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Heglen Store near Kirkland Ferry Dock

Pictured is August Heglen behind counter. Matilda Heglen is sitting with Bertha on her lap. Other daughters are Dora, Lulu and Pauline. Photo taken about 1906. Hopefully one day we will know more about the history of this store and the Heglen's. For what we do know, see page 4.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

Time and history are marching on. Since our last newsletter we have lost Betty Fields. Betty was a mainstay at our meetings and in her neighborhood. It is sad to lose her gentle spirit.

Anita Maxwell tendered her resignation just prior to the September Board Meeting. The board accepted Anita's resignation and Janeen Ryseff will fill in the At Large position for the balance of Anita's term. Thank you both Anita for your time served and Janeen for continuing to be such a dedicated member.

The Program Chair has been filled. Karen Schickling and Linda Jatton will share the chair position. So if you have ideas for programs, please contact one or both. Leave a message at the hall and it will get to them.

We had a test run for our October meeting at the Peter Kirk Community Center. The Center offers a lot of parking, much of it handicapped. It was a chilly and drizzly Pacific Northwest Saturday but the turnout was much better than a Wednesday evening would have been. Thad Pound talked about growing up in his parent's cannery and how he and Gail eventually took it over until his retirement. Thad will open the Cannery for the next May meeting. So the schedule is filling in already.

KHS just received its second Life Time membership for 2012. Stoney and Sandi Stone became life members earlier this year and now in November, Laura Bradley Pierucci, great-granddaughter of Kirkland Founder J. Montgomery Sears became a Life Member. Laura lives in Italy 11 months of the year. Like her great-grandmother, Sarah Sears, Laura is an artist. If anyone takes *The American Craft Magazine*, Laura and her art are pictured in the Oct/Nov 2012 issue. I have had no luck finding an issue but we will.

This is the last newsletter of the year which has been challenging for me but your constant friendship and encouragement have been a source of comfort. Most of you give me way too much credit but I thank you. Have a wonderful holiday here in Kirkland or wherever you now call home. LH



LADIES NIGHT OUT

We had a very successful fundraiser for the ferry clock restoration on Monday, November 12 at Parkplace Books. The cocktail party was followed by a private showing of the movie "Bridesmaids". There were almost 100 ladies in attendance.

We would like to thank so many folks who helped in this effort:

Jeff Cole for the rental of the movie and the use of the theater; Jaenna Straub and Heather Janssen for graphics/signage/tickets; Rebecca Willow and Mary Harris for hosting the cocktail party at their bookstore.

The food and beverages were fabulous: Larry Springer and Penny Sweet donated the wine; Santos and Sue Contreras donated the full bar.

The Tux Club donated six hot pink ties for our male servers to wear: Scott Becker, Bill Ballantine, Kurt Triplett and Jim Walen.

The towering, lovely flower centerpieces were donated by Judi Tsuchida-Fena Flowers.

Decorations were handled beautifully by Becky Ballantine, Barbara Loomis and Sue Contreras.

The food...ah yes, the food! Oh my! The following donated bountiful appetizers: Cindy Leavitt, Sue Contreras, Cactus, Crab Cracker, Juanita Pub, The Lodge, Lucia, Lynn's Bistro, Metropolitan Market, Purple, QFC, Red Apple Market, Rikki Rikki, and Ristorante Paradiso.

Be sure to thank them for their wonderful and generous support!

Our goal for restoring the clock is \$9000 and we are currently at about \$6500. Please send in your donations-large or small-every single contribution helps. To use a credit card, go to our website www.kirklandheritage.org. Or mail a check to KHS-ferry clock., 203 Market St., Kirkland 98033

Thanks so much-with your help maybe we can raise the money by the end of 2012!

Sue Contreras for the KHS-Ferry Clock Committee.

Editor's note: Sue Contreras thanked donors for their time, money and services. Sue also needs to be thanked for pulling this event together. It was her idea and a wonderful evening. 100% of the ticket price went to the ferry fund.

KHS Monthly Meeting

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**September, 2012**

The Future Remembered performed by the *Book-It Repertory Theatre* brought back many memories of the Seattle World's Fair.



Girl Scouts Sophia, Bella and Isabel served Blackberry Sundaes after the program. We thank them.



## October, 2012

Thad Pound told us about his family history with the Kirkland Cannery which is our last WPA building.



A show of hands for everyone who used the cannery. Most came with their mothers.



The October meeting was held at the Peter Kirk Community Center on Kirkland Avenue just east of the library. Not historic but parking is great. By next fall we will vote on staying here or returning to Heritage Hall.

## November, 2012

No meeting, Have a wonderful holiday.

