fish oil. Upon organization of City government in 1869 was elected to City Council remaining for 3 terms then elected Mayor in 1877: created city Water Works; member of Territ. Univ. Legisl. 1883-4 helped fund

Territ. Univ.

L.I.D. 1929: \$843. =

Wading pool 1931; gift of Mrs. Collins. (Replaced exist. pool.) \$1,250 =

- 1 Belly bar
- 1 Miracle-whirl
- 1 Parallel Bar
- 1 Horizontal Bar
- 18 Swings
- 2 Tetherball
- 1 Sand box



Purch. in 1905 (\$22,000^{G.F.})

3.1 Acres

212 - 16th Ave. So.

JU 3-2875 (Center)

JU 3-2797

Transfer to Urban Renewal Project in 1970s. NO Longer Seattle Parks + Recreation property.

Was first supervised playground in city 1907 by J. Howard Stine who became 1st Director of Recreation.

(No playgrounds prior to 1900)

Was first Library station in PG. - 1909 (Children's Extension Service)

Recreation Center constr. 1912 - "A"

- 3rd in city \$27,000 = 10 BF

Gym (+ stage): 50' x 70' = 500 persons

showers/lockers

Club Rm. 2 @ 14' x 22'

2 @ 22' x 27'

~~COLLINS P.G.~~

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