

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

### Oh For the Life of a Councilman



"Those pesky problem children — wish I could get them all cleaned up"

Political cartoon from September 22, 1938. If nothing else, history proves to us that the more things change, the more they stay the same. *East Side Journal*.



**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**LOITA HAWKINSON**

Dear friends: After the death of my husband and best friend, I have been showered with tender loving care. I cannot thank you enough for being there. So many of you were at his memorial even though it was on a holiday weekend. Your support has been overwhelming. And I do not even know whom to thank. Lynette Weber took charge of the food and beverages. Many of you brought food and cookies. I have no idea who brought what but it was wonderful. Greg Lyon's played TAPS during the flag ceremony. Greg has been a friend of our son, Fred, since high school.

Dale had such passion for the history of Kirkland and its citizens. Hopefully others will come forward to carry on some of the projects that meant so much to him. Clarence Stone is taking over getting a section of Moss Bay Rail for the entryway of the Resource Center. There will be expenses so Dale's memorials will go towards acquiring and installing the rail. Again....thank you all.



**Dale Hawkinson** doing what he loved. High tech camera and low tech light stand guarantee that the 100+ year old newspapers will always be available for research.



**David Tucker**  
1937 - 2011



**Dale Hawkinson**  
1944 - 2011

**We blinked and they were gone.**



**KHS Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

**September 29, 2011**

To be announced but we may have Blackberries & Ice Cream!

**October 26, 2011**

Mystery "Who dunnit"  
Tom Hitzroth may scare us!!!



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# History at Kirkland's Uncorked



Steve, Cathy, Dale, Cam, Eric, Loita  
The set up crew.



Janeen Ryseff & Cathy Radcliff



Dave & Betty  
Roberts



Alice & Vern Stoops



Steve Lamson & Mark Amick



Nancy Bock & Russ McClintick



Eric Linderoth and Vic Newhard. Eric was a  
co-worker of Dale's. He's from Bothell.



Pam Gates Owens & David Sherbrooke



Sue & Sants Contreras



Matt McCauley, Cathy & Michael Radcliff,  
Mark Amick and Loita tore the booth down.

**Dr. David and Dr. Lucy L. Richards by Loita Hawkinson**

During the late 1800's and early 1900's most babies were born at home. But mothers were seldom on their own. There was usually a midwife or doctor called to the home to help with the birth.

Birth records from this time are available on the Washington State Digital Archives and they show that most eastside babies were delivered by Dr. L.L. Richards. When a person died, they were often attended by Dr. D.T. Richards. This little bit of knowledge is another of those historic seeds that was just waiting to take root.

Just who were L.L. Richards and D.T. Richards? As more records become available, we now know they were Lucy Lophelia Richards and David Towner Richards. They are listed in the King County directory as Richards & Richards, Physicians, residing in Houghton. David T. Richards also had a drug company in Houghton and he was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kirkland. The doctors had one daughter: Zula May Richards. Zula married Frank W. Pettibone and had six children. The Pettibone's lived in Kirkland. Records show that at least two of the Pettibone children were delivered by their grandmother.

It is anyone's guess how the Richards' managed to slip through the historic cracks when so much research was being done in the 1940's and 50's. People were living at that time that knew the Richards. When David Richards drew up his will, Emery and Belle Brooks were witnesses. When he died, Dr. George Davis was in attendance. When I searched the KHS database, a granddaughter was in the Brooks collection. Valera A. Pettibone was just a name when I entered her photo and name a few years ago. Now she is an important person in Kirkland's history. Valera was the grandchild of the eastside's first woman doctor.

The Richards were from New York and both received their medical training on the east coast. L.L. Richards (female) of Houghton applied for her Washington Territory medical license in 1883. Their local history is long and deep.

After finding more names I was able to search the ancestry sites and found a distant

Richards family member who had put together some history on David and Lucy Richards. Her post was 9 years old and when I emailed her, her response was: "I was beginning to think I was the only one who cared about this family." We still do not have a photo of either David or Lucy. But we do have a photo of her brothers, their son-in-law and the one of her granddaughter. Both David and Lucy's families fought in the Revolutionary War. We can only hope that family will one day find Kirkland Heritage Society and shed some light on their 35 years here.

The cancelled September program about the First Baptist Church was of great interest. David T. Richards was their first pastor and we can only hope the church has photos of the Richards family to share. We hope their historian will reschedule next year.

And Houghton has one more historic facet to swagger about. They are the home of the first eastside doctors; one of them a woman.

Delivered by Dr. Lucy Richards: Mildred Fosnaugh, Baby Boy Hanks, Elizabeth Wittenmyer, Baby Boy Nelson, Aberto Northup, Olivia French, Frances Fish, Cecil Evans (uncle of former governor Dan Evans), Hubert W. Williams (youngest son of founder Walter W. Williams), Vivian Bell (granddaughter of founder Peter Kirk), Valera and Errol Pettibone (Dr. Richard's own grandchildren). The list is long and the list is historic.

Please read the poem written by Lucy Richards when she was an elderly woman and was lamenting and rejoicing about the changes in her world. This poem was published in a program and may have been given out at her funeral in 1915.



**Frank W. Pettibone**

He was the son-in-law to Dr. David & Dr. Lucy Richards. Frank & Zula married in Houghton in 1893. Rev. Dr. Richards officiated.



