

The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB-315/79

December 5, 1979

REPORT ON DESIGNATION

NAME OF PROPERTY: John McFee/Klockzien Residence and site
ADDRESS: 524 West Highland Drive
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Constock Addition, Supplement 1, Block 27,
Lots 4,5,6,7
OWNER: Vernon G. Klockzien

On October 17, 1979, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the above property for consideration as a Seattle Landmark. At their Hearing on November 21, 1979, the Board voted to approve the designation of the subject property based upon satisfaction of the following criterion of Ordinance 106348:

3:01 (6) Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or city:

The McFee/Klockzien residence is well located on a corner site on West Highland Drive. Its impressiveness and use of site are amplified by the brick retaining wall for the yard, surmounted by a brick terrace (some distance back from the retaining wall) across the front of the house, thus creating a dual base of brickwork corresponding to that of the lower floor of the house.

The formality of the house, standing upon this generous base, combined with the mature landscaping of the property (especially to the East), contribute to the quality and ambience of the Queen Anne Boulevard System.

Features and characteristics Identified for preservation include:

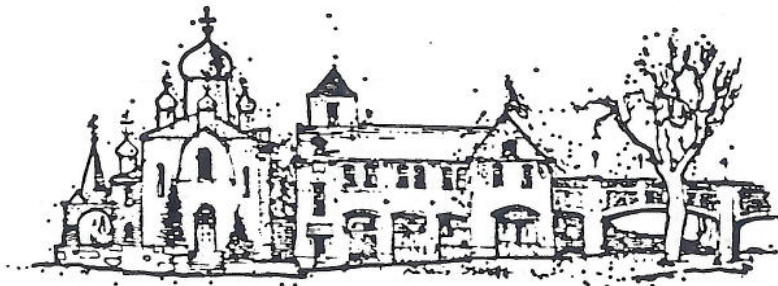
- the exterior of the main residence structure;
- the major structural and landscape elements on the site.

Issued,

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Earl Layman
City Historic Preservation Officer

By: Roberta Deering
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Landmark Nomination Form

LPB-261/79

Name John McFee/Klockzien Residence Year Built* 1909
(Common, present or historic)

- Landmark
 Landmark Site
 Both

Street and Number 524 W. Highland Drive

Assessor's File No. 173280 0710 (155-F-24)

Legal Description Plat Name Comstock, Sup. 1 Block 27 Lot 4,5,6,7
Add.

Present Owner Vernon G. Klockzien Present Use Residence

Address 524 W. Highland Drive (282-1265)

Original Owner John G. McFee Original Use Residence

Architect _____ Builder _____

The McFee-Klockzien residence is an impressive and formal Tudor eclectic residence, well located on a corner site on West Highland Drive. Its impressiveness and use of site are amplified by a brick retaining wall for the yard, surmounted by a brick terrace wall across the front of the house, thus creating a dual base of brick work corresponding to that of the lower floor and chimneys of the house. Although the house is large, it is very restrained and orderly, with sensitive organization of windows and other openings within the modulation of the simulated half timbering. The house is complemented with generous and mature landscaping which extends into an additional lot to the East of the mansion. The internal disposition of major spaces is formal and balanced, with excellent woodwork combined with some art nouveau elements.

John McFee, the original owner, was born in Quebec in 1863, and came to Seattle in 1890. He originally established a large and successful business as a railroad contractor (he arrived at exactly the right time for such activity), and subsequently became involved in other and additional important business activities and thus was long recognized as a leading business man of his time.

Submitted by The Office of Urban Conservation Staff

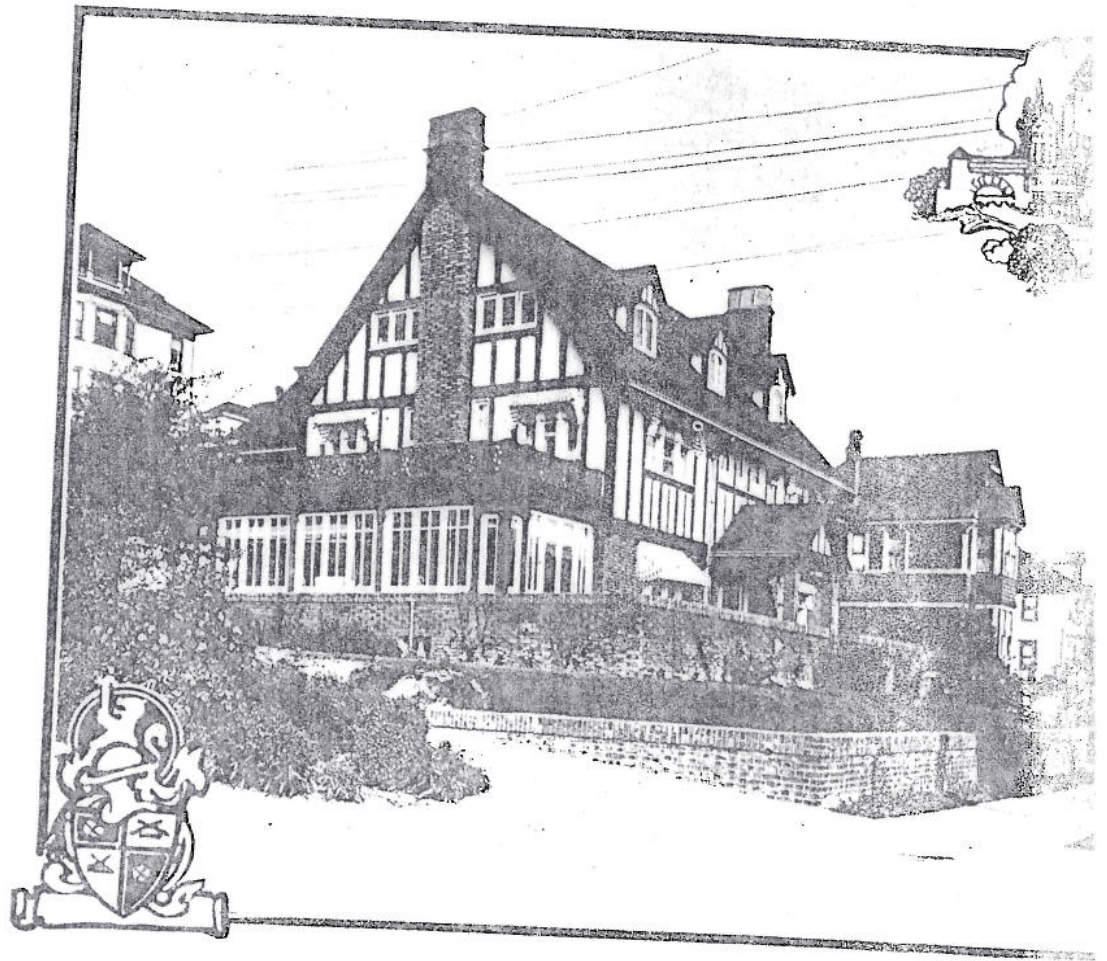
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Date 08 October 1979

Reviewed 
Historic Preservation Officer

Date 09 Oct 79

Residence of Mr. J. G. McFee
524 West Highland Drive



ENGLISH domestic architecture is probably the most successful of any in the world. ¶ In America this style has been followed to such an extent that it might almost be called American, especially in the class in which the half timber construction has been used. ¶ Mr. McFee's home is an especially good example of this style of home with the exception of the sun porch which is an improvement on the usual English house. ¶ The carved woodwork over the sun room is characteristic of very old English homes.

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