

1015 North 5th Street

This 1905 home in the North Slope Historic District is an American Foursquare constructed by the Cornell Brothers Contracting firm of Tacoma. In fact, it was the home of Ernest C. Cornell, and the house next door, (visible to the left,) was the home of his brother Daniel, his partner in the contracting firm bearing their name. The brothers were born in Knox County, Ohio, and learned the contracting business from their father, Julius Cornell.

The brothers came separately to Tacoma in the late 1880s, and within a year or two Ernest started a contracting firm, taking his brother as a partner the following year. The partnership was to last over 50 years, and resulted in their building numerous residences besides their own. Both brothers married and raised daughters in Tacoma.

Besides homes, the brothers constructed many prominent buildings in Tacoma, such as the First



Presbyterian Church, the Port piers and grain elevators, the Elks Temple and the Stone-Fisher Building. Homes, besides their own, included the Chester Thorne and Weyerhaeuser residences, as well as 1319 N. 4th in our North Slope neighborhood.