NOMINATION FORM: LYNDEN REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

This form is required to nominate properties to the Lynden Register of Historic Places per Lynden Historic Preservation Ordinance No. 1492. Type all entries and complete all applicable sections. Contact the Planning Department with any questions at 360-354-5532.

Complete each question in a neat, legible manner by printing, typewriter, or word processor. If uncertain of answers to any of the questions enter “unknown”. Please attach copies of any and all photographs and documents that may help determine historic significance. Any other information regarding the nomination is welcome and may be submitted with this form. Add pages as needed. Return complete form and other materials to the City of Lynden Planning Department, 300 4th Street, Lynden, WA 98264.

PART 1: PROPERTY INFORMATION:

PROPERTY NAME: The Lauckhart Building

ADDRESS OF SITE: 412 Front St., Lynden, WA 98264

PARCEL NO(S). OF SITE:

NOMINATED ELEMENTS; (building, structure, site, object, or district):
The Entire Building located at the above address and encompassing the above parcel number.

NAME OF OWNER: Kirby and Gina Jones

ADDRESS OF OWNER: 1015 Glenning St., Lynden, WA 98264

CONTACT INFORMATION: Phone: 360-383-7789 Email: kirbyjones@windermere.com
Preparer Name: Kirby Jones Company/Org: Windermere Real Estate/Whatcom Inc.
Address: Same as Above
Contact Information, Phone: Same as Owner Email: Same as Above

OWNERS AND USES OF THE BUILDING (Chronologically list both historic and current, including dates):


1919 - 1932 (?) The building was purchased by R.L. Averill. The Averill's operated their jewelry store on the ground floor and lived on the second floor. The Pyro Photography Studio also continued to operate on the second floor.

1932 (?) - 1962 (?) Wally and Andy Parkinson - Operated the Recreation Tavern "Lunches, Billiards and
Confections”. The upstairs continued to operate as a photo studio and offices of Dentists. At some point Pyro Photography became Vander May photography and the Kingdom Hall offices of the Jehovah Witnesses operated on the second floor.

1962 (?) - 1977 - The Lynden Department Store Men's Clothing department and/or Appliance department.


1986 - 2007 - Carol Preston - Operated Carol's Hallmark Store. 2nd Floor Vacant.


2017 - Kirby and Gina Jones - Renovation for the Next 100 Years!

PART 2: PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING/STRUCTURE; (include construction materials, note existing original material, alterations and additions, and statement of condition):

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: June - November 1912 (?), ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: William Lauckhart

EXTENT OF CHANGES: Please summarize the changed to the plan, original siding, window, interior and other significant elements by selecting the choices below:

Plan (footprint, walls, roof etc.) Original Materials Intact? Yes No

Original siding/cladding

Windows (no replacement windows or replacement sashes) Yes No

Interior (woodwork, finishes, flooring, fixtures) Yes No

Other: /

Yes No

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION NARRATIVE: Describe in detail the present and original (if known) physical appearance, condition and architectural characteristics of property:

The Lauckhart Building is a World War I era brick and wood constructed commercial building, that looks almost as good as the day it was built. Henry Lauckhart, who made a name for himself as a successful Real Estate Agent in Lynden, operated Pioneer Realty in a previous structure on the site (see attached photo from 1909). From what we can gather, he had the existing building constructed in the Summer-Fall of 1912, to accommodate Mr. Jamieson’s, Farmers Mercantile Co. It appears that soon after construction, Mr. Mark Hammond who served as the General Manager of the store, renamed the store the Armstrong-Hammond Dry Good Company.

The building is two stories and features a handsome pressed-brick facade. Its face has a typical of the period transom window panel or re-light that we hope to restore to original intent of providing plenty of natural light into the ground floor of the building. Below the two large second floor windows are the four original cable turnbuckles used by R.L. Averill to construct his outstanding awning installed in 1922. The facade also features a vestibule entry to the 2nd floor, complete with relight, and original trim. The ground floor of over 3,400 square feet is impressive with over 14 foot high ceilings to upstairs floor joices. There are original fir wood floors throughout. Inside, the West wall is brick from floor to ceiling and the East wall as well though covered with framing and plaster. The West wall contains two visible former entryways through the brick that used to allow access between departments of the then Lynden Department Store. On the East wall one can see the original window opening from when there was a small gap between the building and the next door Cozy (or Robison's) Cafe (see attached photo). To the rear of the ground floor are two impressive brick arch ways leading to a more recent addition to
the back of the building. The upstairs space was occupied almost continuously until the 1950's by either commercial tenants (Pyro, later Vander May photography) or residences (specifically for the Averill's during their ownership). This space is almost all original in its construction; 11 foot doorways with re-lights and brass opening fixtures, original door knobs, light fixture recesses, window casements, fir floors and amazingly cool frosted glass office doors with original names and uses written on them. Brick is exposed under the failing plaster. The basement space is generally featureless except for the substantial post and beam construction and the curious access door found in the West wall that allows for passage to the adjacent Waples Mercantile Building.

