

3343 NW Byron St., Silverdale, Wa. 98383
Block-14, Lot-1.

Silverdale State Bank – Ocean Park Building

Owner - Cannongate Development LLC.

4458-014-001-0207

K.C. Assessor classification – Medical Office.

County says it was built in 1919.

Opened for business Monday, 29 March 1920.

Kitsap County Historical Society used all the building from 1 June 1976 to 1995.



Picture above is 15 June 1969, Burt Boyd

Silverdale State Bank, was the first masonry building in Silverdale. It was decided to divide the cost of construction with the bank pledging \$2600; the drugstore, \$1900, and the butcher shop \$1700.

The designer of the building was, Bertram Henry Branch, who in 1910, had finished his apprenticeship, school at the University of London, and received membership in the Royal Academy of London. After WW-I, he and his wife, Amy Frances 'Moore' came to Charleston to visit her parents and decided to settle in the Northwest. A. J. Schold was the master carpenter over the project.

The building included Anton Berg's Butcher Shop/Delicatessen in the middle and Dr. Gage's Drug Store & Post Office on the east end.

Dr. Gage, who had the drug store in 1919, cared for patients in a back room. Gage sold the drugstore to Martenson, who in 1925, sold to Ed Nelson, and it became Nelson's Drug Store with a fountain. Then it became Silverdale Sundry Store when turmoil erupted as result of Nelson not being a licensed druggist. Nelson moved the drug store to the 'Breeze' building on Highway-21 (Silverdale Way) in 1957 before selling out.

Timeline

1919-Silverdale State Bank. Albert Brygger, a Seattle and Poulsbo banker, with Mads Thuesen and Bob Robbins were the instigators of Silverdale State Bank. First Board Members were; Soren H. Berg, Charles E. Greaves, A. Brygger, R. Robbins and William Thaanum, who missed

the initial meeting. It was the first masonry building in Silverdale and still in use today. The building included Dr. Gage's Drug Store on east end, and *Berg's Butcher Shop* in the middle. Address 3343 Byron St. NW. In 2021 it is the Esser Company office. See 1920-Silverdale

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 9 January 1920.

Bank For Silverdale

It is announced that Silverdale is to have a bank that will be ready for business within a month. It will be capitalized at \$15,000. Officers will be A. Brygger of the First National Bank of Poulsbo, president; Wm. Thaanum of Seattle, vice-president; R. L. Robbins of Silverdale, cashier; and F. H. Bourg and C. E. Greaves of Silverdale, directors. Mr. Robbins will build a block large enough to hold the bank and two stores.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 26 March 1920.

Silverdale State Bank to Open Monday

The Silverdale State Bank will open its doors for business next Monday, March 29th. The Herald wishes the new bank success and that it may give good service to that prosperous and splendid community. Its officers are: A. Brygger, president; Wm. Thaanum, vice-president; R. L. Robbins, cashier. A good bank is a distinct benefit to a community and we doubt not that Silverdale will give their bank their full support.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 26 March 1920, Silverdale.

The new bank building and the new basement of the church of Silverdale are nearing completion. These improvements are valuable assets to the community life. The business men are especially proud of so nice a room for their social activities. Both are beautiful in design and finish.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 21 May 1920, Silverdale.

Our new meat market is open for business and is very enticing as it is situated in the new bank building.

Below; *K. C. Herald*, 16 July 1920.

(OFFICIAL PUBLICATION)
Report of the Financial Condition of the
Silverdale State Bank
Located at Silverdale, State of Washington,
at the Close of Business on the 30th
day of June, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, less notes and bills rediscounted.....	\$27,866.48
Overdrafts.....	312.20
Other bonds and warrants.....	9,090.39
Banking House.....	5,641.19
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,450.92
Cash on hand, clearing house items, and due from approved reserve agents (Legal reserve).....	5,817.41
Outside checks and other cash items.....	124.29
TOTAL.....	\$51,292.85

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid.....	430.66
Demand deposits.....	26,579.78
Time deposits.....	7,781.88
TOTAL.....	\$51,292.85

Contingent Liabilities: NONE.

