

# *The Kellest House*

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*By: Marin Harris*  
*April 2012*





1889 A.D.  
Built for PETER KIRK'S  
Iron Works Venture  
HARRIS residence from 1955 A.D.  
Restored • Cared for • Lived in  
With our four children  
JoAnn & George  
STATE HISTORICAL REGISTER



1995

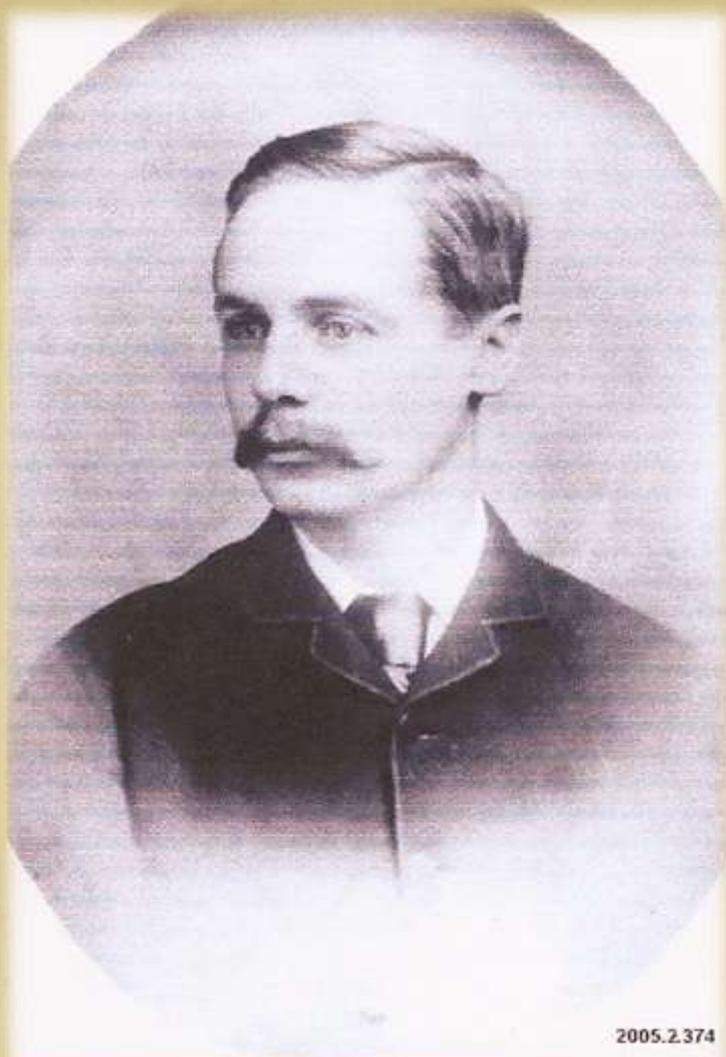
# *House Description*

- ❖ *Built in 1889 by John G. Kellest and the Kirkland Land Improvement Company*
- ❖ *Located at 526 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. West (originally Marion Street)*
- ❖ *Victorian era house, Queen Anne style*
- ❖ *Material: brick and wood*
- ❖ *Built for \$1,200*



# *John G. Kellest*

- ❖ *Married Martha in 1879 in England*
- ❖ *Decided on Kirkland as site of steel mill*
- ❖ *He was Director of Engineering for the Great Western Iron & Steel Co. and the Kirkland Land Improvement Co.*
- ❖ *Mill started in 1888*
- ❖ *John named the town and streets*



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**John George Kellett**

# *Kellett Family (1889-1902)*

- ❖ *Five children: Peter, Susanna, Gladys, Gwen, and Jean*
- ❖ *November 30, 1889 Gladys was first child born on the Kirkland town site*
- ❖ *Mill failed in 1890's because of depression*
- ❖ *Moved to Pittsburg, then moved back to Washington*

# *Green Family (1910-1930's)*

- ❖ *William was a bridge engineer for the railroad*
- ❖ *William died before their only child Billie was born and never lived in the house*
- ❖ *Around 1910, Grace Evangeline Tomlinson Green and young daughter, William Mather Green moved into the house*
- ❖ *Ms. Green never remarried and rented rooms to local teachers to make an income*



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## Women's Page

DOROTHY BROWN — Women's Editor



COMPARE NOTES—Former and present home owners, Billie Green Jackson and Jo Ann Harris get acquainted. Mrs. Harris' leg cast was earned skiing and has nothing to do with history of her home in Kirkland.

