Yesler Way began as the skid road for logs enroute to Henry Yesler's sawmill at the foot of the hill on Elliott Bay, Seattle's first industry, built in 1853 by Yesler and John McLain of Massillon, Ohio, where they had been in the construction business. They built a wharf with sawmill, cookhouse, store and hotel to become the center of pioneer Seattle (now Pioneer Square). They logged a road up the hill to Yesler's Donation Land Claim and called it Mill Street, until it was renamed Yesler Way and dubbed "Skid Row" for the unfortunate human derelicts lying about like logs. Yesler's mansion was on the site of the present County Courthouse. (Moresee Pioneer 29) About 1888 Yesler and two partners built a sawmill and wharf on the northeast shore of Union Bay and the village of Yesler sprouted; survived two sawmill fires but not the lowering of Lake Washington — commerce was soon replaced with suburbia.

Viewpoint of
Duwamish River valley (industrial)
& Duwamish Head

1.3 Acre playground
Jurisdiction of the Fed. Housing Authority
Seattle Branch Office
900 Yesler Way

Constr. by City of Seattle in 1939 to replace slum area with new low-rent housing. Recreation Supervision (1946-date)
Incl. furnishing of minor supplies.
F.H.A. provides supplies & custodial services.
Program policy management Board (1969)
Neighborhood Rec., Housing Auth. & Dept. of Rec.

Yesler Terrace - Now Kobe Terrace

Seems like there's an handwritten note or diagram here, but the text is not legible.