

Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society



FRENCH NOBILITY IN THE KIRKLAND CEMETERY

See Article by *Alan J. Stein*, page 4

NOTE: KHS October meeting on Wednesday the 24th!



Kirkland Heritage Society

OCTOBER 2001 PRESIDENT LETTER Vic Newhard

The Kirkland Heritage Society welcomes long time member, Barbara Loomis to the position of Chairman of the Historic Buildings and Planning committee. This committee coordinates with the city and local groups regarding planning and research of historic sites and our precious inventory of buildings.

At our last board of directors meeting we continued the discussion about developing a 2001 "Peter Kirk" celebration on his birthday of February 15th. One of the goals would be to make this an annual day or week to honor him. We will have a task force to set down the program for presentation to the city and other organizations to take part in. The basic program should be completed and ready in December of this year. There are already ideas and thoughts coming into KHS to be discussed.

KHS has signed contracts with Page and Beard for further work on the permit process in our efforts for the historic church building and future home of the KHS and historic resource center. The contracts are for engineering on mechanical, structural, and electrical plans. The contracts also cover historic preservation control. Bob Burke is working hard on the very demanding job coordinating planning, marketing, and sales promotion of this project. There were many people visiting the KHS booth in July and September who had positive comments for the beautiful building and location. Get your paver and be a part of historic preservation.

Our booth exhibit was a great success in July's Kirkland Arts and Crafts Fair "Summerfest" and in September's "Taste of Kirkland" by the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce. We owe many thanks to the KHS booth Chairman, Dale Hawkinson, and all the workers who volunteered many hours of their time to this worthwhile project. Ernie Fortescue, the Kirkland photographer, now residing in Wenatchee visited the booth at Summerfest one day. He donated a large collection of his historic photos to our archives a several years ago. While at the booth, Ernie gave information about some his photos on exhibit, and

some early stories of Kirkland, much to the delight of visitors and KHS crew who happened to be there.

Kirkland Downtown on the Lake (KDL) held a ½ day retreat in late September at the historic Shumway mansion. During the session there was a short discussion about downtown Kirkland lighting in the trees for the winter season. This feature of Kirkland adds to the magical "Currier and Ives" quality of our city after dark during the long winter months. The city's decision toward conservation by not doing the lighting will affect the attraction to Kirkland's downtown district after dark. The decision may also influence how we can decorate the historic church building. We will also be active on KDL's design committee with input in building design and changes of the downtown district.

Bob Burke and I will attend the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce membership lunch meeting on October 16th. KHS is sponsoring this event so we have an opportunity to promote KHS to the business community and guests. The church building project will be the focus of our presentation and stone paver sales or donations as goals. The turnout should be good as the main topic of the C of C meeting is a forum of Kirkland city council candidates.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed your KHS membership!
If you have not renewed your membership for the 2001/2002 year, please do so now!
If you have any questions about your membership, please call
Bob Burke at 828-4095.

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 PAVER

The KHS Board voted to install one of the large pavers in remembrance of September 11, 2001. In addition to this most historic date it will include in a border design: New York City and Washington D.C.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Shannon Harris

We've had a variety of interesting programs over the years with numerous speakers and events covering a wide range of historical topics. KHS would like to thank each and every one of the many individuals who have joined us at our monthly meetings to enrich our knowledge of bygone years in Kirkland and history in general! You have made a major contribution. We have had over 50 programs / speakers in the past of 5 years, so the task of listing each would be monumental. However, a very special thanks to **Loita Hawkinson** who has provided many kinds of great deserts faithfully each month for over seven-plus years!

Suggestions for a Monthly Program, call 822-2478.

