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DERBY DAYS:A REDMOND SUMMER TRADITION

In 1949, young Donnie Martin peddled his tricycle along NE 79th Street, with a best friend in tow, Derby Dog, who belonged to Liz Carlson, and was a model parade participant. The house in the background belonged to Alton and Mildred Fitzgerald, and is today the Old Fire House Teen Center. Source: Sammamish Valley News Collection.

Redmond Derby Days came to life in 1939, at the end of the Depression. The goal was to raise money for downtown holiday decorations and school athletic equipment. It began as the Redmond Bicycle Derby a race around Lake Sammamish by local newspaper boys **Charlie Lentz** and **Ray Adams** in which locals bet on the winning time.

The outgrowth of a small town's community spirit, the Derby now hosts the nation's longest-running bicycle race. In 2022, the bicycle race moved from downtown Redmond to the Velodrome in Marymoor Park. Except for four years (1942 to 1945) during World War II, the race has been held each year. Today, Derby Days includes a parade in downtown Redmond as well as music, kid's activities, carnival rides, and fireworks.

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RHS SITS OUT DERBY DAYS IN 2023

The Society will not be joining the Grand Parade this July. However, look for our exhibits at the Redmond Library, and other displays across town! We're also working to bring exciting new programs to our Fall Saturday Speaker Series. Meanwhile, join us on one of our Walking Tours this season, and our Pioneer Cemetery tour July 9. Check our website and Facebook page for updates.

COMING IN AUGUST: DUDLEY CARTER: EARLY WORKS ON PAPER, VALA ART CENTER

Dudley Carter is known for his larger-than-life woodcarvings and totems, often depicting Native American myths and origin stories. However, Carter also produced a number of rarely seen, two-dimensional works from the Society's collection—including sketches, artistic nudes, gestural abstracts, and pastel landscapes. This is a rare look at another side of this artist, who lived and worked in Redmond for many years. Stay tuned for details!







COMPASS

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.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

By Jo Ann Potter

Kudos to Laura Lee Bennett for our beautiful new and improved Newsletter! As they say, "It is top drawer!" She has spent hours, days, and months preparing for the Spring '23 launch of our quarterly publication. Major contributors to this project were Tom Hitzroth, proofreader and fact checker, Deb Akerstrom, copy editor, and Teresa Potter of Urban Dakota Creative, who's responsible for layout and

graphic design. **Halee Turner**, our Office Manager, made the cover graphic for the Poetry Showcase. Print mailings are done by the City of Redmond. As you can see, it takes many willing and talented hands to produce The Redmond Recorder Newsletter. Many, many thanks for a job well done.

Our Saturday Speaker Series' 18 volunteers, as usual, made the April 8 meeting with **Feliks** **Banel** run smoothly–especially with those yummy treats from Compass Realty. Look for a continuation of the Speaker Series in September.

Our next volunteer opportunity for you will be Saturday Market in August.

VOLUNTEER VOICE

No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers. —Ronald Reagan

Editor's Note: Cheryl Strong Magnuson–Society volunteer, Family Lifetime Member, and curator of our Facebook page– shared the following posts. Enjoy!

On April 8, 2023, KIRO Newsradio host and local historian **Feliks Banel** led attendees on a fascinating journey across Washington State. He literally took us "all over the map." The audience learned not only some of the "surprising" origins of place names, but also who named them. Among the earliest "namers" were Indigenous people, 18th century Spanish naval explorers, 18th and 19th century British, and Americans, including Robert Gray, Lewis and Clark, and Lt. Charles Wilkes. Ordinary folks have also supplied place names and nicknames. One local example would be the Sammamish River, which many of us still call "The Slough."



KIRO Newsradio host and local historian Feliks Banel shared stories of place names across Washington State and locally.



Docent Elly Parran and Mary Sullivan of Compass Realty at our refreshment table, full of homemade cookies!



Membership Chair Paige Norman gave out tote bags to new and renewing members.



Greeter Sylvia Bernauer wore her Easter bonnet.



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

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. He is also studying the early building and development patterns of the historic downtown.

