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DUES ARE DUE

By Aug. 1st, so this month (July), it is our goal to receive as many dues as possible for membership in the Black Diamond Historical Society. Thank you in advance for your continued support in our efforts to keep history alive. Some time ago the board of directors of the society decided to have membership dues fall on the same month of the year for all of our non-life members. This is the first time in our history that this has been done and it allows the membership committee to handle the dues one time instead of every month and thus allowing the volunteers to free up some of their time so they can accomplish other chores. Thanks for understanding this action and please send in your dues to Black Diamond Historical Society at PO Box 232 Black Diamond WA 98010. Thanks!

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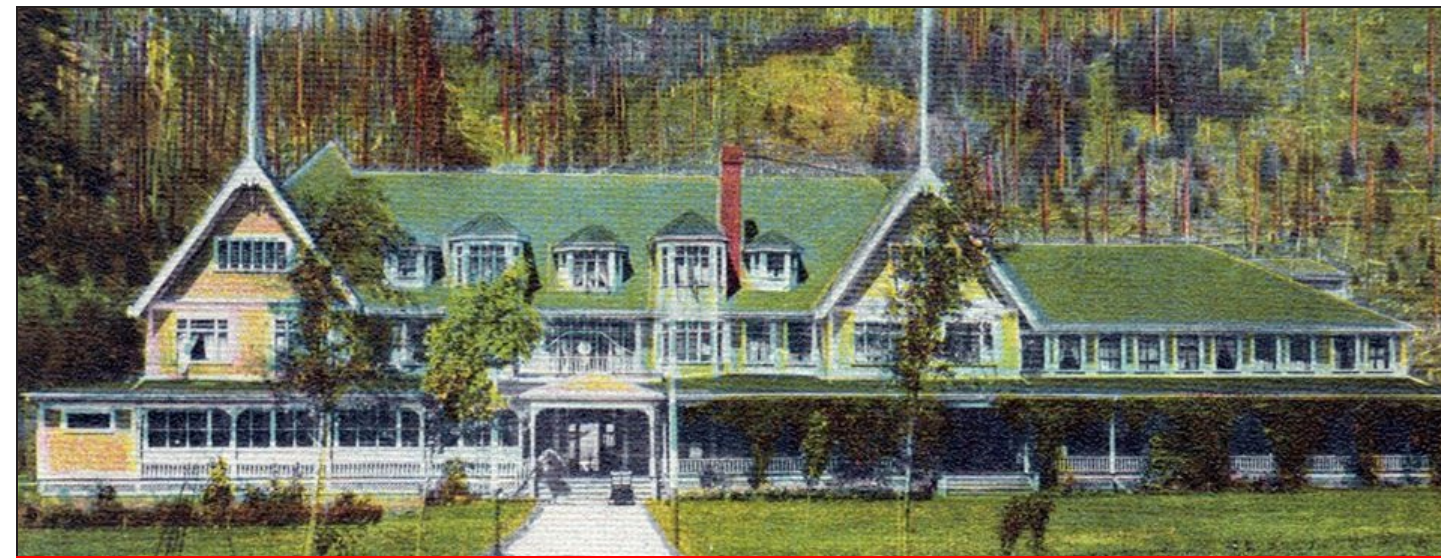
This quarter's Bulletin masthead features an image from a postcard sold at the Kloeber Hotel and Sanitarium. This lithographic postcard, postmarked 1910, shows the Green River Hot Springs Hotel at Hot Springs, Washington. Logging activities have cleared the land behind the hotel.

Written on verso: Message: Just got home and found your letter. I had almost given up hearing from you. I am so glad you are better don't worry you will be all right. I will write soon. With love.

The title of the image is Green River Hot Springs Hotel, Hot Springs, Washington ca. 1910. Hot Springs, Washington, was located at the juncture of the Green River and Champion Creek. The town was originally called Kendon, but the name was changed to Hot Springs when a hotel and bathhouse were built at nearby springs. <http://aew.orbiscascade.org/catalog/MODS-24271>

Green River Hot Springs was located some 60-odd miles from Seattle between Nagrom (Morgan spelled backwards) and Lester. The hotel was served by four passenger trains daily in each direction.

