Photo is from a glass plate negative. Central School was built in 1905 and is newer in this picture. Probably taken before 1910. Men and boys appear to be in a foot race. Kirkland City Hall is on this same property today.

Jerry Marsh Collection

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In February of each year we celebrate Peter Kirk’s Birthday and Founder’s Week. City Council recognizes this with a Proclamation and KHS has a display in the large exhibit case and wall display at City Hall. This year’s theme is built around Arline Ely Andre’s book – Our Foundering Fathers. Try to stop in to see it! It is really very good! Thanks to Dale & Loita Hawkinson the book with edits and corrections done by the author is now on our website. Loita was responsible for the display.

We have had a very brisk response to our membership renewals with nearly 50 people having mailed them in. If you have not renewed, please do so – it saves follow-up mailings, etc.

Our programs for 2008 started off with a very interesting presentation on the murder of James M. Coleman, Mercer Island, 1886, by Tom Hitzroth. Thanks to Lynette Friberg Weber our schedule for the first half of the year is already set with a wide variety of themes and highly entertaining programs!

Our decision to purchase the database PastPerfect to organize our growing number of collections has proven not only to be a major task but also has caused us to rethink how the archive is organized. That effort was given a major boost this month when we were told by 4Culture that KHS had received the full amount requested which will allow us to purchase metal shelving that is configured to double the mount of shelf space we now have from 82 lineal feet to 196 lineal feet. The shelving selected is a system with one set of stationary shelves against the wall and a second set of moveable shelving on a low platform. We will re-use some of the wood shelving in the Library area of our space which will expand that capacity as well.

This issue of Blackberry Preserves is being prepared by Dale and Loita Hawkinson who have agreed to try to do them every other month during 2008. Articles are prepared by a number of individuals and put together. Dale & Loita have easy access to photographs and other articles that should make the newsletter informative and fun.

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February 27th Meeting
February 27th, 7:00 PM
Heritage Hall
IDENTIFYING PHOTOGRAPHS NIGHT
Help name people and events in the City / Charles Morgan Collection. See what research and verification is done after the naming and before the records are placed in the PastPerfect Software.

GRANT FOR ARCHIVE SHELVING
Bob Burke
Because of the number of donations made to KHS by members and friends our existing archive storage shelves are full. We utilized donated shelf units and they are not the most efficient nor do they meet archival standards. We applied to 4Culture and we were just notified that KHS had received the full amount requested which will allow us to purchase metal shelving that is configured to double the mount of shelf space we now have from 82 lineal feet to 196 lineal feet. The shelving selected is a system with one set of stationary shelves against the wall and a second set of moveable shelving on a low platform. We will re-use some of the wood shelving in the Library area of our space which will expand that capacity as well.

Jim Capron and Penny Craven are cousins. Peter and Mary Kirk were their Gr Grandparents. Photo taken at the 2007 Kirk Reunion.
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
Bob Burke

The American Legion Hall across from City Hall will likely be torn down and replaced by a duplex. The Kirkland Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council that the Comprehensive Plan land use designation and zoning for that site be changed which will allow a duplex. We understand that the owner’s intent is to demolish the building. This property is one of 30 structures recognized by the City in Kirkland’s Comprehensive Plan. Our present property inventory dates the building as 1931; but further research would indicate that the Baptist Church is much older. In the 30’s after the church building became the American Legion Hall it was remodeled by the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

The first Baptist Church of Kirkland originated in Houghton about 1886 and moved to Kirkland when a house of worship was built on a lot donated by the Kirkland Land and Improvement Company in 1889. From Our Foundering Fathers by Arline Ely.

If we have forgotten to thank someone, please speak up or email. Being human, things get by us. But we want to publicly thank all those who help preserve Kirkland’s history.
Brennan Sisters

Dorothy Brennan Daily and Eileen Brennan Warren are sisters who grew up in Houghton. There were four children in the Brennan family: Dorothy, Eileen, Lorna and Jim. To help make ends meet during the depression, they had a cow and chickens. Milk was sold and Royal Ann cherries were traded for gas at Click’s Grocery on Market. They felt very poor during the depression but looking back they both feel they were luckier than many.

