

# SIDEWALK STAMPS

*A Field Guide to Tacoma's Streets, Sidewalks and Walkways Stamps.*

Listing of Contractor Stamps / Maker marks

\* Stamps found in College Park Historic District

■ **Adler & Ruth Contractors \***

Henry (Heinrich) J. Adler (1887-1954)

Place of birth: Kolb, Saratov, Russia

John (Johann) Peter Ruth (1887-1969)

Place of birth: Peskovatka, Saratov, Russia

Stamp                      **A&R-01**

Year:                        1923 (1&2), 1926 (3)

Text:                        "ADLER & RUTH CONTRACTORS"

Shape:                     Elliptical

Size:                        15" x 10.5"

Location of Example:    (1) NE corner of N 11<sup>th</sup> & Cedar St.  
                                   (2) NE corner of N 11<sup>th</sup> & Cedar St.  
                                   (3) N Grant & Ferry St.

Date Observed:            (1) 2021Dec23  
                                   (2) 2022Mar18  
                                   (3) 2022Apr11

Contractor Information:  
 Address: 2310 S. Alaska (H. Adler); 1620 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> (J. Ruth, 1929)

Years in Business:

References:

*Polk City Directory*, 1929, p. 1054 (H. Adler)  
 & 1057 (J. Ruth)



■ **Anderson & Liljebeck \***

Albert Anderson (1884-), Place of birth: Sweden  
 John Gottfrid Liljebeck (1878-1937), Place of birth:  
 Sweden. Anna Anderson-Liljebeck (spouse)

Stamp                    **A&L-01**

Year:                    1926 & 1917?  
 Text:                    “ANDERSON & LILJEBECK  
 CONTRACTORS” “10-11-26”  
 Shape:                  Parallelogram  
 Size:                    19” overall x 7”

Location of Example:    (1) N 21<sup>st</sup> & Junett in the Street;  
                                   (2) N 7<sup>th</sup> & D St.  
                                   (3) N 33<sup>rd</sup> & Tyler

Date Observed:        (1) 2021Nov30  
                                   (2) 2022Jan25  
                                   (3) 2022Oct07

**Contractor Information:**

Address:                h. 621 N. Fife St. (1916-1949) A.  
                                   Anderson  
                                   Joseph Warter lived here in 1909?  
                                   h. 4039 McKinley Ave (1916) J  
                                   Liljebeck

Years in Business: at least until 1935 (PCD)

**References:**

*Polk City Directory*, 1921, p. 831, Cement Contr.  
                                   (Andersen); p. 832, (Liljebeck),  
                                   Cement Contr.

*Polk City Directory*, 1935, p. 57  
 US Census 1930, Liljebeck listed as Paving Contr.



■ **H. Clausen Co. \***

Hans Rasmussen Clausen (1894-1925) Place of birth: Svendborg, Fyn, Denmark

Stamp                    **HRC-01**

Year:                    1909  
Text:                    "H CLAUSEN CO."  
Shape:                  Circular  
Size:                    9.25" Dia.

Location of Example:    (1) NW corner of N 13<sup>th</sup> & Junett St.  
                                  (2) SE corner of N 13<sup>th</sup> & Pine

Date Observed:            (1) 2016Apr23  
                                  (2) 2022Mar18

Contractor Information:  
  Address: Home            1910 Ash St. (1908)  
                                  1910 S. Sprague Ave. (1910)

Years in Business:

References:  
  *Polk City Directory*, 1908, p. 238, Grading Contr.  
  *Polk City Directory*, 1910, p. 238, Cement Worker



■ **Concrete Construction Co. \***

Robert Morris Thompson, Pres & Tres. (1878-1958), Mining engineer  
 Moses E. Langford, VP & Superintendent  
 Charles W. Thompson, Sec. (1879- )  
 Supt for Savage Scofield Gravel pits (1911)