State of Washington, County of Kitsap, ss.
 I, R. L. Robbins, cashier of the above named bank, or trust company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 R. L. ROBBINS, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, 1920.
 [Seal] A. L. THARP,
 Notary Public, in and for the State of Washington, residing at Silverdale.

Correct—Attest:
 S. H. BERG,
 C. E. GREAVES,
 Directors.

(OFFICIAL PUBLICATION)
Report of the Financial Condition of the
Silverdale State Bank
Located at Silverdale, State of Washington,
at the Close of Business on the 31st
day of December, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, less notes and bills rediscounted.....	\$37,562.86
Overdrafts.....	90.11
Other bonds and warrants.....	25,521.96
Banking House.....	4,815.83
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,514.87
Cash on hand, clearing house items, and due from approved reserve agents (Legal reserve).....	10,718.84
TOTAL.....	\$73,314.95

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund.....	2,350.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid.....	729.52
Demand deposits.....	37,140.02
Time deposits.....	16,535.41
Dividends unpaid.....	900.80
TOTAL.....	\$73,314.95

Contingent Liabilities: NONE.

State of Washington, County of Kitsap, ss.
 I, A. Brygger, president of the above named bank, or trust company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 A. BRYGGER, President.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Jan., 1922.
 [Seal] G. E. McDOWELL,
 Notary Public, in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle.

Correct—Attest:
 M. THUESEN,
 S. H. BERG,
 A. J. SCHOLZ,
 Directors.

Above; *K. C. Herald*, 13 January 1922.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 31 March 1922.

Buys Controlling Interest in Silverdale Bank

R. E. Gordon, well known as former treasurer of Kitsap county, has bought the controlling interest in the Silverdale State Bank. He took charge recently.

Mr. Gordon is capable and courteous and understands the banking business. He was connected with one of the Bremerton banks before buying in the Silverdale bank. Under his management we have no doubt that the bank will prosper and grow, as Silverdale is a prosperous community from which to draw its support. We wish Mr. Gordon success.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 16 March 1923.

Silverdale Bank Installs Burglar Alarm System

For added protection and security the Silverdale State Bank has recently completed the installation of a modern electrical burglar alarm system in its bank building at Silverdale. The vault door now has a complete electric lining with time clock attached to the combination, so that any attempt to gain unlawful entrance to the vault will immediately set off a large electric gong attached to the wall on the outside of the building. This improvement has been made at considerable expense, but the officers of the bank feel that all possible precautions should be had for the better protection of the bank's property and that of its customers.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 1 June 1923, Silverdale.

Antone Berg and family have rented rooms in the bank building and expect to go into business.

Below; *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 11 July 1924.

(OFFICIAL PUBLICATION)

Report of the Financial Condition of the
Silverdale State Bank
Located at Silverdale, State of Washington,
at the Close of Business on the 30th
day of June, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$35,764.09
Overdrafts	4.00
U. S. Bonds	1,569.20
Other bonds and warrants	60,110.97
Net balances due from approved reserve agents	19,121.85
Cash on hand	1,406.28
Banking House	5,418.60
Furniture and fixtures	3,042.50
TOTAL	\$121,379.05
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund	4,250.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	518.50
Demand deposits	65,477.42
Time deposits	48,163.43
TOTAL	\$121,379.05

Contingent Liabilities: NONE.

State of Washington, County of Kitsap, ss.
 I, H. E. GORDON, cashier of the above named bank, or trust company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 H. E. GORDON, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1924.
 (Seal) E. W. GORDON,
 Notary Public, in and for the State of Washington,
 residing at Silverdale.

Correct—Attest:
 C. E. GRAYES,
 M. THUESSEN,
 EDW. ANDERSON,
 Directors.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 9 October 1925, Silverdale.

C. E. Nelson, who was one of the leading and finest men in the Robbins store, has resigned and bought out our drug store. We now hope that with such a lovely force, it will be made one of the leading drug stores in the state. Mr. Robbins has surely lost one of his finest men, who will be hard to replace.

SOLOMON

Below; *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 23 April 1926.