Journal Photo

Owners learn:

### Home has 80-year history

By AKLINE STOKES

When George and Jo Ann Harris bought their Kirkland home, they knew it was quite old, but they didn't know the history that went with the home! After living in it for 12 years, they have peered together the home's 80-year history:

When Peter Kirk, Walter Williams, John George Kallett, and William Anderson came to the Puget Sound area from Work-

Green must have contacted in loneliness after her husband's death; "Dear Grace, it was good to hear from you... I am now married..."

The Greens lived in the home more than 20 years and Billie grew up there, attending Kirkland schools. Mrs. Green never remarried, but kept herself and Billie financially stable by renting rooms to prominent citizens including Eulis Fuller,

When the Harris' first bought the old home, they were thrilled with the possibility of what the home could be for them. But now, after learning of its history, they are equally thrilled with what the home has been. It has left such a lasting impression, that maybe in 20 or 30 years when the Harris' vacate the home, they will leave behind records of their duration just as Mrs. Green did when

Journal Photo by AKLINE STOKES

# *Grace & Billie Green Artifacts*

- ❖ *Numerous letters and postcard to wealthy friends in Puget Sound area*
- ❖ *Banking statements, bills, receipts, recipes*
- ❖ *School papers, dance cards, diplomas*
- ❖ *UW mementos, commencement forms*

COMMITTEE.

Arthur Karr

Percy Perry

Webster Hoover

Bessie Jaxheimer

Elizabeth Kaufman

Elsa Churchill



PATRONESSES.

Mrs. E. P. Tremper

Mrs. R. A. Ballinger

Miss Anna Howard

Mrs. T. F. Kane

Mrs. A. R. Priest

Mrs. E. S. Meany

Mrs. A. S. Hagget

Mrs. Ball

Mrs. J. T. Condon



PROGRAM

- 1 My Molly O. ✓
- 2 In My Merry Oldsmobile. ✓
- 3 Yankee Doodle Boy. ✓
- 4 My Wild Irish Rose. ✓
- 5 Alma Mater, By Geo. Hager. ✓
- 6 Loveland. ✓
- 7 My Hindoo Man. ✓
- 9 Sho Gun. ✓
- 10 In the Shade of the old Apple Tree. ✓
- 11 Yankee Consul. ✓
- 12 Mamie O'Hooley. ✓

- 13 Cream ✓  
Peter Piper.
- 14 Mackay ✓  
Amoreuse.
- 15 X Remington ✓  
Tammany.
- 16 ~~Ed~~ ✓  
He's Me Pal.
- 17 ~~Ed~~ ✓  
Happy Home.
- 18 Sunford ✓  
Just My Style.
- 19 X ✓  
Poppies.
- 20 X ✓  
Dream of Heaven.

EXTRAS.

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But Bow ✓

No. <sup>15484</sup>~~15481~~

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NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE  
OF SEATTLE

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INTEREST PAID ON  
SAVINGS DEPOSITS

*Wm W. Nathan Green*

BANKING HOURS: 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
Saturdays: 10 A. M. to 12 M. 6 P. M. to  
8 P. M.

This Book must be presented when  
money is deposited or withdrawn. If  
your book is lost or stolen, notify the  
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GENERAL SALES OFFICE  
1000-11 WHITE BLDG.  
SEATTLE, WASH.

EASTERN SALES OFFICE  
17 BATTERY PLACE  
NEW YORK CITY

**Bellingham, Wash.**

Dear Grace,

I haven't my morning work done but I'm going to sit down right away to answer your note. Sunday I thought surely I would have an opportunity to write you a few lines but I didn't, and I have been thinking of you so often lately. I know this is a hard time of year for you and my sympathies are with you. I wish I might see you often. Perhaps things will look brighter financially for all of us, as we can see each other once in a while. I was talking to Margaret this morning and she was saying she was going to Seattle Saturday noon and intends to let you know as you can write a line to John and make arrangements to see each other.

Blas. mother is here with us now and will stay until a day or so after Christmas.

ORIGINAL

TREASURER'S OFFICE, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**PERSONAL 1916 TAXES**

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX—1916 ROLLS—

SEATTLE, FEBRUARY 5, 1917

REBATE ON PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX NOT ALLOWED

Grace T. Green,  
Kirkland, Wash.

