

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Bankfield with young Peter Kirk, Jr. and his cousin.

Many of you may be caught up with **Downton Abbey** which is now in Season 4 on PBS. Each season highlights English culture as it changed before, during and after WWI. Set in the historic Highclere Castle, a country estate, **Downton Abbey** gives us a glimpse of an era that seems like more of a fairytale than history. During WWI, **Downton Abbey** depicts how these country estates were used for military hospitals and convalescent homes. This history touches Kirkland as well. Pictured is the home of Peter Kirk in Workington, England. Built in 1875, Peter Kirk sold his home and most of the family furnishings in 1888 when Kirkland was founded. Bankfield remained in the Kirk family but by 1914 the estate was no longer a home and Bankfield was converted to the Bankfield Military Hospital to serve the needs of the war effort. Few photos exist of the interior of Bankfield and it was no Highclere, but Peter Kirk had a magnificent estate in England. Thanks to Kirk descendents, KHS has a few pieces of Bankfield which were salvaged in 1975 before the mansion was torn down. KHS also archives an original auction program listing their personal and household items.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LOITA HAWKINSON

An old African proverb reminds us that when a person dies, it is like a library burning down. Many families wish they had asked more questions, listened more intently and kept notes. They wish their loved ones had written a history, even a brief history, of what they knew about their ancestors and their own life. The information available on the web lulls people into a false sense that family history is there for all to find. That is true as far as genealogy goes, but it tells little of the family.

Samuel Foster French was the head of the household that is considered Kirkland's original family. If not for his son Harry's diary, we would not know what he was called by friends and family. Harry and his father had gone to Seattle and Harry left his diary at home. Caroline French, Harry's mother, took the opportunity to write a few words in her son's diary. She wrote that Foss and Harry had gone to Seattle. They rowed a boat to Juanita and then over to Seattle...the safest passage. That Samuel Foster French was called Foss adds texture to his memory.

So please, do your family a favor and spend some of these chilly days and nights, preserving what you know of your family as far back as you remember. And if it is Kirkland based, please share a copy with KHS. Be sure to name and date those photos. Avoid Mom, Dad, me, etc. Photos will be around for over a 100 years, but memories will not.

2014 History Month

February is **History Month** in Kirkland. Please support our local merchants and take a walking tour. The historic plaques will be displayed in their front windows to be enjoyed during and after business hours. Sixteen new plaques have been printed so there is always something fresh and new.

The City of Kirkland and King County Landmarks Commission present Land Mark Nominations for the Marsh Mansion and The Downtown Ferry Clock March 20, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Heritage Hall Hosted by Kirkland Heritage Society



Juanita News

from Karen Lightfeldt

Four new historical interpretive signs will be installed on the Juanita Bay pedestrian bridge in early 2014. These signs will replace 2 faded signs already mounted at the north end with a third one planned for later in the year. The new signs will contain updated information and pictures on Juanita history that was uncollected when the current signs were installed in 1976.

The news signs are a project spearheaded by myself (Karen Lightfeldt) and the Juanita Neighborhoods Association. Funding is from a 4Culture Special Projects Grant and the City of Kirkland Neighborhood Grants. Information for the signs was provided by Kirkland Heritage Society. The Juanita Neighborhoods also sponsored two interpretive signs relating the history of Juanita Beach which were installed last year.



Our 2013 Holiday Hosts

Thank You Christina and Barry Brugman

KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.
Heritage Hall

January 29, 2014



Jewish Voices of the Northwest: 1880-1920

Working with material from the Jewish Archives at the University of Washington Special Collections Library and the book, *Family of Strangers: Building a Jewish Community in Washington State*, **Book-It Repertory Theatre and the Washington State Jewish Historical Society** present **In the Land of Rain and Salmon**, incorporating stories of Washington State's Jewish immigrants who came to the area during the nineteenth century through the 1920s.

February 26, 2014

“Lost Redmond: Once Here, Long Gone”

Tom Hitzroth, chair, City of Redmond Landmark Commission will be presenting his program on historic homes and buildings in Redmond. These structures no longer exist but Tom is preserving their memory. Redmond and Kirkland have always been joined at the hip and this should be most interesting.



Karen Schickling started a Facebook account named Kirkland Heritage Society and Museum. If you use Facebook, please give us a look and offer suggestions. You can go directly from the KHS website.



