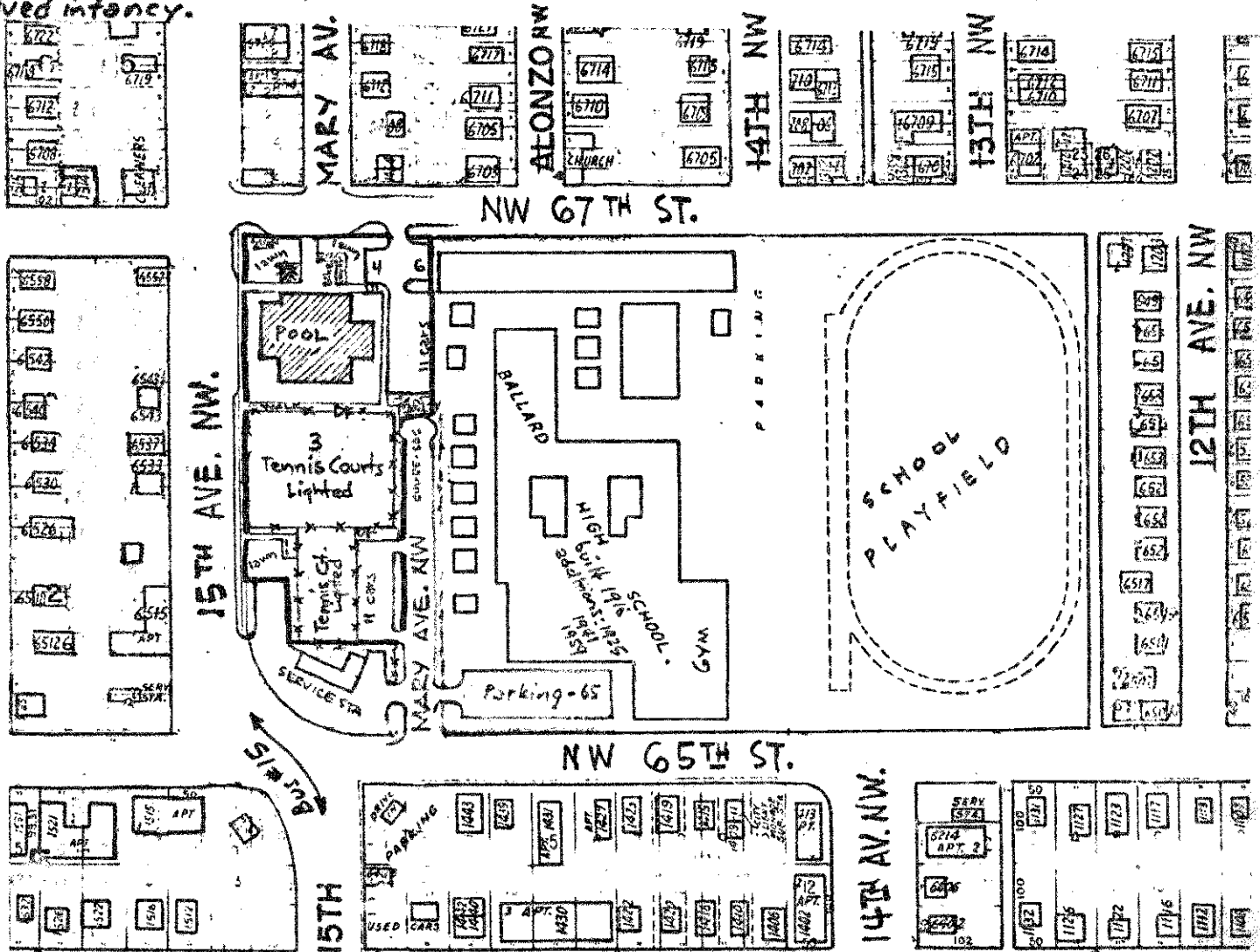


POOL named in honor of Capt. WILLIAM RONKIL BALLARD (1847-1929) for whom the district (pioneer townsite) was named. The son of a Doctor, he was born in Ohio, came overland to Oregon with his father, step-mother and brother in 1858, attending school in Oregon and obtained his civil engineering degree at Wash. State Univ. He surveyed public lands including the Yakima Indian Reservation. In 1876 he became a mate on his brother Irving's sternwheeler The Zephyr whose trips to Olympia from Seattle took a day. [The Zephyr built in 1871 by Mitchell + Robbins, was the first sternwheeler built in Seattle and the first sternwheeler on Puget Sound, built to haul passengers and freight on the Seattle-Olympia run. Capt. Ballard sold her to The Tacoma Mill Co. for a log tug. She was burned at Ballard in 1908.] Ballard became Capt. of the vessel + then part-owner with John Leary + Geo. Harris, finally sole-owner. During the 9 years under Capt. Ballard The Zephyr brought in larger earnings than any other vessel on Puget Sound. Foreseeing even greater success in land development in the Seattle area he sold the vessel (1887) + went into real estate with Judge Thomas Burke + John Leary; their most notable development had begun earlier (1882) with the purchase of 600 acres from the Hall-Uffer Donation Claim for a new townsite-farm center which they named "Farmdale", later changed to "Gilman Park Addition." [An N.P. Railroad agent, Mr. Jennings chose "Ballard" as a station name. The town incorporated in 1889 with C.F. Treat as the mayor of "Little Sweden". Upon the recommendation of R.W. Crover in a public meeting in 1890 the name "Ballard" was officialized. The town was annexed to Seattle in 1907.] Capt. Ballard went into banking (Seattle National, Seattle Savings), West St. + No. End Electric (Street) Railway Co., Terminal Ry + Elevator Co., member of Chamber of Commerce, Whitworth College (Spokane), F + A.M., Arctic Club + Kenney Home for Aged (Presbyterian). In 1882 he married the daughter of a Maine shipmaster: 5 children of whom only Stanley survived infancy.



↑ project: \$513,000 - 1972
 1471 NW 67th St. (Pool)
 782-0282

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6512-15th Ave. NW (Tennis Cts.)

0.9 Acres + 0.9 Tennis Courts (lease from School til 2014)
 Property on which pool is built was an exchange with school for Ballard P.G. property: 1970
 "...for a public indoor swim. pool and park + recreation purposes appurtenant to such use."

BALLARD POOL
 and Tennis courts

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