

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Mother
and
Daughter



Alice Patty (Fessenden) was the first “second generation” to graduate from Kirkland Union “A” High School in 1926. Her mother, Lucy Clark (Patty) was in the first graduating class in 1902.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GLENN LANDGUTH

Summerfest this year will be August 12, 13, & 14. But we still do not know which days we will be staffing our booth. Our plan is to open the staffing positions up to the membership, instead of just using Board members. We would try to pair one Board member with one other volunteer member, so that the member would not feel overwhelmed. Shifts can be adjusted to the needs of volunteers.

In case you missed the point, this is an invitation and a plea for membership participation. As soon as we find out what the days and hours will be, we will start calling members to check on availability. It will be a way for members to share the experience of taking Kirkland's history/heritage to the public. Many times visitors to the booth will bring a bit of new history to share first hand. Words are not cheap, they are priceless. They can also lead to more follow-on sharing after Summerfest is long past.

Please consider it. And you do not need to wait to be called. We answer phones and emails too.

In 1954 Kitty Kallen's version of "Little Things Mean a Lot" reached #1 on the US Billboard chart. I always liked the song, and I thought that Kitty was a beautiful and talented singer. But as the years have gone by, the significance of "little things" seems to be increasing to me daily. Not only do little things mean a lot, little things can also take a lot of time.

Some of you may be aware that I have been providing significant assistance to my wife Judy since she suffered a fall in January. After spending over 25 years caring for other family members in their final years, she now finds herself in need of assistance. We still hope for significant recovery as her back continues to heal. But we are definitely dealing with recognition of all the things that we wanted to do in retirement that now at least need to be significantly delayed again.

And so it is with history and heritage. Time is both the blessing and the curse. Time does not wait. We look back at the past and

remember all the things that have had meaning to us. But we also look back at a world that only we will know. Unless we tell the story, it remains silent, lost in the past.

I have been blessed with some of the stories told by my mother and dad about their lives and times. But I am afraid that I have not done justice to my own children in that respect. And I have not done justice to the coming generations because things that filled my life remain internalized.

I am trying to make it up to my children by passing on some of my stories. And I am trying to contribute to passing on some of what I know of Kirkland's history through work with the Kirkland Heritage Society. Frankly, the press of current needs sometimes makes me still put things off until tomorrow. Does anyone else struggle with the same temptations?

A person at the Kirkland Arts Center recently approached me with an inquiry as to whether we would be interested in repeating a cooperative activity that was last done a few years ago. It worked like this: Artists took inspiration from our historic artifacts and pictures and created new pieces of art. The art was then displayed at the Kirkland Arts Center during the February History Month celebration. Representations of the historic artifacts (mostly pictures) would be displayed alongside of the new artwork. We would supply the artifacts, they would supply the art. It could be a way to make history more relevant to the younger generations.

At the last Board meeting we agreed in principal to doing it again, subject to working out the details. I will be working with a Kirkland Arts Center representative to work out those details. But it sounds like a win-win situation to me.

We are still looking at Tori's proposed new and expanded Collections Management Policy (prepared as part of her Masters thesis at the U of W). Tori made a presentation at the last Board meeting, but we did not get into the newly proposed policy enough to make any decisions. Board members in theory will be

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KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

May 25, 2016

Alan Stein will present our May program with the history of E Clampus Vitus, a volunteer group of history minded and skilled craftsmen. Many of you will remember Alan from when he was KHS's historian. It was Alan that indexed the *East Side Journal* which continues to be a tool KHS uses every working day. Alan also did great cemetery tours. Today Alan is a historian for HistoryLink.

Last year the Clampers built a new deck on the Woodinville Museum. The KHS Resource Center has a wonderful wall display that has never been finished. It needs drawer fronts and paint. KHS will supply the materials if we can corner Alan and his fellow Clampers to do the work.

June 2016

No meetings during the summer. See you at the 4th of July Parade.



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*.

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studying the proposed policy in preparation for a future decision. The policy can be made available to anyone who is interested in looking at it.