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HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

HELP WANTED! GREETER'S The museum operated by the historical society is an all volunteer organization and we need your help; we need greeters when the museum is open 4 hours each weekend day. You do not have to know a lot about history to be a greeter, all you need is a welcoming smile and cheerful outlook. It is amazing how many people in Black Diamond do not realize what coal is, how it was mined, and how it was transported to market. You most likely know more than the attendees since you are reading this newsletter. Please consider helping us as our ranks are getting thin BUT OUR DETERMINATION IS TO KEEP HISTORY ALIVE.

HELP WANTED! GARDENER'S Help in trimming the garden, transplanting, weeding, and weed eating. Work under the direction of our garden expert 94 year old Katherine Daniels.

HELP WANTED! PAINTER'S Help prepare for painting by pressure washing, scraping, undercoating, and painting the museum and caboose.

HELP WANTED! MOVER'S to help move heavy artifacts to new display locations.

HELP WANTED! MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Help record membership, send letters and notices to membership, edit membership report to the newsletter editor.

Masthead is an original lithograph (postcard): ca. 1910. Copied in 1998 by the Museum of History and Industry. More information is located on the address page.



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The mission of the Black Diamond Historical Society shall be the discover, preservation, and dissemination of the history of Black Diamond and environs, as it relates to King County and the State of Washington.

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Local Hot Springs Garner Some Attention

One of the things about growing up elsewhere is that everything I discover about the local area is brand new to me! I get so excited when I stumble across an interesting photo or fact that intrigues me. I'm thrilled to find another bit of history to this delightful community. What is old and not news to a local, often gets forgotten and if not forgotten, taken for granted. I see my job as bringing those old photos and places back to your attention and hopefully, bring up good memories.

A MESSAGE from the EDITOR

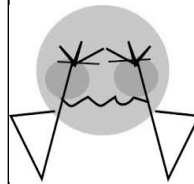


LEIH MULVIHILL

I would have never guessed there would be a wonderful hot springs in the area let alone a grand Hotel and Sanatorium located east of Enumclaw, west of Lester, along the Green River and North Pacific Rail line. And on top of that, there was a train robbery at that location a few years before the Sanatorium was built at Hot Springs, WA. Another hot spring is located not too far from here created by a mine fire of all things. As the fire has worn down over time, last 75 years or so, so has the temperature of the Franklin Hot Springs. This particular spring has much written about up to 1988. Due to the decrease in temperature, the Franklin Hot Springs has fallen off the radar. Except for kayakers who troll the Green River Gorge for excitement and adventure.

As you can see from the front page, the museum needs YOU! Our volunteers are amazing, but it takes more than a few people to keep everything spic-n-span. Our head gardener is 94 years young and she does a fabulous job keeping the gardens, but she does need help. There is a job for every talent and I know you have a talent you can share with our beloved Museum volunteers. Contact Keith and let him know how you can help.

Your Faithful Editor,
Leih Mulvihill
leih023@gmail.com



OOPS! Is my face red!

Two errors were discovered in last quarter's issue. One, my apologies go out to Joanne Matsumura. Joanne had found the article from the Pacific Coast Bulletin July - August 1916, which Mr. Kombol had forwarded to me. Two, the wrong picture was published for Margaret White's obituary. My sincere apologies go out to Gomer Evans. As much research as I do to get details right, you'd think I'd be more careful!



Membership and Renewal Form (Renewals due August 1st each year)



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WELCOME NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

By Dee Israel, Temp Membership

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 312 memberships. We are pleased to announce that

during this quarter of 2015 we have acquired the following new memberships:

Jack & Lilynne Davis

WELCOME!

