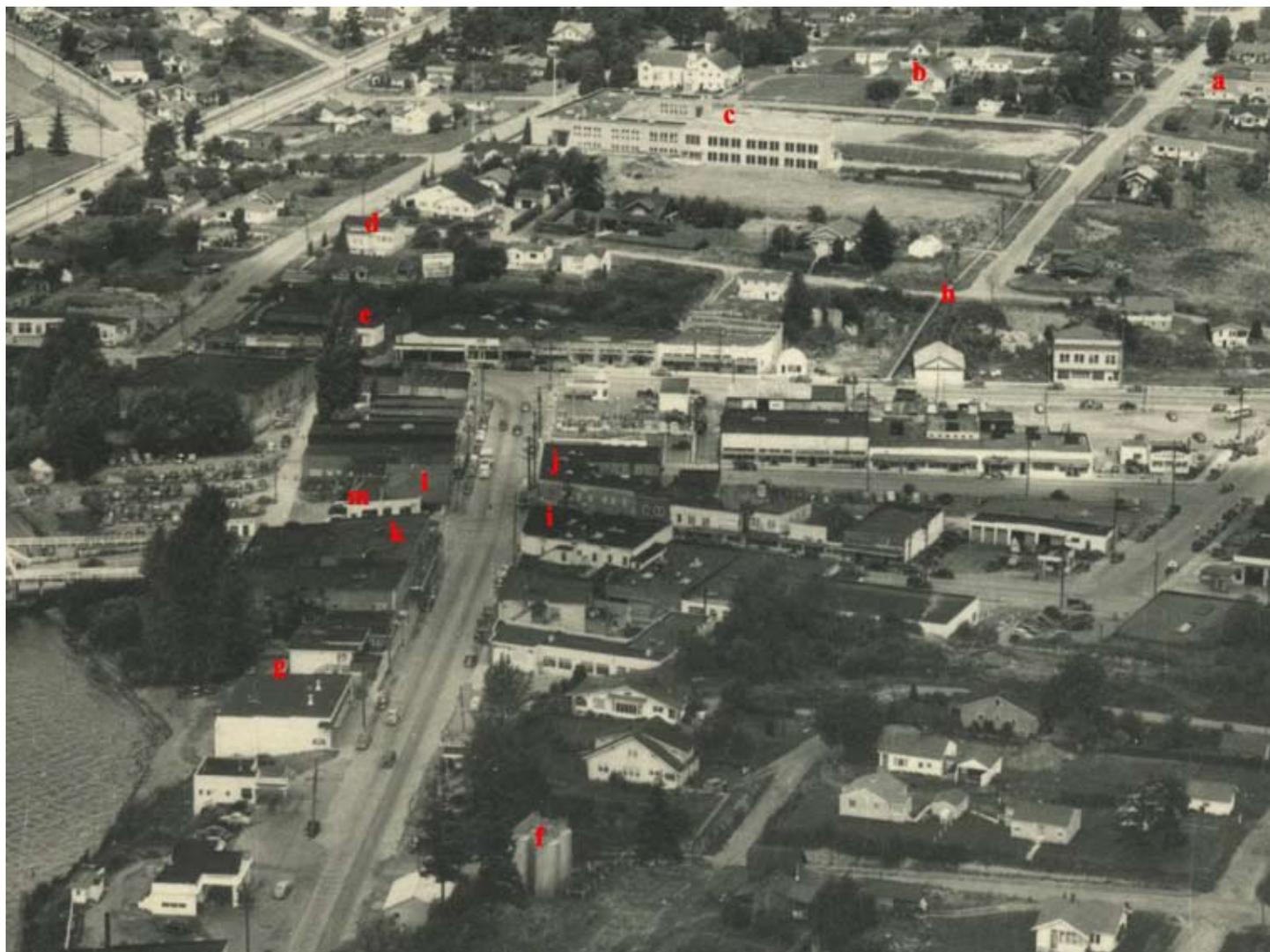


# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Use this aerial view guide to help orient the WWII era history written by Vic Armfield: a – Howard Apartments, b – American Legion, c – Central School, d – Christian Science Church (now Heritage Hall on Market Street, e – Gateway Theatre, f – fuel tanks, g – Clinic, h – wooden sidewalks and bridge down to Central Way, i – First National Bank, j – Colman Drug, k – Rexall Drug, l – Up & Up Café, m – taxi stands next to ferry dock.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

