

# BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

## KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Few people remember and fewer photos exist of the King County Stockade when it was on the C.D. Simpson Road, now known as Willows Road. The caretaker lived in the club house built by Simpson for his gun club. Both photos are from the Helen Mickelson Collection. See page 4



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GLENN LANDGUTH

They say that people without knowledge of history are prone to repeat it. This is usually taken in a negative context, such as wars and the downfall of governments. But there is another more positive take on history too. Sometimes people with knowledge of history are also prone to repeat it.

In this respect, we had several people who looked at the historic pictures of the Kirkland ferry dock at Summerfest comment that it would be wonderful if we could have a passenger-only ferry running between Kirkland and Seattle today. It could link up with rapid transit in Seattle. This may be something for somebody to seriously think about.

Thanks to Pam Owens for sharing some items at the September membership meeting from when her Dad owned Art's Stores. She even postponed a planned trip south because she was excited to make this presentation.

And I had fun sharing my experience flying model airplanes in Kirkland in the 1950s. It brought back a lot of wonderful childhood memories.

Special thanks to Linda and Wayne Jatón for supplying the blackberries for the Blackberry Social at the September meeting.

You may have already heard that there have already been a couple of changes on the newly elected Board. With the resignation of Secretary Dave Sherbrooke, the board elected Loita Hawkinson to the position of secretary. This left an At-large position open. We have had one person volunteer to fill the open At-large position. I am writing this before the October meeting. By the time you read this, the position may have already been filled.

On another note, I am going to try to learn how to use the PastPerfect database. My initial attempt to install the system on my home compute was not successful. I may spend more time down at the resource center practicing on one of the secondary

computers (if I can find a parking spot without a time limit). We want to provide some relief and backup to Loita, who is currently doing most of the database work. It is always good to have a backup. This will be an ongoing effort. You might be surprised at how often we get new donations and requests for information from our database. Having the information is of no value if it cannot be found. Loita is doing a wonderful job of filling requests. But it is not fair to put the full burden on one person.

General storage is at a premium at the resource center. We had to remove some materials that were being stored in the furnace room when the air conditioning system was being checked out. It may be that we need to rent a storage unit. That might be overkill right now, but it would give us some room to accumulate artifacts as they become available. It would also provide a place to store "rotating displays" which may be seasonal. Or maybe we just need to "clean house" to make more room in short term until we have a more permanent solution to the space problem. Would someone like to take this on as a project?

We continue to appreciate the support that KHS receives from The City of Kirkland, and in the form of grants from 4Cutlure. There are more funds available if we only had someone to apply for the funds and manage the projects.

Volunteering is another way to support KHS. We try to make everything as easy as possible, and it is fun to get together with friends and reminisce on how life used to be in Kirkland. We are looking forward to the Holiday Cookie Exchange, and to History Month coming up in February.

That's all for now.



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# KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.

## Heritage Hall

❧❧ November 2015 ❧❧

No membership meeting in November. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

❧❧ December 2015 ❧❧

No membership meeting in December. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

❧❧ December 6, 2015 ❧❧

The annual Cookie Exchange will be from 1 to 3:30 at a 1915 Kirkland home. Members and their guests only. Watch for the details in the mail. To save postage, the 2016 renewal notice and the Cookie Exchange invitation will be mailed together.



*The REPS actors.*



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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Karen Schickling edits our Facebook account named:

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If you use Facebook, please give us a look and a like.

## Correction

On page 3 of the Sept/Oct 2015 Blackberry Preserves, at the end of the article on Kirkland's Mid-Century Modern Architecture Revealed, Part II, it was reported that "Several KHS volunteers drove and walked the neighborhoods providing photos and history to Mimi and the City." Lynette Weber has pointed out that while KHS volunteers were used for the previous two surveys, they did not participate in this particular survey. We regret the error.



The grandfather and father of Pam Gates Owens were business partners in Art's Grocery with Art Case. Here Pam wears an apron that her father wore.



