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Kirkland Dock from the Lincoln

This photo was taken by **Captain Walter King Curtis** from the pilothouse of the Ferry Lincoln on August 23, 1923. Kirkland was holding a summer festival called "Hula Days". The proceeds from the event went to help pay for the Fort Jackson floating American Legion Clubhouse. Photo from the **Donna Howland Acton: Curtis Collection**. Captain Curtis was Donna's grandpa and she remembers him well.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

This is not to sound like a complaint, but Kirkland history is coming in too fast to handle. Since the last newsletter, we have received a large photo collection from Donna Howland Acton. Donna's grandfather was Walter Curtis and her great grandparents were Frank and Mollie Curtis. The Curtis's started the first boatyard in Houghton. This area is now Carillon Point. Imagine if they had never settled here. Two of the photos will be used on the new Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park sign. And a winter scene was submitted to Washington Federal Savings Bank for their 2013 Calendar. They have accepted it. Donna has also shared photos from her Howland family and her Acton Family.

As if that is not enough for now, the evening Marin Harris received the Christine Neir Scholarship for her oral history with her Grandma, Jo Ann Harris and the historic Kellett house, I came home to an email from England. John Kellett, known as Jack, emailed that he had found my old internet web post asking for history on the Kellett family. That made him search the web and he found Marin's program. Jack has teenage daughters and they are planning a trip to Kirkland. Mr. Kellett was the only founder that KHS has no connection with. In an instant, all that has changed.

You may have noticed that the website has not been updated since Dale passed away last July. Mark Williams has been tackling the site and learning what he could. Mark will be getting some help from a professional web designer and has generously agreed to pay for this help. We are very fortunate.

It has been agreed to try move our monthly programs to the Peter Kirk Community Center. The meeting date will then be Saturday at 10:30. There will be a

fee but we are getting a reduced rate. May, June and September will remain at the hall on Wednesday. Then in October, January and February, we will be at the Peter Kirk Community Center on Saturday morning. Not everyone is happy with this move. But so many members have requested a move for so many years, that we will try it. If after a trial run, turnout is not good, we will go back to Wednesdays at the hall.

History Month is being organized for both 2013 and 2014. I am chair of the committee. Karen Schlickling, Nora Carlson and Lynette Weber have agreed to serve. Mark Amick, the chair for 2012, submitted his list of suggestions and we will be taking those into consideration as we move forward. We will need teams to deliver signs the last week of January and pick up the first week of March. Too early to sign up volunteers but we will be asking when the time is near. The signs are organized by street so there should not be too much walking once you find parking



Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park

Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park will be dedicated July 21, 2012. The photo panel using the two newly acquired Curtis photos will be placed by then. This area was once called Curtis Landing so it is fitting that the photos used were taken by Captain Walter Curtis. The City will be installing the new park sign but the interpretive marker had to be paid for with donations. The Cooper family suggested KHS for memorials when Doris passed away last year. The KHS board voted to donate a portion of these memorials for the photo panel.



KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson's *The Power of a Dream*. Both are available at Parkplace Books.


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KHS Monthly Meeting Heritage Hall



**May 30, 2012
7:00 p.m.**



Coty Hogue grew up in Philipsburg, Montana and has been called the “Emmylou Harris of a new generation.” Singing with banjo and guitar accompaniment she mixes traditional, contemporary and original songs, taking you on an Americana music journey. Her rendition of the traditional song ‘Going to the West’ charted #1 on the Folk-DJ radio charts this past summer. <http://www.cotyhogue.com>

This concert was cancelled because of our January snow storm. Coty has agreed to try it again. The concert is being paid for by Laura Bradley-Pierucci, great granddaughter of Montgomery and Sarah Sears, Kirkland Founders. Thank you Laura. And once again we are indebted to the World Wide Web for making these connections possible. You see, Laura lives in Italy and can only attend in spirit.



**June 27, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

To be announced. With all our members and history, something will happen.



**Wilkeson Stone Pavers Available
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www.kirklandheritage.org**

Anderson Ferry Clock



The Historic Anderson Ferry Clock rests on the floor at the City Garage.

It will cost about \$8,000 to bring it back to the life pictured on the back page. If you wish to contribute, please make a check out to Kirkland Heritage Society, Ferry Clock and mail to:

Kirkland Heritage Society
203 Market Street
Kirkland, WA 98033

Your contribution is tax deductible.



Program Chair Needed.

Starting in 2012, we needed someone to help find programs that are of local interest. **Linda Jatton** is on the committee: she and **Wayne** set up the refreshments. Members are very good with suggestions so it is mostly organizing the dates and the reminders. Programs are needed for 8 meetings plus the Holiday Cookie Exchange. This would be a good position to share. Please call the hall at 425-827-3446 if you can help.



Marin Harris

Awarded the 2012 Christine Neir Memorial Scholarship



Jo Ann Harris, Bob Neir, Marin Harris, Jim Neir

Marin recorded an oral history with her Grandmother Jo Ann Harris. Marin also transcribed the tape. It is rich in history of the Harris family and the historic Kellett home

Clark Mills Nettleton by Loita Hawkinson

The Amick's have sold their home, the Nettleton Mansion on State Street, so they could be nearer their new son's grandparents. It was a query about the home that introduced the Amick's to KHS. They wanted to know the history of their historic home.

