

BUCKLAND AVENUE



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THE MARSHALL STREET HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA

This downtown neighbourhood helps preserve the early architectural character and social history of our community.

ROWCLIFFE AVENUE

Marshall Street homes listed on the Kelowna Heritage Register

- 1 Staples House, built 1931**  
1812 Marshall Street, Early Vernacular Cottage  
Designer: Fordyce and Stevenson (Calgary). Builder: H Maranda  
Built 1931 for Roy Staples, manager of Sales Service Ltd. an agency for independent fruit shippers. Later the third Kelowna home to former Mayor (1947-51) WB Hughes-Games, who was also Sec. Treas. of GA Meikle Ltd. and Sec. of KGH board. Virtually unaltered, very good between-the-wars cottage-style house of the 1930s.
- 2 Harding House, built 1929**  
1807 Marshall Street, Between-the-wars cottage-style. Builder: H. Maranda  
Associated with Percy Harding (wife May), a partner in Dalgleish & Harding Hardware in 1913. In the 1930s he was proprietor of Independent Hardware as Kelowna became a commercial hub for the valley.
- 3 Burnham House, built 1930**  
1826 Marshall Street, Early Vernacular Cottage  
Built in 1930 for John L. Burnham, CPR agent during the 1920s and 1930s. Burnham had retired by 1936, and continued to live in the house until after 1948. In 1956 owned by R. Austin Warren (wife Florence), proprietor of Warren's Paint Supply.
- 4 WJ Marshall House, built 1908**  
1869 Marshall St., Late Queen Anne elements, Foursquare character. Builder: MJ Curts  
Built in 1908 for dairy farmer William John Marshall and wife Clara. In 1956 the house was converted to apartments. The large house dominates Marshall Street and has several noteworthy features: a large wrap-around verandah, classical columns, balustrates and stick work details, a pediment over the entry, and broad stairs leading to the entry.

Past and present meet on Marshall Street

We are fortunate in Kelowna to still have a rich diversity of character homes and neighbourhoods in our inner-city. Some historic neighbourhoods, like Marshall Street, have been recognized for heritage conservation because they are a visible bridge from



past to present, and they help provide continuity, stability, and a sense of place in a fast changing city.

Neighbourhoods everywhere are defined both by their housing styles and by the people who live there. Marshall Street has been home to many who helped shape the Kelowna of today. The street's 100 year history covers the range of Kelowna's civic phases and exhibits a variety of architectural styles from Victorian Revival, to Early and Late Cottage, to Early Suburban Bungalow, to more recent additions which are compatible with designs of the past.

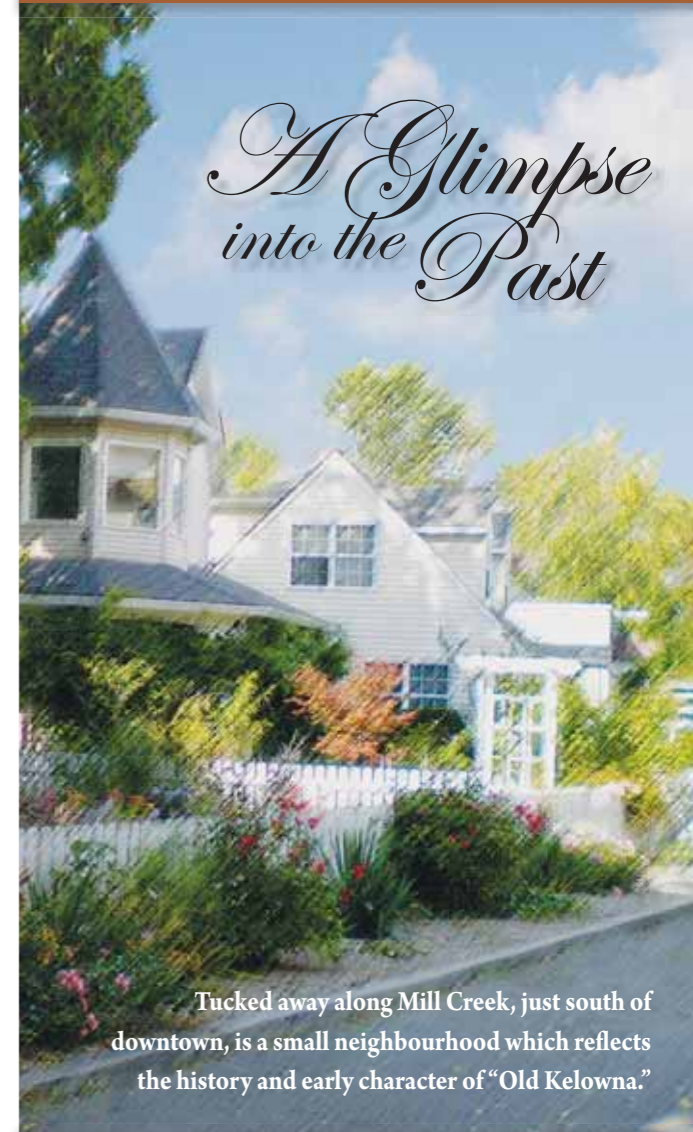
Marshall Street residents helped to form KSAAN 14 years ago. We are very pleased now to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Marshall Street Heritage Conservation Area.



