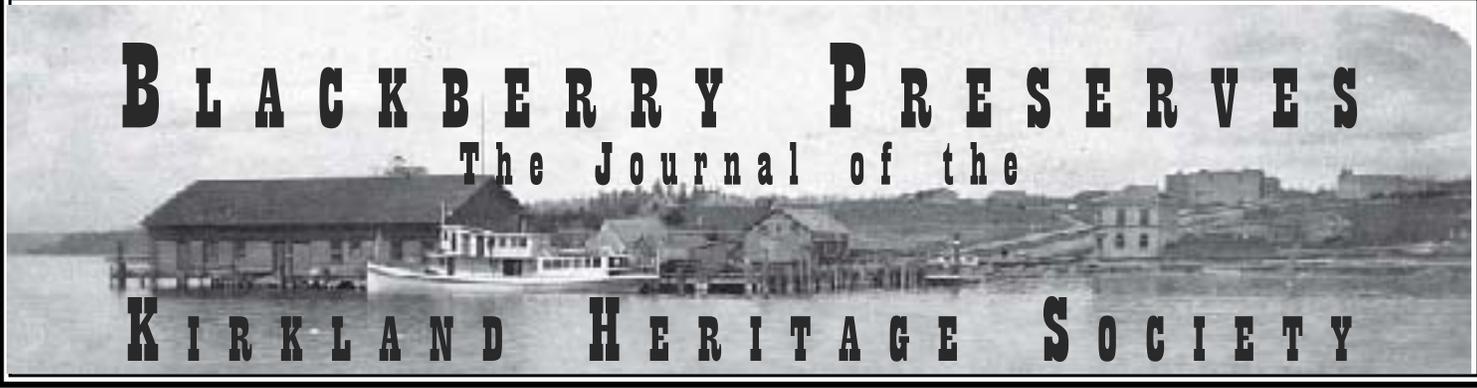


BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Theodore Roosevelt says:

"The Canals Are Coming"
"Buy in the Path of Progress"

"Every person who invests in well-selected real estate in a growing section of a prosperous community adopts the surest and safest method of becoming independent, for real estate is the basis of all wealth."

Mark the words "a growing section"—it is not enough simply to buy in a prosperous community—your investment must be in "a growing section" to constitute "the surest and safest road to independence."

Kirkland is the fastest growing section near Seattle—Kirkland's population has increased 500 per cent during the past five years—most of that increase has come in the past year.

Fifty houses are now in course of construction. The Hewitt-Lea Lumber Company's Kirkland yard is doing a better business than any of their other yards in proportion to size—this certainly spells healthy, permanent development in Kirkland.

One of the best indicators of growth is the Kirkland ferry. The Kirkland ferry operates from 6 a. m. to midnight daily—the tremendous increase in traffic during the past few months would surprise you if you knew—that increase reflects the tremendous growth in Kirkland's population.

"Buy real estate in a growing section," says Colonel Roosevelt, and we repeat, "Kirkland is the fastest growing section near Seattle."

"Buy in

KIRKLAND"

KIRKLAND Garden Tracts \$300 up

The early spring buyers have recognized that things are happening in Kirkland, and heavy buying of garden tracts has begun. Last week many were sold, and the continued interest this week has shown that Kirkland property is finding favor with those who want garden tracts close to Seattle's vegetable and poultry markets.

Division No. 14 contains some of the best tracts that have been put on sale. The ready sale last week showed that their value is appreciated. One of these tracts spells OPPORTUNITY in capital letters to the real-payer who wants to reduce his cost of living and enjoy health, happiness and prosperity. Terms, \$25 down and \$5 a month.

KIRKLAND City Lots \$125 up

One of the best investments in the Northwest is "Close-to-the-water" Kirkland property—it's the chance of a lifetime to invest a little each month and gain much in the end when the Lake Washington Canal comes through and Kirkland city lots become business property.

You can live on one of these lots and attend business or work in Seattle—the ferry runs up to midnight—that spells city accessibility and convenience—you'll be only "45 minutes" from Second and Madison—we will furnish the lumber at net cost for your home and you can pay 10 per cent down and small monthly payments for both lot and house.

KIRKLAND Acreage \$50 to \$75

Here are large tracts within easy driving distance of Seattle's produce markets at \$20, \$50, \$75 and \$10 per acre. Think of it! \$50 to \$100 per acre within easy driving distance of Seattle! You can market your produce in your own wagon and escape the payment of freight, cartage and commission. An excellent site and wagon road runs from Kirkland to and through this land, which lies half a mile from beautiful Lake Sammamish and commands a magnificent view of the water.