2023 Walking Tour Schedule

Sunday June 11, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday August 20, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday September 10, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tours meet as scheduled and begin across the street from the Justice White House/Hotel Redmond (Jensen/Fey Architects) at 7730 NE 76th. Tours will not be conducted in the rain.

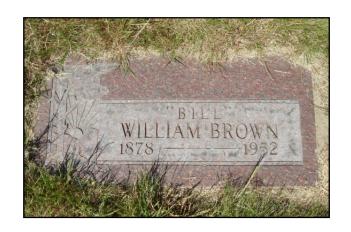
These events include a significant amount of walking or standing, with limited opportunities for resting. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes, weather–appropriate clothing, and bring a water bottle.

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.

PIONEER CEMETERY WALKING TOUR, JULY 9TH

Join us on Sunday, July 9th for a Walking Tour of the Redmond Pioneer Cemetery in partnership with the **Cedar Lawns Memorial Park & Funeral Home**.

More info and to register: RHS Events page





BETTY GAUDY: 1925-2023

By Glenna Gaudy

Betty Gaudy was a weaver, educator, fiber artist, author, and athlete. A long-time supporter of the Redmond Historical Society as both a member and a donor, she shared many mementos and historical items, including her collection from the Redmond 4-H Club.

Betty Lou McClintick was born in Kirkland, Washington. She was one of the last of her graduating class at Kirkland High School. She met and married **Graydon Gaudy** and set up a beachside family home on Lake Sammamish in Redmond. They were married 61 years.

Betty and Graydon had three daughters: Janis, Peggy, and Glenna. She spent her days with her daughters and enjoyed being a 4-H leader. Betty also grew and canned food from the garden, designed beautiful weavings, and created delicate embroideries.

In 1970, Betty and her family moved to Cottonwood, Arizona. Betty thrived in the Verde Valley.

Betty was one of 25 people in the United States to have earned the Certified Excellence in Weaving award, and the first recipient of this honor in Arizona. Betty founded the Verde Valley Weavers & Spinners Guild in 1973, and the guild is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary. She taught weaving, spinning, embroidery, and sewing to hundreds of students.

Betty was one of the founding members of the Clemenceau Heritage Museum and served numerous terms as the president. She volunteered up until days before her passing.

Betty began running in the 1980s and competed in the National Senior Games, winning a gold medal, as well as regional and local events, winning hundreds of medals.

She exhibited her handcrafts and flowers and demonstrated spinning at the Verde Valley Fair for decades, up through 2022.

Betty supported her family and friends, shared her life lessons, love and acceptance for all, and will be remembered as a humble and thoughtful leader.

There are no public services planned. Donations in her memory may be made to the Clemenceau Heritage Museum, P.O. Box 511, Cottonwood, Arizona, 86326.

Betty Gaudy's gifts to the Redmond Historical Society greatly increased our understanding of the Redmond 4H Club, and offered a glimpse into her life. She shared a variety of items, from gem and mineral show ribbons to tax tokens and cancelled checks. Learn more about her donations in our <u>Past Perfect archive</u>, or by contacting our office.

4-H service leader business card with "Betty Gaudy" written in pen.



Red ribbon with gold lettering reads "EAST KINGCO ROCK CLUB ROCK SHOW EXHIBITOR." Paper card attached at the top of the ribbon and protected by a plastic sleeve. Handwritten lettering in ink reads "Graydon Gaudy." Below, stamped in black ink, lettering reads "East Kingco Rock Club REDMOND, WASHINGTON." Metal pin for attaching the ribbon to clothing attached at the back of the card.





The last glacier let the Sammamish River create Redmond's rich farmland, but the original settlers—pioneers like **Luke McRedmond** and **William Perrigo**—first needed to clear the land of the old growth forests, thus logging stimulated the first economic boom in the area. Lowland trees disappeared first, stumps were removed for planting, and soon loggers poured into the valley to harvest the surrounding hills.

The industry was enhanced when the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway arrived in 1888. The Peterson sawmill was built in 1890 near Issaquah, and the Campbell Mill began operations in Redmond in 1905. Lumber products were easily available for a building boom of houses, barns, schools, churches, hotels, and businesses in early Redmond. The most prominent building Hotel Redond built in 1898 by **Emma McRedmond**.

