

Tacoma, Washington's Past ~ Questions and Answers

Question:

I am looking for any and all information on this Tacoma Company [Gregory Furniture Manufacturing Company]. I recently acquired a beautiful piece of furniture made by them and would love to know when it was made and know what other types of furniture they produced. Thank you for your help. Jennifer

Answer:

Jennifer ~ Thank you for visiting Tacoma Historical Society website. This [summary](#) from two Tacoma historical writers - William P. Bonney & Herbert Hunt - give you a good idea of who Mr. Gregory was and the role he plays in Tacoma history. Additional links (below) from Tacoma Public Library provides additional information that may help you date your piece of furniture:

[Link One](#) [Link Two](#) [Link Three](#) [Link Four](#)

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### Question:

Where can I find information regarding the Northwest Chair Company formally located at 2201 S. Tacoma Way, in Tacoma, WA.

### Answer:

Thank you for visiting Tacoma Historical Society website. Northwest Chair Company was a long-time business in South Tacoma. In addition to furniture, the company made bomber parts for Boeing in 1944.

Northwest Chair Co.

\*TNL 2/24/1918 p.B5 (addition by E. Goettling, contr.)

\*TDL 3/4/1923 p.B4 ... building big addition here (four story addition of concrete)

TDL 6/10/1923 p.A9 Tacoma leads in furniture

TDL 6/11/1923 p.10 (il of addition under construction)

TDL 2/15/1925 p.E8 Chair plant installs six dry kilns

TDL 5/5/1925 p.1 (mention of sawmill)

TDL 7/25/1927 p.10 (il)

TDL 5/17/1931 p.D6 (addition by Hill, Mock & Morrison, arch.)

City Directory (1917-1970)

Check for images and additional information at Tacoma Public Library website:

<http://search.tacomapubliclibrary.org/images/dt6n.asp>

\*TDL: Tacoma Daily News

TNL: Tacoma Daily News/Ledger

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Question:

Hi - My mother recently mentioned that my great-grandparents, Thomas and Anastacia Carstens, built a home somewhere in the northend before my mother's birth (1934). This is the Thomas Carstens that had Carstens' Packing houses, not Thomas Carstens the car dealership owner (my great uncle). My mother said that materials and labor had been brought in from Europe to build the house, but she herself has never seen it. Is there any way I can locate this information? Thank you, Lyn

Answer:

Lynn ~ Thank you for visiting Tacoma Historical Society website. The address referred to in the following information from Tacoma Public Library website is **21 Orchard Road** in Tacoma's Northend neighborhood:

*TDL 5/3/1914 p.28 Carstens home will have new additions (Heath & Gove, arch.)

TDL 5/17/1914 p.32 (garage by O. Larson, contr.)

TDL 6/7/1914 p.21 (alterations by J. Hansen, contr.)

TDL 6/6/1915 p.28 Specimens of beautiful trellis work in the gardens of Tacoma (il)

TDL 8/15/1920 p.B6 (house nominated as one of the most beautiful homes in the city)

TDL 12/25/1926 p.1 Yuletide tree prize awarded

TDL 4/16/1931 p.1 Death claims Mrs. Carstens

City Directory (1915-1931).

*TDL: Tacoma Daily News

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**Question:**

I just found out my grandmother-in-law got married on the radio in the 1920s in Tacoma. How could I track THAT down? Rick

**Answer:**

Rick ~ Thank you for visiting Tacoma Historical Society website. After much searching by many Tacoma historians and the additional information you supplied as to an exact date ~ which helped narrow the search ~ did not locate the information. However, you may want to check with KVI Radio station at:

<http://www.kvi.com/about/4953206.html> . According to their website, KVI was founded in Tacoma in 1926, so it could have had such a wedding event in 1928. The couple was Raleigh Harris and Dorothy Blakeslee. Good luck with your search.