

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



This photo was used four years ago when we still believed this was a protest against Jack Ferry for selling alcohol during prohibition. But Mr. Ferry was selling alcohol at his Kirkland Hotel without the new \$700 liquor license. He had previously paid King County \$200. The effigy hanging is Mr. Ferry and the town marshal is Obed Patty. The display was set up on the SE corner of Lake Street and Kirkland Avenue. This placed it directly across from both of Jack Ferry's Kirkland businesses: the Kirkland Hotel and the Kirkland Drug. It also greeted ferry commuters. We owe thanks to the late Ernest McKibben, Jr. for this original 1907 photograph.



PRESIDENT’S LETTER
LOITA HAWKINSON

2013 of off to the races. On the last day of the year, the bank account of the Ferry Clock restoration showed the \$9,000 target. To raise money from private donors is time consuming but rewarding. We can all thank Sue Contreras for taping her energy reserves. Sue came up with idea after idea. And of course, we thank the many donors.

The clock is not ready because the pole is not ready. The pole is an original street light pole and much older than the clock. The nuts and bolts have rusted among other problems. We do not know if it will be removed to be powder coated or painted in place. The Devil is in the details.

The unveiling of the newly restored clock is scheduled for February as a feature of History Month in February. Vicki Tompkins Bilyeu and Pam Gates Owens, granddaughters of the two men who were there in 1935 will be on hand to do the dedication. Captain Tompkins dedicated the clock and Mayor Irving Gates accepted it. Invitations will also be sent to Captain Anderson’s family.

During History Month businesses in Kirkland, Houghton, Totem Lake, and Juanita will be displaying historic plaques. If you can help deliver plaques, please call me (Loita) at 425-827-1950. The plaques will be delivered by a street or area such as Lake Street, Central Way, Park Lane, Carillon, etc. It should not be too much work for any one person. The plaques will then be picked up the first week of March.



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.

CITY RECEIVES 4CULTURE GRANT FOR HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY
Bob Burke

In October the City submitted an application to 4Culture for the Interlocal Cities pilot program grant to do an inventory of Historic Properties in the three annexation neighborhoods prior to WWII - 1945. This would make them consistent with the City Inventory that was recently updated. To qualify to submit an application Angela Ruggeri, City Planning, Barbara Loomis, Landmark Commission, and I attended a workshop. Angela coordinated the grant preparation for the City; I wrote the answers to the questions asked and scope of work as well as coordinated with Mimi Sheridan to refine the scope and finalize the budget. Mimi will be the consultant on the project.

In the letter from Jim Kelly, Executive Director, 4Culture, noting the City had received the \$4,300 grant for 2013, he summarized the review committee’s comments as follows:

“Kirkland has made progress with its survey/inventory in several progressive stages since signing the Interlocal agreement. The panel also noted that the Kirkland Heritage Society has long been an activist organization in local preservation and so it makes sense for them to continue in a lead role, training volunteers. The panel discussed proposed public benefit and felt that more could be done to share results once the project is completed.”

The City has already prepared maps of the potential 254 properties which assessor’s records indicate were built before 1945. Volunteers from previous inventory efforts have indicated a willingness to help again; however, we will need more people. If you would like to find out more about what is involved, contact Bob Burke, 425 828-4095.



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.

May 1906. Wish we had more to this story.

KHS Monthly Meeting

Last Saturday of the month

12:00 – 1:00

Peter Kirk Community Center

352 Kirkland Ave

Ample parking for general and
handicapped

January 26, 2013

Wally Calkins

1962 Olympian

February 23, 2013

Ron & Barbara Bader

Washington Auto License History



KIRKLAND INTERESTED OVER LIQUOR TRIAL

**Newly Incorporated Town Talks of
Nothing Else but the Troubles of
One John A. Ferry.**

John A. Ferry, of Kirkland, is to be tried before a jury in Justice George's court tomorrow morning on the charge of maintaining a nuisance in Kirkland, namely, for conducting a place where intoxicating liquors are sold unlawfully.

Soon after incorporation, the town passed a \$700 liquor license and provided in addition that before a license could be granted the applicant must secure a majority of all voters to his petition.

It appears Ferry secured the majority, but afterward some of the number withdrew their names and the town council would not grant the license. Ferry then sold liquor anyhow, it is alleged. He was arrested.

Kirkland Again Petitions.

