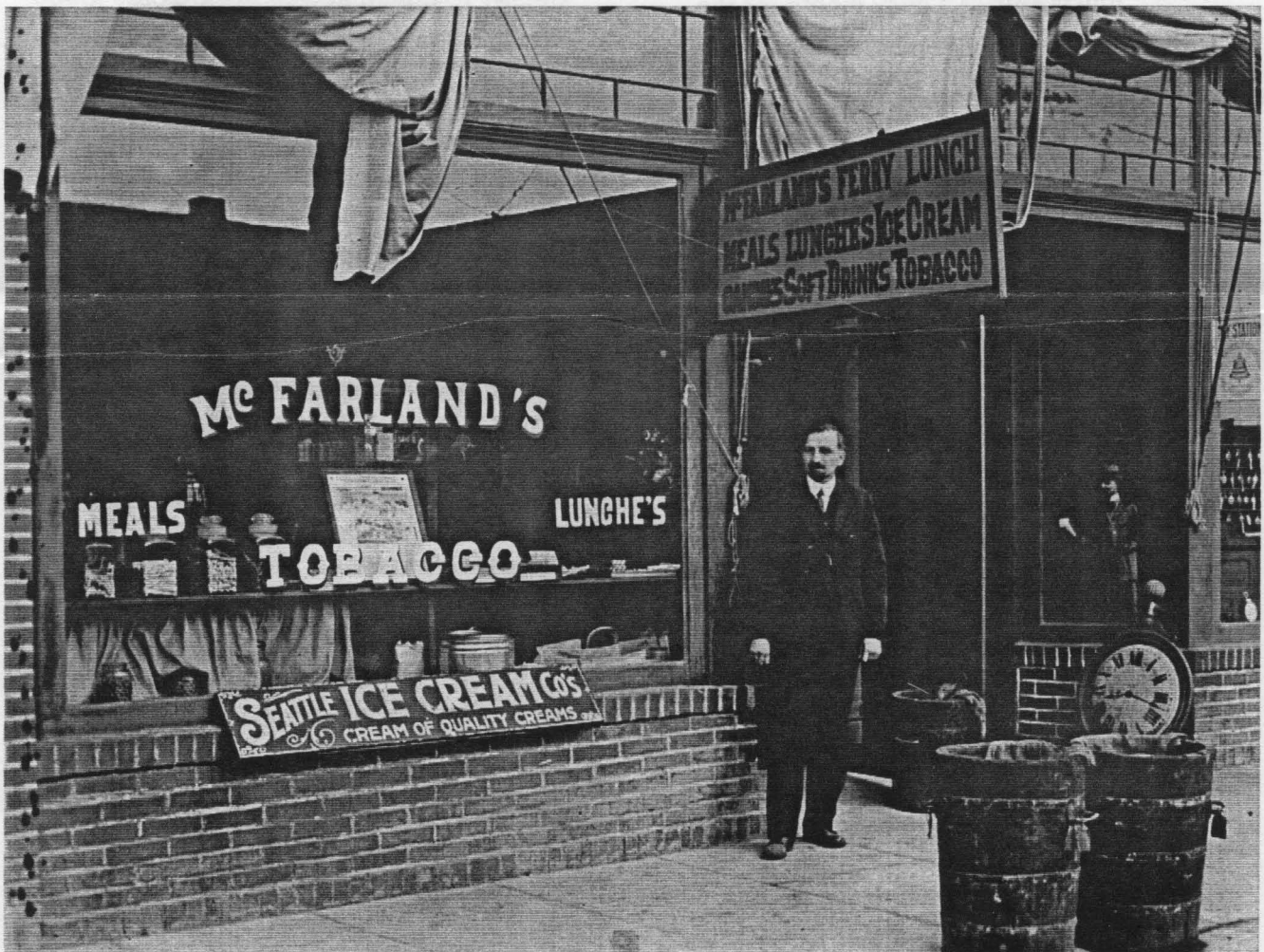


Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the Kirkland Heritage Society





Kirkland Heritage Society

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by
Bob Burke

July is always a busy month for the Kirkland Heritage Society with the Festival of the Arts and a regular monthly meeting. This year we've also added membership renewal and a Board/Committee meeting to start to develop the '95/'96 work program and budget.

Although the rain reduced the crowd at the Festival we had a record number of our members volunteering to work. Also, we already have received three new memberships from the contact at the booth. We will have sarsaparilla available for sale at the next monthly meetings since we have six cases on hand, having only sold 9 bottles on Sunday!!