The Perrigos, McRedmonds and other homesteaders realized the need for laying out streets and lots, and the first era of real estate development began. All were wooden buildings, and several had already burned down by

THE FOUR R'S – RIVER, REDMOND, RESEARCH, AND ROCKETS

PART II - REDMOND DEVELOPMENT, FROM THE GROUND UP!

By John Oftebro

Author's Note: This is the second in a series about Redmond's development, this time spanning the first 100 years.

the time the Redmond Trading Company became the first brick building in 1908. (A popular gathering place, and its potbellied stove is on display in our museum). Other brick buildings soon followed, including the Redmond State Bank, which opened in 1911 when its largest depositors were the lumber mills. Buildings still burned down, though, and without a water source, other than a "bucket brigade" from the river, the little town was in danger of what Seattle already experienced with the Great Fire in 1889

Redmond Incorporates

In 1912, Redmond became a fourth-class town and could now raise a bond issue to create a water system. By now, the area was transitioning from logging to farming as the economic driver.

Redmond elected its first mayor,
Fred Reil, on December 23, 1912,
and he took office December
30, 1912. During his two terms,
several new buildings sprang up,
and roads were established for the
growing number of automobiles.
Redmond's second mayor, Bill
Brown, elected in 1918, was a
road builder and developer and
built Bill Brown's Garage and the

Brown Building, now the Matador Restaurant. During his 30 years in office, the town continued to grow slowly with challenges like Prohibition that began in 1916, the Spanish flu in 1919, World War One, and the Great Depression. Main Street was later renamed Leary Way, and today it is the historic district with several original buildings still in place.

Derby Days Traditions

In 1939, the need to raise money for Christmas decorations and football uniforms spawned the oldest continuous bicycle race in the country and established Redmond's annual Derby Days celebration. In 2023, this event is still a celebration of Redmond's boosterism and community spirit, having evolved into a city-wide event that includes a Grand Parade, Kiddie Parade, music, crafts, food, community organizations and civic clubs, and of course—the races, which now take place at the Velodrome at Marymoor Park.

The population in 1940 was only 503, and Redmond was still a crossing stop for travelers from Eastern Washington. The opening of the Mercer Island Floating

Bridge in 1940 helped create a steady growth that was further enhanced with the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge completion in 1963.

Mayor Green and the 'Young Turks'

In 1948 political change occurred when Lewis Green took over as mayor. Green and his "Young Turks" wanted more growth and development. Gary Graep was the next mayor, and during his three terms, Redmond continued expanding with several annexations, including the rest of the 770 acres that William Perrigo originally owned (all of Education Hill). The short-lived town of East Redmond was disincorporated in 1964. By 1967, the annexations of the Overlake Park district and the Viewpoint area increased the town's acreage to 6,440 acres. By 1968, the population was 7,283. Over two exciting decades,

numerous changes included the building of the Nike Missile base in 1957, joining Metro sewer system in 1964, Redmond High School opening in 1965, the first traffic light came in 1966, a permanent Parks director was appointed in 1968, a full-time paid fire department was created in 1969, and a new City Hall opened in 1971.

Much more history of Redmond can be found in Nancy Way's book, Our Town Redmond, and on our website. Part III will feature Redmond's growth in research and industry development.

Sources: Our Town Redmond by Nancy Way, Redmond Historical Society timeline posts by the Decades.



In 1908, Redmond Trading Company was a popular gathering place. Today its pot-bellied stove is on display in our museum. Source: Author photo



The Hotel Redmond/Justice White House in modern times. Source: Author photo

THE MCREDMOND - TOSH DISPUTE - PART II

By Tom Hitzroth

In Part I in the Spring 2023 issue of this newsletter, we discussed **Luke McRedmond's** protest of a road **John Tosh** petitioned for that would cross his land.

After filing his protest, Luke McRedmond began examining the petition John Tosh had submitted to the Board of Commissioners (BOC). He found that many of the petitioners did not live in the road district, a few were not householders, and two said they never signed the petition themselves. One by one, petitioners began withdrawing their signatures. The BOC set their focus on the surveyor's description of the road. On November 20, 1888, they rejected the petition "...on account of deficient description." They "...rescinded, revoked, and rejected..." the plat.

diminishing. There is a hint that the rift between McRedmond and Tosh was wearing thin. The County Surveyor stated in his review of the proposed road that it was "...identical to the road heretofore petitioned and rejected on account of informality in the same." The road petition was again rejected.