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

- Allen County Public Library
- BD Lawson Partners LP
- BD Village Partners LP
- Bob & Anna Marie Duncan
- Tom & Joyce Erath
- Michael & Felicidad Groves
- Edward Andrew Johnson
- Gail Shukis
- Bill Williams

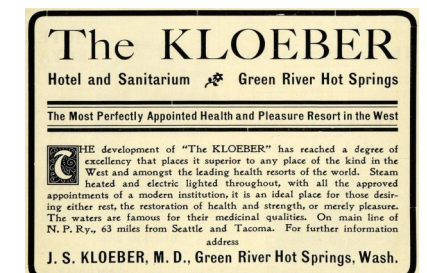
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seum of these digitized photos and documents so all could enjoy doing research.

Don Mason is constantly researching and up-dating information we have about the Black Diamond Cemetery. He found a David Webber who was born in Wales and was a Civil War Veteran and helped establish Black Diamond. Born in 1842 he served in the Civil War in

the Pennsylvania Militia and passed away on March 16, 1900. He is interned on West side of the middle road of the cemetery. If you have any information on this individual please pass it on. Our work continues to grow – thanks Don Mason for the dedication you have to keep history alive.

Thank you, all you supporters of the museum and Historical Society and the wonderful volunteers that

are keeping history alive.
~Keith Watson
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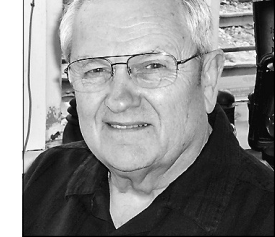


1903 Advertisement for The Kloeber Hotel

Presidents Message : Summer 2015

This is the Societies and Museums busy time of the year. The Black Diamond School Reunion occurred on June 3rd with just under a hundred guests from as far off as Los Vegas. This year volunteer, **Dan Spino**, did a wonderful of cooking along with some great staff and volunteers and **Don Everson** a volunteer from the Antique store next to the museum.

The Eastern Star group did an excellent job of serving the food and taking care of us. Lylinn Davis played music to all's delight. Thanks to all who made this occasion a success. We are grateful to the staff and volunteers at the Black Diamond



KEITH WATSON

Community Center for allowing us to meet in the facility.



The reunion is for people who attended school in Black Diamond and then went on to the

school in Enumclaw. If you would like to attend 2016 reunion it will be held on Wed. June 15, 2016 and we are taking names now for our mailing list. Just write, phone, or email the BDHS.

A real plus to the attendees was the re-stored Black Diamond Fire Truck driven to the reunion by **Joe Androsko**. Some of the Black Diamond attendees were on the Black Diamond Volunteer Fire Department who used the same fire truck way back then.

At the same time, as the reunion, the Societies "Trio", **Steve Israel, Dee Israel, and Don Mason**, were entertaining and informing the PROBUS organization at a meeting on Mercer Island. The Trio features original songs about our coal mining history played and sung to by Steve while narration is done by Don and the slides are shown by Dee. I heard the presentation was well received. Thank you to our "Trio" for a job well done keeping our history alive.

At the museum we have CD's available with Steve Israel's original songs that he wrote, composed, plays, and sings. They are all about Black Diamond and coal mining and in my opinion very entertaining and fun to sit back and have a nice listen. Nice Job Steve.

Welsh Founders Day followed on Sat. June 6th with entertainment on a Welsh Triple Harp played very well by Bill

Mc John and a great presentation by Alan Upshall with some very interesting views of Wales "off the beaten path". Then we had some home baked treats, Welsh cakes by Anna Morris, cookies by many volunteers, coffee, and a wonderful punch provided by Lynn Mason. Alison made a Welsh display and other volunteers decorated the museum for Welsh Founders Day. Thanks to all for such a good time and the great turnout.

The annual Maple Day Parade was held on Sat. the 13th of June and Joe Androsko and friends were in it advertising Black Diamond Miners Day which is going to happen on Sat. July the 11th.

