

Black Diamond Cemetery



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General Membership Meeting



Hear Ye, Year Ye, Hear Ye... The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 26th at 1PM at the museum. Before the business meeting there will be some very special entertainment. Some of our Board Members will be presenting a program named "Black Diamond and How It Came To Be". Music will be provided by Steve Israel, Narration by Don Mason, and

Pictures by Dee Israel. This promises to be an unforgettable program; so be sure to attend and enjoy the fun. Steve Israel has recorded a musical CD about Black Diamond and coal mining as he sings songs that he wrote. Available for \$15 plus shipping and part of those proceeds go to the museum. Thanks Steve .

"Black Diamond and How It Came To Be"

October 26th
1pm





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What Secrets Do Our Cemeteries Hold?

I love Fall, it is by far my favorite season. Growing up in Eastern Washington, there is more definition in the seasons. I could walk through the woods with little underbrush to impede my journey, the pine needles cushioned each foot step until you reached leaves and then they crunched underfoot. The air crisp, the fog comes and goes without warning blanketing the scenery and as it begins to lift, the sun filters through adding to the feeling you were walking with God and he was whispering to you all the secrets you needed to know, if you listened hard enough. The brilliant oranges, rusts, deep reds and purple covered the hillside in a symphonic chorus of color.

A MESSAGE from the EDITOR



LEIH
MULVIHILL

Then I would explore old cemeteries. I loved the sense of history, the old tombstones covered in moss, the mausoleums locked up tight against trespassers. The early morning mist swirling around each monument as ghosts caught dancing. For one of my photography projects, I took pictures of the ancient stones, as the light changed, you could see something completely different, sometimes catching glimpses of the faded words telling stories of beloved people. I wondered how long they had lain silent without a visitor.

October is also the month of ghosts and goblins so I found it fitting to explore surrounding cemeteries. Seeing how I'm tied to the store these days, my exploring will have to be online and not in person. I also included a report published for the City of Black Diamond on their investigation of our cemetery on page 8. It is only a portion of the actual investigation, more of their report can be found on the Puget Sound Ghost Hunters website, the link is provided at the end of the article.

Enjoy your visit through our local cemeteries.

~Leih Mulvihill
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"I just started working the graveyard shift at the cemetery. Come to think of it, every shift at the cemetery is the graveyard shift."

Jarod Kintz, This Book is Not for Sale



President's Message: Fall & Winter 2014

The Society has been extremely busy this past quarter. Following Miners Day the Fire Truck Project really went full speed ahead to be ready for the Labor Day Parade. At Miners Day we featured the truck on a low boy truck and dedicated it as part of the museum's collection. It was the first pumper fire truck in Black Diamond and could

pump water out of a lake to fight fires as well as fill its 500 gallon water tank from the lake.

The truck is a labor of love for many volunteers and they really stepped up to get it running for the Labor Day Parade. Fire Chief

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



KEITH WATSON

President's letter
Oct 2014

Smith had his Fire trucks at the lead of the parade and our restored fire truck was scheduled to be 12th participant in the line-up for the parade. Chief Smith told us to change positions and follow his lead truck in the parade; the regular fire men were in awe of the restored 1947 Ford Howard-Cooper truck that purred like a kitten and had the old siren going throughout the parade. Kid's rode the fire truck and distributed candy to the kids watching the parade. What a wonderful tradition with a full crowd alongside the parade route cheering us on.

Joe Androsko, the manager of the restoration project, is the designated driver and after the parade parked the truck at the museum for everybody to see. Across the street in and around the Eagles building were over a hundred show cars so the fire truck really must have been right at home. See the article on the fire truck elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Society had another 50 memorial paver bricks inscribed in the walkway at the Coal Miners' Honor Garden. This would be a good time to order a paver for someone as a Christmas gift. We see people stopping by the Coal Miners



PHOTO: BOB DOBSON

Statue and memorial wall to remember those who worked so hard in the coal mining industry. We have many people tell us that their relatives worked in the coal mines and they really appreciate the Honor Garden. Thank you to all who have supported this project and please know that the Coal Miners' Honor garden is very close to our heart's and to our visitor's hearts.

Last year we started a new tradition at Christmas time with the afternoon and early evening event called "Home Town Christmas" and it occurred along Railroad Avenue from the Bakery to the Museum. Fun was had by all and this year we will be featuring, weather permitting, a hay ride, narrated Christmas

stories, Santa at the Bakery, a live Snow Man at the Museum, open house at the Museum, Films at the Museum, roving carolers, ladies old fashion dress show, outdoor Christmas tree lighting, and the merchants will be participating with special items of interest. The event

will occur on December 13th from 1 to 4 PM. Come and bring kids, grown-up kids, and yourself to enjoy this special celebration of Christmas.

