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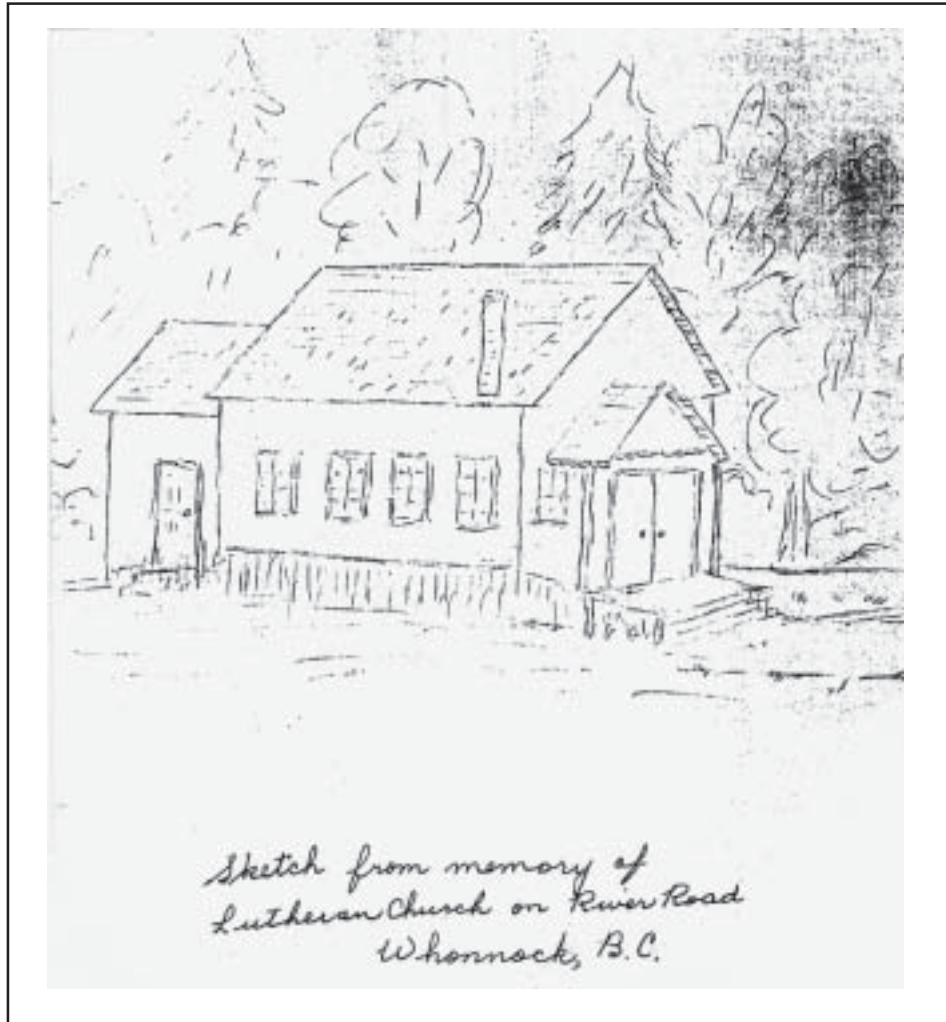
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## The Trondheim Congregation

The Norwegian Minute Books of the Lutherans in Whonnock

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## How and Where To Get the Whonnock Notes

Sue Schulze continues to have a stock of this and previous issues of the *Whonnock Notes* handy at the Whonnock Post Office. I am very grateful for her help.

If you are not planning a visit to Whonnock, and want to buy copies of these or previous *Whonnock Notes*, please contact Fred Braches, PO Box 130, Whonnock B.C. V0M 1S0. Phone (604) 462-8942, E-mail: braches@netcom.ca

# Introduction

These *Whonnock Notes* include translations of the text of the Minute Book of the Lutheran Congregation at Whonnock (1895 - 1921) and of the three minute books of the Lutheran Women's Association (1897 - 1924). A few words on how they were "discovered."

To write the chapters on Whonnock and Ruskin for *Maple Ridge, a History of Settlement* in the 1970's, Daphne Sleigh gathered information from many sources. She very kindly donated copies of some correspondence and notes on interviews to the Whonnock Community Association. Included was a copy of a letter from the Mission-Matsqui Parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, addressed to Daphne Sleigh and dated December 10, 1971. The letter mentioned that Whonnock records, all written in Norwegian, were in the Parish office in Mission.

I contacted the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Mission and Sheri Loverod confirmed that minute books of the Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock were indeed kept by the Church. She arranged that I could work with the original books, and was instrumental in the transfer of the custody of the four minute books to the Whonnock Community Association. A copy of the letter from the Lutheran Congregation in Mission is shown on the back cover of these *Whonnock Notes*.

We are very grateful to Sheri Loverod and the Lutheran Congregation in Mission for their contribution. The original Norwegian minute books are now kept with the document collection of the Whonnock Community Association at the Mission Community Archives. Photocopies of the Norwegian text can be found at the Maple Ridge Museum and the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Mission.

Church books recording marriages, baptisms etc. in the Trondheim Norwegian Evangelical Congregation were kept by the early pastors who all resided in Washington State. In a letter dated Bellingham, September 24th, 1904 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 04-09-118020), Pastor O.J. Ordal writes: "The above [marriage] ceremony is recorded in the Church book for the above mentioned [Whonnock] Congregation. Said record is kept by me, the undersigned, at Bellingham, Wash." Nancy Webster's father, Teddy M. Lee, thought that these papers were all lost in a house fire (interview August 21, 1985). It may still be possible that someone will discover these or similar documents and they would be a welcome complement to these minutes.

To allow most of us to understand the text of the minute books a translation was necessary. Since Norwegian is not one of my languages I looked for help from someone willing to work with me through the four books.

Lyn Ross of the Coqualeetza Resource Center suggested that I talk to Professor Christensen in Mission. Gustav Strom Christensen emigrated from Denmark to Canada in 1953. He obtained his B.Sc.Eng. Physics from the University of Alberta in 1958 and his MA.Sc. and Ph.D. from UBC in 1960 and 1966. He was Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta from 1966 till 1993 when he and his family retired to Mission, B.C.

Gustav volunteered and generously shared many hours with me during the summer of 1996 translating the minutes. Gustav's Danish background proved an asset, since the Norwegian still used by these settlers had much in common with Danish. So we found ourselves working often with Danish rather than Norwegian dictionaries to solve puzzles in the writings. The settlers had sometimes unorthodox

ways of spelling and writing and the occasional use of anglicisms also caused some distress. I thank Gustav Christensen for his wonderful gift to all of us. He made it possible to hear the voices of the early Norwegian again. The project would not have succeeded without his help.

To assure that the translations were adequate and to resolve remaining uncertainties I looked for help from native speakers of the Norwegian language of today. I was fortunate to be introduced by my old friend Ron Sutherland to Magnus and Sølvi-Marie Fjertoft from Ålesund. The Fjertofts very kindly agreed to review the translations and the original text. They were very interested in the project and enjoyed reading the old text and they generously gave their time to provide the help needed. Also to the Fjertofts: *takk skal du ha!*

I am solely responsible for the English text of the translations. Of course we have tried to stay as closely to the original text as possible and that gives it a "foreign flavour". For serious students, the original Norwegian texts are available as a source. My attempt here is to do what is our mandate: "to promote the research and understanding of the past of our community".

I want to mention Nancy (Lee) Webster, who was the first to show me the trail of the Whonnock Lee's and the interesting twists of the intertwining Lee and Nelson families. Most of the documents in Nancy's possession were collected by her father, Teddy Lee.

Teddy Lee and his brother Hank were proud of their ancestry and interested in the history of Whonnock. Ted was interviewed as part of the Historical Project Summer 1985 of the Whonnock Community Associations. Hank was interviewed a decade earlier by Daphne Sleigh. What a pleasure it would have been to hear their stories first hand.

I had a similar pleasure when talking with Arthur Nelson in March of 1997 and would have liked to continue the conversation with the knowledge I have now, but he passed away in July, 92 years old. His grandson, Dean Nelson, very kindly helped me with information on the descendants of Albert Nelson.

I also spoke with Mary Flatla and Gudrun Petersen on the phone and had the great pleasure of recording the stories of Millie Kirkwood this past summer.

In the following pages, I have mentioned by name many who also contributed. I may have omitted to mention others who shared knowledge and insight of the past with me. Please rest assured that I am not less thankful for their help.

I have added a brief introduction on the migration and earliest settlement in Whonnock as well as some notes on land owned by Norwegians before 1905, when the church was built. I have also written a page on the cemeteries and the little church. Further information is given as notes to the minutes and as appendices, including an outline of first Norwegian families. These additions are only intended as background for the readers of the minutes and not as a definitive history of the Norwegians in Whonnock.

I would be very interested to receive any comments, corrections and additions to these particular *Whonnock Notes*. I also invite you to supply information on any other aspect of Whonnock history. We are not out to collect original documents (although we assure archival storage) but information and photocopies are just fine.

These *Whonnock Notes* are dedicated to my wife, Helmi, in gratitude. How could I have done this without her support and generosity.

# The Norwegian Settlers in Whonnock

## Migration & Settlement 1887 - 1897

Three families from the Trondheim area in Norway, the Andersons (Andersen), Nelsons (Nilsen), and Lees (Lie), started to settle in Whonnock shortly after 1887. These families formed the Trondheim Lutheran Evangelical Congregation.<sup>1</sup> They were joined in 1897 by the Knudtsos (Knutsen or Knudsen) and started the Trondheim, later called Lutheran Women's Association.

John Christian Nelson was the first Nelson to settle in Whonnock. He seems to have left Norway in 1887 for Victoria.<sup>2</sup> We have no Norwegian migration records for his family. The 1901 Census mentions 1887 as the year of immigration to Canada for John Christian Nelson's wife Anna -- married to John Mathisen in 1901 -- and a son, Charles H. Nelson. But the year of migration of the family should perhaps be 1888, as shown for a daughter, Christine, and son Andrew in the 1901 Census. According to the 1901 Census this daughter, [Anna] Christine, was born in Norway in 1888.<sup>3</sup>

The Census records of 1901 show that Peter Anderson also arrived from Norway in 1887 and we know that he married a daughter of Chris Nelson in November of 1888<sup>4</sup>. Both Peter and his wife Johana are registered as residents of Whonnock. The 1891 Census shows Peter Anderson as a widower, with a one year old infant named Eleanor.

Peter Anderson's father, Andrew (Andreas) Anderson, joined Peter in Whonnock in 1889<sup>5</sup>. In 1895, Andrew Anderson went with Ole Lee Senior to the meeting of the Congregations in what is now the Bellingham area, speaking for the Whonnock congregation.

The first Lees started their migration from Norway in 1887 as well. Ole Lee Senior and two of his sons, Ole Junior and Axel, travelled to Victoria in 1887<sup>6</sup>. The Lees, father and sons, do not seem to have settled in Whonnock as early as John Christian Nelson did. The Census of 1891 does not show any Lees living in Whonnock<sup>7</sup> and they did not own land here until 1892.

Back in Norway, in 1891, Ole Nelson, a widower and a brother of John Christian, married Ole Lee Senior's oldest daughter, Martha Marie Lee.<sup>8</sup> Ole and Marie Nelson left Norway for Whonnock that same year with their newborn baby, Aksel Oswald Nelson. Also travelling with the couple were his sons from his previous marriage -- Alfred, Carl and Sverre. His daughter, Anna Oline Nelson stayed in Norway for another year. Ole's

decision to leave for Whonnock may have been hastened by the serious illness of his brother. Johan Christian Nelson died in Whonnock in 1891<sup>9</sup>, leaving his widow with three children, the oldest son, Nils Christian, fifteen years and his youngest just a year old.

In 1890, another son of Ole Lee Senior, Hilmar, made the crossing to Canada.<sup>10</sup> At some time Ole Lee Senior must have returned to Norway and he may have been present at the wedding of his daughter Mary and Ole Nelson. In 1892, Ole Lee travelled back to Canada with his wife Gørgine and the remaining children: Gørgine, Ovidia, Karl, Olaus and Oluf. Their destination is shown to be Whonnock.<sup>11</sup> Ole Nelson's daughter Anna travelled with the Lee family to Whonnock. She would later marry Axel Lee. Also travelling from Norway to Whonnock was Odin Lee, a son of Ole Lee Senior from an earlier marriage, with his wife Anna (Learson) and their young son.<sup>12</sup>

Georgina Lee married Henry Robert Fletcher on Christmas-day 1895.<sup>13</sup> Other marriages followed. In February 1896, the widow of John Christian Nelson, Anna Nelson, married John A. Mathisen,<sup>14</sup> who, according to the marriage record was born "In City of Trondheim". The Census of 1901 records that John Mathisen came to Canada in 1888. Ole Lee Junior married Freda Johnson in the summer of 1896.<sup>15</sup> Nils Christian Nilsen married Lizzie Josephine Dunn in August of 1897.<sup>16</sup>

The Census of 1901 shows that Andrew and Mary Knutsen (both in their mid thirties) arrived in Canada in 1896 with a child, Gusta, born in the United States. In addition to Andrew Knudtson the minutes mention Erik and Anton Knudtson -- two brothers and probably brothers of Andrew as well.

Albert Nelson,<sup>17</sup> the youngest of the Nelson brothers is not shown as a resident of the Whonnock area in the 1901 Census. It is likely that Albert and his wife Martha and the children Carl, John and Mabel did not come to Whonnock before 1905. The minutes report that "After the service on June 11, [1905] Albert Nilsen and his family joined the Congregation". According to Carl Nelson<sup>18</sup>, Albert had a lung ailment after working as a diver to put in foundations of the Patullo bridge. Albert died in September of that year<sup>19</sup> and Albert's youngest son, Art, was born in Whonnock in December of 1905.

Appendix No. 5 shows an outline of the families mentioned here. Notes to the minutes show occurrences after 1897.



<sup>1</sup> Without the help of Linda Mattis, Nancy Webster, and Rita Willoughby, it would have been impossible to reconstruct the relationships of the Lee and Nelson families and the history of their migration. We can only hope that this simple summary will stimulate further investigation.

<sup>2</sup> Norwegian migration record: 4 May 1887. Courtesy Rita Willoughby. The records mention Christian Nilsen from Strinden to Victoria, B.C., age 40 years. There is some doubt if the person mentioned is J.C. Nelson, because of an age difference. John Christian was born in 1851 and would have been 36 years old in 1887. The latest he arrived is in 1888 with his wife and children. There are, however, persisting stories in the Lee families that some members of the Lee and Nelson and also the Iverson families made the first trip to Victoria together in 1887.

<sup>3</sup> Also the marriage certificate with Dougal Harris shows her as born in "Naraway" [Norway]. BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1902-09-048887.

<sup>4</sup> BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1888-09-114380. Jane Anderson, age 19, died 5 December, 1890 and was buried at Sapperton. *The British Columbia Genealogist* Vol. 1 No. 4 p. 96

<sup>5</sup> Aside from Andrew and his son Peter, the 1901 Census mentions two other Andersons, Bernt and Olaf, who may have been sons of Andrew.

<sup>6</sup> Norwegian migration record: 4 May 1887. Photocopy acquired by Rita Willoughby. Courtesy Rita Willoughby.

<sup>7</sup> Quadra Island and Squamish are stepping stones in the saga of the migration of the Lees to Whonnock. They moved to Whonnock because they were flooded where they were in the Squamish area (personal communication Linda Mattis and Rita Willoughby). They may well have shared that experience with Christian Nelson and his family. According to *Maple Ridge, a History of Settlement*, "Christian Nelson had moved to the Whonnock homestead in 1889, after an initial attempt to settle in Squamish had been frustrated by severe flooding to his property."

<sup>8</sup> Letter from Statsarkivet i Trondheim to Mr. Gill Nelson, Surrey B.C. dated June 16, 1981. Courtesy Nancy (Lee) Webster.

<sup>9</sup> BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1891-09-077525.

<sup>10</sup> Copied by Rita Willoughby from Norwegian migration record dated July 16, 1890. Courtesy Rita Willoughby.

<sup>11</sup> Norwegian migration record dated 24 August 1892. Courtesy Rita Willoughby.

<sup>12</sup> Norwegian migration record dated 24 August 1892. Courtesy Rita Willoughby.

<sup>13</sup> BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1895-09-116121.

<sup>14</sup> BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1896-09-116243.

<sup>15</sup> BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1896-09-116207.

<sup>16</sup> BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1897-09-116394.

<sup>17</sup> I owe the information on the descendants of Albert Lee to Dean Nelson, a grandson of Art Nelson.

<sup>18</sup> Recollections of Carl Nelson, Conversation with Daphne Sleigh. Courtesy of Daphne Sleigh.

<sup>19</sup> BC Vital Statistics Reg. Number 1905-09-082805. After Albert's death Martha married Albert Hegarat (Le Hegaret). BC Vital Statistics Reg. Number 1910-09-061731.

## Fishing & Other Jobs

By 1890 the canning industry in British Columbia had developed into an important income earner and experienced fishermen were required for fishing salmon commercially. Gilbert Lee, a son of Ole Lee Jr., said in an interview in 1980 that the Norwegian fishermen were "brought out to BC by the Canadian Government to help develop the fisheries".<sup>1</sup>

The Norwegians from Whonnock fished on the Fraser and at the mouth of the Fraser. In summer, some travelled north to the Skeena to fish for sockeye there and to build boats, floats and net racks for the canneries. Some went even further afield. Ole Lee Jr. fished for a season on a halibut steamer in Hecate Straits before the turn of the century and, for two winters, black cod on

the West coast of the Queen Charlottes<sup>2</sup>. His brother, Hilmar Lee who arrived in BC in 1890 at age 19, joined the North Pacific fur seal hunt aboard the sealer "Annie E. Paint" out of Victoria for a nine-month voyage which took him from Japanese waters following the herd to the Bering Sea.<sup>3</sup>

Few Norwegians lived from fishery alone.<sup>4</sup> Between the salmon runs the Norwegians worked as farm labourers, loggers, carpenters, in construction: in short on anything that came their way and wherever they could find it. Logging their own lands was of course a necessity and a source of income. Like most other Whonnock residents the Norwegians brought farming skills from their homeland and farming in those early days in Whonnock was mainly subsistence farming. With the men away fishing or in pursuit of other paying jobs, much of the farming will have depended on the work of the women and children.

In 1896 and 1897, some of the Norwegians joined other Whonnock residents prospecting around Whonnock for gold, without much success.<sup>5</sup> Gold fever caught the Lees and it proved to be of advantage for some of them. In 1898, at least three of the Lee brothers left for the Yukon: Ole Jr., Hilmar and Charles. They went from Seattle to Wrangell by steamer, then up the Stikine to Telegraph Creek. Subsequently they crossed with sledges to the headwaters of the Yukon River.<sup>6</sup> Oluf Rekart ("Dick") followed them a year later to Alaska. Teddy Lee thought that Axel Lee also went in 1898 (interview August 1985). Olaus Lee spent some time in Alaska as well, but he, Axel and Ole Jr. returned to Whonnock. Hilmar, Charlie and Dick would make their future lives in Alaska and the United States. By 1903, when Ole Lee Jr. settled again in Whonnock, he bought the land on the Northeast corner of which the Trondheim Congregation established its cemetery in the spring of 1904 and built its little church, consecrated in February of 1906.

<sup>1</sup> Newspaper cutting dated May 21, 1980. "Gilbert Lee, Early Pender recollections", by Helen Parker. Courtesy of Rita Willoughbee.

<sup>2</sup> Personal communication Linda Mattis / Rita Willoughbee

<sup>3</sup> "Hilmar Lee — He Answered Alaska's Call to Adventure" by Lucile McDonald, in *The Seattle Times*, Sunday, May 28, 1961. Courtesy of Rita Willoughbee.

<sup>4</sup> The British Columbia Directory of 1899 shows most of the Lees, and Charles, Alfred and Olaf Nelson as fishermen. On the other hand John Christian Nelson and Ole Nelson are recorded as farmers. John Mathisen is mentioned as a fisherman in the BC Directory but as a farmer in the 1901 Census. Also the Knudtsens are shown as fishermen and farmers in the Directory.

<sup>5</sup> More about prospecting in the Whonnock area in a following issue of *Whonnock Notes*.

<sup>6</sup> Hilmar Lee remembered: "It was a terrible long, hard trip [but] we were strong in those days and we made it to the lower end of Lake Teslin in a month." From there to Dawson and later down the Yukon to St. Michaels and to Nome. Source: *The Seattle Times*, Sunday, May 28, 1961.

### Land in Whonnock 1898 - 1905<sup>1</sup>

In 1889, Peter Anderson and John Christian Nelson each owned a quarter of a section or 160 acres of land. Today the two quarters are bordered to the north by 112th Avenue and separated by 272nd Street.<sup>2</sup>

Peter Anderson owned the NE quarter of Section 7 until 1895 or 1896. John Christian Nelson owned the North-west quarter of Section 8. After his death in 1891 most of the land remained in the hands of his widow up to 1901. Her brother-in-law, Ole Nelson, acquired twenty acres of the land in 1892 which remained registered in his name until 1904. From 1896 to 1901 Odin Lee owned 28 acres of the NE quarter of Section 8.

The rolls show that in 1889 Charles Peterson owned the north half of the NE quarter of Section 6 (South of 104 Avenue and West of 272nd Street). The Ownership changed around the arrival of the last of the Lees to "Lee Bros. O[le]<sup>3</sup> & A[xel]". After 1902 the record suggests that the land was co-owned by Axel and Olaf Rickart Lee.

In 1896 Andrew Anderson bought three acres in Lot 433, but we do not know which land he owned. Records of 1900 suggest that Peter Anderson was or became the co-owner. In the following years Andrew Anderson was the only owner and Peter Anderson owned 15 (16) acres of land in Lot 433, adjacent to the three acres of his father. In 1905, Andrew shared ownership of his three acres with Bernt and Olaf Anderson.

Lot 433, the old Crown grant to Robert Robertson, includes part of the SE quarter of Section 6. The latter is therefore not the usual 160 acres, but only 120 acres.

This SE quarter is bordered today on the east by 272nd Street and on the south side by 100th Avenue. The 120 acres of the SE quarter of Section 6 were divided into four lots of 30 acres each. As from 1898 these lots were owned by Norwegians: Charles Lee (later Odin Lee), John Mathisen, Andrew Knudtson, and Nils C. Nilson (after 1901: Erik Knudtson).

In 1902, Ole Lee Junior purchased part of Lot 433: 7.5 acres on the shore of the Fraser between the railway tracks and the river.<sup>4</sup> In the following years, Ole Junior acquired more land of Lot 433. This land, west of the Reserve, lies between the rail tracks and what is now 96th Avenue which was then the highway. It was called Correction Line Road or River Road. Around 1905, a portion in the northeast corner of this land was set aside and used by the Lutherans for their cemetery and to build their little church. The lot is bordered on the west by York Creek, on the north by River road (96th Avenue), and to the East by the Whonnock Reserve.

<sup>1</sup> It would have been impossible to present the following without the support of Jim R. McBride, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of the District of Maple Ridge and of Valerie Billesberger, Archives Consultant. The Whonnock Community Association is in the process of compiling a database of the early owners of the properties in Maple Ridge in the earliest years and of the Whonnock/Ruskin area in particular. The Assesment and Collectors Rolls in the Archives of the Municipality of Maple Ridge are a unique resource, as the information given here shows. I have limited myself here to the period from 1890 until 1905, the year land is selected for the church.

<sup>2</sup> Appendix No. 7 shows a sketch map of lands in Whonnock recorded as owned by Norwegians.

<sup>3</sup> Olaf Rekart was only 11 years when the land was acquired in 1891 and it is therefore unlikely he was the "O" at that time.

<sup>4</sup> Reference Plan 3788. The Reid family has owned the property since the 1930's and kindly shared their information on the property with me.



*Whonnock, River Road facing east. The photo by Marshall Luno around 1925. On the left side the Whonnock post office and F.W. Showler's store which was built by Nils Nilson in 1920-21. On the right A. Graham's warehouse and store. In the background Luno's store and barn. Photo courtesy Marjorie Malm.*

# The Lutheran Church in Whonnock

No one seems to have made or kept a photograph of the Lutheran Church at Whonnock. The front cover of these Whonnock Notes shows a reproduction of a sketch of the little Lutheran church in Whonnock made from memory by Mary Flatla. We owe this reproduction to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haney.

As is evident from the minutes of the Lutheran Women's Association, it was the Norwegian women who raised the funds to construct the Lutheran Church in Whonnock. After it was built the women continued to raise money for the maintenance of the church building and its interior and other necessities.

Before the construction of their own church building, the Trondheim Congregation used St. Paul's Anglican Church in Whonnock, built in 1891, for their services.<sup>1</sup> At their meeting in December of 1895, the Congregation decided to try to approach the owners to find out on what terms the Lutheran Congregation could rent or buy the building and use the grounds for a cemetery. That came to nothing.

In April of 1896, the Congregation decided to look for and buy land for a cemetery. In the meeting of February 1897, Nils Christian Nilsen offered to sell some of his land. Another proposal was to buy an acre of land from Fancher, who lived on 96th Avenue (then Correction Line Road or River Road) across from the site where the cemetery and the Lutheran Church would be after 1904. Nothing came out of that either.

The records show that, in 1900, the Congregation finally decided to buy an acre of land from John Mathisen for 25 dollars. Perhaps it was a lot on the east side of 272nd Street just on top of the slope between 110th and 112th Avenue, which still seems to be considered as an old cemetery site by the Real Estate people in our area. Ted Lee also thought that this was the cemetery and that only one or two people were interred there (interview 1985). The first Norwegians settled in that area but the Norwegians subsequently moved closer to the Fraser and to the centre of the community. It is therefore also possible that the land bought from Mathisen was in the SE quarter of Section 6.

The minute books show that in 1904 the Trondheim Congregation decided to abandon the land purchased from John Mathisen and to accept land owned by Ole Lee Junior for a cemetery. This land was on the south side of 96th Avenue, east of 272 Street, adjacent to the Whonnock First Nation Reserve. Although the minutes speak about a purchase, no amount is mentioned and the land was probably donated for that purpose by Ole Lee. This ground, marked today as the "Lee Cemetery", is now the western part of the Whonnock Cemetery and is administered by the Municipality of Maple Ridge.<sup>2</sup>

In the following year, 1905, the Congregation built their small church on the northwest corner of the cemetery grounds. The church was consecrated in February of 1906 in the presence of pastors from communities in Washington and Oregon. The church on the cemetery survived till 1958. A document in our collection<sup>3</sup> dated Whonnock, December 31st, 1957 explains how it ended:

*To whom it may concern:*

*We the undersigned give our approval to the dismantling of Whonnock Lutheran Church; with the understanding that the material be given to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Mission City, B.C.*

The document shows the signatures of Mrs. N. Petersen, Alfred Raknerud, Mrs. O.A. Lee, Fredrick Lee, and J. Flatla.

When preparing the chapters on Whonnock and Ruskin for *Maple Ridge, A History of Settlement*,<sup>4</sup> Daphne Sleight did extensive interviews. She corresponded amongst others with the Lutheran church asking for information on the Lutheran Church in Whonnock. Pastor Vernon Roste of the Mission-Matsqui Parish of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada wrote to Daphne Sleight on December 10th, 1971:

*The Whonnock Lutheran Church was given to the construction of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Mission.*

*The church was therefore dismantled in 1958 and the useable materials were used to construct the pastor's study and the mother's [sic] room. Some lumber was also used in the new sanctuary floor and some in the ceiling of the education wing. The altar fixtures were built into the new altar fixtures and benches are still in use in their original condition at Camp Luther, a Lutheran campsite on Hatzic Island, and some benches also remain at Mount Calvary. Thus the old has been incorporated into the new.*

The number of Lutherans in Whonnock and Ruskin diminished over the years. Many of the original Norwegian settlers and their children moved away from the area over time and the Norwegian church did not attract Canadian born generations. After many years of neglect, the church was used again after the war and a successor of the Lutheran Women's Association, the Whonnock Lutheran Ladies Aid, came into being in 1949. More on that can be found in Appendix No. 9 "History of Whonnock Lutheran Ladies Aid, August 1949".

The existence of the Norwegian minutes was by no means unknown. In about 1960, the minutes were used by Mrs. Hilda Olsen to produce a review of the history of the Women's Association. The transcript of this text by Mrs. Olsen is added as Appendix No. 8.

<sup>1</sup> In the Marriage Registration of Nels Christian Nelson with Martha Ovidia Finess dated 28 September 1904, Pastor Ordal mentions: "Church (building belongs to Church of England) used by Trondhjems Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation." (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1904-09-118020). In October of 1906 when Pastor O. Borge marries Anton Kudtson and Marie Erikson he proudly shows as the place of marriage: "Trondhjems Lutheran Church" (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1906-09-119278).

<sup>2</sup> See *Whonnock Notes* No. 2, "Cemeteries in Whonnock."

<sup>3</sup> Courtesy of the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Mission.

<sup>4</sup> *Maple Ridge, a History of Settlement*, by the Maple Ridge Branch, Canadian Federation of University Women, 1972.



# Minutes of the Whonnock Congregation

## 1895 - 1921

Whonnock, 4 March, 1895. As previously announced, a joint meeting was held in New Whatcom of the Lutheran Congregations of Whonnock, Ferndale, Nooksack, New Watcom and Fairhavens on March 4th 1895 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The respective Congregations were represented by lawfully appointed delegates:

Whonnock: Andreas Andersen, Ole Lie  
 Ferndale: Y. L. Nilsen, J.E. Morrison  
 Nooksack: Hans Skjelstad, C. Tollum, Ole Knudsen  
 New Whatcom: John Larsen, Henry Knudsen  
 Fairhaven: A. Bjørndahle, J.A. Johansen

Pastor L.C. Foss, present, called the meeting to order and opened it with the singing of Psalm 557 of the Landstads Psalm-book, a reading from Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians, 3rd Chapter, and prayers.

On Thursday, Pastor Foos was elected chairman as proposed by J. A. Johansen and, as proposed by Y.L. Nilsen, J. A. Johansen was appointed Secretary. Pastor Foos reviewed the purpose of the meeting, namely to organize a collective call for a permanent minister. He demonstrated the urgency to do this now since neither he nor the Secretary could serve these Congregations on account of much other work.

A. Bjørnal thought that we should first determine if we wanted a pastor. Several speakers gave their views on that and everybody agreed that they wished to have a pastor. They thought that on that no discussion was needed, but there were differing opinions about the way to get a pastor. Some thought that the Synod should or ought to send a pastor, others that we ought to call for a pastor.

Andersen from Whonnock said he had been elected and sent here by his Congregation just for the purpose of calling a pastor to the ministry. They wanted a church service even if it would be only three or four times in a year. It was clarified that the Synod neither could nor would send a pastor to an organized Congregation without a call from the Congregation.

Johansen proposed that the delegates of Congregations represented here would draft a call for a pastor and work together in calling for a pastor. The suggestion was supported by A. Andersen. John Larsen declared that the Congregation in New Whatcom did not want to share in the call because they had called two pastors a short time ago and still had nobody. One speaker expressed that it would perhaps be to everyone's satisfaction to let those who wanted to do it go ahead with the pastor call. This proposal was then accepted with three abstentions.

