

SATURDAY SPEAKER SERIES -**BICYCLING IN REDMOND:** PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE



Redmond Cycling Club president Joe Matthews and team pause at the Talus viewpoint, Sufferin' Summit ride, September 2023. Photo: Redmond Cycling Club.

Redmond is home to the headquarters of several major bike shops. However, there's not one thing that makes Redmond a great place for cycling, but many things put together that has earned Redmond the designation of "Bicycle Capital of the Northwest" from Derby Days races to "Sufferin' Summits" to "Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day" (RAMROD) to the Jerry Baker Memorial Velodrome at Marymoor Park. Join us on Saturday April 13, 10:30 am, at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse, when Joe Matthews, President of the Redmond Cycling Club, will give a short history of that organization.

This program is free to RHS members, with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.

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REDMOND WRITING ARCHIVE PROJECT

On February 27, members of local literary arts organization Redmond Association of Spokenword (RASP) spent an evening documenting Redmond's literary history. The Society, in conjunction with RASP, invited volunteers to catalog books from the RHS collections, and other written works with a distinct connection to Redmond and its history. Participants used an online form to enter data about each work, including details such as the title, author, category, and a short description of the work's connection to Redmond

RASP President Michael Dylan Welch proposed the project and developed it with Collections Manager Halee Turner, who designed the form. Titles ranged from *This Is Logging* by Ralph W. Andrews and Darius Kinsey to Lyn Lambert's *Dudley Carter: Tales of the Legendary Wood Sculptor* to local poetry collections and memoirs.

The group catalogued over 100 books that evening, but the project is ongoing. "While our focus is on publications currently held by the Redmond Historical Society, other works may be added," noted Halee.

Got a memoir or collection of stories about Redmond you'd like to donate? Contact our office! Interested in suggesting more titles for our archives? You can find the form here on our website: https://www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org/redmond-publications



RASP members were joined by VP Laura Lee Bennett. Office Manager Halee Turner (standing) provided books from the Society's collections and set up the data entry process.

Photo: Michael Dylan Welch





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Compass Realtors Partner with RHS to Assist with Fundraising

Compass Real Estate Brokers, Cynthia Olsen and Mary Sullivan, have formed a unique partnership with Redmond Historical Society in an effort to help with fundraising for the Society. Cynthia and Mary will donate 10% of their earned commissions to support the Society when members use or refer business that results in a closed transaction. This partnership was formed as a way to give back to organizations that support our communities. Choose real estate brokers who go above and beyond to help with every detail of the buying and selling process, and support the Society! Cynthia and Mary will help you plan, organize, donate, and more—they do it all! Please be sure to say hello to Cynthia and Mary at our next meeting! For more info, contact Cynthia.Olsen@Compass.com, 425 877-9904, or Mary.Sullivan@Compass.com, 425 449-2841.

589 HOURS VOLUNTEERED!

By Jo Ann Potter

HERE'S THE 'SCOOP'

At the annual Redmond Historical Society ice cream social and membership meeting on January 27, more than 70 attendees enjoyed a gustatory delight! Volunteers spent many hours planning, organizing, and "scooping" to make the event a sweet success. Many thanks to John and Deborah Oftebro, Gene and Cheryl Magnuson, Laura Lee Bennett, John Gustaveson, Dale and Jo Ann Potter, Sally Jo Eberhardt, Karen Snepp, Teresa Potter, Dean Jowers, Deb Akerstrom, Hannah Tozer, Darby Spence, Judy Lang, and Patsy Rosenbach. Halee Turner, our Office Manager, tended to many important details behind the scenes. The event raised \$1,235 to continue the digitization of the Sammamish Valley News—the local newspaper in circulation for over 30 years—and one of the Society's ongoing preservation projects.



Volunteers Dale Potter and Deborah Oftebro scooping ice cream. Photo: Patsy Rosenbach

"It is a grave error to assume that ice cream consumption requires hot weather." – Anne Fadiman

SATURDAY SPEAKER SERIES HIGHLIGHTS – WINTER '24

On February. 10, broadcaster and historian Feliks Banel shared stories of the "hidden" aviation history and highlighted the Centennial of the first US Round the World Flight in 1924. Shawn Murphy, naval and maritime historian, was in the audience.

of Magnuson Park, formerly Sand Point Naval Airbase,



VP/Programs Chair Laura Lee Bennett, Lisa Rich, and President John Oftebro. On March 9, space commercialization expert Lisa Rich—who coined the phrase "Redmond Space District"—spoke eloquently about her company, Xplore, and how Redmond has become a global satellite manufacturing hub.