PART 3: HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF STRUCTURE, OWNERSHIP AND/OR EVENT. Criteria for Designation.

Lynden Municipal Code recognizes the following criteria of eligibility for inclusion on the Lynden Local Historical Register. Please circle any and all that apply to this property for which there is documentary evidence included in this nomination.

1. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history.

2. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

3. It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder or architect who has made a substantial contribution to the art.

4. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history.

5. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history.

6. It has yielded or is likely to yield important archaeological information.

7. It is a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event.

8. It is a birthplace or grave of a historical fixture of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person.

9. It is a cemetery that derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events or cultural patterns.

10. It is a reconstructed building that has been executed in a historically accurate manner on the original site.

11. It is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Please describe in detail the chronological history of the property and how it meets the criteria circled above for the Lynden Register of Historic Places. Please provide a summary in the first paragraph (using continuation sheets as necessary).

1912 (?) - 1919 - Henry Lauckhart - Occupied by the Armstrong-Hammond Dry Goods Company on the first floor and the Pyro Photography Studio on the second floor. This construction was an effective expansion on the next door Lynden Department store who absorbed the Bank building to the West around the same time. These brick structures are relevant as they signified the increased wealth of Lynden as it transitioned into the new century.

1919 - 1932 (?) The building was purchased by R.L. Averill. The Averill's operated their jewelry store on the ground floor and lived on the second floor. The Pyro Photography Studio also continued to operate on the second floor. The Averill's installed a fantastic awning during their time (see attached photo) that only added to the cosmopolitan feel of this portion of Front St.

1932 (?) - 1962 (?) Wally and Andy Parkinson - Operated the Recreation Tavern "Lunches, Billiards and Confections". The upstairs continued to operate as a photo studio and offices of Dentists. At some point Pyro Photography became Vander May photography and the Kingdom Hall offices of the Jehovah Witnesses operated on the second floor. We don't have too much information during this period other than some word of mouth stories of how 'many a wife had to pull their husbands out of the Rec'. We feel that this portion of the buildings' history could be more fully explored by interviewing some of the towns' older residents.

1962 (?) - 1977 - The Lynden Department Store Men's Clothing department and/or Appliance department.


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We submit the Lauckhart Building as a candidate for being designated a "Historic Place" in Lynden, due to its continuous use as a commercial property for over 100 years and it's storied past as a place of business and leisure within the community. From its original owner and uses as a dry goods store, a jewelry store, it's long run as the Recreation Tavern and it's more recent time as the town's Hallmark store; the Lauckhart Building has continued to be of community interest. Simply by seeing the response of the established community of the town to our purchase of the building makes us believe that this property will continue to hold a place of historic interest to the citizens of Lynden. The opportunity we now have to restore and repair its original design features we believe can only heighten the renewed economic energy of downtown Lynden.

INCLUDE CURRENT PHOTO AND ANY AVAILABLE HISTORIC PHOTOS.

Signature of Property Owner or Applicant, Date: 10/17/17

Nominations to the Lynden Local Register of Historic Places are processed according to the procedures and standards described in Lynden Historic Preservation Ordinance No. 1492. Submittal of a nomination form does not oblige the City to place a property on the Register or to extend financial incentives to a property owner. Documents submitted become public record. Additional requirements may be imposed by other City, State or Federal regulations.
The Lynden Tribune, September 07, 1911, Image 1

The following clips from the Lynden Tribune are in chronological order.

H. Lawrmit was a high profile Real Estate and Insurance Agent. Many, many transactions from the period were brokered by his office.
The Lyden Tribune, November 23, 1911, Image 6


No Chances Real With US.

All known and reliable firms
and can be depended upon to make good
on every claim we present to either buyer
or seller of REAL ESTATE OR FARM
PROPERTY.

We have some excellent Bargains in large and
small Fruit and Dairy Ranches. Some Investments
worth looking into.