And the best—it is rich heavy and fruit land—some of it is cleared and ready to grow—all of it can be very easily cleared. Adjoining land is under cultivation now, and four orchards and gardens cannot be found in the Northwest. The owners drive their produce to Seattle's markets every day—you can do the same from these tracts. **BARGAIN** is what this land needs—in capital letters. Terms \$20 down and \$5 a month.

KIRKLAND

Population in 1906, 500
Population in 1911, 1,500
Population in 1915, 10,000

"Increasing population means increasing land values."

KIRKLAND Waterfront

Lake Washington waterfront lots are fast becoming scarce, and each year their value rises. Kirkland waterfront will be deep sea waterfront when the Lake Washington Canal goes through. Make a difference in value, won't it? Why not make that "difference" yourself? Put away a little here each month and hold this property until the canal comes. James J. Hill says that there will be as many people on the east shore of Lake Washington as on the west in the not far away future. His judgment has brought him millions in the Northwest. It ought to be worth your consideration.

BURKE & FARRAR, Inc.

OWNERS

405-409 New York Block

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Branch Offices—Madison Park and Kirkland Ferry Landing, Open Today

P. S.—In an address at Spokane Friday evening Colonel Roosevelt said that with the passage of another generation Seattle will be a city of 1,000,000 population—this means that Kirkland will be, at the very least, as large as Oakland.

In this 1911 ad for Kirkland, the canals are coming. You will not see ads like this for any other community, including Seattle. And why Teddy Roosevelt cared is still a mystery.

From the Seattle Times

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GLENN LANDGUTH

Let me first take this opportunity to introduce and welcome Nancy Bock, the newest member of the Board. Nancy stepped up to fill the open At-Large position. Nancy's family came to Kirkland in 1947. She graduated from LWHS in 1961. She and her husband of 47 years, Lauren, have two grown daughters. Nancy has extensive experience in title insurance/escrow, real estate, and office management. She has been an active member of KHS, and has provided photographs and other information for our heritage database.

Visitors to the KHS Resource Center will now find a new display of furniture from some historic schools. Frank Rosin has donated several prize memorabilia in the past, and has just recently donated a set of school desks that were in one of the classrooms at the old Rose Hill Elementary.

Loita then rearranged the existing teacher's desk from Central School and other existing classroom items to simulate a classroom environment. Nancy Bock said that she has some of her school work from Central School that could be added to the display.

Loita has also added school photos for a digital photo frame that she has hung on the wall.

Our next big project is the upcoming History Month celebration. We are actively working on new posters to add the ones that we already have. We will be getting 12 new large posters with aerial photographs. The larger format is appropriate for aerial views so that people can identify enough detail to spot where their present homes or businesses are located. Look for a separate article on History Month in this newsletter.

We thank The City of Kirkland, 4Culture, and our wonderful members for their continuing support of KHS.



Mailbag

December 2015

Hi KHS,

I do so love getting your newsletter. I was born in the old Kirkland Hospital. I lived on Yarrow Bay until 18 and then on Rose Hill until I was 58 and moved to Maine. I love to see the volunteer names. Wayne Jatton was in the same class as I and he and Linda are friends I treasure. Also a couple other I knew but were older: Frankie Rosin, Marilyn Johnson, Clarence Stone. Also my mom, Erma Evetts Gain, went to school with John Gates (Pam's dad) and I knew him well.

I also remember well, after the ship canal was opened, the lake was lowered every summer for 2 weeks so people could work on their docks, etc. One time my Great-uncle Charlie (from Seattle) had been over to swim in June. All was good. Then he came for Mom's annual 4th of July picnic. He got out of his car in a bathing suit and started running with a banshee yell towards the dock. Everyone else knew and tried to stop him but he dove off the end of the dock (yes, the lake had been lowered several feet). When he stopped he was head first into the muck with legs in the air above the water. Daddy and an uncle dashed out fully clothed and pulled on his legs. What a mess! I don't think he ever swam again at our house – ha!

I remember swimming across Yarrow Bay and then across to Seattle to a park near Sand Point and then back. Also when a small Navy airplane crashed in our bay and daddy and a neighbor, Cecil Goring, went out in a row boat and saved the pilots.

Thanks for all you do for the History of Kirkland.

Judy (Thommasen)

Lake Washington Ship Canal

by Loita Hawkinson

The Lake Washington Ship Canal is to Kirkland what homesteading is to Juanita, Pleasant Bay (Houghton) and Redmond. Juanita, Houghton and Redmond were settled by homesteaders. Kirkland was established as a company town by Leigh S.J. Hunt and Peter Kirk. They purchased homesteads in the Nelson Bay area of Houghton and renamed their new town Kirkland. Nelson Bay became Moss Bay. Many areas offered inducements to entice Peter Kirk. Ellensburg offered free land and financial inducements. But it was the promise of the ship canal that led our namesake to Nelson Bay.