Check out our Web page that has been updated and check for a date in the new year (2015) that we will be having a "Shoveunder" at the Museum. What is a Shoveunder – well it is an exchange of gifts party that will feature Christmas gifts that were shoved under the bed. Gifts that were not really wanted by yourself and this party is designed to help you re-gift that special item that you received at Christmas but did not care to keep.



~Keith
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Black Diamond's Fire Truck Rescue & Restoration

by Keith Watson

AN ASTONISHING ACHIEVEMENT

It's hard to believe that it's almost been three years since Joe Androsko heard that the old Ford fire truck that served Black Diamond was being taken to the junk yard. It was spotted on a tow truck by Ashley Jean Armstrong – Gomer Evans great granddaughter. The sighting message reached Joe and he took action by acquiring it and arranging its delivery to his place. That started a series of actions with the Black Diamond Historical Societies Board of Directors voting to restore the truck and add it to the collection of Black Diamond artifacts. Easier said than done!!

The Board members drove to Joe's place to inspect the truck. What was found was a 1947 Ford Howard-Cooper pumper fire truck that served Black Diamond and the volunteer firemen and women for many years. The truck was in terrible condition with trees growing in the hose bay and every visible part of the truck showing rust after being in a field for years. It was a rust bucket and we were looking forward to many years of work to get it restored. Were we up to the task of funding the restoration and waiting for volunteers to step up and help – oh yes – we thought it was the thing to do! This all happened in the first part of the year 2012.

It is a thing of beauty! Thanks to all the volunteer contributors.

None of this would have been possible without the wonderful work of the volunteers and contributors who helped in so many ways to bring the truck from a rust bucket to this wonderfully restored beauty.



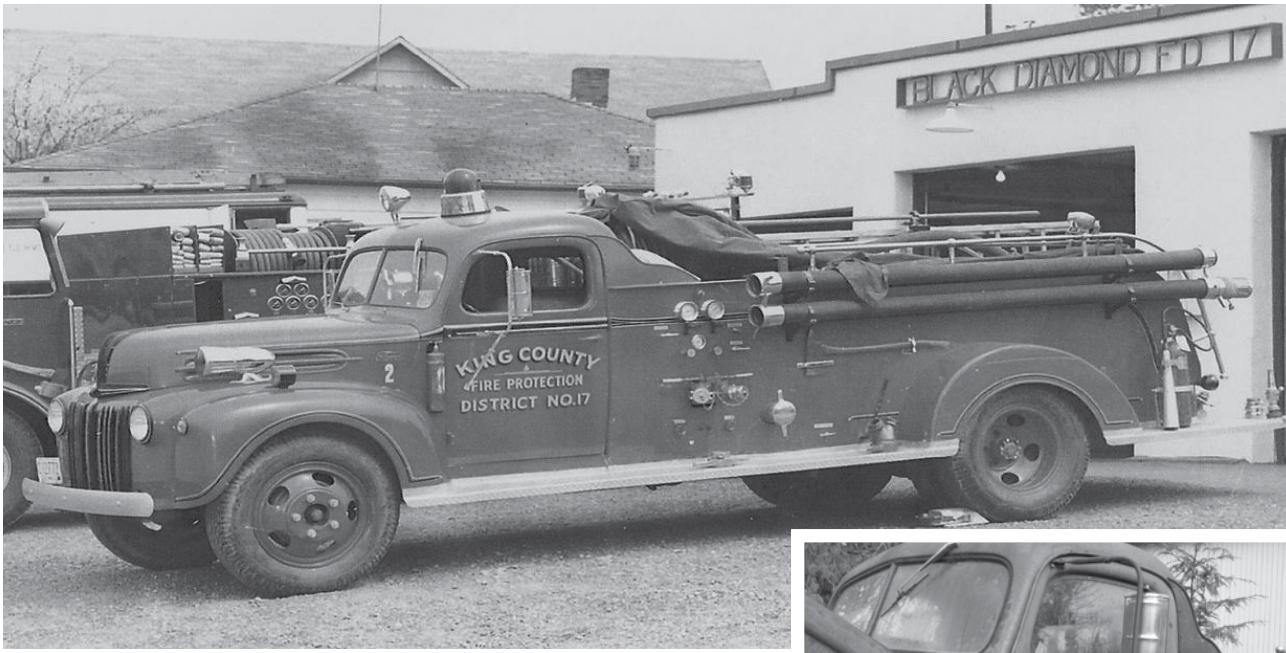
The truck was taken completely apart, sand blasted, rewired, chromed, engine rebuilt, sanded, painted, upholstered, and much more with careful dedication. Here are the people and organizations that made the difference: Barney Carnino, Glen Carrier, Joe Androsko, Gomer Evans, NAPA Auto Parts of Covington, O'Riley's Auto Parts – Jeff – of Maple Valley, Les Schwab of Covington, Steve Butcher, Steve Pausheck, Rhino Lining – Kyle Kranz, Duane & Linda Cameron, Tim Donovan – Painter, Fred's Towing & Auto Wrecking – Enumclaw, Brent Kranz- Mathewson's Automotive – Renton, Enumclaw Tire, Don Berry, Beau Kranz, Black Diamond Automotive, Steven Androsko, Mike Androsko, Ron & Leo's Welding – Enumclaw, Dan Clark, Dan Spino, TRM Wood Products – Maple Valley, Acorn Cabinets, Barney Carnino Jr., Brad Kovash, Don Deffley, Scott the "Rebuilder" – Kent, Mike Hancock – Strip Masters – Buckley, Bob Duncan – Tacoma Steel, Robert Van Buskirk – Vans Upholstery, Scott Sloan.

