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TAPE 95.1.11

SUBJECT: Greenbank, Local History

INTERVIEWEE: Mickey Clark

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000-025 Information about *Ray Scougale* who ran Greenbank Farm for a time after his father died. Mickey went to school with Ray in Coupeville. Ray drove the school bus from Greenbank. Greenbank Farm was owned by *Calvin Phillips*.

026-075 Mickey's Mail Route. Greenbank was part of Mickey's mail route and he went as far south as Honeymoon Bay. His route began each morning in Coupeville and he headed out on Madrona Way to San de Fuca. Originally there was a route in San de Fuca based out of Oak Harbor but Oak Harbor gave it up. The route was then split between Mickey and the Oak Harbor carrier. Mickey delivered to Scenic Heights and went as far north as Cackle Corner. [Mickey locates **Cackle Corner** on map, just south of Oak Harbor where Ft. Nugent Rd. joins Highway 20. He also locates **Watsons Corner** on Highway 20 and Monroe Landing Rd.] Then Mickey went back to Monroe's landing, out Boon Rd., Fort Nugent Rd., Zylstra Rd., and then out Highway 20 to Arnold Rd. From Arnold

Rd. he then went out Hastie Lake Rd. and then Van Damn Rd. From here Mickey went out to Highway 20 at Kennedy's Lagoon.

- 076-129** **Ft. Nugent**. Mickey discusses origins of how Ft. Nugent Rd. was named. [He looks for a letter about this from *Lillian Huffstettler* and eventually located it on side B of this tape at stop 067.]

Appendix Page 1

Letter from *Lillian Huffstettler*. *Mamie Monroe* wrote that Ft. Nugent was built during the Indian uprising. Mickey's friend *Marsh Hartley* lived on thirty acres that his father had owned and apparently the remains of a building that constituted Ft. Nugent was on his property.

[**Note**: Mickey attributes this fort to the conflict between American and England over territorial claims. This contradicts the explanation of Mamie Monroe who attributed it to Indian uprisings.]

- 130-249** **Mail Route**. Mickey came down Highway 20 to Sherman Rd., up towards the cemetery, out to Ebey's Landing, up Hill Rd. and back in to Prairie Center. Then out the Ft. Casey Rd. to the Fort, then Keystone Spit, then out Wanamaker Rd. to Highway 20/525 and south to Greenbank. Mickey discusses Morris Rd. which used to only go to the current site of the bed and breakfast. [**Note: Morris Rd. is also discussed at 95.1.8A, stop 000.**]

Mickey continued on to Dines Pt. and Honeymoon Bay. Then back up Highway 525 to Race Rd., and out to Long and Snakelum Point, down Parker Rd. and back into Coupeville. 87 miles, 680 boxes. \$1680.00 worth of money orders one time at Ft. Casey and never moved his car. His shift was close to 10 hours. When Mickey retired he received extra pay for heavy duty overtime route.

- 250-305** Mickey was in Greenbank six days per week as he was the only carrier. *Muget* [SP?] was the postmaster when Mickey worked there and Mickey was the assistant postmaster. He transferred to rural carrier when it opened as it was a better job: better pay, mileage, and he had a car. Mickey had to buy the car and keep it up but it was his. He would trade it in each year. Mickey discusses the cars he had. He had a Chevrolet, tried a Ford, and then returned to Chevies. Mickey picked up his car in Detroit. Discusses his trip.

- 306-394** Mickey discusses what he hauled on his route. Distributing catalogues was a major job: Sears, Montgomery Ward, National Bellis Hess. He hauled baby chicks, honeybees, horses harness, strawberry and onion plants, 5 or 10 gallon cream cans, tops for a car. He had to tie the car top on top of his delivery car.

Tells story about delivering a car top to *Garret Hulse* [SP?] over at Monroes Landing: it was addressed to him but he didn't order it so Mickey had to retie the car top back on his delivery car and take it with him on his route back to Coupeville. Everything that now goes by United Parcel Service used to go via the Post Office. Mickey talks about delivering mail to the farms. He would do a special delivery route for the catalogues. He was stuck in the mud and snow at times, and faced washed out roads. When he got stuck he would call his brother who was on the road crew to come pull him out.

395-456 We discuss the route for Highway 20 that *Thomas Clark*, proposed from Cackle Corner that came out where the Federal Credit Building was and locate it on the map. [Note: See story at 95.1.8B, stop 326.] Mentions *John Vanderzicht*'s role in positioning road near his beer parlor **The Kennel**.

457-516 **Greenbank.** Greenbank was sparsely populated. Greenbank and Baker's Corner were the two centers of activity between Coupeville and Freeland. **Baker's Corner** was originally known as **Lins Corner** and is located on the Mutiny Bay Rd. near the garbage dump. Mickey mentions a letter from his sister-in-law that tells about going to the Mutiny Bay School.

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000-014 [Continuation of story from Side A.]

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Letter from Mickey's sister-in-law, *Gladys Dahlman Peterson*. *Peterson* lived in Freeland and wrote her recollections of walking thorough woods on Indian trails to get to the Mutiny Bay School. There was a cabin for the teacher at the school. There was not a teachers cabin at the Smith Prairie School. Mickey recalled *Deloris Robb* used to teach at Smith Prairie and lived in Coupeville.

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Letter from *Calvin Phillips* who was a dealer in land and investments and who started the Greenbank Farm.

Mickey finds letter about **Ft. Nugent**. **[See also: 95.1.11A, stop 076.]**

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Left-Right: *John Leetola, Tom Whalen, George Bratsberg* [Art's Bratsberg brother] *Fred Reuble*, [Gussie's brother], *Wilma Morris* [Elmer Morris' daughter], *Joe Arnold* [owned farm that *Wilbur Sherman* bought-Mickey roomed with him at Western and also *Vene Fisher*], *Hobe Race, Mickey Clark, Melba Magnuson, Donald Jackson, Walter Jenne* [Wally Jenne's son], *Don Nichols, Alice Gookins, Buster McKay, Elsie Scougale* [From Greenbank], *Vene Fisher*.



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156-202 The cows at Greenbank were on the area where the current berry farm is now at Greenbank.

We begin looking at Mickey's photos of Greenbank Farm:

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Page 13 **Photo 1: Interior of Milking Barn**
Engle's Dairy in Coupeville got most of stanchions.

Photo 2: Holsteins in Milking Barn

Page 14 **Holsteins During Milking**

Page 15 **Photo 1: Milk House and Milk Barn**
Milk and cream were separated, and butter was produced in the Milk House. Cows were milked in the milk barn.

Photo 2: Loafing Barn: Ladies Rest Room

Page 16 **Photo 1: Nursery [Calf Barn]**
Cows gave birth to calves here.

Photo 2: West End of Milking Barn
Silo blew down in windstorm, 1955.

Page 17 **Barns at Greenbank**
Left to right: Blink House, Blacksmith Shop, Nursery, Milking Barn

[Note: The following photographs may contain handwritten text notes. These are from *Dean Jackson Bratsberg* who apparently gave the photos and notes to Mickey. Her notes are underlined and her initials, D. J. B., proceed the text.]

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Photo 1 ***Jackson Family***
H. Haysworth, Mr. Jackson, Paul Jackson, Mrs. Bertha Jackson, Dean Jackson Bratsberg. [D. J. B.: Haysworth was a carpenter who lived with the Jacksons and built the house and much of the furniture and put in the garden.],

Photo 2 ***Jackson Home with Dean Jackson Bratsberg***
Taken during the big snow of 1916. House was at the foot of Greenbank Hill. *Margaret Clark*, Mickey's wife, lived in this house with her sister and brother-in-law when she started teaching at the Greenbank school.

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Photo 1, 2 **Greenbank School**

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Photo 1, 2 ***James Jackson, blacksmith at Greenbank Farm, 1915***
Mickey knew *Mr. Jackson* as well as the whole *Jackson* family.

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Photo **Frozen Salt Water at Greenbank.**
[Note: Additional commentary on this picture is found at stop 248. This photo taken in front of Greenbank Farm. Mickey believed that *Mr. and Mrs. Engstrom* are pictured in the photo with children.]

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Photo **"Bush Larsons and Beach Larsons."**
The "Bush" *Larsons* lived on the hill and the "Beach" *Larsons* lived on the beach. Party near Dines Pt. c. 1916-17. Mickey knew many of these children.

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Photo 1 **Greenbank Store.**
Run by *Art and Dean Jackson Bratsberg*. *Art Bratsberg* protested the purchase of Ft. Casey grounds to S. P. C. at Lions Club meeting.
[D. J. B.: Store built by *Charlie Gartner* and sold to *Art Bratsberg* in 1944. Later sold to *Tom Coupe*. *Godfrey's* old store is also pictured: it was moved from the old road to the new road c. late 1920s and used as a warehouse for the Greenbank Store.]

248-301 Commentary on photo from page 21 of the frozen salt water. [See above.]

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Photo 2 **Children on Beach**
Dean Bratsberg, her brother *Paul* standing in back, and others.

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Photo 1 People on Beach Holding Fish

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Dean Jackson Bratsberg being held by Charlie Farmer, Mrs. Farmer.

Photo 2 Dean Jackson Bratsberg Holding Fish

[D. J. B.: Dean is holding fish given her by a fisherman from a trap on the west side of the island.]

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Photo Pratt's Resort in the Early 1930s

This was a fishing resort attempted by *Jim Pratt* after the cows. It wasn't a success because of the cessation of fish traps in 1934 and the institution of fishing limits. Resort was located near North Bluff.

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Photo Sweeping View of Area near Greenbank Farm

View shows dock, Greenbank Hotel with the Post Office behind it and North Bluff in the distance at right.

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Photo Greenbank Beach House

View shows extreme low tide and North Bluff before the Hotel, Post Office, and Store.

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Photo Greenbank Hotel

[D. J. B.: The hotel was run by Alex Engstrom.]

357-400 Post Office at Greenbank was originally down at farm. It was later moved up to *Bratsberg's* Greenbank Store.

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Photo PTA Meeting in the Bunkhouse of Greenbank Farm

[D. J. B: Mrs. Bertha Jackson seated at table facing crowd. Mrs. Engstrom and Dean Jackson Bratsberg facing her.]

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Photo Dock at Greenbank and North Bluff

Boat that went to Langley and Seattle would stop there everyday. If you wanted to go to Camano Island you put up a flag and the boat would stop. Greenbank Farm put in the dock.

401-525 Clarification by Mickey of what happened at Greenbank. First real estate was sold by *Calvin Phillips*, a land dealer who purchased a large piece of land for himself that he named after his childhood hometown in Greenbank, Delaware. Greenbank Farm was established there. Trees were cleared by local men with teams. Some of these men were the father of *Evelyn Fountain* and *Bill Day*. Chinese men then went to work clearing rocks off land.

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Article about Greenbank, undated and source unknown.

This article discussed *Calvin Phillips* selling land. He was commissioned after the Spanish-American war to sell 10,000 acres of land on Whidbey Island and he purchased 1500 acres for himself which was the basis of his farm.