Photos by Cheryl Magnuson

ANNE ROBERTS ST. GERMAIN: 1932-2023

By Molly Peterson

Anne Roberts St. Germain, owner of McDonald's Book Exchange in Redmond for nearly 30 years, passed away quietly and peacefully in her home on November 25, 2023. She was dedicated to her community and devoted much time to the Nokomis Club, Friends of the Redmond Library, HopeLink, and community events in support of the town.

Anne was born in Buffalo, New York, but the family moved shortly to Maryland to build a home on the family farm. She spent her childhood and young adult life on the farm where she acquired a love for equestrian riding and raising horses. Being home schooled in the early years, she graduated at Belford High School in Seneca, Maryland in 1948, and went on to college at the New Jersey School for Women, a women's division of Rutgers University. At this time, only men were able to obtain degrees in Rutgers. Anne and a group of women petitioned the dean to allow them to graduate and have the degree for Rutgers University. They succeeded, and led the way, becoming the first women to graduate from Rutgers. Thus, in 1952, she received a BS in Agriculture, emphasizing her desire to run her own farm and raise horses.

In 1956 she met and married **William A. St. Germain,** and moved to the Seattle area where Bill took a job with Boeing. They had four children, a daughter and three sons. They would give them seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter all, of whom she loved deeply and said they were her "best gifts." She loved being busy, running the bookstore, visiting with friends, and volunteering. She was a devoted member of the Eastside Friends Quaker Meeting. The Quaker philosophy believes wholeheartedly in living a simple life and to always help and care for all people.



Besides her love of reading, Anne loved her garden, and had many feathered friends visit daily. She often said, "Life is short, eat dessert first," and her favorite was ice cream.

Books were her passion, and her source of communicating with everyone who entered the store. Almost always, she wore a sweatshirt with a catchy phrase "So many books, so little time!"

A celebration of life is planned for April 6, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the <u>Eastside Friends Meeting House</u>, 4160 158th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006.

Editor's Note: Anne was a Society member from 2019–2021. She became involved in the Nokomis Club in 2015–2016, when her business was located in the Nokomis Building, and she sought help in having the building designated as historical. The Society actively lobbied to keep the building from demolition, and testified before the mediator hired by the City of Redmond. Although the judgment went against the appeals, we are grateful to Anne and the Nokomis Club for their activism.

"Anne was a legend in the Redmond community for her bookstore, her political activism, and her calm and dedication to solving problems. She modeled for others the way to advocate for people, causes, and institutions with dignity and kindness."

— Doris Townsend, Friends of the Redmond Library, RHS Lifetime member



Tom Hitzroth and the Justice White House/ Hotel Redmond, Photo: John Oftebro

2024 Walking Tour Schedule

Sunday May 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday June 9, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday August 18, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday September 8, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS

Since 2003, **Tom Hitzroth** has led walking tours of Redmond's historic district. Over the years, the tour has evolved from one hour to two, with the script changing as new information is discovered.

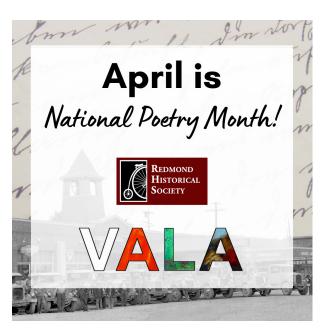
A lifelong Eastside resident, Hitzroth continues to work on identifying details of Redmond's development from its earliest time, the site of the settlement of Melrose that preceded Redmond, and the land claims of early Redmond pioneers. He is also studying the early building and development patterns of the historic downtown.

Tours meet as scheduled and begin across the street from the Justice White House/Hotel Redmond at 7730 Leary Way NE, Redmond, WA 98052. Tours **will not** be conducted in the rain.

These events include a significant amount of walking or standing, with limited opportunities for resting. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes, weather–appropriate clothing, and bring a water bottle.

Tickets are available for \$10 per person on the <u>Events page</u> at RedmondHistoricalSociety.org. Registration is required by the Wednesday prior to the tour, and tours are limited to 10 participants.

To ensure the group maximum is not exceeded, please make sure your registration includes every member of your party. For further questions, please call our office at 425-885-2919.



IN THIS PLACE: HOW POETRY CONNECTS US TO THE PAST

An exhibit of poems inspired by historical photos and artifacts from the Redmond Historical Society will be on display March 23rd to April 19th.

