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## New Exhibit: Pike Place Market Centennial

The exhibit depicts the market's first hundred years, including its founding and development, its farmers and shoppers, and the citizen initiative that saved it from urban renewal in the 1970s. SMA's first exhibit to be in an online-only format, it can be viewed at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/CityArchives/Exhibits/PPM/default.htm>

Focusing on the relationship of the market with City government and its citizens, the exhibit incorporates documents and audio material not used in previous narratives of the market. In one of the first annual reports by the market inspector, he reported, "Compliments of the highest order have been paid the Public Market in general by visitors to the City from the East." (*Public Market Annual Report, December 1909, Health Department Annual Reports 1802-66, Seattle Municipal Archives*)



Inspectors from the Department of Weights and Measures inspecting scales at the market, 1916  
Seattle Municipal Archives item no. 32310

Privatization of the market, disputes among farmers, and the debate surrounding its rehabilitation are addressed in the exhibit. Audio material from City Council hearings on the Pike Plaza Urban Renewal Project are presented, giving listeners an idea of the issues and heated arguments surrounding the rehabilitation ideas relating to the Market.



Artist at work during Corner Market paint-in, 1975  
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## Seattle Municipal Archives Website Redesigned

The Seattle Municipal Archives has a new look to its website! Please take a look around at: <http://www.seattle.gov/cityarchives/>  
The new site matches the look and feel of the City's website and organizes information into easier-to-find categories.

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#### What's New

Check out our new [online exhibit](#) commemorating the centennial of the Pike Place Market.

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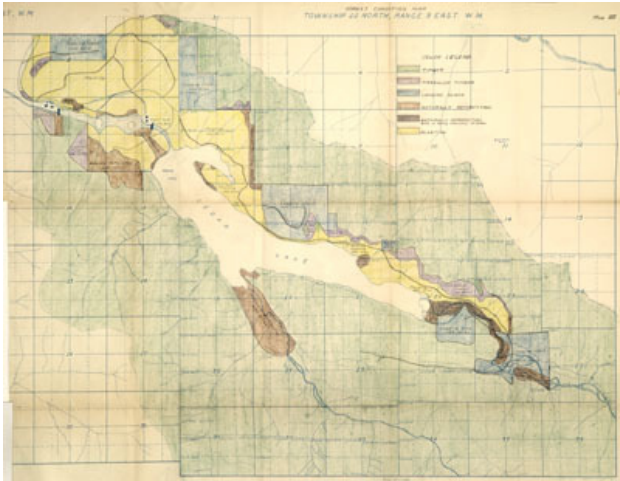
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New to the website is a "Teaching and Learning" area featuring an Archives 101 section, and a place for teachers to suggest and look for classroom projects using primary sources. The Local History Resources link on the "quick find" sidebar offers new resources and succinct descriptions of what you can expect to find. We'd love feedback, so take a look and let us know what you think!

## Maps New to the Database

Maps cataloged recently include 1914 and 1924 maps relating to the Cedar River Watershed. Included are timber cruise maps and maps depicting ownership.



Cedar River Watershed Forest Condition Map, created by the Seattle Water Department. Shows status of reforestation and logging. November 1924. Item 1762

Search the Maps Index:

<http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~public/maps1.htm>

## One Hundred Years Ago

Among the towns annexed to Seattle in 1907 was Columbia City. Common to many small, growing towns was the struggle for an affordable and reliable water supply. In his 1907 annual message, W.W. Phalen, the Mayor of the City of Columbia, writes: "My attention has been called to the existing conditions in our water system of Columbia, in which we find a great amount of water going to waste on account of the leaky condition of the pipes and our reservoir."

The vote on annexation on March 5, 1907, was 109 to 3 in favor of annexation. The City of Columbia became part of the 12th Ward in the City.



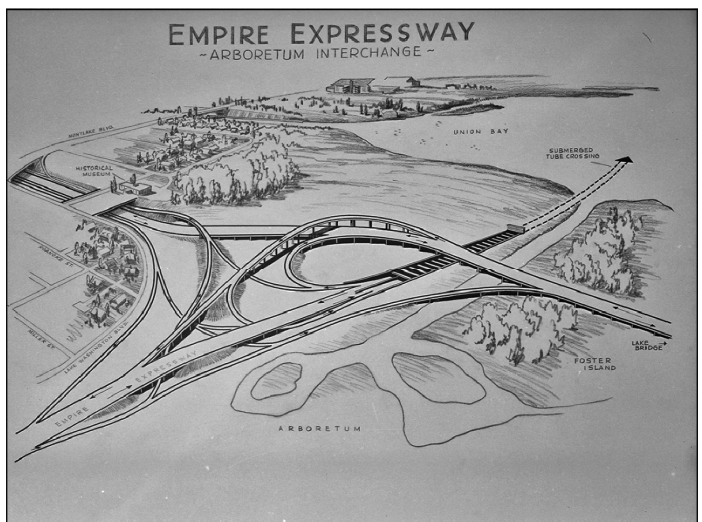
*W.W. Phalen was mayor of Columbia City in 1905 and 1907. This picture was taken in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in about 1895. In addition to serving as mayor, Phalen also ran a successful grocery business in Columbia City.*

*Courtesy: Rainier Valley Historical Society  
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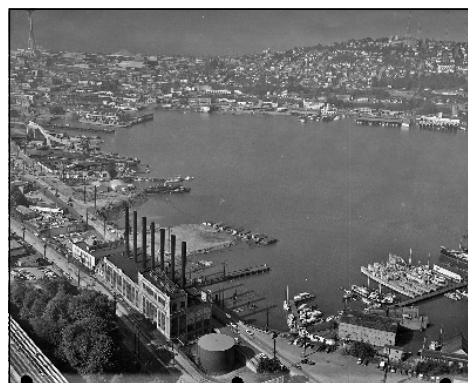
## Washington State Preservation Grant

The Municipal Archives received a Washington State Preservation grant for an audio preservation project entitled "Right and Resolute Action: Preserving Audio Documenting Seattle's Public and Civic Discourse." The project will preserve 375 hours of open reel audio tape documenting public interaction with Seattle City Council on the social, economic, and political issues of the 1960s and 1970s. The audio will be migrated to digital format master and access media and to analog preservation copies as needed, and will be cataloged and indexed in the Archives audio database. The audio materials at the Seattle Municipal Archives are a unique resource, and serve to enrich and complement other materials in the Archives. The voices on the Council audio recordings add another dimension to the textual and photographic records held in the Archives, adding detail and depth to topics and issues of interest to researchers.

## Recently Cataloged Photographs



Reflecting transportation planning in the early 1960s, this drawing depicts a very different intersection between the University District and Montlake. Item 63550 January 1960.



A 1962 view of South Lake Union.

Item 63795  
September 1962

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