Lyden Pioneer Realty Co.
Office next to Lyden State Bank
H. L. LAUCKHART, Manager

This Year's High Water and
Floods.

The Nooksack began its annual rise somewhat earlier this year than in
the past. The river on last Thursday began rising rapidly and on Saturday
had gone over its banks at several points along the town.

On Sunday it had reached its highest mark, doing very little damage
here, however, and on Monday began receding.

At nothing the north fork was at the rate of a foot an hour on last
Thursday, but no serious damage has been reported from there. A little
damage was done at Arlee where houses were flooded and a few
small bridges carried away.

Throughout the course of the low
soda shoal, the Nooksack's little
influence with the usual normal
conditions was prevalent, yet there
was no damage of any consequence
reported.

The training of the B. & H. & C.
canals were under water at Humptun
on Sunday, causing the delay of
transit.

The Lyden Blanket Team defeated the Cle Elum Tigers for the second time last Friday night.

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conditions was prevalent, yet there
was no damage of any consequence
reported.

And pleading or pressure is
served upon the administrator's
address by the following:

E. W. Perry,

F. C. Albee,

W. F. Everly,

Frank W. L. C. Tho


It appears Lavekamp was building this for the Jamison store which became Armstrong-Hammond Co.
I believe this is the first mention of the buildings' construction. It's possible this is a different building.
The Lynden tribune., May 08, 1913, Page 4, Image 4

FARM LANDS
WITH OR WITHOUT STUMPS.
HOUSES AND LOTS
FOR SALE.
EVERYTHING IN REAL ESTATE
HOUSES RENTED
INSURANCE
IN MOST RELIABLE COMPANIES
LYNDEN
PIONEER REALTY CO.
H. LAUCKHART
H. FEENHUSE
First Door East of Bank, Lynden.

The financial system of the United States governing deposits in national banks of federal funds was reorganized last week when Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury Department announced that all government deposits, whether active or inactive, would be required to pay interest at the rate of 2 per cent annum, beginning June 4, upon deposits of the government.

"Better Patronage, Bigger Paper"

The Maple Falls Leader has entered upon the twelfth year of its existence—and its publisher remarks philosophically.

"The growth of a town can never be judged by the size of its local newspaper and the home patronage it receives from the local business men. When more patronage is accorded to warrant the incurring of additional expense, then, and not until then will the size of the paper be increased. Better patronage, bigger paper."

The average of prices received by producers of the United States for staple crops increased 0.3 per cent from March 1 to April 1, which compares with an increase of 6.0 per cent in the same period a year ago and an average increase of 2.1 per cent during March of the last five years. On April 1 prices of staple crops averaged about 23.9 per cent lower than on like date of 1913, 3.7 per cent lower than in 1911, 15.3 per cent lower than 1910, and 13.0 per cent lower than 1909, on like date.

Conscience is the heart's safety valve.

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

→ This may conflict with the 1912 construction timeline, but I think Lauckhart probably just had his office in the Dry goods store.
The Lyden tribune, September 03, 1914, Page 3, Image 3

Dr. E. A. Selandor, Veterinarian, while walking along on Front Street last Saturday near Stuerman & Hookstra's meat market was bitten in the leg by a dog, owned by Mr. Rowe. The wound is a very painful one, necessitating cauterization as a prophylactic against hydrophobia.

R. L. Ayerhill has hung out the jewelry store hereatofore conducted by Frank Cruikshank. Mr. Ayerhill has been in the employ of Wilbur Gibbs and L. Behrens, the Bellingham jewelers until recently. He has been the official watch inspector for the B. & N., the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroad companies at Bellingham.

Winfred, infant child of Harry and Alta McBurney of Central Station died on Sunday and its funeral took place on Monday. The funeral of Robert E. Grant, an infant child of Robert and Charlotte Grant of Strandell which died on Sunday was held on the same day. Undertaker Frank Knapp of Lyden having charge of both burials.

Rev. Herbert Jones is closing up his work here and will deliver his farewell sermon at the First Methodist Church on next Sunday evening. He will on Tuesday leave with Mrs. Jones to attend the conference at Seattle when his future charge will be decided upon. The people of this community in general regret Mr. Jones' departure from here he having made many strong ties through his pleasant year over 40 additional age.

Another mention of the Averills before they bought the Lacklant building.
The Lyden tribune, December 24, 1914, Page Three, Image 3

Land Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pilone boy.

