

## SAMPLE'S BOARDING HOUSE

Sample's Boarding House was part of a small company town built at this site in 1891 to support the development and operation of the interurban tramline between New Westminster and Vancouver. Mr. Roderick Sample, road foreman during the construction of the tramline, was named the line's first road mater in 1897 and was later promoted to track inspector. His wife, Minnie Sample, operated the large boarding house which provided accommodation and office space for staff of the Westminster & Vancouver Tramway Company and its successor the B.C. Electric Railway Company. On rainy days, gandy dancers, or railway section gang workers, would eat their lunch on the verandah at her invitation. Sample's Boarding House was the site for social and political gatherings of local residents and property owners. In 1892, Burnaby's first Council held its first meetings at the boarding house.

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