

Vinson House (continued)

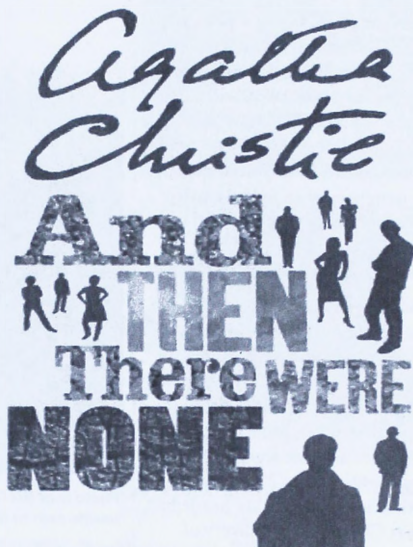
Vancouver's more prominent pioneers. He played a very important role in the early development of both the municipality and the community, serving as Councillor in 1915 and holding the office of Reeve in 1918-20, 1922, and 1927-29, having been defeated at the polls only once.

Much was accomplished during Vinson's terms in office. His death in 1934 at the age of 56, "threw the whole municipality this week into a state of gloom. And in view of his long and faithful public service it is only right and proper that this should be so. In his death West Vancouver lost a very true and faithful citizen and we a loyal friend." (*West Vancouver News*, March 29, 1934). Vinson was a well-known professional photographer who owned and ran the King Studio on Hastings Street, one of the oldest established photographic studios in Vancouver. The King Studio took many early West Vancouver school photos. Vinson would have commuted to and from work on the ferry from the foot of 14th Street, in Ambleside.

Vinson creek, which runs through the British Properties and Ambleside, and through what used to be the Vinson estate, was named after him.

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Photo: Blanche and Valient Vinson having tea on their front porch in the early 1920's. (014.WVA.MUL)



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