Tori's Thesis Defense is still scheduled for May 18, 2016, 2 PM, at Heritage Hall. The public is invited. That's you. Drop in if you are in the neighborhood.

Remember that we do not meet in June, July, and August. Our next meeting will be in September.

That's all for now.



In April, Tom Escott shared memories from his family, here since the 1930's.



In March, Jennifer and Kevin Woram shared their love for their 1915 Finn Hill home.

Kirkland's Union A 1899 -1945

by Loita Hawkinson

The history of the Union A High School has never been fully recorded by Kirkland Heritage Society. With the end of this 2016 school year, it is time to change that.

Many remember Terrace Hall which was part of the Kirkland Junior High campus. Terrace Hall, built in 1923, was originally Kirkland Union A High School. It is commonly believed that this was the first Union A School in Kirkland.

The 1923 Kirkland Union A became Lake Washington High School in 1944. The war-time over crowded school district wanted to be more inclusive, recognizing that many students did not live in Kirkland. Plans then started for a new and larger Lake Washington High School. This was the school that opened on Rose Hill in 1950. Kirkland Junior High had shared the school grounds with Kirkland High School or Kirkland Union A since 1932. In 1950 the junior high had the run of the entire campus. The original 1932 junior high building became known as Waverly Hall and the old high school became Terrace Hall.

For decades this has been the end of the story. Because our newspaper collection starts in 1918, much early history has been unnoticed. Thanks to digitized newspapers, we know that the concept of a Union School started before 1899. Small rural communities were struggling to provide an adequate higher education for their older students.

This was the case for Juanita, Houghton and Kirkland. Each had a school board, a school building and teachers. What they needed was a single high school that could provide an education that would prepare students for life and possible admission to the UW. In 1899 Juanita, Houghton and Kirkland voted to approve the new concept. The new school district was to be in Kirkland and named for

Kirkland. The details of how this would all work was something congress still had to work out. But from the beginning, all union schools were to include the four years of high school. The high school could share the building with the grade school but only the top four years were considered to be the Union School. Both Juanita and Houghton kept grades 1 through 8 close to home. Kirkland had grades 1 to 12 in one building. As now, it was important to keep younger students in their own community. These were the horse and wagon days and only the older students were required to travel to Kirkland. Most walked.

Union School District.

At an election held at Kirkland, Houghton and Juanita Saturday, it was decided to unite and form a union school district for the purpose of securing a high school for the district. The School Boards of the different places will meet Saturday to complete the organization and to make arrangements for the school, which is to be at Kirkland.

From the August 11, 1899
Seattle Times



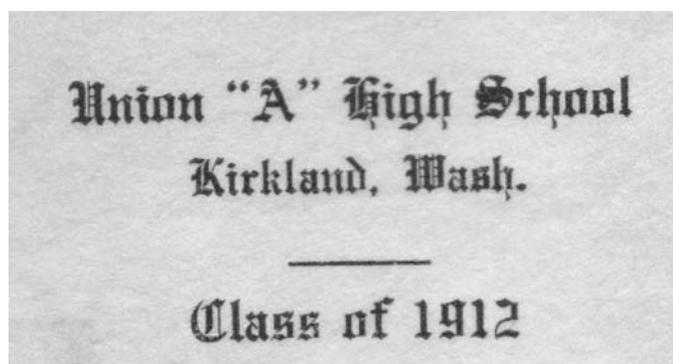
From the August 7, 1899
Seattle Star

Kirkland born Lucy Clark was the first to graduate in 1902. In 1926, her daughter Alice Patty was the first "2nd generation" to graduate. The 1902 class had two graduates. Jennie Lowe was ill and could not attend the commencement exercises. And only Lucy had attended since the Union School was

approved. The 1926 class had 10 grads including Ben Barrie.

See front page for photos of mother/daughter

We may wonder if Kirkland's Union School District actually provided the foundation for advanced learning. The class of 1912 can shed some light on their success. Of the 11 graduates, at least 5 graduated from the UW. Two of these were girls. And one, Dick Everest later became head of UW's School of Journalism and was UW's Vice-president when he retired. Dick had also served as UW President for a time.



