



Dr. Lewis Hall

1892-1940: Dr. Lewis Hall (b. Uttoxeter, Staffs, ENG, 1860-1933) and Sophia M. Cummings (b. Hamilton, ON, 1862-1940) married in Victoria in 1889. Lewis's family came to Ottawa in 1862; they farmed at Russell, ON, then moved to Chemainus, BC, in 1876. Hall tried his hand at farming and lumbering; then in 1886 enrolled in the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery. He finished in 1888, practised briefly in Oakville, ON, then established his office at 75 Yates St. in Victoria in 1888. His specialty was dental surgery and porcelain work. He was secretary of the British Columbia Board of Dental Examiners.

Lewis was on the Victoria School Board from 1896-1904, an alderman in 1906-07, and Mayor in 1908-09. He was influential in using wood paving blocks for downtown streets, and signed the first contract for the ornamental cluster lights in 1909. He had financial interests in the Prudential Co, Canada-West Co, Albion Trust Co, the Victoria Steam Laundry and The Bakeries, Ltd on William St in Vic West. In 1892 he established the Central Drug Store under the name of Hall & Co, and was store manager for two years before selling his shares. He was involved in the Victoria Board of Trade and president of the Liberal Association for several years. A member of AF&AM, Oddfellows, Foresters, and Sons of England, Lewis still found time to fish, hunt and play checkers. A member of the Victoria West Methodist Church, he taught a Bible Class for 15 years. Lewis died after two years of illness, and was given a Masonic burial. The *Victoria Daily Times* reported: "Throughout the day, the flag was flown at half-mast over the City Hall, where the deceased formerly held office as mayor, alderman and school trustee."

The Halls were the original occupants. A tender call for a two-storey frame house for Lewis Hall was listed in the *VDC 5 Oct 1892*. The paper reported the cost to build as \$2500 on 3 Jan 1893.

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502 Catherine Street

Sophia Hall, an accomplished musician, was the organist for 21 years at First Presbyterian Church. She lived in her Catherine St home until her death.