We discuss group photo on page 17.

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EBEY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORIC RESERVE

From the Secretary's Book of Minutes of
Whidbey Island Chapter #6 of "The Daughters
of The Pioneers of Washington."

Sept. 28, 1951

"Mamie Monroe reported that Ft. Nugent was actually established during the Indian uprising. There was an old log building built there, and part of a chimney remains, which her brother Bert Arnold has marked appropriately."

Lillian Huffstetler

Dahlmann arrived in 1916 - We had²
to go through the Newman farm
to get to our farm -

Kids from Freeland to went to
Meting Bay school (Austin)
Grades 1. to 8 - 2 rooms - Kids
from Freeland went through
trail in woods as a short
cut. - There was a teacher's
cottage on the school grounds &
I lived there when my sister
taught there.

3' snow - 1916

very poor or no roads

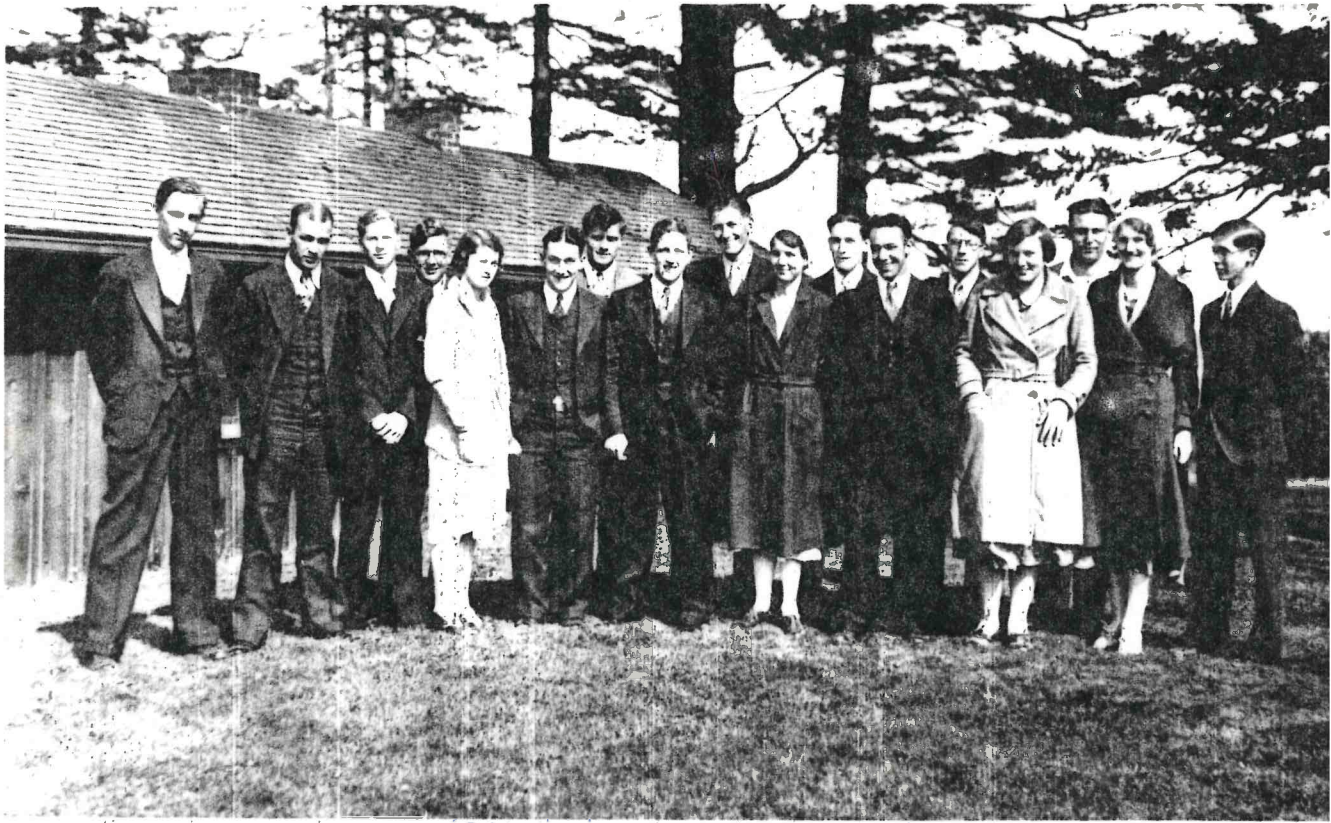
Gladys (Dahlmann) Petersen
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mickey clark



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Mickey's Graduating Class - 1932 - Pratt Home



Senior Class

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25 Anniversary
Clark & M.F.C.
1960



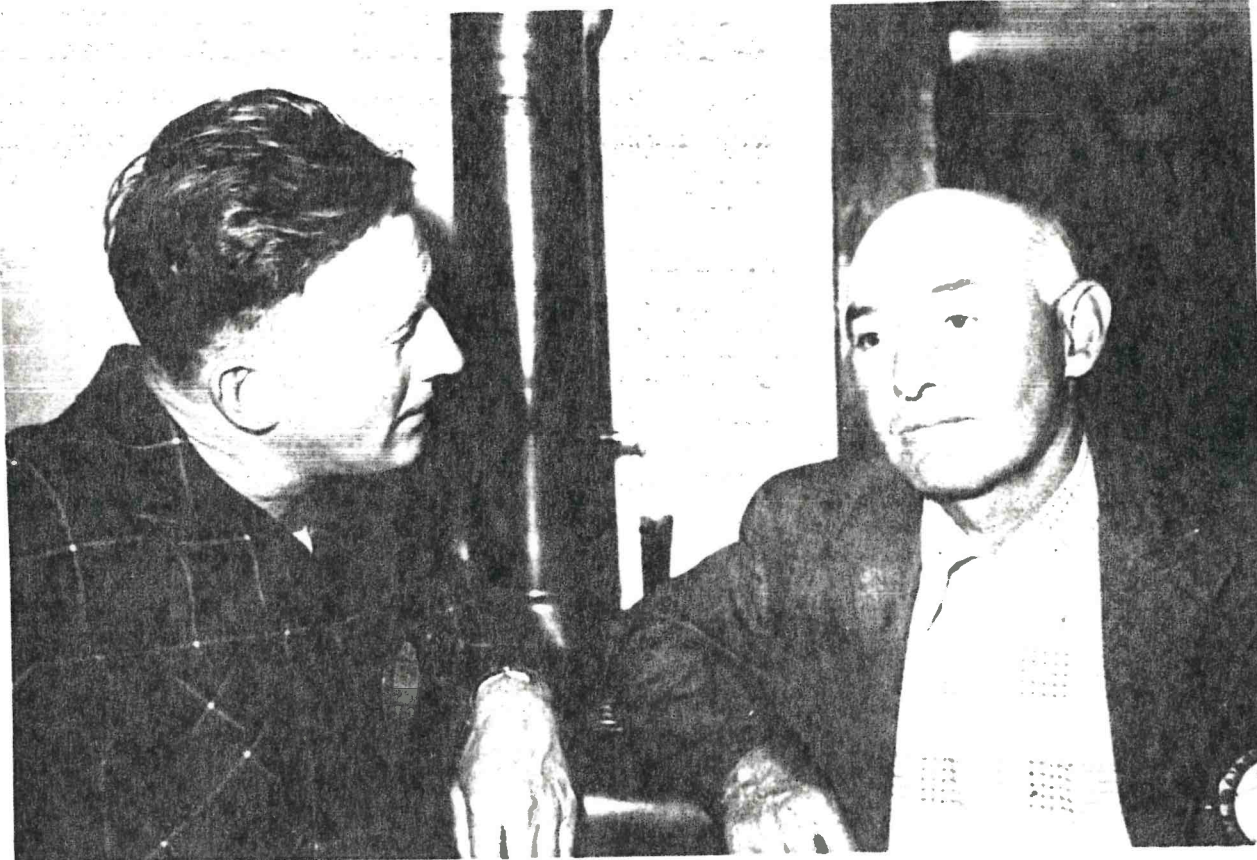
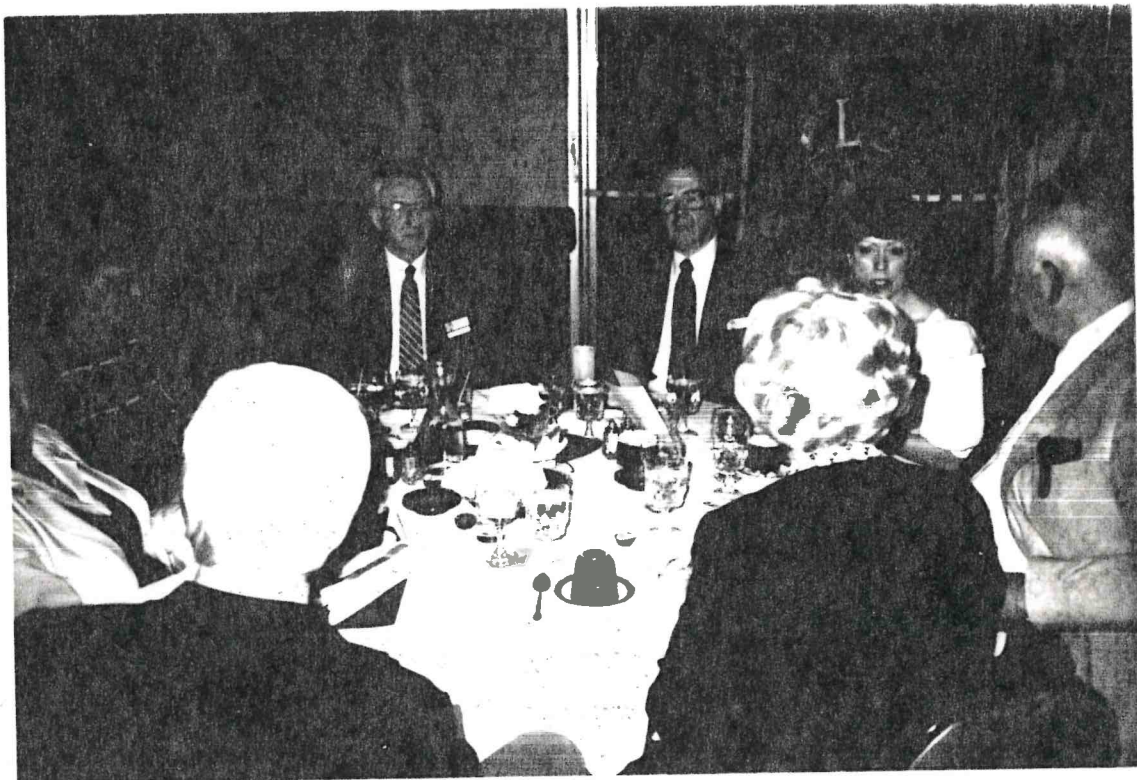
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Mickey 1960

Clark Sherman

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1986



Mickey Clark

Clark Sherman



Mickey

Terry

Bob

Eddy

Buchat

Bob Barker
Lions Club
Banquet for
— Scholars & Athletes
Banquet

THE GREENBANK FARM

In the early 1900s there existed in Seattle, a company Named Calvin Philips & Company. Calvin Philips was president and chairman of the board; who the other officers were at that time I do not know. The company dealt in real estate and what-ever else I do not know.