Miners Day starts off with a 5K run/walk, at 9am, starting and ending at the gym with prizes given down on Railroad Ave. Miners Day we will have a first with a Hot Air Balloon ride in the AM at the school field and at 10am there will be lots to do and see on the blocked off Railroad Avenue. There will be a celebrity dunk tank and vendors on both sides of the street; food available at the Deli, which will have a Beer Garden, the Bakery, the meat store, ice cream, pop, and for the first time a visit from "Strawberry" the tricycle that will offer the award winning "Gelato Ice Cream".

We continue to draw a large number of attendees and "THE PLAY" this year will have 3 acts: "Snake Oil Salesman" then



Don Malgarini, Bill Williams, & Joe Zumek

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Presidents Message: Summer 2015 cont.

“Damsel in Distress” and finally “Train Robbery” all of this taking place in and about the exterior of the museum and on railroad avenue. There is so much to see and discover and have fun with your friends or family.

Of course the fire truck will be there. The museum will be open during Miners Day. Please see the schedule of events on page.5.

The Digitizing program is well underway. The first effort has been to save the photos that the museum is storing into a digitize format into our computer on its hard drive and then onto a portable hard

drive that is kept in a safety deposit box at the bank. This will allow us to preserve what we have because the photos over time deteriorate; this is especially true with color photos. This is a painfully slow process and thanks to our archivist Dave Watson it is being accomplished. We do need a more sophisticated scanner that can do a faster job and we are trying our best to afford it.

We also wish to digitize recordings we have that were made for the interviewing of people for the “Black Diamond – Mining the Memories” book and the more recent recordings that have been

made. By the way we do have copies of this book, in its 4th printing, available at the museum. This is another costly process and this needs to be done out of the building by professionals. Any suggestions by our membership who may have experience or knowledge of these processes or would like to become part of this program would be appreciated. Please phone Keith Watson at 360-886-0778 with your ideas. Other local museums have been doing this digitizing in an ongoing program as we are. Someday we would like to have the ability to set up viewing stations in the mu-

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Fire Truck Gets New Home

By Keith Watson

The restored 1947 Ford fire truck that was rescued from the wrecking yard will have a new old home. The truck was originally used by the Black Diamond Volunteer Fire Department and restored over a 3 year period in Joe Androsko’s garage with a lot of the restoration work done by Glen Carrier to the cab in his garage.

It was taken down to bare frame, sand blasted, restored, by many hands, with love. A new rebuilt engine was purchased with donated funds and upon arrival run on a test stand and listened to by Barney Carnino who judged it not up to his standards. He proceeded to rebuild it to his standards and it now purrs like a kitten.

There were many challenges along the way but they were conquered and the truck is beautiful but still Joe’s garage. Joe is a very caring person and he did not want it to be stored outside. One of the

first things the new Black Diamond Mayor, Carol Benson, wanted to accomplish was to find a spot in the inactive fire house that is across the street from the Elementary School. With the assistance of Fire Chief, Greg Smith, the side back bay of the fire house was vacated and a spot for the fire truck was made. It now has a home in the home is used for many years when it was an active fire truck.

We show the truck at parades and special events and at the museum during opening hours it is really a hit. Thank you, Mayor Benson and Chief Smith and others

who made this possible. A community that works together stays together.

We have a secret hope that someday the fire house could be turned into a branch of the



Keith Timm Sr. (former driver & fire chief) & Joe Androsko

museum where folks from all over the world could view vintage apparatus keeping history

alive. How do you really thank such quality people for helping us achieve this goal? If you see them please give them a thumbs-up and great big THANK YOU!



BLACK DIAMOND MINERS DAY 11 JULY 11

Schedule of Events

6:00pm Friday	Artist's Chalk-In Railroad Ave.
-Noon Saturday	
9:00	Coal Miner's Classic 5K Run 25551 Lawson St.
10:00-12:00	Jazzercise, Volleyball, One on One Basketball Demonstrations 25551 Lawson St.
	Hot Air Balloon Rides Elementary School Ball Field
10:00-4:00	Museum Tours
	Street Fair on Railroad Avenue
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Live Music •Vendor Booths, Crafts, Food, Demonstrations •Children's Crafts •Local Celebrity Dunk Tank •Beer Garden at Black Diamond Pizza-Deli •Classic Car Display Eagles Club
10:30 AM	5K Award Presentations
11:00 1:30 3:00	The Great Train Robbery
11:30 AM	Donut Eating Contest
1:00	Vintage Fashion Show
2:30 PM	Children's Show, Mrs. Periwinkle and Possum
4:00 PM	Close of Street Festival