The Nettleton's were one of many families that came to the NW around 1888 when the dreams for the Pacific Northwest becoming the Pittsburgh of the West offered limitless opportunities. Kirkland founder, Leigh S.J. Hunt came to Seattle intending to build a steel mill in Seattle. Founder and Kirkland namesake, Peter Kirk, arrived in Seattle with plans on building his steel mill near one of the harbors on the Pacific Rim. It took two years for Mr. Hunt and Mr. Kirk to coordinate their efforts and settle on the Nelson Bay area, midway between the lake ports of Juanita and Houghton. The Houghton homesteaders sold, the newly platted community became Kirkland and Nelson Bay was renamed Moss Bay. This can be confusing because the original town site of Kirkland had been called Houghton. The Houghton residents south of Kirkland did not sell.

Leigh Hunt had purchased the *Post Intelligencer* paper upon arriving in Seattle. Mr. Hunt had never been a newspaper man but he was known to recognize talent and hire the best. This is why Clark Nettleton arrived in 1888 and was soon followed by his parents and 7 siblings.

Speed forward from 1888 to 1893. The steel mill was built on Rose Hill near Forbes Lake, the global economy struggled, construction of the federally funded Lake Washington ship canal was cancelled and the steel mill failed to open. This canal would have opened Lake Washington shores to manufacture and shipping. The pending canal was the reason that a port on Lake Washington was feasible. Kirkland land speculators had been allowed to put zero down on land that was sure to turn a heady profit once the steel mill opened. Investors defaulted on their loans. The banks could not sell the forfeited land. Many banks failed. (Sort of sounds familiar, doesn't it?)

The Nettleton's had not financially invested in the boom of Seattle or Kirkland and therefore had not lost money. Col. Stiles Nettleton, the father of the 8 Nettleton's, was head of immigration for the state. Clark continued being a reporter for many years

and four of his five sisters became teachers. Sister Elva married Edward Turner. Turner's Corner in Woodinville is named for them. We know from reading the society pages that the Nettleton's socialized with Kirkland's founders.

In 1904, most of the Nettleton family moved to Kirkland. They lived in two homes on State Street. Later, in 1914, Clark and Jennie built their Colonial home now called the Nettleton Mansion. Several smaller homes were on the State Street property so that the Nettleton's could live closely together.

In 1918, Clark Nettleton purchased the P.I. which he sold in 1921. This is the history that is most reported. But Clark Nettleton owned the Seattle Bridge Company, was part owner of the Washingtonian News, served on Kirkland's Town Council. He was one of the most liked and respected men who helped shape Seattle and Kirkland. When he died in 1943, his obituary was in the *New York Times*.

Clark Nettleton had many achievements during his life. When asked of what he was most proud, he said that it was in 1896 when he met the Portland, which was the first steamer to arrive from Alaska with gold. He personally saw the fortune that could be made. Being a newspaper man, he got on the wire and reported about this first shipment of gold. It was Clark Nettleton's report that started the Alaska Gold Rush. Seattle became the gateway to Alaska.

CLARK NETTLETON;
Seattle Ex-Publisher, Reported First Gold
from Alaska (*New York Times*).

Seattle and Tacoma had been battling for prominence. The Gold Rush finally gave Seattle the edge.

Kirkland was home of the only woolen mill on the Pacific coast. Kirkland's wool was needed by the Alaska bound prospectors. Seattle and Kirkland are thankful to Clark Mills Nettleton. Three generations of Nettleton's are buried in the Kirkland Cemetery.

Clark M. Nettleton



The Threads of History

Former PI reporter, Greg Johnston, now writes for Kirkland Patch.com. Greg has been writing Kirkland Then and Now features for over a year and they are getting a following. Greg gets photos and history from KHS, does his own research and being a product of Kirkland schools, has his own memories. It was because of the Kirkland news that a school friend of Judi Heintz of Florida, told Judi to look at Kirkland Patch.com. Judi found the site and emailed Greg telling her of her mother, Donna Howland Acton who still lives in Kirkland and is a Curtis. Greg's reply included my home email. One month later, Greg interviewed Donna and I did a video oral history. We all mourn the delivered local daily paper, but these online sites are also a treasure. Especially when we have the likes of Greg Johnston who shares his sources freely. The KHS website has not been updated but the site connected KHS with two more pioneering families since the last newsletter. And thankfully, the website will be current soon.



Historic Properties Inventory Committee

KHS's participation was impressive. Thanks to Glenn Landguth, Mark Williams, David Sherbrook, Lynette Weber, Bob Burke & Vic Newhard. And thank you King County Landmarks for allowing input of historic data for many of the historic properties. Glenn Landguth scanned the property photos and now KHS has a copy for our records too. If there is project money left, more properties will be added. The next phase will be Juanita and Finn Hill. Loita

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From raw material to finished product, every intermediate process to be carried on at Kirkland, did this gigantic undertaking embrace. Grading was finished for a battery of coke ovens; engines, blowers, etc., for the blast furnace shipped from Philadelphia; fire brick works, sawmill with 25,000 feet daily capacity, and water works built; bunkers with railroad connection; complete foundry and machine shops to make the castings and parts to be used even in erecting the steel works itself. And so Kirkland began to grow, as will be told Thursday evening.

