

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



**With so much local history, photos are few and far between. Saved from the East Side Journal by Iva Bowen Boone, this is currently our only image of Lottsville.**

**See page 4 for Iva's history on this treasured Rose Hill business.**



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

When Dave Russell asked Hazel what she wanted for her birthday, she said.....a computer for KHS. Hazel is our uncomplaining bookkeeper. But our old computer was making her nervous. She was not about to lose all the records. So as of last month, KHS has a new computer. Hazel and I share this computer. It is mostly used for accounting and the newsletter. There is a second computer that is used for research. We use Windows 7 which is easier for folks of our generation. Thank you Hazel for getting KHS up to speed once again.

KHS has received quite a number of collections this year....most are over 100 years old. It is humbling to be trusted with this history. And the condition of the items is outstanding. The best storage is dark and dry. Many of these items came around the horn or cross country before there were roads. Space was a premium so only what was important was packed. And then there was the care that had to be taken before there was electricity or central heating. Thank you all for your trust....be it your current or ancestral history.



Thank you all for sharing what they know about the Nike Site on Finn Hill. We now know the location. The site has now been fully developed. Looks like this is a Paul Hayden Kirk development.

## News from Lynette

Historic Happenings  
Mark your calendars!!  
Open to the Public

June 23, Monday  
Heritage Hall, 7:00 p.m.

City of Kirkland Historic Property Inventory Update concerning 50 historic, architecturally intact properties in the newly annexed areas of Kirkland. All 50 property owners will be contacted by letter and invited to attend. Any information they have on the history of their property will be helpful; i.e., date built, architect and builder, modifications to the exterior, and names of original and subsequent owners.

June 26, Thursday  
City Hall, Peter Kirk Room  
(Downstairs with PLENTY of parking!)

City of Kirkland and King County Landmarks Commission will continue the hearing for the nomination of the Marsh Mansion as a City of Kirkland Landmark. No decision was arrived at during the meeting in March. This is an extremely interesting property, on the National Historic Register as of 1989. Please join us to hear the Marsh family history and see the architectural details from original photos.



**Mary Schuster**  
Taken in the 1850's, when Louis & Phil Marsh's grandmother was 12 years old, this is the oldest photo in the KHS collection.  
Mary Lucinda Canon Schuster is buried in the Kirkland Cemetery.

# KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

May 28, 2014

**Long time Juanita resident, Christina Brugman will be treating us to history and photos of Finn Hill and Juanita.**

June

No meeting in June.



Topher White speaking about the Kirkland Masons in March.

The Masons own Campbell Hall on Market Street. Built by Harry French and E.M. Church in 1890, Campbell Hall was Kirkland's first formal meeting space.

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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.

David Davis is the grandson of Harry and Rosa French. The French's are considered Kirkland's first family. Others came a few years earlier but did not remain. Of these earlier settlers, Mrs. McGregor and her two sons moved because of her failing health. Juanita's first two settlers, Martin Hubbard and Henry Goldmyer both died in logging accidents. They were bachelors at the time of their deaths.

Foster and Carolyn French settled in what is now Houghton with son Harry. They were avid writers and their journals have given Kirkland much of our early history. Every word is considered a primary source.

Because Harry and Rosa reared one daughter, Olivia and Olivia and Cuba Davis reared one son, David, the collection of our first family has never been broken up. David and his wife Tasha are now downsizing and will be donating family heirlooms to Kirkland Heritage Society. KHS frequently turns down donations because of space. But this one time, we are ignoring the sad fact that we are short of room. We will find a way. The board has some good ideas of how to expand our display area.



## David and Tasha Davis

Grandpa would be proud of his grandson's face...it is pure Harry French.

**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.**

## A Country Store and an Important Woman in My Life

By Iva Bowen Boone

When I was ten years old, I was finally allowed to walk or ride my bike (only if a friend went with me) to Lottsville Cash and Carry. This was a country store about a half mile from my home. The store and an automotive business were owned by Ruth and Fred Lott.

My first visit there was the beginning of a friendship with Ruth Lott and her family that I cherish to this day. Grandma Lott, as I affectionately called her, became an important person in my life.

