

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

1012 North 9th St.

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Although altered, this 1888 residence is one of only two remaining houses known to be designed by Katherine Lockwood Squire, architect for the Tacoma Building Association. Squire was Washington's first professional female architect and designed more than two-dozen buildings in Tacoma. Of those homes, only two remain that are clearly identified with Squire: 1012 North Ninth Street in the North Slope Historic District and another at

1010 South Seventh Street. The North 9th St. home was built for \$1200.



Kate Lockwood Squire, as she was known in Tacoma in the 1880s, was among the earliest women in America to practice architecture. She was the first woman to study architecture at the Cooper Union in New York City, the first woman residential designer on the West Coast, and the first woman to be “architect of record” in Washington State.

By 1887 she established her architectural practice in Tacoma when the new Tacoma Building and Savings Association hired her as a “draughtsman” to modify modest, ready-made plans for its working and middle-class members. She quickly gained fame and received several independent commissions for middle-class family homes and a commercial building.

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