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

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 Owners of Kirkland Townsite.
 CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$1,000,000.
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 Horton National Bank.

LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND
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Seattle Times-- August 17, 1915

THANK YOU TO:

Frank Rosen for donation an 1956 Eagles pin from when they were fundraising for the Frogman program. Frank also had a rare *My Weekly Reader* from 1943 so it is full of WWII ideas for students to help with the war effort...from cleaning their dinner plate to watching the skies.

Joanne Forbes Deligan for providing Forbes family and Juanita Beach history. Joanne had a wonderful PowerPoint presentation at the March meeting. She then donated more scanned images and a copy of the PowerPoint to KHS. This collection has finally exploded but still represents just a fraction of the Forbes History in Juanita.

Marilyn Timmerman Johnson donated a baseball that belonged to her late husband Andy Johnson. The baseball was presented to Coach Andy upon his retirement and is signed by the players. The baseball is on display at the hall.

Tony Emmanuel hand wrote a bit of history about Pappy Ballinger who has history in Kirkland. Mr. Ballinger first had the boat works and then a cabinet shop. It was a nice bit of history with some humor tucked in.

Last August **Betty McClintick Gaudy** mailed in a written history of the old Rose Hill Grade School and the Camp Fire Girls cabin on Rose Hill. Betty included two hand drawn maps that answer questions about just how the campus was laid out. It is all now in the database.

David Davis, grandson of Harry French, donated his grandfather and great grandfather's diaries that have been archived for years. KHS did not actually own these historic diaries until now. They have been the foundation of much of the Houghton and Kirkland history for three decades. These are primary source documents. Mr. Davis has been promised a CD of the diaries. Dale photographed the diaries over a two year period so that they can be used for research without being removed from the archives. Thank you Mr. Davis for your generosity and thank you for your patience. Mr. Davis also donated the photo album kept by his mother, Olivia French Davis. Olivia named and dated much of her album. The French Collection has helped connect the dots on the history of early Kirkland families. Mr. Davis will also get a CD of the photos in the album. Thanks to Mr. Davis, we now know that Samuel Foster French was called Fos.

Last September when **Virginia Kaiser** dropped off the Blackberries for the Ice Cream Social, she also donated an *Eastside Historic Coloring Book* that was published by Marymoor Museum in 1985. Along with a line drawn illustrations are historic anecdotes. It is shelved on the book shelves with the other local history books.

In 1964, **Hattie Amy Goff Norman** wrote: Dear Friend, You asked me to write something of the early history of Highland and Northup. I hardly know where to start or how much to relate, but realize I am one of the few who started life in those districts. And with that Mrs. Norman wrote four pages of history that includes Kirkland, Northup, Houghton, Highlands, Bridle Trails. Mrs. Norman moved to the eastside in 1884 when she was 1 year old and had an amazing memory for details. Virginia Kaiser came into possession of the original typed history and has donated it to KHS. During one of our March downpours, I retyped this history so that it could be added to the database. A copy is also on the library shelves with additional Goff family history. I am positive there are Goff descendents in the area. It would be wonderful to have some photos.

Woodinville Heritage Society is thinning out their collection by passing along collections that are not Woodinville. KHS received files from the estate of **Oscar Roloff** who was a wonderful freelance writer with interests in anything historic. Oscar was also one of our local Pearl Harbor survivors. We lost Oscar in 1999. Thank you Woodinville. And we miss you Oscar.

Kudos Kirkland had a work crew out on April 12 and they cleaned the entry way to the Resource Center. Not a leaf was left behind to drag into the building. Kudos to Kudos Kirkland.

Frank Rosin put on Dale's photo editing shoes for a few hours and managed to edit a historic photo so that we now have a good photo of the Anderson Ferry Clock and Kirkland Avenue West in 1939. The clock was only 4 years old and this is the only known photo that shows the clock with its lights and ferry schedule. Hopefully the same font used in the schedule will be used for the interpretive marker once the clock is restored. Photo editing takes time and patience. Thanks Frank.

And thank you **Marilyn Johnson** and **Margie Denton** for providing the yummy treats for March and April.

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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.
Webmaster: The late Dale W. Hawkinson.

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Anderson Clock Photo from 1937

Corner of Lake and Kirkland Avenue. This photo is the oldest known photo that shows our beloved and ailing Anderson Ferry Clock. Thanks to **Frank Rosin** for doing his photo magic and removing the tax record information from the image. This photo will help guide restoration. Frank's grandpa probably manufactured the paint used. The clock was built in the building now occupied by Zoka's. Thanks also to **Sue Contreras** for spearheading the fundraising. A true Kirkland project.

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