At that time it was customary for certain companys to form a stock holding company for some reason or other, have a big promotion with a lot of tricky advertising in newspapers back East to promote the building of the West, and in fact, that is how a lot of the West was developed.

I am not sure when the "Brain" child was first born, but at any rate Calvin Philips & Company purchased a large parcel of land on Whidby Island at a place which they named Greenbank. They formed a stock holding company which they called The Greenbank Company and proceeded to sell stock to affluent Easterners.

People were brought in to clear land, many of whom were chinese. It was decided to make a big dairy farm of it , so barns & houses were built, a manager hired by the name of Richards, who was also a veterenarian. The name Greenbank Farm was registered and for a few years the dairy flourished, shipping out butter, cheese & milk. To this day you can still purchase Greenbank Farm cheese on the market.

Of course to accomodate all this a dock had to be built and a hotel, store and postoffice established with daily boat service to the mainland. A lot of the old settlers in the area were people that at one time or another had been im-
ployed on the farm.

Then came a day of disaster. It was discovered that the herd of milk cows had contacted tuberculosis and had to be disposed of. The young stock was sold at auction.

So the thriving dairy that at one time was considered one of the top in the northwest at last came to a screeching halt. Whether it ever paid any money to the stockholders or not is hard to say, but one can guess.

Then came a reorganization. the company decided to get out of the dairy business altogether and go into general farming. Of the original hired help, a manager, blacksmith and three teamsters were retained and for several years the farm was busy raising grain, berries, sheep, and a few cows.

Then came the depression and things came pretty much to a standstill. a herd of about 125 sheep was retained along with a dozen cows, a bull and some young heifers and the operation simmerd down to a one person operation with extra help hired as and when needed.

By that time most of the surrounding property had been parceled out and sold. At one time a fishing resort was established and more of the waterfront sold. Finally the farm proper was sold to Pomerelle(sp) who planted a lot of logan berrys for their wine business.

Two things were against the farm from the beginning. One was unproductive soil and the lack of rain. Rainfall in that part of the Island is about 15 inches per year and occurs mostly in the winter

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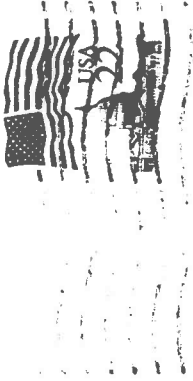
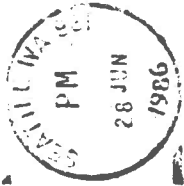
Sorry to be so late with this Mick but it was hard to settle down and get it typed up. It is just a general outline and for your purpose, is probably all you need.

It was so nice meeting with you folks the other day. We enjoyed the conversation and the food and hope to do it again soon.

Ray

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Bellingham, Washington 98225



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The Greenbank Farm



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January 9, 1913.

Mr. A. E. Bailey,
c/o Mr. E. R. Mann,
339 Sansome St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Will you write me at my Tacoma office, giving me the full name of your sister who owns an interest in the Whidby Island land.

*Susie Lee Hancock, Half sister of Emily.
Adopted daughter of her mother and father.
and Susan Hancock -*

It may be of interest to you and to her to know that during the recent heavy storm here the natural dike that has protected the marsh from salt water was forced open and the marsh is now one large lake. The damage to the Hancock land, as well as ours, by this salt water is considerable as the land, if ever reclaimed, must have the salt worked out of it before it can be made to produce the average crops.

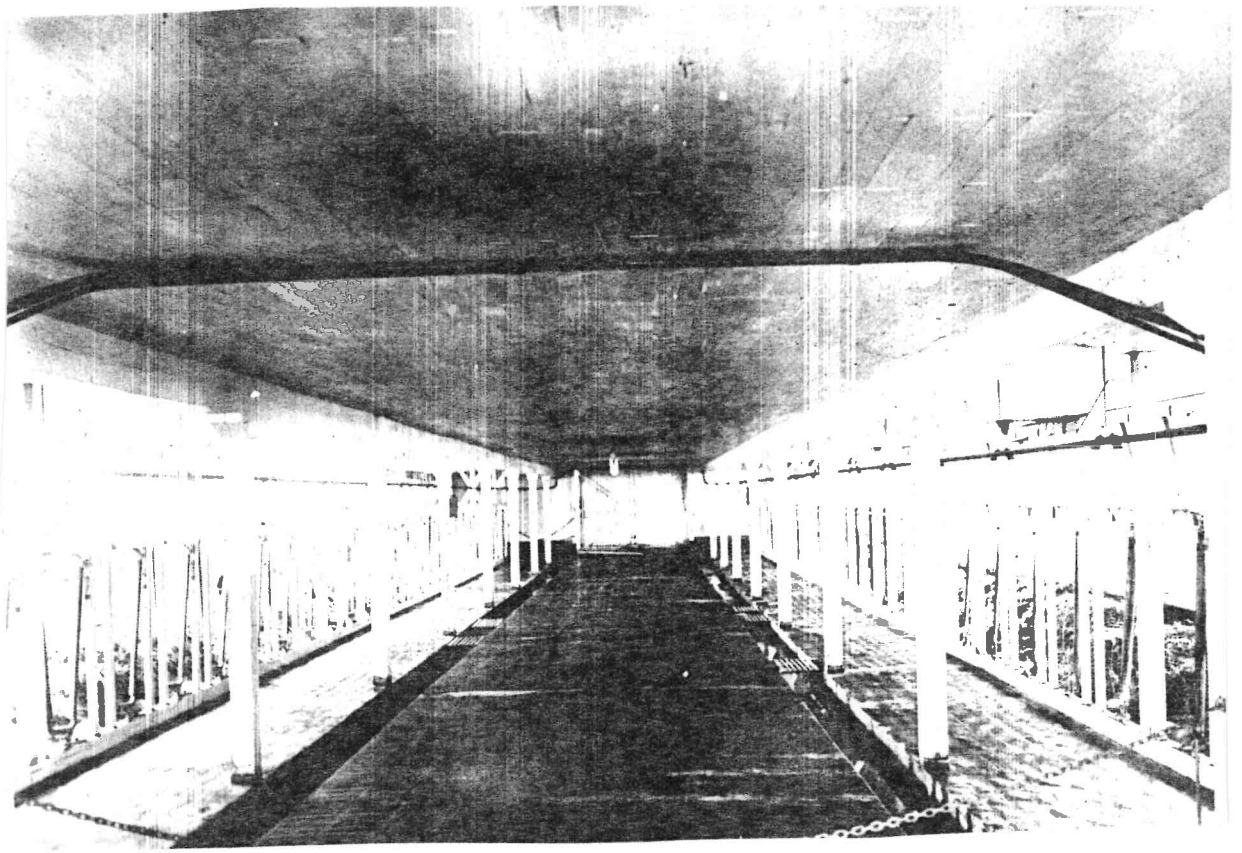
Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, I am,