We are looking for a wooden extension ladder and other items to add to the fire truck and you could phone Joe Androsko with tips and sources that could help him find various items to complete the restoration – 360-886-2151.

Joe Androsko is one of the best project managers I've had the pleasure to work with and deserves the credit for this great accomplishment that will serve the museum for generations into the future. Thanks Joe!



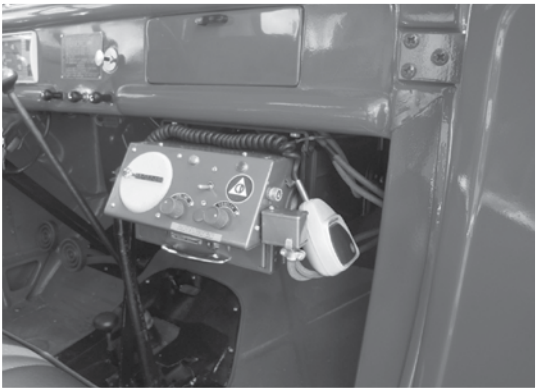
Joe Androsko, in the white shirt, Great Job Joe!!!



1969 The Fire Truck pictured in front of the original fire station.



2012 –Note the tree and rust growing on the tired Black Diamond Fire Truck



Restored Radio & speaker system.



Using a borrowed wood ladder – looking for a wood extension ladder.



2014 Labor Day Parade special kids alongside Leih Mulvilhill newsletter editor.



100 Years Ago

The Mike Miller Story - continued Chapter 2

(A fictional account based on Historical facts) ————— by Keith Watson

Mike Miller here – I immigrated from England through Canada to the United States and am looking for work and had decided to apply at the coal mines in Black Diamond. I had taken a room in the Black Diamond Hotel across the street from the train depot.

It was my second day in town and time to apply at the mine office for a job. The easiest way to go to the mine was to follow the railroad line that was in front of the



Business along Railroad before the fire 1914.

hotel. Along this “path” I passed businesses and homes located next to the tracks and came by the water tank that supplied water to the locomotives tender needed for the steam engine. I then crossed a railroad bridge passing over a road and continued to walk into the mine complex. The mine site is huge with high smoke stacks bellowing out smoke from the coal fired boilers that run steam engines. I wanted to apply for work operating those boilers.

I walked into the mine office and was asked about my experience. I told them that I had operated boilers in England and knew how to maintain them and keep them on line. The foreman began to interview me but we were interrupted by a loud siren coming from town. He jumped up and asked me to come with him as we retraced my steps back across the railroad bridge along the tracks into the center of town. We were running and it was easy to see that there was a large structure fire along the railroad tracks. Getting closer I saw the Black Diamond Hotel on fire and a strong wind from the south spreading the flames to the other buildings on that side of the street.

The heat was unbearable we couldn't get close enough to put it out with buckets of water. On

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and on it went consuming the undertaker building, the Hotel, the Market, and the buildings adjacent to them. There were freight wagons and buggies parked nearby and they began to burn. The heat from the fire was overwhelming and brought tears to our eyes. Black smoke mixed with the flames went as tall as the trees showing no mercy. The flames jumped from structure to structure and from tree to tree consuming everything in its path ruining lives and changing that side of the street into rubble and ashes.

