

1402 North 5th

The American Foursquare style house at 1402 North 5th was built in 1903 for Ernest Lister, who was later Washington State Governor. The house, with a wrap around porch, faces both North 5th and Sheridan Streets.



Ernest Lister house, 1402 North 5th

Lister came to Tacoma from England in 1884. He was an iron molder, and then partnered with his brother in construction, real estate, insurance, and lumber. He served on Tacoma City Council at age 23.

While Governor in 1919 he suffered a collapse, and died at age 48 of heart and kidney disease. His wife died five years later, and both his children died young, at age 27 and 30.