Little son of Henry Spadelouly Ill.,

Wander of Seattle is back visiting old friends.

Mrs. C. M. Schroeder

Returning Tuesday.

A. Wright was a visitor

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Mrs. Henry Bass will

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J. Edson returned Wed-

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4:30 Tuesday.

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a Tromp, who is Toronto, is home for the

will be given in Hawley's

Mrs. R. L. Averill Passes Away

Esther M. Averill, wife of R. L.

Averill, jeweler, passed away Sun-

day evening after an illness of less than three days.

Mrs. Averill had been in the

store up to Friday afternoon, when

she complained of a slight cold.

This grew worse, and complications

setting in, she was unable to rally.

She was born in Iron Mountain,


Her death came as a distinct shock

to the community. Although she

had been here but a few months,

her kindness and good qualities had

won her many friends who mourn her loss.

Funeral services will be held in

Knapp's Funeral Parlor Saturday

morning at 10 o'clock, providing a

sister of Mr. Averill who is coming

from Deadwood, S. D. can arrive by

that time. The Rev. Paul Ashby

will officiate.

Rev. J. Q. Brower will deliver a

Christmas sermon Friday morning in

Holland language at the First Reformed

Church.

M. Waples is seriously ill at his

home.

Rev. P. H. Davies will again

preach at the Baptist Church next

Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet on

Thursday, January 31, with Mrs.

M. L. Jackman.

The annual Sunday School election

of officers was held Friday at the

First Reformed Church. The

The Averills were another prominent Lyden family that eventually bought the building.
In 1915, the Armstrong-Hammond Co was already advertising how great of a building the Larkhart was. "Cool!"
To Our Friends---GREETING

WE ARE UPON the threshold of our third year of business. To the very best of our ability we have endeavored to give satisfaction both in service and the merchandise we handle. We are playing the Game of Life on the level. We've discounted every bill, and our commercial rating in Dunn's or Bradstreet's is as good as the best. We sell goods on a closer margin of profit than the majority of stores in Whatcom County, because we sell for cash. Cash is a better friend than credit to all of us. Every discount we take on invoices is merchandise means that we can sell the goods cheaper to you.

If you have bought from us—say for a year—we know we have saved you 10 per cent in the aggregate, which means $10.00 on the hundred. Quite a saving, isn't it, friend? Among the really meritorious lines of merchandise—the kind in which no better is made—we feature: Nemo corsets for stout figures, sell from $3.50 to $5.00. Warren's Rust Proof corsets—front or back lace—from $1.25 to $3.50. Utz & Dunn shoes for ladies and children. We've sold this brand forever 20 years, and never found a better make.
The factory has given us the sole agency for Lynden. Boy Scout chaps for boys and girls. Ask any one who has used these. They're great! Beaver Mills underwear for ladies. Hanes underwear for men. Elk Brand suits for boys—best we've ever seen for the price. The Barker shoe for boys. Honestly, we don't know of one as good! All leather.

ALL DURING FAIR WEEK
We will put as our tables each day, some of the biggest values this town has ever seen! Every day there will be "something doing" in price cutting.

ARMSTRONG-HAMMOND CO.
Phone X092
Lauckhart Bldg. Lynden, Wash.

ATTENTION, HUSBANDS!
If you're going after big or little cumber we have everything in our arms and ammunition. This store is the Sportsman's Head Quarters.

A Change

We all like a little variety. "It is the spice of life." We have just received the most
spiciest line of medium-priced waists we've seen for months. You see, ladies, we de-
pend on factories that make a specialty of their line to give us the best value because
they know. The one that makes an article knowns better than you or we.
You will doubtless appreciate the change from the old to the newest in these waists.

Priced from 75c to $1.98. We bought some sizes for large people too.

We have four ladies' waists we want to close out. They're worth $4.00.

You can buy them for $2.75.

And when it comes to Underwear for men, women, and children, we can give you the best values, in dollars and cents, you ever saw, really.

Our boy scout stockings "beats the world for wear."

What does fit mean? What do right lines mean? What does real worth mean? What does quality mean? What does rust proof mean?

The answer:

Wamer's Rust Proof corsets $1.25 to $3.50

ARMSTRONG-HAMMOND CO.

Lynden, Wash.
The Lyden tribune, November 04, 1915, Page 5, Image 5
DO YOU MIND...
If we save you a few hard-earned dollars for a week? If you are going to buy any shoes, dry goods or men’s wear, during the week, we are the little boys that will save you big dollars.

