

Burlesque entertainer **Gypsy Rose Lee**, was born Rose Louise Hovick in Seattle, Washington, in 1911, but was called Louise from early childhood. She was the daughter of businessman, Jack Hovick, and Rose E. Thompson, who was determined to make a life for herself and her daughters in show business. With the death of her mother in 1954, Lee became a show-biz legend when her tell-all 1957 memoir became a best-seller. The book became the Broadway smash *Gypsy*. The musical later became a best-selling film starring Rosalind Russell as the stage-mother Rose and Natalie Wood as Gypsy Rose Lee.



Gypsy Rose Lee in *Curves Ahead*, 1950, Ralph Steiner, photographer

The Washington State Archives holds the marriage certificate for Rose Thompson and Jack Olaf Hovick in 1910, and the Puget Sound Regional Archives has the photo of the Hovick family home at 4314 SW Frontenac St. (then W Frontenac St) in 1937.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON }
County of King } ss. No. 25327

Marriage Certificate

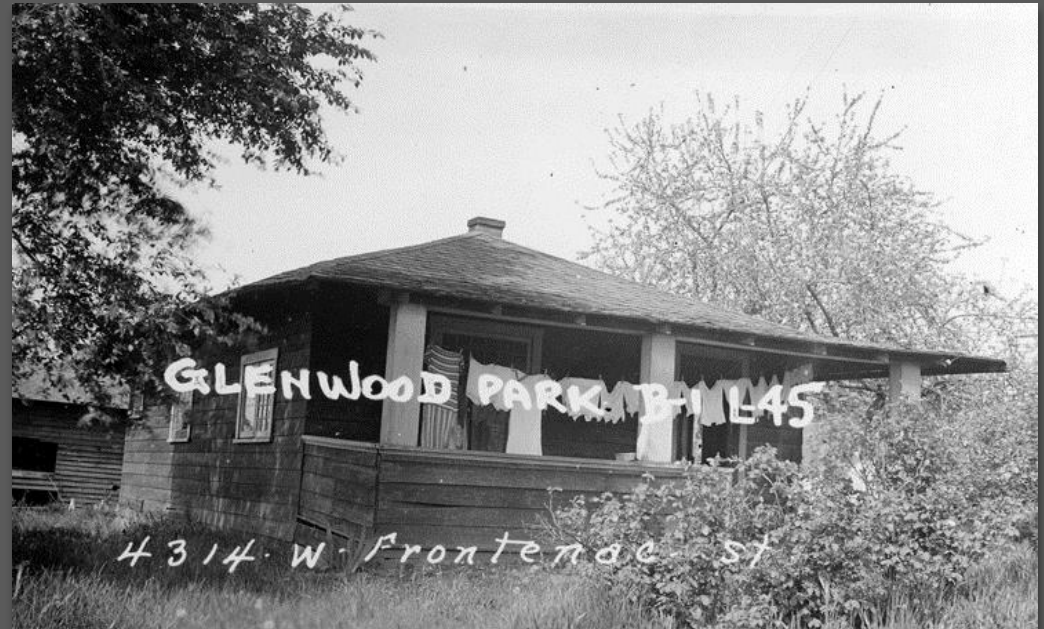
This Certifies that the undersigned,
by authority of a License bearing date the 28th day of May A. D. 1910
and Issued by the County Auditor of the County of King did, on the 28th day of May
A. D. 1910, at the City of Seattle
County and State aforesaid, join in Lawful Wedlock John Hovick
of the County of King and Rose E. Thompson
of the County of King with their mutual assent in the presence of
Mary L. Stein and Anna Thompson witnesses.
In Testimony Whereof, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself this
28th day of May A. D. 1910.

Witnesses: <u>Mary L. Stein</u> <u>Anna Thompson</u>	Parties: <u>John Hovick</u> <u>Rose Thompson</u>	Officiating Clergyman or Officer: <u>August Sandell</u>
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Filed _____ 1910 P. O. Address Seattle
Washington

This Certificate must be filed with the County Clerk of the County where the ceremony is performed, within three months after the ceremony. The County Clerk's fee for filing this certificate is One Dollar to be paid by the party applying for the license at the time each license is issued.—Hill's Code, Wash., Sec. 13564.
Failure to make and deliver Certificate to County Clerk within three months is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$50.00.

MAY 31 1910
A. Sandell
Clerk





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Gypsy Rose Lee and Charles Winninger, Belle of the Yukon, ca. 1944, General Photograph Collection, Washington State Archives.