The Brennan’s father drove truck for Elbie Lumber and then McEvoy Lumber. Their mother worked the swing shift at the shipyards during the war. Eileen worked at Puget Sound Power and Light in Kirkland as well as Schmidt’s Bakery. Dorothy picked bulbs at VanAalst Bulb Farm and Boysenberries at Totem Lake. Her hard earned money purchased her back-to-school wardrobe. Dorothy’s Brownie camera cost 99 cents at Miles Studio. Both Eileen and Dorothy remember when NE 68th was called Cort Road. We mostly hear NE 68th called the Black Top.

After the start of World War II they saw most of their neighbors forced out by the Stewart Heights Project that was to house the workers in the Shipyard. Neither Dorothy or Eileen know why they were allowed to stay on their land and in their home while others had to leave. Stewart Heights eventually bordered them on three sides. John Stewart, their neighbor, was the namesake for Stewart Heights.

One tender and still heart felt memory was a neighborhood boy that had joined the Navy before the war. He would often bring home friends from his ship, the USS Arizona. The Brennan family got to know these Navy boys and one gave Dorothy his name so she could write to him. Two of these young men where aboard the USS Arizona during the attack at Pearl Harbor. Dorothy didn’t get a chance to write any letters but she still has the paper on which he wrote his name.

Dorothy once accompanied a girlfriend to Seattle to pick up the food scraps for a pig farm. The farmer, Mr. Stine Dunkel was too ill to make the trip. Dorothy’s friend could drive a truck so Dorothy kept her company. They did not have to load the truck but it was a smelly trip home on the ferry. We have heard many stories about the food scraps for the hog farms but this is KHS’s only first hand account.

This oral history is more than two hours and is full of local flavor and history. Both Eileen and Dorothy had wonderful memories to share and we thank them.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm
Popcorn and Movie Night
Play the Historic “Screeno” Game

April 30, 2008 at 7:00 pm
Henry Bischofberger, Third Generation Violin Maker in Kirkland
We may also be treated to some music.

May 28, 2008 at 7:00 pm
Norm Blye, Bellevue
Ferry Tales with a presentation of slides
ASSOCIATION OF KING COUNTY
HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS
Vic Newhard

AKCHO was established to encourage cooperation among historical organizations to promote and encourage the study and preservation of the history and heritage of King County through member organizations, individual members, and the communities they serve and to support such preservation efforts through support of legislative issues and public awareness.

The annual meeting was held at the Museum of Flight, in Seattle. Some of the programs in 2008 were discussed, such as the updates for AYP or Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition centennial plans for 2009 and AKCHO Awards at MOHAI on April 22. For a detailed monthly schedule of programs go to www.akcho.org/calendar.

4Culture reported on two very important bills in our State Legislature that all of us interested in the continuance of heritage and arts programs should support. Senate Bill (SB 6638) and House Bill (HB 3054) are companion bills with the title “Reallocating existing lodging taxes for heritage and arts programs in a county with a population of one million or more”. Passage of the proposed bills would continue the 18-year history of the use of this revenue source to support King County’s arts and heritage community. King County’s Lodging Tax for culture is the primary revenue source that funds all of 4Culture’s funding programs—from operating support to projects by individual artists to our region’s many arts facilities and history museums. Kirkland Heritage Society receives grant money every year in support of our programs from 4Culture funds. Both bills include provisions that would continue Lodging Tax funding between 2013 and 2020, as well. Under current law, Lodging Taxes for cultural programs in King County sunset after 2012. These taxes support an enormous list of heritage, culture, and art needs every year. As of this writing the two bills are either placed on second reading by Rules Committee or passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Call or write your State Senator or Representatives and let them know you support and would like these bills to pass.

Monthly Meeting, Feb. 27, 2008
7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

It was the June 2006 meeting that members met to help name and date photographs in the City/Morgan Collection. This was before we had purchased the PastPerfect Database but we were getting ready. About 200 photographs were named at that time. All those named have now been entered into the database so KHS needs your help once again. There are hundreds of photos from the 1940’s through early 1970’s that are still unidentified. So February’s meeting is going to be a work meeting. From the work meeting photos we took in June 2006, everyone was having fun. So please dust off you memories and bring a friend.