Proposed by Johansen and seconded by Nilsen to let each Congregation say what contribution their Congregation would give to the wages of a Pastor. Johansen did not dare to promise more than about 25 dollar for the Fairhaven Congregation. H. Knudsen from Whatcom did not promise anything from the Congregation, but would not like to see that the work done in these four years should have been for nothing. He felt though that the Women's organization in Whatcom would be willing to pay 50 dollars. Nilsen, on account of Ferndale's Congregation, mentioned 25 dollars, adding that his Congregation would not like to be without a pastor. Tollum from Nooksack

could not say for sure what they had in mind for a pastor, but based on voluntary subscription it would be approximately 60 dollars. Andersen from Whonnock promised 35 dollars on behalf of his Congregation. It was then proposed and seconded to make a call for a pastor to three mission committees here on the coast. The proposal was accepted with nine votes in favour and two abstentions. Proposed that Mr. Olsen, present at the meeting, be nominated as an advisory member. Accepted.

Proposed by Hans Skjelstad to nominate a committee of three to prepare a call letter on behalf of delegates to be signed by delegates from the Congregations. Johansen said the delegates from Fairhaven could not sign the call letter at present. In conformity with a resolution of their Congregation, the decisions of this meeting were to be reported to the Congregation, and the Congregation would then make recommendations to accept or reject the decisions. The proposal was accepted with nine in favor and two against. Pastor Foss, J.A. Johansen and C. Tollum were proposed and nominated to the call letter committee.

J.L. Nilsen moved as follows: that every Congregation is answerable to the pastor only for the amount that has been promised in the call letter as pastor wages. The proposal was seconded by Johansen and unanimously accepted. Decided to include in the call letter the promised wages offered for the holy feasts and payment for pastoral duties according to ability and heart.

J. A. Johansen was proposed and nominated as Secretary of the pastor call committee. It was decided that the Secretary will send the Secretary of each Congregation a copy of the minutes. Decided that the combined meetings will be held in New Whatcom and that the Secretary should call for a joint meeting when the Congregations express the wish for a meeting. The meeting is closed with song a prayer.

Whonnock, B.C. The following was dealt with at the Congregational meeting held after the church service of the Evangelical Lutheran Norwegian Congregation in Whonnock on the 29th of December 1895. Pastor Hagoas, who is the Congregation's pastor,<sup>1</sup> opened the meeting and informed us about the order during the service. Thereafter a discussion about the need to have our own church and our own cemetery. Charlie Petersen,<sup>2</sup> who was present during the meeting, proposed to buy or to rent the church which we are using. It was suggested that Pastor Hagoas should write to the church's property owners about buying or renting it and under what terms the Congregation could obtain it and the church grounds for a cemetery. The suggestion was accepted by a majority. The meeting was concluded with song and prayer.

Congregation meeting after the service on the 12th of April 1896 was chaired by Pastor Hagoas and Axel Lee as Secretary.<sup>3</sup> It was proposed by Pastor Hagoas that the Congregation should buy a piece of land for cemetery or church yard to which the Congregation gave its approval in accepting it. It was then proposed and agreed that the Trustees should find an appropriate place for it. The meeting was concluded with a reading of the second letter of Paul to Timothy, 4th Chapter.

Congregation meeting of the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. on the 14th of February



1897, where the following was accomplished. Pastor O. Hagoes as pastor of the Congregation opened the meeting with the singing of Psalm No. 572 in the Landstads Psalmbok and prayer. Pastor Hagoes announced first that Andreas Knudsen and family had joined the Congregation which was welcomed by the Congregation.<sup>4</sup> The following discussion was about the cemetery. Nils Nilsen, present at the meeting, informed that he would sell land for the cemetery to the Congregation provided that the Congregation would wait till next autumn when he would get his deed for the land<sup>5</sup>. But the Congregation did not accept that and the suggestion was put aside.

After that Peter Andersen informed them that he thought that he could buy an acre of land from A. Fancher<sup>6</sup> and then it was unanimously accepted that a committee of two men should look after buying a cemetery, which was done. Thereafter the Congregation elected new elders and the following were elected<sup>7</sup>

Andreas Knudsen	Trustee	3 years
Axel Lie	Trustee	2 years
Ole Nilsen	Trustee	1 year
A. Andersen	Secretary	1 year
Ole Lie Jr.	Treasurer	1 year

Proposed by A. Knudsen that the Congregation ought to have an Auditor. This was accepted unanimously. Peter Andersen and Nils Nilsen and Ole Lie Sr. were unanimously elected Auditors. The meeting was then closed.

A continuation of the Congregational meeting of February 14, 1897 of the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. was held on 21 March [1897]. The following was considered. Pastor Hagoes made a suggestion about the way the Congregation could arrange its cemetery. The deed of the cemetery is to be distributed in lots, so that each family had its own lot. The arrangement for rest of the graves would be that if anyone outside the Congregation wished to have a lot, access would be given in the following way. One grave \$5. One lot of three graves \$12. Also that persons who died by suicide, members and nonmembers of the Congregation should not be allowed to have access and would not be allowed in. This was accepted unanimously. Following that the meeting was concluded with song and prayer.

The meeting of the members of the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. took place after the church service on the 6th of March '98 where the following was dealt with. Pastor Hagoes opened the meeting with a suggestion about election of new elders and the following were elected. In place of the departing Treasurer Ole Lie Jr., Nils Nilsen was unanimously elected as Treasurer for one year. Ole Nilsen was elected again for three more years as Trustee and A. Andersen was reelected as Secretary for one year. Thereafter the meeting was closed.

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock, B.C. held its Congregation's meeting on March 28th, 1898 where the following was dealt with. A letter from Pastor A. Hagoes about the need to look for an assistant to the Congregation's pastor, since it was too much work for one man. It was suggested that Axel Lie, as chairman of the Congregation, should be assistant pastor with the comment that this would not require more expenses for pastor wages to the Congregation. The suggestion was unanimously supported and accepted by two Congregation Trustees. Thereafter the meeting was closed.

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock, B.C. held a members' meeting on the 28th of December 1898 where the following were present: Ole Lie Sr., Johan Matisen,

and Peter Andersen together with the Congregation's three Trustees and the Congregation's Secretary. Pastor O. Hagoes opened the meeting by singing Psalm No. 593 in Landstads Psalmbok and prayer. Suggested by Pastor Hagoes that new elders should be elected: Axel Lee was elected Trustee for three years and instead of the retiring Treasurer Nils Nilsen, Johan Mattisen was nominated Treasurer for one year. A. Andersen was reelected as Secretary for one year. Thereafter there was some talk in the Congregation about a cemetery. Pastor Hagoes proposed to nominate a committee of three men, which was supported and accepted. The following were elected: Axel Lie, Johan Matisen and Peter Andersen. Thereafter the meeting closed with the singing of Psalm No. 330 in the Landstads Psalmbok and prayer.

A special members meeting was held on the 19th February 1899 after the service by the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock, B.C., with the following members present. Ole Lie Sr., Johan Matisen, Odin Lie, and two of the Congregation's Trustees, A. Knudsen and Axel Lie, and the Congregation's Secretary. Pastor Hagoes opened the meeting and announced that he had received a call letter from the Seattle Congregation and he said that each of the members present should speak up if they wanted to keep their pastor or not. The result was that those present voted to keep Pastor Hagoes as the pastor. Thereafter the meeting was closed.

The Annual meeting of the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. was held on 26 December 1899. The following elders were present: Ole Lie Sr., Johan Matisen, Odin Lie, Peter Andersen, Karl Nilsen, and two of the Congregation's Trustees, namely A. Knudsen and Axel Lie, and, the Congregation's Secretary. Nils Nilsen was present at the beginning for a short time but he left before the meeting was closed. Pastor Hagoes opened the meeting with the singing of Psalm No. 84 of the Landstads Psalmbok and prayer. Proposed by Pastor Hagoes and supported by the Congregation to appoint new elders. The following were elected.

Andrew Knudsen	Trustee for 3 years
Johan Mattisen	Treasurer for one year
A. Andersen	Secretary for 1 year
Peter Andersen and Odin Lie	Auditors for 1 year
Ole Lie Sr.	Church Warden 1 year

There was some talk about the Congregation's cemetery. It was decided that no suicide burials would take place in the Congregation's cemetery. Proposed and agreed that the church yard committee is authorized to order works done on the cemetery as soon as possible. After that the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. held its annual meeting after the church service on the 27th of December, 1900, with the following members present: Ole Lie Sr., Johan Matisen, Odin Lie, Charlie Nilsen, Peter Andersen, together with the Congregation's Trustees and the Congregation's Secretary. Pastor G. O. Lane who is the Congregation's pastor opened the meeting and called it to order. Pastor Lane proposed the election of new officials. The following were elected: Peter Andersen was unanimously accepted as Trustee for three years on a seconded proposal of Axel Lie replacing the departing Trustee Ole Nilsen.<sup>8</sup> A. Andersen was reelected as Secretary for one year as proposed by Matisen. Axel Lie informed the meeting that three of his brothers would resign from the Congregation, namely Ole Lie Jr., and Helmer and Karl Lie,<sup>9</sup> which was accepted. Thereafter the Congregation had a discussion regarding the pastor's wages. The proposal by Peter Andersen that the pastor's wages should be paid

before the 10th of November was supported and accepted. Pastor Lane proposed that the Congregation ought to have a joint annual meeting before this fall. Supported by Andrew Knudsen and unanimously accepted. Thereafter the Congregation discussed the cemetery plot. The meeting was informed that the Congregation had bought 1 acre land from Johan Matisen<sup>10</sup> for 25 dollars of which most was paid and that there has been a good amount of work done on it. It was decided during the meeting that the Congregation should have an extra meeting with [interested parties?<sup>11</sup>] in regard to the cemetery. Axel Lie proposed to close the meeting. Thereafter the meeting was closed with singing of Psalm No. 94 of the Landst. Psalmbook and prayer.

On the 2nd November 1901, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock, B.C. held its members meeting. On proposal of A. Knudsen, Axel Lie was unanimously elected as chairman and he opened the meeting by selecting and singing the first two Verses of Psalms No. 82 of the Landstads Psalmbook. The following members were present at the meeting: Ole Lie Sr., Odin Lie, Johan Matisen, Axel Lie and A. Knudsen, who called the meeting, and A. Andersen. First A. Knudsen read the minutes of the joint meeting in Fairhaven, Wash., where contributions for the repairs to the house of the pastor [Lane ?] were discussed. Proposed by Axel Lie that each member with a vote should give two dollars which was supported and accepted. On suggestion of Axel Lie the meeting was closed with singing of Psalm No. 91 of the Landstads Psalmbook.

The Congregational meeting held by the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. the 30th of December, 1901. The following members are present at the meeting: Axel Lie, Odin Lie, J. Matisen, A. Knudsen, Peter Andersen and A. Andersen. As proposed by Axel Lie, A. Knudsen was nominated chairman and he opened the meeting with singing of the first three verses of Psalm No. 135 of the Landstads Psalmbook. A. Knudsen first announced that Pastor Lane got a call letter from n, <sup>[12]</sup> and that his other Congregations had given him a free choice. Proposed by Axel Lee that this Congregation would do the same and following a short discussion the Congregation decided to let Pastor Lane do as he wanted. Axel Lie proposed to close the meeting. The meeting was then closed with the singing of Psalm No. 50 from the Landstads Psalmbook.

After the service on the 10th of January, 1902, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Whonnock, B.C. held its annual meeting with the following voting members present: Axel Lie, Johan Matisen, Odin Lie, A. Knudsen and A. Andersen. Pastor Lein [Lane] opened the meeting and called it to order. Then the minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and accepted as correct. Pastor Lein suggested a vote for the new officials and the following were elected As proposed by Johan Matisen and supported unanimously, Axel Lie was reelected as Trustee for three years. As proposed by Axel Lee, Jan Matisen was unanimously reelected as Treasurer for one year. On a proposal of Axel Lee, A. Andersen was unanimously reelected as Secretary for one year. Thereafter it was discussed which pastor the Congregation wants to propose: Pastor Ole S. Ordal or O. Hagos. As proposed by Odin Lie and seconded and unanimously supported, the choice was Pastor Ordal. Pastor Lane suggested that the Congregation would authorize him to vote in favour of Pastor Ordal as the Congregation's pastor. Supported and unanimously accepted. Pastor Lane suggested that the Congregation should accept a wage increase for the pastor. After a little bit of discussion it was supported and unanimously accepted, to raise the wage from \$35 to \$40, as suggested by Odin Lee. A suggestion was made to close the meeting and the meeting was then closed with singing of Psalm No. 199 from the Landstads Psalmbook and the Lord's Prayer.

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock, B.C. held its annual meeting after the service on the 28th of January, 1903. The following were present: Axel Lie, Ole Lie Sr., Ole Lie Jr., A. Knudsen, Odin Lie, and Andersen. Pastor Ordal was, as proposed by Axel Lie, unanimously elected as chairman. Pastor Ordal proposed a vote for new officers. Mr. A. Knudsen was, on proposal of Axel Lie, unanimously reelected as Trustee for three years. Ole Lee Jr. was unanimously elected as Treasurer for one year, replacing the departing Treasurer J. Matisen. A. Andersen was unanimously reelected as Secretary for one year. Ole Lie Sr. was unanimously reelected as Church Warden for one year. Pastor Ole J. Ordal read the following to the meeting: I was introduced by Pastor Lane on the 16th of March 1902 and came here and took up my position on the 8th of May, Ascension Day. In that time, till the first of January 1903, I have held seven services, confirmed ten children and baptized one child. After that the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer after the service of June 7 was accepted. Collected for the insurance of the church \$4 and 25 cents.

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock, B.C. held its annual meeting after the service on the 1st of January, 1904. Following members were present: Axel Lie, Ole Lie Sr., Jan Matisen, A. Knudsen and A. Andersen and Nils Nilsen and Anton Nilsen. As proposed by A. Andersen, Pastor Ordal was unanimously elected as chairman. Pastor Ordal proposed to the Congregation to vote for new officers and the following were elected: Proposed by Axel Lie to replace the retiring Trustee Peter Andersen. Johan Matisen was elected unanimously as Trustee for three years. Ole Lee Jr. was unanimously elected as Treasurer for one year and as proposed by A. Knudsen, A. Andersen was unanimously reelected as Secretary for one year. Ole Lee Sr. was unanimously elected as Church Warden for one year. Pastor Ordal made some small remark regarding the grave yard. Pastor Ordal wondered if the Congregation would continue to work on the cemetery which has been purchased or if the Congregation would look for a new cemetery. It was then decided to assign the committee consisting of the following members: Axel Lie, Johan Matisen and Peter Andersen. Since Peter Andersen has moved away, it was proposed by A. Knudsen and agreed unanimously to elect A. Andersen as a member of the committee. The committee should see to if we should continue the work on that cemetery that has been bought or look for a new one at a more suitable place.<sup>13</sup> Thereafter the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Whonnock, B.C., 8 March 1904 - The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation held a meeting on the 7th of this month called together by the cemetery committee. Present were Axel Lie, Carl Lie, Johan Mattisen, Odin Lie. A. Knudsen, Erik Knudsen, A. Andersen, and Ole Lee Jr. The purpose of the meeting was to buy a cemetery which also was done. We bought a piece of land of Ole Lie Jr. and it was decided to start clearing work as soon as possible.<sup>14</sup> *A. Andersen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., 14th May 1904 - The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation held a meeting on Sunday evening the 14th of May, which was called together by the Congregation's Trustees. Present were Axel Lie, Johan Matisen. A. Knudsen, Anton Knudsen, and A. Andersen at whose home the meeting was held. On the suggestion of Axel Lie, A. Knudsen was unanimously elected as chairman. The meeting discussed A. Knudsen's proposal that the Congregation would join the Synod. The Congregation was divided since the Congregation did not see itself in the condition to send delegates to take part in the Synod meeting on account of lack of money. It was then concluded to let Pastor Ordal act as he considered best [on behalf of the Congregation] *A. Andersen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., February 25, 1905 - The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Whonnock, B.C. held its annual Congregational meeting on the evening of 25 February. The meeting was opened by Pastor Ordal with song and prayers. The following were present. Andrew Knudtson, Anton Knudtson, Erik Knudtson, Axel Lee, Odin Lee, Ole Lee Sr., John Mathisen, Bernt Andersen, Karl Nilsen. Since A. Andersen did not want to continue as the Congregation's Secretary Andrew Knudtson was elected the Congregation's Secretary for one year. Thereafter we continued with the election of officers. Pastor Ordal was unanimously elected as chairman. Axel Lee was unanimously elected Trustee for three years. Erik Knudtson: Treasurer for one year. Ole Lee Jr. was elected Church Warden for one year. Thereafter Pastor Ordal gave a good talk regarding a Norwegian religious school for the children. We all thought that we did not have the capacity to start a Norwegian School and at this time Pastor Ordal wondered if there was a woman who would take on to listen to the children once a week. This question was postponed to the next service. Thereafter we went over to deal with the cemetery and what ought to be done there. Should people from the outside be given access to be buried on the cemetery, that is to say someone from outside the Congregation? Axel Lee suggested that we sell graves to people outside the Congregation. When the proposal was put to vote the result was 7 votes in favour and one against. The price per grave \$3.00. It was suggested and supported that the church would not be leased to ministers which are not of our community. Unanimously accepted, suggested and supported. The meeting is closed with prayers by Pastor Ordal. *A. Knudtson, Secretary.*

After the service on June 11 [1905] Albert Nilsen and family joined the Congregation.<sup>15</sup> *A. Knudtson, Secretary.*

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock held its annual Congregational meeting Thursday 28 December 1905. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by Pastor Ordal. Present were the following voting members: Karl Nilsen, Nils Nilsen, Anton Nilsen, Ole Lee Sr., Odin Lee, Andrew Knudtson, Anton Knudtson, Erik Knudtson, A. Andersen, Ole Lee Jr. Thereafter the election of the following officers: Pastor Ordal was unanimously elected as chairman. As Trustee, Anton Knudtson was elected unanimously for three years, replacing John Mathisen. Andrew Knudtson Secretary for one year. Erik Knudtson Treasurer for one year. A. Andersen Church Warden for one year. Pastor Ordal suggested, seconded by Ole Lee, to send a delegate to the regional meeting which shall take place in Bellingham from the 23rd till the 25th of January, 1906. The following were nominated: Delegate Anton Knudtson and substitute A. Andersen. Delegate Karl Nilsen and substitute Andrew Knudtson. Following this followed discussion about the work to be completed on the church. But since two members of the committee were absent it was decided to have a meeting on this subject some other time. As proposed and seconded the meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Ordal. *Andrew Knudtson, Secretary.*

February 8th [1906], the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation at Wharnock held a small Congregational meeting after the Service. The purpose of the meeting was to send a delegate to Bellingham on the 18th of March to deal with the partitioning of the pastor's parish. As suggested by Axel Lee, supported by A. Knudtson, Nils Nilsen was nominated as delegate and Oluf Lee as substitute. Pastor Ordal asked if the Congregation would be against holding the church consecration on two days. Unanimously accepted and meeting closed. *Andrew Knudtson, Secretary.*

Fasting Sunday February 25 [1906] was a happy day for the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. That day we held the consecration of our little church. In addition to Pastor O.J. Ordal, Chairman L.C. Foss, Pastor B. Harstad, Pastor H.M. Tjernagel, Pastor

O.A. Bjerke as well as Pastor Sörenson were present. Peder Gundersen, traveling from Stanwood, Washington, also came. The following two days, that is the 27th and 28th, we held discussion meetings. These were pleasant days for us. God give that we have more such meetings. *A. Knudtson, Secretary. Accepted.*

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation held its annual meeting on the 26th December 1906, opened by Pastor O. Borge. Thereafter we proceeded to the election of officers for the coming year. As chairman was elected unanimously Pastor O.J. Ordal for one year. As Trustee is elected John Mathison for 3 years. Secretary Andrew Knudtson for one year. Treasurer Erik Knudtson for one year. Church Warden Odin Lee for one year and to look after heating for Sunday school. Present were the following members Axel Lee, Ole Lee, Nils Nilsen, Anton Nilsen, Karl Nilsen, John Mathisen, Andrew Knudtson, Anton Knudtson. Pastor Borge also mentioned how deplorable it was not to send some delegates to the Synod meeting and the regional meeting. Pastor Borge suggested that the Congregation should at least send a delegate to the regional meeting which will be held in Edison from the 22nd till 24th of January in Pastor Bjerkes parish. The Congregation did not consider itself in a position to send anybody and it was turned down. Meeting closed. *A. Knudtson, Secretary.*

On the 4th of February, 1907, the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation held a Congregational meeting in the house of Mathisen. The meeting was called to order by Pastor Borge. The discussion was about the divisions of the parish which now has nine ministries served by Pastors Ordal and Borge. The ministries which constitute this parish are:

- Emanuels Congregation - Lawrence, Wash.
- St. Johannes Congregation - Eiverson, Wash.
- South Oldergrove Congregation - Oldergrove B.C.
- Sumas Congregation - Sumas, Wash.
- Trondhjem Congregation - Wharnock, B.C.
- The other parish is
- Zions Congregation - Bellingham, Wash.
- Emanuel Congregation - Custer, Wash.
- Beauty Valley Congregation - Ferndale, Wash.
- Bronsville Congregation - Bronsville, B.C.

As far as the divisions of the parish is concerned it was unanimously decided to leave it to Pastors Ordal and Borge to decide what they themselves thought was best for the church. Valid voters present John Mathisen, Nils Nilsen, Anton Knudtson, Erik Knudtson, Andrew Knudtson. The meeting closed. *Andrew Knudtson, Secretary.*

The Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation held a Congregational meeting on the 12th of March 1907 after the service. The meeting was opened by Pastor Borge. Thereafter chairman L.C. Foss announced the wish of the Congregation's Pastor Ordal's to resign as the Congregation's pastor. It was then proposed to support Pastor Ordal's resignation. It was then brought to a vote and the result was unanimously the same. Thereafter the meeting proceeded to the nomination of a pastor for the Congregation. As pastor for the Congregation, Pastor O. Borge was proposed and seconded and he was unanimously chosen as the Congregation's pastor. Thereafter chairman Foss spoke and asked the Congregation what they thought they could do about the wages of the pastor. We have paid \$40 a year. Proposed and seconded that we pay \$80 a year as wages to the pastor, which went to vote and it was unanimously accepted that the Congregation will pay the pastor a fixed wage of \$80 per year. Meeting closed. *Andrew Knudtson, Secretary.*



After church service on Sunday 7 July [1907], the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation held a Congregational meeting. They discussed if the Congregation should send delegates to the annual meeting. The meeting decided unanimously that we did not feel ourselves able to send a delegate. It was then decided to ask the Secretary to write a letter and send it to the annual meeting. The meeting was closed. *Andrew Knudtson, Secretary.*

Sunday 29 December 1907. After church service, the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation held an annual Congregational meeting. The meeting was opened by Pastor O. Borge. Thereafter the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. Pastor Borge was elected chairman. Trustee for three years: Axel Lee. Trustee for two years: Ole Lee Jr. Treasurer: Erik Knudtson for one year. Secretary: Andrew Knudtson for one year. Church Warden: Odin Lee for one year. Thereafter Pastor Borge spoke about a religion school [Sunday school] and wished to hear what we could do about that. Since no decision was made we will see what we can do at some other time. We also received a request from A. Andersen asking permission to leave the Congregation and he was unanimously given permission. The meeting was closed. *A. Knudtson, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 24 January 1909. On Sunday evening the 24th of January the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation held its annual Congregational meeting at Mrs. Odin Lee's<sup>16</sup> with various members present: Ole Lee Sr., Ole Lee Jr., Axel Lee, Karl Nilsen, Nils Nilsen, Mrs. Nels Nilsen, Isak Nilsen and Erik Knudsen and Mrs. Erik Knudsen. The meeting opened with the singing of the three first verses of Psalm No. 534 of the Landstads Psalmbok and prayer by Pastor Borge. Thereafter the meeting proceeded with the election of officers. Pastor Borge was reelected as chairman for the year. Karl Nilsen as Trustee for three years, Erik Knudsen as Secretary and Church Warden for one year, Nils Nilsen as Treasurer for one year were unanimously accepted. Then there was discussion about partial payment of pastor's wage at the end of each half year. It was accepted that Ole Lee Jr. should buy stoke link for repair of the church roof. Discussed that we should get the church and the cemetery incorporated under the provincial laws as soon as we could. It was discussed that we should buy paint and paint the church in spring. Accepted unanimously. There was some discussion about a [Sunday] school but no decision was made regarding that. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer by Pastor Borge. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 16 January 1910. Sunday, 16 January, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation held its annual Congregational meeting. Several Congregation members were present: Mr. & Mrs. N. C. Nilsen, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Nilsen, Ole Lee Sr., Ole Lee Jr., and Axel Lee, Mrs. Odin Lee, Mrs. West, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. E. Knudsen, and more. The meeting than proceeded with the election of officers. Pastor O. Borge was reelected as Chairman for one year, A. Lee as Trustee for three years, N.C. Nilsen as Treasurer for one year, E. Knudsen as Secretary and Church Warden for one year. Yes, that was about all that was discussed and the meeting was closed with the reading of the Lord's Prayer by Pastor Borge. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 22 January, 1911. Sunday, the 22nd of January, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock held the annual Congregation meeting. The following officers were elected: Pastor Borge was reelected as chairman for one year, Ole Lee as Trustee for three years, Ole Lee Sr. as Treasurer for one year, and A. Engen<sup>17</sup> as Church Warden for one year, and Erik Knudsen as Secretary for one year. The meeting closed with the reading of the Lord's Prayer by Pastor O. Borge. *Erik Knudsen, Secretary.*

Tuesday, the 2 January 1912, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation held its annual Congregational meeting at A.B. Lee's house. The following officers were elected: Pastor Skonhowd

as chairman for one year, Karl Nilsen as Trustee for one year, Ole Lee Sr. as Treasurer for one year, and Erik Knudsen as Church Warden and Secretary for one year. Then it was proposed by Carl Nilsen that the women belonging to the Congregation with their husbands should pay half of the pastor's wages. It was suggested that the Treasurer should talk with them. It was also put forward by Karl Nilsen if we should not build a small stable near the church for the horses when there is snow. But no decision made regarding that. Yes, that was all which was discussed and the meeting was closed. *Erik Knudsen, Secretary.*

Sunday 13 October 1912. Mr. Svendsen<sup>18</sup> was received as a Member of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock, B.C. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 19 January 1913. Sunday, 19 January, the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. held its annual Congregation meeting, which moved to the election of officers where Pastor M. Skonhowd was nominated as chairman for one year, Axel Lee was reelected as Trustee for three years, Ole Lee as Treasurer for one year, Erik Knudsen as Secretary and Church Warden for one year. Then the building of a stable for the horses was discussed and it was decided to build one on the eastern side of the church yard and we asked the Trustees to arrange that and that was all that was discussed. The meeting was closed. *Erik Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 13 April 1914. On Easter Monday after the church service, the 13th of April, the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock held a Congregational meeting at which officers were elected. N.C. Nilsen as Trustee for three years, Ole Lee as Treasurer for one year and Erik Knudsen as Secretary and Church Warden for one year. That is all that was discussed. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 4 October 1914. Sunday, the 4th of October, after the sermon the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock held their Congregational meeting at which was discussed if we should join Pastor Borge's parish in Vancouver and New Westminster and it was unanimously accepted. On account of N.C. Nilsen's departure, Karl Nilsen was elected as Trustee for three years. That was all that was discussed. The meeting closed. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 24 January 1915. Sunday, 24 January, after the sermon, the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. held its annual Congregational meeting at which the following officers were elected: Ole Lee Jr. as Trustee for three years, Mr. Svendsen as Treasurer for one year, Erik Knudsen as Church Warden and Secretary for one year. On account of Pastor Borge's acceptance of the Lawrence Parish, the Congregation was asked if the Congregation was prepared to continue to be served by Pastor Borge and it was unanimously accepted to give Pastor Borge the liberty to provide service whenever it was convenient to him. That is all that was discussed and the meeting was closed. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 6 February 1916. Sunday, 6 February, after the church service, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock held its annual Congregational meeting and elected the following officers: Pastor O. Borge was reelected as chairman for one year, Ole Lee Jr. as Trustee and Treasurer for three years, and Erik Nilsen as Church Warden and Secretary for one year. That was all that was discussed and the meeting was closed. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*

Whonnock, 18 February 1917. Sunday, the 18th of February, after church service, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock held its annual Congregation meeting and elected the following officers: Pastor O. Borge as chairman for one year, Aksel Lee as Trustee for three years, N.C. Nilsen as Treasurer for one year, and A. Sorenson<sup>19</sup> as Church Warden for one year and E. Knudsen as Secretary for one year. That is all that was discussed and the meeting was closed. *E. Knudsen, Secretary.*



Whonnock, 27 January 1918. Sunday, January 27, after the church service, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. held its annual Congregations meeting, advancing to the election of officers as follows: Pastor O. Borge as chairman for one year, Karl Nilsen as Trustee for three years, A. Sorenson as Trustee for one year, Axel Lee as Treasurer for one year, Fred Lee as Church Warden for one year, and Erik Knudsen as Secretary for one year. That is all that was discussed and the meeting was closed. *E. Knudsen, Secretary*. A. Sorenson discontinues as Trustee next year.

Whonnock, 3 February 1919. Monday, 3 February, the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. held its annual Congregation meeting and elected the following officers: Reelected as chairman Pastor O. Borge for one year, Axel Lee as Treasurer for one year, Erik Knudsen as Trustee for three years and Secretary for one year, and Fred Lee as Church Warden for one year. Then it was discussed if we could give something to the society treasury and it was unanimously accepted that we should contribute but not any fixed sum. Then the cemetery up on Haines place was discussed and it was decided that we should try to sell the property for \$50. Unanimously accepted. Then the cost of repairing the roof on the church was discussed and, again, if we should take a part in the cost of the pastor's parish house. It was agreed that we should give something but no amount was established. It was discussed what we would do regarding Pastor Borge's call to another Parish and it was decided that Pastor Borge should do what he thought was best for himself. That was all that was discussed and the meeting was closed. *E. Knudsen, Secretary*.

Whonnock, 13 February 1921. After the church service today members of the Trondheim Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock, B.C. held a Congregational meeting and elected officers as follows: Pastor O. Borge Chairman, A. Sorenson as Secretary for one year, Karl Hergret as Trustee for three years, Karl Nilsen as Trustee for two years, Axel Lee as Trustee for one year, Karel Nilsen as Treasurer for one year, Fred Lee as Church Warden. *A. Sorensen, Secretary*.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix No. 1 "Norwegian Lutheran Pastors serving the Whonnock Congregation"

<sup>2</sup> Charles Petersen or Peterson was a Swede, according to the 1891 Census. He sold his land in Whonnock to Ole and Axel Lee. Later he owned land in Ruskin which he shared (1899) and then sold (1902) to Charles N. Nelson. (see page 5, "Land in Whonnock" and Appendix No. 6).

<sup>3</sup> Appendix No. 2 provides an overview of the members of the Congregation serving on the executive between 1895 and 1921.