**IMPORTANT. DO NOT DETACH DUPLICATE.**  
Return both with your Remittance or Present Them When Making Payment, as This Becomes Your Receipt When Stamped PAID by County Treasurer.  
Personal Property Taxes as per This Statement Are Now Due and Payable and Become Delinquent March 15th, 1917.  
Make All Checks, Drafts or Money Orders Payable to  
**JOHN A. BENNETT, County Treasurer.**

PAID John A. Bennett  
County Treasurer

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ROLL	PAGE	LINE	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	TAX LIMITS		VALUATION	YEAR 1916 TAX		YEAR	TAX	TOTAL
				ROAD	SCHOOL						
4	367	27	H H G - Cow & Poultry	Kirkland		100	4	91			4 91
											491
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NOTICE

Personal property taxes are a lien upon all real and personal property of the person assessed, from date of assessment until paid and if not paid on or before date of delinquency interest at rate of 15 per cent per annum is added and it becomes subject to distraint and foreclosure as provided by the

Revenue Laws of 1914.—Amended Sec. 0223 R. & B. Code.

On the first Monday of February succeeding the levy of taxes, the County Treasurer shall proceed to collect all personal property taxes. In the event that he is unable to collect same in due course, he shall prepare papers in distraint,—and shall file same with the County Sheriff, who shall immediately without demand or notice distraint sufficient goods and chattels belonging to the person charged with such taxes, to pay the same with interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum from the 15th day of March of such year, together with all accruing costs.—

Revenue Laws of 1911.

After personal property has been assessed, it shall be unlawful for any person to remove the same from the State, until taxes and interest are paid, or until notice has been given to the County Treasurer describing the property to be removed and in case of public sales of personal property a list of the property desired to be sold shall be sent to the Treasurer, and no property shall be sold at such sale until the tax has been paid, the tax to be computed upon the consolidated tax levy for the previous year. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

PLEASE BRING THIS BILL WITH YOU WHEN MAKING PAYMENT

R. 364.

MRS. WM. GIBBENS,  
KIRKLAND,  
WASH.

To **Lake Washington Telephone Co. Dr.**  
**KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON**  
1917

Date of Bill	PERIOD	AMOUNT
For Telephone Rental	From <i>Mar 1</i> to <i>April 1</i>	1 50
Extension Rental	From .....	.....
Long Distance	From <i>Jan 24</i> to <i>Feb 20</i>	20
Telegrams	From .....	.....
Messenger Service	From .....	.....
Total		1 70

Bills payable at Kirkland State Bank, Redmond State Bank, Langdon's Store, Juanita, or by check to Company Office. Subscribers neglecting to pay bills within 30 days will be sent a 10 days notice of phone removal.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LAKE WASHINGTON TELEPHONE COMPANY  
A cancelled check is a receipt. We suggest that when paying by check you send us only the bill stub with your remittance and retain the bill. The space below is provided for your record.

SUBSCRIBER'S RECORD  
Paid ..... 1917 by Check No. ....

Tap No.

65

Kirkland, Wash., July 1, 1920

TO **PAID** The Town of Kirkland DR.

For Water Rent July 1st to September 31st, \$3.50

Payable at the Office of the Town Clerk (With News-Independent).

**KIRKLAND ——— WORKS**

If paid within ten days from date a rebate of fifty cents will be allowed. ~~If~~ not paid by the fifteenth inst, water will be turned off without further notice and will not be turned on again until all arrears are paid together with a fine of fifty cents. Ordinance No. 176.

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF KING  
**POLL-1921-TAXES**

INDEX NUMBER		AMOUNT
613	FIVE DOLLARS	\$5.00

IMPORTANT—DO NOT DETACH DUPLICATE

Return both with your remittance or present them when making payment as this becomes your receipt when stamped "Paid" by County Treasurer.

Poll Taxes as per this statement are due and payable May 1st and become delinquent June 1st, 1921.

Make all Checks, Drafts or Money Orders payable to WM. A. GAINES.