(OFFICIAL PUBLICATION)

Report of the Financial Condition of the
Silverdale State Bank

Located at Silverdale, State of Washington,
at the Close of Business on the 12th
day of April, 1926.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$45,102.87
Overdrafts.....	7.88
U. S. Bonds, Certificates of Indebtness, War Savings and Thrift Stamps.....	300.00
Other Bonds and warrants.....	75,361.00
Net balances due from approved reserve agents, ex- changes for clearing house, and cash on hand.....	21,279.34
Outside checks and other cash items.....	1,677.84
Banking House.....	5,100.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,700.00
TOTAL.....	\$151,549.02

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund.....	2,500.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid.....	1,369.40
Reserves.....	1,000.00
Demand deposits.....	86,266.35
Time deposits.....	65,413.27
TOTAL.....	\$151,549.02

Contingent Liabilities: NONE.

State of Washington, County of Kitsap, ss.

I, R. E. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, or trust
company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true
to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. E. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1926.

E. W. GORDON,

Notary Public, in and for the State of Washington,
residing at Silverdale.

Correct—Attest:

C. E. GREAVES,
M. THUESSEN,
EDW. ANDERSON,
Directors.

Below; 1926 Yearbook 'Echo', Silverdale, Wa.

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Silverdale Drug Store 1928-41.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday 10 August 1928, Silverdale.

John Greaves had the misfortune to burn his hand Monday with boiling tar while putting it on the roof of the bank building.

Newspaper, *Kitsap County Herald*, Friday, 7 December 1928, Silverdale.

The Silverdale Drug Store has made a decided change by adding to its present capacity the store in connection that was formerly occupied by Anton Berg. The rear part of the building now serves as storage space, while the main drug store has had all partitions removed making a complete change.

Newspaper, *The Breeze*, Editor Tom Hynes, 1928.

The bank here has purchased the east section of the building; the Cash Grocery now occupies. This will now put the bank not only in possession but gives ownership to the entire building. The bank has just installed a motorized posting machine which will expedite office work and which enables it to offer its patrons an up-to-date service plus efficiency.

Newspaper, *The Breeze*, Editor Tom Hynes, 19 September 1929.

CASH GROCERY. "In order to acquaint the Grocery Buyers of Silverdale and surrounding community with our merchandise and prices we are advertising a few items which will be sold at a savings each Friday and Saturday. Mr. P. W. Torpey who has been in the grocery business for a number of years will manage the store." Yours for Business, Carl Ainsworth.

1932 – Silverdale; At 12:45 p.m., Thursday, 7 January 1932. Silverdale State Bank is robbed by two neatly dressed young men driving a Chevrolet touring car. The only employee on duty was E. L. Gordon, brother of bank president Bob Gordon, who was home at lunch. They received \$797.16 and never got caught.

Newspaper, *Silverdale Breeze*, Editor Tom Hynes, 18 August 1932.

The Silverdale State Bank is to have a new covering. A large force of men is now engaged in putting on a new roof on that structure. Evidently the bank officials have decided that the institution needs more protection from the rain rather than robbers.

Below advertisement, *Silverdale Breeze*, Thursday, 24 September 1936.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
Note books Typewriting - paper
Pencils. Pens, Ink,
Tablets, Filler - paper, and all
other SCHOOL NEEDS.
VISIT
ED NELSON'S STORE
Silverdale

Newspaper, *Silverdale Breeze*, Thursday, 12 August 1948.

Nelson's Drug Store Renovation Continues

Renovations and expansion of Nelson's Drug Store has progressed to a point where merchandise is being moved into the new addition; moving will continue in preparation for renovation of the rest of the store. The Drug store is open for business even though work continues.

Ed Nelson, proprietor of the establishment, came to Silverdale from Kansas with his parents, in 1911. In the years previous to the purchase of the drug store, he was employed in various capacities. He was employed in the Navy Yard; at one time carried mail on the Port Orchard Rural Route. He was in the service for two years in World War-I. After the war he was employed as bookkeeper by a merchandise concern owned by A. M. Waage. When Waage sold out to R. L. Robbins, Mr. Nelson was retained as head clerk by the new owner.

In 1925 Mr. Nelson bought the drug store from Ray Stout and Chris Mortonsen and has carried on the business since, adding new lines of merchandise from time to time.