Sue Carter found a press photo from when she was campaigning to clean up Lake Washington. Being a young mother, Sue had daughters Carol and Nancy in tow. 2007.19.670

Founder’s February Display at City Hall
Sue Carter for washing and folding yards and yards of unbleached muslin. Muslin is cotton and KHS will be using it in the archive. Acid free tissue is still wood and needs to be changed every 2 to 5 years. Muslin will free us from that worry.

Ann Boone for volunteering to do Oral Histories. Ann is a Kirkland native and tech savvy. She has many areas of interest where KHS could use her. Ann is a mom and works full time so Oral Histories seemed to be the good fit at this time.

The four Girl Scouts for helping at the Sundae Social. They added sparkle to the evening and we hope it helped them earn a badge.

Fred Stray for donating and serving wonderful soft ice cream. Fred came to just work but found himself surrounded by classmates and friends. We hope he had fun.

Kirkland PD for donating their new 100 year anniversary book to KHS. It is on our library shelves under local history.

Stan Denton for working in the PastPerfect database. He is editing the Arline Andre’ collection. Stan was a driver for the Shumway sisters when he was still in high school. The Shumway’s are in this collection so we hope it will be fun for him. Stan is thorough and will leave no stone unturned in an attempt to date and name these wonderful photos.

Dale Hawkinson for photographing the Harry French and Samuel French journals. There are 14 journals which took well over 2,000 photographs. One journal has been transcribed by Lynette Friberg Weber. Sue Carter has volunteered to help transcribe these journals. She will be working from a printed page. Now that they are photographed, the journals can remain archived except for one that we will use for display.

Vic Newhard is entering the Barrie collection into PastPerect. The Barrie family came to Kirkland in the late 1800’s.

Larry Miller and Marilyn Johnson for inviting KHS to have a table at the Golden Grads reunion on September 22, 2007. A few books were sold and we got some fun audio clips.

Ron Rawson for the donation of two 1979 photos showing the launching of fiberglass gill-netters in Moss Bay.

Robert Burke for keeping an watchful eye on Heritage Hall. Bob was an architect so he knows what to look for. As we all know, every building will become rubble without the proper maintenance and repair. KHS is fortunate to have someone that can spot small problems before they become large costly problems.

Lisa Kirk Capron for providing information and times so that Dale and Loita Hawkinson could spend a few hours at the recent Kirk Family Reunion in Friday Harbor. It was a small reunion but significant because Penny and Michael Craven had traveled from England. Penny is a Great-granddaughter of Peter and Mary Kirk. Her grandmother Florence Kirk chose to return to England rather than make America her home. Florence had a boyfriend back home in England and they married. (Photo page 2)

Wayne and Linda Jaton for donating KJH and KHS memorabilia. Included were pins, programs, and student handbooks. Also a piece of doorframe marked Sands Lumber Co from their Kirkland home. Sands Lumber was in Kirkland 1935-1972.

Gail Gorud for a East Side Journal Tennis trophy and a photo of Gail dressed in traditional Norwegian dress. Gail had previously loaned a video with a few minutes of Kirkland home movies. This Kirkland history is now preserved on video.

Frank Rosin for a wool blanket from the Matzen Woolen Mill in Kirkland. The blanket is displayed in the Foundering Fathers City Hall display.

Jack Spencer for allowing KHS to record his Kirkland memories. Jack grew up in Kirkland and retired after teaching for 25 years in the LWSD. A summery of Jack’s oral history will be in a future BP

Gil Kvam for spending a Sunday afternoon with Dale and Loita Hawkinson to record an oral history. Mr. Kvam had Kvam Drugs from 1946 to 1964. A summary of this history will be in a future Blackberry Preserves.

Michael and Lynette Weber. Where do we start? Michael was closing his office and Lynette kept her eye out for treasures KHS could use. Donated were computers and screens for use and parts, file cabinets, storage cabinets, office supplies and a computer projector. This projector is a bonus KHS only dreamed of having. It will be tried out to show Kirkland home movies in March.
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Russ McClintock, Ernie Thormahlen, Bill Denton and Stan Denton with Les Denton playing quarterback in front of the Denton home on 7th Avenue South which still stands today. c1940
The Stan Denton Collection

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