

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Doctor William Duncan Buchanan
Kirkland's first doctor.

See pages 3 & 4 for history about Kirkland's pioneer doctors.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GLENN LANDGUTH

You have probably already heard that at our February Board meeting, our newest Board member, Janice Gerrish, was appointed to the open position of Secretary, following the resignation of Loita Hawkinson. Loita was reappointed to her previous At-large position. Janice is not new to the roll of secretary, having served as secretary for other organizations. We are thankful to have her.

We still have one open At-Large position.

The long-anticipated new pavers are now installed on the walkway. Jason Filan, Parks Manager, notified me on January 23 that, "This past week staff was able to get those donation pavers in." Thanks to Jason and the staff for doing a wonderful job. The new pavers look great.

This time was especially challenging as we had trouble finding a supplier for the Wilkeson stone that we have been using. Unbeknownst to us when we took the paver orders, the quarry that we have depended on for several years had closed. We finally were able to contact someone who had access to the quarry and who it is expected can supply stone for our next order too.

By the time you read this History Month will be over. Nancy Bock coordinated things this year and has done a wonderful job. She had some new plaques made, contributing a few pictures from her personal collection, and submitted an article to a local newspaper and social media. You may have noticed banners hanging from polls and plaques in merchant windows. If you missed seeing them, Loita Hawkinson has posted photos on our website: www.kirklandheritage.ore for everyone to enjoy.

Nancy has also taken on the additional job of Membership chairman. She will be going through the membership list and updating

who has paid this year and which people still need to pay if they want to be eligible to vote in the May 2017 elections.

With regard to elections, it has been brought to the Board's attention that there may be a problem with the IRS if we have family members on the Board. It appears that in addition to immediate family members, this would also include siblings. We were not aware of this when Nancy (who is my sister) volunteered for and was appointed to a vacant At-large position. The nominating committee is now aware of this situation.

The members of the nominating committee were introduced at the February membership meeting. (There should also be a separate notice in this newsletter.)

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the wonderful treat that we had at the February membership meeting, the showing of the restored silent film (but with music accompaniment), "*Eyes of the Totem*". It was delightful. I was so impressed that I must confess to a bit of moisture in the corner of my eye at the happy ending. I also heard many good comments from others at the showing. KHS made a small contribution toward the restoration of this vintage motion picture which has a connection to Kirkland. Refer to the Jan-Feb newsletter for more about the film.

KHS continues to get support from 4Culture and the City of Kirkland, for which we are always thankful.

To everyone volunteering for the Kirkland Heritage Society, I would like to extend my continuing thanks for all that you do.

That is all for now.
Glenn



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*.

KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

March 29, 2017

Clyde Merriweather

Clyde is a 1966 Lake Washington High School grad. He will share what it's like to be black on the Eastside.

April 26, 2017

Matt McCauley

A local historian and lover of all things Kirkland, Matt will share just a bit of what he knows of Kirkland's historic cemetery.



2017 Nomination Report Kirkland Heritage Society

Terms: July 2017 to June 2019

On February 22nd, the KHS Board of Directors appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee for the 2017 Election of Officers: Vic Newhard, Chair, Nominating Committee; Karen Schickling; Linda Jaton; Frank Rosin; Janice Gerrish and Nancy Bock

The nominating committee was introduced at the February Membership Meeting.

Positions open for nominations include: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; and five (5) At-Large positions. If you have ever thought of volunteering at the KHS, this would be a good year to start serving on the Board. Please contact any of the above members of the Nominating Committee for more information.

Dr. William D. Buchanan

by Loita Hawkinson

In the past, I have written about the doctors of early Kirkland. There was Dr. David T. Richards and his wife, Dr. Lucy L. Richards who lived in Houghton prior to the Kirk Era. Dr. D.T. Richards was also the pastor of the First Methodist Church. Dr. Lucy was the eastside's first woman doctor and delivered most of the area's babies including Olivia French Davis, Earle and Frank Kirtley, and Peter Kirk's grandchildren. Dr. Lucy was not a midwife but a physician. Dr. David seemed to handle the death related cases. At this time, KHS has newspaper photos of Dr. David and we have photos of Dr. Lucy's family but nothing of her at this time even though she lived in Kirkland for over 30 years.