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Steve Israel, 5K Run

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Mira Hoke, Sponsors, Promotion



Last Issue Family Photo!



was: **Bill Kombol, center at age 3, in backyard at Elk Coal with Sugarloaf Mt. in background, July 1956 – Courtesy of Pauline Kombol**

The photo was taken in July 1956 in Elk Coal. The photo order from left to right is: Jeanmarie (Kombol) Bond, Bill Kombol (holding post, age 3), Barry Kombol on swing. Sugarloaf Mt. is in the background. This photo was featured in an Article; Elk Coal: A Forgotten King County Coal Mining Town HistoryLink.org Essay 9419 written by William Kombol. The original caption on the photo

Share your family photos!



Who do you think these delightful children are?

The Kloeber Hotel, Green River Hot springs and Sanitarium

By William Kombol




Pcc310----- This photo of the Kloeber Hotel, located at the Green River Hot Springs and Sanitarium, dates to 1908. The hotel featured 100 guest rooms, baths, steam rooms, a bowling alley, billiard tables, tennis court, and one of the most opulent dining rooms of the day. The 132°, white sulfur hot springs were renowned for their curative powers. A 1905 *Enumclaw Courier* advertisement touted the springs for the treatment of “rheumatism, stomach disorders, nervous troubles, sleeplessness, skin eruptions, and all

diseases of the blood”. The hotel and sanitarium were built by Dr. J.S. Kloeber in 1900. At the time room prices fetched \$1 to \$3 per day or \$5 to \$20 weekly, with the higher prices for rooms with connecting bathrooms. The Kloeber Hotel was sold in August 1910, but shortly after the sale the hotel and sanitarium burned to the ground. The facilities were located near the banks of the Green River between the towns of Nagrom and Lester on the mainline of the Northern Pacific Railroad west of Stampede Pass. At this time, almost all steam locomotives were fueled by coal. For the complete story of the Green River Hot Springs, go to www.BlackDiamondMuseum.org, click on the News link, then scroll down to the January 2010 newsletter for an excellent article on pages 17-18 by Ken Jensen. This photo comes courtesy of Bryan King, Watershed Manager of the City Tacoma properties surrounding the upper Green River basin. ◆

The Kloeber Hotel and Sanitarium **Green River Hot Springs**

MOST PERFECTLY APPOINTED HEALTH AND PLEASURE RESORT IN THE WEST



THE development of "THE KLOEBER" has reached a degree of excellency that places it superior to any place of the kind in the West and amongst the leading health resorts of the world. Steam heated and electric lighted throughout, with all the approved appointments of a modern institution, it is an ideal place for those desiring either rest, the restoration of health and strength or merely pleasure. The waters are famous for their medicinal qualities. On main line of N. P. Ry., 63 miles from Seattle and Tacoma.