The Loomis Home Lynette Friberg Weber

The nominated house was built in 1889 by the Kirkland Land and Improvement Company. It is among the best preserved historic dwellings associated with Kirkland's early history; and it is an excellent example of a Queen Anne style cottage of which there are very few intact examples remaining in Kirkland. The property meets registration standards of significance for residential properties as set forth in the King County Landmarks Multiple Property Document (MPD) – Properties Related to the Kirkland Land & Improvement Company. It is one of eight houses believed to illustrate the historic context Residential Properties Associated with Speculative Town-Building in Kirkland, 1888-1893.

The Landmark Nomination fee for the Historic Loomis House was funded from the **Bob Burke Memorial Fund**, which is to be used for the sole purpose of Historic Preservation & the Land Marking of Historical Properties in Kirkland.



Paver News

The paver order is in production and should be installed by the City fairly soon. It has been over three years so this order is much anticipated.

The KHS Board voted to continue with the Paver project and fill in the front walkway. It was decided that orders will be taken until October 1, 2014. Orders received after that date will be ordered October 1, 2015. Glenn Landguth volunteered to chair this committee. Judy, Glenn's wife, ordered a paver for Glenn in 2010 so they have waited the longest. Thank you all for your continued patience. And thank you 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*. Both are available at Parkplace Books.

Kirkland's First Mayor

By Loita Hawkinson

When Kirkland was incorporated in 1905, there was a slate of candidates elected with the incorporation. The first councilmen were: Blogskog, Andrews, Newell, Boggs, and Younger. Ollis Patty was Treasurer and Dr. Eugene H. Bradley was mayor. Most of these men have long and successful histories in Kirkland. Descendents still live in the area or keep in touch with KHS. But there has always been some mystery surrounding our first mayor, Dr. Bradley. He was said to have resigned at the first council meeting and R.H. Collins was appointed mayor. Mr. Collins has always been considered Kirkland's first mayor. The confusion comes because Dr. Bradley ran for mayor, strongly suggesting there was intent to serve. Why would he resign? We can rule out any scandal because, like today, negative history would have been preserved in folklore and in the news.

I love a research project...especially when there is a chance to solve a mystery. Once again, thanks to the internet, we know that Mayor Bradley was born in Missouri and was only 25 when he became mayor, making him our youngest mayor. He tendered his written resignation following several meetings.

When a young man, Dr. Bradley had moved to Kent, Washington with his parents. He was a doctor in Tacoma for two years before moving to Kirkland where he had a local practice for two more years. In 1904 he returned to Missouri to marry a former classmate. Together Dr. and Mrs. Bradley had a rich social life in Kirkland. Then suddenly they moved to Kent. It was reported they moved back to Missouri which is an error.

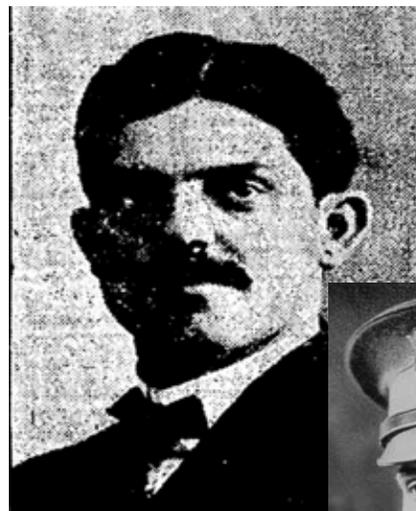
Turns out they were expecting their first child, a son, who was born in Kent. It is still not clear the exact reason for the Bradley's move but it could very well be that they wanted to be near grandparents. Dr. Bradley was an only child and Kent was a considerable journey in 1905.

The Bradley's then had a daughter, Gwendolyn, who died at age 3 following a tonsillectomy. Because of Gwendolyn's death, her father returned to school and specialized, becoming an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist.

With one surviving child, their son, who had two children, descendents were fairly easy to find. The Bradley's have filled in some valuable history.

The young family of three did return to Missouri where he had his practice. Then during WWI Dr. Bradley served as a physician. He got caught in the flu epidemic and died in 1918. He was 38 years old. Following his death, his parents left Kent and returned to Missouri, perhaps to be near their grandson.

Before making contact with the Bradley family, KHS had one newspaper image of our first Mayor. The family had one photo taken during WWI where he is in uniform. The family and KHS have now doubled their Bradley photo collections. These are historic photos...one taken the year Dr. Bradley ran for office intending to be Kirkland Mayor and the other, the year he died during service to our Country.