<sup>4</sup> The Census of 1901 shows that Andrew and Mary Knutsen (both in their mid thirties) arrived in Canada in 1896 with a small daughter, Gusta, born in the United States.

<sup>5</sup> This is no doubt a portion of the SE quarter of Section 6, of which Nils C. Nilsen became the owner. (see page 5, "Land in Whonnock" and Appendix No. 6)

<sup>6</sup> Fancher's land was on the North side of 96th Avenue, across from where the Trondheim Congregation would later establish their church yard and build their church.

<sup>7</sup> See Appendix No. 2, "Executive of the Trondheim Congregation 1895 - 1920" for a list of all who held a position in the Congregation.

<sup>8</sup> Ole and Marie Nelson may have moved to New Westminster. The marriage registration record of Ingebor[g] Georgina Nelson and Joseph Snow (BC Vital Statistic - Reg. Number 1901-09- 117734) tells us that Ole and Mary were witnesses at the marriage and that it took place "at the residence of Mr. Nelson, 405 Cunningham Street, N.W. Ole Nelson died in 1902. All three Nelson brothers who migrated from Norway died young.

<sup>9</sup> The three Lee brothers left for the Yukon and Alaska. See page 6, "Fishing and other jobs."

<sup>10</sup> It is possible that this land is now owned by the Maple Ridge Municipality, identified as Plan 122681<sup>E</sup> situated in the Northwest quarter of Section 8, on 272nd Street.

<sup>11</sup> The word used here: "interes" is unclear.

<sup>12</sup> It is not clear where Pastor Lane was called. The description of his career (See Appendix No. 1) shows a hiatus for the following years.

<sup>13</sup> This may have to do with the fact that all Norwegian families had moved closer to the river.

<sup>14</sup> The cemetery is today the western part of the Whonnock Cemetery on 96th Avenue, across York Creek, east of 272nd Street. Please refer to *Cemeteries in Whonnock, Whonnock Notes No. 2* for more information.

<sup>15</sup> Albert Nelson died in September of 1905 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1905-09-08205) and was probably the first to be interred at the new cemetery of the Trondheim Congregation.

<sup>16</sup> Odin Lee died on December 24, 1908. (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1908-09-085039)

<sup>17</sup> Is Andrew Engen Alfred Nelson's father in law? Alfred Nelson married Elise Engen on December 26, 1906. Parents: Andrew Engen and Dina Hanson. (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 06-09-119369).

<sup>18</sup> No particulars known about Mr. Svendsen

<sup>19</sup> Andrew [Andreas] Sorenson came from Lillehammer. He migrated to Australia with his family before he came to BC approximately in 1909. His wife passed away in 1911 and Andrew and his children moved to Whonnock in 1913 where they rented the land along the river that Ole Lee acquired in 1902, then owned by Alfred Nelson (see page 5, "Land in Whonnock"). "This lovely home ... it was right on the banks of the Fraser River in Whonnock" recalled Millie, "and there were lovely big nut trees and small fruit and all kinds of big fruit trees and the home had a big fireplace made of stones, ordinary rock and we used to lay logs in there".

Alfred Sorenson, the youngest son of Andrew fell at Paschendale on October 26, 1917. "My father said: 'I can not cope with it, I just have to get away from here.'" Millie remembered. Andrew and his children left Whonnock and moved to Port Alberni. They later returned in 1921 (interview with Millie O Kirkwood née Sorenson, Oliver B.C. June 14, 1997).

# The Trondheim Women's Association

## Book No. 1 1897 - 1905

Wharnock,<sup>1</sup> B.C., November 29th, 1897. Today the women of the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Whonnock established a Women's Association for the benefit of the Congregation and set some rules.

A meeting will be held on the first Monday of every month and entrance money will be 10 ¢ person.

Executives elected were:<sup>2</sup>

Marie Nilsen - President  
Georgine Fletcher - Secretary  
Marie Knutsen - Treasurer

It was decided to hold the first meeting on the 3rd of January at Mrs. Knutsen's.

Members are the following:<sup>3</sup>

Georgine Lee  
Anna Mattisen  
Frida Lee  
Lisse Nilsen  
Oline Lee  
~~Marie Nilsen~~ - President - left September 1901  
Marie Knutsen - Treasurer  
~~Kristine Nilsen~~ - left 1901  
~~Ovedie Lee~~ - left January 2nd 1901  
Georgine Fletcher, Secretary  
~~Ingeborg Nilsen~~ - left January, 1901  
Mrs. Anna Lee left January 2nd, 1905  
Mrs. N.C. Nilsen left August 7th 1905  
Dorothea Knudtson

1898

Wharnock, B.C., January 3rd, 1898 - The Trondheim Women's Association held its first meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Knutsen's.<sup>4</sup> The meeting opened with song and was chaired by our President Marie Nilsen. The time was spent discussing with each other what would be the best way to work to advance our cause and Kristine Nilsen joined as a new member. The meeting was closed with song and everybody left with the feeling of having had a pleasant evening. The next meeting is to take place on February 7th. *G. Fletcher.*

Wharnock, B.C., February 7th, 1898 - Today the Association held its second meeting at Mrs. Nilsen's. The time was used with the reading of short stories. Mrs. Knutsen resigned as Treasurer and the election of a new one was postponed since not all members were present. The meeting concluded with song and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Mrs. Lee's<sup>5</sup> on March 7. *Accepted, March 7th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., March 7th, 1898 - At today's meeting at Mrs. Lee's, we had the pleasure to have with us the Congregation's Pastor O. Hagos<sup>6</sup>. The meeting opened with song and reading of the 20th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted and Mrs. Axel Lee was unanimously elected as the new Treasurer. The remaining time was spent reading interesting stories. The meeting closed with song and the next meet-

ing will take place on the 4th of April at Mrs. Ole Nilsen's. *Accepted, April 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., 4 April, 1898 - Today the Association held its monthly meeting at Mrs. Ole Nilsen's. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The item discussed at the meeting was to arrange a basket social to raise funds for the Association, but no decision was made. The next meeting will be held on May 2nd at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, May 2nd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., April 21, 1898 - Today an extra meeting was held on account of the planned fund raising social for the Association. It was decided to hold it on Friday, April 29th, at Mrs. Mathisen's. The plan is that all the Association's members and other women will take part and bring a basket with nourishment which will then be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder. And if there should not be sufficient baskets for everybody then the Association's members agree to bring their own food which will be sold at a price of 25 ¢ for each person. *Accepted, May 2nd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., 29 April, 1898 - Basket Social. On the 29th of April, 1898 the basket social, planned for a long time by the Association, happened very satisfactorily at Mrs. Mathisen's. The evening's program was to auction the baskets brought there. Much laughter and humor occurred among the gathering, which was quite numerous. Baskets and the evening meals were sold for a total amount of \$17.55 of which \$4.35 were expenses for music and other necessary small items so that the net revenue was \$13.30. The evening ended with music and games and all agreed that they had had a very cozy and pleasant time. *Accepted, May 2nd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., May 2nd, 1898 - The meeting for the month of May was held at Mrs. Mathisen's. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and accepted. Since I was not present and just had the information passed on to me by our President, I can not record what the meeting's discussion was about. The next meeting will be held on Monday June 4th at my, the Association's Secretary's. *Accepted, June 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., June 4th, 1898 - The regular monthly meeting this time took place at my home (Mrs. Fletcher's). The meeting began as usual with song, if I dare call it that since we are so few and not well gifted with very good singing voices. After that we were entertained with readings by our President and the Treasurer Mrs. Nilsen and Mrs. Lee. There was much discussion on how we could best raise funds for the future of our Association and how we should use the funds but no decisions were made. The next meeting will take place at Mrs. Ole Lee's. *Accepted, July 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., July 4th, 1898 - Today the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Ole Lee's. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The meeting's topic was whether to arrange an auction around September 1st. The members were all in agreement that each would do a bit to try to increase the money we had. It was decided to buy fabric and we would all be helping to make things for the sale. Next meeting will be held on Monday August 1st at the home of Mrs. Axel Lee's. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

1899

Wharnock, January 2nd, 1899 - After a break of four months, it was decided to have a meeting again. The Association had its first Annual meeting at Mrs. Knutsen's. The meeting was opened with song and the minutes of our previous meeting were read and accepted. The election of new executives was held. Mrs. Nilsen was re-elected as President. and Mrs. Mathisen was elected Vice President with three votes in favour and two against. Mrs. Lee retired as Treasurer and Mrs. Knutsen was unanimously elected. As Secretary Mrs. Fletcher was again elected. At our last meeting in August 1898 it was decided that an auction should be held in September but because of the absence of several of the members the auction was postponed till December 30th. \$9.30 was taken from the Association's cash box for the purchase of goods, and some gifts were received and it all was sold for very good prices. The total collected was \$26.15 of which \$11.80 was in cash and the remaining \$14.35 owed by reliable citizens. The total amount now owned by the Association at year's end, cash and owed, amounts to \$40.70. Our next meeting will be held on Monday February 6th at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted Feb. 6th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, February 6th, 1899 - The February meeting was held at Mrs. Mathisen's and was opened with song and reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The books handed by Mrs. Lee to our new Treasurer, Mrs. Knutsen, showed \$25.30 in cash. Of this \$10.00 was lent to Mrs. A. Lee at 8% interest. After spending a pleasant evening with reading aloud and discussions, the meeting was closed with song. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Mrs. Lee's on March 6th. *Accepted, March 6th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., March 6th, 1899 - Today the Association held its meeting for the month of March at Mrs. Lee's. The meeting started with song and the text of the day was read by Mrs. Mathisen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was much discussion about arranging a basket social for the benefit of the Association early April and more details will be discussed at the next meeting. From the Association's account \$15.00 was lent out at 8%, which sum the lender promised to pay back when required. The meeting concluded with song. Next meeting will be held at Mrs. Fletcher's on April 3rd. *Accepted, April 3rd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., April 3rd, 1899 - Today, April 3rd, we had the pleasure of the company of the Congregation's pastor, Mr. B. Hagos, at the Women's Association's meeting. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and later we were entertained with readings about "Christian Women's Lives" by our pastor. Minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted and the entrance money collected was \$1.55. The meeting also ended with song and prayer. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1st at Mrs. Knutsen's. *Accepted, May 1st, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., May 1st, 1899 - At our meeting today, May 1st, we had a good attendance of all our members and many outsiders also visited the meeting. The meeting was opened with song and readings of the conditions of the Church. The minutes of our previous meeting were read and accepted. A decision was then made regarding the planned basket social which will now be held on May 17th<sup>7</sup> at Ole Nilsen's. Evening meals will be sold to those who do not buy baskets. The members all agreed to do their part in preparing the house and all are willing to help. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Mathisen's on June 5th. *Accepted, June 5th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., May 17th, 1899 - 17 May basket social. The basket social to raise funds for the Association was held on May 17th at Ole Nilsen's where there were together twenty baskets which all were auc-

tioned off and sold at good prices. The total amount received was \$45.50 of which \$28.50 was received in cash and the remaining \$17.00 is on loan to reliable members of the Congregation. Expenditures were \$1.00 and the net revenue was \$44.50. All were satisfied with the evening's result and said that they had a very good time. *Accepted, June 5th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., June 5th, 1899 - The June meeting was held today the 5th at Mrs. Mathisen's. The meeting was opened with song and a reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Our Vice President, Mrs. Mathisen, suggested to take \$15.00 from the cash box as a gift for the Congregation's Pastor (Hagos) and all agreed. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, July 3rd. *Accepted, July 3rd, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., July 3rd 1899 - The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Word has been received from the President that she agrees to take \$15.00 from the account as a gift for the pastor (O. Hagos). Today this was unanimously accepted. Revenue from the May 17th basket social, \$22.50, was given today to our Treasurer Mrs. Knutsen and \$5.00 lent out to Mrs. Fletcher at 8% interest. The next meeting at Mrs. Fletcher's on August 7th. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

No meetings were held in August, September and October. *GF*

Wharnock, B.C., November 24, 1899 - The Women's Association held its yearly bazaar at Mrs. Nilsen's. Goods and evening meals were sold for a total of \$50.90, of which \$24.20 went to the purchase of goods and other expenditures. The evening was passed with music and games and was very pleasant. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock B.C., November 27, 1899 - Today the Women's Association held its second Annual meeting at Mrs. Lee's. The report from the Treasurer shows that since the Association's beginning on November 27th, 1897, \$157.60 were collected, of which \$52.00 were spent on gifts and expensed and \$59.10 are on loan at interest to Congregation members. \$45.00 were given to the President to place in a bank account. Election of the executive took place:

Mrs. O. Nilsen, President  
Mrs. Mathisen, Vice President  
Mrs. Knutsen, Treasurer  
Mrs. Fletcher, Secretary

All were unanimously re-elected.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Fletcher's on December 4th *Accepted, Dec. 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., December 4th, 1899 - The meeting for the month of December was held on the 4th at Mrs. Fletcher's. The meeting was opened with song and chaired by Pastor Hagos. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance money collected was 60¢ and given to the Association's Treasurer. It was decided to have the January meeting at Mrs. Nils Nilsen's. *Accepted, February 5th, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

1900

The February [? sic] meeting was not held. *GF*

Wharnock, B.C., February 5, 1900 - The Women's Association's meeting was held today, February 5th, at Mrs. Nils Nilsen's.<sup>8</sup> The meeting started with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted and entrance money collected was \$1.40. The meeting was closed with song. The next meeting to take place on March 5th at Mrs. Knutsen's. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock B.C., March 5th, 1900 - The Women's Association held its



meeting for the month of March on the 5th at Mrs. Knutsen's. The meeting was opened with song and readings and was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. Mathisen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The entrance money collected was \$0.30. The meeting was closed with song. The next meeting to be held on April 2nd at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, April 2nd, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., April 2nd, 1900 - The monthly meeting was held on April 2nd at Mrs. Mathisen's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. No decision was made regarding the 17th May festivities. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Lee's on May 7th. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

The May and June meetings were not held. *GF*

Wharnock, B.C., July 2nd, 1900 - The meeting for the month of July was held on the 2nd at Mrs. Knutsen's. The meeting was attended by nearly all members and chaired by the Association's Vice President. Entrance fees collected: 50¢. The meeting ended with song. The Association's next meeting will be at Mrs. Mathisen's on August 6th. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., August 6th, 1900 - The Association's meeting for August was held on the 6th at Mrs. Mathisen's. Five of the eleven members of the Association were present. The meeting opened with song and the time was spent pleasantly with discussion and coffee. Entrance fees were not collected. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Lee's on September 3rd. *Accepted, September 3rd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, September 3rd, 1900 - Our meeting for September was held on the 3rd at Mrs. Lee's. Five of the Association's members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. No decisions were made regarding the yearly bazaar and no entrance money was collected. Next meeting will be held at Mrs. Fletcher's on October 1st. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

No meetings were held in October, November and December. *G. Fletcher*

### 1901

Wharnock, B.C., January 21, 1901 - After a three months' interruption, the Women's Association met today, January 21st, at Mrs. Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and the minutes of the meeting of the month of September were read and accepted. Five of the Association's members were present and we registered Mrs. Anna Lee as a new member. Removed as members of the Association were Freda Lee<sup>9</sup>, Ovedie Hood<sup>10</sup>, Kresthine Nilsen<sup>11</sup>, Ingeborg Nilsen<sup>12</sup>, Lizze Nilsen<sup>13</sup>. Collected entrance money: \$4.35. Cash on hand was \$3.80 so that the total was \$8.15 on January 21. Invoices were written to the following: to Frida Lee for \$8.40, to Ovedie Hood for \$2.40, to Marie Nilsen for \$2.10, to Sverre Nilsen for \$2.25. The meeting closed with song and the next meeting will be held on February 4 at Mrs. Knutsen's. *Accepted, February 4, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., February 4th, 1901 - The meeting for the month of February was held today, the 4th, at Mrs. Knutsen's. The meeting was opened with song and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Six of the Association's members were present and entrance money collected was \$1.70. The Treasurer's cash on hand was \$9.85. Next meeting will take place at Mrs. Anna Lee's on March 4th. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., June 3rd, 1901 - The June meeting was held today, the 3rd, at Mrs. Fletcher's. The meeting opened with song and reading of the day's text. The Treasurer's report was presented and the accounts show the following: The total, cash and what has been loaned

and what has been used for expenses and gifts since the Association's establishment on November 29, 1897, until June 3rd, was \$180.60. Of that, \$28.00 was taken for the purchase of gifts and wages for the Congregation's pastor. \$33.75 were used to purchase goods and the expenses of the auctions, and \$106.60 is out on loans to members of the Congregation, and \$12.50 is held as cash. Altogether \$118.85. The meeting concluded with song and the Association's next meeting will be held at Mrs. Knutsen's on July 1st. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, July 1st, 1901 - Contents of the cash box on July 1st is \$12.95, and on loan on interest to Congregation members is \$106.70, or a total of \$119.75. *G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, August 5th, 1901 - The Association's members, of whom six were present, met today, August 5th, at Mrs. Anna Lee's and it was then decided to organize an auction on September 13th to raise funds for the Association. No decision about the location. Money will be taken from the cash box to buy fabric from which all members should be helping to prepare things for sale for the Association. Next meeting will be held at Mrs. Mathisen's on September 2nd. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., September 2nd, 1901 - The Women's Association had its September meeting on the 2nd at Mrs. Mathisen's. All members, seven altogether, were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. \$9.35 were taken out of the cash box for fabric for all who are very helpful sewing it for the planned bazaar. It was decided to hold the bazaar on September 13th in New Westminster. Entrance fee collected: \$3.90, and since not all fabric was sewn yet an extra meeting of the Association will be held the coming Monday at Mrs. Lee's. *Accepted, G.F.*

September 9th, 1901 - The Association's extra meeting took place today at Mrs. Lee's. All fabric was used up for sewing for the bazaar. Our members agree that all will bring their share for the evening meals for the bazaar. The next meeting will be held on October 7th at Mrs. Fletcher's.

Wharnock, B.C., October 7th, 1901 - The Association's meeting for October took place today, the 7th, at Mrs. Fletcher's. The meeting was opened with song and readings from the Bible and was chaired by the Association's Vice President, Mrs. Mathisen. Our President, Marie Nilsen, paid the money she owed the Association with interest, all in all \$50.00 and her name was thereafter removed from the membership list at her own request.<sup>14</sup> The Association's bank book with \$150.00 was transferred to our Treasurer. Entrance money collected: 85¢, and cash on hand on October 7th was \$10.50. Next meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th, at Mrs. Knutson's. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., November 4th, 1901 - The November meeting was held on the 4th at Mrs. Knutson's. The Association's members, six in total, were all present. The meeting was opened with song and a reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The election of a new President was postponed till a more suitable time. Cash on hand was \$10.50 on November 4th, and 95¢ were collected as entrance money: a total of \$11.45. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Mrs. Anna Lee's on December 2nd. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., December 2nd, 1901 - The Women's Association had its December meeting on the 2nd at Mrs. Anna Lee's. The Association's seven members were all present. The meeting opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. O. Nelson rejoined the Association and was re-elected as President. All agreed that \$10.00 should be taken out of the Association's cash box as a Christmas gift for the Congregation's pastor and \$3.00 for the purchase of fabrics and yarn



for the Association's members to work on for the next bazaar. Cash on hand on December 2nd was \$13.35 whereof \$13.00 was taken, which left 35¢ in the cash box. Next meeting to be held on Monday, January 6th at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher*

### 1902

Wharnock, B.C., February 10th, 1902 - The Women's Association had its February meeting on the 10th at Mrs. Mathisen's. The meeting opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Frida Lee<sup>15</sup> was registered in the Association and Mrs. A.B. Lee was elected as private [?] Secretary because Mrs. Fletcher is absent. Entrance money collected: 205 cents. The meeting closed with song. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. O.A. Lee's on March 3rd. *Accepted, Mrs. A.B. Lee, Secretary.*

January's meeting did not take place. *A.B. Lee.*

Wharnock, B.C., March 3rd, 1902 - The Women's Association had its monthly meeting at Mrs. O. Lee's on March 3rd. The meeting was opened with song and readings. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance money collected was 165 cents. Work for the Women's Association was divided among the members. The meeting was closed with song. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Frida Lee's on April 7th. *Accepted, Mrs. A.B. Lee, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., May 12th 1902 - The May meeting was held on the 12th at Mrs. Knudtson's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. This time all the Association's eight members were present. The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted. Members unanimously agreed that the \$5.00 which Marie Nilsen borrowed from the cash box should be considered a gift from the Association.<sup>16</sup> Mrs. Fletcher was asked by the Association's President to see if Mr. Walden would paint a picture for about \$10.00 which should be a marriage gift to the Congregation's Pastor Aardal. \$3.15 in entrance fees was collected. The meeting concluded with song. It was decided that the Association's next meeting should be held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on June 2nd. *Oline Lee.*

Wharnock, B.C., June 2nd, 1902 - The Women's Association held its meeting on June 2nd at Mrs. Odin Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance fee collected 135 cents. The meeting closed with song. The next meeting at Mrs. Mathisen's on July 8th. *Oline Lee, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., July 8th, 1902 - The July meeting was held at Mrs. Mathisen's on the 8th. The Association's eighth meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The Association's eight members were all present this time. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance fee collected: \$2.15. The meeting concluded with song and the Association's next meeting will be held at Mrs. Ole Lee's on August 4th. *Oline Lee, Secretary.*

[following is lined through in the minutes] ~~N.B. \$10.00 was paid to Mr. Walden at the July meeting for the painting executed for the Association as a marriage gift for Pastor Aardal.~~

Wharnock, B.C., August 4th, 1902 - The Association's monthly meeting was held at Mrs. Ole Lee's on August 4th. The meeting was opened with song and a reading. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. To purchase fabrics to be worked by the members for the Association's bazaar, \$8.90 was taken from the cash box. Entrance money collected 60 cents. Next meeting to be held on September 1st at Mrs. Frida Lee's. *Accepted, Oline Lee, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., September 1, 1902 - The Women's Association's

meeting was held at Mrs. Frida Lee's on September 1st. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. Entrance money collected: 135 cents. Mrs. Fletcher entertained the meeting with readings. The meeting ended with song. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Knudson's on October 6th. *Accepted, Oline Lee, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., October 6th, 1902 - The Women's Association's meeting for October was held today at Mrs. Knudtson's. Five of the Association's members were present. Mrs. Mathisen resigned as Vice President because of her departure<sup>17</sup> and Mrs. Frida Lee was elected to take her place. \$74.25 were recorded in the books: the revenues from this year's bazaar. Entrance money collected: \$1.50. In conclusion a psalm was sung and the meeting was closed. *Mrs. Fletcher, Interim Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., November 3, 1902 - The November meeting was held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on November 3rd. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The meeting was chaired by our new president, Mrs. Frida Lee<sup>18</sup>. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance money collected: 30 cents. It was decided to take \$2.00 out of the cash box to buy yarn which should be used for the next bazaar. The meeting ended with song and prayer. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Ole Lee's on December 1st. *Oline Lee, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., December 1st, 1902 - The Association's meeting was held at Mrs. Ole Lee's on December 1st. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, Entrance money collected: 1.20 cent. The meeting was closed with song and prayer. The next meeting will be the Annual meeting and then a new executive will be elected and it will be held at Mrs. Frida Lee's on January 5th. *Oline Lee, Secretary., Accepted.*

### 1903

Wharnock, B.C., January 5, 1903 - The Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Frida Lee's on January 5th. The meeting was opened with song and reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The Annual meeting was postponed till the next meeting because of the absence of so many members. Entrance money was not collected. The meeting was closed with song. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Knudsen's on February 2nd. *Oline Lee, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., March 2nd, 1903 - The Women's Association's Annual meeting was held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on March 2nd. The meeting was opened with song and reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Frida Lee was elected as President and Mrs. Odin Lee was re-elected as Vice President. Mrs. Knudtson was re-elected as Treasurer and Mrs. Axel Lee was elected as Secretary. No financial report was read on account of the absence of the Treasurer. The meeting closed with song. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. O. Lee's on April 6th. *Oline Lee, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., April 6th, 1903 - The Association's meeting was held on April 6th at Mrs. Ole Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Money in the cash box on April 6th was \$7.00 and in the bank \$210. Out on loans \$69.55. Total entrance money collected 40 cents. The meeting concluded with the singing of a psalm. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Frida Lee's in May. *Secretary., Oline Lee.*

Wharnock, B.C., May 11, 1903 - The May meeting was held at Mrs. Frida Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Seven of the Association's members were present this time. The \$1.65 entrance

money collected were given to Mrs. West<sup>19</sup> to buy pewter ware and fabric to be finished for the next bazaar. The meeting closed with song. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Mrs. West's on the first Sunday in June. *Accepted, July 6th, Mrs. A.B. Lee.*

Wharnock, B.C., July 6th, 1903 - The Association's July meeting was held at Mrs. Knudtson's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. Six of the Association's members were present. The minutes of the May meeting were read and accepted. Oline Lee gave up her position as the Association's Secretary and Georgina Fletcher was elected in her place. Entrance money collected: 75 cents, and cash on hand on July 6th was \$8.15. The meeting ended with song and the next meeting will be at Mrs. Fletcher's on August 3rd. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher*

Wharnock, B.C., August 3rd, 1903 - The Association's August meeting was held on the 3rd at Mrs. Fletcher's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The Association's bazaar, planned to be held in the latter part of September, was postponed till later in autumn. For the purchase of goods for the bazaar, \$8.00 was taken from the cash box. Entrance money collected was \$1.75. The meeting ended with song. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Anna Lee's on September 7th. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., September 7th, 1903 - The September meeting was held on September 7th at Mrs. Odin Lee's. Six of the Association's members were present. The minutes of the August meeting were read and accepted. The work for the Association's bazaar was given to the members. No date for holding the bazaar was decided. Entrance money received 75 cents. Cash on hand on September 7th was \$2.65. The next meeting at Mrs. Mathisen's on October 5th. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., October 5, 1903 - The meeting for the month of October was held at Mrs. Mathisen's on the 5th. The meeting was opened by the Vice President, the Association's President being absent. Five of the Association's members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. The decision was made that the Association's bazaar will be held at New Westminster on October 24th. 30 cents entrance money was collected and 30 cents were taken from the cash box to buy fabrics. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Lee's on November 2nd. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., December [no day] 1903 - The Association's December meeting was held at Mrs. Frida Lee. Seven of the Association's members were present. The Association's Secretary was instructed to write invoices to the following persons:

To:	Olaf Andersen	for	\$ 7.05
	Christ Engen	for	\$ 2.75
	Svere Nilsen	for	\$ 2.25

Entrance money collected \$ 2.90 and cash on hand in December was \$5.55. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Fletcher's in January. *G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

#### 1904

Wharnock, B.C., January 11, 1904 - The Association's first meeting in 1904 was held at Mrs. Fletcher's on January 11th. Five of the members were present. The Treasurer's records show \$61,50 which was the net income for the bazaar held on October 23rd, 1903. It was unanimously agreed to give \$1.00 to the Alaska Mission and \$4.00 was paid back to Mrs. Knudtson for expenditures for the Association. Entrance money collected 30 cents and cash on hand on January 11 was \$1.85. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Knudtson's on Feb-

ruary 1st. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., February 1st, 1904 - The Association held its seventh annual meeting on February 1st at Mrs. Knudtson's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the day's text. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. As members of the executive for the coming year were elected: Mrs. Mathisen - President, Mrs. Anna Lee - Vice President, Mrs. Fletcher - Secretary, and Mrs. Knudtson - Treasurer. Entrance money collected was \$1.90 and cash on hand was \$ 3.75. The account at the Bank of Montreal is \$270.00 and on loan to various people [amount left blank]. It was decided to take \$1.20 from the cash box to buy crochet yarn. The meeting was ended with song and prayer. The next meeting will be held on the first Monday in March at Mrs. Lee's. *G. Fletcher.*

Wharnock, B.C., March 9th, 1904 - The Association held its March meeting at Mrs. Anna Lee's. The meeting was chaired by the Congregation's pastor, who was present. The meeting was opened with song and prayer, followed by a short sermon about the "Benefits of Women's Associations" and the work of the Association in general. Crochet yarn was distributed to members to be used for the coming bazaar. Entrance money collected was \$2.10 and cash on hand on March 9th was \$4.65. The meeting was closed with song and prayer. The Association will meet again on April 4th at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher.*

Wharnock, B.C., April 4th, 1904 - The April meeting was held at Mrs. J. Mathisen's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's first President, Mrs. Mathisen. Seven members were present and four ladies attended the meeting who were not members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance money collected was \$1.05 and 65 cents paid by Karen Jansen which she said she owed the Association. Cash in the Association's cash box on April 4th: \$6.35. The meeting ended with song and the next meeting will be held at Mrs. Lee's on May 2nd. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., May 2nd, 1904 - The May meeting was held on the 2nd at Mrs. Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Entrance money collected was 40 cents and members were all busy with work for the Association. It was decided to have the next meeting at Mrs. West's, but no firm day was set for the meeting. The meeting was then closed with song. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., June 6th, 1904 - The June meeting was held at Mrs. Frida Lee's. The meeting opened with song and prayer and thereafter the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Six members were present. Entrance money collected was \$2.75 and cash in the cash box on June 6th was \$9.50. The Association's meeting will again be at Mrs. Fletcher's on July 4th. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., July 4th, 1904 - Women's Association's meeting at Mrs. Fletcher's July 4th. Six of the members were present. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance money collected: 90 cents. Cash on hand on July 4th was \$10.40. The meeting ended with song and the Association's members will meet again on August 1st at Mrs. Knudtson's. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., August 1st, 1904 - The Association met today at Mrs. Knudtson's. Collected 10 cents.