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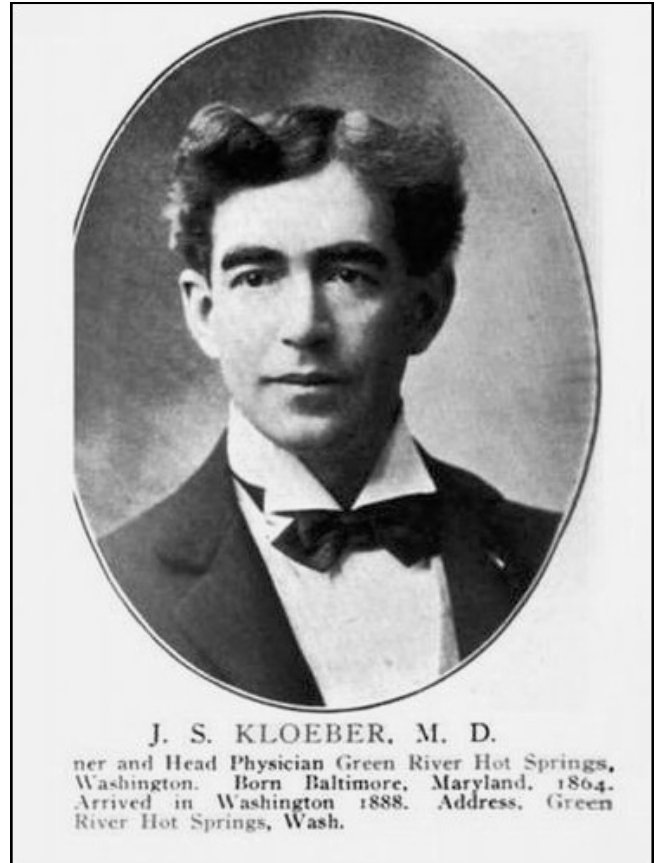
J. S. KLOEBER, M. D., Green River Hot Springs, Wash.

Left- This 1901 ad claims: "Development of The Kloeber has reached a degree of Excellency that places it superior to any place of the kind in the West and amongst the leading health resorts of the world. Steam heated and electric lighted throughout, with all the approved appointments of modern institutions. It is an ideal place for those desiring either rest, the restoration of health and strength or merely pleasure."





White body with gray green garlands of bell flowers and other flowers. In the well of the plate is a sprite or angel standing on a dais with the initials JSK (for J. S. Kloeber, M.D.) intertwined and "The Spirit of the Springs" on the bottom of the dais. Below that is The Kloeber and Green River Hot Springs.



J. S. KLOEBER, M. D.
 ner and Head Physician Green River Hot Springs,
 Washington. Born Baltimore, Maryland, 1864.
 Arrived in Washington 1888. Address, Green
 River Hot Springs, Wash.

China Plate from Kloeber Sanatorium

Manufacturer: Syracuse China
 User: **Kloeber Sanatorium**

Date: 1902

Note:

Located at the Green River Hot Springs, east of Enumclaw, Washington, the Kloeber was a large sanatorium developed in 1900 by J. S. Kloeber, M.D.

The town was first settled by the Northern Pacific Railway in 1886, approximately 63 miles from Seattle, WA. The Kloeber was built around the Hot Springs and had a capacity of 225 guests, overseen by two doctors.

According to The Oakland Tribune news article shown below, a forest fire destroyed the sanatorium on August 20, 1910, just days after Dr. J.S. Kloeber sold the property to North Yakima for \$145,000.

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SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20—Flames spreading from forest fires at 8 o'clock tonight totally destroyed the Green River Hot Springs Hotel and plant, causing a loss estimated at \$35,000, with insurance of approximately \$10,000. Forest fires have been raging in the valley of Green River for several days.

Green River Hot Springs until last Monday has been under the proprietorship of Dr. J. S. Kloeber. On that day he turned over the plant to North Yakima interests for a consideration of \$145,000.

Green River Hot Springs Hotel was built in 1900 by Dr. Kloeber.

Although there were many patients at the resort, telephone advices late last night, when communication was re-established, say no lives were lost.

The Oakland Times, August 20, 2010



The Green River Hot Springs Hotel and Sanitarium in the background with the railroad station to the right. (Photo from the Northern Pacific Railroad Historical Association, <http://www.nprha.org/>.)