The noise of breaking glass and walls, ceilings, and roofs crashing to the ground was horrible. We were helpless knowing that we could not stop the destruction. We did hear of a plan to dynamite some of the buildings not yet on fire to stop the fire from spreading. The wind fanned the fire and that side of the street became a total loss.

Also lost were all the items and clothing I left in my hotel room. The wind finally let up



After the fire 1914.

and the fire started to subside; it could have taken the whole town and continued on to the coal mine. This whole disaster took under 2 hours but seemed quicker than that.

The smoke was hard on our eyes and breathing hurt as we tried to swallow away the dryness in our mouths. Looking at the smoldering ashes and wreckage was heart breaking. How does one recover from such a thing? We just shook our heads and felt sorry for all the people who were out of housing and out of business.

What a sad day in Black Diamond. Didn't know anybody that was affected except myself but could feel the loss for people that lost everything they worked so hard to for. When it died down the foreman said goodbye and asked me to come back to his office the next day to complete the interview and then asked where I was staying. I pointed to the re-

mains of the Black Diamond Hotel and he then invited me to stay at his place until I could find other lodging. What a generous act and how nice it was to become acquainted with his family and their good food.

The next day I showed up at the mine office and continued with the interview and was hired. I was excited and really looking forward to working for the Pacific Coast Coal Company. I was ready to put my roots in Black Diamond. My duties were to be explained to me by an experienced boiler tender and mentor. I looked forward to being taught how to run and maintain their boilers and steam engines which supplied energy to generators that created electricity supplying direct electrical current to the mine and to

the town.

My first days in Black Diamond were full of excitement and disappointment with the loss of most of my possessions. Now, how to find some housing and where to go for that information, of course, the train station master who seems to know the town like the back of his hand. He recommended I go up the hill and try the Jones Hotel. They did have a room and would pack a lunch for their borders, wash their clothes, and cook an evening meal. I don't remember what the cost was but it was reasonable and right what I needed.

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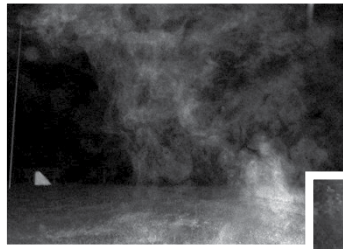


Black Diamond Cemetery pictures show some spooky images

Originally printed in the Maple Valley Reporter on Feb 19, 2011 <http://www.maplevalleyreporter.com/news/116536963>.

by Dennis Boxx

Ghost hunting in the Black Diamond Cemetery piqued the interest of more than Puget Sound Ghost Hunters, who presented a report to the City Council Feb. 3.



Gregory Skirde and his son Daniel Skirde have taken pictures at the cemetery of what they considered to be strange images.

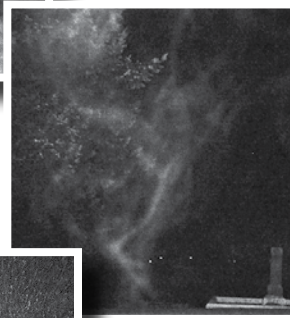
Gregory Skirde, who lives in Renton, is a photographer and he decided to bring his skills to the cemetery to see what he could find. During the fall of 2010 and up through January he and his son took photographs at the cemetery.



"We were really surprised with the images we were getting," Gregory Skirde said.

He said he used a K2 electromagnetic field detector. Gregory Skirde said he and his son have had numerous experiences of "things moving toward the meter." He said when the meter was indicating a hit at times a mist would collect and nearly touch the meter.

"We really don't know what it is," he said. "At first we don't see it. But when the flash pops you can tell there is something. When the flash illuminates the mist it is the only time you can see and just for a moment."



Gregory Skirde said he and his son are not part of any paranormal or ghost hunting organization. More of the Skirdes photographs will be posted online at www.maplevalleyreporter.com.

The Auburn Paranormal Activities Research Team e-mailed The Reporter following the story about the Puget



Sound Ghost Hunters published Feb. 11. According to the e-mail the Auburn team investigated the cemetery in 2008 and 2009, but did not find evidence of paranormal activity.

Greg Skirde and Daniel Skirde shot these photographs at the Black Diamond Cemetery between the fall of 2010 and January.



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Section 4. The Investigation

Investigation Timeline

Start Time: 20:30
End Time: 22:30

20:30 – Team gathers at the entrance to the cemetery. (Please refer to table one for a full team list.) After a brief team meeting to discuss the investigation approach, the team divided into smaller units in order to cover the maximum amount of ground during the allotted time frame.



