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Bothell Historical Museum

Celebrating the History of Bothell and Northshore



Bothell's Lesser Known Pioneers and Stories

It has been almost two years since visitors have enjoyed full access to the Museum's collections. We are providing tours by appointment with the requirement that facemasks be worn and proof of vaccination is shown.

We would like to start writing a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed and tell some tales you may not have heard.

There is some history written about the well known early Bothell residents. What about those others who called Bothell home in the early years or even unpublished stories of those recorded in books? We are starting off with the story of the grandmother of one of our board of director members. We are looking for stories about any of your Bothell ancestors. Those who may not be mentioned in the history books, who only have their names mentioned in passing, or interesting family stories that have not been included. Who were they? When and why did they come to Bothell? What did they do? Do you have pictures of them or are there photos in the museum's collection? (If you have pictures not in the collection could you donate print or electronic copies?)

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BOTHELL MUSEUM
Opening Doors To Bothell's Past



President's Message

We are starting another year in the grip of the pandemic and a new normal doesn't appear on the horizon yet. While the Mask Mandates for Washington State have expired, I have noticed that a large percentage of the people out shopping when I have gone to the store are still wearing face masks. We are polling the docents to see if sufficient numbers are comfortable to conduct tours. At this time we are not yet open to the public. We will continue to offer tours by appointment, provided that visitors are willing to wear a face mask. Currently, several schools are interested in tours and the Treasure Boxes are available to rent. We will be producing more "How Did They Do That?" videos and expanding the fashion pages on the website to reach more of the public.

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Our Newest Board Member

By Mary Evans

Although I am the newest member of the Board, I have been involved with the Bothell Historical Museum for 4 years. I have been a docent, primarily in the Schoolhouse, but have also led tours in the Hannan House. Currently, I am the Schoolhouse Lead, Publicity Lead and Van Program Lead.

My formal education is varied, including a Bachelor of Science degree, Dietetic Internship and Master's in Business Administration. I have been involved in teams dealing with geriatrics. I also taught all levels of schooling including college teaching.

My volunteer work has varied over the years beginning with Army Community Service, all levels of involvement with my children in their schools and extra activities and docent type activities. Docent work has included volunteering at the General Dodge House in Iowa, multiple jobs with the Tombstone Court House (AZ Historical Museum), and officer and participation with a historical woman's group in Tombstone, AZ. In Bothell I volunteered for a number of years with the Northshore Senior Center in multiple rolls dealing with publicity/outreach and chairing the annual rummage sale.

I hope and plan to put my education and experiences into helping the Bothell Historical Museum to continue to open the doors to Bothell's past.

Is This Your Last Newsletter?

The newsletter has been sent out to a wide range of people. Since receiving a newsletter in the mail is considered one of the benefits of membership, we will not be mailing them out to unpaid members after this issue. The membership year is January to December, but we will maintain active membership until April first of the next year as far as the newsletter is concerned. If you are not currently a paid member, please consider filling out the membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

Museum Opening

The board of the museum is considering opening to the public in May if COVID conditions allow. We will need docents to staff the schoolhouse and Hannan House on Sundays for 3 hour shifts from 1 to 4 PM. We will expect visitors to wear face masks and limit the numbers in each building. We have KN95 masks for docents and extra surgical masks for guests who need them. We will schedule a refresher training session for all volunteers prior to opening. Are you interested in being a docent?

Then and Now

Richard Heisler, local Civil War historian and member of our museum, is working with Clay Eals of the Seattle Times Newspaper to feature a Hannan House photo in the paper. It will be in the Pacific NW Magazine of the Sunday edition that shows a Now and Then building in the greater Seattle area. Our photo shows a women’s auxiliary group of in front of the Hannan House. We need 22 women and one male child to stand in the same positions for the Now photo. Would you like to be in the photo, dressed in your 1800’s period clothing or white modern clothing? Contact Jill at (425) 827-5806 or email jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org.

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Fourth of July

Online Donations

Did you know that you can send online donations to the Bothell Historical Museum using PayPal from our web page? Open the bothell-historicalmuseum.org webpage then on the **About The Museum** tab click on **Donations**.

The City of Bothell will be hosting the Fourth of July activities after two years without them due to the pandemic. The parade will also be held this year and that means the Bothell Museum will be having an entry in the parade. If you are interested in and planning and/or participating in the parade please contact Jill at (425) 827-5806 or email jillk@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org.