**Stamp**                    **CCC-01**  
 Year:                    1908  
 Text:                    “CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CO”  
 Shape:                    Cartouche  
 Size:                    9” X 12”

Location of Example:    (1) N 20<sup>th</sup> & Junett, NE corner  
                                   (2) N 19<sup>th</sup> & Junett

Date Observed:            2021Nov22

Contractor Information:  
 Address: E 31<sup>st</sup> and East E St. (1910)  
           3213 N. 28<sup>th</sup> St. (R Thompson, 1917)

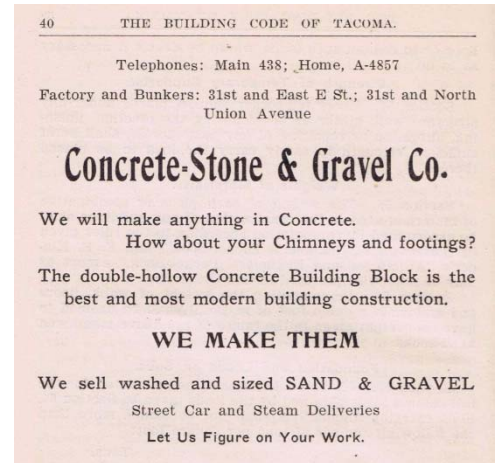
Years in Business:

References:

*Polk City Directory*, 1908, p.  
 US Census 1910



1907 Polk City Directory Ad.



1909 Tacoma Building Code.

■ **Nels C. Christensen \***

(1880-1956) born in Denmark

Stamp

Year: 1914

Text: (3) line, 2" letters , N. C.,  
CHRISTENSEN, 1914

Shape: Diamond, lower left side perpendicular  
to the sidewalk

Size: 19.5"x13" overall

Location of Example: (1 & 2) 911 - 917 N Alder.  
(Mid-block)

Date Observed: (1) 2023Jun25  
(2) 2023Jan29

Contractor Information:

Address: h. 4047 East G Street (1911-1935)  
h. 4051 East G Street (1930 US Census)

Years in Business: 1914-

References:

*Polk City Directory*, 1909, p 228, Christensen, Nels,  
Laborer of Concrete Const. Co.

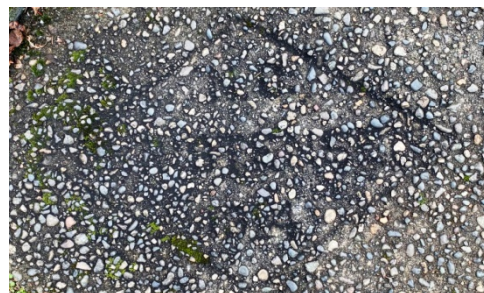
*Polk City Directory*, 1911, p 238, Christenson, Nels,  
Concrete Worker.

*Polk City Directory*, 1914, p 807, Christensen, Nels,  
Cement Contractor, All Kinds of  
Cement Work, Done, Walls and  
Steps and Specialty.

*Polk City Directory*, 1918, p 843, Christensen, Nels,  
Concrete Contractor.

*Polk City Directory*, 1928, p 197, Christensen, Nels,  
Contractor.

*Polk City Directory*, 1936, p 983, Christensen, Neils,  
Cement Contractor.



■ Erikson & Anderson \*

Andrew Erikson (1882-)  
Jacob Wilhelm Anderson (1875-1947)

Stamp                    **E&A-01**

Year:                    1913 (1&2) 1915 (3)  
Text:                    “ERIKSON & ANDERSON TACOMA”  
Shape:                  Circular  
Size:                    11.5” Dia.