We have rearranged our premium department, so will have pleasant news to tell you. Come! We can’t push cards on cut prices no.

VISIT OUR SLASH SALE FROM 15th TO 22nd
We’ve Cut the Stuffin’ Out of Prices!!

ARMSTRONG-HAMMOND CO.

STAGE TIME CARDS

Lynden-Bellingham

Lynden

Lynden

Lynden

Lynden

Lynden

Lynden

Round Trip 75c

LYNDEN STAGE

Annual Statement of the Lynden Creamery Co. 1915

LOGAL AND PERSONAL

A Rainy Day Need Not Be Dull

Reflex Slicker

$3.00

We have more goods than money. You have more money than goods. Your dollars remain a dollar, but the price of merchandise keeps climbing, so whatever you need, buy now for wait.

Each Anniversary sale, we cut the price on everything in the house. Our complete stock over $7000.00 worth of last quality, high grade dry goods, shoes, and furnishings will be cut to sales margin above cost.

Extra Special Notice To Our Regular Patrons:

Open blanks. The blanks of each and every item are very scarce. From 15-30% $5.00 $10.00 $25.00 $50.00 $100.00. We will let you know if any blanks are added.

A Request:

For the sake of your kind indulgence, we ask you to be very kind.

Hammond Dry Goods Co.

Phone X991

Lynden, Washington

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Lynden, Washington
R. L. AVERILL BUYS LAUCKHART BUILDING

Jeweler Purchases Structure of Brick On Front Street; Will Move Store There

R. L. Averill purchased this week the brick building on Front Street adjoining the Lyden State Bank from Henry Lauckhart. The structure is two stories in height, and has a depth of 100 feet.

Mr. Averill will move his jewelry store at once to his new building, and will occupy the entire ground floor. Mr. and Mrs. Averill will maintain apartments on the second floor of the building.

E. Wiese will also continue his Pyro Studio on the second floor.

The deal was made through the office of the Lyden Pioneer Realty Company.

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION VOTE TO EMPLOY BUSINESS MANAGER

The Whatcom County Dairymen's Association voted at a meeting held at Bellingham Saturday to employ a manager to direct the affairs of the members. The association represents farmers who are doing a business of nearly two million dollars annually in milk.

The association went on record as favoring the bill now before the legislature requiring the labelling of all building and its tenants at the time Averill bought it.
The Lynden Tribune, Lynden, Wash., Thu., Sept. 23, 1920, Page 2, Image 2

WILL OPEN NEW STORE FOR MEN IN LYNDEN SATURDAY

A new men's furnishings store will be opened in Lynden Saturday in the
R. L. Ayerhill Building. Bob Fried-
man of Seattle is the proprietor, and
he is installing a large stock of the
newest men's wear.

The new specialty shop will occupy
the east half of the Ayerhill jewelry
quarters. It is being fitted up in an
attractive way, and will be ready by
Saturday morning.

Mr. Friedman has had many years
of experience in catering to the needs
of the men. He is a high school gradu-
ate and a university man, and has
made a study of what the young men
like to wear.

LYNDEN STANDARD OIL STATION CALLED PRETTIEST ON COAST

The Lynden Standard Oil Station
the home of Zerolene, Red Crown
gasoline and Pearl Oil, is pronounced
by traveling auditors of the company
the neatest and prettiest on the en-
tire coast, and Lynden people who
have not yet made a trip up to see it,
are missing a pleasant sight.
The block devoted to the station
has been converted into a real park

John Berger Struck
Machine on Glendale

While he was walking along the Glendale road, John Berger was knocked
by an automobile and badly
injured. The machine sped away without
the driver stopping.

The accident took place in
the J. W. Do Neul home, as
Neul heard Berger's cry for
help and went to his assistance.

Berger was unable to tell
what had happened. He had
stopped by the side of the road
to let the machine go by.

God keep you, friend! We may
All that this parting means is...
We hope to one day install a version of this awning and recreating its look from 1922.
Lynden State Bank

The original Larkin building, real estate office

Pictures taken during a street fair in 1909. In the top photograph, the building on the right housed the Cozy Cafe at a later date. The lower picture shows a portion of the Cozy Cafe building in the left. The building on the right is the Biehler Hardware Store building. It is still in use in present-day Lynden, with the exception of its top floor (which was taken down as a result of a fire in the 1980s). In 1913 the Bilsma building, of masonry construction, was erected on the lot to the right of the Biehler building.