Where: VALA Art Center, 8020 161st Avenue NE, #104,

Redmond, WA 98052

When: Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closing Reception: April 19th, 4-6:30 p.m.

More info: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org



'DINING OUT' IN EARLY REDMOND – PART I

By John Oftebro

Author's Note: The story of Redmond and its evolution from logging town into teeming metropolis is evidenced today with many historic structures, people, and places to dine out. However, what about the area's earliest inhabitants the Coast Salish tribes? What did they eat, and where did they eat?

In the course of my reading on the 2008 discovery of Redmond's earliest inhabitants at the Bear Creek site from about 12,500 years ago, and learning about traditional Coast Salish foods from the Burke Museum (see "Plants" excerpt below), I've invented the following story. After all, part of learning about history is the storytelling!

of seasonal fresh blueberries, huckleberries, and strawberries. Nature's plentiful food supported longevity, as Jim lived to 117 and Mary Louie to about 124!

When Luke McRedmond and Warren Perrigo arrived to begin the settlement of Redmond in 1871, it was rumored to be called Salmonberg. After

No doubt there was a fine selection of items on the menu for the genteel guests of the Hotel Redmond (Justice White House) that was built in 1897. According to Society member Diana Morelli, the guest list included William Jennings Bryan, Percy Rockefeller, US presidents Taft and Teddy Roosevelt, and Sam Hill.

The Valley Hotel, built in 1889 providing hearty fare for tired loggers.

by William Sikes, was "Logging Headquarters," featuring a bunkhouse on the second floor that was said to be "barrackslike" and had a dining facility in the building. Beds were \$.25 for the night, as were the meals,



Valley Hotel, ca. 1889. Source: RHS Archives

PLANTS

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Reviving "traditional food knowledge": Plants - Coast Salish Foods. Source: Burke Museum

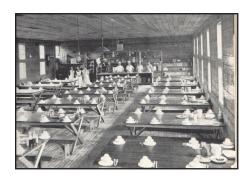
It was a pleasant evening in 1855 at the family longhouse on the Squak River just below the lake. Jim Graham had just returned from signing the Treaty of Point Elliott, and he and his sister, Mary Louie, were treating the extended family to a celebratory meal. The salmon were plentiful, and the family had gathered wild onion and carrots, camas, wapato, biscuit root, bracken fern, and miners lettuce. The main course was roasted deer. salmon, and perhaps a basket of oysters, littleneck clams, and dried candlefish to complement the meal. Dessert was a mixture

Warren Perrigo established the Melrose House as a fine dining establishment, the town took on the name Melrose in 1881, named after the popular inn, and then was renamed Redmond when Luke McRedmond took over as postmaster in 1883.



Melrose House, ca. 1940s Source: Eastside Heritage Center

Logging was the first industry and was aided by the railroad that was serving the area by 1888. The Campbell Mill opened in 1905 and provided housing and meals for its millworkers and loggers. According to timber photographer **Darius Kinsey**, in the book, *This Was Logging*, "Loggers were fed like prima donnas with heavy, solid foods that included three or four kinds of meat at every meal."



Dining hall at Campbell Mill. Source: *This Was Logging*, D. Kinsey

The Bill Brown Building, built in 1913, replaced Bill Brown's first wooden building and saloon from 1905. Among many other businesses, this "new" brick building also had an active saloon. Over the years, it housed the Sweetwater Restaurant, Big Time Pizza, and today, The Matador.

The Eagle Bar was located on Cleveland Street just west of the Redmond State Bank, where Home Grown is located today, and approximately where Molly Moon Ice Cream is now. The bar at the time was known for a sampling room of fine wine and cigars. The Hotel Walther was built in 1910, burned in 1913, and it was rebuilt that year on Leary

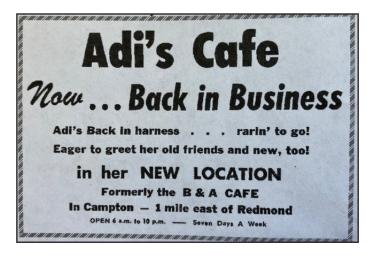
Way and Cleveland Street. It was renamed around 1912 as the Grand Central Hotel, where it later served up meals as the Hotel Café. It now houses The Third Place, a Korean BBQ restaurant.