He married Dorothy Peake in Puyallup in 1932 and the couple took up residence in the home now owned by the Stuart Fraziers. Four years ago, the Nelsons with their two children, Janice and Jerry, moved into the former Robbins home which they purchased at that time.

The Nelson Drug Store employs four clerks in addition to Mr. Nelson, they are: Mrs. Elmo Hensrud, Miss Shirley Berg, Miss Donna Anderson and Miss Pat Wilson.

Cordell Sunkel,

Ed Nelson was a nice guy, polite, and made the best tuna sandwiches.

Marlene 'Brooks' Hattrick, 25 July 2017

"My dad, Albert Brooks, bought ice cream from Ed & Dorothy to bring home every Saturday night to make root beer floats!"

Phil Best, 20 March 2018.

In the early 50s we would ride bikes to the Silverdale Drug Store and read comic books & get ice cream cones for 5 cents.

Lloyd Berg, 25 April 2018.

Silverdale State Bank Director Soren H. Berg (page-1) was my grandfather. Anton Berg (page-2) was my great-uncle. My sister Shirley was a "soda-Jerk" for Ed Nelson (page-3).

Newspaper, *Silverdale Breeze*, Thursday, 23 September 1954.

Silverdale State Bank Enlarges Quarters

The Silverdale State Bank has recently taken over the rooms previously occupied by Nelson's Sundries, thus doubling its office space.

It is planned to have more counter room and working space and enlarged lobby. There will also be a separate room for the use of safe deposit box holders and for use of customers in general, as well as much needed storage room for supplies, etc.

It will be some time before the alterations are completed; in the meantime, it is hoped that the work may be done with as little inconvenience to customers and employees as possible.

The Silverdale State Bank is now thirty-five years old, has grown from a small total \$50,000 in deposits to its present total assets of more than \$800,000, and from only one employee to six.

However, the bank had until now occupied no more space than when originally organized in 1919, so it became imperative to make a general enlargement of its quarters.

The bank has been under the same management for thirty-two years.

Newspaper, *Silverdale Breeze*, Thursday, 9 February 1956.

Silverdale State Bank Then and Now

The Silverdale State Bank was incorporated and opened for business in 1919, thirty-six years ago with R. L. Robbins as Cashier and Manager. C. E. Greaves, A. J. Schold, S. H. Berg, R. L. Robbins and Mads Thuesen, all residents of Silverdale were directors.

The bank erected its present building on land which it bought from Mrs. Emma Linn. At that time the bank in common with the Silverdale community lacked a great deal in the line of modern conveniences. There was no electric lights, water or sewer system.

Mr. Gordon, the present manager, was in those days also postmaster, and it was his duty to be on hand each morning to tie up the mail for dispatch on the 6:45 boat for Seattle and way points. He was then usually on the job until six in the evening, which was rather a long day compared with present customary working hours.

For a while he took care of the bank and post office alone until noon, then a young lady, Miss Thelma Berg, now Mrs. Lawrence Schold assisted in the afternoon.

At the time the bank equipment consisted of a worn-out typewriter, adding machine, small desk and a wood heating stove. However, there was, and is, a good modern manganese safe and roomy vault. All bookkeeping was done with the old pen and ink, but as the bank seldom had more than fifteen or twenty deposits and a proportionate number of checks to handle it was managed without difficulty.

Business was begun with a capital investment of \$16,500 and about \$40,000 in deposits. This has increased to a present capital set up of \$90,000 and total resources of nearly \$900,000.

Mr. Gordon, the President, bought an interest in the bank in 1922 and since that time has been its manager, which probably make him the elder banker in Kitsap County insofar as continuous management of one institution is concerned.

It might be noted that in 1933, when all banks in the country were closed by government decree during the so-called "Bank Holiday" the Silverdale Bank was rated "Sound" by the banking authorities and authorized to open on an unrestricted basis, without waivers of any sort being asked of its depositors.

Present officers of the bank are E. A. Borge, Chairman of the Board and Vice President; R. E. Gordon, President; R. W. Gordon, Cashier and Mrs. Helen Peterson Assistant Cashier and four other assistants, Helen Gordon and Ellen Hopkins, full time, Irene Parker and Vernetta Johnson, part time.