A very special thanks is also due to Shannon for the very creative programs she has arranged!! They are Great! Thank You, Shannon! Editor

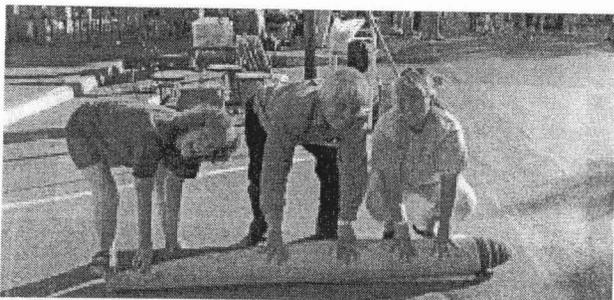
KHS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Shannon Harris

Education is an important part of preserving Kirkland's history. The first step in accomplishing this goal is to educate local citizens - especially our youth. Igniting people's interest and involvement in our community will ensure Kirkland's past will be documented for future residents to enjoy.

In 2002 the education team of **Alan Stein, David Cantrill** and **Shannon Harris** put together several programs for elementary-age students and scouting troops in the community. Our most recent event in May was a Kirkland cemetery tour with over 60+ scouts and their parents. A big thank-you to Alan and David for their contribution to these fun programs and events!

The Kirkland Heritage Society is particularly grateful to the **Peter Kirk Elementary** staff, students and PTSA of 2002 for their interest Kirkland's history. They supported KHS by buying a large paver and participating in a day of ceremony for PETER KIRK DAY last February. They were very interested in meeting the Caprons - descendants of Peter Kirk for whom their school is named!



Loita, Cathy and Rod Rolling Up the Booth Carpet

KIRKLAND SUMMERFEST - 2002

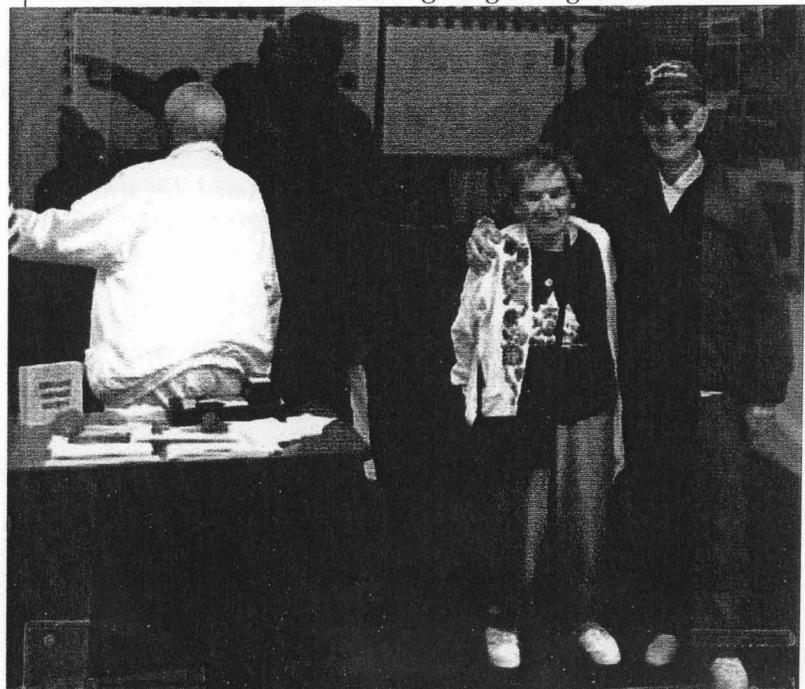
Dale Hawkinson, KHS Booth Coordinator

The Kirkland Heritage Society's booth at this year's Summerfest was very productive. We received several orders for pavers, a major donation of \$2,000, offers of a new booth cover, flooring for the Heritage Resource Center and possible pictures of Historic Kirkland. This is one of the few times of the year for the entire community to become aware of our group and the importance of preserving our past.

Vic Newhard, Bob Burke, Tom Buxton and I set up the booth. **Barbara Loomis** and **Cathy Smith** arranged the display. **Nancy Stephens** and **Gary Lanksbury** opened the booth on Friday followed by **Bev Hoerlein** and myself with **Barbara Loomis** finishing the day.

