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Issy and Lulu Kellett are the Gr. Gr. Granddaughters of Kirkland Founder John Kellett. Jack Kellett is his Gr. Grandson. Jack's given name is John Kellett after his Gr. Grandfather. See page 4.

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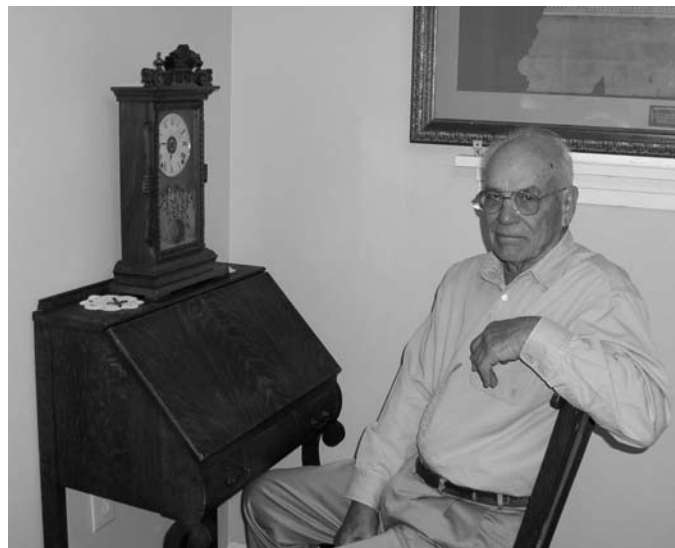
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

I am so sorry this newsletter is late. There is just so much happening. Every week the Resource Center at 203 Market Street, lower level, is looking more like a museum. We have wanted more display space in the past but there never seemed to be room. David Davis's donation sprang us into action. A large table was donated, thanks to David Sherbrooke who provided the muscle power. From there shelving has been added to divide the display and research area. We will never have enough room but as collections grow, the displays can change. There is still plenty of room for the computers and research.

Then there were our guests from Lewes, England. The Kellett's live in a "conservation area" which means the community must retain its historic look and feel. There is a lot we could learn from the UK. To put the impact of Kirkland Founder John Kellett in perspective, he is credited for naming Kirkland after his employer, Peter Kirk. Without the Kelletts, Costco's house brand would not be Kirkland. And if Peter Kirk had not selected the bay between Houghton and Juanita, the Juanita Bridge may not have been built by Dorr Forbes. Juanita would have continued to trade with Bothell and Woodinville. Platting would have been on the King County grid. The trickle down impact of our failed steel mill is mind boggling. I hope the Kellett family felt their ancestral significance to our growing city.

KHS will again be participating in Summerfest with our booth. We have a good supply of Sarsaparilla and fans to help keep us cool. Last year the heat was unbearable. So this year we prepared.



From now on, if Dave Davis wants to sit in his Grandpa Harry French's desk, he will have to visit Kirkland.



Kirkland Custom Seafood display was in the retail area of the cannery. It now displays the collection donated by Thad Pound.

KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

July



Hope you saw KHS in the 4th of July Parade. Thank you Linda & Wayne Jaton for setting up and tearing down.

August

No meeting in August.

KHS will have a booth at the 2014 Summerfest:

August 10 & 11. We will be down in the Marina Park area.

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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History is research mixed with a dash of serendipity. Heidi Hawkins publishes *West of Market*, a monthly publication for the Market Neighborhood. The July issue featured Joann Harris about her 60 years in the Kellett home and Pat Shinstrom whose home is on Cedarmere. Heidi had no idea the Kellett's were in town when she dropped the issue off at the KHS Resource Center. Heidi is pictured above with the Kelletts. She is holding her magazine. See page 4 for the Kellett story.



Treasures from Houghton, Finn Hill and Kirkland.

Kirkland's Kelletts

In 2001 Jack Kellett from England wrote a note on an internet message board asking for information about his Kellett ancestors that came to America in 1888. Jack's grandfather, Peter Kellett had returned to England, leaving a mother and four sisters behind. On another forum, I too had left messages asking for history of the Kellett's who had slipped through our historic fingers after Arline Ely wrote Our Foundering Fathers. Because we used different message boards, our messages did not cross. In 2011, I found Jack's message and wrote a reply. It then took another year before Jack's youngest daughter, Lulu, said he should check his 2001 post.