Adelene Kindrick worked in a cheese shop next to the Redmond State Bank, and later bought the shop and turned it into the profitable Addi-Bon Restaurant in 1942 (now El Toreador). Thirteen years later, she sold it and bought the Redmond (Grand Central) Hotel Café and operated it until selling in 1961.

After a break of a few years, she bought the B & A Café at the intersection of Redmond-Fall City Road and East Lake Sammamish Parkway, which she renamed the Adi's Café and operated until 1968. Addie was quite the early restaurateur. Society member and volunteer **Patsy Rosenbach** recalls many family meals there.

In 1916, Orson A. Wiley and his wife, Emma Holmes Wiley, built a house from stones gathered from the rivers and streams in the surrounding area. That house later became the Stone House Café and Redmond's first landmarked building. It changed hands several times over the years, and it now hosts one of Redmond's newest hamburger restaurants.

We can only guess at the various menus from the first 70-plus years of dining out in Redmond. In Part II, we will describe many later restaurants that have come and gone—and some that have endured until now. Some of our members' recollections will describe their favorite places to dine out from the days when families rarely ate out a far cry from today's habits. Also, we will read about today's fast-food eateries, international choices, and more.



Ad from the Sammamish Valley News. Source: RHS Archives

LEARNING FROM OLD PHOTOGRAPHS - PART II

By Tom Hitzroth

We begin this article with a bit of a historical philosophy I have come to over time:

- There is a need to try to make the past more colorful than it really was, as if true stories aren't good enough.
- We tend to misidentify
 features and people in
 photographs if we rely
 on assumption, or an
 expectation of what a person
 should look like by their
 assumed social position.
- Often people are elevated in stature or prominence from the perspective of the present, when they were just normal people in the past, engaging in normal activities with the same weaknesses of human nature we have today.

Let's look at a possible example of misidentification. It has been avowed that the woman circled in orange below is Emma McRedmond. Viewing it as an investigator, I have questions: When was the photo taken?

Why was the photo taken? Where was the building located? Is the post office the entire building or just a small part of the interior, as it often was in those days? What makes the woman in the formal dress Emma McRedmond more than the other woman? Is Emma even in the photo? Maybe, maybe not.

Let's look at the next photo. Having studied this photo during other investigations over the years, I believe that if Emma is in the photograph, she is the woman



Redmond Post Office, ca. 1896. Photo: Eastside Heritage Center

in the green circle. The post office was open nearly every day and served nearly 500 citizens, among other activities that may have gone on in the building.

In this context, Emma was a working girl—that is, she is involved at the worker level, like the other people in town.

The woman in the orange circle in the previous photograph was said to be Emma—that is, misidentified as Emma—more because that is what modernday observers would expect a McRedmond, or a woman of her social position would look.

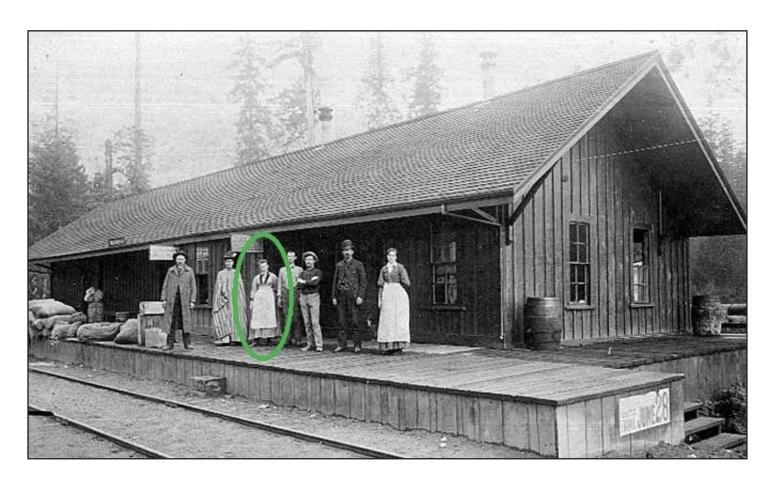
Now, let's look at a photograph of the Redmond depot opposite the post office, and likely taken at about the same time. Notice the same two ladies in aprons are in this photograph.

Looking at the body form, shape, height, and posture of the woman in both green circles and comparing it to other known photographs of Emma in both formal and informal attire, there is a stronger connection to the woman in the green circle than the one in the orange circle.

When attempting to identify features or people in a

photograph, we need to be very cautious, as it opens up the possibility that a conclusion drawn without some form of substantiation often leads to an error which, when put in print, morphs into fact over time.

