

HOW DID YOUR STREET GET ITS NAME?

Have you ever wondered how your street got its name? So often a person lives in an area knowing little or nothing about its history. Even areas such as the Beaver Valley and the Pend d'Oreille Valley have a rich and sometimes colourful past.

The Beaver Valley and the Pend d'Oreille Historical Society has put together a small booklet containing a brief account of the stories behind the place names, streets and creeks of the area and is available for purchase at the Beaver Valley Library for a small cost.

We encourage everyone to visit the Library and purchase one of the booklets. Proceeds from the sale of the booklets go back to the Beaver Valley and the Pend d'Oreille Historical Society.

Below are some selected excerpts from the booklet. Read the full accounts in the booklet, *How Did Your Street Get Its Name?*

FRUITVALE

Fruitvale was originally named Beaver Siding because it was a railway stop for the Great Northern Railroad. Then, in 1906, a land corporation called Fruitvale Limited, purchased a great deal of land on both sides of this stop and changed the name to Fruitvale. This name played an important part in the propaganda scheme which depicted Fruitvale as the best fruit growing area in the West Kootenays.

COLUMBIA GARDENS

Columbia Gardens, in 1892, existed only in the form of a steamer landing called Sayward Landing which was situated just below the mouth of Beaver Creek. It was established to land the supplies that were needed to construct the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railroad through the Beaver Valley. After the construction of the railroad was completed, Sayward existed only as a train stop until the early 1900's when....

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BEAVER STREET

Beaver Siding was the original name for Fruitvale. The name Beaver was first applied to this area because of the large population of beavers found in the district when....

DAVIS AVENUE

Davis Avenue is named after a well known pioneer of the area, Mr. H.C. Davis. Mr. Davis came to Fruitvale in 1907 where he was part of the original survey party. After that job was finished he bought a piece of property for himself and cleared a stump ranch. Four years later he purchased the general store....

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NELSON AVENUE

Nelson Avenue is situated on the north side of the Beaver Valley. It runs from Highway Drive to Mountain Street. Nelson Avenue was originally referred to as "Swede Alley" because....

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