Wharnock, B.C., September 5th, 1904 - The September meeting was held on the 5th at Mrs. Anna Lee's. Seven of the members were present. The meeting opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the next to last meeting were read and accepted. \$1.00 entrance money was collected, and Mrs. Mathisen paid off \$2.00 which she owed the Association. \$2.00 were taken from the cash box to buy crochet yarn. Cash on hand on September 5th was \$12.00. The Association will meet again on October 3rd at Mrs. Mathisen's. *G. Fletcher.*

Wharnock, B.C., October 3rd, 1904 - The Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Mathisen's on October 3rd. Five of the members were present. The meeting was opened with song and prayers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. It was decided that the Association will not have a bazaar this year but instead a basket social. Entrance money collected: 65 cents and cash on hand on October 3rd is \$12.15. The Association will meet again on November 7th at Mrs. Lee's. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonock [sic], B.C., November 7th, 1904 - The Association held its November meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. Six of the members were present. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Entrance fee collected was \$95 cents. Cash on hand on November 7 was \$13.60. The meeting ended with song. The Association's next meeting will be held on December 5th at Mrs. Frida Lee's. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., December 5th, 1904 - The December meeting was held at Mrs. Frida Lee's on the 5th. The Association's eight members were all present. Brother Ares' <sup>20</sup> guest also attended the meeting. The meeting was opened with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. Decisions were made that a basket social will be held on December 26th at the Schoolhouse. Entrance fee collected amounted to \$2.80 and cash on hand on December 5th was \$16.40. The meeting closed with song and the next meeting will be held on January 2nd at Mrs. Fletcher's. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

### 1905

Whonock, B.C., January 2nd, 1905 - The Lutheran Women's Association held today, January 2nd, its 8th Annual meeting. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and readings by the Association's President Mrs. Mathisen. The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted. Seven of the Association's members were present and a new member was accepted: Mrs. N.C. Nilsen<sup>21</sup>. Thereafter followed the election of new members of the Executive for the coming year. Mrs. Nilsen was unanimously elected President. For vice President, Anna Lee was re-elected. The Treasurer, Mrs. Knudtson was re-elected. As Secretary, Mrs. Fletcher was re-elected. Our retiring President wished the Association all happiness and progress and was thanked by the members for all the support she had given the Association. An extra meeting was decided to be held at Mr. A.B. Lee's, where the entire Congregation was invited to deal with the building of the planned church. Entrance money collected was \$1.10, and at the basket social on December 26th, the income was \$38.00 and \$5.00 was paid for a gift for chairman Foss. Cash on hand on January 2nd was \$39.50. The Association's next regular meeting will be held on February 6th at Mrs. Knudtson's. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., January 8th, 1905 - A meeting for which the entire Lutheran Congregation was invited was held at Mr. A.B. Lee's today, January 8th, 1905. The whole Congregation and several outsiders joined in the meeting which opened with song and was chaired by the President of the Women's Association, Mrs. Nilsen, who advised that the

money collected by the Association would now be put at the disposition of the Congregation for the construction of a church and that it was up to the Congregation when and where to build. The Women's Association accounts were presented to the Congregation as follows:

Income since the creation of the Association on November

29th, 1897 till January 1st, 1905 is	\$506.30
Expenses over that same period	\$121.60
Lent out at 8% interest	\$ 40.50
Outstanding Auction money	\$ 34.70
Outstanding interest	\$ 16.40
Receivable	\$ 8.40
Present account contains	\$309.50
The working total	\$409.34

The first proposal was made by Axel Lee, who suggested to wait with building till next autumn. This was turned down with six votes against three. After that Ole Lee proposed that the building should begin as soon as possible, which suggestion was accepted with fifteen votes against one. Axel Lee suggested that the size of the church should be 24 feet wide and 42 feet long. Accepted. Suggested by Ole Lee that the church be built on the graveyard. Unanimously accepted. The Church Committee to be made up of three persons. Accepted with eight in favour and three against. Elected to the Church Committee were Ole Lee, Johan Mathisen, and Axel Lee, and Ole Lee was elected unanimously as chairman of the Committee. The guests from outside the church who were present at the meeting, promised to help with the work, and Mr. Walden promised to donate one of his completed Bishop Foss pictures at the church's consecration. The meeting ended with song. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., February 6th, 1905 - The Women's Association's February meeting took place today, the 6th, at Mrs. Knudtson's. Seven members and two who are not members were present at the meeting. The meeting opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's first President. Minutes of the previous meeting and the Congregation's meeting regarding the church were read and accepted. The following rules for the Association were proposed and unanimously accepted:

- That elections of the Executive be held at the first meeting in January.
- If any woman elected as an Executive member stays away from three successive meetings without giving notice to the Association of the reason for her absence, a new election will be held;
- The presiding chairman just has to lead the discussion without herself making suggestions, but she can take part in the debate. In addition, members must make suggestions and express what they think is beneficial for the Association.

For Ole Lee, \$35 were taken out of the Association's account for purchases for the church, and \$5.00 was given by William Walden to the Association and \$1.20 entrance money was collected. The cash box held \$10.70 on February 6th. The Association will meet again on March 6th at Anna Lee's. *Accepted, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., March 6th, 1905 - The March meeting was held at Mrs. Anna Lee's on the 6th. Seven of the Association's members and three non-members were present at the meeting, which opened with song and prayer and was chaired by our President, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted and thereafter the discussions went to how the Association could get ready to make some money. It was proposed to have a



social or a concert in Spring, which was unanimously accepted. A committee was elected to look after this matter, consisting of Mrs. N.C. Nilsen, Mrs. Odin Lee, and Mrs. A.B. Lee. The Association's bank book was given to the Secretary to send to the bank for verification. Mrs. West on her own request was signed out of the Association as from January 1st but she promised to continue to support the Association. Collected were \$1.40 in entrance money, and cash on hand on March 6th was \$12.10. The Association meets again on April 3rd at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, F. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Today, March 31st, \$300 were sent to Royal City Mill to pay for a lumber bill. \$293.00 by Bank Draft and \$7.00 by Postal Money Order and a stamp of 10 cents. G.F.S.

Wharnock, B.C., 1905 - The April regular meeting of the Women's Association was held at Mrs. Mathisen's on April 5th. At the opening of the meeting, it became evident that the Secretary was absent. The President agreed to write the minutes. After that the meeting was opened in its usual manner with prayer. As no minutes could be read the upcoming concert was discussed. It was decided not to hold the concert on May 17th. May 19th was a day of prayer and of course that was not a good day either. It was however decided to determine the date at the next meeting. Mrs. Knudtsen asked whether there should be a basket social at the concert and she did not think that such a good idea. This met general approval and we should rather charge ten or fifteen cents for supper. It was decided to postpone the voting till the next meeting. The President then asked if the bill regarding the church had arrived. Mrs. Frieda Lee replied that the bill was delivered to the Secretary. The meeting was then closed. Members present seven. Visitors two. Meeting's income 75 cents. *Martha Nilsen*

Wharnock, B.C., May 1st, 1905 - The Women's Association's May meeting was held on the 1st at Mrs. Lee's. The Association's eight members were this time all present and a lady who was not a member visited this meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Association's first President and opened with song and prayer, and the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and accepted. Then followed discussions about the planned concert. First we want to have a trials next Saturday evening to find participants capable to produce a presentable program for the concert which will be held on May 20th at the Schoolhouse. It was decided that admissions money would be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. And evening meals would be given free. The Association's members would all be helping to bring what was needed for the evening meal. Following that, money matters were dealt with. An invoice from Western Steamboat Co. per the



*Axel B. Lee and Anna Oline (Nelson) Lee. Before 1929.  
Photo courtesy Nancy (Lee) Webster and Brian Byrnes.*

Steamer 'Ramona' for \$3.60 for freight on material for the church were paid and 35 cents were paid to Ole Lee for expenses for the church. Entrance money collected: 70 cents. The Association's total cash on hand on May 1st was \$2.60. The Association will meet again on June 5th at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's. *Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, May 6th, 1905 - Trials were held today and it was found that the participants were not good enough to have a presentable program and the concert will therefore not be held. *G.F.*

Whonnock, B.C., June 12th, 1905 - The Women's Association's sixth regular meeting was held at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's on June 12th, 1905. The



meeting opened with prayer at 3:30 and chaired by the President. Because of the absence of the Secretary there were no minutes to be read. There was discussion about buying fabrics for an auction thought to be held in August. The chairman was asked to do the purchase but she asked not to be given that task. Mrs. Mathisen would look after the buying of silk ribbons and for some bags. Sverre Nilsen paid \$2.25 to Mrs. A.B. Lee. The meeting's income was \$3.35. There were six members and two visitors. The meeting closed at five o'clock. [?] for Secretary. [no name given, minutes in Mrs. Fletcher's handwriting]

Wharnock, B.C., July 3rd, 1905 - The seventh meeting of the Women's Association was held at Mrs. Frida Lee's on July 3rd. Seven of the Association's members were present. The meeting was opened with prayer and was chaired by the Association's first President. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and accepted. Alfred Nilsen paid 25 cents to Mrs. A.B. Lee. The meeting's collections were \$1.55. Cash on hand \$7.50 which was decided to take out and send to T. Eaton for goods for the coming bazaar. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Fletcher's on August 7th. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher*

Wharnock, B.C., August 7th, 1905 - The Women's Association's eighth regular meeting was held at Mrs. Fletcher's on August 7th. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted. It was decided to hold the Association's yearly bazaar on September 2nd in New Westminster, where the Association will rent a room for the occasion. The members will provide what is necessary for the evening's meal. It was decided to have an extra meeting at Mrs. Knudtson to work on the fabrics bought for the auction. The Association's members were all present and a new member, Dorothea Knudtson,<sup>22</sup> joined the Association. Entrance money collected: \$1.35. The next meeting will be held on August 14th at Mrs. Knudtson's. *Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Wharnock, B.C., August 14th, 1905 - At the Association's extra meeting at Mrs. A. Knudtson's, eight of the Associations members were present but since there was still no fabric no work was done. \$1.35 in freight were paid. The fabric will now be divided and sent to the members of the Association to work on. The Association's next meeting will be held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on September 4th. *G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

## NOTES pages 13 - 21

<sup>1</sup> For a few years around the turn of the century this was an accepted spelling of the name Whonnock. Railroad schedules of the time mention "Wharnock" and this spelling may have shown on the station signs. The spelling changed back to its original "Whonnock" in the early 1900's as shown in these and other minutes. For more information I refer to Whonnock Community Association's *Historical Project Summer 1985*.

<sup>2</sup> Appendix No. 5 is a list of the members serving as members of the board of the Lutheran Womens Association between 1897 and 1924.

<sup>3</sup> Each volume of the minutes of the Women's Association starts with a list of individuals, added and lined through with notes added. It is an interesting exercise to work out who were members at any given time. Appendix No. 4 is a "Directory" to identify individuals under a variation of names. To find their place in the families please refer to Appendix No. 3.

<sup>4</sup> This can only be Andrew Knudton's.

<sup>5</sup> Mrs. Axel B. Lee's.

<sup>6</sup> For a list of the pastors serving Whonnock see Appendix No. 1.

<sup>7</sup> Norway's Independence day.

<sup>8</sup> This is Lizzie Josephine Nilsen née Dunn, who married Niles Christian Nilsen in August of 1897 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1897-09-116304). In 1901 she was removed from the membership list. N.C. Nelson remarried as a widower in 1904.

<sup>9</sup> Ole Lee, her husband since June of 1896, departed to the Yukon and Alaska with some of his brothers in 1898 (See page 4 "Fishing and other jobs"). Clara Lee, their one year old daughter, died on August 1st 1898. Ole returned to Whonnock (Linda Mattis, personal communication) and Frida Lee left for her relatives in Rockford Ill. where, in 1901, Gilbert Lee was born. Gilbert noted that his father, Ole Lee Jr., "was off on one of his trips to the Alaska Gold Rush." (Source: "Gilbert Lee, Early Pender recollections" by Helen Parker. Unidentified newspaper. Cutting dated Wednesday May 21st 1980)

<sup>10</sup> Ovedie Lee married George Hood on March 5th 1900 at Victoria. (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number: 1900-09-009510)

<sup>11</sup> Kresthine Nilsen = Anna Christine Nelson married Dougal Harris on October 18th 1902 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1902-09-048887)

<sup>12</sup> Ingeborg Georgina Nelson married Frederick Joseph Snow on 6 April 1901 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1901-09-117734)

<sup>13</sup> See note on Lizzie Nelson February 5, 1900.

<sup>14</sup> In December of 1900 it is mentioned in the minutes for the Lutheran Congregation that Ole Nilsen is departing. Ole and Marie Nelson may have moved to New Westminster. The distance (and her husband's illness? He died in April of 1902) may have conflicted with her duties for the Associations. See also note in Minutes for the Lutheran Congregations for December 1900.

<sup>15</sup> See note at January 21, 1901.

<sup>16</sup> Ole Nelson, Martha Marie's husband died on April 7, 1902.

<sup>17</sup> Mrs. Mathisen returned to the Executive February 1, 1904.

<sup>18</sup> The minutes March 2nd, 1903 show that Mrs. Frida Lee was elected President and that Mrs. Odin Lee took her place as Vice President.

<sup>19</sup> Martha Marie Nelson née Lee married George West on 23 October 1902 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1902-09-048054)

<sup>20</sup> unknown.

<sup>21</sup> This Mrs. N.C. Nilsen is Martha Ovedia Finess, who married the widower Niles C. Nelson on the 22nd of February, 1904. (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1904-09-118020)

<sup>22</sup> Erik Knudsen married Anna Dorothea Anderson 7 May 1905. (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1905-09-119270) Andreas Anderson is shown as her father.

# The Lutheran Women's Association

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Members of the Lutheran Women's Association:

Mrs. O.A. Lee (Senior) Died February 2nd, 1907.  
 Mrs. O.A. Lee (Junior)  
 Mrs. A.B. Lee  
 Mrs. Odin Lee Bartlett  
 Mrs. J. Mathisen Left July 5th, 1910  
 Mrs. A. Knudtson Left Association June 7th, 1906  
 Mrs. N.C. Nilsen Left June 26th, 1910. Reinstated.  
 Mrs. H.R.C. Fletcher Left but remains active 5th July, 1909  
 Mrs. A. Nilsen Hegert  
 Mrs. C.H. Nilsen Joined January 4th, 1909  
 Mrs. Alfred Nelson Joined June 26th, 1910  
 Mrs. A. Engen Joined May 2, 1910  
 Mrs. E. Knudsen left Women's Association January 6th, 1915  
 Mrs. A. Hegarat 1915  
 Mrs. Janson Joined June 7th, 1915

Secretary Minutes -- The Lutheran Women's Association in Whonnock. Established 29 November, 1897 for the benefit of the Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock.

The Association's rules are:

- 1) A meeting shall be held on the first Monday of every month.
- 2) Every member of the Association must pay 10 cents entrance money every month.
- 3) Election of Officers will take place at the January meeting of each year.
- 4) If anybody having an elected position stays away from three consecutive meetings without giving information about the reason of absence, a new election will be held.
- 5) The presiding chair only has to conduct the discussion without making suggestions but can take part in the discussion. Aside from that every member must put forward whatever they think useful for the Association.

### 1905

Whonnock, B.C., September 4th, 1905 - The Association's ninth meeting was held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on September 4th. The meeting was chaired by the Association's President and opened with song and prayer. The Association's nine members were all present this time, and several non-members visited the meeting. The minutes of the meeting held in August were read and accepted. The Association's yearly bazaar was held at "Eegels [Eagle's?] Hall", New Westminster, on the 28th of August instead of September 2nd as decided first. The Bazaar's income was \$110.75 but \$7.35 were taken up for expenses which leaves a net income of \$ 103.40, which today was handed over to the Treasurer.

The following persons paid their debts to the Association at today's meeting:

Johan Mathisen	\$16.65
Anton Nilsen	\$ 2.25
Nils C. Nilsen	\$ 2.75
Ole Lee (Senior)	\$ 2.00

Ole Lee (Junior)	\$ 4.05
Mrs. G. Hood	\$ 2.40
Karl Nilsen	\$ 3.25
Mrs. F. Snow	\$ 1.50

and 70 cents entrance fees were collected.

It was unanimously accepted that all the bills for the church be paid as soon as possible. Treasurer's cash on hand on September 4 is \$138.95. The Association meets again 2nd October at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, October 2nd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., October 2nd, 1905 - The Association's tenth regular meeting was held on the 2nd of October at Mrs. Mathisen's. The meeting was chaired by the Association's President and opened with song and prayer. Seven members were present and also a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The following people paid their debt to the Association: Mr. A.B. Lee \$27.30, Mrs. R. Fletcher \$7.30, Mr. A. Knudtson \$9.80. Mrs. Odin Lee \$1.00. Entrance fees collected were \$1.05. \$5.75 was paid to A.B. Lee for nails for the graveyard fence. A pamphlet from the Alaska Mission was read asking the Women's Association for money. But the Association did not consider itself in a position to give any help this year since it has so many expenses for the church. The Association was invited by Mrs. A. Nilsen to hold its next meeting on November 6th at her home, an invitation which was received with thanks. *Accepted, November 6th, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., November 6th, 1905 - The Association's eleventh regular meeting was held at Mrs. A. Nilsen's on November 6th. The Association's nine members were all present and many outsiders visited the meeting, which opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Frida Lee gave the Treasurer \$30.00 which were gifts sent here for the Association by relatives at Rockford, Illinois. Entrance money collected: \$2.50. The following bills were paid: the Royal City sawmill \$110.60. To T.J. Trap \$40.00. It was furthermore decided to buy a stove for the church and that the Chairman of the Church Committee, Mr. O. Lee, would take care of the purchase thereof at the first opportunity. The Association meets again on December 4th at Mrs. Lee's. *Accepted, December 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., December 4th, 1905 - The Association's twelfth regular meeting was held on December 4th at Mrs. Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. Seven of the Association's members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mr. E. Engen paid his debt to the Society of \$2.75 to Mrs. Fletcher and 50 cents entrance money was collected. The Association's next meeting at Mrs. C. Nilsen's on January 1st. *G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

### 1906

Whonnock, B.C., January 1st, 1906 - Today, January 1st, The Women's Association held its annual meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's. The Association's nine members were all present. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted whereupon followed the election of candidates for the coming year.

The following persons were elected for the positions:

First President: Mrs. N.C. Nilsen  
 Secretary: Mrs. R. Fletcher  
 Treasurer: Mrs. E. Knudtsen  
 Vice President: Mrs. A.B. Lee

The following was reported from the books of the Association's Treasurer regarding the past year:

Income from the Bazaar:	\$110.75
Income from entrance moneys:	\$ 13.65
Income from gifts:	\$ 35.00
Income from Bank interest:	\$ 23.00
Income from debts paid:	<u>\$ 85.50</u>
a total income of:	\$267.90

and the Association spent the following:

For payment of bills relating to the church:	\$488.30
For purchases & expenses of the Association:	<u>\$ 16.20</u>
total expenditures of:	\$504.50

The Association's Treasurer's records and the cash on hand of \$36.80 were handed over by the retiring President to Mrs. E. Knudtsen. Entrance money collected \$ 1.45 and the new cash on hand on January 1st was \$38.25. Since all the Association's members were at this meeting and declared themselves prepared to start to work again for the church it was decided that all the necessary materials would be bought at the first opportunity so that the work could resume as soon as possible. The meeting concluded with song and a short prayer. The Association meets again on February 5th at Mrs. Frida Lee's. *Accepted, February 5th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., February 5th, 1906 - The Association's second regular meeting was held at Mrs. Frida Lee's on February 5th. All the Association's members were present. The meeting was chaired by the Association's President and opened with song and prayer and thereafter the President thanked the members for electing her as President and the retiring officers, Mrs. A. Knudtsen and Mrs. O. Lee, for the help they have given to the Association. The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted. The following persons paid their debt to the Association: O.A. Lee (Sr.) \$7.05, Axel Nilsen \$2.25. Collected entrance money \$4.80. That is a total income of \$14.10. And the Association's expenditures for February 5th were for freight for materials for the church \$10.00 and to Ole Lee for expenditures for the church \$3.65. A total expenditure of \$13.65. It was decided that the Church Committee's Chairman should take care of the purchase of material to finish the altar fixtures<sup>1</sup> in the church and that the Women's Association members should look after the works as soon as they have the material. The meeting concluded with song and prayer. The Association meets again March 5th at Mrs. Fletcher's. *Accepted, March 5th, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., February 19th, 1906 - Today the Women's Association's members were called together for an extra meeting at Mrs. Frida Lee's. Since neither the first President nor the second President were present, the Secretary took it upon herself to put forward to the six members present the matter for discussion, namely whether the Association should decide to obtain an organ for the church for the consecration of the church on February 25th but since the Treasurer had no money on hand the only course the Association could take is long-term easy paying conditions. Since most of the members declared themselves prepared to try and obtain an organ at such conditions, the Committee's Chairman, Ole Lee, was asked what he could do about it. *Accepted, March 5th, G. F., Secretary.*

Whonnock, March 5th, 1906 - The Association's third regular meeting was held on March 5th at Mrs. Fletcher's. Six of the Association's members were present. The meeting was chaired by the Association's President and was opened with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the extra meeting of February 19 were read and accepted. The following report by the Chairman of the Church Committee was presented by the Secretary to the Association. The organ for the church was purchased from Hicks and Lovick for \$115.09 of which a \$15.00 down-payment was made and the remaining amount to be paid within a year from the date [of purchase] or 5% interest would be charged on the remaining amount after the end of the year. Out of the cash-box for the purchase of furnishings for the church: \$42.95. Total expenditures \$47.95. Paid by G. Walden for woodwork \$6.75. Entrance money 60 cents. Altogether \$7.35. The Association's members decided to meet in the church next Wednesday to see what should be done about the windows to protect the inside of the church from being damaged by the sun. It was decided to cover the windows with paint since the Association had no money available to buy curtains. The meeting was concluded with song and prayer and the Association will meet again Mrs. E. Knudtsen's on April 2nd. *Accepted.*

Whonnock, B.C., April 2nd, 1906 - The Women's Association's fourth regular meeting was held at Mrs. E. Knudtsen's on April 2nd. Seven of the Association's members were present. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and chaired by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The members of the Association agreed to take cash to buy two dozen balls of crochet yarn which will be distributed among the members to work with. Likewise the members agreed to meet at the church next Wednesday afternoon to clean up and plant around the church. Entrance money collected \$1.25, and \$1.20 was taken out of the cash-box to buy crochet yarn. The Association meets again on the first Monday of May at Mrs. A. Knudtsen's. *Accepted, May 7th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., May 7, 1906 - The Women's Association held its fifth regular meeting on May 7th at Mrs. A. Knudtsen's. Seven of the Association's members were present and two visitors participated in the meeting, which, as usual, was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Odin Lee brought the purchased crochet yarn which was distributed among the members to work with. She was 30 cents out of pocket for the buying of it which was paid to her. A good deal of discussion followed about the best way the Association could raise money for the purchases for the Bazaar in the fall and it was decided to take a list around to collect the necessary money. Collected entrance money: \$1.00, and the expenses of the meeting were 30 cents. The Association meets again at Mrs. Odin Lee's on June 4th. *Accepted, June 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., June 4th, 1906 - The Women's Association's sixth regular meeting was held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on June 4th. Eight of the Association's members and two visitors attended the meeting which was chaired by the Association's President and opened with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The list to collect money, discussed at the previous meeting, was shown to the Association and was accepted to be circulated. Hilda Iverson<sup>2</sup> was good enough to take the list around for collection. Mrs. A. Knudtsen<sup>3</sup> desired to retire from the Association. She gave no reason for her withdrawal but said that she is willing to pay her entrance money each month till November and to give her share to the Bazaar and also to help with what she could till the rest of the debt was paid up except the debt for the church organ, with which she did



not agree and for which she did not feel obliged to share in the payments. Her retirement was accepted. Entrance money was collected 80 cents, and the meeting was concluded. The Association meets again on July 2nd at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, July 2nd, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., July 2nd, 1906 - The seventh Women's Association meeting took place at Mrs. Mathisen's on July 2nd. Six of the members of the Association and three visitors attended the meeting which was opened as usual with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. Hilda Iverson sent in the money she collected namely \$11.00 which is to be used for purchases for the Bazaar. Also, 70 cents entrance money collected was given to Mrs. Anna Lee who will look after the purchasing. Meetings income was \$11.70 and expenditures \$11.70. The meeting closed with song and prayer. The Association meets again on August 6th at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. *Accepted, August 6th G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., August 6th, 1906 - The Women's Association's eighth regular meeting was held August 6th at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The Association's eight members were all present and three visitors attended the meeting, which as usual was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted and thereafter a discussion took place where and when the Association's yearly Bazaar should be held. The result was that the Bazaar will be held at "Eagles [Eagle's ?] Hall", New Westminster, on August 29th at 7:30 PM, where then all the things collected will be auctioned off and a free evening meal will be served of which each member agreed to bring their share. The meetings entrance money was 50 cents and expenditures to purchase edgings and satin \$1.75. The Association meets again in September at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's. *Accepted, 10th September, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., September 10th 1906 - The Association's ninth regular meeting was held on September 10 at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's. Five of the Association's members and two visitors attended the meeting which was chaired by the Association's President and opened with song and prayer. Thereafter the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The following financial report for the Association was reviewed:

Revenue from the Bazaar	\$108.95
From Mrs. Herris per Anton Nilsen <sup>†</sup>	\$ 2.40
From N.C. Nilsen for wood shavings	\$ 0.40
From Ole Lee for painting	\$ 0.50
from entrance money	\$ 1.95
and the expenditures of the Association for this month:	
To B.C. Mills for lumber	\$100.00
Expenses for the Bazaar	\$ 3.65
L.C. York's account	\$ 3.35
For Money Order	\$ 0.40

That is for September a total income of \$114.20 and a total expenditure of \$107.40. The meeting closed with song and a short prayer and the next meeting of the Association will be held at Mrs. Frida Lee's on October 7th. *Accepted, Georgina Fletcher.*

Whonnock, B.C., October 1st, 1906 - The Women's Association's tenth regular meeting was held on October 1st at Mrs. Frida Lee's. The Association's eight members were all present at the meeting which was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. Nilsen opened the meeting with song and prayer and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted quietly. Entrance money was collected and since the Association had no further business to deal with the meeting was closed. Meetings revenue: 50 cents. It was decided to meet again at Mrs. Fletcher's on November 5th. *Georgina*

*Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., November 5th, 1906 - The Women's Association held its eleventh regular meeting on November 5th. The meeting took place at Mrs. Fletcher's. Seven of the Associations members were present and five persons of the Congregation visited the meeting which was chaired by the Association's President and which, as usual, was opened with song and prayer. Thereafter the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. After discussion Mrs. O. Lee proposed that the Women's Association should start an action to put a Christmas tree in the church which was unanimously accepted. And furthermore, since the Association cannot pay for the Christmas tree, to take a collection from the Congregation members for the things required for the Christmas tree. A Committee was elected consisting of Frida Lee, Martha Nilsen and Georgina Fletcher. Since two of the Congregation's trustees, Mr. A.B. Lee and Mr. J. Mathisen, were present at this meeting the question was raised what material was left over and not required for the church and to sell them. The meeting's income: from Mr. Mathisen for lumber \$0.75. Entrance money \$1.55. Total \$2.10. It was decided to hold the next Association's meeting at Mrs. Mathisen's on the 27th November at 3 o'clock. *Accepted with the correction that Anton Knudtsen is the trustee and not J. Mathisen. G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., November 27th, 1906 - The Association's twelfth regular meeting was held at Mrs. E. Knudtsen's on November 27th. The fixed date for the meeting was December 3rd but since the Congregation's pastor wished to be present at this meeting it was arranged to coordinate the date of the meeting with his visit. Eight members were present and in addition the entire Congregation visited the meeting which was opened with song and prayer and chaired by the Congregation's assistant pastor, Rev. V. Borge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with the correction that Mr. Anton Knudtsen and not Mr. Mathisen is the Congregation's trustee. The discussion which followed was about the Christmas tree and it was decided to have a Christmas tree celebration in the church on the evening of the second day of Christmas. The Congregation's pastor would then be present. The schoolteacher was present on this occasion to discuss if the school and the church should not share the Christmas tree, but since that did not seem to work well and it was not what everybody liked, an offer was made to help him get a Christmas tree for the school and he was also invited to be at the Congregation's Christmas celebration, still, without taking part in the program. The next thing was a suggestion by Mrs. N.C. Nilsen that the Association should purchase two lamps for the church of 300 candles (light force) at a cost of \$4.45 each. Unanimously accepted. The meeting's income was a collection by Mrs. West of \$25.00 for which the Association's President, Mrs. Nilsen, should write her a word of thanks on behalf of the Association. Paid by Odin Lee for wood \$8.05 and also entrance money \$1.45. Altogether a total of \$34.50 and expenses for lamps \$8.90, two extra glass shades 50 cents. For money order with stamp 12 cents and a candle for the altar 10 cents. For freight for the Christmas tree 25 cents and for the Christmas present for Pastor O. Borge \$5.00. A total altogether of \$14.87. It was announced that the Association's annual meeting would be on January 7th at Mrs. Odin Lee's and thereafter the meeting was concluded. *Accepted, January 7th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

### 1907

Whonnock, B.C., January 7th, 1907 - The Women's Association's first regular meeting was held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on January 7th. Six of the Associations members were present at the meeting which was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by Mrs. Nilsen, the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and

accepted. Then followed the election of officers for the various positions for the coming year. First President Mrs. N.C. Nilsen, Secretary Mrs. R. Fletcher, Treasurer Mrs. E. Knudtson, and Vice President Mrs. A.B. Lee were all re-elected with honour to their positions. Then the yearly accounts were presented, which are as follows:

Income for the year 1906:

From the Bazaar	108.95
From collections	36.00
From sale of lumber	16.45
From entrance moneys	16.35
Income from loans	<u>11.70</u>
Total	\$189.45

and expenses for the same year were:

For the church	175.22
Purchases and expenditures for the Association	19.60
Gift to Congregation's pastor	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$198.82

which leaves as cash on hand a balance of \$27.38.