Fred Lott had an automotive business, Eastside Battery, on Central Way in Kirkland in 1925. When the Lotts moved to north Rose Hill, they relocated the Shop, as we called it, to their new property. They lived in a two story home right next to the Shop.

Eastside Battery had customers from all over the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. Car enthusiasts could find practically anything they needed in the Shop. Fred had parts for just about any vehicle, including Model A's and T's, Packards and Pierce Arrows. Most likely, even for cars I have never heard of.

The Shop was very large, with shelves and bins full of parts everywhere, parts piled in heaps in corners, and fan belts hanging from the rafters. There didn't appear to be much organization. Yet, when a customer asked for a car part, Fred would go directly to it. He had walk-in customers, telephone orders and mail orders. Teenage boys were in awe of everything about the Shop. There were gas pumps out front ...no self-serve! Looking back at all that was involved with Eastside Battery, it was quite impressive. My time in the Shop was very limited. Usually, I would take messages out to Fred or go find him at lunch time. I soon learned that Fred was a good man who spent many hours involved with the Union Gospel Mission in Seattle.

In 1932, Grandma Lott opened Lottsville Cash and Carry in the first three rooms of her home. Sometime between the age of eleven and twelve, and after being at the store numerous times to buy penny candy, Grandma Lott offered me a job. I was ecstatic! My starting pay was \$.25 per hour. When I received a \$.10 pay increase the next year, I was overjoyed at my good fortune. I worked on Saturdays (the store or shop were never open on Sundays), occasionally after school and during the days of my summer breaks.

Grandma Lott taught me everything I needed to know to work in the store. She learned early that I had a lot of patience, so she liked to have me help the children who came to buy penny candy. It took

them quite a while to decide on five or ten pieces of candy. Of course, I could relate to them because I had been there a few years earlier!

It was amazing how much merchandise was in the store. The three rooms were over-stocked with just about anything you would want to buy. There was so much merchandise packed into the space that only a narrow passageway went through the middle of each room.

The first room was filled with food items, a chest style ice cream freezer, a large glass showcase for all the penny candy, gum, candy bars, etc. The walls were lined with shelves from floor to ceiling for all the food products. We had an old cash register or "till" with a pull down handle to print receipts and open the cash drawer.

The second and third rooms were packed with everything from "a to z". Knickknacks, games, books, school supplies, sewing supplies, yards of fabrics, jewelry, hosiery, paint, hardware, kitchen and cooking ware, children's clothing, and baby things. Especially baby things; which were Grandma Lott's specialty. Looking for the perfect baby gift was like being on a treasure hunt. If you needed a gift for any occasion, it was probably in the store.

Grandma Lott's bubbly laughter was contagious. Her personal charm attracted people to her. She had a personality that enhanced her appearance. I always pictured her as the perfect mate for Santa Claus. She was a little over five feet tall and very plump. Her soft, white hair was sparse but always neatly combed. Her eyes had a sparkle, and she projected a feeling of happiness and contentment.

As I watched and listened to her through the years, I learned to enjoy life and make the best of any situation. Her forgiveness was unending. If someone took advantage of her, she didn't dwell on it.

During the 1950's, several families in our community were having financial difficulties. When Grandma Lott would become aware of a family without money for food or clothes, she would give them "credit". First, she would make a list of items and food that they needed and put the list in the till. Next, all the items would be put in boxes. Last, the boxes were delivered to the family. Some of these families never bothered to repay her. One day I asked Grandma Lott why these people weren't paying her back. She said, "They must need their money more than I do. It won't help me to worry about it." That was the way it was. It didn't stop her from continuing her "credit" lists and helping families in need.

During the twenty-six years that we shared a loving and caring relationship, never did our

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This is the 21st in the series that Burke & Farrar used to promote their Kirkland town site. Few remember the Madison Street Car but many of you still remember the ferry.



Every six months the smaller Eastside history groups meet to share ideas about preserving our local history. It is amazing how similar our strengths and weaknesses are. This meeting was in Woodinville.



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friendship waiver. Grandma Lott taught me so much about getting along in life.

I doubt that it ever occurred to her that this was her role in my life. She had such a positive attitude, a loving spirit, and animosity was never a part of her.