Saturday's scheduled booth teams included **Michael Radcliff, Cathy Smith, Charlotte Bates, Christina Brugman, Julie Devine, Jette Townsend, Loita** and **Dale Hawkinson**. Sunday's booth was opened by Vic, supported by **Angie Eggers, Charlotte Bates, Leona Pinney, Chuck Morgan** and **Jean Jayne**. Special thanks to everyone for being there to help explain Kirkland's history and to show your support. We hope that Leona and Charlotte are on the mend. Our reasons are selfish - we will need them again at Taste in September!

Frank Rosin brought his Model A in for a two-day display. It was a great attraction!! Unscheduled booth support came from **Alan Stein** and **Rod Graham**. **Again, I would like to thank all who participated in this very successful three-day event. Thanks, also, to the Kirkland Art Center for giving us a great location!**



Charlotte Bates, Angie Eggers & Chuck Morgan

THANKS FOR PETER KIRK DAY David Cantrill, Chair, Peter Kirk Days Event

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who made our first Peter Kirk Day such a success. First and foremost without the wonderful help of the committee nothing would have been accomplished: **Don and Merrily Dicks, Barbara Loomis, Cathy Smith, Vic Newhard, Sue Carter, Alan Stein, Bob Burke, Shannon Harris, Loita Hawkinson** and **Nancy Stephens**.

Thanks also to: **Bob Wicks**, Chamber of Commerce, who helped with publicity; **Kirkland Kinko's** donated their time and talent in getting out our invitations and banner; and **Woodmark Hotel** for donating the Capron's room. The **Mayor** and **Kirkland City Council** for their help to bring this first annual Peter Kirk Day to fruition.

To the Kirkland Arts Center, **Elizabeth Umbanhowar** and staff who took reservations and provided the Skylight Room for our display and reception. To **Andrienne Wilson** who painstakingly recorded the music of Peter's daughter at **BEST High School** and presented it to us in all its beauty, thank you. To **Karen Lighfeldt, Linda Wardell** and **Boris Tkachyov** for loaning us mannequins to display the Kirk clothing brought by the Caprons.

To **Jim, Barbara, and Kirk Capron** who visited our town and accepted our tribute to their honored ancestor. To the surviving relatives of the **Williams** and **Collins** family who by their presence helped us to bridge the sands of time and make the memories of their relatives live again. To all of you, we thank you so very much! For without you, our celebration would not have the same feeling or impact that it did.

Lastly to all who attended and all the citizens of Kirkland, young and old, we thank you, for without you the Kirkland Heritage Society would have no purpose. It is for you and many generations of future residents that we strive to preserve the past. We are confident that this will be the first of many **Founder's Weeks / Peter Kirk Days** in Kirkland! We have already scheduled the Kirkland Arts Center for 2003!

We also need to be looking forward to the Centennial Celebration of Kirkland's Incorporation in 2005!!

WEBSITE AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Thanks to **Dale Hawkinson** for maintaining our website and in providing the photographs used in it as well as in this newsletter. They will provide a record of our many activities over the years!

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES David Cantrill, KHS Archivist

I would like to give special thanks to **Jim and Barbara Capron** of Friday Harbor. Not only have they donated many pieces of memorabilia and documents pertaining to their relative Peter Kirk, but they have given much of their precious time. Since July of last year I have had the great pleasure of knowing these two fine people. Jim's health has suffered much since that first visit. He has had a stroke from which I am glad to say he has recovered very nicely. He has had two major surgeries and is on the mend. During all this, he and Barbara opened their home and hearts to me and the Heritage Society.

Jim's knowledge of his family has been greatly appreciated this year. The many items he has donated to KHS are being lovingly restored and will be displayed in the new Heritage Resource Center. I hope that Jim and Barbara will be able to attend the opening and dedication, as so very much of what we now have comes as a direct result from their unselfish donations.

They continue to donate items such as this City has never before seen. We now have one of two copies of the 1958 thesis "The Kirkland Steel Mill", which tells us more than previously known about Peter's venture to put Kirkland on the map. Photos not seen for 50 years of the family, and items belonging to Peter and his wife Mary are just some of the many things recently donated. You will have to attend the August KHS meeting to see these and other gems of history. For all these things and for their friendship I am deeply grateful.