In an effort to vote upon the question of incorporation the citizens of Kirkland yesterday presented an amended petition to the county commissioners asking that they be given the right to vote upon the question of incorporation. No action was taken by the board.

**Wish we knew why King County kept
snubbing our petitions**

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Kirkland Heritage Society and Museum



Karen Schickling started a Facebook account named Kirkland Heritage Society and Museum. If you use Facebook, please give us a look and offer suggestions. You can go directly from the KHS website.



Cookie Exchange, 2012



Our Hostess, JoAnn Harris with Cathy Stewart. Cathy was our Hostess in 2011 at the Newberry Home.



Lynette and Cathy



It was a full house in the 1889 Kellett Home



The Sherbrookes with Bob & Barbara.

Kirkland's Big Town Struggles by Loita Hawkinson

This issue should have been written in 2005, Kirkland's Centennial. But the history was hidden in the Seattle newspapers. It was there if we had only known to look. Who would have dreamed there could be such rich details about the founding of our little town?

First of all, it took several attempts to gather signatures to have Kirkland's Incorporation on the ballot. In 1905, they finally succeeded and Kirkland became a Town. Soon after, the citizens of the new town learned that there were new fees and rules that King County did not have. The rules that were most irritating were: cordwood could not be delivered at the ferry dock, there were now dog licenses, cows had to be pastured. Because every home had a wood burning cook stove, several dogs and a milk cow that had been free to roam, these new regulations were not popular. But they were also minor compared to the increase in liquor license fees. It was the new council's agenda to dry up Kirkland by making it unaffordable to sell liquor. Over the two years that followed incorporation, Kirkland kept Seattle entertained.

Businessman Jack A. Ferry, had been selling liquor for years. Because of the new regulations, he could no longer afford to sell legally but that did not stop him. He gathered signatures, spent days in jail and continued to sell. The City has a list of warrants (now called checks) that show the expenses incurred during this two year period. One is an expense of \$5.50 for Marshall Obed Patty to take Ferry to County Jail. Unless you have the story, it looks like Marshall Patty was simply riding into Seattle. There were attorney fees and evidence fees. This history is filled with the names of our early businessmen and founders who must have found themselves in a very awkward position. They were combating a long time friend, businessman and neighbor. Jack Ferry had moved to Kirkland in 1902 to work in the Woolen Mill. Shortly later he purchased the Kirkland Hotel from Dr. Bradley, who was Kirkland's first mayor. Jack Ferry also opened Kirkland's first drug store (located near where Hallmark Real Estate is today). But it was because of the Hotel that Mr. Ferry needed an affordable liquor license.

Seattle finally became bored with the story and so we do not yet know if the Town reduced its fees or if Mr. Ferry finally paid

the +increased fee. After Washington State started prohibition in 1916, we know that liquor continued to be sold illegally but not by Mr. Ferry. He opened a Candy Store at Madison Park.

It was Kirkland Councilman, Albert Newell, who was most determined to control Jack Ferry. Because Kirkland's papers and most City records burned over the years, there is little history about these two men's dealings with each other. The men did have one thing in common: they were fathers and their children were classmates. In 1917 Coal Newell and Cecile Ferry were married by Rev. Newberry. Mrs. Newell and Jack Ferry were their witnesses. The wedding was held at Cedarmere, the Newell home. Jack Ferry and Albert Newell later became grandfathers to the same grandchildren. As the late Paul Harvey would say...there you have the rest of the story. Jack A. Ferry died in 1942 and is buried in the Kirkland Cemetery. Sadly, we have no photos of the Ferry family and only a few of the Newell family.

PS: The US started prohibition in 1920, 4 years after Washington.

POLITICS WAX WARM AT KIRKLAND

**Incorporation Party Nominates Ticket
to Be Voted For Oc-
tober 7.**

KIRKLAND, Saturday, Sept. 9.—Last evening in the school house, a caucus meeting was held for the purpose of choosing nominees for the incorporation party at the election to be held October 7. At this election the question of incorporation as well as the election of municipal officers will be voted on.

This question has been the political issue of the community since last February. As both sides are almost equally strong, it has engendered considerable feeling.

The following nominees were chosen by the incorporation party: For mayor, Dr. E. H. Bradley; councilmen, Messrs. Andrews, A. B. Newell, W. N. Boggs, B. Blomskog, C. Younger; treasurer, Ollis Pattv.

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1915 ads from the *Kirkland Independent*

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J. A. FERRY, Druggist.