In the next article, we will look into what happened to Wiley's Saloon.



Redmond depot, ca. 1896. Photo: University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Division

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE KING COUNTY STOCKADE

By Dean Jowers and Halee Turner

The King County Stockade was located in the northwest corner of the King County Farm, commonly called "The Willows." That would be just west of Willows Road and just south of NE 116th Street.

The approximately 70' by 70' building was a wood frame, portable, one-story structure that was moved from Bothell to Redmond in 1916, to relocate prison operations to the County Farm. It was surrounded by a 14' tall wood plank fence with wire at the top. The roughly square shape, approximately 195' by 211', contained about one acre.

Photos of the building, taken in 1916, show iron bars on most of the windows except in the northeast corner, by the front door. This may show the administrative office, but little is known about the interior layout.

A Grand Jury of King County citizens was selected to review all county operations annually. Their 1918 report tells us that there were two cells: one 40' by 40' and one 30' by 30', where prisoners slept on racks one above another. These cells were called the "tanks."

An editorial published in the Seattle Daily Times on August 22nd, 1918, said the stockade had a bright, clean dining room; sunny and well-ventilated sleeping quarters, shower baths, and other comforts. The floors and walls were made of wood planks. The building also had a jail storeroom where the prisoners' street clothes were kept, and a separate laundry building.

The property included a kennel for bloodhounds. Located on the northern exterior of the stockade,

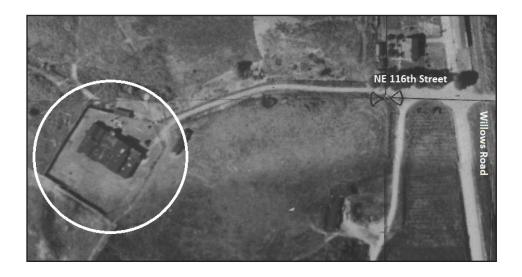
it was accessed through a locked door in the fence.

Solitary confinement was referred to as the "black hole," and prisoners were put there for punishment. Harold and Harry Aries, who lived nearby, told stories about sitting and talking to prisoners held in a hole in the stockade yard, covered with an iron grate. Historic photos possibly support this, and there may have been more than one area of confinement.

Reference was made to the stockade having a boiler, perhaps indicating the use of steam heat. It is not known where the boiler was located, but the structure did have a basement, which was used for storage.

During its lifetime, the stockade experienced several expansions and remodels. In 1924, there was a 40' by 70' addition made to the west side of the building. An 8' by 12' ice box was put near the kitchen. At some time, a second story was added to the middle third of the building, and a 4'by 4' water tank added on top of that.

By 1931, the building was declared a "firetrap" by the Grand Jury. The fence had holes large enough for prisoners to escape. The Grand Jury recommended building a new steel and concrete structure. However, these suggestions were never followed. The stockade was closed in 1932, and completely burned down in 1939. Arson was suspected, but the cause was unknown.



The Stockade (circled) was located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 34, Township 26, Range 5 East. This is the area where Aerojet Rocketdyne is located today.

REDMOND SATURDAY MARKET: A FARM-FRESH TRADITION

By Paige Norman

Redmond Saturday Market, celebrated as the "Eastside's oldest farmers market," opens May 11th, 2024; the beginning of its 49th season. A pleasant way to spend any Saturday in Redmond from May to October, locals and visitors can stroll between canopied vendor spaces offering local honey, cheeses, meats, eggs, flowers, food, and a variety of handcrafted items.

Founded in 1976 by Georgia Erskine, a Master Gardener originally from Bellevue, the dream of an open-air market began with a small space leased from the post office for \$1.00 a year. In 1979, the Market moved to the corner of NE 85th and 64th NE, where they stayed until 1982. Moving again that year, and again in 1986, the Market found a long-term location at 7730 Leary Way, tucked beside the stately Justice White House and on the land that once housed Redmond Golf Links—long before Redmond Town Center was built. Redmond Saturday Market remained at this spot until 2020, when they moved to the Overlake Church parking lot located at 9900 Willow Road NE, Redmond.



The Market offers several special events, including Hawaiian Day with live Hawaiian music all day and traditional Hula in the afternoon in July. In October, the Market hosts the Howl-o-ween Pet Parade. Redmond Saturday Market continues to offer a space for artisans and local farmers to provide quality products directly to their customers. Redmond Saturday Market is open May 11 through October 26, 2024; market hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Parking is available at no charge.