We continued to push for some additional language in the City's Comprehensive Plan related to recognition of Kirkland's history and historic preservation; however, the last suggestions submitted to the City Council were not included in the adopted plan. It is recognized that the Community Character element which includes historic preservation needs to be expanded and we will continue to present our suggestions. A good, solid framework was established in the recommendations forwarded by the Growth Management Commission so we and the City are in much

better position than in the initial drafts. Our thanks to City staff, Commission and Council for your response to our comments!

The Kirkland Courier recently included an interview with Christina Brugman regarding the Oral History Project. Hopefully this kind of publicity will encourage people to call Christina to work as an interviewer or to be interviewed. Christina has agreed to be the Chair of the Education/Research Committee.

Our request for funds from King County to print a new Historic Tour brochure has been recommended for funding!! It still needs approvals through the County Council. Our application had the support of the City, Kirkland Chamber of Commerce and the Kirkland Arts Center which acts as our non-profit sponsor. KHS members will work on photography, research, historic photographs, writing and mapping.

As you can see, we are fortunate to have a number of dedicated members willing to work on committees and projects. If there is something on which you would like to work, please call me at 827- 6550 (office) or 828-4095 (home).

Be sure to attend this month's meeting at the KIRKLAND CEMETERY, JULY 26, 1995, 7:00 P.M.

BOOTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

First, a very large **THANK YOU!** to **Barbara Loomis** for taking over to organize the booth at the Kirkland Arts Center Festival of the Arts at Parkplace, July 8th and 9th. Although the weather was not cooperative on Sunday we had a record number of volunteers working at the booth.

Hazel Kelly and Myron and Marlene Lewis helped Barbara and Bob Burke set-up and take it down. Volunteers included: Angie Eggers, Evie Florian, Christina Brugman (took a turn both days), Chet and Susie Creger, Laura Westlund, Sue Carter, Alan Stein, Jeanne Bartels, and Dr. Ernest McKibben.

Although Loita Hawkinson was called out of town (Paris, France, no less) on an emergency, her colorful memorabilia added greatly to the booth. Thanks also to Greg Spranger for arranging for us to borrow the Issaquah Historical Society booth and to Charles Loomis, Inc. for the loan of the pick-up! Also a thank you to Alison Gooding, Administrative Director and Michael Crane, Executive Director of the Kirkland Arts Center for their continuous support throughout the process.

At the booth this year we had a lot more information on our activities: Newspaper Research; Oral History; Monthly Programs; Inventory of Historic Resources; Display at City Hall and Awards. There was a lot of interest in the historic street names and in having a museum in Kirkland.

Even though the crowd was small, we have already gotten three new members and hopefully more will join.!



Barbara Loomis and Angie Eggers at the Kirkland Festival of the Arts !!

**CONGRATULATIONS!
DRAWING WINNER
FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH
PETER KIRK HOUSE**

Pat Priebe of Kirkland, won the framed photograph of the Peter Kirk House which was given away at our booth at the Festival of the Arts. Over 100 people signed up for the drawing! Congratulations!

**REMINDER!
RENEW KHS MEMBERSHIP
by Barbara Loomis**

You should have received your membership renewal notices. Please check the mailing label and send in your check. Your support and input truly make a big difference. By renewing your membership in the Kirkland Heritage Society, you directly support a cause that is important to you. KHS membership will keep you informed through our newsletter and monthly programs and offer opportunities to become even more involved in Kirkland's history and preservation efforts. We urge you to provide additional support by becoming a Sustaining/Supporting member.

**WELCOME ABOARD NEW
MEMBERS:**

*C. R. Mathewson
Judith A Matthey
Sharon Mickelson
Richard & Kathy Nelson*

**THANK YOU
SUSTAINING/SUPPORTING
MEMBERS:**

*Bob Burke
Barbara Loomis
Bill Petter
Laura Westlund*

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

*Doris Forbes Beecher Christina Brugman
Sue Carter Charlotte DeVore
Angie Eggers Terry Ellis
Evie Florian Jerry Marsh
Dr. Ernest McKibben Teddy Overleese
Don Winters
Rick & Lisa Altig
Sants & Sue Contreras
Bill & Judy Gehring
Dale & Loita Hawkinson
Michael & Anne Radcliff*

**TALES FROM THE EAST SIDE
JOURNAL
by Alan Stein**

Scandalous murders are not a recent phenomena. Ever since Cain slew Abel, every generation has had to deal with man's inhumanity to his fellow man. In 1931, Kirkland was the center of one such event that had the whole town abuzz. The following article from the East Side Journal, July 30, 1931, describes the crime in full. In next month's Blackberry Preserves I will provide the description and outcome of the trial. If you can't wait until then, come tour of the Kirkland Cemetery on July 26, where the whole story will be told.