Rain causing unusual effects from flashlites

Because each team member has performed hundreds of hours of investigation, little discussion was necessary to assign tasks. Heavy rain prevented the use of video monitoring or EMF detectors. We were also aware that photographs were unlikely provide any usable evidence. Each team member operated an audio recording device but was aware that noise interference from the weather would make recording EVP's unlikely.

20:45 – Team members fanned out either singly or in pairs and covered the entire cemetery on foot.

21:30 – The team gathered under a tree near the main entrance to discuss any tentative findings and agree on how to proceed with the remainder of the investigation. We agreed to experiment with the Ovilus since it was unlikely to be effected by the weather.

21:45 – Began Ovilus Experiment.

Ovilus Experiment

What is an Ovilus? The Ovilus is a hand-held device produced by Digital Dowsing for use by paranormal investigators. The device has three basic modes:
EMF mode – In EMF mode the device can be used as an electro-magnetic field (EMF) detector giving verbal

readings and is ideal for locked off locations where the human element is removed. By placing an audio or video recorder near the device, a record can be kept of the verbal EMF readings.

Dictionary mode – In dictionary mode the device adds spoken words to the EMF readings. The device has an imbedded 2000 word vocabulary. Each word has a number assigned to it. The Ovilus will then randomly select words whose number corresponds to the EMF reading. The prevailing theory is that spirits can manipulate the electro-magnetic fields to generate words and sentences.

Phonics mode – In phonics mode the device acts as an allophone generator creating syllables and human speech sounds. The prevailing theory is that spirits can manipulate the sounds to emphasize certain portions to form words.

PSGH Ovilus Experiment

At approximately 21:30 the team began experimenting with the Ovilus. Using portable speakers connected to the Ovilus, we turned the device to dictionary mode.

Note: Attempts to utilize phonics mode were inhibited by weather conditions. Noise interference from the wind and rain made discerning sounds produced by the Ovilus in phonics mode difficult.

The Ovilus was used by several team members. Some words that were repeated frequently were:

Stairs, Property and Angel
It is an interesting coincidence that we did find fairly recent grave with an angel

on the headstone near the stairs. We do not claim that any paranormal means pointed us in this direction, but the timing was worth noting. Another interesting coincidence is that the Ovilus said the word “five” several times. It was noted that there were five investigators monitoring the experiment at that time. While this may not be the result of a paranormal agent, it was unusual enough for the team to make note.



During the course of the Ovilus experiment it was observed that results differed whether or not the operator was wearing gloves. Because the Ovilus operates using electro-magnetic fields to generate words, we believe that wearing gloves inhibits the operator's natural electro-magnetic field and preventing interference. Further testing is needed to see if this has any long-term effect on operation



Mist forming above group

PSGH Evidence

Documenting evidence of the paranormal during outdoor investigations is difficult even when conditions are optimal. During our investigation of the Black Diamond Cemetery heavy rain and cold temperatures prevented the team from utilizing much of our equipment effectively. Because rain creates false orbs in photographs, we must discount any anomalies in photographs taken during the investigation. Examples of some of those false orb photographs have been included in this report.

Cold temperatures also promote the formation of mists. Mists in outdoor investigation sites can have numerous causes. Atmospheric conditions such as light rain can appear as mist or fog in photographs. In addition, the photographer's breath can appear as a mist or fog. One very common cause for mist or fog in photographs is related to the ambient air temperature of the environment. When days are warm, the plant material in the environment absorbs sunlight increasing its internal temperature. When the ambient air temperature drops (specifically at night) the plant material, which is now warmer than the ambient air temperature, will cause the air surrounding it to form a mist or fog around the plant. We have included several photograph examples of these anomalies in the investigation section however they cannot be viewed as evidence of the paranormal.



Rain causing interference in photo

ing, preventing valid EVP recording

What we are left with is anecdotal evidence in the form of the personal experiences and feelings of the team.

••• Near the flag pole, observer Mark Davis, detected an aroma that could not be identified or associated to a specific cause.

••• At several times during the night multiple investigators noted a feeling of being watched from the fence line in the southeast corner of the cemetery.

••• The aroma of baby powder was detected from the southeast fence line. This was reported by multiple team members.

••• Observer, Linda Davis, while sitting in her car in the parking area near the road, observed a light anomaly approximately 8 feet above the ground in the trees. She described it as being a vertical streak of light approximately 10 inches long. This light anomaly remained in the trees for several minutes. It was noted that the rest of the team was on the opposite side of the cemetery and were not visible from the car park.