<http://www.restaurantwarecollectors.com/forums/showwiki.php?title=Kloeber-Sanatorium>

Franklin Hot Springs - A Brief History

By William Kombol

The Franklin #12 underground coal mine began operations in the mid 1950s. It operated on the Franklin No. 12 coal seam, sometimes known as the Fulton seam. There are seventeen coal seams in the Franklin series, the most famous of which was the No. 14, better known as the McKay. Another heavily mined seam was the No. 14 known as the Gem. Most of the mining at Franklin was done on the Black Diamond west side of the Green River. However, the eastern extension of the Franklin #12 mine was accessed from a log bridge across the Green River then driven southeast all the way under the Enumclaw-Franklin Road, a total of about 4,000 feet. Coal cars would cross the log bridge on iron rails secured to wooden ties suspended about 20 feet above the river. Before the Howard Hanson dam was constructed the river would often rise to extraordinary levels and one year in the early 1960s the bridge actually washed out and was rebuilt over Christmas. Mining was completed on the Franklin #12 around 1964 when a new mine, the Frank-

lin #10 opened.

The Franklin #10 was also located on the east side of the river and accessed by a log bridge with rails and wooden ties. On March 27, 1971, the Franklin #10 mine was blasted shut all witnessed by dignitaries, miners, company officials, explosive experts, and the press gathered on the banks of the Green River. Rocket Research supplied 900 pounds of experimental dynamite, called Astrolite K, which was placed inside the mine portal and on the mine bridge across the river. The event was even filmed by an NBC television crew for national broadcast on their "First Tuesday" news show.

Sometime after the Franklin #12 closed the coal seam caught on fire and burned underground. The water which streamed out of the mine was heated by the burning coal, creating a natural hot spring. River rafters and swimmers built a small dam creating a pool where one could sit in the coal-heated waters. The pool was about thirty feet above the river on the left bank of the steep canyon area known as Green River Gorge.

The water discharge is located about one-half mile downstream from the single-lane Green River Gorge bridge. The temperature of the spring was never particularly hot, but was warm enough to satisfy a rafter or swimmer climbing out of the frigid waters of the Green. Over the decades, the water continued to cool as the coal fire slowly burned itself out. For awhile vents of steam rose from the reclaimed coal mining area directly above the coal seam.

Once in the early 1970s this field of grass caught fire and the name "burning fields" was applied to the property which is now owned and managed by Washington State Parks. That property is located east of the Enumclaw-Franklin Road, directly adjacent to and north of the private park called Shangri-La on-the-Green.



*Maid of the Mist Falls aka
Green River Gorge Falls
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Runners, Inc*



FH369 – Cover photo of *Franklin Hot Springs* by R. Curnow, circa 1984 cropped from the cover page of "Everyone's Guide to Hot Springs of Western Washington," a complete guide to over 250 Hot Springs and Soda Pop Springs by Jesse W. Love, copyright 1985 by Jesse W. Love, published by Kaleidoscope Publications, Inc. Bellevue, WA 98005. (aka SL370)

Everyone's Guide to

HOT SPRINGS

OF WESTERN WASHINGTON



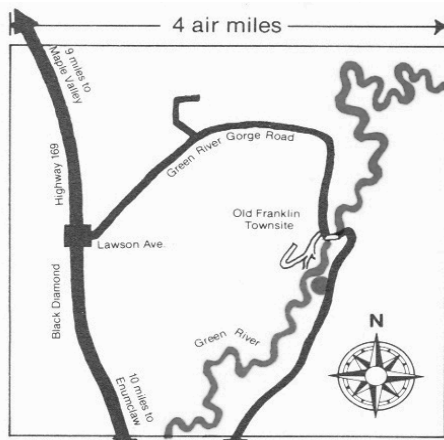
A complete guide to over 250 Hot Springs and Soda Pop Springs.

by Jesse W. Love

Hot Springs Guide Book c.1985

Franklin Hot Spring

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Franklin Hot Springs Map 9

FH371 – The map page associated with the Franklin Hot Springs appearing on page 42 from “*Everyone's Guide to Hot Springs of Western Washington,*” a complete guide to over 250 Hot Springs and Soda Pop Springs by Jesse W. Love, copyright 1985 by Jesse W. Love, published by Kaleidoscope Publications, Inc. Bellevue, WA 98005. (aka SL372)

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FRANKLIN HOT SPRING

RATING: * *

DESCRIPTION:

Ground water seeping down from the bluffs above into a coal mine which has been burning for decades is the source of heat for this peculiar spring. The water exits from the mouth of the collapsed coal mine and forms a pool just 10 feet from the Green River capable of comfortably holding 4 adults.

