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Location: A site of present-day Spanaway 8 miles south of mid-city Tacoma, 10 miles northeast of Roy, 15 miles by road west of Orting on the southeast shore of Spanaway Lake (NW Section 28, T19N, R3E). Platted February 13, 1890. (See SPANAWAY).

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Francis H. McClellan, November 16, 1899;
Mrs. Savannah Tullock, July 21, 1900;
Watson C. Shriner, February 1, 1906;
Mrs. Clara Genevieve Lindsly, March 5, 1915 (Mrs. Charles C. Phipps, wed date undetermined);
Kenneth S. McKenzie, January 24, 1918;
Mrs. Lelah A. King (Mrs. George A. King), February 19, 1936;
Mrs. Clara Genevieve Lindsly Phipps, February 8, 1937;
Lewis A. Folden, June 30, 1951;
Mrs. Helen M. Feddersen (nee Daniels, Mrs. Walter C. Feddersen), April 19, 1952;
Miss Helen G. Young, April 15, 1953;
Dorothy D. Campbell, April 25, 1974.

Location: Southern terminus of Tacoma Railway & Power Company electric line ten miles south of mid-city Tacoma, ten miles northeast of Roy (NW Section 28, T19N, R3E).

Prior to the establishment of the post office at Lake Park, residents of the Spanaway Lake community had to drive to Lakeview by horse and buggy to get their mail. The Lake Park Land Railway Improvement Company incorporated on October 29, 1889 for \$100,000. This is now the area where the present post office is situated and where it was established as Lake Park.

Until 1900 the mail was brought from Tacoma by "Old Betsy," a steam engine on a line which ran through South Tacoma. Starting with the opening of Spanaway Park (now Breseman Park) in 1900, and until 1938, the streetcars ran to the park and to Spanaway. The mail route from Tacoma to Morton was started. In 1960 there were two deliveries a day.

Ed Evans was the first RFD carrier, starting on June 1, 1911, and using a horse and buggy to deliver mail on a 25-mile course. In 1916 Frank H. Sherman had the first automobile on the route. In 1917 mail was delivered for a year by motorcycle. Mailman George D. Sweeney spent 22 years on the route (March 7, 1921 to January 16, 1943). Thomas F. Dean, who was the carrier in 1960, had taken the route on June 26, 1953 when it was 40 miles in length with 566 boxes for 954 rural families, which is a considerable job for one man.

On July 1, 1939 Spanaway post office advanced to Third Class and on July 1, 1952 to Second Class. In 1960 it occupied quarters by itself, in a former store building on 162nd Street South.