Post Investigation Research

Following the investigation, PSGH began an extensive research project into the nature of phenomena and searching for alternate causes for claims. Pursuant to

our goals our research centered on previous paranormal claims and past investigation results.

Section 5. Conclusion

Based on the results of our investigation on November 13, 2010 we are unable at this time to confirm that paranormal activity is taking place at the Black Diamond Cemetery. Although we have eliminated some possible causes for the reported activity, we are unable to state that

the cemetery is not haunted. Many factors, including the inclement weather, prevented the PSGH team from fully investigating the location and leaves many questions still unanswered. This location requires additional investigation and research to validate previous claims.

To read the report in it's entirety, please log on to <https://www.scribd.com/doc/48655823/PSGH-Black-Diamond-Cemetery-Report>.

Noise from wind and rain also inhibited audio record-



Ravensdale Cemetery Site Visited in 2012

<http://www.ghosttownsofWashington.com/ravensdale-cemetery.html> by Tim Nyhus

The abandoned Ravensdale Cemetery is located near the former coal mining town of Ravensdale Washington. In 1908 the Northwest Improvement Coal Company donated one acre of land for the cemetery. The cemetery was managed by the Eagles Fraternal Order and Miners Union.



To further complicate the identity of those buried in the cemetery, beginning in the 1950's vandals severely damaged the cemetery. Graves were opened, sarcophaguses shattered, and headstones removed.

On November 15 of 1915 an explosion at the Ravensdale mine killed 31 miners. Rumors and sources claim some of the miners killed were buried here in a mass grave others say individual miners were buried here. There are virtually no records of the burials at this cemetery.



Roslyn Cemetery Site Visited in 2012/2014

<http://www.ghosttownsofWashington.com/ravensdale-cemetery.html> by Tim Nyhus

The historic Roslyn Cemetery is located on the backside of the town of Roslyn in Kittitas County WA.

The cemetery is arguably one of the most unique and diverse cemeteries in the state. The cemetery is a combination of 25 separate cemeteries bordering each other. The cemetery was established in 1886 with land donated and or purchased from the Northern Pacific Company by various ethnic, civil and fraternal organizations.



Approximately 24 nationalities are represented among the 5,000 graves. Many of the coal miners killed in mining accidents in the Roslyn mines are buried in the cemetery



Franklin Cemetery

http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM38YZ_Franklin_Cemetery

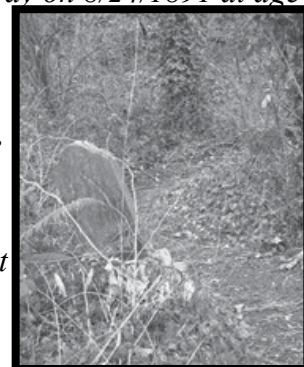
The cemetery is in a deplorable state of neglect, particularly disappointing because it is on State Park land. A forest has grown up inside the cemetery, heaving up some headstones and crushing others that lay in the path of falling trees that should have never been allowed to grow up in there in the first place. Blackberries threaten to swallow the entire cemetery, and no doubt conceal some of the graves. Many of the headstones have been stolen by vandals. There have been a few attempts to clean up the cemetery over the years, but nothing has been done there for a very long time.



sastrous Franklin mine fire in 1894. The best source of information about Franklin's history is the museum in nearby Black Diamond.