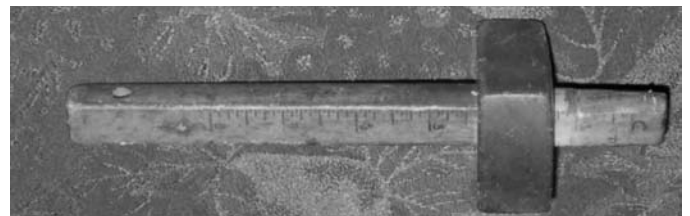
When Jack found my post, he searched the internet and found the Kirkland Heritage Society website. He learned that on that very evening Marin Harris was presenting her program on the Kellett home which is owned by her grandmother, Joann Harris. That evening Marin was awarded the Christine Neir Scholarship for her research and program. Former Kirkland Mayor, Bob Neir and son Jim Neir presented the scholarship to Marin. Marin gave a wonderful program. Marin was not expecting the scholarship. It was an amazing evening. And the evening got better when I returned home to find an email from Jack Kellett. Jack was named for his great grandfather, John Kellett but he is called Jack.

From that time on, Kirkland Heritage Society and the Kellett's have been exchanging information and photos. Jack did not know that John Kellett was one of Kirkland's founders and is responsible for naming Kirkland after his employer, Peter Kirk. He did not know that two of his grandfather's sisters were born in the family home in Kirkland. He did not know he had cousins in California. In turn, we did not know when and why Peter returned to England. We know now that Peter had loyalty to his mother country and returned to serve England during WWI. He had wanted to

serve during the Boer War but his father was dying and begged him to remain in America and serve as the head of the household until his sisters were older. Jack has the original 1900 letter that he scanned and shared with KHS. It is heart breaking. John Kellett feared he had as little as five years to live. In reality, he only had two years, dying at age 48 and leaving his wife Martha with five children, the youngest not yet one.

When Peter could, he did return to England only to learn he could not serve because he had lost an eye in America...possibly while working at a shipyard. There is still much to learn. But we do know that Peter married and had children and grandchildren and now great grandchildren. Jack remembers his grandpa Peter very well because he saw him every few weeks. As always, he wishes he had asked some questions. But what we must learn from this saga, is that the internet is a wonderful tool, we should check any postings from time to time (like when we change our smoke detector batteries ☺) and we need to thank this younger generation for keeping history alive.

The Kellett's have now visited Kirkland. Jack and his daughter's Issy and Lulu stayed at the historic Loomis B&B for two nights. The Kellett ancestors would have been very well acquainted with Kirkland's only historic Victorian home. The Harris family hosted a dinner so the Kellett's got acquainted with the latest generation to live in their ancestral home. And of course, they toured the historic Kellett/Harris home so they could listen to the bricks talk. If only they could talk. The more we learn, the more we want to know.



Jack packed some of his Grandfather Peter's wood working tools to show us. They could have also belonged to Kirkland Founder, John Kellett. That part of the history is lost.

This is the 22nd in the series that Burke & Farrar used to promote their Kirkland town site.



LuLu & Issy Kellett with Marin Harris. Kirkland's history is in capable hands.



Joann Harris prepared a traditional NW dessert for the Kelletts. She has used this kitchen for 60 years. The Kellett's used it for 12 years.



Peter Kellett's calipers. Most likely used at one of Seattle's shipyards. Can you imagine, Jack got on the plane with these????

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In the upbuilding of Kirkland Burke & Farrar, Inc., have been signally successful. They have sold property to more than 1,400 families. The population of Kirkland, according to the school census published in June, has increased 297 per cent. There are reasons for these things—something more than merely good salesmanship. In the little talks yet to come you will learn of what Kirkland has become, and why YOU, too, should buy property there, either for a home or for investment.

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LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND
NO. 22.

Seattle Times-- Sept. 16, 1915

THANK YOU TO:



Christina Brugman treated us to photos and history of Finn Hill and Juanita. This June meeting was shared with the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance. Was a great idea with a great turnout.



Glenn Landguth has quietly been photographing and charting the pavers in front of Heritage Hall. So many of the pavers have darkened over the years so he has been using a brush and water in order to read some of them. Glenn has spent an insane number of hours on this project. When done, his work will be on the website.



Judy McDaniels Landguth has donated her Lake Washington Drill team patches. They are in a binder in the same area as the yearbooks or annuals.



Dave and Betty Roberts drove up to a yard sale when I was trying to figure a way of getting this glass display down to the hall. They drive a Prius but also have a pickup so that evening when I went down to the Museum area, the display was by the door. Think this is the last we have room for. Thank you both...the display is large, heavy and GLASS.

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.

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Evergreen Model A Ford Club represented KHS again this year.
Thank you Frank Rosin for organizing our entry.

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