Very truly yours,

Calvin Philips

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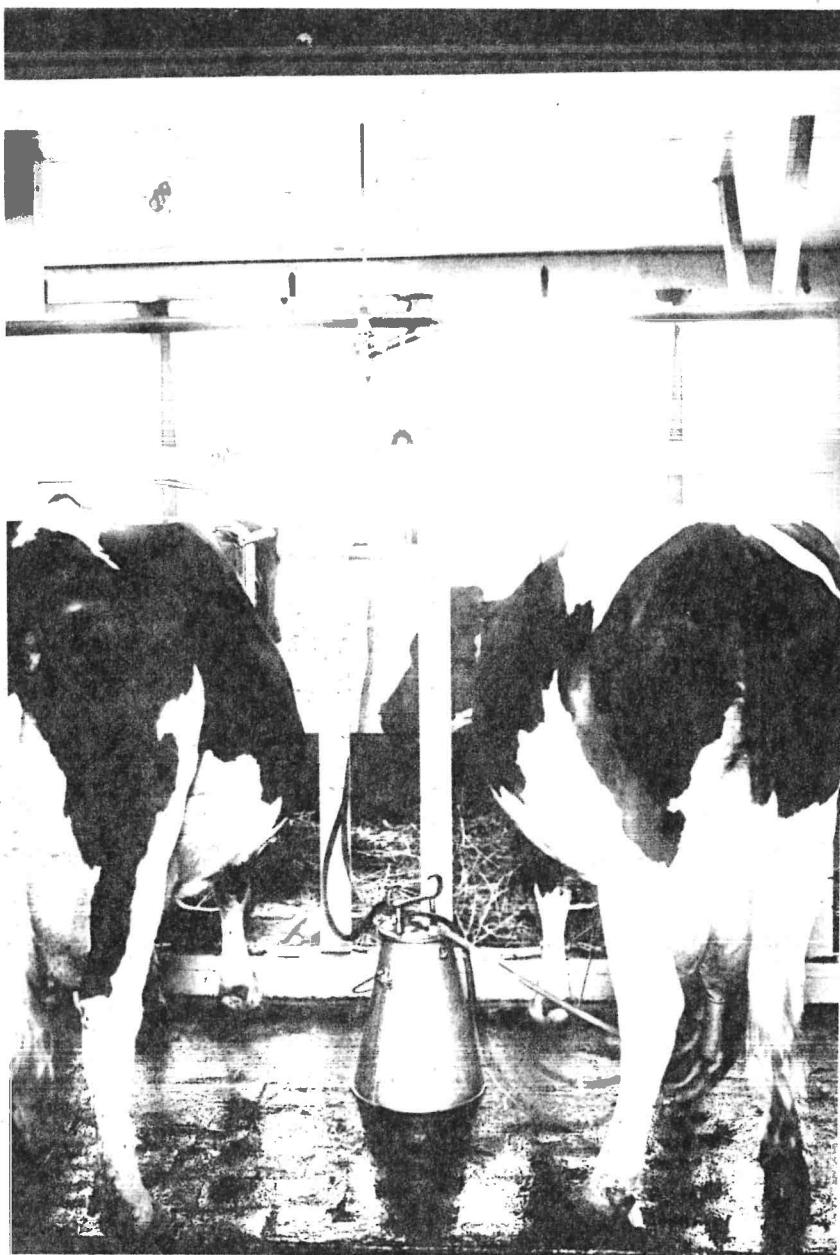
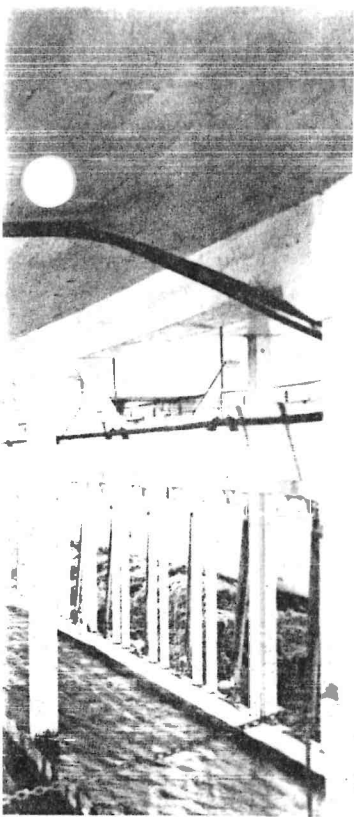
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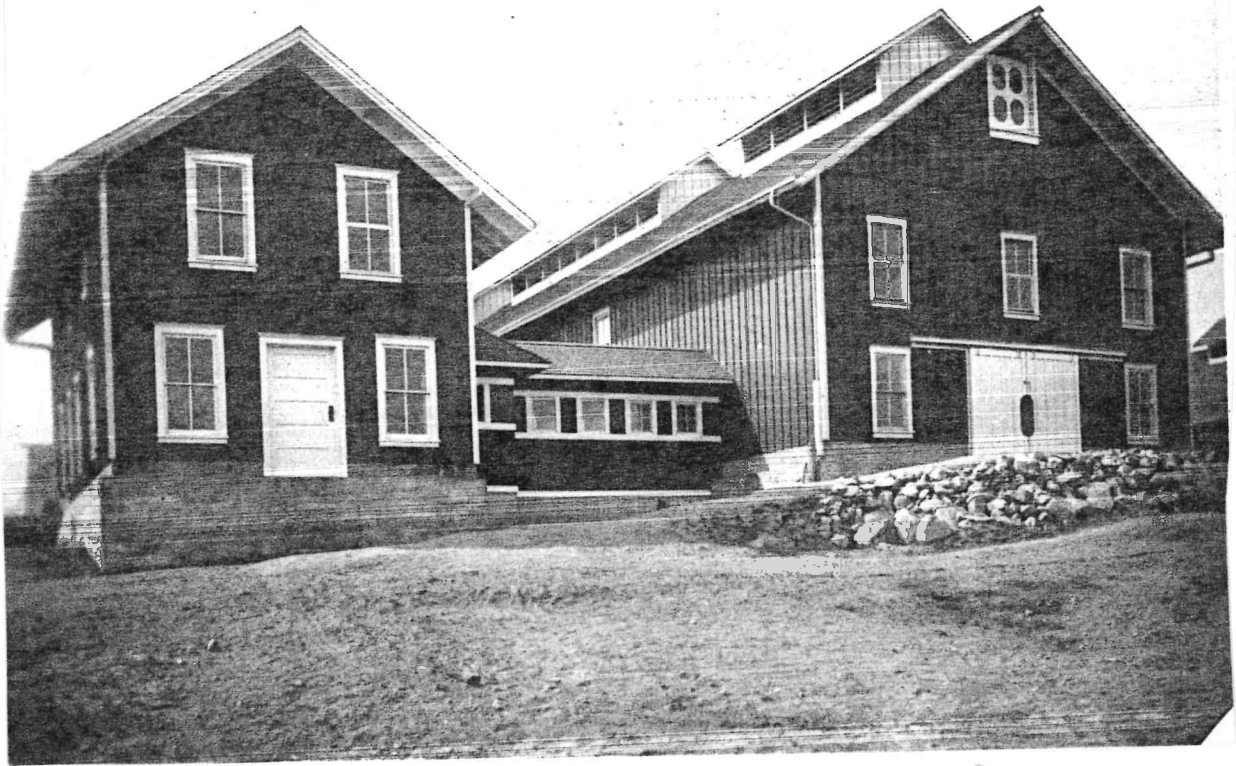
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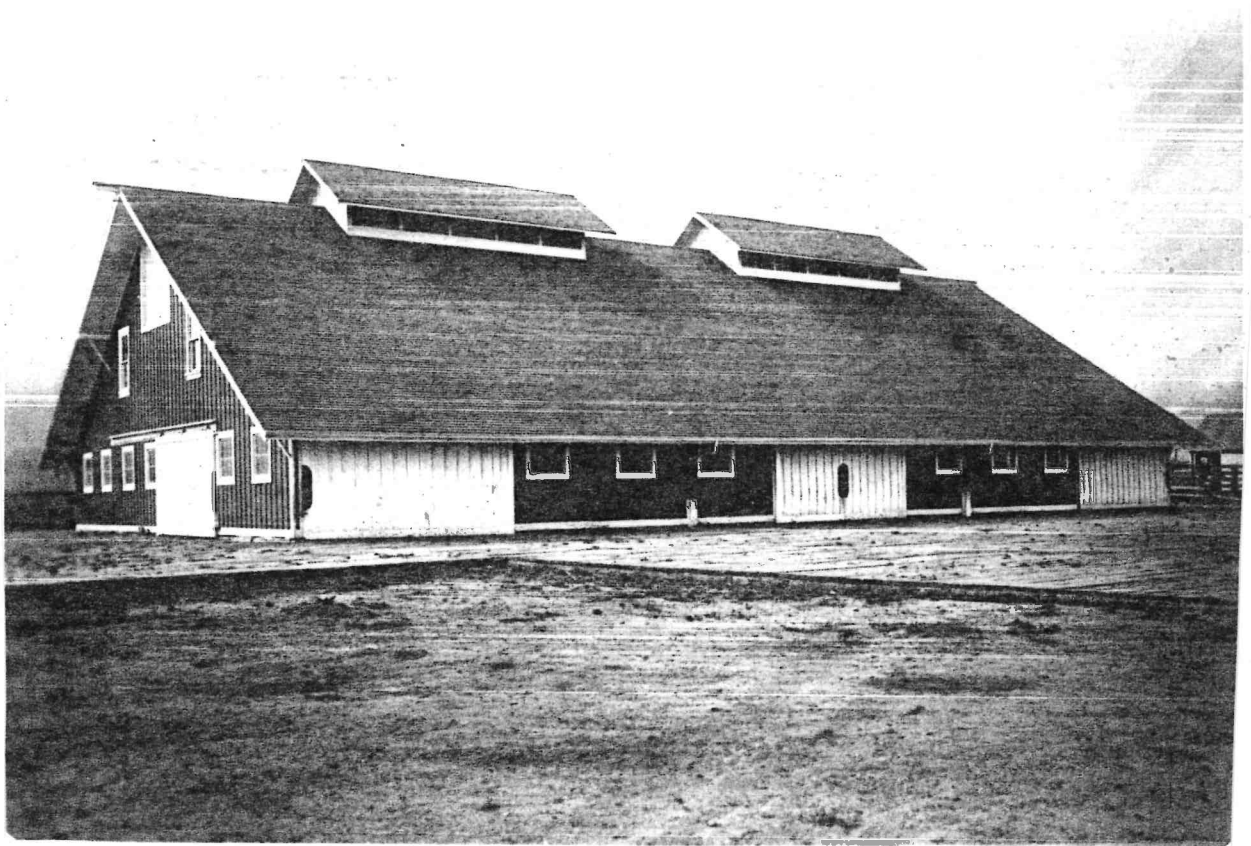
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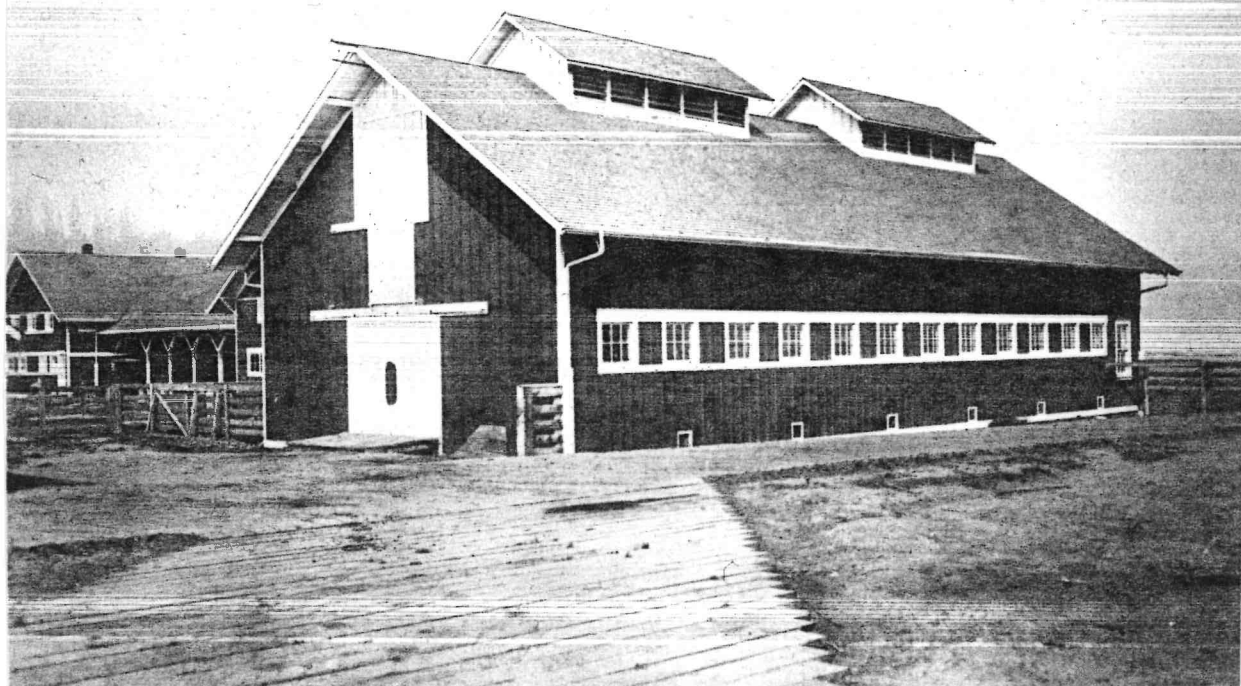


