

3 Echo Point Circle



In 1890 John D. and Sallie Tingle Culbertson built the second home in Echo Point Circle, on Lot 3. Culbertson was secretary-treasurer of Riverside Iron Works, the successor of Dewey, Vance & Company and producers of steel nails, steel spikes, and bar steel.ⁱ He also was associated with National Tube Company, manufacturers of steel pipe and rails. Son Tingle Woods Culbertson served as a volunteer ambulance driver in World War I, before enlisting when the U.S. entered the war. He was killed during the battle of the Argonne Forest.

When the Culbertson business interests moved to Pennsylvania, the house was rented to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crockard and then to George A. Laughlin.

Samuel W. and Lillie Vance Harper purchased the Culbertson house in 1908. At the time, Harper (1874 – 1950) managed Harper and Brothers, a company begun in 1828 by his grandfather S.D. Harper.ⁱⁱ The company was wholesalers of hats, caps, and gloves and manufacturers of “the celebrated Eagle Brand Hat.” The company also carried fur flanges, stiff hats, and a complete line of straw goods.ⁱⁱⁱ It was located at 1410 Main Street, a building that was later known as the Goodwin Drug Company.

Harper was named vice president of the Consolidated Telephone Company in 1908. He later left the hat business and became president of the South Eastern Railway Company. He was named president of the Wheeling Bank and Trust Company in 1919.^{iv} In 1922, the Harpers sold their home on Lot 3 to Edward Hazlett and purchased the neighboring house on Lot 7.

Edward Hazlett sold the house three years later to Robert Hazlett (1863 – 1944), a civil engineer, having graduated from Ohio State University, class of 1887. He worked in that profession in Washington, D.C., New York City, and Wheeling on projects that included railway lines, bridges and viaducts, tunnels and water works.^v Later in his career, he served as the county engineer, postmaster of Wheeling, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates,^{vi} member of the West Virginia State Senate, and Chairman of the Board of the Wheeling Dollar Savings and Trust.

Dentist Edward J. deKoning (1911-1985) and his wife, Catharine Hazlett deKoning (1913-2004), a daughter of Robert Hazlett, became the next owners of the property in 1974, followed by Catharine deKoning’s nephew, John Hazlett, and his wife Marianne Hazlett in 2005.

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ⁱ The Riverside Iron Works, <http://wheeling.weirton.lib.wv.us/history/bus/steel86.htm>

ⁱⁱ Cranmer, G.L. *History of Wheeling City & Ohio County, West Virginia & Representative Citizens*, 1902. p. 849.

ⁱⁱⁱ Wheeling City Directory, 1901.

^{iv} *Progressive West Virginians*, 1923.

^v Cranmer, G.L. *History of Wheeling City & Ohio County, West Virginia & Representative Citizens*, 1902.
pp. 726-729.

^{vi} *Progressive West Virginians*, 1923.

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