

Nettleton's Addition Historic District

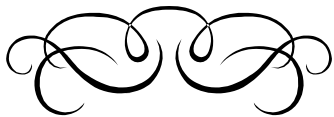
News from Washington State's Largest Historic District.

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Welcome to Nettleton's Addition Historic District!

Nettleton's Addition was platted in 1887 and in 2005 was designated as the largest historic district on the Washington State Heritage Register. This early Spokane streetcar suburb documents perfectly the lifecycle of American cities: initial rapid development (over 70% of the existing housing stock was built prior to 1910), slow decline through the mid-Twentieth Century and now, urban renewal and gentrification.

When Nettleton's Addition properties first went on the market in 1887, the *Spokane Falls Review* exclaimed breathlessly that "For beauty of situation the Nettleton Addition is certainly unsurpassed." The *Review* went on to describe views of the Spokane River, "...far below, the clear water seethes and tumbles as it winds its tortuous way," the surroundings, "...from every portion of it a beautiful view of the city and surrounding country can be obtained," concluding that Nettleton's Addition "... in many ways is superior to anything that has yet been offered." Today, Nettleton's Addition residents are still attracted by these natural features in addition to now-historic homes, proximity to a newly revitalized downtown and a major "new urbanism" development proposed on its southern boundary.



Nettleton's Addition was listed on the *Washington State Heritage Register* on June 28, 2005 and was forwarded to the National Park Service for review and listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

To learn more about Nettleton's Addition Historic District, check out the Nettleton's website at

www.historicspokane.org/NettletonsAddition/Nettletons_homepage.htm



Have you recently purchased or sold a home in Nettleton's Addition?



Are you currently trying to sell a home in the district and want to know more about its history? Call 509.625.6985 to find out how you can get a Nettleton's Flyer with a current photo of your home and

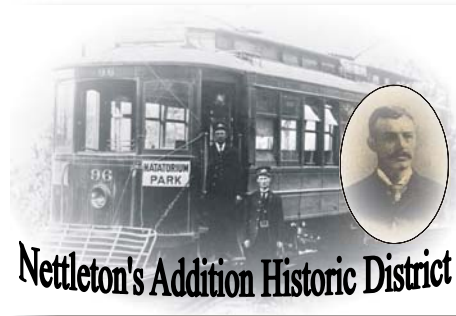
historic information about who lived there and who built it.

http://www.historicspokane.org/NettletonsAddition/Nettletons_flyer.htm

What does it mean to have a home in a National Register Historic District?

Although Nettleton's Addition hasn't been officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it was placed on the state historic register in June 2005. However, once Nettleton's is reviewed by the [National Park Service](#) and placed on the National Register, it will be the largest historic district in Washington State! So what does it mean to be listed on the National Register? Listing a home or a collection of homes that form a district on the National Register is an honorary designation recognizing the historic, architectural and cultural significance of a property or neighborhood. Listing on the National Register does not obligate property owners to repair, maintain, or rehabilitate their home, open their home to the public, or restrict what can be done to the home. Benefits to listing on the National Register

include creating pride in the unique historic character of a neighborhood and eligibility for a [Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive](#), which is available for the rehabilitation of income-producing properties (i.e. commercial or rental properties). To learn more about the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program, visit the National Park Service website at: www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/index.htm.



Take a tour of Nettleton's right from home!

The Nettleton's Addition website offers a Virtual Tour of several homes in the district with more added often.

To take the tour, visit http://www.historicspokane.org/NettletonsAddition/Nettletons_tour.htm.

Would you like to add your house to the tour or do you have more information about a house already on the tour? Call 509.625.6985 or email aflinn@spokanecity.org.

Nettleton's Facts

- ✓ **1,004 houses or buildings make up Nettleton's Addition Historic District.**
- ✓ **Nettleton's Addition is composed of two separate additions platted in 1887: Nettleton's 1st and Nettleton's 2nd Additions.**
- ✓ **Nettleton's is named for William Nettleton who came to Spokane from St. Paul, Minnesota in 1883. Nettleton helped found the towns of Superior, Wisconsin and Duluth, Minnesota.**
- ✓ **It took almost two full years to inventory all of the properties in Nettleton's Addition. The inventory included a photograph and architectural description of every building in both Nettleton's 1st and 2nd Additions.**

Did you know?

William Nettleton arrived in Spokane in 1883, with his wife Helen ("Nell") and young son George, following a distinguished career in the mid-west where Nettleton platted both the towns of Superior, Wisconsin and Duluth, Minnesota, and platted another historic neighborhood in St. Paul. William's nephew William

O. followed him to Spokane a few years later and helped plat Nettleton's 1st and 2nd Additions.

William O., or W.O., partnered with his cousin-in-law Waldo G. Paine in a real estate and mortgage business in the Eagle Block for a time and was later elected as a city councilman and helped establish the street cable railway in Spokane. Following his uncle William's passing in 1904, W.O. opened a shoe store on N. Monroe Street with his son. *Nettleton Shoe Store* operated until W.O.'s own passing in 1924.



Coming Up

To join the *Nettleton's Addition Preservation Committee*, email aflinn@spokanecity.org or call 509.625.6985.

Keep your eyes peeled for the announcement of the district's official listing!

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