Locals and visitors alike enjoy the sights and sounds of this historic farmers market.

Photo: Redmond Saturday Market

HOTEL REDMOND OR JUSTICE WHITE HOUSE – THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE ON THE CORNER – CHAPTER 2

By Paige Norman with Tom Hitzroth

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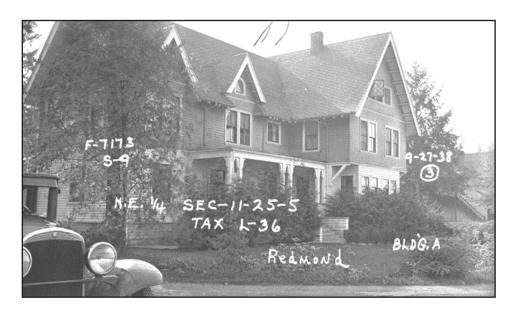
In <u>Chapter 1</u>, we discovered the history of the land, construction, and use of the building we call "The Justice White House." In this chapter, we'll discuss the building's use from the early 1900s up to its current state.

Judge White moved into the Hotel Redmond with Emma and purchased the remaining acreage of Luke's original properties from his brother-in-law, David McRedmond, on October 31, 1898, increasing his property holdings to approximately 320 acres between the Avondale and Redmond properties. Daughters Martha White Gardner Sick (1899-1992), Dorothy White Hanscom (1903-2002), and Ruth White Eacrett (1906-1980) were raised in the Hotel Redmond. Countless parties, dances, and social events were hosted at the family home.

Redmond filed for incorporation in November of 1912; Judge White requested to have the Hotel Redmond and Avondale properties excluded from the boundaries of the proposed Redmond borders. King County did not respond, and when the votes of the elders of the town were counted, Redmond was officially recognized as a city on December 30, 1912, with all of Judge White's properties included in the city limits.



Emma McRedmond White and William Henry White with Redmond train depot in background.
Photo: Collection of Diana Gardner Morelli



Redmond Golf Links Clubhouse, c. 1938. Photo: Collection of Tom Hitzroth

Justice White died April 29, 1914, leaving Emma to manage nearly 320 acres of land formerly owned by her father and the judge. In the early 1920s, a number of loans, deeds, and financial transactions were conducted on the properties, and by 1925, all of Emma's holdings were in foreclosure. Emma McRedmond White died July 31, 1932, and was buried next to Judge White and his sister at Lake View Cemetery in Seattle.

The property and buildings that comprised the original 160 acres Luke McRedmond owned were sold in 1931, including the Hotel Redmond. The interior of the hotel building was converted to a clubhouse for the newly opened Redmond Golf Links, operating as such until 1979, when the property was sold again with plans to build a mixed-use shopping center. Construction began on an openair mall called Redmond Town Center, which opened in 1997. The project included parking, retail, and commercial spaces, as well as administrative offices for Lake Washington School District.

It is unclear when the local name for the building changed from "The Hotel Redmond" to "The Justice White House"; however, the building was listed on the King County Registry of Historic Buildings in 1979 as the "Justice William Henry White House" and "Redmond Golf Links Clubhouse." The building stands today on the corner of Leary Way and NE 76th Street, steps away from the Seattle Marriott Redmond and a sheltered gravel lot that was once the home of the Redmond Saturday Market.



Redmond Golf Links, c. 1979. Photo: RHS Archives

The building's exterior was altered to include an ADAaccessible ramp, and the former back entrance was enclosed. In 1983, the interior was completely gutted to create a space more amenable for business leasing. Upkeep was sustained through a partnership with the thenproperty management team, the City of Redmond, and the existing business that leased the building. In September 2023, the building was sold to a private concern, and its fate and use are uncertain as of this writing.

This magnificent structure on the corner continues to remind us of Redmond's history—a symbol of growth and prosperity in the last century, as well as the ability to adapt to change. This is the heart of Redmond's charm.

For more information about this and other historic preservation projects, or to donate to Redmond Historical Society, contact John Oftebro, Redmond Historical Society President. at John.Oftebro@redmondhistoricalsociety.org.



If you'd like us to recognize your birthday in this newsletter, please complete the information on your membership renewal form, or email:

membership@redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

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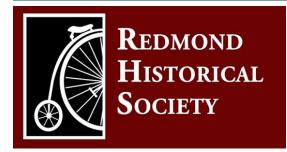
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