In 1895 Luke sold his land to his son David McRedmond through **Peter Colgan**. The state law in effect in 1888/1889 had been replaced in 1895 by a law that changed how the laying out of roads in Washington State was to be handled. Tosh's new road was a mile shorter, only included four property owners, was on the west side of the river, and closer to the Houghton to Redmond Road (County Road #54). It went more than 400 feet into David's

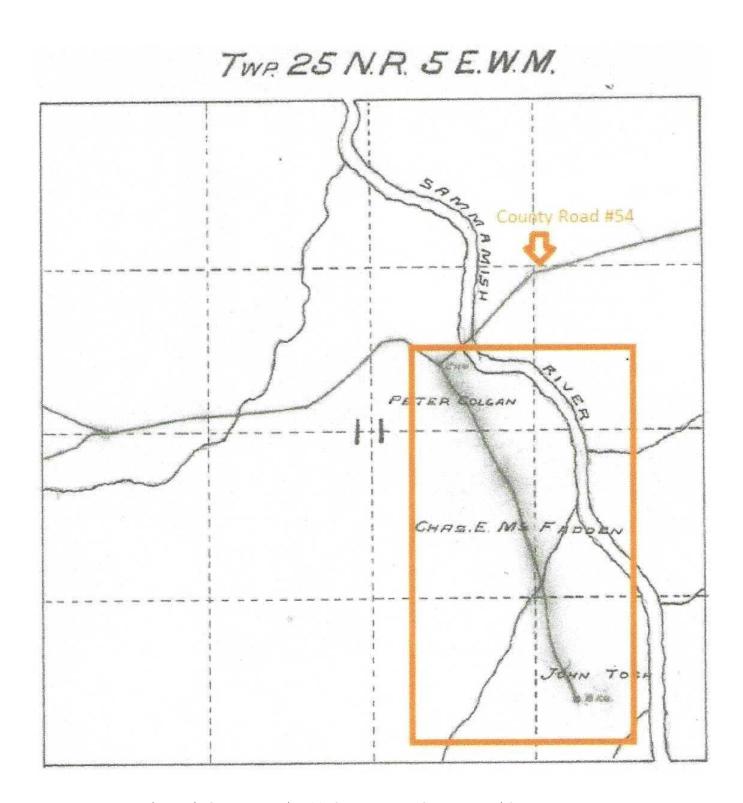
April 17, 1896, the BOC told the county prosecuting attorney to begin condemnation proceedings. The new law specified that if the superior court upheld the amount awarded by the BOC, all costs for the condemnation proceedings would be the responsibility of the non-consenting owner or, in this case, David McRedmond. On September 3, 1896, David signed over the 400+ feet of his land to the county.

Whether it ever resolved the rift between McRedmond and Tosh—which caused Luke to stop John Tosh from crossing his land, resulting in at least eight years of enmity between them—is unknown. The irony is that there was nothing preventing John Tosh from choosing the route he proposed in 1896 (County Road #408), in 1888 or 1889. It would have connected John Tosh to County Road #54, which had been his original intention.

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On January 4, 1889, John Tosh refiled for the road and Luke challenged the petition again. This time, while he found some discrepancies, local support for both McRedmond and Tosh was

property, so he filed for \$25 damages (\$901.66 today). On March 17, 1896, the BOC awarded David \$10 (\$360.66 today). On April 2, 1896, David signed a statement refusing the \$10. On



John Tosh County Road #408. Source: King County Road Service Division.

'IN THIS PLACE': POETRY SHOWCASE DEBUTS APRIL 22ND

Editor's Note: It was a "Poetry Palooza" in Redmond on Saturday, April 22nd! In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Society was involved in several poetry-related events in the community. The following article and photos are based on Facebook posts by RHS volunteer Cheryl Magnuson.