I do apologize for this but it is fun.
And it is history. ☺☺☺



Peter Kirk died in May of 1916 so did not live to see the canal completed. Mr. Kirk was still invested in Kirkland and was happy about Kirkland's future. ⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨

SEATTLE'S
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KIRKLAND

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Even back in those days, a quarter of a century ago, the Lake Washington ship canal was planned, it being realized that the eastern shore of the lake was the natural site for Seattle's manufacturing plants. In 1916 the ship canal will be completed, at a cost of \$5,000,000, and Peter Kirk, though now 75 years old, will likely yet live to see an industrial city—though built by others—spread up and down the water front, where he and Leigh S. J. Hunt so splendidly planned big things. There's another angle to this which will be related Thursday evening.

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

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 2d Floor N. Y. Block, Over Dexter
 Horton National Bank.

LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND
NO. 12

Seattle Times-- August 24, 1915

THANK YOU TO:

Tom Hitzroth for sharing his copy of the E.A. Brooks Road from July 1901. These road petitions give us a glimpse at who was in the area in 1901. The road ran from the Kirkland Ferry Dock, west on Central (then called Lake Street), north on Market, across the Juanita Bridge and ended at the Juanita Junction. Parts of this proposed road had been planked before but was in need of repair. The petition was signed by Houghton and Juanita Pioneers plus Kirk era families: Clark, Langdon, Josten, Brooks, Kirk, Forbes, Collins, Gilbert, Barrie, Bell, Patty, Blau, Tompkins, Bartsch and many more. I have just listed a few because their descendents are members of KHS. The road record has been printed and is on the research shelves at the KHS Resource Center. Thank you again Tom.

Clarence Stone, known to us as Stoney, recorded an oral history with a former classmate Marie Smith Hull in September 2012. Marie came to Kirkland with her family during WWII, lived in Project B and on Rose Hill, and graduated from LWHS. The history includes the war years and many childhood experiences that Marie had in Kirkland. The tapes have been indexed and entered into the database. Thank you both Stoney and Marie for capturing this history.

Karen Jensen Menchaca loaned KHS class photos from Rose Hill grade school. The photos include Karen's classes from Kindergarten through 6th grade. We are working on getting all students identified. Facebook brought us this contact and collection.

Irene Neuman for helping with History Month. Irene is calling the long list of past participants to verify their participation in 2013. It is all phone work but still time consuming for a busy mother.

Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships.

John "Jack" Kellett, of England, for transcribing the letters that were sent to his Grandfather, Peter Kellett. The letters are dated January 1, 1900 and October 7, 1925. The 1900 letter is from Peter's father, Kirkland Founder John Kellett. This is a heartbreaking letter. We know that Mr. Kellett died at age 48 in 1902 which finally ended the dreams he still had for Kirkland. But now we know that in 1900 John Kellett knew he was dying. In the four page letter, he tells his young son that he must stay in America and watch over the family. Peter had wanted to return to England. The 1925 letter is from Peter's mother, Martha Kellett. It was sent to England because once his sisters were of age, Peter did return to his birthplace. In 1925, Martha is finally selling the land holdings she still had in Kirkland and Redmond. These two letters are just more proof that although the original steel mill failed, the families did not give up on Kirkland. Costco has the house brand of Kirkland and John Kellett named Kirkland.

JoAnn Harris for hosting the 2012 Holiday Cookie Exchange in her historic 1889 Kellett Home. The Kellett's of England plan to visit Kirkland and will get a tour of the home. Jack Kellett remembers his grandfather, Peter Kellett. Peter lived in this home for many years.

Kirkland's 1889 Historic Kellett Home in the early 1900's

Now the Harris Family Home



Reminder to all. If you do family history and use the message boards to either share or request information, do not change your email. Some of our most valuable contacts have come from posts that I did 10 years ago

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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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Your memberships make it happen.**



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January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

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203 Market Street
Kirkland, WA 98033.



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Call Nicci Osborn at Kirkland Parks

425 587-3342



The bank deposit made on December 31, 2012 brought the total up to our goal. We later opted for a state-of-the-art programmable clock mechanism so that means we will need more money than anticipated. Therefore, we hope money will continue to trickle in. People seldom mentioned the clock except when it did not give the correct time. During the Spring Forward and Fall Back changes, the clock will be programmed to change automatically.

The clock's re-dedication will be Sunday, February 10th at 1:00 p.m.
Corner of Kirkland Ave & Lake St.

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