From the back of Dick Everest's 1912 diploma Everest Field & Neighborhood are his namesakes.

In all, Kirkland had three Union A High Schools. The first was on east side of Bold Street, between Piccadilly and Cascade (now 1st Street between 7th Avenue and 6th Avenue. The second was Central School which was where Kirkland City Hall is today and just two blocks from the original school. The last was on Market. No known photos exist of Kirkland's first school. (back page)

In the beginning, it was simply the Union High School. Union "A" came later as more districts became Union Schools. Kirkland was the first in King County, hence the "A" Black Diamond was Union M. Kirkland has been progressive in many ways. This trend seems to have been started in the 1890's by our forward thinking pioneers.



Built in 1905, this was the second Central Grade School and the second Union A High School.

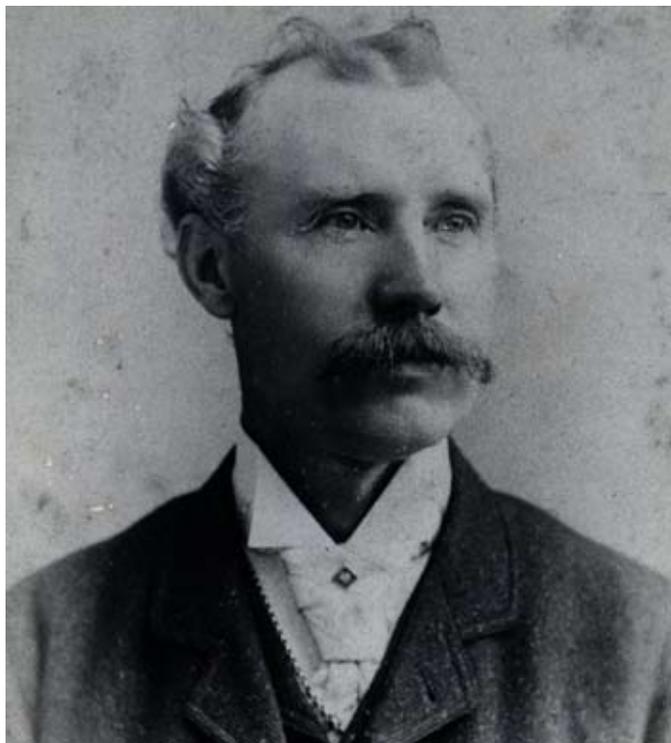


Built in 1923, this was the 3rd Union A High School.



Margaret Bayne, Union A Teacher

My face is **RED**



**Peter Kirk
1840 - 1916**

In my attempt to correct much misinformation about Peter Kirk and his steel mill, I added more confusion in our last newsletter. The dates in the March/April printed issue of *Blackberry Preserves* has 1860-1916.

Only got two phone calls. John Broderick figured Peter Kirk could not have founded Kirkland in 1888 bringing his nearly adult children with him if he was only 28. Sandy Middleton is family and just knows the dates for her gr gr grandpa Kirk.

The on-line version has been corrected...easy to do. But the printed newsletters are here to stay.

When you attend meetings, please visit the downstairs area. Many of you have never seen our office space. It is always in transition but we try to keep it interesting.



The KHS computers were down for two weeks. After hours with tech support, we learned we needed a new router. And we needed a new network set up. This could have taken some paid tech support. But thanks to my son, Fred, the network, computers and printers are all working again..

This is not the first time one of our family members has bailed KHS out. You off-spring and nieces and nephews know who you are and we thank you.



2005 Cemetery Tour
Alan Stein was our guide



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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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425 587-3398



This 1897 class photo gives us our ownly known glimpse of the first Central School which was on 1st Street between 6th and 7th Avenues. This school became the first Union A School in 1899. Florence Brooks Tillman is on the left, front row. Mr. Boggs was the teacher.

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