

## **Frances E. Anderson (memoir, Shoreline Memories, Vol I page 12)**

The parents of Miss Anderson in 1888 moved with baby son Lorne from their home in Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada to Drummond, Montana. Miss Anderson was born in Drummond. At the age of two months she moved with her family to Anacortes, Washington, where her younger brother Otto was born. From Anacortes the Andersons moved to Snohomish, then in 1895 to Edmonds. In each place her father had worked for the Great Northern railroad. Her uncle, Mr. W. J. Potts, a brother of Mrs. Anderson, was for many years the Great Northern depot agent.

When Mr. Potts purchased the 80 acres of property which is now the Standard Oil Co. of Richmond Beach, the Andersons moved to a home on the property.

Miss Anderson and her two brothers had been attending school in Edmonds. Not wishing to transfer in mid year they walked from the Beach to the Edmonds grade school for the remainder of the school year. At the beginning of the next school term they entered the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Richmond Beach one-room school, all three being in the same grade. Miss Naomi St. John was the teacher.

In 1906 Miss Anderson moved back to Edmonds, finished grade school and graduated with the 1911 high school graduating class of 8 pupils. Rick (Oscar R.) Johnson of Richmond Beach was one of the graduates.

In 1913 Miss Anderson and her brother Otto entered the University of Washington. In 1916 Miss Anderson left the U. of W. and went to Whitewater State Normal school at Whitewater, Wisconsin. She received her teaching degree in 1917, returned to Edmonds and accepted a position teaching in the Edmonds grade school. In 1924 she was offered the principalship which she accepted and held for 25 years. In 1949 she gave up the principalship and asked for her old love, teaching primary pupils, teaching for another 10 years.

When a little second grade boy said his grandfather wanted to know when she was going to quit teaching, Miss Anderson said, "who is your grandfather?" He said "Joe Stephens." She realized he was the boy she had gone to school with in Richmond Beach so long ago.

When the grandchildren of previous pupils started enrolling in her class, Miss Anderson decided it was time to retire. In 1959, after 42 years, all in the Edmonds grade school, she retired and is now enjoying her retirement wondering how she ever had time to teach.