I am confident that you will enjoy this issues article as much as you did last issues Lanny Ross history. Getting these memories down on paper is important for both the family that lived the history and the community that shared the history. It will awaken memories for some and educate many. The photos are from the Denton, Marsh, Guiler/Kusie, Toman, Rosin, Hawkinson Collections

Tori Dennis, our UW grad student intern has to do another quarter of internship and has selected KHS once again. Tori has a wonderful passion for history and appreciates the value of detailed data entry. She researches both on-line and in the KHS archives for details. She is a wonder.

History month has come and gone once again. Thanks to Linda and Wayne Jatton, Karen Lightfeldt, Frank Rosin, Vic Newhard and yours truly for doing the legwork. Glenn Landguth has submitted a grant request to 4Culture in hopes we can do even more plaques in the future. Keep your fingers crossed.

Glenn L. picked up the last paver order and is working with the City to get them placed in the front walk of Heritage Hall. Glenn is also taking orders for the next round. An order is being placed annually. A few of the pavers have been damaged over the years and the City has offered to replace those pavers. Thank you City and Glenn.



Glenn and our favorite "Park Boy", Jason Filan working out the details.

## KIRKLAND'S PART IN THE WORLD WAR II WAR EFFORT

By Vic Armfield

I moved to Kirkland from Eastern Washington in 1942. There was my older sister, my younger brother, myself and my mother. My mother was a registered nurse and had applied for a government job at a small clinic that was about to be started up in Kirkland called the Medical Security Clinic. It was about two blocks out of town headed South on the road that went to Houghton. The building was right next door to a Chinese laundry and both were owned by the Rosin family.

It is a must to give a layout of the town in those days. We moved into what was the Howard Apartments, that were about 1/2 block from the elementary school, that I enrolled in that Fall. I was in the fourth grade. The school and the playground were the entire block between 1st and 2nd Street. Across the street to the north was the American Legion. It had two World War 1 cannons on either side of the entry.

On 2nd Street there was wooden sidewalks that lead to Main Street down town. The last little bit was a steep bridge with handrails and blackberries bushes on either side. At the bottom on the left was a auto repair shop. Just a short distance to the left of that was Taylors Feed and Seed. They sold a variety of things from baby chicks to feed and coal.

From the bottom of the bridge to the middle of town was only about three blocks. (Editors note: See cover photo).

The middle of town on the SE corner was the First National Bank, Shinstrom was the President. (That name is still recognizable today). This was a two story brick building and upstairs was at least one dentist office.

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# KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.  
Heritage Hall

March 25, 2015

March is Woman's History Month. Come hear about a few of Kirkland's outstanding women. You will be proud.

April 29, 2015

Our April program will feature a speaker from the Kirkland Fire Dept on their history in Kirkland.

May 27, 2015

Please join us for an evening lecture with State Architectural Historian Michael Houser. Mr. Houser will be sharing his knowledge of Post WWII design and construction and how a variety of local and regional designers helped shape the built environment of Kirkland during the 1950s and 60s. Learn about typical styles and features of ranch houses and split levels, as well as more upscale designs from Pacific Northwest Regional and Meisian. Also joining the discussion is noted architectural historian Mimi Sheridan who will be recording mid-century resources in Kirkland later this Spring. Learn about her project and how you can get involved in preserving this unique aspect of Kirkland's history.