# KHS, City of Kirkland & King County Collaborate

Lynette Weber reporting

This coming month of October is an important one for historic preservation in Kirkland. The City of Kirkland has undertaken a large annexation & the new areas will need to be surveyed; approximately 150 properties built prior to 1946 will be considered as additions to the City's existing historic property inventory. Also on the agenda is an update of the existing historic property inventory with photographs and status information.

The project will be conducted in collaboration with the City of Kirkland and volunteers from KHS and coordinated by King County's Historic Preservation Staff. KHS members familiar with the history of the community will contribute their knowledge of the buildings and will also be trained in field documentation techniques starting in October. The City of Kirkland has adopted policies and regulations to protect historic properties and has designated several as City Landmarks as well as having some properties recognized as National Landmarks. If you are interested in being involved with this exciting project, please call Heritage Hall at 425-827-3446.



Wayne & Linda Jatton at the Norkirk/Highlands Neighborhood Picnic at Crestwoods Park.

SEATTLE'S MOST

# KIRKLAND

IMPORTANT SUBURB

Leigh S. J. Hunt proved to Peter Kirk that on Lake Washington's eastern shore, where Kirkland was afterward builded, was a spot intended by Nature for great development by man. So about July 12, 1888, the Kirkland Land & Improvement Co. came into being. Incorporators were Peter Kirk, Leigh S. J. Hunt, A. A. Denny, Walter W. Williams and Geo. U. Hellbron. Land was bought from Carl Nelson, Andrew Nelson, John DeMott, E. M. Church, Samuel French, Harry D. French and others. Included was a part of the old homestead at Naughton, and manufacturing sites eastward about a mile on Forbes Lake, now known as Lake Kirkland. So the project took definite shape, as will be told later.

Every day is the classified section of The Times you can find some property in Kirkland described.

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 26 West N. Y. Block, Over Dexter Hotel National Bank.

LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND  
 NO. 4.

Seattle Times-- August 6, 1915

## THANK YOU TO:

**Margie Denton** donated two buttons. One is an Aunt Jemima Pancake Club button from the 1930's. These buttons are not Kirkland events but sure do bring back fond memories.

**Sandy Ekins** gave her mother-in-laws enameled Red Cross pin from WWII. Most Red Cross pins are metal pins with a tab. This pin is a piece of jewelry. Thank you Dick for trusting KHS with your mother's treasures. Sandy also donated her Kirkland Art Center pin from the 1980's. They are displayed at the hall.

**Elizabeth Goodrich** was born in Kirkland in 1941. Her father worked in the Shipyard. Her parents were friends with many of the local families. Elizabeth's father, Walter Goodrich, took movies of their time in Kirkland. Watch the KHS website for movies of local Kirkland events, including parades and the circus. Some are in color so we get to see Pinocchio in his red knickers.

**Deb Healy** is the great great-granddaughter of **Edmund Burke**. Burke & Farrar purchased the Kirkland town site from the Kirkland Land Company in 1910. In 1915, Edmund Burke died of complications from a broken leg. He left five young children. Because of his early death, little has been known about this man who with Bert Farrar, had such an impact on Kirkland. The Burke family is having a family reunion and wanted to know if KHS had information. Now using what little we had, what the family has and what we can learn from the Seattle Times, this important history is going to get documented.

**Katy Coleman** with Kirkland Public Works has a 1936 New Years Day invitation that belonged to her grandmother. Katy's grandmother was a friend of the Dawson family who lived on Market Street. The homemade whimsical invitation is to a cabin and you can see from the map that this is the 1935 cabin on Market Street. We have next to no history

about that wonderful cabin but now we know it was either built by or built for **Max and Sterling Primrose Dawson**.

**Andrea Corbett**, granddaughter of **Rev. and Mrs. George Voris** has donated an 1854 woven coverlet that was made by the Craig family. This coverlet is an Amish blanket but it has been in the Kirkland area for more than 100 years. Rev. Voris lived in Juanita but was pastor of the Kirkland Congregational Church in 1909 and 1910. Also donated were family photos. The coverlet is displayed at the hall. Mrs. Corbett left these items with the city for KHS to pick up. Sort of drives home the point of how much Kirkland could use a museum.

**David Davis** dropped by Heritage Hall a few weeks ago. Mr. Davis is the grandson of early pioneers **Harry and Rosa French**. The French diaries have long been a source of history for Kirkland. These diaries were on loan. The diaries were stored in a safe deposit box until Kirkland Heritage had its archives. They are now archived in a fireproof drawer in the fireproof archive. Mr. Davis has now donated the diaries of his grandfather Harry and his great grandfather Samuel French. Because we knew they still belonged to the French family, Dale had photographed each page of the many diaries. It took almost a year but now Mr. Davis will be sent a CD of this family history. Much of the early history reported in ***Our Foundering Fathers*** was taken from these diaries. We thank David Davis for his trust.



## David Davis

Grandson of Harry & Rosa French. Great Grandson of Samuel & Caroline French. Mr. Davis is Kirkland's link to 1872. His mother, Olivia French, was delivered by Dr. Lucy Richards.



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\*\* During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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425 587-3342**



Valera Pettibone & Laura Woodruff. Valera was the grand-daughter of David and Lucy Richards. Laura was the mother of Forrest Woodruff, a son-in-law to Emery and Belle Brooks. See page 4 for history on the Richards family.

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