As a young person, growing into adulthood, I made my share of mistakes. Grandma Lott was the one person I could always depend on. She would listen to my problems and dreams, be supportive and non-judgmental. I am always thankful to have had this warm, caring and gentle woman as a role model and an important influence in my life.

Ruth Lott 1904-1980  
Fred Lott 1904-1968



Thank you  
Iva for this  
lovely  
tribute to  
Fred & Ruth  
Lott of  
Rose Hill

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Ambitious, indeed, were the plans of Burke & Farrar, Inc., for the future of Kirkland. The intervening years have shown how wisely they planned, how broad was the scope of their vision, how well they worked for the upbuilding of Seattle. Do YOU know Kirkland? Take the Madison street car any day, ride out to the end of the line, and cross the lake on the county ferry or on one of the Anderson line steamers, and SEE Kirkland. There is much yet to be told of Kirkland in this little series, but there is more to be seen by going over there.

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. 21.

Seattle Times-- Sept. 16, 1915

## THANK YOU TO:

Sue Barrie Contreras was a Rose Hill Elementary school teacher before she and Sants were married. Sue has donated three photos of staff and students. Everyone is named. Years from now, these photos with names will be valued. Sue also gave two Kirkland recipe books. One was put together by the Kirkland Downtown on the Lake in 1999 and the other is the 2003 Kirkland Woman's Club cookbook. Recipes were submitted by members, business owners and City staff.

Janeen Ryseff gave her original documents from the 1961 Kirkland Parent Co-Operative Nursery School. This is six pages which includes an agenda, the bylaws and constitution of Kirkland's preschool.

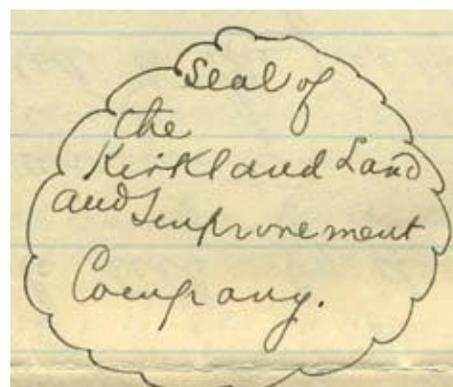
Patricia Struble of Neillsville, Wisconsin is the cousin of our Jerry Marsh. She always said that Louis Marsh was her mentor. In spite of the miles, this was a close family. When they weren't actually visiting, they would write. Pat has now donated some of the letters that were written during the time that the family was moving west. Some are much older. There are letters from Louis and Phil thanking their Aunt Irma for their Christmas presents. And there are original photos and tintypes. Everything is in wonderful condition. It has all been scanned with the originals archived.

Every historical society is given items that do not fit in with their history. Most value the history and the intent of the donors. Woodinville has just given KHS a 1916 math book from Juanita School District. It has the name of Ellen Snickars written inside. Ellen was born in Juanita in 1904. Both of her parents were from Finland. Also donated was a 1952 letter from the Lake Washington Good Roads Association. Their annual meeting was to be held at the Wah Mei Inn in Kirkland. Mayor Al Leland was to be the new Vice President. Art Needham was the current President. Thank you Woodinville.



Dave Bell with the July 1888 land sale document

On the heels of the French donation (page 3), Dave Bell, great grandson of Walter W. Williams donated an 1888 land document. Walter W. Williams was secretary to Peter Kirk in Workington and Kirkland. This document is hand written by Mr. Williams and signed by Harry French. Harry sold land to the Kirkland Land and Improvement Company. Much has been written that the Houghton residents refused to sell land to the Land Company. But here is proof that they did. The document is in immaculate condition. It has been scanned so that the original can be archived. The embossed notary seal has Washington Territory. Pioneer attorney Harold Preston was the notary. But the Kirkland Land and Improvement Company seal is sketched. The town of Kirkland was just weeks old and there apparently had not been time to order an official seal.



To be continued.....

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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.

\* Kirkland Natives serving on the KHS Board.

Webmaster: The late Dale W. Hawkinson.

## Kirkland Heritage Society

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Rose Hill's  
**Fred and Ruth  
Lott**

Married 40 years in 1965

Photo from  
Iva Bowen Boone

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