2016 is the Centennial for the lowering of Lake Washington. Seattle will be celebrating and honoring the Lake Washington Ship Canal because of its impact on the City of Seattle. But it is my view that no community benefitted more than the Kirkland area. And without the promise of the canal in 1888, there never would have been a Kirkland in King County, Washington.

First proposed by the earliest Seattle pioneers, the canal would have opened the Lake Washington side of Seattle for manufacturing and export. The U.S. Navy also had plans for the canal which would have allowed them to have a fresh water Naval Shipyard. These earlier attempts faltered. Then in 1888, the US Government appropriated funds to build the canal. By 1891, the federal funding had been repealed. This repeal is the reason Kirk's steel mill never went into production. The 1893 financial panic had nothing to do with it, no matter how many times it is repeated.

In 1905, James A. Moore (Moore Theatre, Seattle's oldest), again proposed the canal. Moore had government support but Hiram Chittenden stepped in, thinking that Moore's plans for wooden locks were a recipe for disaster. If (and when) they failed, Lake Washington would have literally drained

into Puget Sound. Chittenden envisioned large cement locks...locks that could accommodate ships. Locks that are sound 100 years later.

If you Google the history of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, most links lead to Seattle. Misunderstood and largely ignored, was this area's influence of the eventual building and benefit from the Ship Canal.

For the last 5 years, the Blackberry Preserves has published the 30 Little Stories offered by Kirkland land owners and developers, Burke & Farrar. Published in the Seattle Times in 1915, Burke & Farrar enticed families to invest in Kirkland.

This year, Blackberry Preserves will focus on the canal's history from Harry French through WWI and WWII. There is much to tell.

INVEST YOUR SAVINGS
KIRKLAND ON LAKE WASHINGTON
EX-PRESIDENT THEODORE
ROOSEVELT SAYS:
"Every person who invests in well selected real estate in a growing section of a prosperous community adopts the surest and safest method of becoming independent, for real estate is the basis of all wealth." Therefore come over tomorrow and select an investment in Kirkland, where large returns will be made by the early investors. Large lots for \$15 up; large tracts suitable for chicken ranches and fruit farms for \$225 up on terms of \$25 down and \$10 monthly. Good transportation and low fare, with churches, schools, stores, telephones, every convenience.
BURKE & FARRAR, INC.,
405 to 409 New York Block.

Ad from the *1911 Seattle Times*.



We thank Mary and Rebecca, co-owners of Parkplace Books for their years of community support. We hope Parkplace Books returns. The store has been a fixture. They will be missed.

Trueblood House by Glenn Landguth

Some people have had their collective eyes on this house for a long time. The house is called the Trueblood house in respect to the best known resident, Dr. Trueblood. But that is another story.

Last June, Lynette Weber brought to our attention the possibility that the Trueblood house would possibly be available to KHS if we could use it. Our understanding was that the Trueblood house was scheduled for demolishing or moving in 2016.

The owners would donate the house, which would then be available for “future adaptive reuse”. Adaptive reuse would be a way of saving this particular structure. KHS has always been interested in helping Kirkland to have a museum, and so the question was, could the Trueblood house fill that need? Just because a house is “old” or just because it is historically or architecturally significant, does not automatically make it suitable for housing a museum. We would still need to find a place to site the house, fund moving the house, and repair/refurbish the house to meet codes, and fund continued maintenance. Total budget for relocation & rehabilitation was thought to be at least \$200,000, depending upon the final location.

One of the criteria for adaptive reuse is that the house would have to generate income sufficient to justify keeping it from an economic standpoint. The City could consider other uses for the building if it is not used for a museum.

At the December Board meeting, the feeling was that KHS could not fund a museum, but would provide volunteers to have it opened on a very limited schedule should the City establish a museum.

It was felt that the upstairs part of the house could never be made available to the

public because it could not be made ADA compliant. Significant furnishings have probably already been removed, so we would be starting with an empty “stripped” house.

In an email on December 10, 2015, Lynette indicated that the City Committee, comprised of people from the Parks Department, Public Works, and Planning/Development, “would not move forward on this project until they had significantly more information and a reasonable set of assurances from KHS.”

Lynette Weber requested KHS to provide the following to the City Committee:

Possible property locations other than City parks

A letter of intent

A business plan for its use

A plan for how it will be operated

Thoughts on possible fund raising

Lynette added that, “They would really like KHS to step up to the plate, show some real leadership behind making this a project, and then they would be happy to help.”

We will also be looking at what kind of financial aid 4Culture might offer for a project like this.

KHS has not yet responded to the City Committee. Time will be allotted at the January board meeting for discussion on this topic. Member input is welcome.