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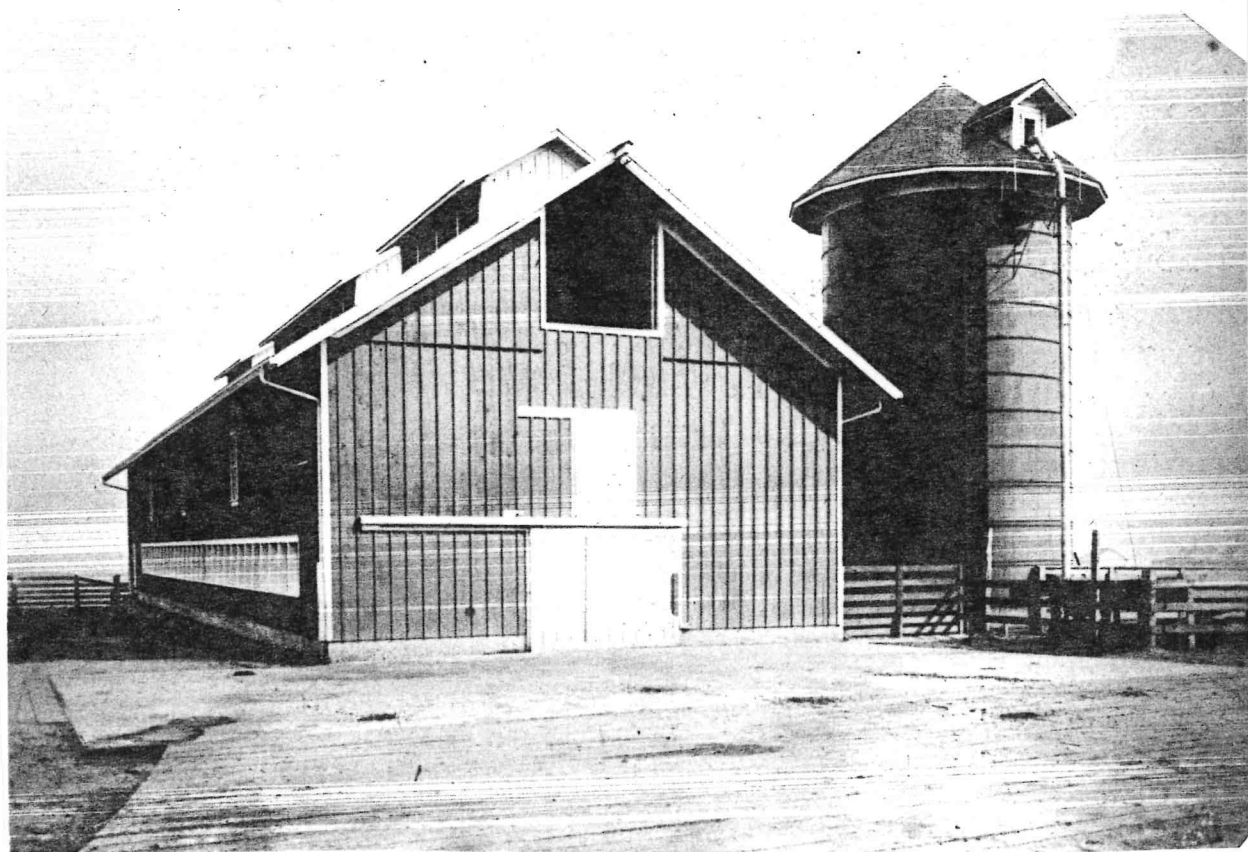
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Loafing Barn (Ladies Rest Room)



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West end of milking Barn - Silo blew down in 1955

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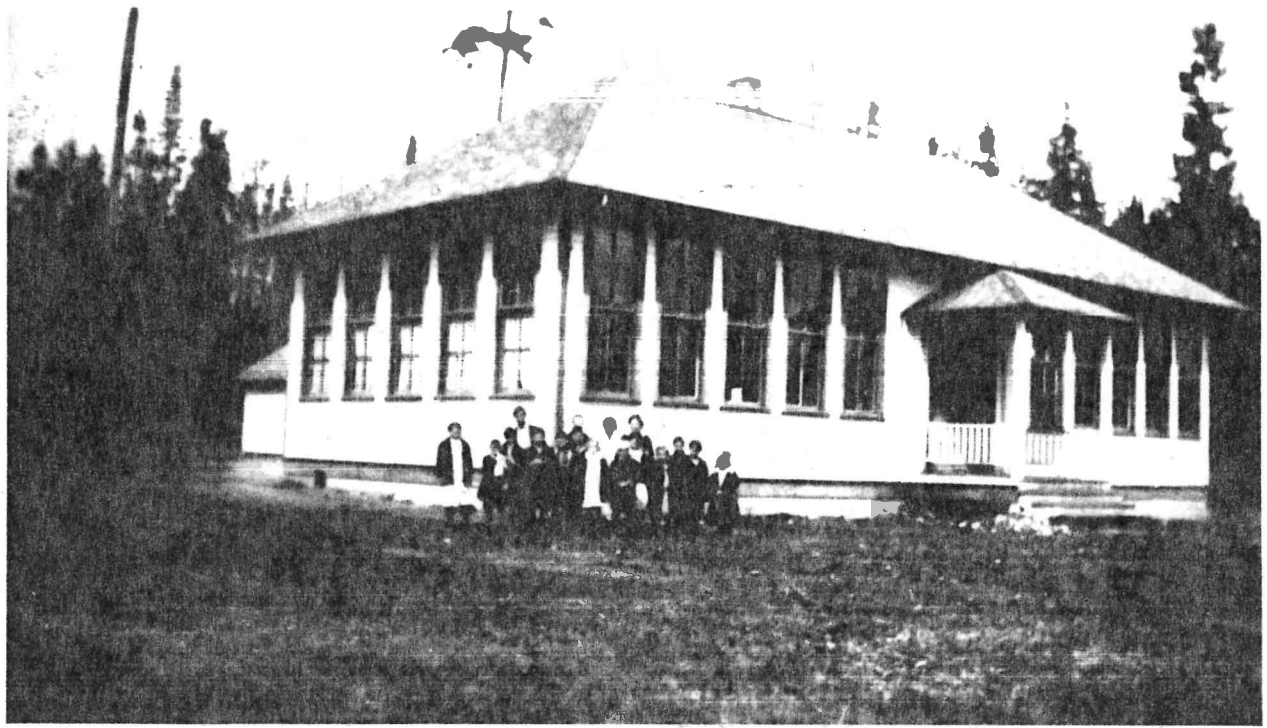
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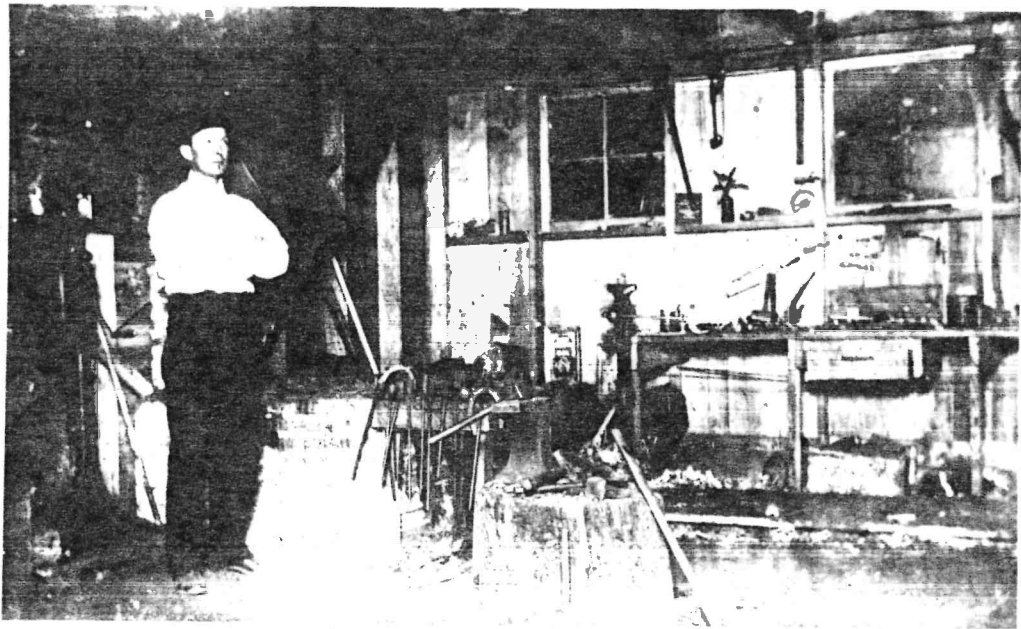
Man who built Jackson House - Mr. James Jackson,
H. Haysworth

Mrs. Jackson, Dean Jackson Bratsberg





Greenbank School



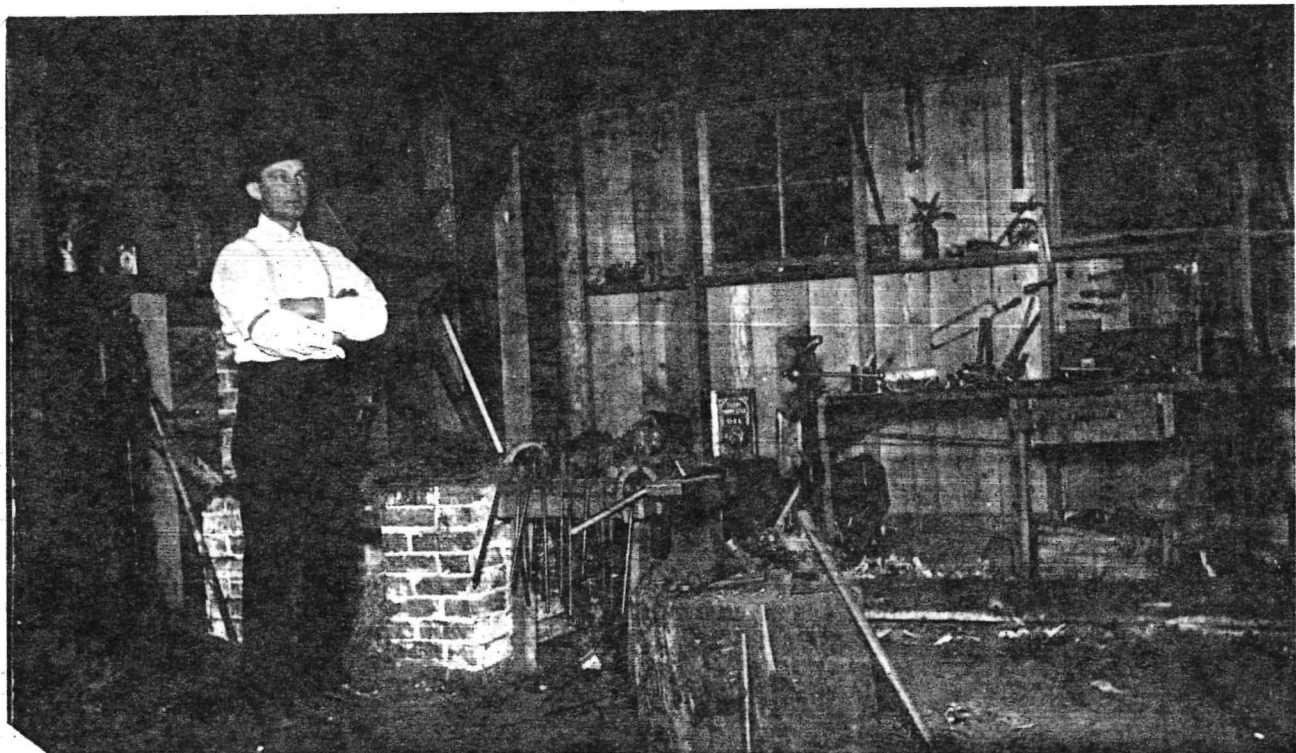
Greenbank Farm Blacksmith Shop - 1915
Mr. James A. Jackson, Blacksmith (Father of Dean Bratsberg)



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James Jackson - "Flashlight Photo."