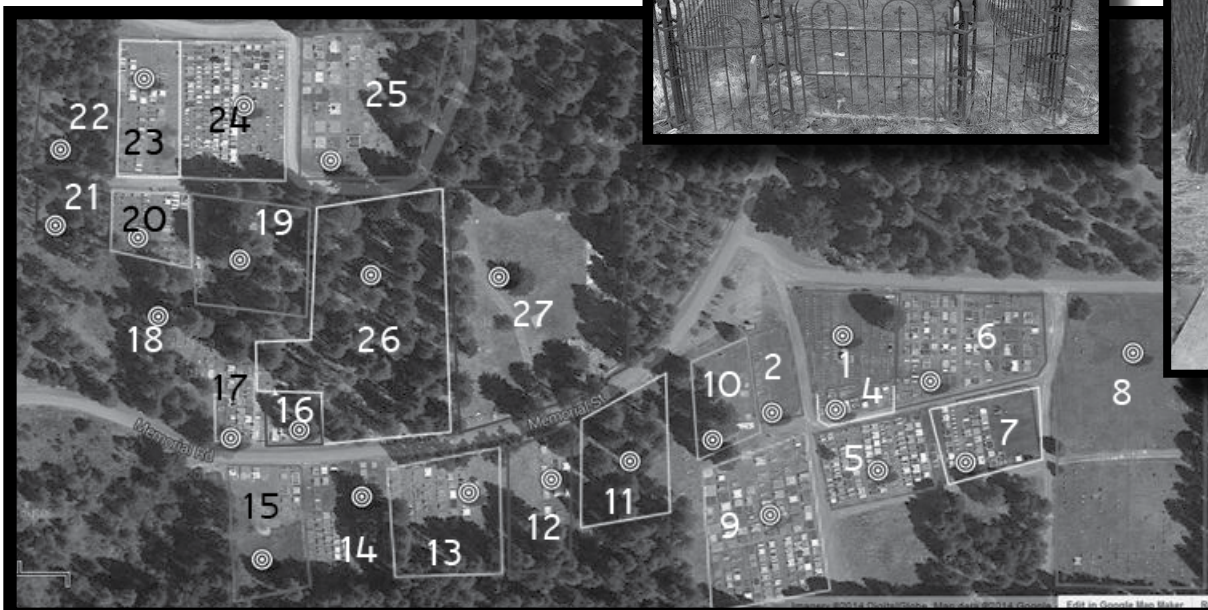
Graves that can be seen and identified include:

- Martin Johnson 11/13/1872 - 3/7/1902*
- J.M. Peterson Passed away on 1/1/1906 at age 30*
- Frances Marie Myers 3/13/1901 - 5/24/1901*
- Alice Gertrude Johnson 1/1/1902 - 1/7/1902*
- Aarne J. Hanson 12/28/1903 - 2/8/1908*
- Meimi A. Hanson 4/18/1906 - 12/16/1906*
- Luigi Farro Passed away on 8/24/1891 at age 32*
- Rocco Tittara Passed away on 8/24/1891 at age 37*
- Filippo DiMarino Passed away on 8/24/1891 at age 27*
- Joseph W. Standridge 8/24/1894 at age 16*
- James Gibson Passed away on 8/24/1894 at age 27 (date of mine fire)*
- Romulous Monroe Gibson Passed away on 10/5/1895 at age 35*



There is very little history of Franklin available on the Internet. There are a couple of Washington History Link essays that feature Franklin. One is about coal mining in the region, and the other is about a di-

Key to Roslyn's cemeteries can be found on page 14.



Obituaries

Phillip Alfred Erickson, Jr. died July 17, 2014 in Mt. Home, Idaho. He was born March 6, 1951 in Chehalis, Wash. to Mary & Philip Erickson, Sr. Phillip attended Black Diamond and Enumclaw schools. He worked as a logger most of his life in the Pacific Northwest, and enjoyed outdoor recreational activities – namely hunting & fishing. He was also a mushroom & blackberry picker.

Phillip was generous to BDHS, donating railroad ties for the coal miner's garden. His kindness is duly noted and appreciated. He is survived by sisters Florence Lulow (Stan) Serena Wood (Brad) – both from Oregon; Martha Miller, June Vines (Dave) of Black Diamond, and brothers Clyde Erickson & Dennis Boxx (Diana), of Black Diamond. He was preceded in death by a sister, Janice Kegley

do, Beth Van Buskirk, Joan Haworth, Lucille Haworth, all from Enumclaw.



William George Bisyak died June 11, 2014 at 100 years of age. He was born in Ravensdale November 5, 1913 to John Bisyak and Antonia Geiger, who immigrated in 1903 from Austria & Germany.

“Will” and his two older brothers, Jack & Ray, grew up as coal miner's sons. He graduated from Black Diamond High School in 1931. Will made a career in large metal fabrication, working jobs such as the Alaska Pipeline and Rainier and Olympia breweries. He was awarded special recognition for 70 years in the Sheet Metal Union in June 2012. His entire life was grounded in Western Washington.

Will spent time enjoying the outdoors fishing, hunting, camping, and he also was a master gardener and gifted craftsman. Throughout his long life, he loved & lost, Will survived four wives, with Mary Abel surviving him. He is survived by children Judy Paavola, Jerry Bisyak, Sheryl Lynn Bisyak, step-children Dan Donlan, Marilyn Calkins & Ron Aldridge. He leaves 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He leaves a legacy in all the lives he touched.



Gertrude Roselle Botts, lifetime society member, died on August 23, 2014 in Bonney Lake. “Gertie” was born to Lloyd and Frona Haworth in Bellingham on May 11, 1918. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1938 and married her sweetheart Paul Botts in 1939. They lived in Black Diamond on Lawson Street throughout their life, raising their six children.