I know Peter is looking down upon us and smiling for even though his great adventure never came to fulfillment, he can be proud of this city by the lake and of his relatives who have made his name live for us. Thank you!



Mayor Larry Springer & Mrs. Reginald H. Collins

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS— KHS 2002/3

Julie Devine, Membership Chair

Membership is critical to the life of KHS not only for funding to operate but also to accomplish our many activities that depend solely on our wonderful volunteers! Our response this year has been great: Over half of our members have already renewed and of these one-third have been supporting members or given extra gifts beyond their regular membership dues. An (*) has been placed behind the names of those who provided a Matching Gift through their firm. These extra funds have helped KHS to initiate events such as Peter Kirk Day and to assure archival protection of donated materials! Thanks to everyone for your continued support! Six new members have joined so far this year and are shown in **bold** type.

Life Members

Jim & Maureen Baskin Bill Petter

Business

Curtis Gelotte, Architects
Keith Maehlum, WestWater Real Estate

Supporting or Renewal With Extra Gift

Jeanne & Hilbert Bartels	Steve & Susan Bailey
Charlotte Bates	Christina Brugman
Bob Burke	Sants & Sue Contreras *
Mrs. Reginald H. Collins	Don & Merrily Dicks *
John Hackett	Loita & Dale Hawkinson
Carolyn & Jim Hitter	Joyce & Roger Kirk *
Richard Loesby	Jerry & Patti Marsh
Russ McClintick	Martha Millar
Jessica Greenway/Ken Nelson	Donn & Beryl Owens
Michael Radcliff	Fred & Courtney Romano
Thomas Grismer & Paula Rigert	

Individual, Family and Senior Memberships

Rick & Lisa Altig	Julie & Bob Bebee
Gloria & Larry Campbell	David & Debra Cantrill
Susan Carter	Ev & Gen Cox
Susie & Chet Creger	Angie Eggers
Gary & Krystal Gannaway	Ulrich & Nona Ganz
Bill & Judy Gehring	Jo Ann Harris
J.V. Hawkins	Andrew & Freeman Held
Corrine Hieb	Tom Hitzroth
Paul & Bev Hoerlein	Jean Jayne
Scott & Darby Johnson	Corey & Ericka Kahler
Gary Lanksbury	Jim Lauinger
Myron & Marlene Lewis	Barbara Loomis
Ernest McKibben	Richard & Kathy Nelson
Robert & Carolyn Norman	John & Teddy Overleese
Bernard Peach	Leona Pinney
Carol Cooper/David Ramsay	Dave & Hazel Russell
Bill & Beata Seibold	Eric & Deborah Shields
Wayne Stenson	Nancy Stephens
David & Patty Tucker	Don Winters

If you have not renewed, please do so! Encourage friends and neighbors to join KHS! A membership form can be printed out from our website: www.kirklandheritage.org or 206 227-4954.

MOON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR RENOVATION! CONSTRUCTION STARTED JULY 25TH!

Moon Construction Company, Lynnwood, is the successful bidder at \$184,500 for this phase of the construction work that includes building new stairs, two ADA toilets (one each floor), renovation of the upper floor, adding a small kitchen area, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, insulation, new windows and doors and basic walls and ceiling for the lower floor and future heritage resource center! Based on the schedule in the contract, this phase of work should be complete in November.

It must be emphasized that KHS still needs to raise about \$75 - 80,000 to finish the historic renovation of the upper floor and to complete the heritage resource center and the site landscaping. We are working on obtaining grants from major Northwest Corporations. In addition we are hoping to reach our goals in paver donations and contributions (see related stories).

THANKS TO CITY STAFF

Bob Burke

A number of City staff members have been involved in getting the church building to this point where the major construction project is now underway. I don't know everyone who has had a role, but here are those I do know about: **Dave Ramsay**, City Manager, **Lynn Stokesbary**, Assistant City Manager; **Barry Russell**, **Michael Cogle**, **Jason Filan**,; & **Mike Metteer** Parks; **Eric Shields & Stacy Tucker**, Planning;; **Motiryo Keambiroiro**, **Rick MacBeth**, & **Kurt Swanson**, Facilities and **Tom Jensen**, Building Department. **Thanks for your help!**

Throughout the project **Mark Johnston**, Parks, has been the primary contact for the building. His positive "can do" attitude has helped keep the entire project moving forward! Thank You, Mark!