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Frozen Salt Water at Greenbank
Mr. & Mrs. Engstrom
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Top row L to R.

Carl Engstrom Vern Day Sid Amundson Ann Engstrom Warren Day Hank Johnson Anton Larson (Beach) Krang

Mrs Paul Jackson Engstrom Mrs Bowers Olson Miss Larson Scougale Mrs A Larson Scougale Clara Larson Alma Larson Mrs R Jackson (Bush) Mr Larson Bush Mr Larson

Agnes Elsie Engstrom Alex Jack Engstrom Mack Engstrom Mack Harb Ray Alfred Freda Larson Dagne Jackson Leon McFay (Baxter)



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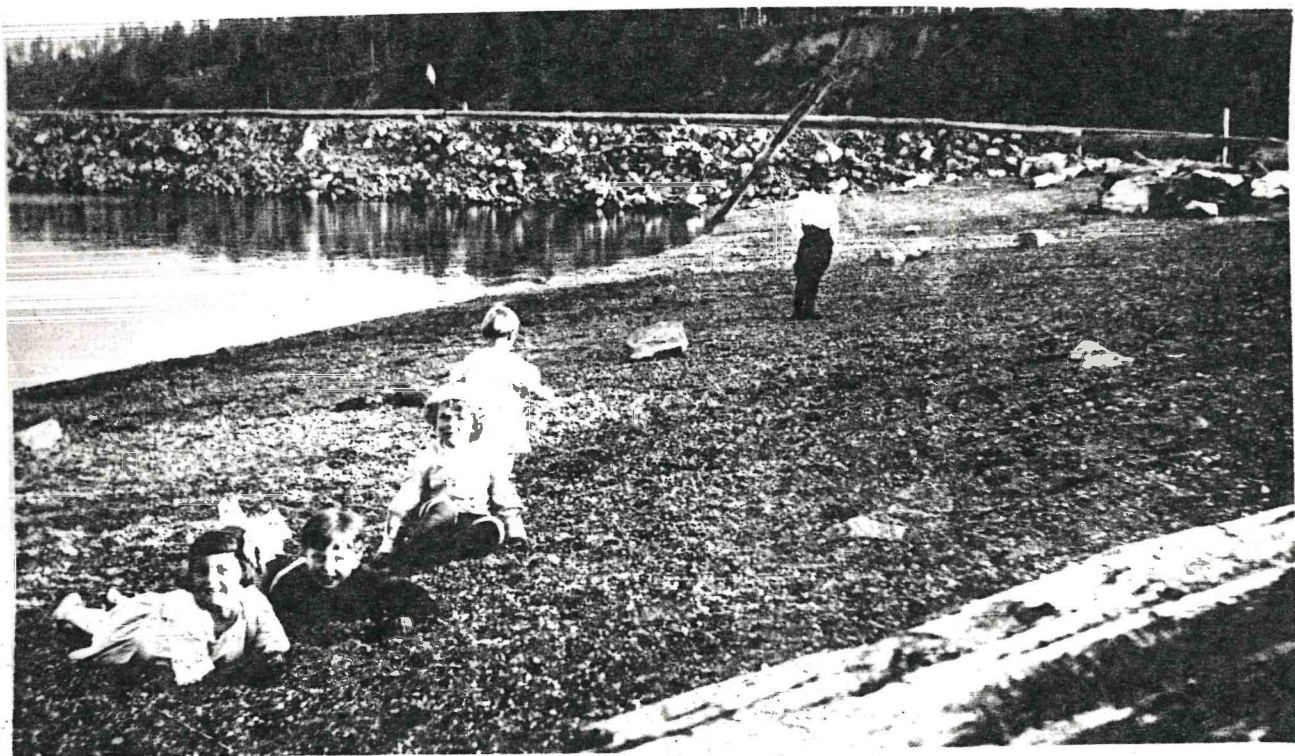
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Art & Dean (Jackson) Bratsberg Store

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Dean Jackson,
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Paul Jackson
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Playing on Beach in front of

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Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Jackson

Dean Jackson



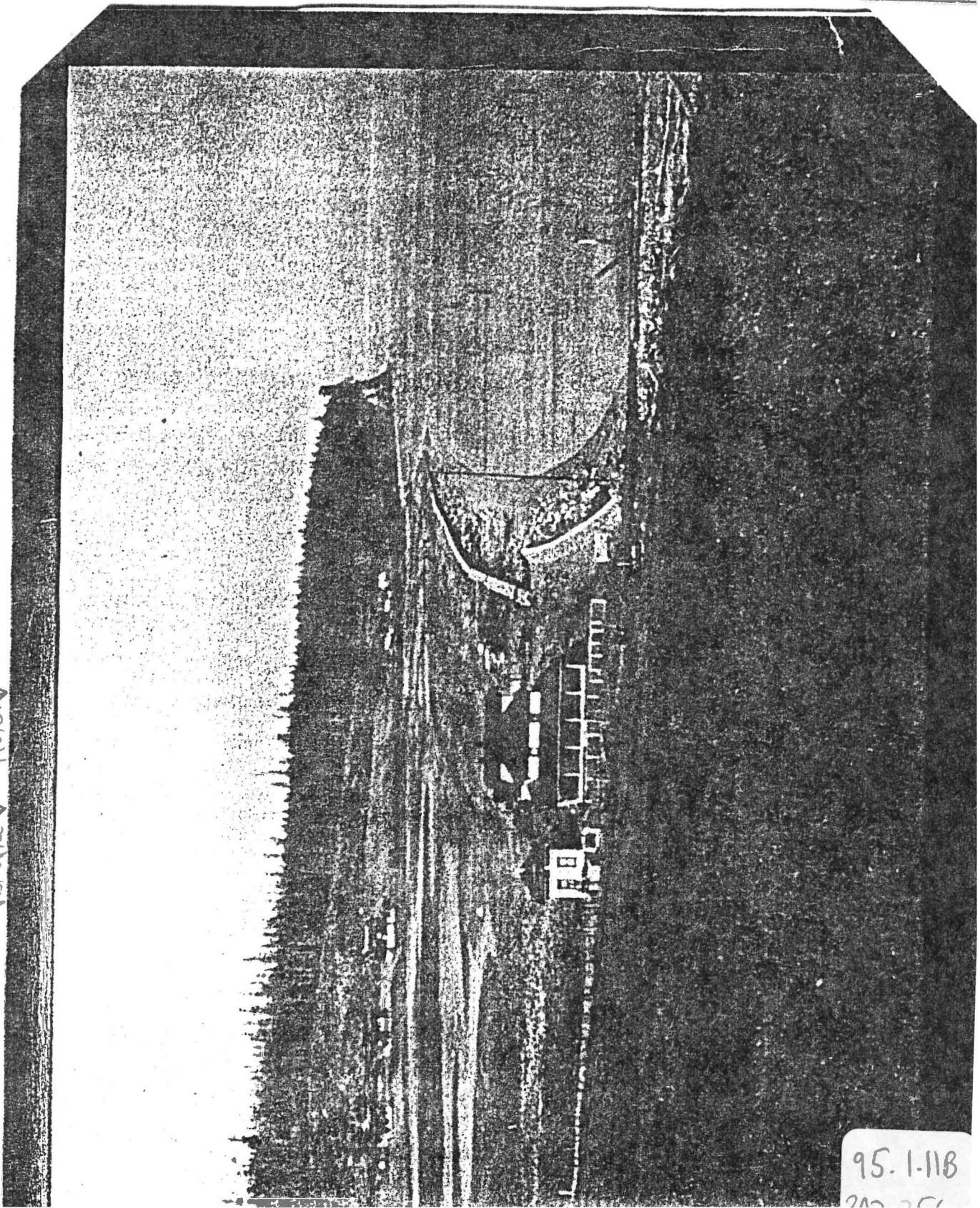
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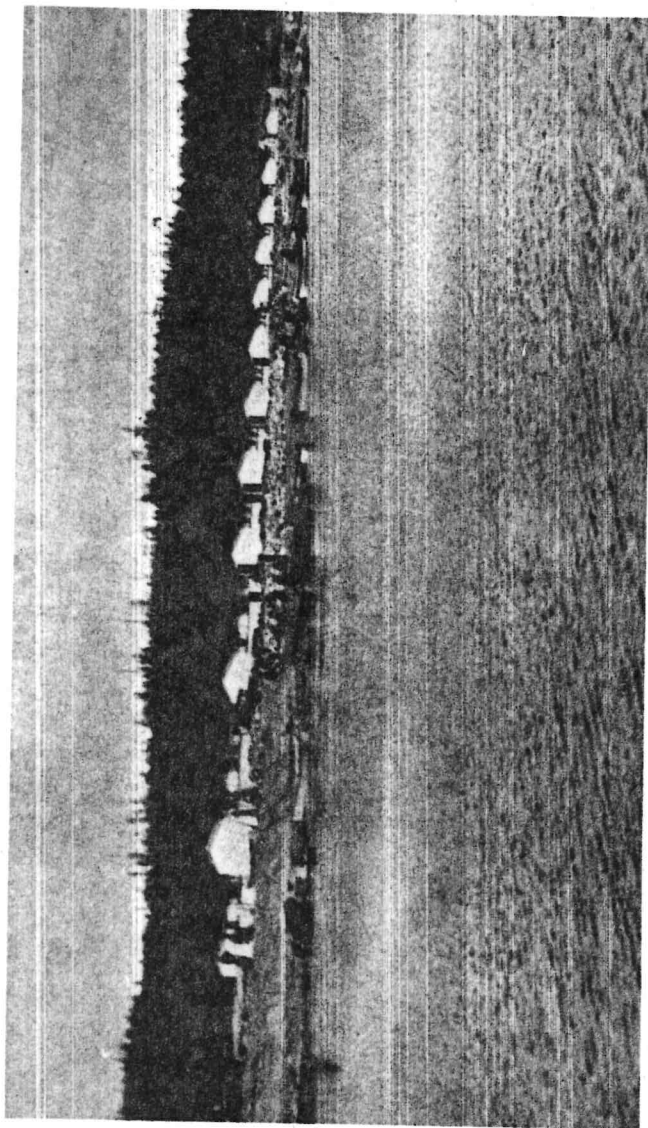
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PRATT'S RESORT BEACH - EARLY 1930's