The Board of Directors consists of E. A. Borgen, R. E. Gordon, Wm. R. Greaves, Theo B. Hilstad and Henry Peterson. The bank is entirely home owned, no stock being held by any one not living in Kitsap County.

During the past year the banking quarters have been more than doubled in space, modern fixtures, lighting, heating and plumbing installed, all of which adds greatly to the comfort and convenience of the bank personnel and customers.

The officers and directors of the bank have endeavored at all time to serve the community efficiently and faithfully and they extend their very sincere thanks to the people of Silverdale and adjacent communities for their very loyal patronage.

Below; Newspaper, *Silverdale Breeze*, Thursday, 19 January 1957.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF SILVERDALE STATE BANK State No. 98-431 Of Silverdale in the State of Washington at the close of business on December 31, 1956	
ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	\$143,217.21
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	458,633.03
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	18,416.32
Loans and discounts (including \$161.51 overdrafts)	285,567.46
Bank premises owned \$5,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$3,400.00	8,400.00
Other assets	3,101.55
TOTAL ASSETS	917,335.57
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	468,909.40
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	325,080.72
Deposits of United States Government	2,175.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	19,000.00
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks etc.)	8,365.20
TOTAL DEPOSITS	823,530.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES	823,530.32
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital*	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus	30,000.00
Undivided profits	33,805.25
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	93,805.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	917,335.57
*This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of.....\$30,000.00	
MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes, None.	
I, R. W. Gordon, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest: R. W. Gordon	
R. E. Gordon, E. A. Borgen, Wm. R. Greaves, Directors. State of Washington, County of Kitsap, ss:	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, 1957, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. (SEAL) C. E. NELSON, NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires May 20, 1958	
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION	

Obituary, *Port Orchard Independent*, 1 June 1964.

Robert Ernest Gordon

The funeral will be Wednesday for Robert Ernest Gordon, 76, Kitsap County banker and civic leader for more than 40 years who died Saturday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Born July 3, 1887, on Cedar City, Mo., he came with his parents to South Kitsap in 1907. In 1912, when he lived in Port Orchard, he married Emma R. Warner. He was county auditor and treasurer at that time.

In 1918, he went to work for the Citizen's Bank in Bremerton, moving to Silverdale in 1922. He was manager of the Silverdale National Bank for 42 years.

He was a former Republican County Central committee chairman, a member of the Silverdale Elementary School board and a life member of Bremerton Elks Lodge-1181.

Mr. Gordon is survived by his wife, at the home in Silverdale; a son, Robert W., Silverdale; a daughter, Mrs. Edward (Edith) Iverson, Camano Island; a brother, Roy Gordon, Modesto, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Dora Phipps, Eldorado Springs, Mo., and two grandchildren.

Below, Newspaper, *Silverdale Breeze*, Wednesday, 29 September 1965.

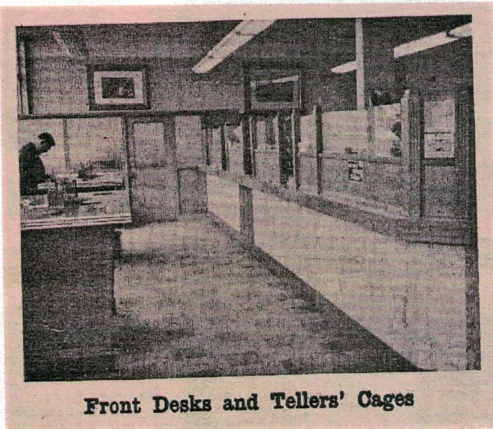


Silverdale Breeze, 29 September 1965.



Robert W. Gordon
Executive Vice President

Silverdale Breeze, 29 September 1965.



Front Desks and Tellers' Cages

Silverdale Breeze, 29 September 1965.



**Seated - Sandra Dutton
Bookkeeper**
**Center - Helen Gordon
Assistant Cashier**
**Right - Lillian Youngs
Bookkeeper & Teller**

Silverdale Breeze, 29 September 1965.



**Seated - Betty Hall
Bookkeeper & Teller**
**Standing - Doris Bickle
Assistant Cashier**

Below picture; Doing business in the old bank, 26 November 1976, Burt Boyd.

