

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Taken from the National Register of Historic Places, NSHD Nomination

The home at 1721 N. Steele, on the corner of North K and Steele, is an American Foursquare, built in 1909 for William W. Glenn and his wife, Ethel, whom he married in 1906. The family eventually consisted of the parents and five daughters and one son, and the commodious house had room for all.

Mr. Glenn was the office manager of Sperry Flour Mills and the Centennial Flour Mills for 27 years. Flour mills spread over the state of Washington as wheat farmers on the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains increased their yield.

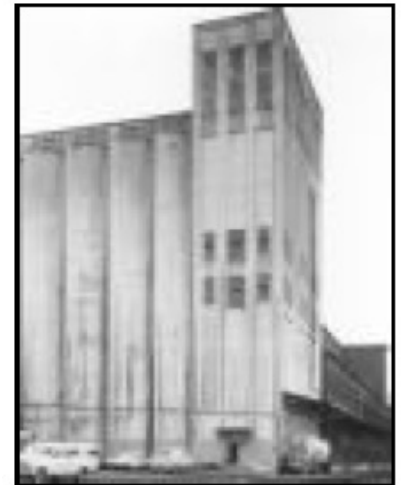


1721 N STEELE ST, c. 1977

At one time, Sperry Flour Co. was the largest milling organization in the West. The Tacoma plant produces 5,000 barrels per day of flour, which allows for large amounts to get sent throughout the world. The company underwent regular expansion in order to remain the largest mill in Tacoma.

In addition to his employment, Mr. Glenn was a leader in Tacoma's Boy Scout movement, serving as Scoutmaster of Troop No. 1 for over 30 years.

He went on to act as district Commissioner for the scouts and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, as well as the American Legion's Meritorious Service Award for his activities in support of the Boy Scouts.



SPERRY MILL

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