1888 Trueblood home in 2005.
Photo by Dale Hawkinson

History Month - February 2016

By Glenn Landguth

Well, here we are again. History Month is less than a month away. And we are racing to make final preparation for what might just be the signature event of the year for the KHS. The posters that we provide for display in Kirkland establishments during History Month have pictures from our growing Kirkland database. Whenever possible, we try to use pictures from the neighborhoods in which the posters are to be displayed. We are fortunate to still have many of the buildings in the downtown neighborhood that have been repurposed but are still recognizable.

There are always new old things that we need to remember. Pictures from 1971 and 1975 are reminders that history is a moving target. Many of us have fond memories of the '40s, '50s, and '60s in Kirkland. That is how history works. What we remember most fondly are the things that we grew up with. The pictures bring back those memories. And along with previous treasures, our knowledge about and appreciation of our heritage continues to grow. Our goal is to add 12 large posters with aerial pictures and 24 of the smaller posters with pictures from some of the annexed neighborhoods. We are fortunate to be receiving a targeted grant from 4Culture to partially finance the new posters.

Specifically, we have some aerial pictures of the Juanita, Kingsgate, and Everest neighborhoods from the 1970s. We also have some pictures of the large driftwood that used to be in Marina Park. And pictures of Juanita Beach park before the park was extensively re-landscaped. And we have pictures of the Neal property, now a Rendezvous development and the Neal-Landguth Wetland Park on 10th Street South.

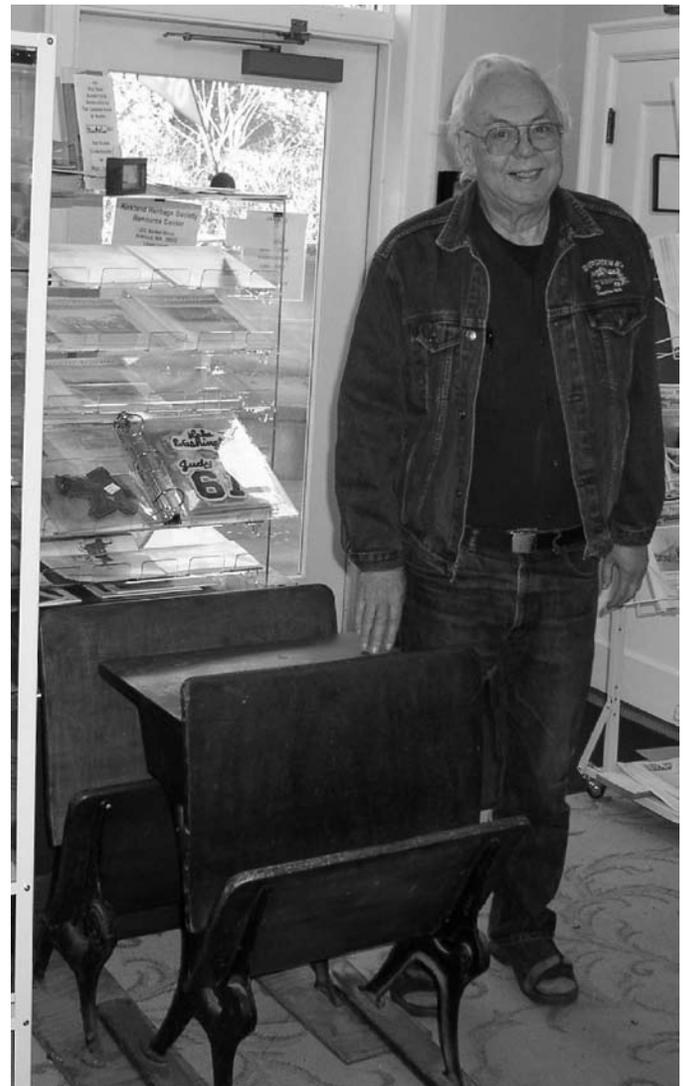
Volunteers will distribute posters somewhat randomly. When volunteers again approach business with posters under their arms, we

hope that the businesses will be as receptive as they have been in the past.

We welcome your comments about History Month. Drop us a note, or respond to a survey, and let us know what you liked, what you didn't like, and suggestions for additions in the future. Give us your contact information and we will respond directly back to you if you wish.

We aim to please. Just give us something to aim at.

We thank The City of Kirkland, 4Culture, and our wonderful members for their continuing support of KHS.



Frank with the Rose Hill desk set he has donated. All we need now is an ink well.

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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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Your memberships make it happen.**



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Call Kevin Ball at Kirkland Parks

425 587-3398



Tim and Maria Carr. Tim is the grandson of the first owner of the Carr/Hawkinson home, Berthe Carr. His Aunt Janeen Ryseff made sure he was invited to the 2015 Cookie Exchange. Tim had not been in the home since it sold in 1976.

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For information on KHS - visit our website: www.kirklandheritage.org,
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