

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Kirkland Mayor Doris Cooper

at the **Seahawks'** ground breaking at Northwest College forty years ago.
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Kirkland Heritage Society

Museum hours:

Monday: 10 to Noon

Wednesday: 2 to 5

203 Market Street
Lower lever of Heritage Hall



**September 24, 2025
Ice Cream Social with program**

Heritage Hall
7:00

Ice Cream Sundaes will be topped with fresh local Blackberries picked by Linda Johnson Jaton..

Program will be *Early Kirkland* using research materials from the late **Myrtle Robertson.**

Miss Roberson's 1940 research has answered many puzzling questions.



Programs now on Zoom and online!

How to Get the **Zoom** Link:

- If you're a KHS member and would like to receive the link via email, please ensure we have your current email address.
- The Zoom link can be shared with friends and family, but only KHS members will receive the official email directly from us. All programs will also be advertised on social media, so be sure to follow us for updates!

Have questions or need to provide your email? Contact us at

help@kirklandheritage.org

We look forward to seeing you online and sharing Kirkland's history with you—no matter where you are!

LWHS GOLDEN GRADS 2025

(those who graduated 50 years ago or more)

welcomes the Class of 1975!

Join us

September 13th 2025, 1:00 – 4:00_{pm}

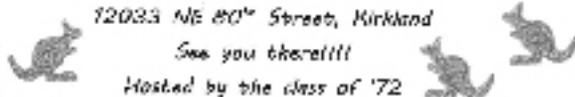
to renew old friendships, eat great snacks and remember the "good old days".

Held at Lake Washington High School

12033 NE 80th Street, Kirkland

See you there!!!!

Hosted by the class of '72



**Dennyfest 2025
KHS will have a display**

September 6, 2025

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

O.O.Denny Park

12032 Holmes Pt Dr NE
Kirkland, WA 98034



Visitors

In this issue we will feature a few of our most Recent Visitors



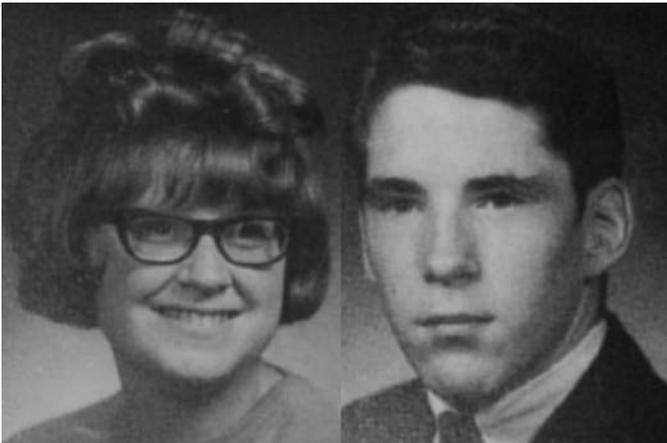
Kirkland Park Rangers
Bella Fina grew up in North Rose Hill. **Rory Antea** grew up in Juanita. Both are now college grads and hope for a full time position with the City.





Jeannette Moran Walton

Jeannette discovered KHS in August of 2025.



Jeannette Moran & Randy Walton

LWHS Classmates in 1966.

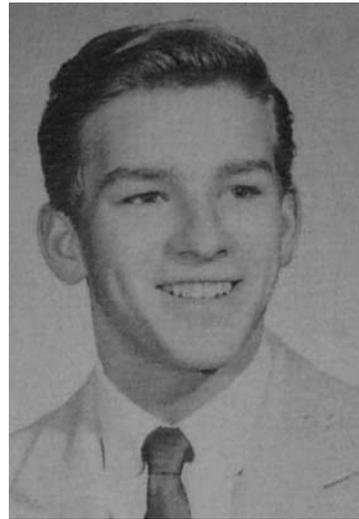
Now husband & wife. Jeannette promised to bring her husband in soon.



The **Magee family** paid a visit to the museum as part of an end-of-summer outing. Becky (Mom) attended **Peter Kirk Elementary** and now her two oldest are students. The younger two will soon follow. They picked the popular baseball corner for their photo.



Devon Chapman, granddaughter of 1955 LWHS Graduate, **Jack Tonkin**, took a walk down Memory Lane in the **2013 Junior League World Series Softball** program.



Jack Tonkin
1955



Victor Bahna had a house guest from France. Victor and Adrian had been classmates and have remained friends.

