The Gilman Park Community Club initiated a Local Improv. Dist. to secure playground in 1928. It was referred to as "West Woodland P.G." until the Club petitioned in 1932 for the name: "Gilman Playground."

This district had been platted in 1882 as "Gilman Park Addition" by Cash Ballard, Thomas Burke and John Casey, who bought it from Donation Claim holders. J. Utter & Hall, the town that developed was named Ballard (refer to Ballard P.G.).

Daniel Hunt Gilman, 1845-1913; native of Maine, Civil War infantryman, entered Columbia Law School in 1870, practicing law in New York, coming to Seattle in 1882. Together with Judge Burke, originated a plan for a railroad from salt water in Seattle connecting with the Canadian Railway at Sumas (Seattle, Lakeshore Eastern R'y); because Seattle was being bypassed by Great Northern R'y's poor service and exorbitant rates. Gilman secured financing from Seattle bankers as well as New York. Construction of shops for the railroad attracted worker-residents to Small Cove (Interbay) area. His brother, L.C. Gilman, was also a lawyer and active in促进 railroads; and Judge Burke's pet project was bringing the railroad to Seattle. G.P. Gilman was Northwestern Traveling Agent for the Union Pacific R'y in 1869; opening date of regular service from East to Omaha to San Francisco.

Large trees transplanted from Woodland Park in 1932 from Aurora Ave. right-of-way.

3.7 Acres
Porch, in 1931 (14,355 sq. ft.), $658 G.R.
for park & play purposes.

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