The Late 19th Century



This is a valentine from 1872, February 14th. Written to "mother".

414 acres in valley close to Kent; fine soil, good road; 4-room house, bath, hydrant water, lights, garage; 163 full bearing pie cherries, acre raspberries, strawberries, tree fruit for family; 2 chicken houses for 700 hens, one new; 400 young hens; \$600 Utility walking tractor, implements, tools. Finest little going place in the valley. Can be bought cheap. Bargain.



We had a lovely Swedish family Bible donated to us. There are many clippings and notes as well as this photo. We are still working on identifying the family, although a note from the donor indicated she thinks they were "valley people".

The Bible was printed in 1878 and there is a obituary inside dated June 23,1899 for a Gustaf Wadlemar.

One of the clippings inside is an ad for a property in the Kent Valley.

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The faint photo, if you
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Alvord leased a threshing machine to other farmers, even as far away as Centralia. He built a landing dock (Alverd's Landing) at his farm where goods and grocuries were transported around Puget Sound. The valley's first warehouse was built on his dock to protect commodities. Because the steamhoast and srows increased commerce, Alvord built mere sheds, barns, siles and warehouses.

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We received a lovely donation this week of a Vapo-Cresolene Lamp designed for vaporizing cresylic acid/ coal tar acid. It was used to "cure or considerably alleviate diseases of the respiratory system and throat", as well as to sanitize "sick rooms where bacteria were thought to lurk." c.1880's

To read more abxout these devices, check out this webpage:
http://www.thelampworks.com/lw_vapo
_cresolene.htm



What a house! Mr. Alvord is here with his spouse! What a picture perfect family.

The house was built in the early 1880's. It was located on 78th Ave South. One of the family members name may be Inez Shaffer.

Can you guess the price of this house in the 1880's?

I'll give you a hint the Bereighter home at The Greater Kent Historical Society cost \$25,000 in the 1800s.

This is a glass negative of a very dignified Mr. & Mrs. Burke, who lived near O'Brien, c.1880

A parcel immediately south of the Nelson farm, the original Peter Saar Homestead, was owned by the Burke family.





"Tintype photos, as the name implies, were photos with the image on a metal surface, rather than on glass or paper...

In America, tintypes were used by the traveling photographers following the armies of the civil war. Tin (or actually thin iron sheet) was cut to size by the photographers. The sheet was then coated with something like tar. This process was cheap, and the results could be mailed home without breaking." -courtesy of www.edinphoto.org.uk

Pictured are 4 men in front of a blacksmith shop on the White River in the 1880's. Edward F. Richmond is holding the square, George Read is holding the hammer & tongs, the other 2 men are Latelle Richmond Carmichael and Mr. Van Doren or Mr. Temple.







"Tintype Photographs: This inexpensive photo process was similar to the Ambrotype, but instead of using a glass plate, the tintype image was processed on a thin sheet of blackened iron – not tin. The name might come from the fact that tin shears were used to cut the iron plate...Introduced in 1856 and popular until about 1867. But tintype photo studios were still around into the early 1900s as a novelty." -https://www.aarp.org

Enjoy some of these early images of Kent's history!







More tintype photos

Did you know that glass plates were used to make negatives in photography from 1851-1920? We have some in our archives! Here are 3 recent glass plate negative donations that we scanned and inverted in Photoshop to see the true image. The only thing we really know about these is they were related to the Shinn family in some way. The second image seems to be someone taking a photo of a woman taking a photo of her kids!







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In the top photo you can see
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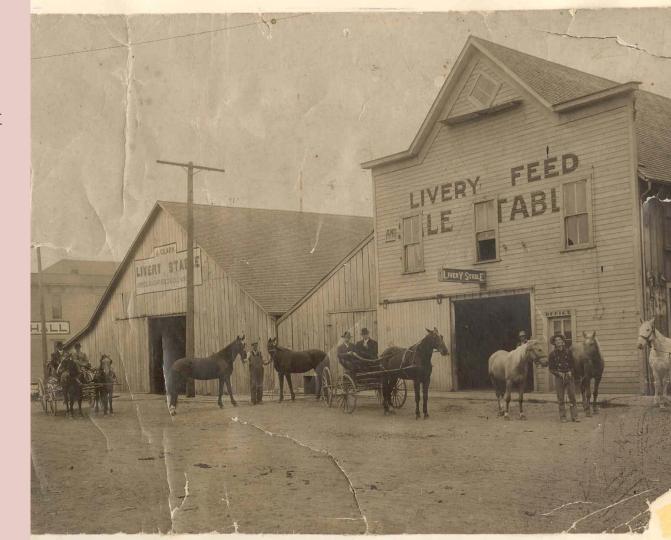
Did you know... the first school in area was the Titusville School. This photo was taken in 1882 & Mr. Allen was one of the teachers.. It was located on S. Central & S. 259th on the NE corner. Note the woods in the background- It was still a wild place back then!

The second photo is of the Kent Valley School in 1909. It was for grades 1-12 and the photo was labeled the Kent Valley's "only" School at the time!





Clark's Livery Stable, on Gowe Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues, 1889





This is the A.M. Playford General Blacksmith Shop c.1880's-1890's. The horse garage was the parts store of the time, selling things like horseshoes and other accessories. Shown left to right is: Alex Playford, (maybe) A.P. Meredith, and Sol Kunkel. Exact address unknown.



Did you know... the valley used to grow hops for beer? Pictured are a group of Native Americans who helped with the hops. Many traveled great distances to assist with the harvest, some as far as Wrangell, Alaska and British Columbia. Pickers reportedly earned around a dollar per day. In the 1890's the hop plants became infested with lice and along with the fall in the price of hops, this industry came to an end in the valley. Ezra Meeker and CM VanDoren had the largest hop farms in the valley. Meeker had 60 acres and VanDoren had 25 acres.

A Kent valley home c.1890's.
People and exact location unknown.





Here's a charming photo of Wesley & Hester Reed in front of their home circa 1890's. (No exact location noted)



There is something charming about this photo of Cavanaugh & Clancy Tinning & Plumbing from the 1890s. It was located on West Meeker Street. Shown is Ollie Cavanaugh.

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Kent's Mary Ann Harn Bow & James Thomas Bow. They were married on July 29th, 1885 and these portraits would've been done around the same time period.

There is a faint stamp on the back that we believe was the name of the artist: "Edward T. Hick at 634 5th St., Seattle WASH"







An ad from the White River Journal, April 4, 1896

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This is a contract between the City of Kent and E. Molkie to deliver 75 cords of 4 ft. slab wood to the Light Plant from the Kent Mill on Oct. 12th, 1896, all for \$25. Very interesting read and what a treasure to have the original in our archives!

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1896 Tweets

(from the White River Journal, April 4,1896)

Bicycling by both men and women was very popular near the turn of the century. People would form "'cycling clubs" devoted to the pleasures of touring, sight-seeing and visiting.

This was taken c.1899 and one woman is named- in the upper right was Nellie Guiberson.