The meeting's income was \$ 1.60 and expenditure for oil for the church \$1.75. The meeting was closed with song and prayer. The Association meets again on February 4th at Mrs. Mathisen's. *Accepted, March 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., February 4th, 1907 - On February 4th the Women's Association had its regular meeting at Mrs. Mathisen's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Congregation's Pastor O. Borge. The reading of the minutes of the annual meeting was postponed to the next meeting on account of the absence of the Secretary. Mrs. N.C. Nilsen advised that Mrs. O.A. Lee had left us and gone Home to eternal rest on February 2nd. She suggested that the Association spend \$3.00 from the cash box to buy a wreath for the coffin of the deceased, which was unanimously accepted. Pastor O. Borge talked about a [Sunday] school for the Congregation in six weeks. After some discussion about the advantages the meeting was closed. Four members of the Association and one visitor were present at the meeting. The meeting's income 0.95, expenses 2 cents. *Accepted, March 4th, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen for Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., March 4th, 1907 - The third regular meeting of the Women's Association was held at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on March 4th. The meeting opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Congregation's Pastor O. Borge. The minutes of the previous meeting and of the February meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. N.C. Nilsen advised that it had not been possible to get any flowers for the late Mrs. Lee's burial but she suggested to use the allocated money to buy a decoration of artificial flowers, which was unanimously accepted. Other subjects of discussion were that the women should meet in the church next Thursday afternoon to clean the church and Mrs. A.B. Lee was asked to order two dozen balls of crochet yarn for the Association at the grocery store. Mrs. Mathisen advised that Mrs. Albert Nilsen wished that the Association's meeting next time would be held at hers, since she wanted to become a member of the Association in future. It was decided to meet at her house on April 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The Associations seven members were all present and one visitor took part in the meeting. The meeting's income was \$1.20. Expenses for payment of the organ \$25. *Accepted, April 1st, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., April 1st, 1907 - On April 1st the Women's Association held its fourth regular meeting at Mrs. Martha Nelson's, who at this meeting was accepted as a member of the Association. The Associations eight members were all present and many of the Congregation

took part in the meeting which was chaired by Pastor Ordal and was opened with song and praye. At this meeting Pastor Ordal gave his farewell address, since the Congregation will be served in future by Pastor O. Borge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. A.B. Lee advised that the crochet yarn ordered for the Association still had not arrived but was expected in a couple of days. The meeting's income was \$1.30. The Association meets again on May 6th at Mrs. N.C. Nelson's. *Accepted, May 6th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., May 6th, 1907 - The Association held its fifth regular meeting on May 6th. The meeting took place at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's and was attended by seven of the Association's members and two visitors. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes of the meeting of the month of April were read and accepted. Mrs. Fletcher brought six dozen balls of crochet yarn, which had been purchased for the Association and which were distributed to work with. The meeting's income was 70¢ entrance money and expenditure for the crochet yarn and the freight thereof \$3.60. The meeting closed with song and prayer and the announcement that the Association meets again on June 3rd at Mrs. O. A. Lee's. *Accepted, June 3rd, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., June 3rd, 1907 - The Women's Association's sixth regular meeting was held on June 3rd at Mrs. O.A. Lee's and was attended by seven of the Association's members and two visitors. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen. The minutes of the meeting of the previous month were read and accepted. Since the Association's Treasurer was not present at this meeting it was proposed and suggested to delay the collection of entrance money for the meeting till next month's meeting. The Association's President advised that the Association was invited by Mrs. F. Snow<sup>3</sup> to hold the meeting at her house and the offer was accepted with thanks. Since there was no other business to be dealt with at this meeting it was closed. *Accepted, July 1st 1907, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., July 1st, 1907 - The Women's Association held its meeting for the month of July on the 1st at Mrs. Snow's. Five of the Association's members attended the meeting, which was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. After a discussion how the Association could raise funds to buy things for the yearly bazaar it was agreed to make a collection for that purpose at the next church service. Entrance money received: 1.80¢, and cash on hand in the cash box on July 1st \$4.56. The Association meets again on August 5th at Mrs. Fletcher's. *Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., August 5th, 1907 - The Women's Association held its 8th regular meeting on August 6th at Mrs. Fletcher's. The meeting started with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Odin Lee, proposed, supported by Mrs. Mathison, to postpone the yearly bazaar till October 1st, which was unanimously accepted. Another discussion was about the purchase of material for the bazaar and it was decided to send an order for the requirements of the Association to T. Eaton, the Secretary to take care of the order. The meeting's income from the collection was \$5.95 and entrance money \$1.00. Total cash on hand on August 5th: \$11.48. The meeting was attended by seven of the Association's members and one visitor. The next meeting will be held on September 7th at Mrs. E. Knudtson's. *Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., September 2nd, 1907 - The Women's Association's ninth regular meeting was held on September 2nd at Mrs. E. Knudtson's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen. There were no minutes

from the last meeting to read and it was discussed on what date the bazaar will be held. Mrs. A.B. Lee's proposal to have the bazaar on October 4th was unanimously accepted. Thereafter the sewing material for the planned bazaar was distributed. Seven of the Association's members were present and two visitors. Meeting's income \$1.00. *For Secretary.* [no name - in Mrs. Fletcher's handwriting]

Whonnock, B.C., September 23rd, 1907 - The members of the Women's Association were called together for an extra meeting on September 23rd at Mrs. Odin Lee's to discuss the postponement of the bazaar, which was according to the minutes of the previous meeting to be held on October 4th. The members were now all in agreement to postpone the bazaar till October 26th. It was suggested and supported by the Association not to have a meeting in October, since there was nothing of importance to discuss before the Bazaar takes place. The Association will therefore meet on November 4th at Mrs. Odin Lee's. The Secretary then reported that she had made the following purchases for the bazaar: fabric - \$8.84, money order and freight for the fabric - \$1.12, freight for gifts from T. Eaton: \$0.30. total \$10.86. Another 60¢ were assigned to purchase yarn for scarves which will be made for the bazaar. Entrance money was not collected. The meetings expenses were \$10.86. Since the Association's President travelled away for a longer time and the election of a new President will be postponed till the annual meeting, the meeting was chaired by the Association's Vice President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. Seven members were present and one visitor. *Accepted, December 2nd, 1907.*

Because the "Eagle's Hall" was not free for October 26th the bazaar was held on the 19th of October at "Eagle Hall" New Westminster. The bazaars income was \$99.55. Expenses for same \$6.85. *G.F.*

Whonnock, B.C., November 4th, 1907 - On November 4th, the Women's Association held its tenth regular meeting at Mrs. Odin Lee's, which was chaired by the Association's Vice President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. No minutes were read on account of the absence of the Secretary. The meeting discussed a proposal by Frieda Lee to pay \$75.00 toward the debt for the organ, which was endorsed and accepted and it was decided to pay \$25.00 for the debt on lumber. Since there was \$5.00 less than needed in the cash box for this payment Mrs. Frieda Lee offered a to lend it to the Association. The offer was accepted. 90 cents entrance money was collected. The meeting closed with song. The meeting's income \$5.90 and expenses \$100.00 *Accepted, December 2nd., Mrs. A.B. Lee, For Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., December 2nd, 1907 - The Women's Association's eleventh regular meeting was held at Mrs. A. Nielson's on December 2nd and was opened with song and prayer, chaired by the Association's Vice President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted and the minutes of the meeting of the month of November (written by the Association's Vice President in absence of the Secretary) were likewise read and accepted. There were no other matters to discuss. The meeting's income was 50¢. *Accepted, January 6th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

### 1908

Whonnock, B.C., January 6th, 1908 - The Women's Association's yearly meeting took place at Mrs. Mathisen's and seven of the Association's members took part in the meeting. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's Vice President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The yearly financial account was as follows. Total income for the year 1907 \$121.35 and expenses for the same year \$148.48. Thereafter followed the election of candidates for positions of officers for the coming year.

President	Mrs. A.B. Lee
Vice President	Mrs. Anne Lee
Secretary	Mrs. Fletcher
Treasurer	Mrs. E. Knudtson

Furthermore a resolution was passed to instruct the Secretary to write the absent and now retired President Mrs. N.C. Nilsen to express the Association's thank for the time she gave as President. The meetings income was \$1.20. *Accepted, February 3rd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., February 3rd, 1908 - The Women's Association's second regular meeting took place at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on February 3rd. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President (Mrs. A.B. Lee). There was no business for discussion at this meeting. Six of the Association's members were present and one visitor. The meeting's income was \$1.40. *G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., March 2nd, 1908 - The Women's Association's third regular meeting took place at Mrs. Fletcher's on March 2nd. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The Minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted. [A letter] from "Hicks and Lovick" was presented for discussion regarding the remainder of the debt on the church's organ. According to the wording of the contract interest would be charged on the remaining sum when the debt was due. The company now required interest for the first year amounting to \$4.60. The remaining debt is \$11.00, which money has been lend to the Association by Mrs. A.B. Lee to pay off that debt. It was decided to send the company the contract to convince them how to read it and the Association decided not to pay the \$4.60 interest for the first year since according to the contract's wording that sum was not owed. Six of the Association's members participated in the meeting and entrance money received was \$1.40. Expenses \$3.00 to H & L. *Accepted, April 6th, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., April 6th, 1908 - The Women's Association held its fourth regular meeting on April 6th at Mrs. Ole Lee's. The meeting was attended by seven of the Association's members and two other visitors. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by Pastor O. Borge. The meeting was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted. There were not matters for discussion at this meeting and the gathering was entertained by readings by Pastor Borge. Meeting's income \$1.35. *Accepted, May 4th, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., May 4th, 1908 - The Women's Association's fifth regular meeting was held at Mrs. E. Knudtson's on May 4th. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and attended by six of the Association's members and two visitors. The minutes of the meeting of the month of April were read and accepted. There was no business for discussion. Meeting's income \$1.20. *Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., June 1st, 1908 - The Association's sixth meeting was held at Mrs. Odin Lee's on June 1st. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The meeting's discussion was about how to raise money for the Association this year. No firm decision was made about it. \$5.00 were paid back to Mrs. Frieda Lee. The meeting's entrance money received 60¢. Present seven members. *Accepted, July 6th, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., July 6th, 1908 - The Women's Association's seventh regular meeting took place at Mrs. Mathisen's on July 6th. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The minutes of the June meeting were read and accepted. No matters for discussion were proposed and entrance money was not collected because the Treasurer was



absent. Five of the Association's members attended the meeting. *Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., August 3rd, 1908 - The Women's Association's 8th regular meeting was held at Mrs. Frieda Lee's on August 3rd. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President Mrs. A.B. Lee. There were no minutes prepared to read at this meeting. After an absence of ten months the Association had the pleasure to have back Mrs. N.C. Nelson. She paid what she owed in entrance money since the beginning of the year and asked the meeting to excuse her for not having a meeting at her place for some time yet till she got herself a home of her own. The meeting's income from entrance money \$2.40. Eight members were present. *Accepted, October 5th, 1908.*

Whonnock, B.C., September 7th, 1908 - On September 7th, the Women's Association held its ninth meeting at Mrs. Martha Nelson's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. No minutes were read since the Secretary was absent. Seven of the Association's members were present. Meeting's income 50¢. *For Secretary, Mrs. N.C. Nelson.*

Whonnock, B.C., October 5th, 1908 - The Women's Association's tenth regular meeting was held on October 5th. The meeting took place at Mrs. A.B. Lee's and eight of the Association's members attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. A.B. Lee and was opened with song and prayer. The minutes of the July and August meetings were read and accepted. To deal with: a demand from Hicks and Lovick for \$4.60, which amount was paid. Thereafter was discussed when to have the planned "Basket Social" and the 30th of October was decided upon. Mrs. A.B. Lee took it upon herself to ask Mr. Tweedie to hold the social at his house. Meeting's expenses \$4.60. Meeting's income \$1.90. *Accepted, November 2nd, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., November 2nd, 1908 - On November 2nd, the Women's Association held its eleventh regular meeting at Mrs. Fletcher's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted, likewise the minutes of the September meeting, recorded by Mrs. N.C. Nelson. The Association's "basket social" took place on October 30th and brought in \$63.75. A proposal was made and supported by the Association to pay the last of its debt of to B.C. Mills, which amount, \$29.65, was given to Ole Lee for payment. Entrance money collected: 75¢. The Association will meet again on December 7th at Mrs. E. Knudtson's. *Accepted, December 7th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., December 7th, 1908 - The Women's Association held its twelfth regular meeting on December 7th. The meeting took place at Mrs. E. Knudtson's and was attended by six of the Association's members. The meeting was chaired by the President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, and was opened with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Other business was that Mrs. Fletcher proposed, seconded by Mrs. N.C. Nelson and unanimously supported, to give the Congregation's organist, Miss M. Ritchie, \$5.00 as a Christmas present. Mrs. Fletcher also presented \$4.25 to the Treasurer, a gift to the Association from Mr. Stahl and Mr. Johnson. Entrance money collected \$1.05. Surplus 50 cents. Meetings income \$5.80. Expenditures: \$5.00. The Association's annual meeting will be held on January 4th at Mrs. Odin Lee's. *Accepted, January 4th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

### 1909

Whonnock, B.C., January 4th, 1909 - The annual meeting of the Women's Association took place at Mrs. Anna Lee's on January 4th.<sup>6</sup> The

meeting, chaired by Mrs. A.B. Lee, was opened with song and prayer and attended by the Association's eight members. The minutes of the meeting of the month of December were read and accepted. The financial report of the past year was as follows: income from basket social \$68.00 and entrance money \$14.25 and borrowed \$11.00. Total \$93.25. And expenditures: to Hicks & Lovick \$18.60, to B.C. Mills \$26.65, to the organist \$5.00. Repaid loan to Mrs. A.B. Lee \$11.00 and to Mrs. O.A. Lee \$5.00. Total \$69.25.

Voted as officers:

President	Mrs. A.B. Lee
Vice President	Mrs. Anna Lee
Secretary	Mrs. Fletcher
Treasurer	Mrs. N.C. Nelson

And Mrs. C.H. Nelson was accepted as a member of the Association. The Association's funds on loan to Mrs. E. Knudtson \$12.00, to Anna Lee \$5.00, to Hokon Nelson \$5.00 leaving as cash in hand \$2.65. Meeting's income \$1.70.

Whonnock, B.C., February 1st, 1909 - The Association's second regular meeting was held at Mrs. Martha Nelson's on February 1st. The meeting was attended by eight of the Association's members and chaired by the President of the Association and opened with song and prayer. Following that, the minutes of the annual meeting were read and accepted. Other business was a question from A. Anderson whether the Association would buy his table which is in the sacristy of the church. No price was set. Mrs. N.C. Nilsen offered to give a table, but no decision was made about buying the thing or accepting the other. Mrs. E. Knudtson paid the Association \$12.00 which was what Erik Knudtson borrowed a month ago, and 70 cents administration money was received. The meeting's total income was \$12.70. The Association will meet again on March 1st at Mrs. O.A. Lee's. *Accepted, March 1st, G. Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., March 1st, 1909 - On March 1st, the Women's Association held its 3rd regular meeting which took place at Mrs. O.A. Lee's and was attended by eight of the Association's members. The meeting was chaired by the Association's President and opened with song and prayer. The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted. There were no matters to discuss at this meeting. Meeting's income 60 cents. *Accepted, April 5th, Georgina Fletcher, Secretary.*

Whonnock, B.C., April 5th, 1909 - The Women's Association's fourth regular meeting was held at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on April 5th. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The meeting was attended by eight of the Association's members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. A discussion was held whether the Association should hire Mr. Rolley to paint the church or whether the Association's menfolk would be willing to do that. Moved by Mrs. C.H. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. O.A. Lee and unanimously accepted that the Association will pay Mr. Rolley \$20.00 to do the work and in addition to pay all expenses for paint for the church. It was furthermore decided that the women will meet to clean up the church on April 29th in the afternoon. Mrs. Anna Lee paid her debt of \$5.00 to the Association and 80 cent entrance money was collected. The meeting's collections total \$5.80 and the Treasurer's cash on hand on April 5th was \$23.45. *Georgina Fletcher, Secretary, Accepted, July 5th 1909.*

On May 3rd, the Women's Association held its fifth regular meeting at Mrs. C.H. Nilson's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer and was chaired by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. Since the Secretary was absent there were no minutes to read. As proposed by Mrs. Anna Lee, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen was unanimously elected as Secretary for this meeting. The Association's Treasurer was instructed to pay the invoice received from Ole Lee for \$1.00. The meeting was

concluded with song and silent prayer. The meeting's income 70 cents. Six participating members and two visitors. Next meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nilson's. *Accepted, June 7th, for Secretary, Martha O. Nilson.*

The Women's Association held its sixth regular meeting, on June 7th, at Mrs. N.C. Nilson's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by Pastor O. Borge who was present at the meeting. After prayer the Association's President took the chair for the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. An invoice from T.J. Trapp for paint for the church was presented and postponed till a later meeting. Since there was no other business to discuss the meeting was ended. The income from the meeting was \$1.05. Seven participating members and two visitors. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. G. Fletcher's. *Accepted, July 5th, for Secretary, M.O. Nilson.*

The Women's Association's seventh regular meeting was held on July 5th at Mrs. E. Knudsen's instead at Mrs. Fletcher's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the meetings of April 5th and June 7th of this year were presented and read. Both minutes were accepted with a notice from the President that a note was received from Mrs. Fletcher that after about twelve years as a member, she will no longer come to the Association's meetings but will continue to help doing the different things the Association has to do, without being present at the bazaars or the parties. She will be more or less a passive member and sent the Association \$1.00 which is to pay her contribution for the whole year which then was 80 cents plus 20 cents as an offering to the Association's cash box. Thereafter the post of Secretary was put up for an election, since nothing could be done to keep the retiring Secretary. As proposed by Mrs. E. Knudtson, Mrs. N.C. Nilson<sup>7</sup> was unanimously elected as Secretary for the remainder of the year. Since she is also the Treasurer of the Association, Mrs. C.H. Nilson and Mrs. Martha Nelson<sup>8</sup> were proposed as alternatives, but both of them rejected wholeheartedly and Mrs. N.C. Nilson was elected Secretary. She spoke about making a book about the Association's income and expenditures for the President of the Association to control the accounts. The discussion then went to holding a bazaar in autumn but no definite decision was made. Seven of the Association's members were present at the meeting and the meeting's income was \$1.82. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Anna Lee's. The meeting ended with song and a short prayer. *Accepted, September 7, Martha O. Nilson, Secretary.*

The Women's Association's eighth regular meeting took place at Mrs. Martha Nilson's on September 7th, 1909. The meeting was opened by the Society's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted. There was a discussion about having a bazaar in autumn. Mrs. A.B. Lee wanted to have it in Whonnock since she did not have the time to go to New Westminster. Mrs. N.C. Nilson spoke in favour of holding it in New Westminster since she regarded it hopeless to have it up here. After discussion it was agreed without voting to have the bazaar in Whonnock. Mrs. Anna Lee and Mrs. N.C. Nilson were asked to do the buying for the bazaar. Mrs. Anna Mathisen retired from the Association and paid 70 cents contribution. Aside from that, \$5.00 was received from Anna Lee and \$1.00 from A.B. Lee for paint. The meeting entrance money collected was \$1.30 and \$1.00 was paid for cement. The meeting was attended by six of the Association's members. *Accepted, October 4th, Martha O. Nilson, Secretary.*

The Women's Association held its ninth regular meeting at Mrs. Odin Lee's. Seven of the Association's members were present. The Association's President opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. This was followed by a discussion about the previously considered bazaar which is to be held, as was unanimously decided, on October 29th at Mr. Tweedie's home. The fabric purchased for the bazaar was distributed

among the members and everybody promised to have it ready for the time mentioned earlier. Paid for the fabric for the bazaar \$7.52. Mrs. A.B. Lee reviewed the accounts and found them in order. Cash on hand on October 4th was \$26.93. The meeting's income was \$1.40. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. O.A. Lee's on November 1st. The meeting was then closed.

The bazaar was held on October 29th, 1909 with an income of \$80.20.<sup>9</sup> *M. N. Accepted, October 29, Martha O. Nilson.*

The Women's Association held its 10th regular meeting at Mrs. Ole Lee's on November 1st. The Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, opened the meeting with song and prayer. The bazaar held on the October 29th was discussed. The income was \$83.50. After this was done, it was decided to authorize the Association's Treasurer, Mrs. N.C. Nilson, to pay from the cash box an invoice from Trapp and at the same time to buy wine for the church and window panes for the summer. Mr. A.B. Lee was paid \$30.50 for money paid for lumber to Mr. Rolly. Received \$1.00 from Mrs. A.B. Lee for crochet yarn and 60 cents entrance money was collected. The meeting's expenses were \$30.00 and the meeting's total income was \$85.10. Six of the Association's members attended the meeting. The next meeting on December 6th at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. Following that the meeting was closed. *Accepted, December 6th, Martha O. Nilson, Secretary.*

The Women's Association held its 11th regular meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on December 6th. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President and there were five of the Association's members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with the note by the Secretary herself that she had omitted to put in the minutes the acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting and that the Association had given \$10.00 from the cash box to the Congregation to assist with the pastor's wages. Discussed at this meeting a proposal from Mrs. Anna Lee that the Association should give Pastor O. Borge a Christmas present. A proposal was made that \$5.00 should be given, which was unanimously accepted. Following that it was suggested by Mrs. N.C. Nilson to approve an expenditure of \$7.50 for the acquisition by the Association of a deed for the churchyard, which was said to be an important requirement. The meeting's income was 90 cents. The next meeting will be on January 3rd. *Accepted, January 3rd, M.O. Nilson, Secretary.*

### 1910

On January 3rd, 1910 the Women's Association held its first regular meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nilson's. The Association's President opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without comments. There was a report from the Secretary which reads as follows: In 1909 the Women's Association held eleven regular meetings. The August meeting was cancelled because of the busy time. One member joined the Association and two retired. At year's end the Association consisted of seven members. Unanimously accepted on January 3rd, 1910, Martha O. Nilson.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Income for 1909

Members' contribution	\$ 10.60
Private gift	\$ 1.70
Debts paid	\$ 24.00
Income from bazaar	<u>\$ 83.50</u>
	\$119.80
Cash on hand (forward from 1908)	<u>\$ 2.65</u>
	\$122.45

Expenses for the year 1909

For repairs to the church	\$ 4.50
Purchases for bazaar	\$ 9.52

Labour wages to Rolly	\$ 30.00
Paint etc.	\$ 48.35
Altar wine	\$ 1.00
Gifts to Pastor & Congregation	\$ 15.00
	\$ 108.37

Cash on hand at year's end: \$14.08

Unanimously accepted January 3rd, 1910, Martha O. Nilson, Treasurer.

Following this the elections for the new year. Elected were:

President	Mrs. A.B. Lee	(re-elected)
Vice President	Mrs. Anna Lee	(re-elected)
Secretary	Mrs. N.C. Nelson	(re-elected)
Treasurer	Mrs. N.C. Nelson	(re-elected)

The Secretary raised for discussion a suggestion from the pastor to change its meeting times from the first Monday of the month to the Monday after each sermon. The Secretary suggested not to make a change, which was accepted. In addition it was decided to write the Congregation a letter to make a decision about the deed for the church yard. The meeting's income was \$1.00. Five members were present. The meeting was closed with song. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. E. Knudtson's. *Accepted, February 7, Martha O. Nelson, Secretary.*

On February 7th, the Women's Association held its second regular meeting at Mrs. E. Knudtson's. After the meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without remarks. For discussion a proposal to purchase a font for the church, which was unanimously accepted. It was left to the Congregation's church warden to look after it. The meeting's income was 50 cents. Five members were present. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. C.H. Nelson's on March 7th. *Accepted, March 3rd, Martha O. Nilson.*

The Women's Association's third regular meeting was held on March 7th at Mrs. C.H. Nelson's and Mrs. A.B. Lee, the Association's President, opened the meeting with song and prayer. Following that, minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted unanimously. Since there was nothing to discuss the meeting was closed with an income of 90 cents. Present six members and two visitors. *Accepted, June 26th, Martha O. Nelson.*

April 4th, 1910 - The Women's Association held its regular meeting on April 4th at Mrs. Anna Lee's. The meeting started with song and prayer. No discussion was held because of the absence of the Secretary & Treasurer. No minutes from the previous meeting were read. Three of the Association's members were present and three visitors. Mrs. Axel Lee was instructed to record the minutes and be the interim Secretary. Entrance money 50 cents. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. A. Nelson's on May 2nd. *Accepted, June 26th, Mrs. A.B. Lee.*

May 2nd, 1910 - The Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. A. Nelson's. The meeting began with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The meeting's discussion was if we should cancel the summer meetings since so much other work had to be done. It was decided to hold a meeting on June 6th. A new member was accepted in the Association: Mrs. Engen,<sup>10</sup> and the meeting shall be at her place and we all wish her welcome. Entrance money received 70 cents. Five members were present. *Accepted, June 26th, Mrs. A.B. Lee.*

June 6th, 1910 - The Association's meeting was held at Mrs. Engen's on June 6th. The meeting was opened with song and reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. As discussed at the previous meeting, we should not have any more meetings in the summer. Because of the absence of the Secretary and

Treasurer the books could not be updated and Mrs. A.B. Lee suggested therefore an extra meeting to be held on June 26th for Mrs. Nils Nelson, Secretary and Treasurer to be present and that was supported by Mrs. E. Knudtson. Four of the Association's members were present. Entrance money 30 cents. The extra meeting will be held at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. *Accepted, June 26, Mrs. A.B. Lee*

The Women's Association's extra meeting took place at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on June 26th, 1910. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, with song and prayer. The minutes of the meetings of March, April, May and June were read and accepted without remarks. Mrs. Alfred Nelson<sup>11</sup> became a member of the Association. Mrs. N.C. Nelson handed in her withdrawal. On account of her move she could not attend the meetings and since she was also Treasurer and Secretary Mrs. Alfred Nelson was unanimously elected as Secretary and Mrs. E. Knudtson as Treasurer. Mrs. A.B. Lee thanked the departing member and also welcomed the new officers. A proposal was made to contribute \$5.15 for the deed for the cemetery and \$3.50 for a wreath for Mrs. Georgina Lee's grave, which the retiring Secretary promised to look after. The meeting's income was \$3.35. Six members were present and one visitor. The meeting ended with song. *Accepted, March 6th, Mrs. Alfr. Nelson.*

### 1911

The Women's Association meeting was held at Mrs. Engen's on March 6th, 1911. The meeting was opened with song and readings. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The election of new candidates --- no new ones came in and the previous ones were re-elected. There was a discussion to let Pastor Borge be present at the meetings on a fixed date or to hold the meetings in the usual manner, which will be decided at the next meeting. The meeting's income was \$2.80. Four members were present. *Accepted, April 6th, Mrs. Alfred Nelson.*

The Women's Association's regular meeting was held at Mrs. Axel Lee's on April 6th. The meeting was opened by Pastor Borge with song and readings. Agreed to give the pastor \$5.00 for a charity. The question about acquiring a church bell was discussed but no conclusion was reached. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. Meeting's income \$2.80. Six members were present. *Accepted, May 6, Mrs. A. Nelson.*

The Women's Association's regular meeting was held at Mrs. L. Bartlett's on May 6th. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and readings. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Following that, a discussion on how to raise money for a wedding present for Pastor Borge and his wife. It was suggested that each of the Association's members should collect as much as they volunteered and that the Women's Association should pay the remainder to get the necessary total needed for the gift. The meeting's income \$2.70. Seven members present. *Accepted, July 3rd, 1911.*

The Women's Association's meeting, held on July 3rd at Mrs. A. Nelson's, was opened with song and readings by the Association's President. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. No business of importance was put forward. Seven members present. Meeting's income \$1.50. Private gift 50 cents. *Accepted, August 7th, Mrs. Alfr. Nelson.*

On August 21st, the Women's Association held an extra meeting at Mrs. E. Knudtson's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by Pastor Skonhold, followed by a reading by the pastor and discussion of the reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. For discussion was a decision of a time and place to hold a bazaar. Decided to have it in Whonnock and if possible to



Whonnock 1913

"That year the Association did not have any meetings."

Left to right: Norman, Gilbert, Ole Lee (Junior), Frank, Louise, Ernie and Frida (Johansson) Lee

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rent/borrow the schoolhouse for this purpose. No time could be fixed before the end of the meeting. An amount of \$10.00 from the Association's cash box was approved for fabric and other materials for the bazaar and \$8.00 was assigned to send to Eaton. The remainder to purchase different things needed for the bazaar. Eight members present. Meeting's [income] Private gift 70 cents. *Accepted, September 4th, Mrs. Alfr. Nelson.*

On September 4th, the Women's Association held a meeting at Mrs. A. Engen's. The meeting was opened by Pastor Skonhold with song and prayer. Readings by the pastor followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The matter of the bazaar was up again. It was unanimously agreed to hold it the coming November 11. The shipments from Eaton arrived and different kinds of bazaar work were distributed among the Women's Association's member. Seven members present and money collected \$1.30. *Accepted, October 18th, Mrs. Alfr. Nelson.*

The Women's Association held a meeting on October 18th at Mrs. Hegarat's<sup>12</sup>. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. The bazaar matter was again up for further discussion. Some of the members of the Association were selected for tasks relating to the holding of the bazaar. Six members present. Meeting's income \$1.00.

### 1912

The Women's Association held its annual meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on January 29th and seven of the Association's members were present at the meeting and two visitors. The meeting was opened by Pastor Skonhaad with song and prayer and thereafter readings by the pastor. The minutes of the meeting of December 4th [not in minute book] were read and accepted. Then followed the election of candidates to positions. Mrs. Bartlett<sup>13</sup> - President, Mrs. Hegarat - Secretary, Mrs. A.B. Lee - Treasurer, Mrs. Nelson - Vice President were accepted. For discussion a report on the bazaar which was held on November 11, and which had not previously been accounted for because of the absence of the Secretary. Treasurer and Secretary agreed to take an extra day to update the books. The following report from the Associa-

tion's Treasurer:

On June 26th, 1910 cash on hand:	\$12.30
Entrance money from June 26, 1910 till January 29, 1912	\$16.45
Income from bazaar of Nov. 11, 1911	\$86.65
Cash on hand January 29th	\$47.10
Expenses from cash box from June 26th 1910 till January 29, 1912	
Paid Oct. 4 for Mission	\$ 5.00
Gift to pastor July 3rd	\$ 5.00
4th September to bazaar	\$ 7.50
2nd November to bazaar	\$ 6.85
11 November pastor wages	\$40.00
28 December - copper	<u>\$ 3.60</u>
	\$68.20

Meeting's income 50 cents. Private gift 60 cents. Total \$1.10. *Accepted, February 26th, Mrs. Hegarat.*

The Women's Association's meeting was held at Mrs. C.H. Nilsen on February 26th. Pastor Skonhau opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was no discussion. Six members and three visitors attended the meeting. Entrance money 60 cents. Private gift \$1.10. Total \$2.70. The next meeting at Mrs. Nilsen's on March 25th. *Accepted, February [?] 26th, 1912, Martha Hegarat.*

The Women's Association held its regular meeting on March 25 at Mrs. A. Nilsen's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The matter discussed was to get fabric for the windows of the church and the result was to send [an order] to Eaton and Mrs. A.B. Lee was chosen to order it. Six members at the meeting and one visitor. Entrance money was not collected. *Accepted, May 6th, Martha Hegarat.*

The Women's Association held its sixth regular meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's on June 3rd (?). Pastor Skonhag opened the meeting with song and prayer followed by readings by the pastor. After this Mrs. Bartlett proposed that we wanted to do something about the windows of the church and Mrs. A.B. Lee suggested to let Olaus Lee do the work to

make sure that it is done properly. Unanimously agreed. A suggestion to leave it to Mr. Walden to paint the altar piece.<sup>14</sup> More discussion followed but Mrs. A.B. Lee thought that it would be better to find out what Walden would charge before going ahead with this and so it was decided. There was more discussion about painting the floor but no decision was made. Entrance money \$1.00.

Paid from cash box to church for ?? <sup>15</sup>	\$18.55
Freight	<u>\$ 1.25</u>
	\$19.80
	Balance \$34.40

*Accepted, June 3rd, 1912.*

On August [June?] 18th the Women's Association was invited to Mrs. J. Erlansen's for a meeting opened by Pastor Skonhaug with song and prayer followed by readings. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. For discussion in the first place a suggestion by Mrs. A.B. Lee to do away with coffee at the meetings, but that did not have support. After that Mrs. Bartlett raised the subject of the painting of the church floor mentioned before, and, following a short discussion, agreement was reached that Mrs. A.B. Lee should try to take care of that. Following that, the meeting went over to a discussion on the autumn bazaar, but since Mrs. A.B. Lee thought that the best results could be expected from a basket social in autumn, since we have not worked on anything. That did not get any support. To the contrary we should send for a little fabric and ready ourselves to do a little work and take a little money from the cash box to get some things done. That was supported. Six members at the meeting and three visitors.

Entrance money	\$2.20
Private gift	<u>\$0.40</u>
	\$2.60

*Accepted, August 18, Martha Hegarat.*

On July 1st the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. Engen's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett, and five of the Association's members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was nothing to discuss.

Entrance money	80 cents
Private	<u>50 cents</u>
Total	1.30

*Accepted, July 1st, Martha Hegarat.*

The Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on September 16th. The meeting was opened by Pastor Skonhaug with song and prayer. The meeting's discussion was about the altar piece. Pastor Skoanhaved wants us to ask Mrs. West to paint the altar piece but we were not sure if we had enough money in the cash box at this time and it was postponed to the next meeting. Various other things came up for discussion but were not accepted. Five of the Association's members were present and two visitors. The next meeting is at Mrs. Bartlett's on October 14th. *Accepted, September 16th, Mrs. A.B. Lee.*

On October 14th, the Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's, where the Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. We talked about whether we should have Mrs. West paint the altar piece and that was agreed upon. Following that there were some questions about the painting of the church floor and agreement was reached to take money out of the cash box for painting. Five members and three visitors.