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KELOWNA'S MARSHALL STREET HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA

A Glimpse into the Past



Tucked away along Mill Creek, just south of downtown, is a small neighbourhood which reflects the history and early character of "Old Kelowna."



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Mill Creek



# Memories of MARSHALL STREET

Written in 1991 by Frances Delcourt for the neighbourhood, and updated by her daughter Diana in 2008. Frances lived on the street for 70 years and in the same house from 1937 until her death in 2003.



Frances Delcourt

**M**ANY PROMINENT PEOPLE have played a part in Kelowna becoming the city it is today, and many of those people made their homes on Marshall Street. Our street was a quiet, friendly, supportive neighbourhood which was a wonderful safe place to raise a family. It was within walking distance to schools, churches, recreation, and of course, downtown. There are so many wonderful memories of the people who lived here, because they were more than neighbours, they were friends.

**YOU MAY WONDER: WHY THE NAME MARSHALL STREET?** The land was owned by the W.J. Marshall family, one of the very early families settling in Kelowna. The big old home, built in 1908, still stands on the street at 1869. The family also had a large farm off Highway 97, then called the country, where they raised cattle. In the 1940's their Marshall property was subdivided and more homes were built – thus the name Marshall Street.

**ONE OF THE EARLY HOMES** was built on the corner of Marshall and Buckland at 1812 Marshall Street. This lovely home was built for Mr. R.B. Staples. He owned the Beaverdell Silver Mine and was also prominent in the fruit industry and a director of Sales Service Ltd. They sold their Marshall Street residence to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell, who with their son Harry, had a popular men's wear store on Bernard Avenue. They moved to Glenmore and sold to Austin Warren, who owned a paint store in our city. Later they moved to 1826 Marshall and sold to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes-Games. Mr. Hughes-Games, a former mayor of Kelowna, had lived



W. Hughes-Games  
Mayor of Kelowna  
1947-1951

on Abbott Street in a very large home. As most of his family was grown and left home, he and Mrs. Hughes-Games chose Marshall



These hardy roses have bloomed on Marshall Street since 1937.

Street. They loved flowers and our park-like setting and as they would say "we love every bit of Marshall Street."

**NEXT DOOR TO THE STAPLE HOUSE, AT 1820,** was one built by Mr. and Mrs. Kievil. They loved flowers and gardening and bought a lot and a half. Every bit of the 75 foot lot was filled with trees, shrubs, roses, and every kind of flower. They boasted a greenhouse, so had a "jump" on the rest of us with early flowers. Mr. Kievil was a custodian in the high school, but every spare minute was spent in his garden. It was a "showplace." There were many changes of ownership but I will just mention a Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Wilby who bought from the Kievils. Mr. Wilby was a CN wireless telegrapher downtown at the corner of Bernard Avenue and Water Street. This is the only house on Marshall Street that has been torn down. A care facility now occupies this property.



Jack O'Reilly, Kelowna Packers Coach, arriving back in Canada after winning the Canada-Russia hockey tournament in 1958. The Packers were the first western team to visit the U.S.S.R.

**NOW WE COME TO THE BURNHAM HOME, AT 1826,** built also on a 75 foot lot. Mr. J.L. Burnham was agent for the C.P.R. until his retirement. Mr. Burnham had a green thumb and kept a beautiful garden.

As a hobby he kept a record of the weather which was so exact and accurate that his recordings were used as comparisons throughout the valley. The Burnham home likewise changed hands many times. At one time Jack O'Reilly, with his wife and family, lived there. Jack was a wonderful person. He played hockey during the Kelowna Packers debut. He also coached the Packers, and the Juveniles, taking his Juveniles to the B.C. Championships. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Warren and family and later Doug and Doreen Haworth and family also lived there. Doug and his father owned James Haworth and Son Jewellers on Bernard Avenue.

**NEXT TO THE BURNHAM HOUSE, AT 1842,** was the Matson House. Mr. Maurice Matson was a mining engineer at the Beaverdell Silver Mine. He lived there with his wife, and daughter Audrey.

**THE HOUSE ON THE CORNER** of Marshall and Rowcliffe (1852) was built by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Thompson, who were jewelers on Bernard Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Simpson later lived in this cute little house. It was here that former City Councillor Sharron Simpson spent some of her baby days. Mrs. Douggin and Miss Doris Teague also lived there.

**TRAVELLING ACROSS ROWCLIFFE TO 1860,** Mrs. Miller, a dear lady in her 90's lived. At one time this home belonged to an Olson family.