*Marin, Frank Rosin, Shannon Harris & Colby
4th of July 2002 Parade*

**MEMBER, COMMUNITY & FOUNDATION
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RENOVATION**

July 2002

A total of 45 KHS members and friends have made contributions or pledges totaling \$26,989. These range from \$3.00 handed to us at the booth a year ago to "use on the old church" to our very first and largest gift of \$5,000 from **Lloyd and Sharon Powell**. People who wanted their donations to remain anonymous have contributed nearly \$5,000. Our goal is to raise \$35,000. In addition we have received two grants from Foundations totaling \$8,000.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed! Your help allowed us to begin the construction in July! A panel will be placed in the Meeting Room recognizing contributions and donations. Those donations with an (*) indicate that a matching gift was made available through their firm.

\$5,000 to \$10,000

Lloyd & Sharon Powell Seattle Foundation

\$2,500 to \$4,999

William Ballentine Robert G. Burke
Louis G. & Patti Marsh Thurston Charitable Trust

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Thomas K. Hitzroth The Riggert-Grismer Family
Nancy Roach & Greg Crafts

\$500 to \$999

Baskin Family * Ulrich and Nona Ganz
Ernest C. McKibben Martha B. Millar

\$100 to \$499

The Brugmans Ralph and Doris Cooper
Krystal & Gary Gannaway Jessica Greenway & Ken Nelson
Loita & Dale Hawkinson Corrine R. Hieb
Carolyn & Jim Hitter Barbara Loomis
Bill Petter Michael Radcliff
Cathy Smith Don Winters

Under \$100

David Cantrill Sants & Sue Contreras *
Tom Day Angie Eggers
Dick & Michele Gidley Jo Ann Harris
Clark & Marcy Heath Paul & Bev Hoerlein
Myron & Marlene Lewis Chuck & Florence Morgan
Bob & Carolyn Norman Eric Shields
Kirkland Womans Club

If any of these items need to be corrected, call Bob Burke.

**If you would like to make a contribution,
please send it to Kirkland Heritage Society,
1032 - 4th Street, Kirkland, WA 98033.
If questions call Bob Burke - 828-4095.**

KING COUNTY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thanks to the **King County Council** and **Landmarks and Heritage Commission** for their program support for historic preservation. In addition to Sustained Support funding, KHS has received three grants from King County: \$45,000 from the Cultural Facilities Program (2001, 2002) and \$5,750 from the Landmark Rehabilitation Program for the building renovation!

Thank you to Landmarks and Heritage staff members that have worked with us to assure appropriate preservation of the Kirkland Landmark: **Julie Koler, Clo Copass, Kate Kraftt, Charles Payton** and **Donovan Gray**. In addition, the City has an Interlocal Agreement that has provided additional consulting and staff assistance identifying potential landmark districts and buildings.

DONATIONS

SERVICES/MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT

In addition to paver donations and cash contributions we have received donations of services, materials and equipment. These contributors include: **Page & Beard, Architects**, Architectural Services; **Patrick Harris**, Landscape Plan reflecting the 1920's; **Jim Hart & Associates** half the survey costs; **McConnell / Burke, Inc.** for office furniture, cabinets and equipment; **R.L. 'Bob' Shular** for a portion of the flooring installation and **Frank Rosin** for a black & white copy machine.