The City will be hosting the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast in the Park at Bothell Landing since the fire station is under construction. The city has requested that the museum be open during this early morning event. We are looking for docents and volunteers for the museum during the pancake breakfast. You will not be able to participate in both parade and the morning opening. If you are interested, please contact Mary Anne at (425) 780-0871 or email maryanneg@bothellhistoricalmuseum.org

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| Van Program | School & Small Group Resources |
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The van program is offered in conjunction with the Metro Van Pool Program. This offering is available to museum members and guests. How it works: as coordinator for this program, I have put together a program of museum offerings currently available on the first Thursdays of February, March, April, October and November 2022. Our driver is a volunteer who picks up the van and meets us at Bothell City Hall in order to leave at 9:30 for the museum choice. We return at approximately 3 pm. In the past we have used the van to go to MOHAI and the Burke Museum. You have one cost to use the van. Museum offerings are free. I have chosen ones that either offer in place dining or a nearby restaurant where you order and pay for your choices.

Offerings are subject to cancellation based on weather or other factors. You must make a reservation with me as we are limited to 11 people on the van. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

For information please contact Mary Evans at 425-398-8416 or marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org

Did you know . . .

that the museum has two resources for the community that are quite popular?

The first is private group tours for school classrooms, other small groups, scouts, home schools, etc. and other organizations for children as well as adults. These are scheduled by appointment ONLY, two to three months in advance. We ask a donation of \$1 per person. Tours are approximately one hour long and include a historical overview of all three of our buildings, Hannan House, 1st schoolhouse, and Beckstrom Cabin.

The second set of resources are the TREASURE BOXES, which can be checked out. We have a set of three storage bins of "hands on" learning activities that contain household and personal items from the early 1900s. Included are items such as a washboard, butter churn, slates and mechanical banks and other toys. Suggested donation for the set is \$10. per week. To arrange for these resources email the museum at bothellmuseum@gmail.com. The Park at Bothell Landing has a playground, restrooms, picnic tables, and Sammamish River Trail access.

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| Publicity | Window Displays |
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Mary Evans has begun publicity notifications for the Bothell Historical Museum sharing our work and needs. Notifications have now been made to the Bothell/Kenmore Chamber of Commerce and Northshore News. A poster regarding individualized tours will soon be on display at Bothell SHAG.

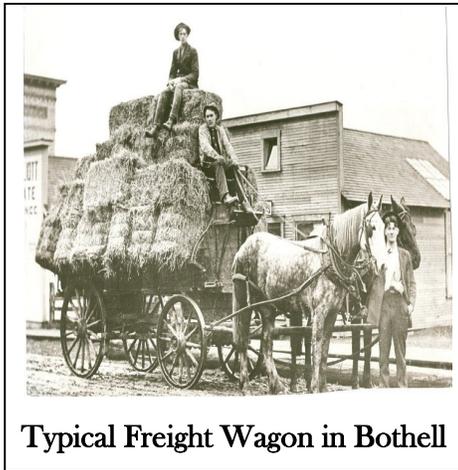
Suggestions and comments are welcome please contact Mary Evans at 425-398-8416 or marye@BothellHistoricalMuseum.org

At the beginning of the pandemic, the museum started making displays in the Hannan House parlor windows since we could not be open to the public. These have proved immensely popular with park visitors. After we reopen, we will continue with a small display so we can reach more people in the community. Our goal is to change the display monthly post new displays the on the museum website and on our Facebook page.

Wilhelm Henrich (Henry) Rosenberg, Christina (Reagan) Rosenberg and Family

by Bob Gerrish (grandson of Christina Reagan)

Wilhelm Henrich, known as Henry Rosenberg was born to W. M. Rosenberg and Barbara Schodon in either the Alsace-Lorraine region in Germany, Stuttgart Germany, or Paris France depending on what document you believe. He may even have been adopted and had a birth surname of Schedon. His wife Christina Reagan was born in 07 Jun 1862 in St. Paul Minnesota to Thomas Reagan of Ireland and Agnes McLean of Scotland. Henry and Christina were married 15 Apr 1883 in the Catholic Church in Lead South Dakota. Early in 1884 Henry and Christina came, along with her father, Thomas Reagan, in his freight wagon to Seattle. On May 1st, 1885, Henry and Christina bought lot 10 of block 8 of Burkes 2nd Addition to Seattle which was about 5 blocks from Lake Washington between King and Jackson Streets for \$450 where they built a house.



