

Arthur Lund



Arthur Lund's family emigrated from Norway cruising into the New York harbor during the 1876 Centennial celebration. Eventually they became some of the original settlers of Sidney. Lund spent 40 years serving the

community as the County Clerk and County Treasurer beginning in the 1920's.


The roaring 20's brought us the Jazz era which engulfed our nation as World War I faded into the past. Prohibition was in full swing. Summertime found families enjoying a typical Pacific Northwest pastime, gathering in the park under gazebos in case of probable rain. As luck would have it, the rain cleared on a sunny Monday morning in June of 1928 as all the officers of the court gathered in front of the Kitsap County courthouse for a historic picture. Arthur Lund was all smiles while standing a couple of feet away from Reina Osburn, who was serving as Chief Deputy Clerk. Little did she know then that three years after this snapshot in time, she would become the next County Clerk. These two stalwarts provided stability during the Great Depression when strong leadership was especially needed.



Picture courtesy of the Lund family

When Lund was first elected as County Clerk there was a law in place stating that no one could hold the same county office for more than two consecutive terms so he found a way around the process by running for County Treasurer and was elected while Osburn served as County Clerk. Eight years later they switched offices and continued to crisscross paths until the mid-fifties when they both retired. Both were well respected by their peers and the public. Neither Lund nor Osburn, both Republicans, lost an election in those four decades, even during the FDR Democratic years.




ARTHUR LUND
Port Orchard
Republican
Candidate For
County Clerk
KITSAP COUNTY
Primaries, September 12, 1922
General, November 11, 1922



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Arthur Lund, Ex-County Official, Dies

Arthur Lund, 77, 812 Ada St., Port Orchard, died this morning at Harrison Memorial Hospital.

He had been a resident of Port Orchard nearly all his life.

Mr. Lund was born January 13, 1890, in Port Orchard and was married there in 1917 to Miss Pauline Elofson. He had worked for 38½ years in various Kitsap County offices, serving as deputy and county clerk and county treasurer. He retired in 1955.

Mr. Lund was a member of Sidney Lodge 85, Knights of Pythias, and the First Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, Mass.

Besides his wife, Pauline, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William (Virginia) Mangen, 1110 Hayward Ave., and Mrs. Jack D. (Muriel) Riggs, 135-I Elm St.; two brothers, Theodore Lund and Herbert Lund, both on Karcher Road, Port Orchard; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services are pending

Aug 28, 1967



ARTHUR LUND

MAXINE JOHNSON

... retiring county treasurer and successor

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38-Year Public Career Ends for Arthur Lund

Thirty-eight years of public service in the courthouse at Port Orchard will end Monday for County Treasurer Arthur Lund when he becomes the first person in Kitsap county government to accept the state retirement plan while in an elective office.

Lund, 65, did not seek reelection last fall. He supported Mrs. Maxine Johnson, his chief deputy, who was elected and officially assumes her duties next Monday.

It was August, 1916, when Lund accepted a position as deputy assessor under the then assessor, Theo B. Hilstad of Silverdale.

After three months there, he transferred to the county auditor's office as a deputy under Auditor Robert E. Gordon, now president of the Silverdale State bank.

LUND'S CAREER includes six years as deputy assessor; eight years as deputy county clerk; 16 years as county clerk and eight years as treasurer.

During the past eight years he

has been guardian of the county's funds, with some \$70,000,000 having been handled through his office—and not a nickle lost.

Lund, always reluctant to express his sentiments, made no comment concerning his retirement other than to say that it would seem strange after 38 years not to leave his home for the office each working day.

AS A POLITICIAN, Lund has been one of the most successful in the county's history. He was never defeated for election and was one of two Republicans in Kitsap county to remain in office throughout the Roosevelt Democratic era. The other is Reina Osburn, county clerk.

The same modesty which Lund displayed in refusing to comment upon his retirement and his long service gave his fellow Republicans cause for alarm during many past county election campaigns. He was reluctant to "take the stump," and his party friends feared his silence might defeat him . . . but it never did.

Retirement from public service will not mean an armchair for Lund, however. He already has accepted a position with Price's Golden Guernsey dairy as bookkeeper.

United States of America



State of Washington

COUNTY OF KITSAP

To ARTHUR LUND Greeting:

This is to Certify, That at the General Election held in said County and State on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1942, you received the highest number of votes cast for the office of

County Clerk

in and for the County of Kitsap, State of Washington, and were therefore duly elected to said office, as appears from the official election returns and canvass on file in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 19th day of November 1942

No. 3

Wendell B. Van

County Auditor.