**MRS. GIBB WAS A NEIGHBOUR** of the Olsons at 1876 Marshall Street. She and her husband Bert owned and ran the Gibb Grocery in the North End. When Mr. Gibb passed away, Mrs. Gibb's sons, Chas and Harold Pettman, took charge of operations. Everyone knew the Pettman brothers. They played musical instruments in bands and Chas was our fire chief for many years. Later, this property was subdivided and a new home in heritage style was built at 1868 in 1990.



Chief Charles Pettman  
Kelowna Fire Dept.  
1956-1980

**THE HOUSE AT 1882** is a newer house, built after 1950, and was once owned by Mrs. Carlyle. Colonel Poole, known from his war activities, was a close neighbour at 1888 Marshall Street. He was also Secretary of the B.C. Interior Vegetable Marketing Board.

**AT THE END OF THE STREET AT 1896** was the Buckoltz home. It faced Pandosy Street and backed onto Marshall Street. Mr. Buckoltz, known as "Slim," was a contractor and built many Kelowna homes. A. Paget who was the district engineer of the water rights branch of the BC government also lived there, as did Edwin Willson, a building contractor.

**GOING BACK TO BUCKLAND** and looking at the homes on the other side of Marshall Street we have a nice old home at 1807 which was built by Mr. Maranda for Mr. Percy Harding. Mr. Harding ran a hardware store and owned other businesses in Kelowna. He and Mrs. Harding had a large family of boys who have been successful in business in Kelowna. Ken Harding, who now owns Willis-Harding Insurance, is a name synonymous to Kelowna. The Delcourt family rented this home for five years until they built and moved down the street. Mr. and Mrs. Harding later sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Barney McDonald. He was well known in the automotive and car dealership business in Kelowna.

**ANOTHER LOVELY OLD HOME WAS BUILT AT 1813** for the McClellands by Mr. R.B. Staples in the 1930s. Mr. Sam McClelland was a sales representative for a paper company which handled packing boxes and apple wrapping paper for the fruit industry. Other people having lived in this nice old home were the McCormacks. Peter McCormack was an engineer on the ferries which plied the waters between Kelowna and the west side before the floating bridge was built. Rocky Curtis who owned Arena Motors also lived there with his family.

**MR. AND MRS. RON PROSSER** owned the next house at 1821 Marshall St. Ron owned Victory Motors which



Homemade fun on Marshall Street.

was another car dealership on Pandosy St. The Bregolisses bought the house from the Prossers and with their son Art and daughter Annie bought and operated People's Food Market.

**THE STEWART HOUSE AT 1827** was one of the first houses built on the street. Mr. Stewart (of Overwaitea) was a brother of Mr. Sutherland who worked in the bakery of that name. It was still operating on Ellis Street under the name Royal Bakery until recently. Reverend and Mrs. Herdon, Mr. and Mrs. Willett, and Doug and Mary Kerr also lived there. Doug was service manager of Victory Motors and later owned Kerr's Motors and Kerr's Auto Repair. Gord and Connie Smith also had ownership. Gordie Smith was manager of the Kelowna Memorial Arena and Connie taught piano.



'Del' Delcourt  
with his Malkin's order book

**THE DELCOURT HOUSE,** which can boast one owner, was built in 1937 at 1835 Marshall Street by Mr. Maranda. It was through the efforts of Mr. F.V. Delcourt that the W.H. Malkin Co. of Vancouver opened a wholesale grocery warehouse on Smith Avenue. Mr. Delcourt, better known as Del, was the manager. Our two sons had faith in Kelowna and owned and operated several businesses here. Marshall Street was home to them and their two sisters and



Capt. Bruce Little

they all enjoyed the proximity to everything. Every winter we made an ice skating rink in our backyard and all the kids in the neighbourhood learned to skate, play hockey, and just have good fun. Daughter Diana continues to live in the family home.

**WE HAD AN ENGINEER FOR THE FERRIES** on the street and also a captain in Mr. Bruce Little who lived with his wife and three boys at 1843 Marshall Street. When we had to go to the west side, we would try and catch one of the ferries that Captain Little was on, so the children could go up to the wheelhouse and help "steer" the ferry across the lake.

**MOVING ON UP THE STREET AT 1859,** is a home once owned by A.M. Iverson and later by Mr. Fred Williams who was the owner of Williams Shoe Store and Men's Wear on Pandosy Street. Then at 1879 lived Mr. and Mrs. Taggart and at 1891 lived Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Meek. Mr. Meek was the bank manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia. This home was later owned by Mr. and Mrs. Turk.

**ALL BUT ONE OF THE ORIGINAL HOMES** are still on the street. Many of the homes boast beautiful rock work and landscaping done by Mr. Carl Nahm, a German gardener who came to Kelowna in the late 30's. The rockwork is still all intact and adds a special character to Marshall Street.



Spring flooding on Marshall Street c. 1940s. Flooding was an annual event as Mill Creek overflowed its banks each spring, and groceries were sometimes delivered in a canoe. In the 1990s the city installed a diversion system which reduced the flood risk for residents.

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