## December, 2012

### Annual Cookie Exchange.

Watch for a special mailings on time and location in a historic home. Also included will be a renewal letter.



Karen Schickling is busy but makes time at Heritage Hall. Karen knows a great deal about doing research and is comfortable around computers and technology. Plus, being a native, she has memories to share with visitors.



## 2012 Golden Grads



Wayne and Linda Jatton represented KHS



Pam Owens and Russ McClintick



Dorothy Daily

Kirkland's Spirit of Giving by Loita Hawkinson

The year was 1905. August Heglen was married with children. His trade was that of a mattress maker. Rheumatism was suddenly keeping him from his trade and he was no longer able to work for a living. As the Heglen's watched their savings dwindle, the town of Kirkland wanted to help. In spite of his frail health, Mr. Helgen was sure he could run a small candy and cigar store. He presented his idea to his lodge.

Now 1905 was an interesting time in Kirkland. The lodge was at Campbell Hall which is the historic Masonic Hall on Market Street. The original steel mill had failed to open but the dreams for the abandoned mill were still alive. Peter and Mary Kirk lived in their Victorian home west of Market. The Collin's family had grown and taken their places in the community and The Hotel Jackson was still a hotel and theatre. The Seattle Woolen Mill provided good jobs. Society pages show that Houghton and Kirkland families had melded. Kirkland founder John Kellett had died but his children and widow visited often. Marriage and death records show the friendships and family connections that continue even today. And on October 7, 1905, Kirkland would vote to incorporate. Kirkland had to be a wonderful and interesting place to call home.

Now back to the Helgen family. On a September Sunday in 1905, the men of Kirkland took a day off from worship and fishing to build a small store at the ferry dock. Only one photo is known of this long forgotten store, pictured on the front page. It shows August and Matilda Heglen with daughters Dora, Lulu, Pauline and Bertha who is sitting on her mother's lap. The Heglens also had sons, Archie and Chester. Little is known of this store. Less is known of the Heglen family. Census records show they did not keep the store. Mrs. Heglen was a widow when she died in Kirkland in 1923. She lived on Capitol Hill which is now Norkirk.

Youngest son, Chester remained in the area. When Chester needed his birth

records he learned his birth had not been recorded. Two neighbors, Oscar Blau and Brooks granddaughter Margaret Habernal provided affidavits that Chester had been born in Kirkland. Thelma Heglen, a daughter-in-law, died in Kirkland in 1993 at age 89. If anyone knew or is related to this family, please let Kirkland Heritage know.

There are so many misconceptions of Kirkland. One is that the early founders left after the original mill failed to open. In truth, only Leigh Hunt gave up. The last known attempt to open the steel mill was in 1908. The Sears family were still paying taxes in 1920 even though they lived in Boston. The Williams, Kirk, and Collins families are members of KHS. The Kellett's are in touch. A Sears descendent is now a life member.

Alcohol was legal in 1905. Upon incorporation, the new town fathers made every attempt to dry Kirkland up by quadrupling the liquor license. The new towns reaction to all the new rules and fees was to petition to disincorporate in December of 1905. As I stated, Kirkland had to be interesting in 1905. And we know it was giving. Happy Holidays.

Back to the Simple Life.

This feeling of discontent crystallized into a concerted move to have a special election called to vote on disincorporation. Petitions were circulated and in a few days 75 per cent of the Kirklandites signed a call for the election. This, however, was contrary to the desires of the mayor and council, and by jockeying meeting nights and other such measures the municipal body managed to stave off any action.

There is so much to this story that I want to tell. Maybe the first issue of 2013 will have this dispute as the theme. It is what makes history so much fun today. Back in 1905, Seattle was frequently entertained by our new town quarrels and struggles.

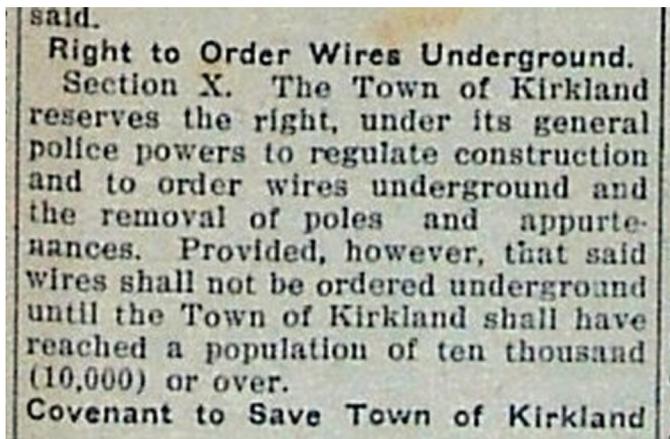


KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson's *The Power of a Dream*. Both are available at Parkplace Books.