**FIRST DEGREE MURDER
CHARGE IS FILED AGAINST
H.H. LOY**

**SERVICES TO BE HELD
SUNDAY FOR L.D. TODD**

Fatal Shooting Takes Life Of L.D. Todd, One Of Kirkland's Most Prominent Civic Leaders. Funeral Service Sunday, At 2:30 P.M.

Declaring that they could not find a shred of evidence tending to bear out the charges of H.H. Loy by which he would justify his action in shooting L.D. Todd the prosecutors office, this morning, filed a first degree murder charge against the Kirkland jeweler. Arthur E. Bailey, deputy prosecutor stated that he had made a very thorough investigation in Kirkland and after questioning many people he was unable to find anyone who felt that the shooting was justified or that the slain man was implicated in the manner that Loy had charged. He further stated he had not been able to find any evidence of anyone who had seen Todd and Mrs. Loy together at one time.



**HISTORIC KIRKLAND DISPLAY
LOWER LOBBY
KIRKLAND CITY HALL**

During normal City business hours you can visit our recently installed display on Kirkland's pioneers. In September it will be changed to emphasize the importance of Lake Washington to the City's history.

Blackberry Preserves

Undismayed by the fact that a first degree murder charge had been placed against him this morning, Harry Loy was supremely confident that he would be acquitted when all the facts were placed before a jury of his peers. "I am glad" said Loy that they have made it a first degree charge, now we can bring the whole case into the open and truth must prevail. Even though it should not I still am not worried for no matter which way this case goes I will feel that I have done my duty as I saw it". Such was the attitude of Loy over his shooting of L.D. Todd, local feed dealer and prominent civic leader.

Visiting her husband in jail this morning Mrs. Loy reiterated her previous statement that she would stay by her husband to the very limit. "He has been as fine a husband as any one could ever wish for" said Mrs. Loy, "and I certainly intend to help him in his time of need". As to the details of the case Mrs. Loy stated that she had made no statements and would make no statement until the case against her husband was brought to trial.

When confronted with Loy's assertion implicating her husband, Mrs. Todd stated that after having known her husband for a period of nearly a quarter of a century she would have to say that it simply could not be true.

Such was the status of this morning's case that has rocked Kirkland to its very foundation. Louie D. Todd, one of Kirkland's outstanding civic leaders died protesting his innocence of any blame and pleading for mercy for the man who waylaid him as he was going to the bank to make his daily deposit and shot him down. A Seattle man, the only eye-witness to the whole affair, stated that he saw Loy stop Todd and the two were engaged in a conversation in which he heard Todd say, "you are all wrong," at which Loy ran into his store and

came out with a revolver and fired two shots, one of which took effect, passing through the lower lung, kidney and spleen. Todd walked across the street to the Burke and Farrar building, dropping his money as he went. He then ran back to his feed store where he collapsed in a chair. It was here that he protested his innocence and asked mercy for his assailant, stating that "he did not know what he was doing".

After being given first aid Todd was taken to the Kirkland Hospital where he passed away at about five minutes to one, Tuesday, July 28th.

Born in McMinnville, Oregon, Louie has had a most active and useful life. In his early days he was a newspaper man in Lincoln County from which county he was a candidate for the state legislature, later serving as a clerk for that body. He has always been very well posted on State affairs. Having been rejected for military service because of his family and thru experience in the feed business he served the government during the war in the Hoover Bureau of Markets. It was about ten years ago that he founded the Todd Feed Company, starting in a small way and building the business up until he had outgrown his original quarters and erected his present modern feed store on Burke Avenue. He was a very active member of the Kirkland Service Club and was considered one of the towns most active civic workers.

Besides his wife and three children, Waldo, Kathleen and Marion, he is survived by his brother, Hugh C. Todd, prominent Seattle Attorney, Dr. C.C. Todd, Dean of the College of Sciences at Washington State College and Mrs. R.E. Gay and Miss Ruth Todd of Prosser and Mrs. Kern Devin of Honolulu.

