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weeks later the big fire of June 13 1886 came and the hall and parsonage were both burned with contents. After the fire it was rebuilt, same shape, same size. Services were held in different buildings until the hall was finished.

"I am sorry there are no illustrations with Mrs. O'Connor's article. Mrs. O'Connor's wedding was the only one solemnized in the second Water Street Hall; this took place 19 June 1887.

"Ernest S. Robson."

THE FIRST METHODIST PARSONAGE.

Extract, letter, 5 July 1932, by Ernest S. Robson, son of Rev. Ebenezer Robson, D.D.:

"I was a guest at the old parsonage, built by the Rev. James Turner, during the summer of 1880. I have never seen a picture of it. The services were held in the village school house until just before the Fire, when the first Water Street Hall, built by the Rev. Joseph Hall was dedicated, my father coming over from Nanaimo in order to take part in the services."

The placing of these buildings may be inexact in view of account, see *Weekly News-Advertiser*, 3 October 1888, which says, "the first parsonage was built on lot 14, which, together with the adjoining lot, No. 15, was kindly donated by the Provincial Government."

The Rev. Mr. Tate, since died, once said, "When the survey was made, the parsonage was found to be on the street."

The facts probably are that no one knows exactly where it did stand. Probably, like many other early buildings, it was built on ground which the builder thought or guessed to be the location of the lot of land.

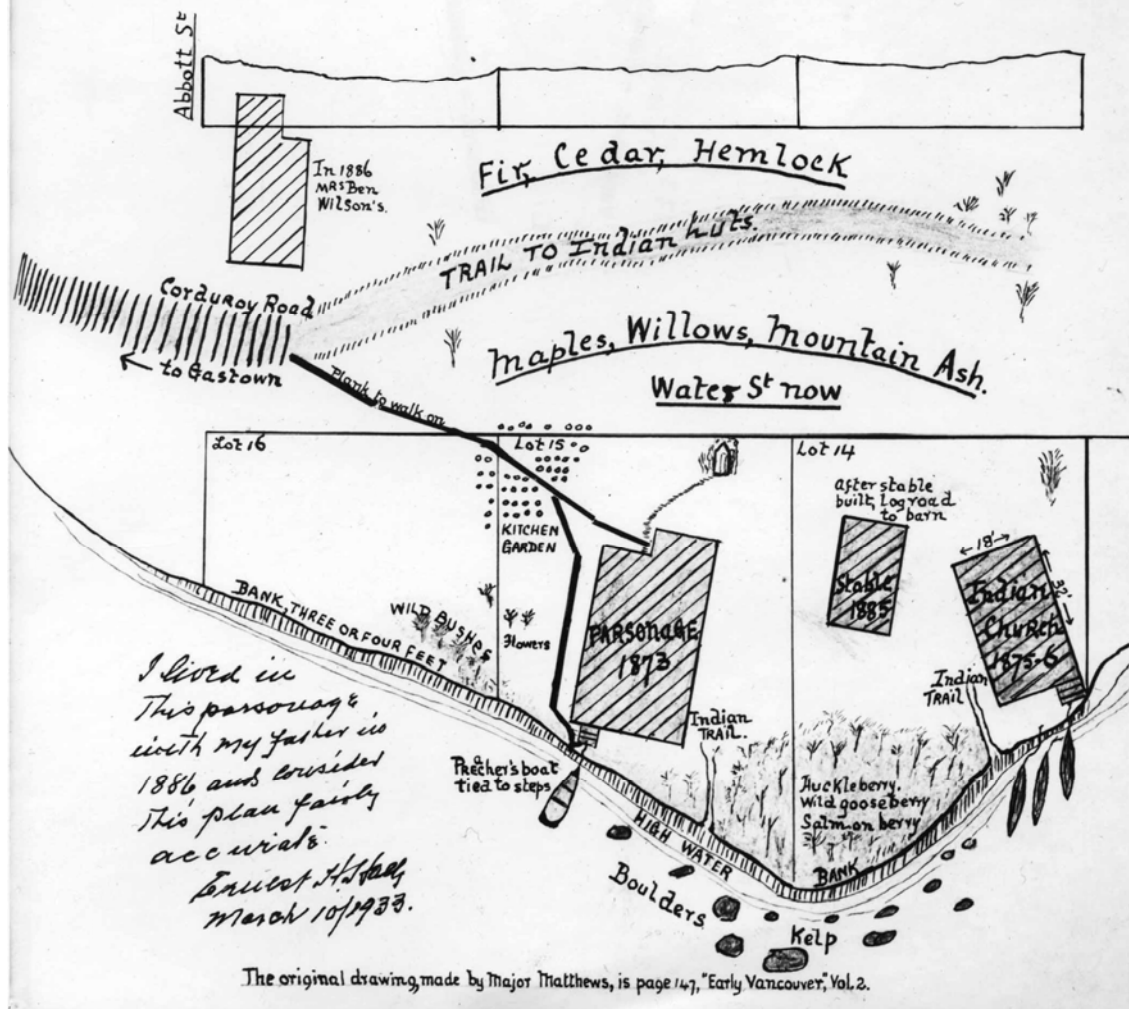
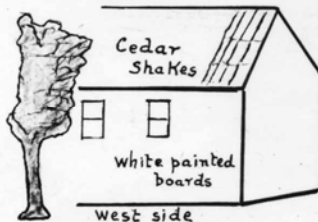
J.S. Matthews, June 1933.

NOTE ADDED LATER:

Maps of the location since found. JSM, 1934. See World newspaper, 1896. See Sanborn Fire map, 1885.

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