VOLUNTEERS

Don Winters has been responsible for the volunteers who have worked on the building over the past year and a half! Thank you, Don, for coordinating these efforts! A work party prepared the building for painting by removing some of the newer siding, cleaning up trim and repairing the north elevation. The interior walls and finishes added in the late 1960's were removed - some will be used in the lower floor and part of them were donated to **Earthwise** who deals with second hand materials - particularly from older buildings. We also demolished walls and removed plaster in preparation for the bid effort. Those who have been involved in these work parties include: **Jim and Robert** (our youngest and most dedicated worker) **Baskin, Bob Burke, Mary Alyce Burleigh, Mark Eliasen, Dale & Loita Hawkinson, Roger Kirk, Barbara Loomis, Vic Newhard, Donn Owens, Pam Owens, Nancy Stephens, Cathy Smith, Melissa Thirloway, and Michael Radcliff.**

**To volunteer for future work parties,
contact Don Winters at 827-2650.**

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

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Church Renovation

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*Unless otherwise noted
KHS meetings are held
the last Wednesday
of the month at 7 p.m.,
Kirkland Congregational
Church, 106 5th Avenue.*

CALENDAR

KHS PROGRAMS - I have been putting together programs for KHS for the past four years. If there is a program you'd like to have on our calendar for next year, please let me know. I still have several new program ideas, but I want you all to have an opportunity to share your thoughts. All ideas, comments, and suggestions are welcomed. Call me at 822-2478. Thanks! Shannon Harris

October
24 Greenway/Nelson Arts & Crafts Home tour! See article for directions (meeting one week early due to Halloween)

November No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

December
6 Magical Night of Shopping in Downtown Kirkland 6:30-8:00 p.m.
9 Holiday open house. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Johnson Home 10th Avenue

2002

January 30th

February 27th

KHS PERSONAL VIRTUAL SECRETARY

Lillián E. Reed, owner, Just My Type now provides secretarial and desktop publishing services to KHS. The Board felt that having this service would assist us in obtaining volunteers for the newsletter and other committee responsibilities. Lillián can be reached at 822-9156 or at justmytype@rcia.com

MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

KHS now qualifies for tax exemption under 501(c)(3) and your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law. We now qualify for match contributions by those employers who offer this benefit.

- Individual \$25
- Family \$30
- Senior/Student \$20
- Supporting \$100
- Life Member \$1,000
- Organization/Government \$100
- Professional/Business \$125
- Corporate \$250

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

My Company Matches Contributions

Contact: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your membership is the first important step in helping achieve our goals. Interested in helping on other projects? Please indicate the areas in which you are interested.

Serve on Standing Committee:

- Archives and Collections
- Communications Blackberry Preserves
- Oral History
- Historic Sites and Planning
- Membership and Funding
- Programs and Education

Work on Specific Activity:

- Christian Science Church Renovation
 - Funding: Pledge Drives, etc.
 - Volunteers: Carpentry, Painting
- Community Events/Exhibits
- Home Tour
- Photography/Update Slides
- Video on Kirkland History

Name _____

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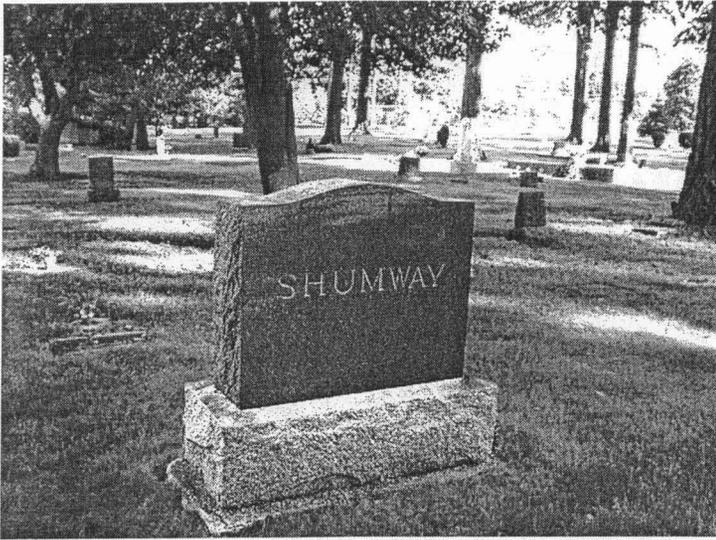
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Home # _____ Work # _____

Organization/Firm _____

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Shumway Family

KIRKLAND CEMETERY
Photos by Alan Stein

French Family



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