Entrance money	70 cents
Private gift	<u>1.40</u>
	2.10
Expenses	\$7.35
Content of cash box	\$32

*Accepted, October 14, Martha Hegarat.*

The Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. C.H. Nilsen's on November 11th. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There were no matters to discuss, but there was a question about having a Christmas tree, but no decision was made. Five members and one visitor. Entrance money 50 cents, private gift 10 cents, total 60 cents. Paid for gift for the pastor \$5.00. Paid for painting \$15.00.

On December 8th, the Women's Association meeting was held at Mrs. Ole Lee's, where the meeting was opened with song and prayer by Pastor Skonhovod. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The discussion was about the gilding of the church of which Mr. Axel Lee had already taken care. Thereafter Pastor Skonhovod said it would be worthwhile to find out if we could have paper cuttings in the church for Christmas but no firm decision was made. Mr. Olaus Lee, who was supposed to do the work, was very busy but promised to do his best. Entrance money 95 cents and a private gift of \$1.25 collected for a total of \$2.20. This was followed by a proposal by Mrs. Bartlett to have a collection for the organist which was approved. *Accepted, December 30th, Martha Hegarat.*

On December 30th, the Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. Knudsen. The meeting was opened by Pastor Skonhaug followed by readings by the pastor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There was nothing to discuss. Five members were present. Admissions money 50 cents. Private gift 95 cents. Total 1.45. *Accepted, Martha Hegarat.*

1913

January 6th, 1913 - The Women's Association had its yearly meeting at Mrs. Engen's on January 6th. The meeting was opened by Pastor Skonhaug with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. No discussions were held because two of the members, Mrs. E. Knudsen and Mrs. A. Hegarat wanted to resign. No reason was given or asked. So they thought to close the Women's Association until further notice. Members present six and two visitors. Admissions money 80 cents. Private gift 75 cents. Total \$1.55.

1914

On January 2nd, the Trondheim Women's Association had its regular meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The Association had been dormant since January 1913. The President, Mrs. Bartlett, opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the meeting of January 1913 were read and accepted. Two members joined the Association, namely Mrs. E. Knudsen and Mrs. N.C. Nelson. The election of officers was held. Elected were:

Mrs. Bartlett	President
Mrs. N.C. Nelson	Secretary
Mrs. A.B. Lee	Treasurer
Mrs. E. Knudtson	Vice President

There were no Secretary and Treasurer reports. The Treasurer could make one for the next meeting. It was agreed that the meetings should start at exactly two o'clock and coffee and open-faced sandwiches

will be served. Four members were present and one visitor. The meeting's income 50 cents. The next meeting will be at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on February 2nd. *Accepted, February 2nd, 1914, M.O. Nelson.*

On February 2nd, the Trondheim Association had its second regular meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The meeting was opened at 2:30 by the President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was presented by the Secretary who had gone through the treasurer's book and found that the income was \$135.35. The expenses since the last report were \$122.60 and consequently cash on hand on December 31, 1913 was \$12.75. This was accepted by the Association. Mrs. N.C. Nelson suggested to order some yarn at Eaton's to let members do some work for the bazaar. Mrs. A.B. Lee was asked to send the money and place an order to make sure it would come before the next meeting. There was some discussion about entrance money for 1913. That year the Association did not have any meetings. After some discussion it was agreed that this would be voluntary. No vote was held. A new member was accepted, Mrs. Marie (?) Erlandson and the President welcomed her to the Association. Entrance money for 1913 was paid by Mrs. Ole Lee \$1.20 and Mrs. A.B. Lee \$1.20. Entrance money \$1.70, a total income of \$4.10. Eight members were present. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Hegarat's. *Accepted, March 2nd, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

On March 2nd, the Women's Association had its 3rd regular meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened at 2:15 p.m. by the President, Mrs. L.E. Bartlett, with song and prayers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. A package from Eaton's with woolen yarn and crochet yarn together with pillow fabric was distributed among the Association's members to make a variety of things for a bazaar. The Secretary raised for discussion the cleaning of the horse stable at the church. Mrs. N.C. Nelson proposed to allot the first money collected by the Association for that purpose. Everyone of the members of the Association expressed themselves in favour of that. They also agreed to buy grass for the church yard. Following this Mrs. A. Hegarat requested to join the Association and we all welcomed her back. The meeting concluded with song. Six members present and three visitors. Meeting's income 90 cents. *Accepted, April 6th, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

The fourth regular meeting of the Women's Association took place at Mrs. Erlandsen's on April 6th, 1914. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. L.E. Bartlett, at 2:30 p.m. with song and prayer. The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted. Raised for discussion to buy some small song books to have for the next meeting for the singing of the Association's members and for members to take home temporarily. This was finally accepted by the Association. Mrs. E. Knudson asked if we could go together to wash the church. Mrs. Hegarat, Mrs. E. Knudsen, Mrs. Ole Lee, and Mrs. N.C. Nelson promised to clean the church next Wednesday, April 8th (and that was also done). There was discussion if the meetings should be concluded with song and the Lord's prayer. The President would like to do this and all agreed to that so that will be done. Members present seven. Income \$1.85. Next meeting at Mrs. Engen's. *Accepted, May 4th, M.O. Nelson.*

The Trondheim Women's Association held its fifth regular meeting at Mrs. Engen's on May 4th, 1914. The meeting was opened by the President, L.E. Bartlett, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with an addition that Mrs. Frieda Lee was asked to buy crochet yarn. To approve for payment an invoice from Eaton for goods and freight for \$6.39, which was paid. Mrs. Ole Lee reported that instead of crochet yarn she had bought fabric for two table cloths which her sister will embroider for the Women's Association. The Secretary confirmed that Mrs. Ole Lee had talked with her about this and since they thought this a good idea they had ordered the material. Mrs. A.B. Lee presented the invoice for

the fabric which came to \$1.95. Mrs. A.B. Lee should be paid for the material. This was supported by Mrs. N.C. Nelson and unanimously accepted by the Association. The Secretary reported to the Association that \$2.30 was paid to Mrs. E. Knudsen, which the Treasurer had recorded in her book. The President expressed her pleasure on the Association's behalf about the Treasurer's return to health and that we would see her again among us. The festivities of May 17 were also discussed but nothing was decided.<sup>16</sup> The meeting closed with song and the Lord's Prayer. Meeting's income 90 cents. Songbooks 85 cents. Members present eight. *Accepted, June 1st: M.O. Nelson, Secretary.*

The Trondheim Women's Association held its sixth regular meeting at Mrs. C.H. Nelson's. On account of the absence of the President the meeting was opened by Mrs. Mathisen from New Westminster with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Raised for discussion that we should have a Garden Social. As committee were chosen Mrs. A.B. Lee, Ole Lee, and Mrs. N.C. Nelson who should make arrangements to get the Garden Social started. It was decided that the net income should go to pastor's wages. Mrs. N.A. Lind was accepted as a member of the Association and was welcomed by the Secretary. Mrs. E. Knudsen spent \$ 7.00 to buy things for the social. Income 65 cents. Six members present. *Accepted, July 6th, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

On July 6th, the Women's Association met for the seventh meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nelson's. Since the President, Mrs. Bartlett, was absent, the Secretary opened the meeting as proposed by the Vice President. The accounts for the social were discussed and found in order. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Expenses:

To the Congregation (pastor's wages)	\$50.00
Paid loan from Mrs. E. Knudsen	\$ 7.00
Paid loan from Mrs. A.B. Lee	\$10.00
Paid freight	\$ 1.80
Paid for Sugar	\$ 1.25
Paid for Hall	\$ 7.00
Two Spencers	\$21.90
Income:	\$78.20

Meeting's income 1.25. Six members present. *Accepted, August 3, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

On August 3rd, the Trondheim Association held its eighth regular meeting at Mrs. Ole Lee's. The Congregation's Pastor O. Borge opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was a discussion about buying some apron cloth for the bazaar. It was decided that the first one who could get to it would buy it. One could get some cheap fabric. Mrs. L.E. Bartlett paid 1.00 for 19/3 and Mrs. E. Knudsen paid \$1.00 for 19/3. Returned from D.S. \$2.00. Income \$2.90. It was decided to hold the next meeting on August 31st instead of the first Monday in September. *Accepted, August 31st, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

The Women's Association ninth regular meeting at Mrs. E. Knudsen's on August 31st. Pastor O. Borge opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Bartlett had bought fabric for the Association, which was distributed among the members to sew aprons. Mrs. Erlandson asked to buy some material for handkerchiefs which she was asked to do and to keep the bill for the Association. Mrs. L. Bartlett was asked to look after the purchase at Eaton's for the aprons for the bazaar.

The meeting's expenses for fabrics	2.67
Eaton's	2.75
Income	2.10.

Next meeting at Mrs. Engen's. *Accepted, October 5th, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*



The tenth regular meeting of the Women's Association was held at Mrs. Engen's on October 5th. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were unanimously accepted. To discuss the matter of the bazaar. After some discussion it was decided to postpone the bazaar for the time being and take along what had been knitted to the next meeting to sell them should a bazaar not be held in a short time. The next meeting to be held at Mrs. Hegarat's. Meeting's income 1.30. Eight members present.

Extra Meeting Trondheim Women's Association at Mrs. Bartlett's on October 14th. The Association's President announced that the reason the meeting was called was a letter from Mrs. West. The Secretary read the letter which was a demand for payment of \$50 for the altar paintings. After some discussion it was unanimously decided to offer her \$25. She had received \$7.00 before but the Women's Association's Treasurer said that she also had gotten \$10.00. It was decided to write Mrs. West about this. Since the Secretary had to leave a vote took place and Mrs. Hegarat was unanimously elected as Secretary for the remaining part of the year. Mrs. N.C. Nelson bought a pair of socks and paid one dollar. Mrs. A.B. Lee also paid for socks 0.75 cents. Mrs. N.C. Nelson paid 30 cents admission money. Income altogether \$2.05. Eight members present. One visitor. The Treasurer and the Secretary have reviewed the accounts and found that expenses and income till October 14, 1914 were as follows:

Income	\$127.85
Expenses	<u>\$120.86</u>
Cash on hand	6.99

I have gone through the old books of the Treasurer and found that Mrs. West has received \$15.00 for the framed altar painting. *Mrs. N.C. Nelson.*

On November 2nd, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. A. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened by Pastor Borge with song and prayer. Following that the minutes of the previous meeting were read. The altar painting mentioned at the previous meeting was discussed. Since Mrs. N.C. Nelson wrote to Mrs. West an error was found regarding the money that was paid for the picture. The discussion was postponed till further notice. It was also decided to write to Mrs. West and offer her \$15.00 for her work. Following that some aprons were sold which had been brought to the meeting and which were bought again by members of the Association for an amount of \$5.90. Entrance money \$1.20. Total \$7.10. Eight members present. *Accepted, December 7th, Martha Hegarat.*

On December 7th, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett, opened the meeting with song and prayer. Following that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Also a letter was received from Mrs. West which said that she had decided to take the painting out of the frame in the church and she would pay back the \$10.00 which were paid for the painting. Following that it was unanimously decided not to have a Christmas tree in the church but to take out \$5.00 for a gift for the pastor and \$5.00 for the organist. Mrs. A.B. Lee was asked to spend money from the cash box to buy a small present for Mrs. Alexander, because she had been so kind and worked a great deal on the bazaar. Also she had laid out \$2.80 for crochet yarn and fabric, which should be paid back to her. Socks sold 1.80. Admission money 1.20. Private gift 60 cents. Together \$3.60. Eight members present. Two visitors.

Expenses:

Gift for pastor	\$ 5.00
Gift for Organist	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Alexander	\$ 2.80

Gift Mrs. Alexander	<u>\$ 2.40</u>
Total	\$15.20

*Martha A. Hegarat.*

1915

March 1st [1915?] - March 1st the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. N. Lind's, Ruskin, where the meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett. The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted. There was some talk about having a bazaar but no decision was made. Seven members were present. Aprons 50 cents. Entrance 95 cents. Total \$1.45

On January 4th, 1915 the Women's Association held its yearly meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Following that the years accounts were presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. A.B. Lee.

Admission money for the year 1914	\$ 18.15
Private gifts for the same year	\$ 3.45
The year's income for 1914	\$140.75
The year's expenses for 1914	<u>\$136.06</u>
Contents of the cash box	\$ 4.69

Thereafter followed the election of new officers: Mrs. Bartlett - President, Mrs. Hegarat - Secretary, and Mrs. A.B. Lee - Treasurer. The meeting's income is 75 cents. Mrs. A.B. Lee has sold pillow cases for \$3.50 which she paid into the cash box and then she was repaid \$1.35, which she had advanced. The meeting was attended by six members and one visitor. Collected altogether \$4.25.

On April 5th, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. J. Erlandsen's where the meeting was opened by Pastor Borge with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. E. Knudsen paid 50 cents for an apron which she had made for the Women's Association. Nine members were present at the meeting. Admission money 80 cents and a private gift of 45 cents. Total \$1.25. Next meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nelson's. *May 3rd, Sec. Martha Hegarat.*

On May 3rd the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nelsen's. Pastor Olaf Borge opened the meeting with song and prayer. The Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett, chaired the meeting's discussions. It was suggested and unanimously accepted not to have any bazaar or social before autumn. Mrs. N.C. Nilsen was asked by the President to do this meeting's minutes. Meeting's income \$1.35. Nine members present. The meeting was visited by Mrs. Johnson who had just come from Sweden. Next meeting at Mrs. Ole Lee's. *Martha N.C. Nilsen.*

On June 6th, the Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. Ole Lee's where the meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President Mrs. Bartlett. The minutes of the April and May meetings were read and accepted. Before proceeding, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen wanted to see some of the sewing of Mrs. Alexander, which everybody thought very nicely done. Discussion followed. Items discussed: Mrs. A.B. Lee said that a committee should take care of the festive days in the church. Mrs. E. Knudsen supported Mrs. A.B. Lee's proposal. Another discussion was about buying some fabric before the next meeting and taking it along for distribution among the members. Mrs. A.B. Lee was elected to spend some money from the cash box and buy fabric at Methot<sup>17</sup>. Thereafter Mrs. Jansson was accepted as a member of the Women's Association in Whonnock. Nine members present. Entrance money 1.25. Two visitors. *Martha Hegarat.*

The Women's Association had its seventh regular meeting at Mrs. E.

Knudsen's on July 5th. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President. The minutes of the June meeting were read and Mrs. N.C. Nilsen had a small comment about it since it was recorded that a committee should be selected to discuss the church festivities. It must have been a misunderstanding on my part therefore it was the understanding to be the church service. Thereafter the fabric was distributed among church members to sew a variety of things. The meeting was held in the presence of nine members. Meeting's income 90 cents. *Martha Hegarat*.

On August 8th, the Women's Association held its eighth regular meeting at Mrs. Engen's where six members were present and where the meeting was opened by the Association's, President Mrs. Bartlett, with song and prayer. Following that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and some mention was made about the decision made regarding the decoration of the church at every festive day. No further discussion. No entrance money collected. The meeting closed with song. The next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. *Sec. Martha Hegarat*.

On September 6th, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Bartlett, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The question of the bazaar was raised but no decision was made. Expenses from the cash box of the Women's Association were \$8.60 for fabric, crochet yarn \$1.00. Total \$9.60. Meeting's income \$1.70. The meeting was closed with song and prayer. Nine members present. The next meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. *Secretary Martha Hegarat*.

The Women's Association held its regular meeting on October 4th at Mrs. A.B. Lee's, where the Association's President opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Further talks about holding a bazaar or sale, but after some discussion and comments about poor times no decision was made. We were united about the sewing of things and there should be an opportunity to sell something. There was agreement to hold an extra meeting when Pastor Borge comes and at some time we should have a bazaar in the church. Paid from the cash box for crochet yarn \$1.00 and some other things \$6.36. Meeting's income \$1.90. The meeting closed with song and in the presence of ten members. Thereafter the present for Mrs. Bartlett, which was such a surprise for her. The next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. Cash in cash box: 94 cents. *Martha Hegarat*.

The Women's Association held its 11th regular meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Various matters were discussed. Mr. Knudsen raised the question of cleaning the church, which found support and it was decided to do it on Wednesday, November 10th. Mrs. A.B. Lee, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen, and Mrs. Hegarat will do the work. Mrs. Engen and Mrs. Knudsen will bring coffee. Following that a discussion what to do about the altar cloth and, considering the poor times, it will be washed. It was furthermore decided to send for \$1.00 worth of cloth, which was accepted. And about the matter of the bazaar it was decided to ask Mr. Axel Lee if we could have it there [in the church]. A committee was selected to deal with the bazaar to which were elected Mrs. A.B. Lee, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen and Mrs. A. Hegarat. Meeting's income \$1.15. Mrs. A.B. Lee bought two aprons for which she paid \$1.85. The meeting concluded with song in the presence of six members. *Martha Hegarat*.

## NOTES pages 22 - 33

<sup>1</sup> The word used in the original text is "ring", a semi-circular kneeling bench at the altar where communion is held.

<sup>2</sup>Hilda Iverson is perhaps Hilda Mathilda Iverson, New Westminster, who would marry Aksel (Axel) Astvold Nelson, son of Ole Nelson and Martha Marie (Nelson)West, in 1910 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1910-09-062184). The collection may have taken place in New Westminster.

<sup>3</sup> After this date "Mrs. Knudtson" is Mrs. Erik Knudtson.

<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Herris is probably Mrs. Dougal Harris née Anna Christina Nelson.

<sup>5</sup> née Ingeborg Georgina Nelson.

<sup>6</sup> Her husband, Odin Lee was killed on December 24, 1908. See *Whonnock Notes No. 1*

<sup>7</sup> Martha Ovedia Nelson.

<sup>8</sup> Not to be confused with Martha O. Nelson. This Martha is Albert Nelson's widow.

<sup>9</sup> And the bazaar was a great success as we can read in the *Fraser Valley Record* Vol. 3 No 21: November 4, 1909

— "On Friday evening last in aid of the funds of Whonnock Lutheran church a grand bazaar was held at the residence of Mr. Tweedie. In spite of a wet night about 60 people attended, in fact nearly all Whonnock was there, creeds and politics dropped for the occasion. All went for a good time. Unlike most bazaars admission and refreshments were free and the goods were sold by auction. Mr. Bartlett in a neat speech welcomed the auctioneer for the evening, Mr. Walden, who has evidently mistaken his vocation, for as an auctioneer he excels. Although he had no hammer he knocked down articles at some rather startling prices, pillow cases, blouses, bed quilts, aprons, table jellies all fetched good prices and over \$80 was received at the end of the sale. Refreshments were then served, after which dancing was indulged in until an early hour".—

<sup>10</sup> Mrs. A[ndrew] Engen. It is possible that she is the mother of Elise Engen, Mrs. Alfred Nelson. See note 11.

<sup>11</sup> Née Elise Engen. The marriage register (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1906-09-119369) mentions Andrew Engen and Dina Hansen as parents of Elise. See note 10.

<sup>12</sup> Martha Nelson, widow of Albert Nelson, married Albert [Le] Hegarat on August 15th, 1910 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1910-09-061731)

<sup>13</sup> Anne Lee, widow of Odin Lee, married Leonard Ernest Bartlett on August 18, 1910 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1910-90-060140)

<sup>14</sup> The *Fraser Valley Record* of June 27th, 1912 reports: "The funeral took place on Friday last in Vancouver, of the late Mr. William Walden, who died in Whonnock..."

<sup>15</sup> Word may read "Eaton". Perhaps a purchase of fabric for the windows of the church from Eaton decided upon at the previous meeting. The amount is substantial enough and freight is a regular item for the kinds of orders.

<sup>16</sup> This is the last time Norway's Independence day is mentioned in the minute books.

<sup>17</sup> Mr. Clair Methot, of Vernon B.C., informed me that his grandfather operated a "Whonnock Store" in those years. I am looking for more information.

# The Lutheran Women's Association

## Book No. 3 1916 - 1925

### Members - The Lutheran Women's Association

Mrs. L. Bartlett  
 Mrs. A.B. Lee  
 Mrs. A. Hegarat  
 Mrs. C. Engen  
 Mrs. E. Knudsen (left Association in July 1919)  
 Mrs. O. Lee (left Association)<sup>1</sup>  
 Mrs. N.C. Nilsen (left Association August 1916)  
 Mrs. C.L. Nilsen (left Association August 1916)  
 Mrs. N. Lund  
 Mrs. R. Fletcher  
 Mrs. J. Erlansen  
 Mrs. A[lfred] Nilsen (left Association March 1920)  
 Miss Mebel Nilsen (joined November 1920)

### Secretary Minutes

The Lutheran Women's Association in Whonnock Established 29 November, 1897 for the benefit of the Lutheran Congregation in Whonnock

The Association's rules are:

- 1) A meeting shall be held on the first Monday of every month.
- 2) Every member of the Association must pay 10 cents entrance money every month.
- 3) Election of Officers will take place at the January meeting of each year
- 4) If anybody having an elected position stays away from three consecutive meetings without giving information about the reason of absence, a new election will be held.
- 5) The presiding chair only has to conduct the discussion without making suggestions but can take part in the discussion. Aside from that every member must put forward whatever they think useful for the Association.

The Women's Association held its twelfth regular meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's. The Association's President opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was some discussion about the bazaar and about bringing along different things. Furthermore everybody of the Association was told to take some money from the cash box and buy [?] <sup>2</sup> Mrs. A.B. Lee took \$3.50 from the cash box and sent for an altar cloth, as well she had sold some undershirts for \$2.50. Meeting's income 80 cents. The meeting concluded with song and was attended by eight members. The next meeting at Mrs. Lund's on January 3rd.

### 1916

On January 3rd, at Mrs. N. Lind's, the Women's Association held its first meeting for 1916. The Association's President opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted. No financial report was presented since the accounts of the bazaar were not yet completed. Then followed the election of new officers. Mrs. Bartlett did not want to continue as President and Mrs. A.B. Lee was elected President, Mrs. Lind as Treasurer, Mrs. Hegarat as Secretary, and Mrs. E. Knudsen as Vice Presi-

dent. Mrs. Knudsen and Mrs. Hegarat were nominated to the committee to decorate the church on festive days. Mrs. R. Fletcher paid the fees for three years from 1913 to 1917, an amount of \$3.60. Mrs. Erlandsen's entrance fees \$1.40. The meeting's income 90 cents.

The year's income	
before the bazaar	\$26.14
Income from the bazaar	<u>\$62.60</u>
Year's income	\$94.64
Collectibles	\$22.50
The year's expenses	
for the bazaar	\$21.05
Pastor's wages	\$50.00
Pastor's gift	\$ 5.00
Home	\$ 3.25
Secretary minute book	\$ 1.45
[unreadable]	<u>\$ 1.40</u>
Total Year's expenses	\$82.15

The meeting was closed with song and seven members attended. The next meeting will be at Mrs. C.H. Nilsen's on February 6th. The contents of the cash box is now up to February \$12.49. *Martha Hegarat, Sec.*

The Women's Association held its second regular meeting on February 7th at Mrs. Ch. Nilsen's where the meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted. The accounts for the year 1915 were read. Following that Mrs. Lind said that it would be better that everyone took her own songbook so that the one who had the books could stay away from the meetings. Fifty cents were taken from the cash box to pay for the electric light which was used during the bazaar, but Mrs. Hegarat thought that was too small an amount and to pay instead the electricity bill for December which as \$2.00, with which all agreed, but no decision was made. Mrs. E. Knudsen paid 75 cents, the bazaar money she owed. Entrance money 60 cents. Private gift 50 cents. Total \$1.85. Expenses 50 cents. The meeting was closed with song and was attended by five members. *Martha Hegarat.*

On March 6th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Ole Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee. The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted. No other matters were discussed but it was decided to pay \$1.50 for the electric light which was used during the bazaar. In addition the entrance money was \$1.30 and a personal gift 10 cents. Total \$1.40. The meeting was closed with song and attended by seven members. *Sec. Martha Hegarat.*

On April 3rd, the Women's Association held its fourth regular meeting at Mrs. E. Knudsen's where the meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. Following that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Further discussions were about a question Mrs. Knudsen had from Pastor Borge, if the Women's Association could contribute something to the Heathen mission, since they needed money. After some discussion agreement was reached to allocate five dollars from the cash box for this purpose. Mrs. Knudsen declared that she would like a little help to keep the church clean, which was opposed by nobody and Mrs. A.B. Lee



said that she and Gudrun<sup>3</sup> could go once in a while with Mrs. Knudsen and Mrs. Hegarat to get this done. Following that a discussion was held regarding the food to be served by the Women's Association and it was decided to serve some sort of open face sandwiches and cake. This was then agreed upon. 80 cents entrance fee were collected. The meeting was closed with song and attended by eight members. And a dollar fine for the one who did not adhere to the food rules. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Engen's on May 1st. *Sec. Martha Hegarat.*

On May 1st, the Women's Association held its fifth regular meeting at Mrs. Engen's. The Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. No matters were presented for discussion. Six members attended and one visitor. Attendance money collected 50 cents and a private gift of 30 cents; total 80 cents. The meeting was closed with song. Next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's.

On June 5th, the Women's Association held its sixth regular meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, with song and prayer. The minutes from the May meeting were read and accepted. There was no further discussion other than that Mrs. Lund wanted to know if anyone would be kind enough to take the Treasurer's position for a period of three months, which Mrs. A.B. Lee promised to do. Following that the collection of 90 cents entrance money and a private gift of 10 cents. The meeting concluded with song and prayer. Seven members were present. The next meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. *Sec. Martha Hegarat.*

On [July 3rd] the Women's Association's regular meeting was held at Mrs. Axel Lee's where the meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer and the minutes of the June meeting were read and accepted. Following that discussions about the pastor's wages, and \$13.00 was taken out of the cash box for pastor's wages. Mrs. A.B. Lee paid money owned — \$1.15. Thereafter entrance money collected 40 cents and a private gift of 10 cents. Total \$1.65. The meeting closed with song and prayer with five members present. The next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. *Sec. Martha Hegarat.*

On August 7th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. L. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened by the Association's Vice-president, Mrs. E. Knudsen with song and prayer and the minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted. There was nothing of importance to discuss. Later Mrs. Charly Nelsen wished to give up her membership of the Association for reasons she did not want to explain other than that the reason of her leaving had nothing to do with the Women's Association. Following that \$1.00 entrance money was collected. Seven members were present when the meeting concluded with song. Next meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nelsen's. *Mrs. Hegarat.*

On September 2nd, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nelsen's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, with song and prayer. The minutes of the August meeting were read and accepted. Further discussions were about whether a bazaar should be held in the fall. It was decided not to have anything in autumn and to collect money from the sale of the table cloth offered for \$15.00. It was furthermore decided that Mrs. A.B. Lee and Mrs. A. Hegarat should try to raffle it. Entrance money collected \$1.00 and a private gift of 70 cents. \$15.00 for the table cloth. Total \$16.80. The meeting closed with song. Present six members and two visitors. *Mrs. A. Hegarat.*

On November 6th, the Women's Association had its regular meeting at Mrs. Lind's, Ruskin, opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Furthermore Mrs. A.B. Lee read a letter from Mrs. A. Nelsen, containing \$2.50 for payment of entrance money and she wished to

leave the Women's Association because, being so far away, she will not be in a position to come to the meetings. She sent her best wishes for the Women's Association's future. Following that Mrs. A.B. Lee said she owed \$5.85. It was furthermore decided to write an invoice for the rest. The entrance money collected \$4.40 and private gift 10 cents; total \$10.10. *Mrs. Hegarat.*

On December 3rd, the Women's Association held its twelfth regular meeting at Mrs. Ole Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. Also the minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted with the correction that they omitted to report that Mrs. N.C. Nilsen had asked if we would not sell the water pipes at the church since they were not of any use any more and if Mr. Knudsen could go there and see what they were worth. It was also decided to take \$15.00 from the cash box for pastor's wages and \$5.00 for a present for the pastor. There was also talk about putting a Christmas tree in the church, but no agreement was reached. The meeting closed with song in the presence of five members. Meeting's income 80 cents. Income for the year 1916 was \$48.94 and expenses for the same year \$42.00. Cash box's content \$6.94. *Martha Hegarat, Sec.*

### 1917

On January 1st, the Association held its first meeting in 1917 at Mrs. E. Knudsen's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. Since this was the first meeting the Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary. The Treasurer's book showed that the income for the year 1916 was \$48.94 and that the year's expenditures were \$42.00 leaving a balance of \$6.94 in the cash box. Following that we went over to the election of officers for the year.

For President	Mrs. A.B. Lee
Vice President	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett
Treasurer	Mrs. A. Hegarat

& Mrs. N.C. Nelson Secretary for the time being. Then followed a discussion if the children attending Sunday School would be prepared to pay \$5.00 to pay for a children's magazine and song books. After that the meeting was concluded. The meeting's income 60 cents and expenses \$1.00. The meeting ended with song. *Accepted, February 5th, Martha O. Nelson, Sec.*

On February 5th, 1917 the Women's Association held its second meeting at Mrs. D. Engen's. The President opened the meeting with song and reading of the text of the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The Sunday School teacher asked if the Women's Association could lend \$4.25 to pay for the children's magazine. He promised to pay it back as soon as they could, which was voted on and accepted unanimously. Since there was nothing else to discuss the meeting was closed. Meeting's income 80 cents. Loan to Sunday School \$4.25. Five members present and one visitor. Next meeting at Mrs. A. Hegarat's.

*Accepted, March 5th, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

The March meeting of the Women's Association was held at Mrs. A. Hagart's [sic.] on the 5th. The President opened the meeting with song and prayer. Six of the members were present. After prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Following that there was a discussion about buying crochet yarn and knitting wool for the Association and thereafter the meeting was closed. The meeting's income 70 cents. The meeting closed with song and the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. *Accepted, April 2nd, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

The Trondheim Women's Association held its third regular meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on April 2nd. The meeting was opened with song and

prayer by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. For consideration the purchase of things for the bazaar. After some discussion the decision was made to let Mrs. A.B. Lee and Mrs. Hegarat take care of that before the next meeting. Mrs. N.C. Nelson presented Mrs. J. Erlandsen's wish to have a meeting of the Association at her place during the summer but a decision was suspended till the next meeting. The meeting was concluded with song and Our Lord's Prayer. Meeting's income \$7.10. Expenses for altar wine \$1.00. Seven members present.

