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## Banks in Magnolia...Then...1948

by Monica Wooton

"The types of businesses in the Village have varied greatly with the times. By the late 1940s, construction was booming and so were the seven real estate offices located in the Village. The increase in population also brought with it seven gas stations. Doctors, dentists, barbers and beauticians soon arrived to take care of the residents' personal needs. The 1940s also brought the moneymen..."

Since then, banks have come and gone, and/or changed their names. By 2000, it leveled off at three commercial banks including Bank of America, Key Bank and US Bank...also Washington Mutual and Washington Federal Savings. There were not many eating establishments in the Village during its first forty years. The first on the scene were Tenny's and the Magnolia Bowl Snack Shop...Tenny's became GG's sometime in the 1960s and in its present reincarnation is Szmania's opened in 1990. The boomer kids loved Cherrie's Delicatessen and going with Mom to the Hickory Hut on 33rd Avenue West between West Wheeler Street and West McGraw Street. It was the only cafeteria-style restaurant ever located in the Village. It went out of business when the building complex was developed into medical and business offices in the 1980s."

"The first bank in Magnolia (Magnolia State Bank) was started with \$100,000.00 capitol. Ralph Wayland, Dr. H. J. Wycoff, Paul Saad. Earl Phillips and Herb Gould (all Magnolia residents) had planned the bank for some time. Each had invested money as part of the capital for the start-up. By the time it opened, Dr. Wycoff had passed away and his widow Mrs. Wycoff joined the others as a director, an unusual position for a woman in those days."



A very young Irene Holroyd, second from the left, donated this photo. She was the first teller/account processor. She still resides in Magnolia.

## And, Now...over sixty years later...2011

One gas station, a wine bar, the bakery, a book store, an ice cream parlor, two real estate offices, two coffee spots, two ATM's, fifteen restaurants; the doctors, dentists and beauticians have stayed, the barbers are Vietnamese women - and, in September we welcomed yet another bank branch to the Village, our seventh: Umpqua Bank, with is Northwest roots in Canyonville, Oregon - a place for local lumberjacks to cash their paychecks in 1953 - *Magnolia: Memories & Milestones, 2000: by Joan Santucci, "The Village", pp 174-18.5 and Magnolia: Making More Memories. 2007 by Irene Holroyd, pp 254-25, "Magnolia's First Bank."* Compiled/Excerpted by Monica Wooton.

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## MHS Board for 2011-2012

- ◆ We welcome Mimi Sheridan who brings to the Board a wealth of historical work and knowledge about Seattle history
- ◆ Jeff Cunningham adds a youthful perspective and gets us into the 20<sup>th</sup> century with a new Facebook page
- ◆ Monica Wooton continues to serve as President
- ◆ Dee St. George is our Treasurer
- ◆ Jan Parent is our Secretary
- ◆ Jennifer Ryan (not pictured) and Dale Hogle serve at large
- ◆ Roxanne Tillman, who retired after 4 years, will still stay in touch



Monica Wooton



Mimi Sheridan



Dale Hogle



Jan Parent



Roxanne Tillman



Jeff Cunningham



Dee St. George

Thanks to LuAnn Mitchell who served 2010-2011.  
We'll miss you!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

This spring, we plan to hold writing workshops.

We look forward to the 40th anniversary of Discovery Park.

Spring General Meeting:

- Elect Board
- Discuss the new Historic District—Officer's Row and the NCO housing at the Fort going up for sale to private citizens
- Update on the Admiral's House historic land marking and sale

Details at [www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.org)

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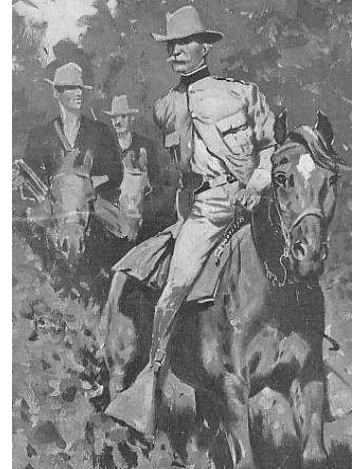
## Snapshot in Time: Magnolia... What is in a name...the name of Lawton?

by Monica Wooton

### Then ...

Over 110 years ago this month on December 19, 1899, Major General Henry Ware Lawton was felled at the aged of 56 in the Philippine-American War. He had a distinguished career in the Civil War, the Apache War (where he is credited with the capture of Geronimo in a dramatic skirmish of cat and mouse), and the Spanish American War; and, was the only US General officer killed in the Philippine-American War.

His military career was put on hold when he attended and graduated from Harvard Law School; but in the end he pursued a military career. He was married and it is said his wife, Mary Craig, followed him on all his tours of duty. His career is described as brilliant.

Photo courtesy of [www.warhistoriansociety.net](http://www.warhistoriansociety.net)

Major General  
Henry Ware Lawton  
1843 - 1899

He is known as an officer who inspired troops with his leadership style, fought side by side with them and incorporated and taught them many tactics he had learned from the Indians (whom earned great respect from Lawton) in the Apache War. He served as Military Governor in Cuba after it fell; and took his role to rebuild seriously with great concern for the sanitary needs and health of the native people.

During his illustrious career it is reported that he was not well liked by his last commander Major General Elwell Otis; and, Otis was outspoken about his feelings for Lawton. Many came to classify it as simple jealousy. Ironically, Major General Otis played a controversial part in the establishment of our fort in Magnolia and he was dismissed from his role when there was a contentious debate over the placement of that installation. The installation was opened February 8, 1899 and was named Fort Lawton two months after Lawton was killed in action fighting with his troops.

The day of his death, papers were being filed on the order of President McKinley to make Lawton a Brigadier General in the regular army.

### Now...

Magnolia, to this day, has many things named after Major General Henry Ware Lawton: Lawton Elementary, Lawton Park and Ravine, and the Lawton Wood neighborhood. In the 1970's, after Fort Lawton was to become a city park, the Friends of Lawton Park lost their battle to keep the name Lawton. The new Park, under the guidance of Judge Donald Voorhees and the Seattle City Council had the Fort renamed to Discovery Park after the ship Captain Vancouver sailed on in his discovery and naming mission of the Puget Sound. It is further reported, that Judge Voorhees loved the double entendre of the word "discovery" for the Park because it would be a park of historic proportions like the Ship; but, also a place of "discovery" for every child and adult who entered it and discovered the open space, the natural habitat and wildlife that would reside there in the years to come. And, so it is.

*Sources for this article include: Magnolia: Memories & Milestones: Discovery Park a People's Park, by Bob Kildall; Henry Ware Lawton/Fort Lawton, Wikipedia. [www.militarymuseum.org/lawton.html](http://www.militarymuseum.org/lawton.html)*

## "Like" the Magnolia Historical Society on Facebook

The Magnolia Historical Society is proud to announce that we now have a Facebook page.

We will be posting all of our events or any news.

We also hope to post a historical photo with a description or a historical quote about twice a month.

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when you are  
living through it.”

- John W. Gardner