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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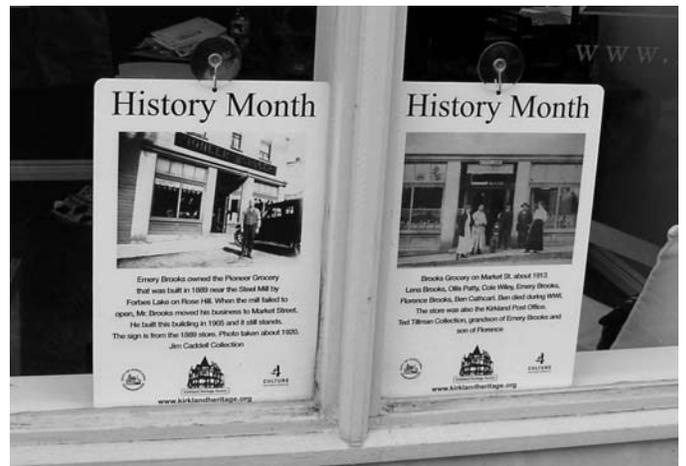


January  
Sherry Grindeland knows her eastside airport history

And she's a pilot!!!



February - Photo Night



Over 100 plaques were displayed in Juanita, Totem Lake, Kirkland



11 Street Banners were hung downtown.

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On the SW corner was Rexall Drug and a Restaurant on the ground floor about 100 ft. from Lake Washington. It was also a two story brick building with apartments upstairs.



The road area between that and the other side of the street was a staging area for the cars to be loaded on the ferry, that made the 5 mile trip across Lake Washington to Madison Park on the Seattle side. There was an upper loading area where the passengers loaded.



On the NW corner of that block was another restaurant, with a news stand on the corner and a parking area for the three cabs that they had in town.



On the NE corner was another two story brick building with Colman Drug Store on the corner and apartments upstairs. Right in the middle of all of that was the only stop light in town.

Between the bank and Colman's Drug Store, the road going east was the Old Redmond Highway. On the other end of the Colman Building on that road was the only bar in town. A little further up on the other side of the street was the Safeway Store.

Going South between Rexall Drug and the bank was a fuel dock on Lake Washington and across the street were two fuel tanks, that was the home of Hayward's Home Fuel & Oil Service.

Then as I said on the water was the laundry and Medical Security Clinic. The Clinic was open during the day and had a doctor that lived in an apartment below. The only other staff was my mother, the only nurse. It was kind of a nine to five deal. It was set-up to take care of the sailors needs that came in on the ships that were small enough to get through the locks on their way to Houghton Shipyards, that was about a mile South of Kirkland. They built ships there, as well as repairing them.

There were two swimming holes between Kirkland and Houghton. One was called South Kirkland. The other was right next to the Houghton Ship Yard. Right next to that park was another ferry dock that brought shipyard workers from Seattle. That ferry was an old steam driven ferry called the Lincoln. It docked at Leschi, next to the first floating bridge on the Seattle side.

Here is an interesting tid-bit, the ferry that crossed from Kirkland to Madison Park was called the Leschi and was diesel driven. It cost 25 cents for a car and driver. I don't remember what it cost for passengers.



FERRY SCHEDULE Kirkland-Seattle FERRIES	
Effective Feb. 1, 1948	
Leave Seattle	Leave Kirkland
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7:35 a.m.	10:05 a.m.
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\*Trips omitted Sundays and Holidays  
Commutation fare, 10 cents  
Car and Driver, 25 cents  
Lunches Served on Board  
CITY OF KIRKLAND  
City Hall — Kirkland

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The history is winding down and Burke & Farrar are promoting Kirkland.



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Why do I know all of this? When I was in the fifth grade I got the job of selling newspapers on the Leschi during rush hours. I sold the Times and another evening paper with a pink front and back page called the Star.

On the ferry on the passenger deck was a lunch counter and next to it were bench seats with a table in between. One of the tables at rush hour was always for a group that played nickel, dime and quarter poker, it was next to my news-stand.



Olga Dunkel ran the lunch counter on the Ferry Leschi. She was the sister of Capt. John Anderson.

Now I want to comment on the shipyard, Navy and structures that were built to support the war effort.

Kirkland at the time of the Second World War had a population of about 10,000 people. Across the street from Safeway were all of the municipal buildings. The Navy built a large two story building there where they held all of the events. The town people eventually called it the white elephant.