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Connor and Nathan

These twins are annual visitors with Grandpa. They are getting bigger but they still fit in the Rose Hill Elementary school desks.



Audrey with her dad, **Elliott Paul Fletcher** (class of 1953). Audrey and Elliott visited twice in August.



Audrey is pointing to the 1979-1980 LP Record produced by LWHS Jazz Choir. Audrey is on the cover with her fellow choir members. Jack Kunz was the Choir Master.



Audrey Campbell
LWHS 1981



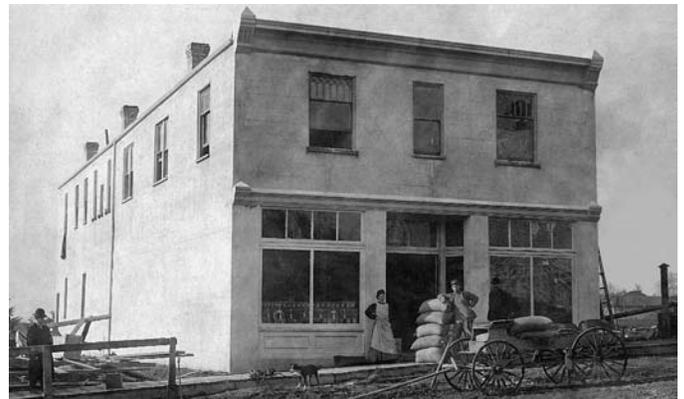
From back page....

Brooks Pioneer 89 Grocery

By the time this issue goes to the printer, the Regular Clock that hung in Brooks Grocery on Market Street, will be hanging in the **KHS Museum**. Photos of the clock and donors will be in the Nov/Dec 2025 issue of *Blackberry Preserves*.

Before the clock is received, we would like to revisit the Brooks family and a bit of their history..

Emery A. Brooks, his wife Annabelle Patty Brooks and daughter Florence settled in Kirkland in 1889. Kirkland had been founded in 1888 and by 1889 plans for the steel mill were underway. The town needed



Brooks Grocery, 1905

The 5th Brooks Grocery, Brooks daughter, Florence, on the left, is getting ready for business.

a church, a postmaster, a grocer and a doctor. Mr. Brooks was prepared to be grocer and later Kirkland's first postmaster.

Brooks' first grocery was built at what is now 7th Avenue and 1st Street in the Norkirk Neighborhood. The family lived above the grocery. Here, daughter Etta Brooks was born.

The next grocery was built near the steel mill to meet the needs of the employees building the mill.



Pioneer 89 Grocery

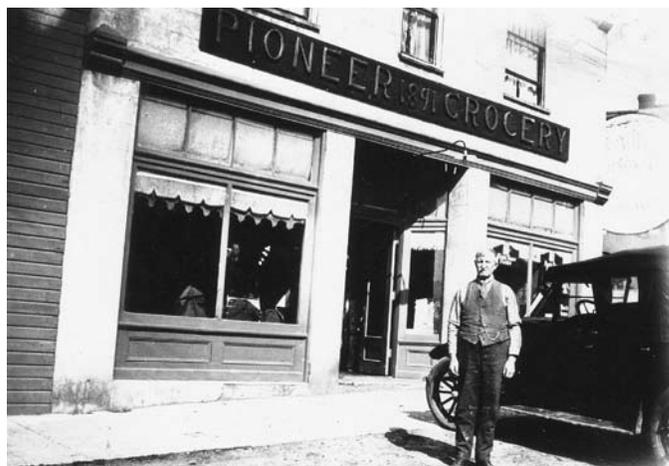
The wagon and horses belonged to Emery Brooks and were used to deliver groceries.

The Model T belonged to a customer.
(Notice the **Pioneer 89 Grocery** sign that hung on the first 1889 store.)

Emery closed his grocery near the mill in 1894 after all hopes for the steel mill had failed to materialize. A few of the Market Street brick buildings were vacant so Mr. Brooks rented **Campbell Hall**, now the Masonic Building on 7th Avenue and Market Street. The grocery was on the street level with the family again living above. Here son Henry, daughters Lena and Nora were born, completing the Emery and Belle Brooks family.

Next the family of seven moved into the **Hotel Jackson**. This historic building was owned by the family of **Gov. Dan Evans** at that time. The building was torn down in

1965 to make room for a gas station. This is where the Leland Condominiums are today on Market and 7th Avenue West.