We expected 30 to 40 attendees, but they kept coming! On April 22, the Society hosted a Poetry Showcase, consisting of slide presentation and live readings by selected poets in response to photos from the Society's Collections, plus one recorded video by Catherine Kyle. Three students from Overlake school (Justin Ma, Tristan Holly, Ben Ta) brought friends and family to listen while they read their poems. Other poets included past Redmond Poet Laureate Raúl Sánchez, and past Centennial Poet and RHS volunteer Aarthi John. Several members attended from Redmond Association of Spokenword (RASP): Janka Hobbs, Balin Lusby, Ken Osborne, Kari Tai, and Darren Nordile (Kari read his poem).

member, and current member of the Redmond Library Board, **K. Simon**, also read—and sang! **Michael Heavener** (past RASP board president) gave a spontaneous recitation of "Lost My Wallet." One of the highlights was RHS Family Lifetime member **Cheryl Magnuson** reading two poems, "Anderson Park Performance" and "My Rag Doll, Terry."

Volunteers: **Steph Hartford** selected the Collections photos for the Showcase. **Judy Lang**, greeter; **John Oftebro**, chair setup; **and Deborah Oftebro**, coffee and snacks. (John and Deborah, along with **Laura Lee Bennett**, were also judges.) Special thanks to **Halee Turner** for masterminding this project—creating the call to poets,

building the Poetry Showcase website, creating the slideshow, and running the tech. Also thanks to **Sam Mathis** for audio support!

All in all, the Poetry Showcase was a success, and gave audience members—and poets—an opportunity to share stories while exploring local history. The poems, paired with the photos that inspired them, along with poet statements, can be viewed here:

http://tinyurl.com/RHS2023Poet-ryShowcase

Another past RASP and VALA Board



VP Laura Lee Bennett emceed the Poetry Showcase reading.



RASP poets: Pamela Denchfield, Michael Dylan Welch, Kari Tai, Michael Heavener, and Janka Hobbs.



Volunteers Judy Lang and Deborah Oftebro with Terry, the Rag Doll, who was featured in the program.

A special treat was the "RASP" table—members of the Redmond Association of Spokenword (RASP), a local literary arts organization founded in 1997, were present to participate in the reading and share resources with attendees.



RASP table: Michael Dylan Welch, Michael Heavener, and Raúl Sánchez.

LIFETIME MEMBER DEBORAH AKERSTROM

By Paige Norman

Living in Washington wasn't part of the original plan when **Bob** and **Deb Akerstrom** moved from Illinois to Los Angeles in 1965. Deb met her husband, Bob, at Bradley University, where she majored in Art and English. They headed west soon after graduation, and their wedding, with the intention of spending the rest of their lives in California. Bob took a job with Boise Cascade, while Deb raised their two daughters.

When Bob was offered a job at Boise Cascade in Washington, Seattle was recovering from the recession of the early 1970s. It was a good time to move up in the world, although the only new homes in the area were in Redmond on the Sammamish Plateau. Settling in Sahalee, a new development, they began their PNW life. The girls started school at Redmond Elementary and the family accumulated lifelong friends. They, and a lot of those friends, eventually moved to Trilogy at Redmond Ridge, where they now reside.

A few years after the family began life in Redmond, Deb was hired by **Bob Bailie**, founder of the *Sammamish Valley News*, and

began a job as a reporter, rising to editor a year later. Under her direction, the paper earned awards for stories about regional happenings, such as the arrival of Microsoft. She continued to serve until the paper closed its doors in 1989.

Deb then began a career in employment recruiting, and after a few years joined a good friend and formed an interior design team called Arrangements.

Retirement for Deb has given her time to volunteer for a few years at Hopelink, during which time her daughters invited her to a presentation by Redmond Historical Society on the "History of Redmond's Sammamish Valley News". She became interested in what Redmond Historical Society was accomplishing, which led her to a board position as Director At Large.

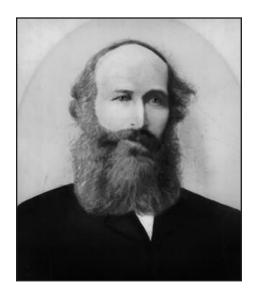
She loves biking and being active with friends at Trilogy, her children and grandchildren, as well as her involvement with Redmond Historical Society.

Welcome to Deborah Akerstrom, a new Lifetime Member!