In 1905 when Kirkland incorporated, Dr. Bradley was Kirkland's first elected mayor. He and Mrs. Bradley had lived in Kirkland for a time and were socially active. But after just a few Town Meetings, Dr. Bradley resigned. They had a baby on the way so they moved to Kent to be nearer Dr. Bradley's parents. During WWI, Dr. Bradley served as a military physician and died from the Spanish Flu. Because of that one child, KHS was able to trace descendents. The family had only one photo, that of Dr. Bradley in uniform. KHS had one photo which was taken when he was mayor. Now both KHS and the family have two photos of Kirkland's first elected mayor. Reginald Collins was appointed after Dr. Bradley's resignation and Mr. Collins is considered to be Kirkland's first mayor.

Now we have Dr. Buchanan. KHS has long known about Dr. Buchanan because of newspapers and tax records. He and his wife built the home called the Trueblood home. We have a copy of the Mrs. Buchanan's 1891 probate. She was part owner of their home which was not rare among educated people.

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When KHS was fortunate to find and buy the glass negatives in January, one of the photos was of the Buchanan home showing who we have to assume is Dr. Buchanan. His horse is saddled and the stable door is still open. We have no way of knowing if he saddled his horse to pose for Harry French or he was actually on his way. But it is a crystal clear photo and over the iconic bay window is a plaque: Dr. BUCHANAN. (see front page)



**Dr. William
Duncan
Buchanan**

1890
or
1891

This find was so exciting and KHS has had such luck locating family to share and glean additional history, that the search was on for Buchanan descendents.

We know that Abbie Buchanan died in 1891. And Dr. Buchanan remarried in 1904. Their son, Scott, was born in 1905. When Dr. Buchanan sold the Kirkland home to Emory Brooks in 1909, the new Mrs. Buchanan was named as owner with Dr. Buchanan.

Thanks to the Library of Congress, we know the Buchanan family moved back to Vermont and that Dr. Buchanan died in 1902 leaving his young widow and 7 year old son. Scott's scholastic triumphs were reported on frequently. He was a Rhodes Scholar and many of his works have been published. Scott married and the couple had one son, Douglas. Douglas Buchanan died in 1999. He had never married so there is no family to share this photo. Feels like we just missed the opportunity. It was in 1999 that Heritage Hall made the move from 1st Street to Market Street. Seems like yesterday.

The three Buchanan generations are buried in a Vermont Cemetery.

It was the original Mrs. Abbie Buchanan who brought forth the Buchanan history. She had become frail back in Vermont so they moved to the Pacific Northwest hoping to restore her health. If not for that move, someone else would have been Kirkland's first doctor and another home would have been built. Mrs. Bradley may have died in Vermont and there may have been another Mrs. Bradley but there would have been no Scott. The threads of history are like fine silk: strong yet fragile and easily tangled.

When I do make contact with descendents of people who have lost touch with their family history, the fact that catches them is the name Kirkland. Most people know of Costco and they know the house brand of Kirkland. To share that their ancestor had an historic impact on Kirkland is pure fun....my kind of fun anyway. Loita



Mick Flaaen, producer of *Eyes of the Totem*, was available to answer questions and share even more history about the 1926 film. The film did not disappoint. We hope Redmond will show it in the future so we can all have another viewing.

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Libbi Wright

Libbi has been coming in on Wednesday. She has made a huge dent in the filing and had been already trained on PastPerfect. Here Libbi is entering data for photos. As much as all history organizations love pictures, they are worthless without names and dates. PastPerfect is how we find them.



These newly installed pavers are located closest to the street. Orders are still being taken from anyone who wishes to mark their place in history. Order forms are on the KHS website.



Vinnie and Frank

Matt McCauley has an impressive collection of Pacific Northwest history books. The 45 book collection was loaned to KHS sometime ago. Thanks to Libbi who organized the books and entered the titles and authors. After the data was printed on cotton paper, Vinnie and Frank glued copies in the front and back of each book...sort of like the old-time library system.

But these books are not to leave the KHS Resource Center. Visitors can read and copy to their heart's content but all the books at the KHS Resource Center are reference books.

Again like the libraries.

Thanks to Matt for the loan and thanks to Libbi, Vinnie and Frank for getting the 45 book collection organized.



A few pavers had errors and needed to be replaced. Some of the more damaged pavers were also replaced. After a few months of weather and foot traffic they should blend in with the old.



Peter Kirk 1889 or 1890



Peter Kirk about 1892
He had been fishing.



2017 History Month is history.
Sad that February is a short month.

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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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January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

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Mrs. Kirk with 6 of her 8 children. Peter Jr. could not be still even with the help of his mother's arms so he is a blur. In the apron is Margaret Hughes the housekeeper. Miss Hughes had worked for the Kirks in England. We can now see how our founders looked when they arrived. In a Portrait of Mrs. Kirk taken a few years prior to her death, she is wearing the same earrings. See page 6 for photos of Peter Kirk.

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