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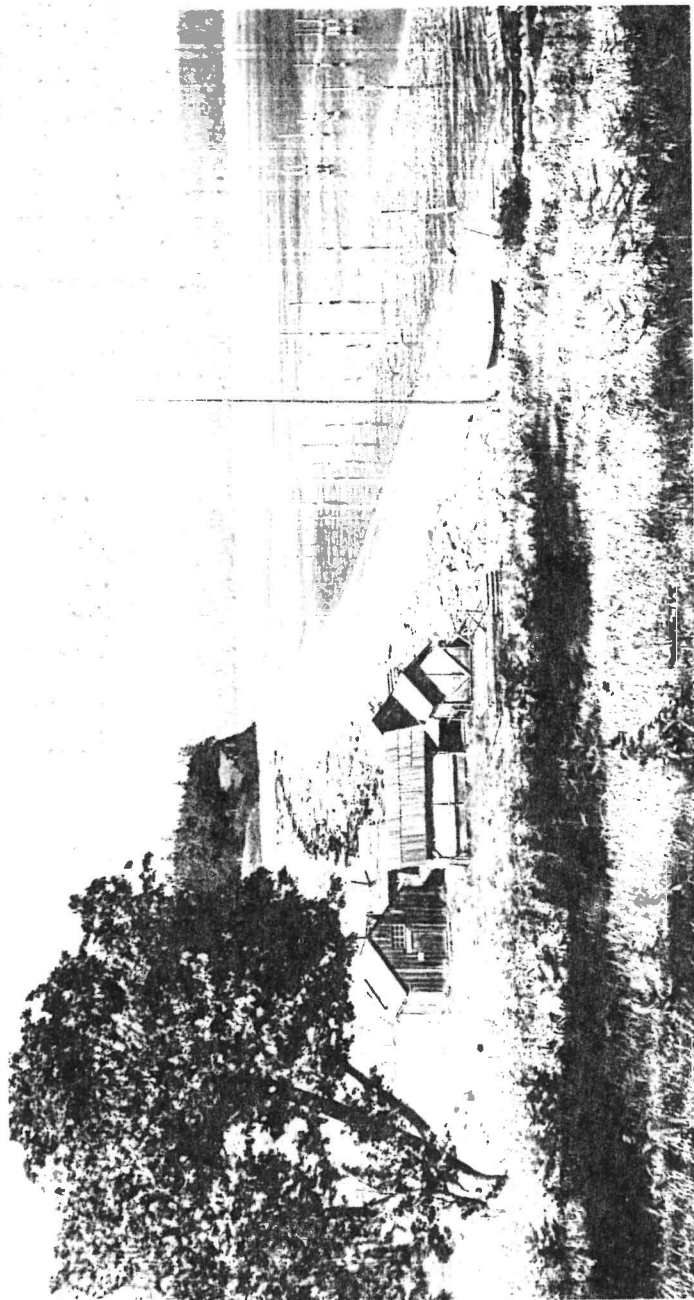
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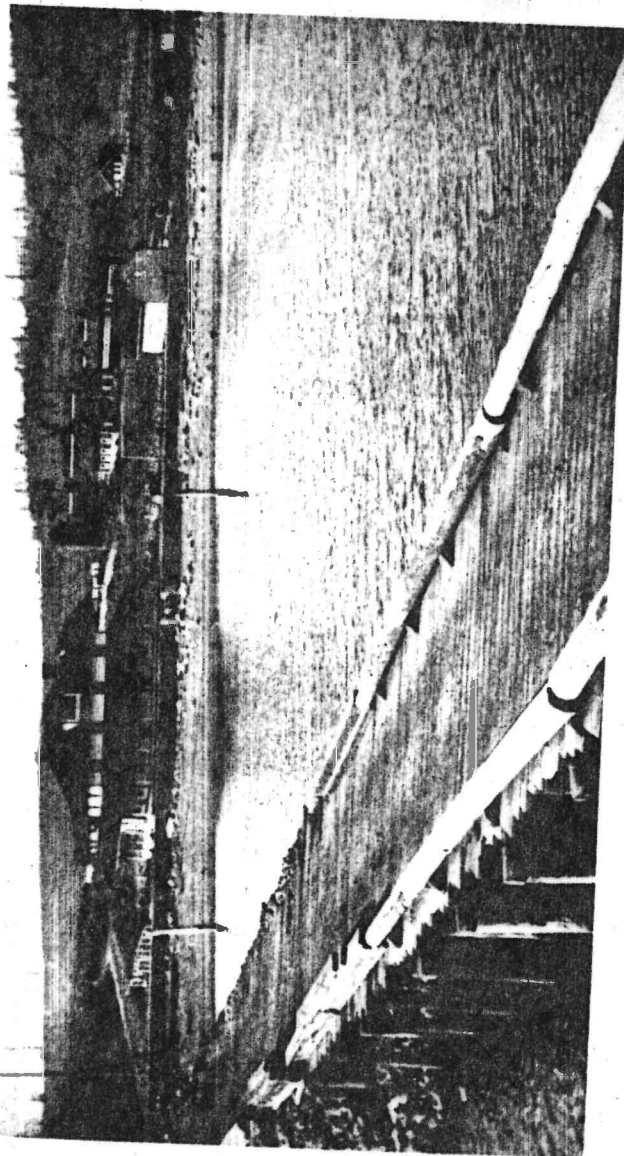
2. Greenbank beach house - camp - boat -
piling - extreme low tide - North Bluffs
before - Hotel - P.O. + store

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8. Greenbank Hotel - Store & Post Office {1908-1915}
 Run by Alex Engstrom

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GREENBANK HOTEL - 1908



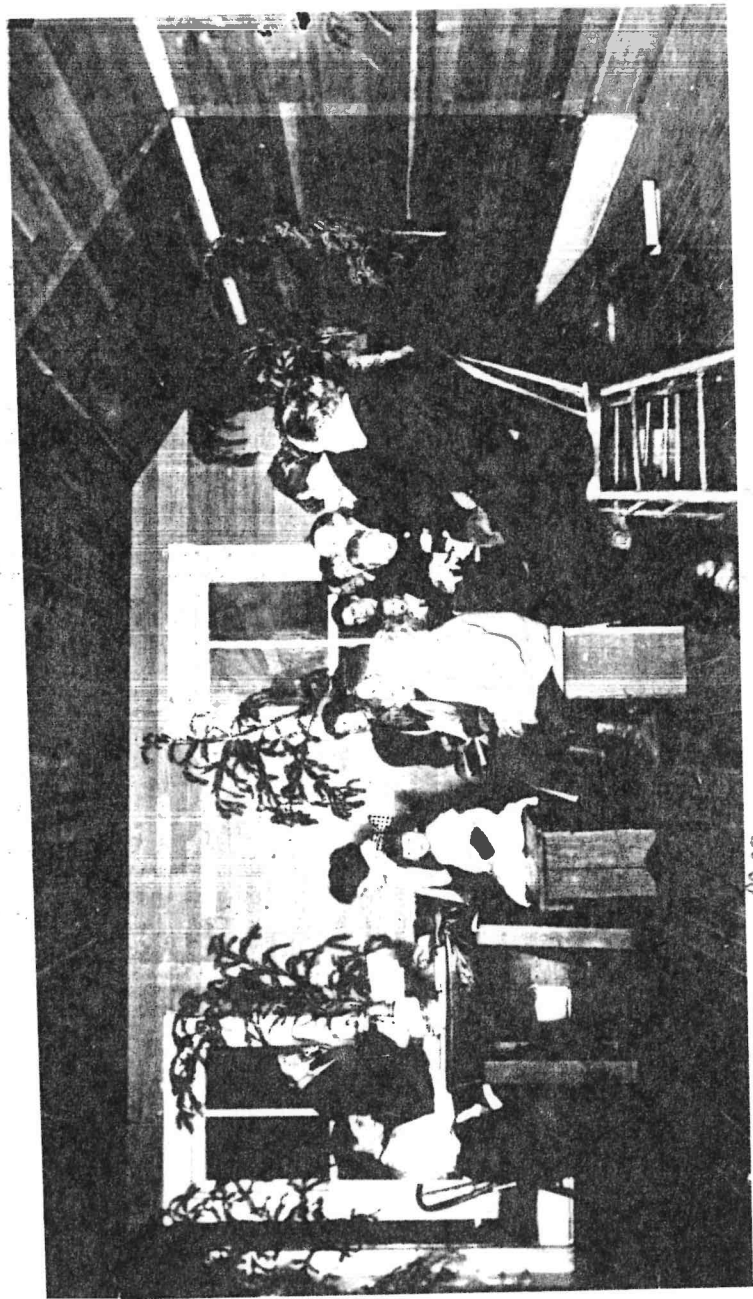
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1. Early R.T.A. At Greenbank"
 Berthg - Mrs Engstrom - Dean - In Bunkhouse
 on the farm
 D.J.B.

PTA meeting in the
 Greenbank Farm Bunkhouse.

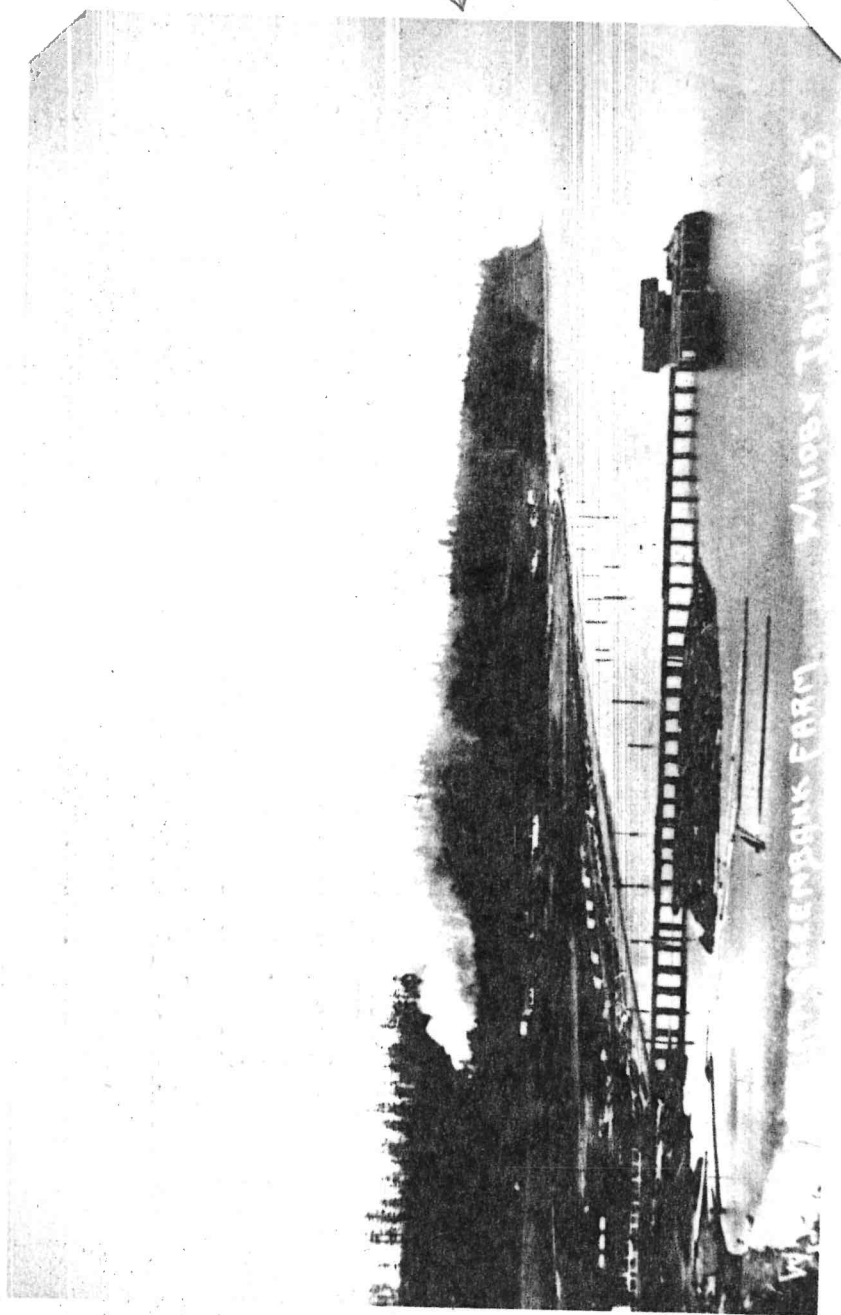


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Greenbank Dock

Greenbank? It's in Washington

EVER hear of Greenbank, Wash.?