Typical Freight Wagon in Bothell

Their first child, Agnes was born November 27, 1885. In early 1886, Henry applied for citizenship and for a land patent for a homestead in the North Creek area of

Bothell. Their second child, Martin was born September 26, 1886 in Seattle. On December 20, 1886 Henry and Christina sold their home in Seattle to her brother, Thomas Reagan, Jr. for \$100. On October 11, 1889 another son was born and christened John. Family history states that Christina moved to the homestead on March 17, 1890 so she may have waited until Henry had a suitable dwelling before she and their children moved to it. There is a record of Henry purchasing groceries in Gerhard Ericksen's store ledger in 1888 so we know that he was working on proving up the homestead in Bothell.

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Gerhard Ericksen Store Ledger

The family is listed in the 1887 and 1889 Territorial Census as residing in Seattle. Henry may have been living in Bothell during part of the year while he built a suitable dwelling as Ericksen's store ledgers lists transactions for Rosenberg [sic] are only in the spring and summer months of 1888 and 1889. The patent for the homestead was awarded by the Bureau of Land Management on April 16, 1892. Family history has them moving back to Seattle in 1895 "The homestead proved to be too lonesome. The nearest neighbors were about two miles away, and there was too much back-breaking labor so they sold out everything in 1895 and moved back to Seattle." [Taken from A Trip By Wagon In The Early Eighties by Martin Rosenberg, on file at the museum.]

Once again, family history is not always accurate as it was said that in 1897 Henry ran off to the Alaska Gold Rush and was never heard from again. Indeed, by 1897 their situation had changed. On 04 Jan 1897 Henry Rosenberg (a single man) took out a mortgage for \$142 on the homestead, bought Christina Rosenberg's share (listed as former wife of Henry Rosenberg on the deed of sale) for \$100, and then took out a second mortgage for \$65 after he owned the entire property. On 09 Jan 1897 Henry paid off both mortgages in full. There was no activity in Bothell between 1901 and 1904. The family legend regarding the Alaska Gold Rush was not completely false. Henry did venture to the Yukon Territory in 1903 where he filed for a mining patent for 160 acres laying 120 miles north-westerly of Whitehorse for grazing land. The legend was more acceptable than disclosing a divorce in the 1890s.

By 1904 Henry was back wheeling and dealing in Bothell. On April 28th, 1904 Henry took out a mortgage from J.W. Nipple for \$1,000.00. On October 29, 1904 he paid the 1897 mortgage to Thomas Krutz in full. May 20th, 1905 saw the payment in full of the Nipple mortgage. On May 24th, 1905 Henry sold the "All of the timber of whatsoever kind or nature standing or fallen" to Woodinville Lumber company for \$2,700.00 with three payments to be made in 1907. (Woodinville Lumber Company ran a railroad spur up to the homestead to transport the timber and it is shown on the 1910 USGS map of the area.)



Photo taken around 1893



USGS 1910 Series Map Showing Homestead

On February 10th 1908, Henry took out a mortgage on the property for \$500 from the Big Bend Land Company. On February 20th, 1908 Henry started selling homestead lots to William L. Ellis in parcels as they were paid, subject to the contract made with Woodinville Lumber company. In that document, he was listed as a bachelor residing in Soap Lake, Washington. On March 3rd, 1908 he satisfied the mortgage to the Big Bend Land company. Sometime after this date, he assigned the Ellis mortgage to attorney James B. Murphy of Seattle who sold the remainder of the homestead.

Henry was in Soap Lake when the 1910 census was enumerated. In 1915, he married Margaret Wilson in

Ephrata. In 1918, they bought desert land at Soap Lake where they were listed in the 1920 census and he and his parent's birthplace are listed as Alsace Lorraine, France. He passed away in 1927 in Soap Lake and is buried in Ephrata.

Agnes Rosenberg passed away in Seattle on September 9th, 1899, at the age of 14. Christina and her sons stayed in Seattle until she married Milton Bowen, my grandfather, and moved to Upper Meadowdale near Edmonds, Washington in 1914.



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Yes _____ **No** _____

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