## The Late 19th Century



A valentine from 1872

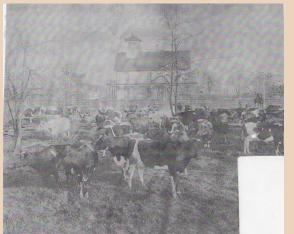
4¼ acres in valley close to Kent; fine soil, good road; 4-room house, bath, hydrant water, lights, garage; 163 full bearing pie cherries, acre raspberries, strawberries, tree fruit for family; 2 chicken houses for 700 hens, one new; 400 young hens; \$600 Utility walking tractor, implements, tools. Finest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



This Bible was printed in 1878. It was donated by a local family along with the photo. The identity of the family in the photo is unknown.

Pioneer Thomas Alvord built this home in the 1880's. It was located at 78th Ave S.





inventions, capitalistic businesses, farming skills, voluntaer activities and social values. His leadership skills left their indelible influence throughout the White River Valley from the mid-1800s to the present.

As an agriculturalist, Alvord ruised potatives, onions, wheat nass, cabbage, turnips, carrots, ocas, hay, barley, rice, apples, pears, plums and livestock. He discovered that milk would keep ooel by unchoring milk cans onto floats in the Green River.

Alvord leased a threshing machine to other farmers, even as far away as Centralia. He built a landing dock (Alvord's Landing) at his farm where goods and groceries were transported arotine Puget Sound. The valley's first warehouse was built on his dock to protect commodities. Because the steamhoass and srows increased commerce, Alvord built mere sheds, barns, silos and warehouses.

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of the first recorded sermon in the White River Valley. The road is now 78th Avenue South.

Abord instilled ethnic social values in his children by employing neighboring Indians to work on the farm, which was considered to be the largest in Thomas. Their children played with the Alword children When Thomas Alword maried Maria Iulien Smith the genealogy can be traced as far back as 1646), the event was one of the largest social affairs of that time.

The museum is at 918 H. S.E. Auburn.

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This Vapo-Cresolene Lamp was designed for vaporizing cresylic acid/coal tar acid which was a remedy for the common cold and other respiratory infections. This was also used to sanitize "sick rooms" where ill people were stayed. Circa 1880s

To read more about these devices, check out this webpage:
<a href="http://www.thelampworks.com/lw\_vapo">http://www.thelampworks.com/lw\_vapo</a>
<a href="mailto:\_cresolene.htm">\_cresolene.htm</a>



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

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





This is a tintype photo, which was an image printed on a metal surface instead of glass or paper. They were commonly used by traveling photographers. The thin iron sheets were cut to size by the photographers and then coated in a tar-like substance. [Reworded from edinphoto.org.uk]

In this tintype, 4 ment stand in front of a blacksmith shop on the White River in the 1880s. 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.







More tintype photos circa 1880s







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In addition to tintype photos, glass plates were commonly used to make photo negatives in the around the turn of the century. These three negatives were donated and introverted using Photoshop to see the true image. The photos are related to the Shinn family, but not much more information is known.







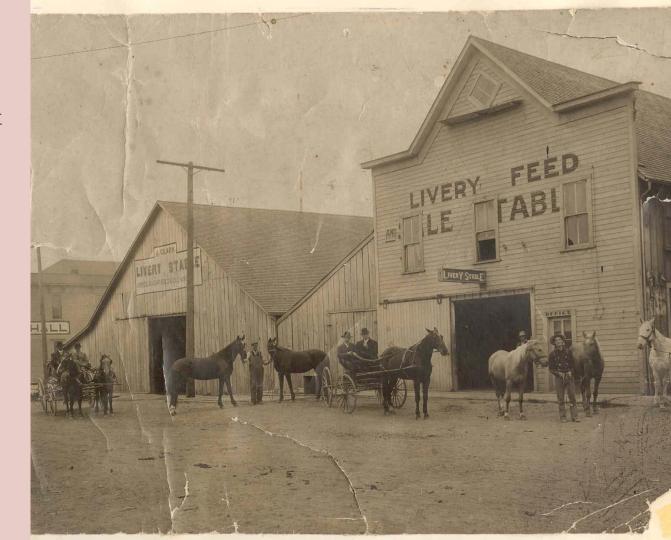
The first school in area was the Titusville School. This photo was taken in 1882 & Mr. Allen was one of the teachers. It was located on S. Central & S. 259th on the NE corner. Note the woods in the background.

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, circa 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.



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.





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



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

Contract
with

E. Molkie

delivering 75 cords

4 ft plat wood at
Light plant from
New mile 20.

Oct. 15 \$2 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.

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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.