Back towards town was a street that went up passed Greens Funeral Home. There was Halls Ford on the west side of the street and a lumber company on the east side of the street. This lead up to a project called

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SEATTLE'S  
MOST

KIRKLAND

IMPORTANT  
SUBURB

Faith in the future development of a community is best evidenced by the willingness of those who are in a position to know to make permanent investments. The Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co. has invested more than \$100,000 to bring electricity for lighting and power into Kirkland.

Have you yet bought property in the town whose present thriving condition and future prospects justify such an expenditure as this?

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

**BURKE & FARRAR, Inc.**  
Owners of Kirkland Townsite.  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$1,000,000.  
2d Floor N. Y. Block, Over Dexter  
Horton National Bank.

LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND  
No. 26.

**Seattle Times-- Sept. 28, 1915**

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Lakeview Terrace. The homes in this project were built to be permanent. There was a road from there that lead directly down to Houghton. Houghton had little or no town, just the shipyard and a park.

If you turned left when you got to Lakeview Terrace and went two or three blocks and turned right, that would lead you to Steward Heights. Steward Heights had a pharmacy, infirmary and Federal office buildings. On either side of that was Projects "A" and "B". Projects "A" and "B" were temporary housing for military families and people that worked there. They were 2x2 construction, what they called cracker boxes, they were meant to be taken down later.

(Editors note: See back page for map of projects)

Between Kirkland and Houghton they built a small boat yard that made plywood patrol boats, they were about 36 to 40 feet. The yard was called Ballinger's Boat Works. As you can see Kirkland was getting to be quite a busy little metropolis.



Kirkland's  
Picket Patrol  
Boat boatyard

They had the  
US Coast  
Guard contract

Back in those days the only place that you could hear the news was on the radio or read about it in the newspaper. The only place you could see the news was at the movie theater. My next job was the popcorn boy at the one theater that we had in Kirkland, that was the Gateway Theater. It was on Main Street just below the Christian Science Church. My popcorn machine was outside next to where you bought your tickets, winter and summer. People would line up outside for the next movie and of course they would have to have popcorn. The movie would start off with the news, then a comedy and then the main feature. For the kids on Saturday about 3:00 PM, they had a matinee, usually the Perils of Pauline. This was a cliff hanger that always keeps you coming back the next Saturday.



During the summer there were a lot of us that swam at the South Kirkland Swimming Hole. One summer a Liberty Ship came in for repairs at the shipyard. It was a U.S. built ship that was lend-leased to the Russians. There were three Russians sailors that found their way to South Kirkland. One of them was an Olympic long distant swimmer. He would swim out until you could hardly see him. From the other two I learned a little bit of Russian and how to give a message. I imagine that gave them a little bit of home. One day they didn't come back, later I learned that one of them had almost cut his toe off on a broken beer bottle that someone had thrown in the water. Then they were permanently restricted from swimming there.

That brings me to another accident that happened. On the road to Houghton one night there was a line of sailors walking to town. It was a narrow two lane road and pitch black outside, there were no street lights in those days and their uniforms as you know were black and I'm sure they were hard to see, anyway a car hit the ones in the back of the line and then swung out and came back in and hit the ones in the front of the line. It happened real close to the Medical Security Clinic. There was a call from the doctor for my mother to get down there quick. It took most of the night to get them stabilized.

Bringing those ships from salt water to fresh water was an ideal situation, the barnacles didn't like fresh water and would fall off, making it easy for the yard to clean and paint the bottom

As the war wound down the Medical Security Clinic closed and my mother the nurse was moved to the infirmary at Stewart Heights for a short stay and then it was all over.

Kirkland was quite an active place during the Second World War and I was happy to have been a part of those times.



Stewart Height's business district

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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 or deep roots serving on the KHS Board.

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This 1947 Kirkland map shows the WWII Government housing projects that were built to house the many families that came to Kirkland to work in the shipyards. Lakeview Terrace was built to be permanent. Stewart Heights and Projects A and B were temporary. Northwest University Campus is now on the Stewart Heights site.

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