1905

1918



**E.H. Bradley,
M.D.**



This is 19 in the series that Burke & Farrar used to tease readers in 1915. We again are reminded how J. Montgomery Sears had privately invested in almost half of the Kirkland townsite. The Sears Estate hung tightly to their holdings because it was believed the town would flourish once the canal was built. The Sears Estate was still paying taxes in 1920 and we do not yet know just when the last of their property was sold and to whom it was sold. The Sears Estate also held large sections of Lake Washington shoreline on the Seattle side. These were sold only after the Lake was lowered.

that it affords.

"We have been planning to open this addition for some time, but have been awaiting just the right time, and waiting also to get the plat in the most desirable shape with an eye to the future development and beauty of Kirkland. Much of the land included in this addition was purchased from L. S. J. Hunt, who put Kirkland on the map many years ago, by the late Joshua Sears, a wealthy New York and Boston resident, and we recently acquired it from the Sears interests.

August 30, 1914, *Seattle Times*

The above *Seattle Times* news clip supports the Little Story that **Burke & Farrar** had finally purchased much of the Sears holdings on Capitol Hill. **Capitol Hill** is now the **Norkirk Neighborhood**. We also know that in 1912, Mrs. Sears sold **Wilbur L. Webster** 1,100 lots on Capitol Hill.



Kirkland native **Nancy Stephens** makes an annual visit to Kirkland. One of these years she hopes to attend a meeting so we can all catch up with her. Arizona living seems to agree with Nancy. Too bad for us. She is missed!!!

SEATTLE'S
MOST

KIRKLAND

IMPORTANT
SUBURB

The heirs of Joshua Sears were told what Burke & Farrar, Inc., wanted to make of Kirkland, and how necessary it was that they become owners of the 1,600 lots in the heart of the town to succeed in their plans. So they decided their father's wishes for Kirkland would be best carried out by selling to Burke & Farrar, Inc., that the firm might have free rein. And so the Sears holdings were added to the new home-building project. There was another parcel that was wanted, but this couldn't be had, as will be told Tuesday evening.

Every day in the classified section of The Times you can find some property in Kirkland described.

BURKE & FARRAR, Inc.
Owners of Kirkland Townsite.
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$1,000,000.
2d Floor N. Y. Block, Over Dexter
Horton National Bank.

LITTLE STORIES OF KIRKLAND
No. 19.

Seattle Times-- Sept. 10, 1915

THANK YOU TO:

Sue Johnson Merriman, class of 1961, gave **Sandi Stone** a stack of newspapers that her mother had saved. Sandi was to give them to KHS. These papers cover some of Kirkland history but mostly, they are the Centennial Series printed by the PI in 1963. There are 8 P.I.s which is an impressive collection. Two are from the Territory days. The Seattle Fire, the Klondike, and WWII are just a few topics. All events covered had an impact on Kirkland as well as Seattle.

Betty McClintick Gaudy is President of the Verde Historical Society in Cottonwood, AZ. Earlier this year Betty sent KHS some WWII era documents. The Verde Society had duplicates of these items and because United States Savings Bonds were not regional, she knew KHS would be interested. A few of these items are now in the WWII display.

During Golden Grads, **Redmond Historical Society** dropped off newspapers and reunions booklets for LWHS. Think some belonged to **Judy Lang** but they are in Redmond's collection. So from Redmond to Arizona, the spirit of sharing history is alive and well.

Elva Whiting, granddaughter of Elva Nettleton Turner, contacted KHS because she had a cabinet photograph of Harry Langdon what had belonged to her Grandfather Edgar Turner. When we talked and learned of the Nettleton connection, this photo was almost forgotten. But thankfully Elva has sent it. We do have a copy of this photo but Alva's is an original and not a copy. Harry was a child when his family came to Juanita

Pat Shinstrom dropped of two books about the Kirkland Rotary. They are shelved with Kirkland History. She also gave KHS a rare fabric money bag from the First National Bank of Kirkland. The FDIC insurance was \$5000 so this bag is from as early as 1934. It is displayed at the Hall.



Kaye Stafford

The quilt *Turret, Turret, Turret* was hand made by the **Kirkland Creative Arts Center Quilt Guild** in 1986. The quilt was won by **Kaye Stafford**. Kaye is now downsizing and has donated her quilt to KHS

Eileen Brennan Warren for attempting to identify Central School class photos. Eileen and sister **Dorothy Daily** gave it a good try but faces change. We did get a few more names....so that is a start. The photos are in the **Benson Collection**.