Emery Brooks

No known photos exist of any of the first four stores but we know that Mr. Brooks tired of paying rent for both family housing and his business and in 1905 Mr. Brooks built his grocery on Market Street using the sign from his first grocery store.

This is the building that Brooks's descendents remember well. It still stands today.



Brooks Grocery & Post Office in c1911

Lena Brooks, Ollis Patty, little Cole Wiley, Emery Brooks, Ben Cathcart, Etta Brooks. Ollis became Kirkland's City Treasurer. Ben Cathcart died during WWI, the Great War.

Cole's father was a Seattle Police Officer and died in the line of duty in 1916.

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Margaret Hassel c 2010.

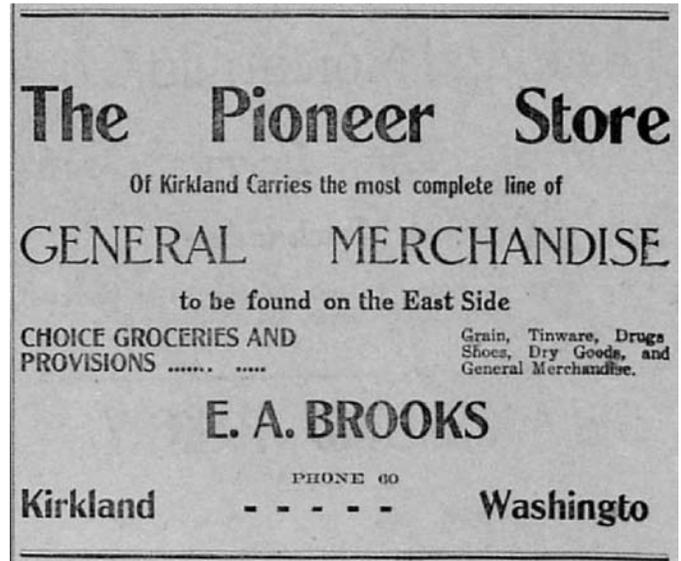
Margaret is the granddaughter of Emery and Belle Brooks. Her mother, Lena, saved the clock and passed it along to Margaret who passed it along to her daughter Marjorie. Marjorie will now be donating the 120 year old clock to KHS.

Most of our local pioneering families were successful and seldom came alone. The Brooks are only one example of those who arrived before and during the Peter Kirk era. Emery Brook's brother, Willard was a Kirkland Pioneer too. Willard married into another pioneer family. Annabelle Patty Brooks, Emery's wife, had her parents and siblings here. Those siblings married into families that arrived long before Peter Kirk and the founding of Kirkland.

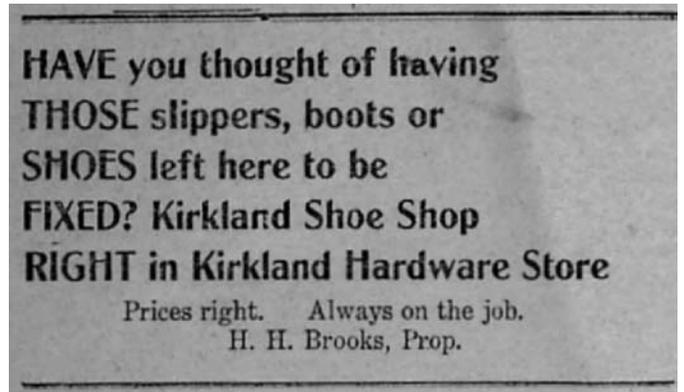
Thank goodness for computers to help sort and document this complex and interesting history.



Willard H. Brooks & Emery A. Brooks were brothers



Earlier Pioneer Store ads did not have a phone number



Henry H. Brooks was the nephew of E.A. Brooks and the son of W.H. Brooks

These three Brooks ads were published in the June 20, 1912 *East Side News*.



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** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, this sweet lady will email to remind you of the next meeting or event.

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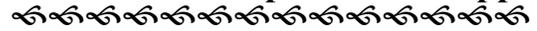
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January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

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Heritage Hall, Lower Level
203 Market Street
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Customer Service Division at:
425-587-3300**



Brooks Grocery, c1911

This is a rare interior photo of Brooks Grocery. Pictured are store owner Emery Brooks, his grandson Cole Wiley and his son-in-law Ollis Patty. Cole was born in 1908 which helps date the photo. Ollis was the Kirkland Treasurer for over 40 years. Please note the Regulator Clock. See page 4 for details.

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