TREASURER, KING COUNTY,  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

NAME

*Mrs. Grace S. Green*

ADDRESS

*Box 147 - Kirkland  
Wash.*

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Arithmetic

Billie Green

June 7, 1922

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# *Timmons Family (1930's-'50's)*

- ❖ Moved into house in 1930's*
- ❖ Raised four children in the home*
- ❖ Joe Timmons worked for the City of Kirkland*
- ❖ Son owned Timmons Automotive(now known as Jay's Auto)*
- ❖ Moved out 20 years later to Redmond*
- ❖ Left the house in great disrepair*



July 55

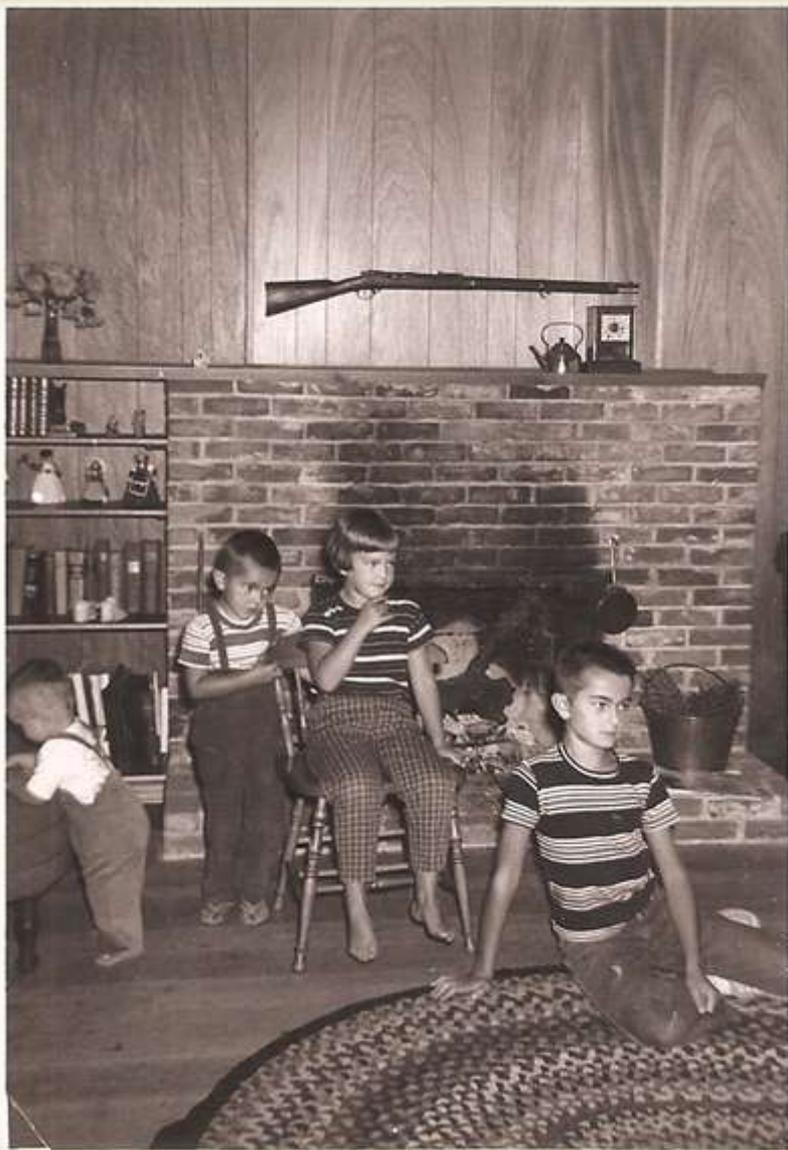
# *Kellett House in 1955*

- ❖ *No indoor plumbing or heating systems*
- ❖ *Plaster missing from ceiling*
- ❖ *Boards missing from the stairwell*
- ❖ *House sloped and was falling apart*
- ❖ *Harris family spent many years improving the house on a teacher's salary*

# *Harris Family*

- ❖ *House sat empty for many years*
- ❖ *George and JoAnn Harris moved in 1955*
- ❖ *Not originally aware of historical importance*
- ❖ *Paid \$5,000 in cash, no mortgage allowed, house in derelict condition*
- ❖ *George and JoAnn were school teachers*
- ❖ *Four children: Steve, Christine, Andrew, and Patrick*





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# *Changes Over the Years*

- ❖ *Because of alterations house cannot be added to the National Historical Register*
- ❖ *Changes made prior to Harris Family:*
  - ❖ *Double sun porch added*
  - ❖ *Removed front door*
  - ❖ *Altered bathroom*







# *Kellett House Today*

- ❖ *Home of JoAnn Harris*
- ❖ *George Harris campaigned to renamed Kirkland streets*
- ❖ *House featured in newspapers, commercials, magazines, tours*
- ❖ *Beautiful English gardens*
- ❖ *Harris time capsule installed 1997*













*Then*



*Now*

*Thank you!*