Glenn Landguth showed his youthful side when giving a talk about the model planes he built and flew in Kirkland. The noisy motors alerted the neighborhood and young and old alike would gather to watch the planes.

## Lazy Husbands Stockade

by Loita Hawkinson (revised)

In 1913, our state government tackled the growing problem of non-supporting fathers and husbands. As the bills worked their way through the senate and house, they became known as the Lazy Husband Bills. When passed and implemented, the convicted were sentenced to a King County labor camp where they were paid a small wage that was paid directly to their families.

The King County Stockade had three locations from 1913 through 1932. The first was at just north of Ballard at 14th Avenue NW and NW 90th Street. Known as the Hotel de Wallingford after Sheriff Nobel Wallingford, the inmates cleared and grubbed stumps on 65 acres of county land and repaired dirt roads. The Lazy Husbands Act was a low budget plan, designed to complete King County projects while helping families financially and helping fathers get sober.

After the Ballard projects were finished, the camp moved. The main building on 90th Avenue NW had been substantial and was retained by the County. The City of Seattle then annexed this small parcel and turned it into a six room school house.

The second stockade was between Bothell and Woodinville. Portable housing was purchased for the inmates and staff. The inmate's project was to build a road which old timers referred to as the Lazy Husbands Road. These men also built a snow plow that was pulled by a team of horses to clear the Kirkland/Redmond Road during the snowy

A snowplow made by county prisoners at the stockade near Bothell is being operated with a team of twelve horses on the north trunk line. The county engineer expects to have the Kirkland-Redmond road open by evening.

1916 & 1917 road reports now provide primary source details

Humes says the Bothell-Kirkland road is in bad condition near Wayne Station and that the best route from Bothell to Kirkland is over the "Lazy Husbands" road to Juanita or from Woodinville to Juanita. In going to

The third and final Stockade is the best known and least successful. Known locally as the Lazy Husbands Farm, Willows Farm and the stockade, there is still little understood about the stockade's history. KHS has only two photos of this stockade, both from the late Helen Mickelson. One photo shows an impressive window which smacks of wasted money. But there is history surrounding that window. The rest of the building would have been just as attractive. This was the lodge for the Willows, a popular shooting club owned by Charles Douglas Simpson.

In 1904, there was great interest in preserving open space along the Sammamish River. Wealthy capitalists purchased tracks of land and developed them for profit as farms and shared them as local get-a-ways as gun clubs. Clise named his property, Willowmoor, now known as Marymoor. C.D. Stimson named his club, The Willows. In all, there were five local gun clubs that offered weekend duck hunting for Seattle's wealthy.

In 1912, King County started deliberations with C.D. Simpson that were finalized in 1913. The King County Map Vault has the original plans for The Willows.



This elaborate facility was not built and there are no known photos of the housing that was built. The concept for the new stockade was to have the inmates work the land, providing both dairy, meat and produce for the stockade and the County Poor House. Wives and children still received a stipend for the inmates work. The Willows lost money from the start. There was too

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much overhead expense to make the farm profitable. The stockade was closed and then reopened. It became more of a jail for petty crimes rather than opportunity to help struggling families. Finally in 1932, the Willows' chapter of the King County Stockade ended. Most residents today remember the dairies that later operated at the Willows.

During WWII, county owned farm equipment that had been idle since 1932 was scrapped for the war effort. At some point (have not learned just when) the C.D. Stimson County Road became Willows Road. In 1945, the names C.D. Simpson Road and Willows Road were both used.

Willows was in unincorporated King County and much of the farm is now Redmond. But because Langdon Road, now NE 116th, was the road between The Willows and the Juanita Ferry dock, The Willows was considered to be a part of Kirkland. When built, the building materials came from Seattle by way of Juanita and Langdon Road. When it was the Stockade, run-away-inmates inmate would make his way to Kirkland to catch the ferry.

In August of 1939, the former lodge was destroyed by fire. Willows was never idle prior to the fire. Hopefully people will realize they have some rare and historic photos to share.