In 1915, there was still remnants of the Steel Mill on Rose Hill. Janeen Ryseff has two photos that show the ruins. Her mother was just a baby when the family had a picnic there. It would be wonderful to find a picture of the bunkers. The late Garey Reed talked about floating toy boats across the cooling ponds and finding hardware when they dug in the dirt. This area was across the street from the Rose Hill Elementary School.



If you are a customer of **Washington Federal Savings**, be sure to get your 2013 Calendar. The January photo is from the Donna Acton Collection. Capt. Walter Curtis took this photo in 1925 when driving over Snoqualmie Pass. The car has a Kirkland plate. This is the second year in a row that KHS has had a photo accepted.



This 1912 Article was in the Kirkland paper and shows that 100 years ago Kirklanders wanted wires underground.



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The election of Cleveland was the death knell of the new industrial city at Kirkland. All the \$750,000 was spent, the balance of \$4,250,000 could not be raised. The plan was abandoned; the machinery began to rust, and with the tons of material on hand, was disposed of bit by bit. The clang of forge was succeeded once more by the silence of the forest. Go over to Kirkland today and after passing through the thriving town that has since grown up, you will see the melancholy ruins of the bunkers and a tumble down building or two, all that's left of this splendid dream of industrial supremacy. But Kirkland had better days to come, as will be told of later.

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

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LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND  
NO. 11.

Seattle Times-- August 20, 1915

## THANK YOU TO:

Tom Hitzroth for sharing the land records for Nancy Popham McGregor. Mrs. McGregor homesteaded in what became Houghton area in 1871. She and her two sons were the first settlers in that area on Lake Washington. Mrs. French and Mrs. McGregor were the only ladies nearby and became good friends. Mrs. McGregor's health was poor so she and her two sons moved to California where the French's learned that she passed away a few years later. This history is in the French Diaries.

Karen Schickling has set up a Facebook page called Kirkland Heritage Society and Museum. There had been a site set up several years ago so we could not use Kirkland Heritage Society. Hopefully the original site will be taken down as it is inactive and can cause confusion. The site that Karen opened was Board approved. Please get in touch with Karen for suggestions of what you would want to see on the Facebook page. It is a great way to share and learn. Karen is a third generation Kirkland native so her interests match closer than those of us who came as adults and learned the history.

Susan Lemaire was given the responsibility of donating more of Chuck and Florence Morgan's personal books and art. KHS accepted all books that were of local interest. The art is a wood engraving of the Wawona. We are out of wall space. Let's hope the economy flourishes enough so that the City can afford a museum.

Deborah DeYoung had a limited edition art print commissioned by the Kirkland Rotary Club. Local resident and art teacher, Steve Jacobs, sketched Kirkland's high points which included the new Parkplace Shopping area, the Wawona and Arthur Foss, the London double-decker bus gift shop, the Sears and Peter Kirk buildings. The limited edition is numbered 15/200. The DeYoung's wanted to find a happy home for this print as a result of downsizing. It is lovely.

Jo McPherson donated 13 Reveille Yearbooks that had been the property of Mary Helen Armstrong. Mrs. Armstrong was a teacher at Lake Washington High School. The years are 1963 through 1975. Because of this donation, we now have duplicates of these years. We never turn a yearbook down because classmates often visit the Resource Center and it is better for each to have a copy to reminisce through.



Betty McClintick Gaudy for sending a hand drawn map of the Rose Hill neighborhood showing the families that lived there. Betty also sent her doll she received from Santa in 1932 or 1933. Kirkland children were treated to a free matinee at the Gateway Theatre, then given a stocking with an orange and a bit of candy. Then it was off to the fire station on Kirkland Avenue because Santa was paying a visit. Betty's doll is in new condition and has three outfits she made for her. These outfits were hand sewn and have wonderful detail.

Because Joanne Forbes Deligan and Donna Howland Acton shared their Forbes and Curtis family collections this year, KHS was able to support the Juanita Neighborhood project for their new history sign. And Donna's family photos were used on the Houghton Beach marker.

And a special thank you to everyone for giving KHS a successful year. Our membership continues to grow. Three Oral Histories were done this year. Our Mission Statement is to collect and share the history of Kirkland. KHS has been a support for several projects this year. It is what we are about. Without a membership that shares their history and time, none of this would happen. Thank you all.

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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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Vince Isaacson of Lake Street Diamond Company has been keeping the “mercury” rising on the thermometer on Kirkland Avenue. The goal is \$9,000 and we are 2/3s there as of this issue going to print. The sign with thermometer was donated by Fastsigns of Kirkland. Restoring the Anderson Ferry Clock has been a community effort from the beginning. It is a great project and every cent makes a difference.

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