THE LEGACY OF LUKE MCREDMOND - CHAPTER 1

By Paige Norman with Tom Hitzroth



Luke McRedmond from Kitsapgov.com

Luke McRedmond is considered one of the earliest settlers in Redmond, but the small town east of Puget Sound was not the first Washington location he landed in when he arrived as an immigrant from Ireland circa 1850. Born c. 1818 in Knockhill, County Kings, Ireland, son of John and Anne (Troy) McRedmond, Luke made his way to Tennessee, working as a sea captain and carpenter at shipyards near Memphis. He left Tennessee and sailed around the Horn to San Francisco, wanting to try his luck during the Gold Rush in California. In 1851, he moved up the coast to Port Townsend.

Reported to be a man of many talents, Luke was hired by George Meigs at the Meigs Lumber Mill and Shipbuilding Company in Port Madison on Bainbridge Island. Luke worked as a carpenter, lumberman, and boat captain, shipping lumber and other goods from the mill to San Francisco. Luke was very active in local government, becoming the first Kitsap territorial clerk, serving from 1858 to 1859. He also ran for legislative representative from Slaughter County (now Kitsap), was appointed County Auditor and Clerk of Courts for Kitsap County, and served as County Assessor, County Commissioner, and other civil positions.

Luke met Catherine "Cate" (sometimes written "Kate") Barry through a good friend, Captain Morse. Cate was born in Ireland and married Richard Morse in Boston, Massachusetts on May 8, 1856. Richard died in 1859, leaving Cate a widow at 24 with a young son, James (born 1857). She and Luke were listed separately in the Washington Territory, Kitsap County, Port Madison Census dated July 16, 1860. Cate's occupation was noted as "Housekeeper"; her son James is not listed on the census. Luke was recorded as "Lumberman," age 33; his last name misspelled, but corrected in the remarks.

The new family purchased land in 1865 in the center of Bainbridge Island, approximately four miles from the mill's location. The cabin he built is still standing on NE McRedmond Lane and listed on the Bainbridge Island Historic Registry. The family then moved to Seattle in 1868, recorded in the 1870 Seattle, King County census.



Cate Barry Morse McRedmond From the collection of Diana Gardner Morelli

The family has grown and includes stepson James Morse age 13, William age 9, John age 7, Richard age 3, and Emma age 1. Luke filed a land claim for land near Green Lake, July 29, 1869.

The McRedmond family continued to live in Seattle when Luke filed his homestead claim in Melrose, July 1871, adding son David McRedmond, five months old, to the 1871 Washington Territorial Census of King County. Luke's land claim of 80 acres was located between NE 80th Street and the Sammamish River; his house was located where Redmond Town Center Parking Garage stands today. Although Luke cancelled that filing a few days later, he didn't

relinquish the claim, but returned to the same parcel of land April 14, 1872. Building a cabin and working towards completing the requirements for obtaining the homestead, he filed for proof on January 8, 1881. He received the patent for the claim on July 20, 1881. The claim was located in Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 5 East.

Annie, age 4, was recorded along with the rest of the family in the 1877 King County Census, Sammash **[sic]**. Neither James Morse, nor William, were recorded with the family when the Juanita Precinct, King County, Washington Territory census was taken on June 21, 1880. Both men would

have been over 18 and possibly living elsewhere by this time.

By the early 1880s, Luke replaced the cabin with a house, built a barn, and planted crops and fruit trees. The family called their farm "Cherry Grove," listing chickens, hogs, cows, and timber on the land claim.

In Chapter 2, we'll uncover how the town's name changed and the rest of Luke's legacy in Redmond. For more information on Redmond and its history, visit the Redmond Historical Society website at https://www.redmond-historicalsociety.org/ or call for an appointment to visit our museum at 425-885-2919.



Cherry Grove, The McRedmond Family home from the collections of Eastside Heritage Center



If you'd like us to recognize your birthday in upcoming issues, please complete the information on your membership renewal form, or email: membership@redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

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Jerry Torell June 25
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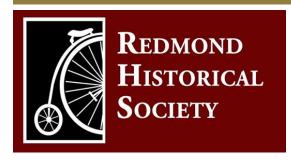
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Pioneer/ Individual (1 n	nember)	\$25	
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