

M.N.Richards

Came to Yakima in June, ~~1895~~ <sup>1895</sup>

in 1896

Bought 40 acres on Nob Hill and planted low ground in orchard that year. Finished out later with soft fruit on western portion. Sold west one-half in 1910, leaving him only apples. In 1925 planted 2½ acres to cherries with pear fillers.

According to his recollection the bearing of orchards in Fruitvale that were w of any size when he came here was the Wheeler place and the W.W.Scott place. The Wheeler place became the Van Brunt place.

John Gibson was in Fruitvale then. His orchard was young then?

Other orchards in Fruitvale were mostly young orchards then.

Dr. Cornett is grandson of Cornett who had orchard on North Sixth ave.

Many hops in South Nob Hill and few orchards. That section then had water from the Hubbard ditch.