M.G. Melton continues to find Kirkland history. She has just donated a Kirkland Christmas by Rev. Ron Hutchinson. It is shelved with the Kirkland history books. She also donated a letter written to **Hank Melton**, M.G.'s husband, by Mayor Hurst thanking Hank for his seven years of service on the Park's Board. This letter is dated in 1981 so is on letterhead from when the City Hall was on Main Street.

Joan McBride for encouraging **Wayne Kirtley** to contact KHS regarding his family history. Wayne's Grandparents had Lake House on Lake Washington Blvd. Wayne was born in the new Kirkland Hospital but his older siblings were born on the kitchen table at Lake House. All were delivered by Dr. McKibben, Sr. Stay tuned for more. And thank you once again Joan. And a special thanks to Wayne for your trust,

To be continued.....

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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 serving on the KHS Board.

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425 587-3342

JUANITA IN THE BEGINNING...

It was in the early 1870's when Henry Goldmyer and Martin Hubbard took homesteads on the shores of what became known as Juanita Bay. Martin Hubbard became the first postmaster and rowed mail across the lake twice a week. He eventually built a dock called Hubbard's Landing where steamers landed in Juanita. Originally named Juanita, the name was changed to Hubbard after Martin Hubbard.

By 1880, before the arrival of Peter Kirk with dreams of a steel mill for Kirkland, Juanita was considered the happening place on the eastside with a population of 90 that grew to 150 by 1885 according to the King County directory.

JUANITA INTERSECTION In 1872, Hubbard and Goldmyer filed to plat a road (now NE 116th) connecting Juanita to Squawk (Sammamish) Slough. Known as King County road #33, this is thought to be the first county road on the eastside.



Langdon's Store on NE corner of Langdon Road (now NE 136th) and 8th built in 1902. Photo Courtesy of KHS Juanita Collection

In 1902 Harry Langdon built his general store on the NE corner of Langdon Road and 98th. Langdon's feed store was on the SE corner. Across from the feed store, Langdon built what is thought to be the eastside's first service station. This blossoming business intersection continues to be the main Juanita business district today.

HOW DID JUANITA GET ITS NAME? The village, originally named Juanita, became Hubbard after Martin Hubbard and then returned to the name Juanita in 1886. It is believed to be named by Mrs Mary Jane Russell Terry inspired by a popular love song. Mrs. Terry owned land on the south side of Juanita Bay. Mr Hubbard died in 1887, a young man only 37 years old.



THE FORBES FAMILY In 1877 Dorr Forbes, a Civil War veteran, and his wife, Eliza, arrived in Juanita. They had a house barged across the lake and placed on the NW corner of the intersection of 98th and NE 116th. They then bought property from Martin Hubbard and moved to the current location of the Forbes House in Juanita Beach



The Forbes Family. Front row Eliza and Dorr Forbes. Back row (l. to r.) David Forbes, Eliza Dorr Forbes, Allen Forbes, Raymond Buford Forbes. Photo Courtesy of KHS Juanita Collection

Park. Dorr built a dam on Juanita Creek and built a shingle mill. In addition to his shingle mill, Dorr had a contract to cut cordwood, which was used to fuel the early Lake Washington steamboats. It was Dorr Forbes who had the foresight to build the bridge across the bay creating a link to Kirkland.

Eliza Forbes became the first woman Justice of the Peace in King county. She began the job when Washington was a territory and had given women the vote. When the territory rescinded the woman's right to vote, she had to relinquish her duties. The children of Dorr and Eliza developed Juanita Beach when the ship canal opened in 1916 and the lake was lowered, exposing a wide sandy shoreline.



Juanita School 1895. Lillian Forbes is the barefoot boy in front row. He forgot it was picture day and didn't wear his shoes which were often used for the winter months.

FIRST SCHOOL The first school was a log structure located on the Dunlap property, off of NE 116th (Langdon Road). This was replaced across the street with a larger school in 1892 on the north side of NE 116th. This school was closed in 1916 and classes moved to where Juanita Elementary is today.

This sign is courtesy of KHS, the Kirkland Heritage Society, The City of Kirkland and the Juanita Neighborhood Association.



New Juanita Bridge Marker See page 2, Juanita News

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