The Women's Association had its fourth regular meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's on May 7th. The meeting was opened and chaired by the Association's President. For consideration the distribution of fabrics for the bazaar and whether to have a meeting at Mrs. Erlandsen's. The decision was made to meet there on June 3rd and since that falls on a Sunday we will have a meeting before that. A payment of \$11.00 from the cash box for Eaton. The Treasurer was not present and no entrance money was collected. Four members present. Next meeting at Mrs. Erlandsen's. *Accepted, September 3rd, M.O. Nelson.*

The Women's Association's meeting was held at Mrs. Lind's on July 1st. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. No matters for discussion. Mrs. Erlandsen bought a dress for 75 cents. Income \$3.05. Six members were present. The minutes were recorded by Mrs. A.B. Lee. *Accepted, September 3rd, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

The Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Erlandsen's on Sunday, June 3rd. The meeting opened with song and readings of the text of the day. There was nothing to discuss. Entrance money was not collected because it was Sunday. Four members were present and two visitors. The meeting closed with song and Our Lord's Prayer. The minutes were recorded by Mrs. A.B. Lee. *Accepted, September 3rd, M.O. Nelson, Sec.*

No meeting was held in August, 1917.

On September 3rd, the Women's Association held its eighth regular meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nelson's. The Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, opened the meeting with song and prayer. The bazaar was discussed but no decisions were made. Following that it was decided to have an excursion to Mrs. Erlandsen's on Friday, September 14th. Following that the meeting was concluded with song. Collected \$1.10. Five members present. Next meeting at Mrs. Knudsen's.

On November 5th, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. Engen's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, with song and prayer. No minutes were read since the Secretary was away travelling. Mrs. Hegarat was appointed interim Secretary. Further considerations were about having the bazaar. Several suggestions were made with the result that members will take their various things to the meeting so that we can again buy them ourselves. Following that: collected entrance money \$2.00. The meeting was ended with song. The next meeting at Mrs. A. Hegarat's. *Sec. M.A. Hegarat.*

At the October meeting, Mrs. N.C. Nelsen paid what she owed the Women's Association = \$7.05. Meeting's entrance money \$1.70. [Total] Meeting's income \$8.75.

On December 3rd, the Women's Association had its regular meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The Association's President, Mrs. A.B. Lee, opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted. Further transactions were about the sale of the things we made and which were taken to the meeting, which came to an amount of \$20.75. Entrance money 50 cents. [Total] meetings income \$21.25. The decision was made to assign \$5.00 from the cash box as a gift for the pastor. Next meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. Five members present.

Following is the total account for the year 1917:

Income from 1916 to 1918	\$52.60
Expenses	<u>\$22.45</u>
Cash box's content	\$30.15

*Sec. M.A. Hegarat.*

1918

On January 4th, the Women's Association held its annual meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. Because of the absence of the Secretary the Treasurer's report for the year 1917 was not presented. The election of officers for the year 1918 took place.

As	President	Mrs. E. Knutsen
	Vice President	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett
	Secretary	Mrs. N.A. Lind
	Treasurer	Mrs. A.B. Lee

Following that discussions about the pastor's wages and it was decided that the menfolk should pay \$5.00 and that the remaining amount should be taken from the cash box. Entrance money collected was 1.85. Six members were present. The meeting closed with song. The next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. *Accepted, February 4th, Mrs. N.A. Lind, Sec.*

On February 4th, the Women's Association held its second meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened by the Vice President with song and prayer. The financial report of the previous year was read.

Income from 1916 to 1918:	\$52.60
Expenses:	<u>\$22.45</u>
Cash box's content	\$30.15

Mrs. Bartlett proposed that the Women's Association should present \$5.00 to the organist of the church as a birthday present<sup>4</sup> on March 4th to which all agreed and it was resolved to send her that. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Since there were no other items for discussion the entrance money was collected which was \$1.85. Six members present. The meeting closed with song. Next meeting at Mrs. N.A. Lind's. *Accepted, May 6th, Mrs. N.A. Lind, Sec.*

On May 6th, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. E. Knudsen's. The meeting was opened by Mrs. A.B. Lee with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Following that Mrs. Knudsen asked the Women's Association to elect another President. Then Mrs. A. Hegarat was elected. Further discussions dealt with the buying of fabric to sew aprons for an apron sale to be held at some later date. Subsequently Mrs. Lind took \$5.00 from the cash box to purchase fabric. Since there was nothing else to take care of, entrance money was collected; a total of \$2.30. The meeting closed with song. Six participating members and one visitor. Next meeting at Mrs. Engen's on June 3rd. *Accepted, September 2nd, Mrs. N.A. Lind.*

On June 3rd, the Women's Association had its regular meeting at Mrs. Engen's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. No minutes were read because of the Secretary's absence. Since fabric for aprons was brought to the meeting it was distributed among the members. There were no other matters to consider. The meeting was concluded with song and five members and two visitors were present. Collected \$1.35. The next meeting at Mrs. Erlandsen's on July 1st. Recorded by Mrs. Hegarat. *Accepted, August 4th, Mrs. Lind, Sec.*

The Women's Association's meeting was held at Mrs. Erlandsen's on July 1st. The meeting was opened by the Vice-president with song and prayer. The decision was made that the Women's Association should help pay the pastor's wages since the Congregation was short in funds. No business was discussed because so few members were present. Entrance money 30 cents and a private gift of \$1.30. Four members present and more visitors. Next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. *Recorded by Mrs. Axel Lee. Accepted, August 4th, Mrs. N.A. Lind, Sec.*

The Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's on August 4th. The meeting was opened by the President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Further discussions were about getting fabric for aprons and the decision was made to take \$10.00 from the cash box with which Mrs. A.B. Lee will buy it and regarding the date of the apron sale mentioned: that it will be held on September 7th. Following that Mrs. Lee bought the 8 yard piece of fabric that was in the possession of the Women's Association for some time and paid \$4.00 for it. Mrs. Erlandsen paid entrance fees which came to an amount of \$1.80. The meeting's income \$1.50. Five members present and two visitors. The next meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on September 2nd. *Recorded by Mrs. A. Hegarat's. Accepted, September 2nd, Mrs. N.A. Lind, Sec.*

On September 4th [sic] the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Hegarat, with song and prayer. There was no other discussion than what the members should bring to the bazaar and setting prices for the aprons and it was decided to order five gallons of ice cream and 200 cones. The minutes of the May and August meetings were read and accepted. Seven members and two visitors were present. Entrance money \$2.70. Next meeting at Mrs. E.L. Bartlett's on October 7th. *Mrs. Lind, Sec.*

The Trondheim Women's Association held its meeting on October 7th at Mrs. L.E. Bartlett's. The Vice President opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were not read, since both the President and the Secretary were absent. Mrs. N.C. Nelson was selected as Secretary for the meeting. Mrs. A.B. Lee, the Association's Treasurer, read the financial account of the bazaar held on September 7th with the following result:

Income:

Evening meals	\$ 20.25
Ice-cream	\$ 15.29
Home baking	\$ 13.45
Aprons	\$ 43.10
from Mrs. Erlandson	\$ 1.00
from Mrs. N.C. Nelson	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	\$ 95.09

Expenses:

Salad Dressing	\$ 0.50
Ice-cream	\$ 8.00
Express	\$ 0.98
Money order	\$ 0.10
Rent of Hall	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	\$ 11.58

Net income from bazaar: \$83.51

Following that a child's letter was read sent by Mr. T.H. Dahl and Mrs. Bockman requesting help for the Heathen Mission. Mrs. A.B. Lee suggested that we should give \$10.00. Mrs. N.C. Nelson seconded that. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to give \$10.00. Entrance money \$1.65. Five members and one visitor were present. The meeting closed with song. *Accepted, December 2nd, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen, Sec. p.t.*

The November meeting was not held. Because of the Spanish flu all public meetings were prohibited. *Mrs. N.C. Nilson p.t. sec.*

The Trondheim Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's on December 2. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. N.C. Nilsen presented a receipt for \$10.00 from the Mission among the Heathen and read a nice letter from the Reverend T.H. Dahl, Minneapolis, USA, asking for money for a hospital. Since the Association had just given to the Mission it was decided to instruct the Secretary to write to T.H. Dahl with an apology from the Association. This was followed by a discussion about having a Christmas tree for the children. Mrs. Nelson proposed that they should have the Christmas festivities in a large room where the children would have more space to play and run around and the adults could have a cup of coffee. That was accepted by the Association and a Committee was formed for the Christmas tree celebrations. Elected to the Committee were Mrs. Hegarat and Gudrun Lee as well as Mrs. N.C. Nelson. Subsequently it was decided unanimously to take \$5.00 from the cash box as a Christmas gift for Pastor Borge and \$5.00 for the Congregation's organist Gudrun Lee. pastor's wages for O. Borge \$50.00. For a money order and stamps 31 cents were paid to Mrs. N.C. Nelson. The meeting's income \$1.60. Six members were present and one visitor. The meeting was closed with song. The next meeting at Mrs. E. Knudson's.

1919

On January 6th, the Trondheim Women's Association held its twenty-second annual meeting at Mrs. Knudsen's. The meeting was opened by the Vice President, Mrs. L.E. Bartlett, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The report of the Treasurer and the Secretary was presented. The Secretary presented the following:

On December 31, 1918 the membership was nine and during the year nine regular meetings were held. Cash in the cash box from 1917 was \$30.15 and income for 1918 was \$108.36. Total \$138.41. Expenses for the year 1918, \$101.36. In the cash box on December 31st, 1918 was \$37.05. For Secretary: Martha O. Nilson. This report was unanimously accepted and we proceeded to the election of officers for the year 1919.

For President	Mrs. N.C. Nelson
Vice President	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett
Secretary	Mrs. A. Hegarat
Treasurer	Mrs. A.B. Lee re-elected

Some consideration was given to needed repairs to the church. We came to the conclusion that we should write the Congregation and ask the Trustees what needs to be done. The Treasurer presented the account for the Christmas celebration which amounted to \$4.85 of which 60 cents for each to pay. The meeting closed with song. Income \$1.85. Five members present and one visitor. The next meeting at Mrs. A. Lind's.

On February 3rd, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's in Ruskin. The meeting was opened by Pastor Borge with song and prayer. The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted. It was also decided that the Treasurer should send invoices for amounts due. The meeting's income \$2.30. Next meeting at Mrs. Engen's.

On March 3rd, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. Engen's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. It was decided that until further notice the Secretary should chair the meetings since the meeting's



President was moving away for a few months. There were no other matters to discuss. Membership fees collected \$1.35. Mrs. Ole Lee paid the money she owed to the Association which amounted to \$9.00. The meeting was closed with song and six members were present. Next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's.

On April 7th the Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened by the Association's Vice President, Mrs. Bartlett. The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted. Attention was also given to the matter of the cleaning of the church, which some members offered to do. There was no further discussion at the meeting. Income 85 cents. The meeting concluded with song. Five members present and one visitor.

The Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's on May 5th. The meeting was opened by the Vice President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. More discussion took place. Mrs. A.B. Lee proposed to have a sale of home-baked goods to get money for the cash box. Expectation to collect \$15.00 from this. The suggestion was unanimously accepted. It was decided to have a sale on the last Saturday of May, that is May 31st, and that Gudrun and Mrs. Lee should do the selling. Mrs. Anderson was present visiting the meeting and was kind enough to offer to have our sale at hers. The meeting concluded with song. Next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting's income \$1.10. *Recorded by Mrs. Hegarat.*

June 2nd, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened with prayer and song. The minutes of the May meeting were read and accepted with an addition that Mrs. Lind and Gudrun Lee and Mabel Nelson should have put up for sale goods kept by Mrs. Anderson to which Mrs. Lind said that she had not been asked to sell them. Furthermore the decision was made to take money from the cash box to support the pastor's wages: \$14.00 expense. Income from home-baking \$22.00. Entrance money 75 cents. Six of the Association's members were present and one visitor. *Recorded by M. Hegarat.*

On July 4th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's. The meeting was opened by the Association's Vice President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There were no matters for consideration and the meeting concluded with song. Three members present and two visitors. Entrance money 50 cents.

The Women's Association held its meeting on September 1st at Mrs. Hegarat's and the meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There were no business for discussion. The meeting's income 90 cents. Concluded with song and visited by four members. *Martha Hegarat.*

On October 6th, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Consideration was given whether to have a sale or something else in the fall. After a short discussion it was decided to have a sale of home-baked goods with an evening meal, which was agreed to be held on November 1st. The meeting was attended by five members and two visitors. Meeting's income \$4.10. The next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. *Martha Hegarat.*

On December 1st, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted, except that the home-baked goods sale, intended for November 1st, did not happen because of a lack of sugar. Following that it was decided to take \$5.00 from the cash box for the pastor and

\$8.00 for the organist and another \$20.00, which was too little, for the pastor's wages. Meeting's income \$1.10. The meeting concluded with song and five members were present. The next meeting at Mrs. N.C. Nilsen's. *Martha Hegarat, Sec.*

Account for this same year 1919

In cash box January 1919	\$37.05
Income for the year 1918-1920	<u>\$46.45</u>
Total	\$83.45
Expenses for the year	<u>\$69.00</u>
In cash box now	\$14.45

1920

On February 2nd, the Women's Association held its yearly meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The year's financial account was presented by the Association's Treasurer, Mrs. A.B. Lee, and she also read a letter from Pastor Dahl in Minneapolis about money for a hospital. The Secretary was asked to answer it. Then followed the election of officers:

Mrs. Lind	President
Mrs. Bartlett	Vice-president
Mrs. Hegarat	Secretary
Mrs. A.B. Lee	Treasurer

Since we did not have a sale or any income for the Women's Association it was decided that we should take the dollar we would contribute and buy something from it to generate more money. The meeting closed with song. Four members present. Next meeting at Mrs. Lee's. Income \$1.00

On March 4th, the Women's Association held its regular meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and Mrs. N.C. Nilsen commented that the financial account for last year, that is for 1919 should have been recorded and read at this meeting as follows:

In cash box 1919	\$37.05
Collected same year	
from 1918 to 1920	<u>\$46.45</u>
Total	\$83.50
Expenditures for same year	<u>\$69.00</u>
Cash in cash box	\$14.45

Other business discussed was not important. So admission money collected was \$1.60. The meeting closed with song and five members were present. Next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's.

PS Mrs. N.C. Nelson wishes to withdraw from the Association since she is leaving Whonnock. *Sec. Hegarat.*

On May 3rd, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. N.A. Lind's. The meeting was opened by Mrs. A.B. Lee with song and prayer. The minutes were not read since the Secretary was absent. Since there was no business to consider, the meeting was closed with song. Three members present and two visitors. Income \$1.05. *Mrs. N.A. Lind*

On June 7th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Lind with song and prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were read by the Association's President and accepted. A discussion took place about having some sale or something for income for the church. It was decided that each should spend a dollar to buy some cloth and sew aprons. A definitive decision at next meeting. The meeting's in-

come \$1.20. The meeting was closed with song. Four members were present. The next meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. *Sec. M. Hegarat*

On September 5th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. N.A. Lind's, Ruskin. The meeting was opened by Mr. Hansen with song and prayer. The minutes of the June meeting were read and accepted. Since there was no other business to discuss the meeting was closed with song. Four members present and two visitors. Entrance money collected \$1.55. Next meeting at Mrs. L. Bartlett's.

On October 7th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President Mrs. Lind. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The suggested sale was discussed. It was decided that each one should finish what they still had to do for the Women's Association and that we should take \$11.00 from the cash box to buy material for aprons, which we should have at the next meeting for distribution. We should have a sale in November. There were four members at the meeting and one visitor. The meeting's income 85 cents. Concluded with song. Next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. *Recorded for Sec. by Hegarat.*

On November 1st, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President. The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted. An detailed discussion was held about the intended sale. It was decided to take money from the cash box for baking and that each should bake what she wished and to hold a sale on November 20th. Following that the fabric which was brought along was divided among the members and Mrs. Anderson, who was visiting the meeting, offered to take a piece of fabric to help sew some aprons. It was also decided to meet on November 16 at Mrs. Hegarat's to set prices for the aprons. Mabel Nilsen was admitted as a member. The meeting was concluded with song and was attended by four members and three visitors. Income at meeting \$1.00. The next meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. *Sec. Mrs. Hegarat.*

On December 6th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Axel Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's Vice-president, Mrs. Bartlett. The minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted. In addition, Mrs. A.B. Lee read the accounts of November 20th, 1920.

Collected for the sale of aprons,

home-baking and goods	\$70.45
Expenses for same	<u>\$10.95</u>
Balance of sale	\$59.50

It was furthermore decided to take \$50.00 from the cash box for pastor's wages and \$5.00 as a Christmas gift for the pastor and to send \$5.00 to the organist. Stove pipe 80 cents. Income from meeting 65 cents. Four members of the Association were present. The meeting closed with song and prayer. Next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. *Recorded by Martha Hegarat*

### 1921

On January 3rd the Women's Association held its annual meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's Vice President in absence of the President. The minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted. Following that Mrs. Lee also read the Treasurer's account for the year 1920.

The cash box's content from 1919	\$14.50
Income for the year 1920	<u>\$79.35</u>
Total	\$93.80

Expenses for 1920	<u>\$83.35</u>
In cash box now, 1921	\$10.45

Thereafter new officers were elected. The members unanimously elected were:

Mrs. Lind	President
Mrs. Bartlett	Vice President
Mrs. A. Hegarat	Secretary
Mrs. A.B. Lee	Treasurer

It was then decided to cancel the meetings till April. The meeting concluded with song and four members were present and one visitor. The next meeting at Mrs. N.A. Lind's on April 4th, 1921.

On April 4th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's and it was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted. There was no business to discuss and the meeting was attended by five members. No collection was made. Next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's on May 3rd. Private gift 25 cents. *Recorded by M. Hegarat, Sec.*

On May 2nd, 1921, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's and it was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Lind, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Following that Mrs. Lee asked if we should not send for some fabric again to sew various things for a sale in the fall. It was decided to order material from Eaton's and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Hegarat will order it. There were no other things to discuss and the meeting was concluded with song. Five members were present. Next meeting at Mrs. Lee's. Meeting's income \$2.20.

The June meeting was held on the 6th at Mrs. Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Lind, with song and prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were read and accepted. All considerations were of no importance aside from the distribution of the fabric purchased for \$12.35. The meeting's income was 71 cents. The meeting closed with song and was held in the presence of five members and one visitor. *M. Hegarat.*

On September 5th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the June meeting were read and accepted. Furthermore Mrs. Lee informed us that she had sold two of the Women's Association's skirts for \$2.75, together \$5.50. Mrs. Lee had also some fabric which the Women's Association purchased from her. Five yards @ 39 cents per yard; total \$1.95. Entrance money \$1.50. Meetings income \$7.00. The meeting closed with song and was attended by five members. Next meeting at Mrs. Lind's.

On October 3rd, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was no business to attend to and the meeting closed with song. Five members were present and four visitors. Meeting's income \$1.40

On December 5th, the Women's Association had its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened by the Association's, President Mrs. Lee, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were opened [sic] and accepted. Following that Mrs. Lee advised that she had sold two aprons for \$1.45. Entrance money \$1.25 and two aprons \$1.45. [Total] \$2.70. Next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's.

### 1922

On February 6th, 1922, the Women's Association held its annual meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Lind, with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Thereafter followed the election of new officers.

Mrs. Lee	President
Mrs. Bartlett	Vice President
Mrs. Hegarat	Secretary
Mrs. Lund	Treasurer

Then discussion followed about some yarn Mrs. Lee had brought along and which she wanted to give to the Women's Association since each woman should contribute a dollar worth of material each year. Mrs. Hegarat thought that it should be \$1.25 combined with the fabric she had brought earlier. It was decided that Mabel Nelson should sew housecoats. Entrance money 50 cents. The year's accounts were read by the Treasurer Mrs. Lee.

Cash box content in 1920 was	\$10.45
Income for 1921	<u>\$14.45</u>
	\$24.90
Expenses for same	<u>\$22.33</u>
Cash box content on Feb. 6 1922	\$ 3.25

On March 6th the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lee's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's Vice President Mrs. Bartlett. The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted. Following discussions were about the blouse Mrs. Lee had sewn and purchased back for \$1.50 and the same for Mabel Nelson who had also sewn some cloth for the Association and which she sold she said for \$2.50. There were no further discussions and the meeting concluded with song. Four members attended the meeting. Meeting's income \$2.50. *Martha Hegarat.*

On April 1st, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Discussions were not of any importance other than that Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Hegarat had some coffee cups which have been standing in the church for some years. The price was discussed and fixed at one dollar. Mrs. Bartlett bought three pairs for 25 cents and Mrs. Hegarat six pairs at 8 cents a cup. Entrance money collected 20 cents. The meeting ended with song. Five members participated. Next meeting at Mrs. Lind's. Meeting's income 45 cents.

On May 1st, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's at Ruskin. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President, Mrs. Lee. The minutes of the April meeting were read and accepted. No business other than that Mrs. Hegarat paid 75 cents for the cups. Entrance money 80 cents and a private gift of 10 cents. Four members attended the meeting, which ended with song. Meeting's income \$1.65

On June 5th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President, Mrs. Lee. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There were no matters raised for discussion and the meeting closed in the presence of four members and two visitors. Income for the meeting \$1.10.

On July 3rd, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. A. Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was nothing discussed other than there should be no meetings for a few months. The meeting closed with song and prayer. No money was collected. Next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's.

On October 6th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President Mrs. Lee. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There were no items for discussion so that the meeting was closed with song in the presence of four members. Mrs. Lee paid

\$2.50 for a shirt and \$1.50 for cloth. Entrance money 2.50 + 1.50 + 1.20 = \$5.20. Next meeting at Mrs. Lind's.

On November 6th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer.

Mrs. Hegarat paid for her woolen yarn	1.80
for cups	<u>0.45</u>
	2.25

Meeting's income 2.55

The meeting closed with song in the presence of four members. Next meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's.

On December 4th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President. Nothing much of any importance occurred. It was decided to take \$5.00 from the cash box as a Christmas gift for our pastor and \$5.00 for the organist. The meeting closed with song in the presence of four members. Meeting's income 45 cents. Next meeting at Mrs. Lee's.

1923

On January 6th, 1923, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. A.B. Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Lee, with prayer and song. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. A detailed discussion on the election of new officers. All were re-elected to their positions. Furthermore it was decided to take \$7.00 from the cash box and send for some fabric to work on. The year's accounts were read which were as follows:

Cash in the cash box in 1922	\$ 3.25
Income year 1923	\$17.60
Expenses for the same year	\$10.00
Money not collected	\$ 4.90
The cash box holds now	\$ 7.60

Entrance money collected: 70 cents. The meeting closed with song. Next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's.

On February 5th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President, Mrs. Lee, with song and prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. Part of the fabric purchased had been brought along to the meeting. Part of it was not good and it was decided to send it back. Some pillow cases were distributed. No further discussion and entrance money was collected. The meeting was attended by four members and three visitors. Collected 50 cents. Next meeting at Mrs. Lind's.

On March 5th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lind's. The Association's President, Mrs. Lee, opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Following that the fabric for aprons was cut and distributed among the members. The meeting's income was \$1.90. The meeting was attended by five members and two visitors. The meeting was closed with song and the next meeting will be at Mrs. Hegarat's.

On April 9th, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Hegarat's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President, Mrs. Lee. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Following that Mrs. Lind proposed to hold meetings at Wednesday or Thursday instead of on a Monday, which was supported. No further discussions. The meeting's entrance money collected was 60 cents. Present five members. Next meeting at Mrs. Lee's. *Recorded by Mrs. Hegarat.*



On May 3rd, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lee's. The Association's President, Mrs. Axel Lee, opened the meeting with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The discussions were of no importance. It was decided to suspend the meetings for two or three months. Income for the meeting \$1.75. Four members were present at the meeting, which was concluded with song. *Recorded by Mrs. Hegarat.*

The Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Lee's on October 4th, 1923. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Lee ordered some fabric for the Women's Association, which was distributed among the members to sew aprons and other things. Following that they priced the finished items. The meeting concluded with song and was attended by four members. Next meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's.

On November 1st, 1923 the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President, Mrs. Lee. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There was nothing to discuss. Mrs. Lee had sold two pillow cases to Mrs. Fl[etcher?] and aprons \$4.00. Sale from November meeting Mrs. Ch. Nelson bought two pairs of bloomers \$1.15 and gave two pillow cases to the Women's Association. No collections were made due to the Treasurer's absence. Next meeting at Mrs. Lind's. *Recorded by M.H.*

#### 1924

On February 3rd, 1924, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Axel Lee's. The meeting was opened by the Association's President with song and prayer. Election of officers:

Mrs. Bartlett	President
Mrs. Lind	Vice President
Mrs. Hegarat	Secretary
Mrs. Lee	Treasurer

Other items for discussion were the accounts for the year 1923, but since the meetings were not held for such a long time there was no report after September 1924.

September 1924 the cash box held	\$ 5.55
Sale of goods	<u>\$26.50</u>
Total	\$32.05
Expenses	<u>\$10.00</u>
	\$22.00

Income September 4.      \$1.00

*M.H.*

On October 2nd, the Women's Association's meeting was held at Mrs. Bartlett's. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the Association's President. The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted. Furthermore Mrs. Bartlett had sold a couple of pillow cases and gave \$3.00 to the Association. Entrance money collected 65 cents. The meeting was closed with song and was attended by five members and one visitor. Next meeting at Mrs. Lind's. *Mrs. Hegarat.*

On December 4th, 1925 [sic], the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Phillips's<sup>5</sup>. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. There was no discussion besides the decision to take \$27.00 from the cash box to get a roof for the church. Meeting's income \$1.95. *M. Hegarat, Sec.*

Income for 1925	\$30.25
Expenses for the same year	<u>\$28.60</u>
	\$ 1.65

#### 1925

On February 5th, 1925, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Axel Lee's. The meeting was opened by Pastor Burton with a reading from the Bible and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Election of officers — the same were re-elected. Collected \$1.00 at the meeting. Taken out for crocheted yarn 50 cents. A couple of pillow cases sold for \$3.00. From the cash box for 1924 — 65 cents.

On June 4, 1925, the Women's Association held its meeting at Mrs. Phillips's. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Bartlett, with song and prayer. Mrs. Hegarat had sewn a blouse for the Women's Association which she bought and paid \$1.00. Meetings income \$1.70. Private gift 20 cents. Expense from cash box 25 cents. Balance \$2.65.

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<sup>1</sup> In November of 1917 Ole and Frida Lee and their family moved away from Whonnock and settled in Pender Harbour.

<sup>2</sup> It is not clear what the ladies will buy.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. A.B. Lee's daughter

<sup>4</sup> Gudrun Lee, born May 4th, 1897.

<sup>5</sup> née Mabel Nelson, Mrs. Hegarat's daughter

## Appendix No. 1

### Norwegian Lutheran Pastors serving the Whonnock Congregation<sup>1</sup>

- 1895-1899 HAGOAS , Owe b 28 Aug 1864 at Inderoen, Indherred, Norway to Lorenz LARSON and Lovise OLSEN; immigrated 1881, pastor New Whatcom, WA, Wharnock and West Aldergrove, BC (10 congregations) 1895- 1900; Stanwood and Everett , WA 1900-01; Portland OR 1901-1910; Port Madison, WA (6 congregations) 1911-13; Tacoma, WA 1913-18; Supt. Soldiers & Sailors Home, Tacoma 1918-1920; m. Hanna K.E. DAHL 1889<sup>2</sup>
- 1900-1902 LANE, George Ole b 2 May 1869 Dodgeville, WI to Augustinus O. LANE and Gunhild Christine TORGGERSON; ordained 1898; pastor Fairhaven, WA 1898-92; Custer and Bellingham, WA 1908-19; Stanwood, WA 1918- ; m Anna ANDERSON 1898<sup>3</sup>
- 1902-1906 ORDAL, Ola Johannessen b 2 Aug 1870 at Joster, Sondfjord, Norway to Johannes Johannessen AALHUS and Martha SANDAL; immigrated 1880; ordained 1901; attended Univ of WA 1923-24; pastor Whatcom and Bellingham, WA 1901-09; Tacoma, WA 1913-1921; wrote history of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA 1916; pastor So Bellingahm [sic] 1928- ; m Anna Christine LEQUE 1902<sup>4</sup>
- 1907-1911 BORGE, Olaf b 6 Jun 1882 Mankato, MN of Michael O. Borge and Aagot FOSMARK; ordained 1906; pastor at 1914-1924? Whatcom, WA 1906; Bellingham, WA 1907; Lawrence, WA 1908-11; Vancouver, BC 1911-15; Lawrence, WA 1915-24, m Sigrid Greibrok 1911.<sup>5</sup>
- 1912-1913 SKONHOVD, Martin b 25 Nov 1877 at Vardal Toten, Norway to Even Martinsen SKONHOVD and Karen Marthea HOVELSEN BYE; immigrated 1904; ordained 1911; pastor Lawrence, WA 1911-14; assistant pastor Stanwood, WA 1914; d 3 Sep 1923.<sup>6</sup>

Pastors present at the dedication of the Whonnock Lutheran Church (February 25, 1906) "In addition to Pastor O.J. Ordal were present Chairman L.C. Foss, Pastor B. Harstad, Pastor H.M. Tjernagel<sup>7</sup>, Pastor O.A. Bjerke as well as Pastor Sørensen

TJERNAGEL, Helge Mathias b 23 May 1871 at Stori City, IA to Ole Andreas TJERNAGEL and Martha Karive ANDERSON FOLLINGLO; ordained 1902; pastor Stanwood, WA 1902-10; m Anna BRUE 1904; she d. 1924<sup>7</sup>

SORENSEN, Harold Waldemar b 23 Sep 1879 at Sudbyvester, Denmark to Anders SORENSEN and Mare Kirstine HANSEN; immigrated 1897; ordained 1902; pastor Astoria, OR 1902-03 and 1905-07; Seattle, WA 1908-09; m Dagmas Mine LARSEN 1904.<sup>8</sup>

HARSTAD, Gjug Aanondson b 17 Dec 1848 at Valle, Saetersdalen, Norway to Aanond HARSTAD and Torbjorg KITTELSEN; pastor Parkland, WA 1891-1928; m Guro Svendsen OMLI/D 1877<sup>9</sup>

BJERKE, Anders Olsen b 28 May 1872 at Jostedalen, I Sogn, Norway, to Ola BJERKE an Kristine BREUM. Immigrated 1892; teacher, then seminary; ordained 1902. To Bellingham as pastor 1902-1911; South Tacoma 1911-13. m Martha HENDERSON 1903.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> From The Bulletin, Quarterly Publication of Whatcom Genealogical Society, Inc. "Early Norwegian Lutheran Pastors in the Fourth Corner". Extracted by Elsie Zarnowitz and Dee Ackerman from "Who's Who among Pastors in all the Norwegian Lutheran Synods of America, 1843-1927," translated and revised by Rasmus Malmin, O.M. Norlie and O.A. Tingelstad, Augsburg Publishing House, 1928. Thanks to Lyn Ross, Coqualeetza, who called my attention to this information.