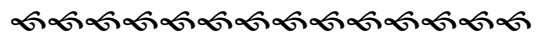
**The *Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound* did their best to scare us silly for Halloween.**



Jim and Fred provided the electronic effects for the Halloween special.



Paul and Frank provided the traditional man-made effects.



### Parking Police in Kirkland

By Glenn Landguth

Just as a word of caution to anyone visiting or working at the hall, Kirkland parking enforcement shows no mercy under any circumstances. I was called to the hall to provide access to the archive room so that the maintenance people could troubleshoot the air conditioning, a process that was expected to take a half hour. With no parking spaces available on Market Street, I ended up parking in a spot with a 2-hour limit near City Hall.

I ended up spending a little over 2 hours at the hall, while the maintenance people repaired the system. Imagine my consternation when I got back to my car and found a parking ticket on the windshield. My dedication cost me a \$35 parking ticket.

What is that old saying about no good deed going unpunished!



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

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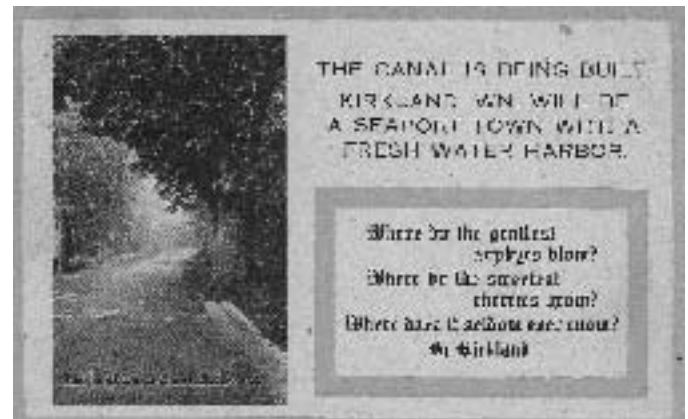
LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND  
No. 31.

The Seattle Times  
October 18, 1915

←←←←← Burke & Farrar published 30 short stories 100 years ago in anticipation of the ship canal. This is the final short story. Their intent was to market Kirkland by telling bits of history and promoting Kirkland's assets. It took several months in 1915 to publish these 30 short stories. It has taken 5 years to republish these stories in the *Blackberry Preserves*.

It is fitting that the stories end when 2016 is on the horizon. 2016 will be the centennial of the ship canal which lowered Lake Washington by almost 9 feet and stabilized the lake level. It was the promise of a ship canal that brought Peter Kirk and Leigh S.J. Hunt to these shores and the founding of Kirkland. Their dream was to build a steel mill and a company town. It was the failure of the government to build the canal that killed our founder's dreams for the steel mill. The mill was built on Rose Hill but never went into operation. These dreams died in 1892.

Peter Kirk died in 1915, pleased that the canal was almost ready. He was elderly and frail but he still cared deeply about the lowering of Lake Washington, the ship canal and what that meant to Kirkland.



This postcard was just purchased by KHS on eBay. There appear to have been a series of these postcards, each with a photo and similar message. We can only hope that more are found. This postcard was postmarked in October of 1916, just weeks after Lake Washington was lowered. It has a Kirkland postmark so it would have been cancelled at Brooks Grocery on Market St.

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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 is the Kirkland that Burke & Farrar were promoting in their Little Stories series....which ends with this issue. This wonderful photo shows the Gilbert Hotel and the Hotel Jackson (known to most old-timers as the Leland). The lake was 9 feet higher and because of winter run off, Lake Street was often flooded. There are logs either ready to be delivered or they may have been ordered by David Burr to use at his telephone company. The original 1888 bank building is still red brick. The phone company occupied the upper floor and paid \$5 a month rent to Burke & Farrar. The little white building attached to the bank building was an office for Burke & Farrar.

*Kirkland, the Gateway to Seattle* is painted on the building.

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