Gertie was very involved in community organizations. She was a lifetime member of the Black Diamond Eagles, longtime member of St. Barbara's Church and Altar Society, PTA president, Bluebird leader, and one of the first city council members in 1958. She also served on the Enumclaw Hospital Board for many years.

Heart & home described Gertie. She spread laughter to others and her positive attitude; she never missed a holiday or birthday. Gertrude was preceded in death by her beloved husband Paul in 2006, her youngest son, David, and brothers, Lloyd & Bill. She is survived by her children Richard Botts, Trudi Estby (Tim), Paula Ordonez (Robin), Margaret Bourquin and Connie Florence (David). There are numerous grand & great grand – children. Also surviving her are close in-laws, Donald Botts of Black Diamond, Muriel Wal-



Esther Pennacchi Birch, 97 years young, passed away September 16, 2014 in Seattle. She was born in Black Diamond on May 27, 1917 to Abramo and Adele Pennacchi from Toscana, Italy. She was raised in Morganville with three siblings and graduated from Black

Diamond High School in 1935. She married Donald Birch in 1939, meeting him at Business College in Seattle. They shared the same birthdate as did their first child, something special between them all.

Esther worked as a bookkeeper for an insurance company before devoting herself full-time to being a mother to four children. She was active in her

children's activities as she set a standard in the value of work, education, attitude and maintaining quality in relationships. Esther was also known as 'Nonna', an Italian endearment. She lived in her north Seattle home for over 75 years, always having a lifelong affinity to her hometown and Italian culture. Esther will be remembered fondly for her good cheer and sharing stories & experiences of her wonderful life.

Preceding her in death are beloved husband Donald, and siblings Fernanda Muscolo, Natale Pennacchi and Elizabeth Garbini. She is survived by children Bonnie C. Birch, Donald G. Birch Jr., (Becky), Jeffrey B. Birch (Sandy) and Valerie E. Merk, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces & nephews around the world, and friends younger than she. Esther will be dearly missed.

David "Roy" Darby was born in Enumclaw, WA, he was raised in Black Diamond, he passed away Aug 24, 2014. He was 71 years old. His brother "Rick" preceeded him the previous month, on the 9th. He lived in Nampa, Idaho and is survived by his wife "Purr" of Nampa, Id and daughter Jaime Darby of Enumclaw, WA.



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Number of guests
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museum during the
second quarter of
2014

Be Our Guest

by Dee Israel, Recording Secretary

There were visitors from 20 States: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, S. Caroline, Texas, Utah, W. Virginia; as well as Washington. There were also people visiting from other Countries, such as Brazil, Belgium, England, France, Mexico and British Columbia, Canada.

Comments

What a wonderful site	Great exhibits – Thanks to all the	Wow – Goosebumps
Great Collection of times past	volunteers	All the folks are so friendly
Just moved here – great way to learn	I love this museum & town	Very thorough displays
about the area	Great for kids	Love the trains
This museum is cuuuute	OMG - I'm going to scream	Very lovely museum – Thank you for
Very informative	I could spend hours here	all the work
Thanks for creating this amazing	Brilliant, very interesting	
place	Wonderful Collection	

Can You Help Us at the Museum?

We would like to do some rearranging of artifacts in the basement.
But, we need people that can climb up & down ladders. Is that you?

If you would like to help please contact the museum at 360-886-2142
Or email museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org
Or design committee chair Dee Israel at 360-886-2582.

When we have enough help, we will set up a work day,
and let you know.

Dee Israel

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1 Veterans	11 Sillvio Pelico	20 Serbian
2 Veterans	12 Red Man Lodge	21 National Croation Society
4 Moose	13 I.O.O.F. Lodge	22 Sokol
5 Dr. Starcevich No.2	14 Slovak	23 Saint Barbara
6 City Cemetery	15 New Knights of Pythias	24 Dr.Starcevich No. 1
7 Lithuanian	16 Old Knights of Pythias	25 Masonic Lodge
8 Memorial Gardens	17 Foresters	26 Old City Cemetery
9 Eagles	18 Druids	27 Mt. Olivet
10 Polish	19 Cacciatori d'Africa	



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WELCOME NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

By Jean Boston, Membership Chair

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 330 memberships.

We are pleased to announce that during this past quarter we have acquired the following new memberships:

Black Diamond Antiques, Brenda S Evenson
 Lee E Bossom
 Curt Konoske

We would like to thank the following members for renewing their membership this quarter:

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