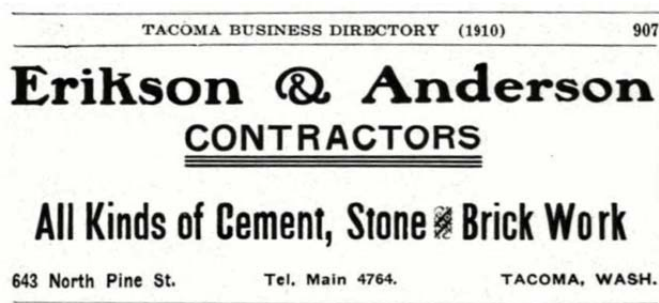
Location of Example:    (1) S. 11<sup>TH</sup> & Alder St.  
                                  (2) E. 35<sup>th</sup> & E St.  
                                  (3) N. 11<sup>th</sup> & Tacoma Ave.

Date Observed:            (1) 2021Dec07  
                                  (2) 2022Feb25  
                                  (3) 2022Jun03

Contractor Information:  
Address: 643 N. Pine St. (A Erikson, 1910-13)  
5209 S. Yakima Ave. (J. Anderson, 1913)  
Years in Business:

References:

*Polk City Directory, 1910, p. 906*



1910 Polk City Directory p. 907 Ad





**Keasal Construction Company \***

Frank Anthony Keasal, Pres. & Tres. (1860-1937)  
Renaldo Keasal, VP (1885-1959)  
Thaddeus Hill, Sec.  
Keasal Construction & Keasal-McDowell Logging Co. (1912)

**Stamp**                    **FAK-02**  
  
Year:                    1912 & 1911  
Text:                    “KEASAL CONSTR. COMPANY”  
Shape:                    Shield  
Size:                    14” x 13” overall.

Location of Example:    (1) N 16<sup>th</sup> & Cedar, removed by city 2022Apr. (Lost)  
    (2) N. 17<sup>th</sup> & Cedar, removed by city 2022Apr. (Lost)

Date Observed:            (1) 2006Jun  
    (2) 2021Nov19

Contractor Information:  
Address:            626 Provident Building (1910)  
    2312 A. St. (1912)

Years in Business:

References:

*Polk City Directory*, 1910, p. 908



Frank Anthony Keasal



■ **F. A Keasal Contractor \***

Stamp                    **FAK-03**  
Year:                    1920's ca.  
Text:                    "F. A. KEASAL CONTRACTOR"  
Shape:                    Text Only  
Size:                    23" x 5.5" overall, 2" letters

Location of Example:    (1) N. 25<sup>th</sup> & Junett St.  
                                  (2) N. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Union Ave.

Date Observed:        (1) 2022Jan20  
                                  (2) 2022Mar01

Contractor Information:  
Address:

Years in Business:

References:

*Polk City Directory*, 1928, p.



■ **Nelsen & Warter \***

Chris Nelsen  
Warter?

Stamp

Year: 1907?  
Text: "NELSEN & WARTER -  
CONSTRUCTORS"  
Shape: Rectangle with concave insets, arched  
text  
Size: 12" x 5.75"

Location of Example: (1) N 21<sup>th</sup> & Cedar St. – SE  
Corner

Date Observed: 2022Feb15  
2022Apr, removed by city  
(Lost)

Contractor Information:  
Address: r. 2613 A St. (1908)

Years in Business: 1907-1908?

References:

*Polk City Directory*, 1908, p. 668, Concrete Contr.  
(Nelsen)

*Polk City Directory*, 1908, p. 926, Concrete Contr.  
(Warter, but which one, Anton or  
Joseph and Michael is listed as a  
carpenter?)



■ **J Pratt Contractor \***

John Pratt (1856-1941)

**Stamp**                    **JPC-01**  
**Year:**                    1911  
**Text:**                    “J PRATT - CONTRACTOR”  
**Shape:**                 Rectangle with concave corners  
**Size:**                    7.25” x 12.5”.