Mrs. A. W. Bratsberg, wife of the Greenbank store owner, is willing to wager that you haven't, and she thinks it's a shame her home town isn't better known.

"When one is shopping in Seattle and gives our address, the clerks all look blank and wonder if it is in Washington," Mrs. Bratsberg reports plaintively. "Hope you will find room in your column some day for this."

Well, Mrs. Bratsberg of Greenbank, Wash., your plea has touched The Stroller's heart, so here is not only the requested "mention" of Greenbank, Wash., but also all the information and background that diligent research could turn up.

From the Washington Historical Quarterly: "Greenbank—A Postoffice on the eastern shore of Whidby Island at the entrance to Holmes Harbor, Island County. The name was given in 1906 by Calvin Phillips in honor of his boyhood home, Greenbank, Dela."

That leads, of course, to Calvin Phillips, Sr., retired Seattle real-estate man.

Phillips, now 88, was commissioned soon after the Spanish-American War to sell 10,000 acres on Whidby Island. His organization sold 5,000 acres at the north end of the island in less than a month, at prices ranging from \$15 to \$25 an acre. He also purchased a block of 1,500 acres for himself, stretching completely across the island just above Holmes Harbor.

It was this huge and beautiful sweep of land, mostly forested, that Phillips named after his Delaware birthplace. Several years later, he started an experimental farm on the property, stocking it with Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle, one of the finest herds in the Pacific Northwest. It was a big operation, with fine buildings and many employees.

The farm prospered and was a showplace until, during the First World War, the herd became infected with tuberculosis and it was necessary to destroy all the cattle.

The experimental farm then was leased out for a few years, largely for general farming and for sheep grazing. After that, the cleared portion of the property was sold to a wine company which has enhanced its beauty by planting row on row of berry vines on the rolling hills overlooking the picturesque harbor.

There, Mrs. Bratsberg of Greenbank, Wash., does that satisfy you? Or should it be added that The Stroller's research disclosed that your father was a carpenter and blacksmith employed by Phillips on his experimental farm and you spent your girlhood on those pleasant breezy-swept acres of which you still are so proud?

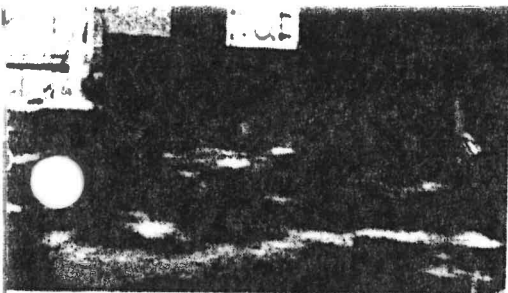
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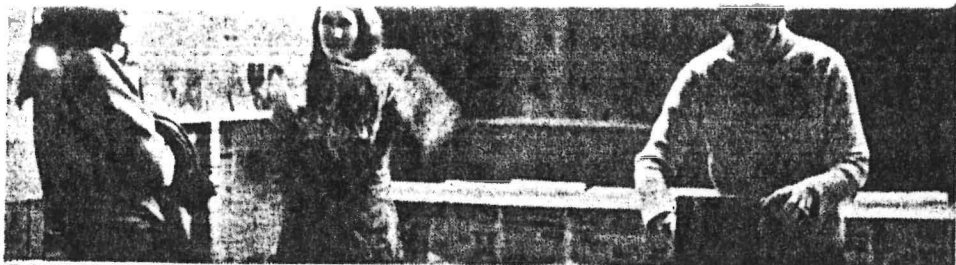
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Appendix

EBEY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORIC RESERVE



the plank sitter. The target in this instance was.



BONITA ELFSTROM and crew gets the 5 Center Want Ad booth ready for the opening of the 1974 Island County Fair. The booth was visited by thousands.

COUPEVILLE DOCK CHANGES HANDS

A deal was closed this week by which Albert Calhoun of Ballard, a nephew of J. F. Wanamaker, Ex-Sheriff Rosenfield and County Treasurer H. T. Wanamaker became the owners of the Coupeville dock. The transaction has been under consideration for over a week, but not being closed The Times refrained from giving the news until it was a certainty. The principal stockholders of the Coupeville Wharf Company were: Albert Kineth, his mother, Mrs. Jane Kineth, Sam Hancock and F. A. LeSourd, with J. F. Wanamaker owning a small interest. The dock was built in the summer of 1906 at a cost of about \$8,000, so we understand. The corporation was capitalized for \$14,000 which was afterwards raised to \$20,000, but not all of this additional stock was sold. The consideration for the present transaction is \$10,000.

The Coupeville wharf is one of the best on the sound; it has done a good business and we believe the young men who have made the purchase have secured a good proposition.

An important real estate transaction was also one of the results of the wharf being sold. Herman Wanamaker, who recently bought the old Rockwell place on Ebey's Prairie of Mrs. Mattie Baker, traded this place to Sam Hancock on the wharf deal. Mr. Hancock then trades the ranch to his brother, Ben Hancock, for his ranch near the school house. The Rockwell place contained about seven acres and the Hancock place five acres.

E. O. Lovejoy of the Island Manufacturing Company, was a business visitor to Seattle Tuesday.

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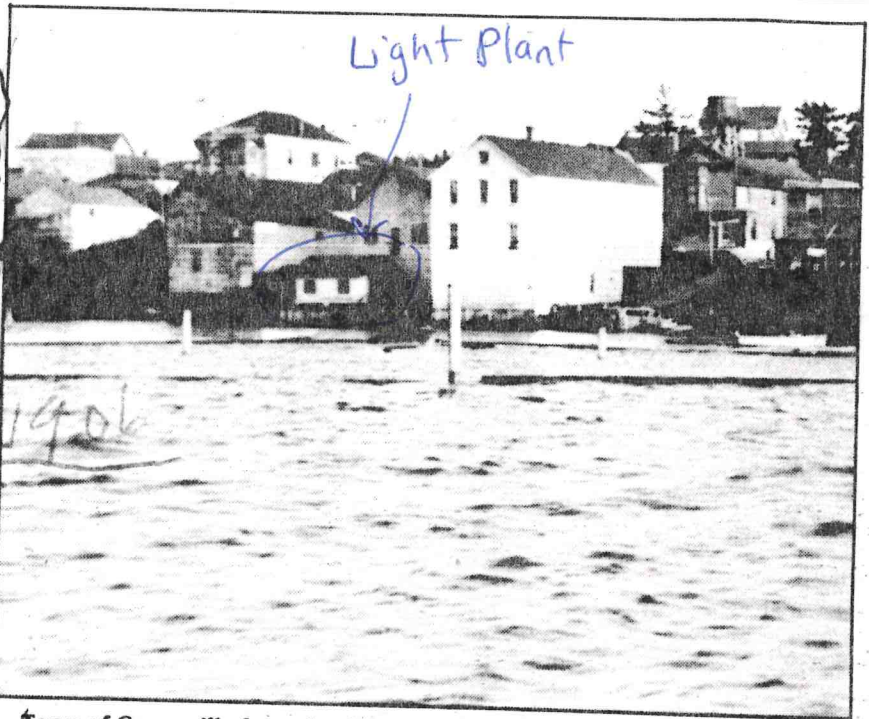
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Schools Grew from Mrs. Ebey's Concern

The need for education was recognized by Mrs. Isaac N. Ebey, who noted in her 1850 diary that a school was needed for the few children in the area of Ebey's Landing.

The pioneers brought in teachers and preachers to instruct and counsel, knowing that both academic and spiritual growth was necessary to complement the physical fitness of pioneers who worked the land for survival.

In 1887 the need for a school with preparatory courses for college was felt. Charles C. Terry of Coupeville is credited with originating the idea for such a school when he was a member of the legislature from Island County in 1885-86. Terry talked with the Rev. C. C. Cole, in charge of missionary work for Washington for the Congregational Church, and convinced him that Coupeville was a suitable site for such an institution.

Whidbey Islanders, excited over the prospect of the school, answered the proposition that the people donate land and raise a building and the church promised to raise an endowment of \$10,000. The entire amount was subscribed within two days!

Mrs. Thomas Coupe, widow of the man for whom the town of Coupeville is named, donated 20 acres of land, J. E. Ebey donated 10 acres, and Dr. J.A. Highwarden, who had built a large hospital building, agreed to dispose of the same for college purposes



Coupeville district schools in the early 1920s, elementary school at left, outgrowth of the school needs since 1850, following the Puget Sound Academy era.

poses and to donate \$500 from the price. Other residents donated from \$10 to \$50 and the Puget Sound Academy opened in 1887.

The Rev. George Lindsay was principal, and there were classes in natural sciences, music, drawing, algebra, geometry, rhetoric, and natural philosophy.

The Congregational Church, organized in the meantime, was pastored by the school principal, who, within a year, vacated the Academy post in favor of the church. The Rev. Charles E. Newberry succeeded him.

Newberry is credited with promoting the school to the point where its registraton included

students from Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma and as far north as Blaine. Many of Whidbey Island's first families sent their girls and boys to the boarding school.

The late Carl Engle, recalling a busy day in Coupeville during the early 1890s, wrote: "At about 8:30 a.m., had you looked up the hill to the spot now occupied by the house of Captain Vane (just north of the Masonic Hall), you would have seen a number of young people gathering around a building which was the most sightly building ever erected in the town, because of its location and also because it was a good sized two-story building with a full basement, making it look like a three-story building."

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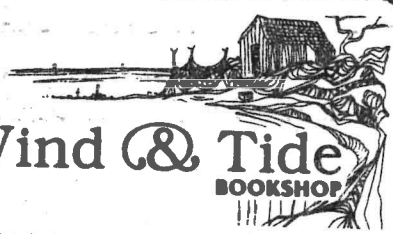


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