

## FIRST BLACK PIONEER

JOHN GARRISON was one of the first Black pioneers in Kitsap County, to show up on the 1857 census. He was perhaps born in Jamaica in 1818. It has been said that he jumped an English ship in 1853 and worked at William Renton's Sawmill as a logger and fisherman. He formed an alliance with a young Indian girl named Piapach (also called Jane). The couple had ten children: John, Robert, Joseph, Kitty, Betsy, Lydia, Henry, Samuel, Benjamin and Kate.

Records show that by 1872 he owned and operated one of the largest oyster farms at Dye's Inlet, which he purchased for \$50.00. He and his wife Jane operated that business until 1887. Much of Kitsap County unsettled land was improved and developed by the Garrison's.

The wife of John Garrison, a native Puget Sounder since 1851 and the niece of Chief Seattle, has her own place in Kitsap County History. She was the first person to ride over the Manette Bridge when it opened on June 30, 1930. When she died the following year (January 16, 1931), the hearse carried her body over the same bridge. Although she was said to have been 106 when she died, census records indicate that she was born in 1838.



Two of the Garrison's sons, John and Robert, worked for the Sackman Operation. At one time, Robert Garrison's time sheet at the logging company showed that he was the highest paid at \$2.00 per day. Annie Kate Garrison, the youngest daughter, was listed as one of the first pupils to attend the Tracyton School in the 1800's.

On October 23, 1908, John Garrison died at the age of 104.

## DAUGHTER OF CHIEF JACOB

JULIE JACOB a Black women became the daughter of Chief Jacob, the last surviving Indian Chief of the Suquamish Indian tribe. She was born at Port Madison Mill in 1873 and was given to the Indian Chief as a gift after her mother died giving birth.



Her entire life was that of Indian culture. Basket weaving was taught to her by her parents, and she passed the art of it down through her generations. It is used today as one of the most creative and unique basket weaving techniques in the Northwest by her great grandson, Ed Carriere. Julie Jacob was a great Black woman, her life being influenced by different elements in a unique way. She was a member of the Black race by birth, but an Indian at heart.

The 1880 U.S. Census list her as a member of the Suquamish culture. Julie never married, although, she raised three children of her own, two daughters and a son. Her son, Lawrence Webster, still resides in Indianola.

She died December 12, 1960 at the age of 86. Her obituary was listed in the Bremerton News on December 13, 1960, "The Chief's Daughter Succumbs."

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR SEABECK—1897

NATHANIEL SARGENT was born in Kentucky, July 4, 1863. He was know as "Nat" to his friends. He was born into slavery and after The Emancipation, he was adopted by a white family in the