

# Tumwater Tree Board Heritage Tree nomination – Walnut Tree at 420 D Street SW

Updated: 2022.12.01 by Jim Sedore

*"The City of Tumwater Heritage Trees are:*

*Trees that have historical significance, by virtue of age, association to a historical structure, district, person or event, rare or unique species, or significant stand (grove) of trees can be designated as Heritage Trees, and therefore provided with special protections.*

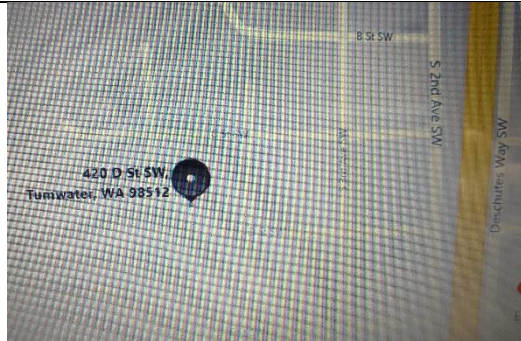
*Heritage Trees fall under one of the following categories.*

- **Historical:** A tree which by virtue of its age, its association with or contribution to a historical structure or district, or its association with a noted citizen or historical event.
- **Specimen:** Age, size, health, and quality factors combine to qualify the tree as unique among the species in Tumwater and Washington State.
- **Rare:** One or very few of a kind, or is unusual in some form of growth or species.
- **Significant Grove:** Outstanding rows or groups of trees that impact the city's landscape."

<https://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/departments/community-development/trees/heritage-trees>

## Location: 420 D Street SW

- SE corner of the property along property line and road



## Property owner: Christine L Randazzo (Pickernell)

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**Date nomination submitted: 2022.July.18**

**Tree species: Black walnut (Juglans nigra)**

**Estimated age of tree: Unknown**

**Diameter of tree: Radius BH approx. 8.5"**

## Photos:

### 1. Tree

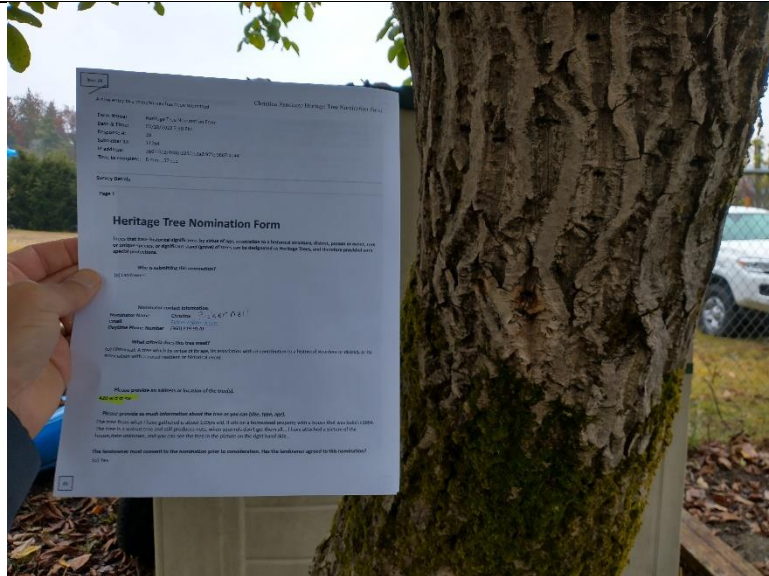
Date taken: 2022.11.03

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Juglans nigra - Black  
Walnut

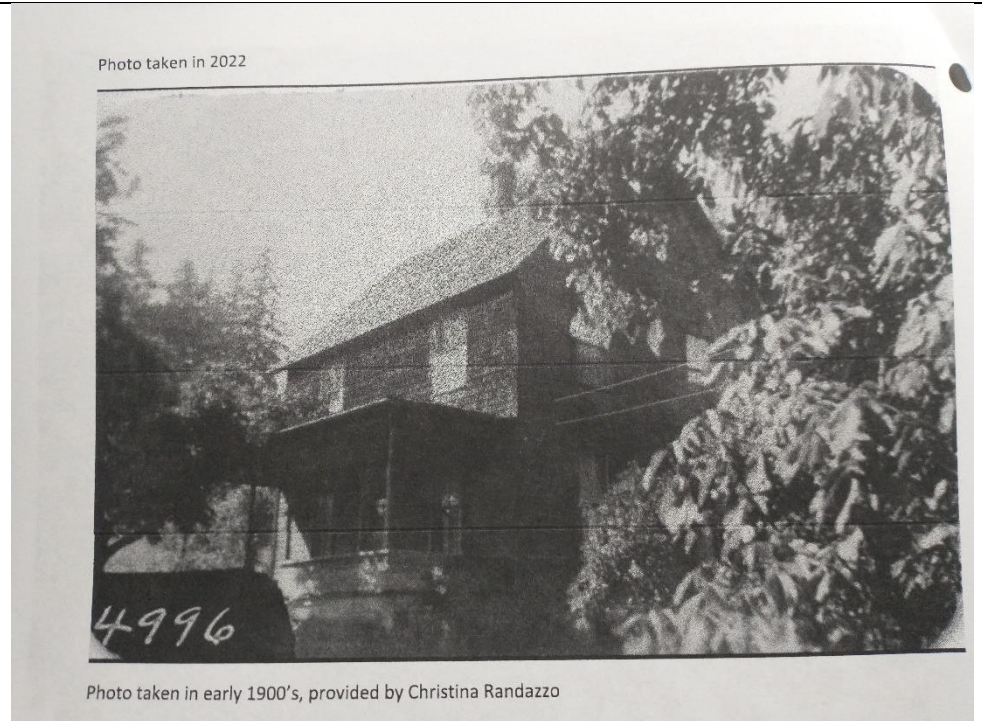


### 2. Size of the trunk BH approximately 8+1/2"





**3. Old photo** submitted with the nomination From



Source of this photo: (Thru Karen Johnson, Curator Olympia/Tumwater Foundation

- <https://www.geodata.org/quick-parcel-search.html> takes you to Thurston Geodata Center. On that page, go to Property Map.
- Click on Property Map which takes you to a map where you can zoom in on a property if you know where it is located.
- Once you've located the desired property, click on it. The parcel is then highlighted, and info about it appears in the upper left. In the case of 420 West D St SW, the info includes a parcel number (33202100500) and owner name (Randazzo, Michael & Christine), plus the official street address. Click on the > symbol at upper left (next to parcel number) for more info. A new screen will appear on the left; click on Assessor Info and another new screen will appear, with a lot of options. You can click on the Photo tab and pull up any photos of the property.
- On this particular property, the only photo I found was a fairly recent one. I checked with a friend at State Archives and she was able to pull up the 1939 photo.

It's kind of a convoluted process!

## Findings:

Age of the Tree:

- We cannot determine the age of the tree.
- It is not clear if the tree in the 1938? photo is the same tree.

House – year built – 1890 – Thurston County Assessor

[https://tcproperty.co.thurston.wa.us/propsql/basic\\_p.asp?pn=33202100500](https://tcproperty.co.thurston.wa.us/propsql/basic_p.asp?pn=33202100500)

From Olympia/Tumwater Foundation – Karen Johnson – curator:

- In her opinion, the walnut is not large enough to be ol.
- The property was originally claimed by Nelson Barnes, first mayor of Tumwater (1869-1870).
- There is no record of the tree being planted by Nelson Barnes.

## Conclusions: