

A wealthy widow moved her house by barge from Gig Harbor to the North Slope to be near her daughter, who lived there.

Home of Mrs. Margaret Hall, widow of Frank Hall. Built originally in Gig Harbor's Millville (Harbor view Drive) it was considered that city's "largest and most pretentious dwelling". But Margaret Hall, desiring to be closer to her daughter, Mrs. W.W. Powell (who lived at 1118 North I), and convinced that her home could not be disposed of to good advantage where it stood", decided to move her house by barge from Gig Harbor to Tacoma in 1904.

As the structure was being shifted onto two scows for transportation, "a portion of the building dropped off into the water and the house was badly wrecked." The portion lost was a woodshed and upper apartment and James M. Nichols "...a member of the contracting firm, stated last night that while the house was seriously injured, he thought he could repair it and set it together so that it would be all right."



The contractors had initially attempted to move the house with the furniture inside; however, after the accident, which did not damage any of the furniture, it was decided to send all the furnishings over by steamer separately. The transportation of the house was completed successfully.

Original architect, builder and contractor unknown.