Funeral services will be held at Sessions Chapel, at 2:30, Sunday, with

members of the Kirkland Service Club acting as pallbearers. Rev. C.E. Newberry will officiate with burial at the Kirkland Cemetery. The pallbearers will be C.B. Halverson, A.T. Miles, J.P. McEvoy, Ollis Patty, I.W. Gates, Dave Burr, R.H. Collins, and H.P. Everest.

In Wake Of Tragedy



Principals in Kirkland shooting. Upper, Mrs. Louise D. Todd, widow, and her two daughters, Marian, left, 17 years old and Kathleen, 18. Center, H. H. Loy, Kirkland jeweler, in his cell in the King County Jail. Right are the Loy children, Dorothy and David.

JULY PROGRAM TOUR HISTORIC KIRKLAND CEMETERY

Wednesday, July 26th, 7:00 p.m.

Alan Stein will conduct a tour of the recently expanded historic Kirkland Cemetery. He will share stories and information on the many pioneers who are buried there.

Meet at the Cemetery at 7:00 p.m. Park at the Lutheran Church across the street.

Nomination and Designation of Historic Properties Thursday, September 21 on the Steamer Virginia V

This one day workshop will focus on the preparation of historic property nomination forms for listing on local registers or on the National Register. The workshop will take place on board the historic Virginia V -- the last operating vessel from the Puget Sound's Mosquito fleet. While the boat will remain at the dock during the workshop, participants will enjoy great views of Lake Union. For information call Clo Copass with the King County Historic Preservation Program at 296-8682.

History and the Public Interest is the theme for the spring, 1996 conference in Seattle to be sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Historians Guild and the National Council of Public History. Papers, sessions, panels and workshops will feature innovative, nontraditional presentations that emphasize historians' public service mission. Direct inquiries to Robert Weible, Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, P.O. Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108 or (717)783-9867.

KIRKLAND ORAL HISTORY

Much of our local and family history is tucked away in personal memories. In order to preserve that fragile and impermanent history, the Kirkland Heritage Society is continuing the project initiated with City of Kirkland support in 1993. At that time, 30 people were tape recorded by volunteer interviewers. The City of Kirkland, Kirkland Library and the Kirkland Heritage Society have copies of the tapes. To arrange to listen to them, you can go to the Kirkland Library or the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

If you are interested in participation in this continuing effort - either interviewing or being interviewed - call Dr. Lorraine McConaghy, 827-2927 or Christina Brugman, 821-3605.

DO YOU HAVE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OR PAPERS ON KIRKLAND?

One of the best sources of historic information on Kirkland is probably in an attic or drawer. The Kirkland Heritage Society has a growing collection of photographs, diaries and papers. In some cases, the original is donated; in others, we make copies. These are cataloged and maintained by the Archives/Collections Committee.

If you have items which you feel would be of interest, please call either:

Sue Carter, Archives/ Collections Committee 822-5486	Barbara Loomis, Secretary 827-7194
--	--

Matt is taking a well deserved vacation this month so this issue was put together by Barbara Loomis and Bob Burke. Complaints still go to Matt!

**ARCHITECTURAL
JUNE WALKING TOUR**

Hazel Kelly and Jeanne Bartels arranged a very interesting historic architectural tour for the June meeting which not only had wonderful weather, but also ended with a gorgeous sunset! We visited parts of East and West of Market, including National Register sites and ones that are not listed on our old Walking Tour Brochure. It was a delightful experience including visiting with neighbors and home owners!



NEW PHOTOS IN KHS COLLECTION

The photographs featured on the front and back were donated by Barbara (Baker) Zimmerman of Seattle. She notes that the store was owned and operated by her grandparents - John Enos and Allie McFarland for at least the years between 1920 to 1928. During that time her mother, Mildred McFarland Baker and her brother, Robert Enos McFarland, attended Kirkland High School. In later years the McFarlands moved to Renton where her grandfather served as Justice of the Peace and Police Judge for many years. Thanks to Barbara Zimmerman for donating these photographs for the KHS collection and adding to the history of downtown Kirkland.



**Allie and John Enos McFarland in the
"Ferry Lunch," downtown Kirkland, Washington, c. 1922**

Blackberry Preserves is produced by the Kirkland Heritage Society, 10635 N.E. 120th, Kirkland, WA 98034, for KHS members and those interested in Kirkland's past. Matthew W. McCauley, Editor. For more information call: 823-6838 or 827-7194.

**Kirkland Heritage Society
10635 N.E. 120th
Kirkland, WA 98034**