<sup>2</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 25, Number 3, Spring 1995, p. 75

<sup>3</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 26, Number 1, Spring 1995, p. 9

<sup>4</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 26, Number 5, Fall 1996, pp. 133-135

<sup>5</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 24, Number 4, Summer 1994, pp. 103-104

<sup>6</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 26, Number 6, Winter 1996, p. 13

<sup>7</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 27, Number 1, Winter 1996, pp. 165-167

<sup>8</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 26, Number 6, Winter 1996, pp. 165-167

<sup>9</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 25, Number 4, Summer 1995, pp. 111-113

<sup>10</sup> *The Bulletin*, Volume 24, Number 4, Summer 1994, pp. 103-104

## Appendix No. 2

### Executive of the Trondheim Congregation 1895-1920

	Chairman Pastor	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	Secretary	Treasurer	Warden
1895	Hagoas						
1896	Hagoas				Axel Lee		
1897	Hagoas	A. Knudsen	Ole Nilsen	Axel Lee	A. Andersen	Ole Lie Jr.	
1898	Hagoas	A. Knudsen	Axel Lee	Ole Nilsen	A. Andersen	Nils Nilsen	
1899	Hagoas	A. Knudsen	Axel Lee	Ole Nilsen	A. Andersen	Johan Matisen	Ole Lie Sr.
1900	Lane	Andrew Knudsen	Axel Lee	Ole Nilsen	A. Andersen	Johan Matisen	
1901	Lane ?	Andrew Knudsen	Axel Lee	Peter Andersen	A. Andersen	Johan Matisen	
1902	Lane	Andrew Knudsen	Axel Lee	Peter Andersen	A. Andersen	Johan Matisen	
1903	Ordal	Andrew Knudsen	Axel Lee	Peter Andersen	A. Andersen	Ole Lee Jr.	Ole Lie Sr.
1904	Ordal	Andrew Knudsen	Axel Lee	Johan Matisen	A. Andersen	Ole Lee Jr.	Ole Lee Sr.
1905	Ordal	Ole Lee Jr.	Axel Lee	Johan Matisen	Andrew Knudtson	Erik Knudtson	Ole Lee Sr.
1906	Ordal	Ole Lee Jr.	Axel Lee	Anton Knudtson	Andrew Knudtson	Erik Knudtson	A. Andersen
1907	Borge	A. Andersen	Axel Lee	Anton Knudtson	Andrew Knudtson	Erik Knudtson	Odin Lee
1908	Borge	Ole Lee Jr.	Axel Lee	Anton Knudtson	Andrew Knudtson	Erik Knudtson	Odin Lee
1909	Borge	Ole Lee Jr.	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudtson	Nils Nilsen	Erik Knudtson
1910	Borge	Ole Lee Jr ?	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudtson	N.C. Nilsen	Erik Knudtson
1911	Borge	Ole Lee Jr	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudsen	Ole Lee Sr.	A. Engen
1912	Skonhovd	Ole Lee Jr	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudsen	Ole Lee Sr.	Erik Knudsen
1913	Skonhovd	Ole Lee Jr	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen ?	Erik Knudsen	Ole Lee Sr.	Erik Knudsen
1914	Borge	Ole Lee Jr	Axel Lee	N.C. Nilsen	Erik Knudsen	Ole Lee Sr.	Erik Knudsen
1915	Borge	Ole Lee Jr	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudsen	Mr. Svendsen	Erik Knudsen
1916	Borge	Ole Lee Jr	Axel Lee ?	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudsen	Ole Lee Jr	Erik Knudsen
1917	Borge	Ole Lee Jr	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudsen	N.C. Nilsen	A. Sorensen
1918	Borge	A. Sorensen	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	E. Knudsen	Axel Lee	Fred Lee
1919	Borge	Erik Knudsen	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	Erik Knudsen	Axel Lee	Fred Lee
1921	Borge	Karl Herget <sup>1</sup>	Axel Lee	Karl Nilsen	A. Sorensen	Karl Nilsen	Fred Lee

<sup>1</sup> Same as Karl Nilsen; the name of his stepfather, Albert Hegaret is used here.



## Appendix No. 3

### Lutheran Women's Association - Executive 1897 - 1924

Date	President	Vice president	Secretary	Treasurer	
1897	Nov 29	Marie Nilsen	Georgina Fletcher	Marie Knutsen	
1898	Mar 7			Mrs. Axel Lee	
1899	Jan 2	Marie Nilsen	Mrs. Mathisen	Mrs. Fletcher	Mrs. Knutsen
1899	Nov 27	Marie Nilsen	Anna Mathisen	Georgina Fletcher	Marie Knutsen
1902	Oct 6		Anna Lee <sup>1</sup>		
1903	Mar 2	Frieda Lee	Mrs. Odin Lee	Mrs. Axel Lee	Mrs. Knudson
1903	July 6		Georgina Fletcher		
1904	Feb 1	Mrs. Mathisen	Mrs. Anna Lee	Mrs. Fletcher	Mrs. Knudson
1905	Jan 2	Mrs. N.C. Nilsen	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Georgina Fletcher	Mrs. E. Knutsen
1906	Jan 1	Mrs. N.C. Nilsen	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Georgina Fletcher	Mrs. E. Knutsen
1907	Jan 7	Mrs. N.C. Nilsen	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Georgina Fletcher	Mrs. E. Knutsen
1908	Jan 1	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Anna Lee	Georgina Fletcher	E. Knutsen
1909	Jan 4	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Mrs. E Knudsen	Mrs. Fletcher	Mrs. N.C. Nelson
1910	Jan 3	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Mrs. Anna Lee	Mrs. N.C. Nelson	Mrs. N.C. Nelson
1910	Jun 26	Mrs. Alfred Nelson			Mrs. E Knudsen
1911	Mar 6	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Mrs. Anna Lee	Mrs. Alfred Nelson	Mrs. E Knudsen
1912	Jan 29	Mrs. Bartlett <sup>2</sup>	Mrs. Nelson	Mrs. Hegarat <sup>3</sup>	Mrs. A.B. Lee
1914	Jan 2	Mrs. Bartlett	Mrs. E. Knudsen	Mrs. N.C. Nelson	Mrs. A.B. Lee
1915	Jan 4	Mrs. Bartlett		Mrs. Hegarat	Mrs. A.B. Lee
1916	Jan 3	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Mrs. E. Knudsen	Mrs. Hegarat	
1917	Jan 1	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. N.C. Nelson	Mrs. A. Hegarat
1918	Jan 1	Mrs. E. Knudsen	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. N.A. Lind	Mrs. A.B. Lee
1918	May 6				Mrs. A. Hegarat
1919	Jan 6	Mrs. N.C. Nelson	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. A. Hegarat	Mrs. A.B. Lee
1920	Feb 2	Mrs. N.A. Lind	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. A. Hegarat	Mrs. A.B. Lee
1921	Jan 3	Mrs. N.A. Lind	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. A. Hegarat	Mrs. A.B. Lee
1922	Feb 6	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. A. Hegarat	Mrs. N.A. Lind
1923	Feb 6	Mrs. A.B. Lee	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. A. Hegarat	Mrs. N.A. Lind
1924	Feb 4	Mrs. L.E. Bartlett	Mrs. N.A. Lind	Mrs. A. Hegarat	Mrs. A.B. Lee

For more details please read the minutes of the meetings of the date shown.

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Odin Lee

<sup>2</sup> Same as Anna Lee / Mrs. Odin Lee

<sup>3</sup> Same as Mrs. Alfred Nelson

## Appendix No. 4

### Directory of Ladies mentioned under a variety of names in the Women's Association Minutes

The spelling of names may differ from the spelling used below for instance Nilsen/Nilson/Nielson or Lie/Lee or Knutsen/Knuksen/Knutson, Erlandson/Erlansen, Mathisen/ Matisen/Mattisen etc.

Listed in order of joining the Association.

- Mrs. O. A. LEE (Senior) = Georgine Lee = née Georgine Olsdt. HAGEN. Joined 1897; Died 2 February 1907
- Mrs. J.A. MATHISEN = Mrs. John Andrew Mathisen = Anna Mathisen = Mrs. [John] Christian NELSON = née Anna KRISTINSEN. Joined 1897; left September 1909. The widow of John Christian Nelson, who died in 1891, married John A. Mathisen on 18 February 1896.
- Mrs. O.A. LEE (Junior) = Mrs. Ole Andreas Lee = Frida or Freda Lee = née Freda JOHANSSON. Joined 1897; Left January 1901; Rejoined February 1908. Left Whonnock in 1917. Married Ole Andreas Olsen Lee 9 June 1896
- Mrs. N.C. NELSON = Lisse or Lizze Nelson = née Lizzie Josphine DUNN. Joined 1897; Left January 1901. Married Nils Christian Nilsen 26 August 1897. She probably died between February 1900 and January 1901.
- Mrs. A. B. LEE = Mrs. Axel B. Lee = Oline Lee = née Anna Oline NELSON. Joined 1897.
- Mrs. O[le] NELSON = Mrs. Marie Nelson = Mrs. [George] WEST = née Martha Marie LEE. Joined 1897; Left Oct. 1901; Rejoined Dec. 1901; Left March 1905. The widow of Ole Nelson, who died in 1902, married George West 23 October 1902.
- Mrs. Andrew KNUTSEN = Marie Knutsen = Mrs. A. Knutsen = Mrs. Knutsen (prior to Mrs. E. Knutsen joining the Association in 1905) = née ?. Joined 1897; Left June 1906.
- Kristine NELSON = Mrs. HARRIS = née Anna Christina Nelson. Joined January 1898; Left January 1901. Anna Kristine Nelson married Dougal Harris on 18 October 1903.
- Mrs. George HOOD = Ovedie Hood = née Ingeborg Ovidie [aka "Jennie"] LEE. Joined 1897; Left January 1901. Ingeborg Ovidie Lee married George Hood on 5 March 1900.
- Mrs. H.R. FLETCHER = Mrs. Henry Robert Fletcher = Georgina Fletcher = née Georgina LEE. Joined 1897; Inactive: July 1909. Married Henry R. Fletcher on 25 December 1895. Robert Fletcher fell in Flandres on August 29th, 1917.
- Mrs. F. J. SNOW = Mrs. Frederick Joseph Snow = née Ingeborg Georgina NELSON. Joined 1897; left January 1901. Married Frederick Joseph Snow in April of 1904.
- Mrs. Odin LEE = Mrs. Anna Lee = Anna Lee = Mrs. L.E. BARTLETT = née Anna Learson. Joined January 1901; Continued till 1925. The widow of Odin Lee, who died in 1908, married Leonard Ernest Bartlett on 18 August 1910.
- Mrs. N.C. NELSON = Mrs. Niles Christian Nelson = Mrs. M.O. Nelson = née Martha Ovedia FINES. Joined January 1905; Left January and returned August 1908. Left June 1910; Returned January 1914; Left March 1920. Married Nils Christian NELSON 22 September, 1904. He is shown to be a widower then.
- Mrs. E[rik] KNUTSEN = Mrs. Dorothea Knutsen = née Anna Dorothea ANDERSON. Joined August 1905; Resigned January 1913, rejoined January 1914. Left July 1919. Anna Dorothea Anderson, a daughter of Andrew Anderson, married Erik Knutsen on 5 July 1905.
- Mrs. C.H. NELSON = Mrs. Charles Hilmer Nelson = Mrs. Charlie Nelson = Mrs. E.M. Nilsen = née Emma Marie LÖCKE. Joined January 1909 ; Left August 1916. Married Charles H. Nelson 17 September, 1907.
- Mrs. Albert NELSON = Martha Nelson = Mrs. [Albert] HEGARAT = Martha Hegarat = née Martha AUNE. Joined April 1907; Resigned January 1913 & rejoined March 1914. The widow of Albert Nelson, who died in 1905, married Albert Le Hegaret 15 August, 1910.
- Mrs. A. ENGEN. Joined May 1910. Not researched. In-laws of Alfred Nelson? See: Mrs. Alfred Nelson.
- Mrs. Alfred NELSON = Mrs. Elise Nelson = née Elise ENGEN. Family records (source unknown) show her name as Elise or Elsie Kristofferson but marriage certificate shows Engen. Elsie Engen married Alfred Nelson on 26 December 1906. Parents: Andrew and Dina Engen. Joined June 1910; Left November 1916.
- Mrs. J. ERLANDSEN = Mrs. Erlandsen = Marie [?] Erlandsen. Joined February 1914. Not researched.
- Mrs. N. A. LIND = Mrs. Lund. Joined June 1914. Not researched.
- Mrs. JOHNSON = Mrs. Janson. Joined May 1915. Not researched.
- Mrs. ANDERSON. Joined 1919. Not researched.
- Mrs. PHILLIPS = née Mabel Nelson = Joined November 1920. Married Eclus Charles Phillips
- Gudrun LEE = Gudrun Aurora Lee, daughter of Axel Bernhard Lee and Anna Oline Nilsen.
- Hilda IVERSON. Did not join (living on New Westminster?).  
 Aksel (Axel) Astvold Nelson, son of Ole Nilsen and Martha Marie Nilsen, married Hilda Mathilda Iverson, resident of New Westminster (parents Hans and Ingeborg Iverson) on July 5th, 1910 (BC Vital Statistics - Reg. Number 1910-09-062184)

## Appendix No. 5

### An Outline of the Original Norwegian Families

Linda Mattis, Nancy Webster and Rita Willoughbee (in alphabetical order) contributed most of the information on Lees and Nelsons. I owe Dean Nelson for information on the descendents of Albert Nelson.

BC Vital Statistics is a valuable resource to complement the known or fill in the unknown. I have taken some liberties in making assumptions relating to the Knudtsens and Andersons also based on the Census 1891 & 1901.

#### LIE / LEE FAMILY

Ole Andreas Olausen Lie  
 + Anne Jonsdotter Halland (1st Wife)  
   Odin Lee  
   + Anna (Larsdotter) Learson<sup>1</sup>  
   Adolph Lie  
 + Gørgine Olsdt Hagen (2nd Wife)  
   Axel Bernhart Olsen Lee  
     + Anna Oline Nilsen <sup>2</sup>  
   Ole Andreas Olsen Lie  
     + Frieda Louisa Johansson  
   Martha Marie (Mary) Olsdatter Lee  
     + Ole Nilsen Aas (1st Husband)  
     + George West (2nd Husband)  
   Helmar Olsen Lee  
   Georgine (Gørgine) Olsdt Lee  
     + Henry Robert Fletcher  
   Ovidia Olsdatter Lee  
     + George Hood  
   Karl (Charlie) Gustave Hugo Burkart Lee  
     + Stella Oliver  
   Olaus Olsen Lee  
     + Helen Dermody  
   Oluf Rekart Lee  
     + Carrie Johnson

<sup>1</sup> Anna (Learson) Lee's 2nd husband is Leonard Ernest Bartlett (m.1910)

<sup>2</sup> Gudrun Lee is a daughter of Axel Bernhard and Anna Oline.

#### KNUTSEN / KNUDTSON

Andrew Knudtson  
   + Mary née ?  
     Gusta  
 Erik Knudtson  
   + Anna Dorothea Andersen  
 Anton Knudtson  
   + Marie Erikson

#### ANDERSEN / ANDERSON

Andrew Andersen  
   Peter Andersen  
     + Johanna Nelson  
   Brent Andersen  
   Olaf Andersen  
   Anna Dorothea Andersen  
     + Erik Knutsen

#### NILSEN / NELSON FAMILY

Nils Andreas Knudsen Aas  
 + Andrea Andersdatter  
   Ole Nilsen Aas Rotvoldsberget  
   + Anna Nikoline Johnsdatter Olsen (First Wife)  
     Alfred Nikolai Nelson  
     + Elise (Elsie) Kristofferson [or Engen]  
     Anna Oline Nilsen  
     + Axel Bernhart Olsen Lee  
     Carl Olaf Nelson  
     + Ann Caroline Knudson  
     Sverre Andreas Nelson  
     + Mary Regina "May" Peterson  
 + Martha Marie (Mary) Olsdatter Lee (2nd Wife) <sup>1</sup>  
   Aksel Oswald Nelson  
   + Hilda Matilda Iverson  
   Hoken Julius Nelson  
 [[Johan] Christian Nilsen  
 + Johanna [Anna] Kristine [Kristinsen] <sup>2</sup>  
   Johanna Nelson  
   + Peter Andersen  
   Nels [Niles Christian] Nilsen  
   + Lizzie Josephine Dunn (1st Wife)  
   + Martha Ovedia Finess (2nd Wife)  
   Charles Hilmer Nelson  
   + Emma Marie Löcke  
   Ingeborg Georgina "Jennie" Nilsen  
   + Frederick Joseph Snow  
   Andrew Nilsen  
   Anna Christina Nilsen  
   + Dougal Harris  
   Isaac Nilsen  
   + Catherine Lehman (2nd wife)  
 Albert Nilsen  
 + Martha Anna Olena Jacobsdt. Alma Aune(t) <sup>3</sup>  
   Carl Margido Nelson  
   + Marie Alice Ball  
   John Birger Nelson  
   Mabel Nelson  
   + Eclus Charles Phillips  
   Arthur Nelson  
   + Gertrude Ella Jackson

<sup>1</sup> Martha Marie (Lee) Nelson's second husband is George West (m 1904)

<sup>2</sup> Anna's second husband is John Andrew Mathisen (m 1896)

<sup>3</sup> Martha's second husband is Albert Le Hegaret (m 1910)



## Appendix No. 6

### Vital Statistics - Registration Index

Some Records used for *Whonnock Notes* No. 3

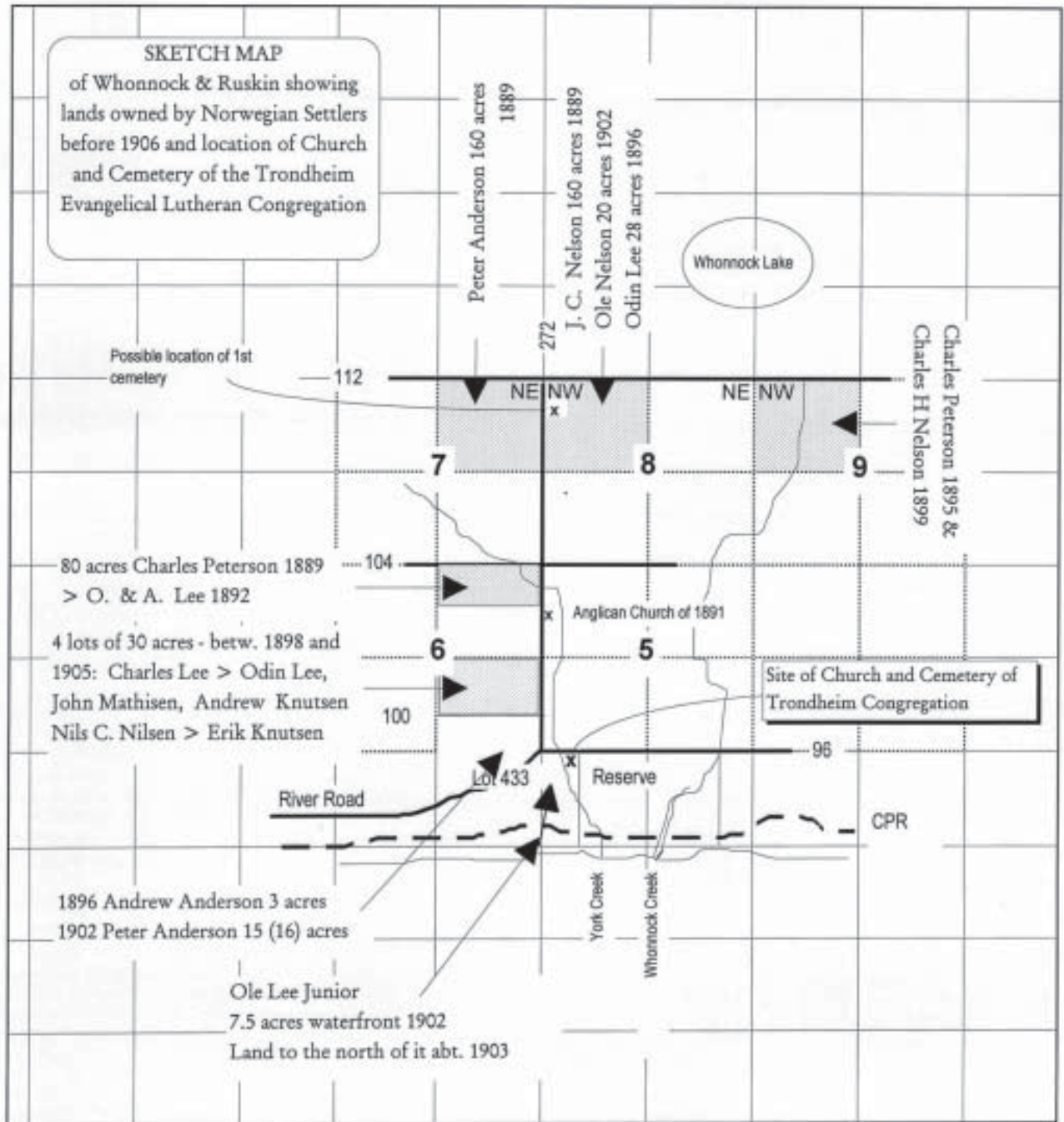
#### Marriage Registry

Groom Name	Bride Name	Event Date	Reg. Number
John Andrew Mathison	Anna Kristine Nelson	18 February 1896	1896-09-116243
Niles Christian Nilsen	Lizzie Josephine Dunn	26 August 1897	1897-09-116394
George Hood	O[v]Jedie Lee	5 March 1900	1900-09-009510
Henry Robert Fletcher	Georgina Lee	25 December 1895	1895-09-116121
Olaf Lee	Freda Johnson	9 June 1896	1896-09-116207
Peter Anderson	Johanna Nelson	28 November 1888	1888-09-114380
Frederick Joseph Snow	Ingbor[g] Georgina Nelson	6 April 1901	1901-09-117734
Dougal Harris	Anna Christina Nelson	18 October 1902	1902-09-048887
George West	Martha Marie Nelson	23 October 1902	1902-09-048054
Nels Christian Nelson	Martha Ovedia Finess	22 September 1904	1904-09-118020
Erik Knudson	Anna Dorothea Anderson	5 July 1905	1905-09-119270
Anton Knudtson	Marie Erikson	1 September 1906	1906-09-119278
Alfred Nelson	Elise Engen	26 December 1906	1906-09-119369
Swaery Andrew Nelson	Mary Regina Peterson	6 May 1907	1907-09-119372
Charles H. Nelson	Emma Lücke	17 September 1907	1907-09-119374
Aksel Astvold Nilsen	Hilda Mathilda Iverson	5 July 1910	1910-09-062184
Albert Hegaret	Martha Aune / Martha Nelsen	15 August 1910	1910-09-061731
Leonard E Bartlett	Anna Learson / Anna Lee	18 August 1910	1910-09-060140
Isaac Nelson	Catherine Lehman	1 June 1918	1918-09-129329

#### Death Registry

Name	Event Date	Reg. Number
Crist Nelson	21 October 1891	1891-09-077525
Albert Nelsom	4 September 1905	1905-09-082805
Georgina Lee	2 February 1907	1907-09-083258
Odin Lee	24 December 1908	1908-09-085039
Ole Andreas Lee	21 January 1923	1923-09-319568
Axel Bernhard Lee	8 January 1929	1929-09-424499
Albert Lehegaret	10 September 1936	1936-09-518620
Andrew Knudson	19 April 1945	1945-09-661079
Emma Marie Nelson	30 November 1945	1945-09-008579
Ole Adrew Lee	10 November 1947	1947-09-009705

# Appendix No. 7



## Appendix No. 8

### Transcript of undated [1960?] memo of Mrs. Hilda Olsen.

*Unedited transcription. Courtesy of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haney*

Translated from early Norwegian minutes. Nov. 29, 1897

The discovery of the old Minute Books from the Whonnock Ladies Aid relates that this is one of the oldest pioneer Lutheran ladies Aids groups in British Columbia. It was then called the Trondhjemske Ladies Aid, as most of the members came from that part of Norway.

The first recorded meeting took place on the 29th of November, 1897. The following rules were set down:

The meetings are to be held on the first Monday of the month. Members are to pay ten cents in admission at each meeting. Election of officers to be held in the month of January each year.

If any of the Officers are absent without a given reason for as many as three (3) successive meetings, new Officers will be elected in their places.

The President is to lead the meeting, but herself is not to make any resolutions, though she is free to take part in any discussion, and every member is to bring forth whatever they feel would be of value to the Ladies Aid.

Names of the first members:

Maria Nilsen      President  
 Georgine Fletcher Secretary  
 Marie Knutsen    Treasurer  
 Jorgine Lee, Anna Mattisen, Frida Lee, Lisse Nilsen, Olive Lee  
 Marie Nilsen, Marie Knutsen, Kristine Nilsen, Ovidia Lee  
 Anna Lee, Mrs. N.C. Nilsen, Dorothea Knutsen, Mrs. A. Nilsen  
 Nogert, Mrs. C.H. Nilsen, Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Mrs. A. Engen,  
 Mrs. E. Knutsen, Mrs. Janson, Mrs. Odin Bartlett

Meetings were opened with devotion and singing and otherwise conducted much in the same manner as we are doing today, sixty-three years<sup>2</sup> later, except they had no projects. At that time the Aid had nine members whose chief interest was to raise enough money to build a Lutheran Church in Whonnock.

And those busy women, with none of our modern time saving conveniences, found time to knit, crochet and sew for the yearly bazaar that usually had an income of about \$100.00. Basket Socials were another source of income, and an odd collection through the community was taken up by members of the Ladies Aid.

It is evident that those hard working pioneers very strongly felt the need of a place of worship, and it is inspiring to read through these old minute books written in the old Norwegian language, and see the way they willingly threw themselves into any kind of work and hardship in order to raise the necessary funds. It is living proof of the old saying, that you can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving, and the only thing these courageous new comers had to give was their few spare minutes, and their undying devotion.

By the fall of 1905 they had finally got together the sum of \$400.00 and the church could be started as soon as a suitable building place was decided on. The Lutheran cemetery on the old River Road was voted as the most suitable place for a church, and soon the voluntary builders were in full swing.

On every recorded meeting from then on the money question was the pressing subject. Even the bare necessities of inventories were quite a problem to their fast dwindling funds. That year there was no money left to buy goods for the yearly bazaar, so their only hope was the Lutheran congregation. A member of the Ladies Aid offered to bring a list around to every member and the sum of \$11.00 was col-

lected for material to be made up for the bazaar. In this manner little by little, and with careful planning, they furnished the church, from altar piece to organ and stove.

Finally in February 1906 a proud and happy congregation met for the dedication services of the Whonnock Lutheran Church on River Road. It was painted later that year at a cost of \$20.00. Rev. Hagos was the first minister mentioned by name in 1899 and Rev. Aardal in 1902.

The minister was not usually present at the meetings, since it is mentioned in one place that he had nine congregations - six in Washington, USA and three in British Columbia, which are all mentioned by name.

In 1907 Rev. Ordal resigned and Rev. O. Borge was appointed by the congregation. It was also decided that year to raise the ministers stipend from \$40.00 to \$80.00 per year. Meetings became more irregular — the women were too busy for summer meetings.

In January 1913 the Ladies Aid decided to discontinue their meetings for the time being, as two of their most active members had put in their resignation, as was the custom at that time. In 1914 they re-organized. New Officers were installed and the meetings proceeded as before. Their first decision was to build a stable next to the church so the horses would be comfortable during the Sunday service.

The meetings were kept up with good attendance for the next two years. Hard times are mentioned at the meeting and anyone serving more than sandwiches and one kind of cake was fined \$1.00. One can read between the lines how much they enjoyed their meetings, and how they looked forward to the next. Norwegian was their only language.

In 1918 they made their first donation, which went to the Foreign Missions. Their Bazaars were still taking in from \$60.00 to \$70.00, but the membership was falling off. Some had moved away and some had passed away and other had resigned for various reasons, usually on account of the distance, as their horse and buggy transportation called for a man at the reins over the rough ungravelled roads. And since in those days the baby sitter's name was Mother, the young ones had to be brought along, even though it meant a long and muddy walk. When the membership had dwindled to four and they could only manage three of four meetings a year, they reluctantly gave up. In 1925 only two meetings were recorded, the last being held in June of that year.

The Whonnock Ladies Aid was forgotten until 1949 when Rev. Kandal held an occasional service at the old Lutheran Church which by now was pretty well neglected and forgotten, with many of those faithful pioneers resting under the sod next to the church they had strived so hard to create,

The Aid now has about 20 members and are steadily increasing in numbers and strength, and in hope for a continued good future in the service of our Lord.

As one historian said — "When I think of these Mothers, quiet and unobtrusive, expecting and wishing for no earthly reward, I think of their devotion to duty. No one sang their praises nor did they expect it. They are truly the heroines of those primitive times".

God Bless our Pioneer Mothers!

(Mrs.) Hilda Olsen  
 Local Historian



## Appendix No. 9

### History of Whonock Lutheran Ladies Aid August 1949

*Transcription from typescript notes*

*Courtesy of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haney*

The members of the original Ladies Aid, who had helped to build and keep up the Lutheran Church on River Road at Whonock, had long since passed on, or had left; except one who still resides in the district.

The church had for many years been neglected as the congregation had dwindled, and no services were held.

Then more families of Lutheran faith moved into the district again, and early in 1944 Pastor Solheim came out every two weeks or so to hold services. About that time Mr. and Mrs. Raknerud had Sunday School for the children. Mr. Fred Hoyme often came out to speak to the groups too, who gathered at the church during the warmer months and in the homes during the winter months, and a Lutheran congregation was again built up. When Pastor K.O. Kandal came to serve Matsqui, in 1945, he also came out every second Sunday to conduct services at Whonock, either at the church or in the homes, when winter snow blocked the road to the church.

A congregation without a Ladies Aid did not seem complete, so the pastor spoke to the ladies concerning this.

In the summer of 1949, Miss Kari Flatla, Secretary of the Lutheran Missionary Society in Norway, was in the district visiting relatives. She had lectured on the work of the Missionary Societies, in Lutheran Churches in Vancouver, and Whonock.

Pastor Kandal thought it would be such a good time to organize a group here, while she was with us. So Mrs. I.B. Fjarlie offered her home for the ladies to meet in and invited the ladies from the neighborhood.

August 11, 1949 with Rev. K.O. Kandal presiding, the Whonock Lutheran Ladies Aid came into being.

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

- To work in co-operation with Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- To meet second Thursday every month.
- Lunch at meeting — sandwich, coffee, (cake or cookies)  
silver collection
- Meetings to commence at 2:00 p.m.
- Charter members accepted until end of year.

CHARTER MEMBERS: Mrs. I.B. Fjarlie - President, Mrs. N. Petersen - Secretary, Mrs. A. Raknerud, Mrs. K.O. Kandal, Mrs. J. Flatla - Treasurer, Mr. P.R. Fairbanks, Mrs. Quist, Mrs. H. Ulrikson Mrs. F. Lyster & Elsie. Mrs. P. Bamsey, Mrs. Gear (Honorary)

#### OFFICERS ELECTED:

President	Mrs. I.B. Fjarlie
Vice President	Mrs. H. Ulrikson
Secretary	Mrs. N. Peterson
Treasurer	Mrs. J. Flatla

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1955	Mrs. I.B. Fjarlie
1955	Alice Fairbanks
1956	Mrs. K. O. Kendall

<u>In Memoriam</u>	
1951	Mrs. Gear
1953	Mr. C. Heiberg
1954	Mr. C. Nelson
1955	Rev. K.O. Kandal
1956	Mr. P. R. Fairbanks
1956	Mr. Borgeson