**Location of Example:**    (1) NW corner of N 12<sup>th</sup> & Steele St. (2) SE corner of N11th & Steel

**Date Observed:**            (1) 2021 Dec03; (2) 2022Feb16

**Contractor Information:**  
**Address: Home**            h. 832 N. Steele

**Years in Business:**

**References:**

*Polk City Directory*, 1910, p 664, Cement Worker.  
*US Census*, 1910, Cement Work



Cast iron stamp 1913, Scott Armstrong collection,

■ Sivertson & Williams \*

Olaf Hans Theodor Sivertson (1884-1985)  
Ole Andres Williams (1865-1942)  
(Ole Andreas Vihelmson)  
Inga Marie Sivertson, spouse

Stamp                    **S&W-01**

Year:                    1913  
Text:                    “SIVERTSON & WILLIAMS”  
Shape:                  Circular  
Size:                    10” Dia.

Location of Example:    (1) N 14<sup>th</sup> & Prospect  
                                  (2) E 37<sup>th</sup> & G St.  
                                  (3) S 58<sup>th</sup> & G St.

Date Observed:            (1) 2022Jan22  
                                  (2) 2022Feb25  
                                  (3) 2022Jun13

Contractor Information:  
Address: Home, 2315 S. Grant Ave. (O. Sivertson),  
Cement Contr (1910); 2823 So. J St. (O. Williams)  
Cement Contr. (1912)

Years in Business:

References:  
*Polk City Directory*, 1910, p. 734  
*Polk City Directory*, 1912, p. 832  
*Polk City Directory*, 1913, p. 672





■ Works Progress Administration\*

Stamp WPA-01  
Year: 1938 & 1939  
Text: "WPA"  
Shape: Text Only  
Size: 14" x 10" overall, Upper letter 4" tall, lower 2"

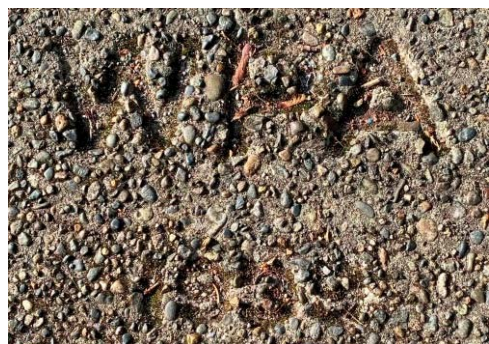
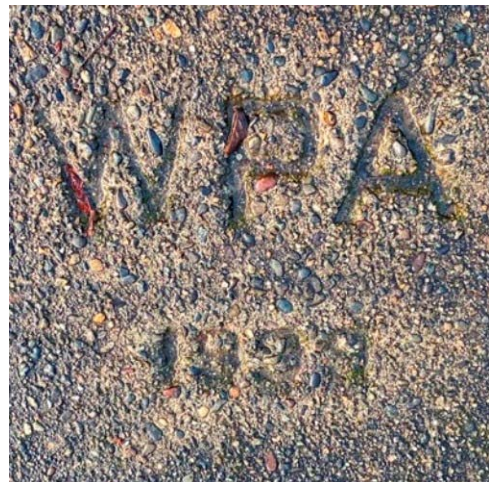
Location of Example: (1) NE corner of N 15<sup>th</sup> Junett St.  
(2) 4101 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St.

Date Observed: (1) 2021Nov26  
(2) 2022Jan28

Contractor Information  
Address:  
Years in Business:

References:

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# SIDEWALK STAMPS

## House Names, Numbers and other stamps

\* Stamps found in College Park Historic District

### ■ DURHAM \*



Letters in Sidewalk at pathway to 2917 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Harry J. Denham was in Real Estate and own the  
property in 1910, Date observed 2021Jan21

References:

Polk City Directory 1910, p 277

### ■ ALVIN MUEHLER \*



3002 N. 21st Street, Alvin F. Muehler home built 1909,  
Letters in stair riser from sidewalk, Date observed  
2022Jan28

References:

Tacoma Daily Ledger 1909Sep05, p. 36, Alvin Muehler,  
president of Hop growers Association