STATISTICS:

1. Single spring.
2. Temperature 94° F.
3. Flow 5 GPM.
4. Water quality untested and undetermined.

HELPFUL MAP:

1. Map #9.
2. Any detailed road map of King County.

OWNERSHIP:

Private. Owned by Palmer Coking Coal Co. Seek their permission before using the spring. P.O. Box 10, Black Diamond, WA 98010. (206) 886-2841.

ACCESS:

From the town of Black Diamond, take the Green River Gorge Road. Follow this until a bridge crossing the gorge. Just before the bridge on the right side of the road is a cleared area. Park here. This is the site of the former bustling town of Franklin, but no vestiges remain to tell its story, though it once boasted a population of 2,000. All the land on this side of the river to the springs is state owned but very hazardous due to abandoned and collapsing mines. Stay on the trails. Pass through the gated area and follow the left fork. The road diminishes into a trail and terminates at the river. Old cables spanning the river mark the spot. The spring is 30 feet from the river's edge on the opposite bank. Most people bring a big innertube to cross the river, but if you have the inclination, just jump in and swim. The spring is inaccessible from the opposite bank.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The surrounding hills are honeycombed with mines. More than one has been burning for centuries, and some mark the final resting places of unfortunate miners. The mines are very dangerous and private property or posted state property **Please stay out.**

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FH370 – The full description of the Franklin Hot Springs appearing on page 45 from “*Everyone's Guide to Hot Springs of Western Washington,*” a complete guide to over 250 Hot Springs and Soda Pop Springs by Jesse W. Love, copyright 1985 by Jesse W. Love, published by Kaleidoscope Publications, Inc. Bellevue, WA 98005. (aka SL371)

Mike Miller here in 1915 – I've been working in Black Diamond on the mine eleven boilers for a little over a year. It is a challenging job requiring a lot of skill and attention.

I had a chance to talk with some of the railroad men who bring passengers into Black Diamond and take away coal to market. Sometimes they bring a train into town in the evening and sleep over for the trip back to Seattle the next morning.

Part of their job is to keep the steam up in the locomotive overnight. They don't want to spend time in the morning waiting for steam in the locomotive boiler to rise to operating pressure. So next to the tracks from



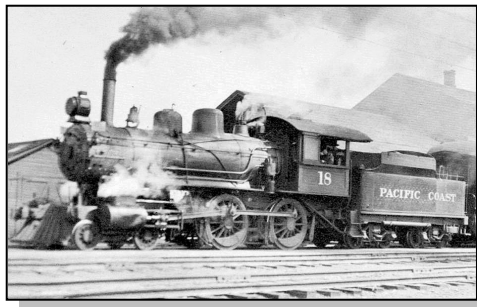
mine eleven to the train depot they have a section house where they can supply the locomotive with water and fuel to make this process possible. I took the opportunity to talk with one of their crewmen called a fireman, (because he shovels coal into the firebox), that maintains the pressure in the locomotive boiler.

The Railroad is owned by the same company that owns the coal mines. The parent company is the Pacific Coast Company and the railroad is named the Pacific Coast Railroad. The coal mines and town belong to the Pacific Coast Coal Company. I was wondering if there might be an opening on the Railroad for a boiler tender so maybe I

could earn some extra money helping the night crew keep up the steam in the locomotive. To find out I went to the Station Master at the depot and asked him what he thought; he told me to get to know the train crews and volunteer to help them at times. Sounds like a pretty good idea so I'm starting to do that.

These trains require water about every 20 miles so water towers are located at Black Diamond, Maple Valley and Seattle. Not sure how often they need to load more coal into the locomotive tender car. I love the sound of the locomotive, the chugging, the hissing, the sound of energy pulling cars of coal or passengers.

I understand there is a round house in Seattle at the end of the line where maintenance is done on the locomotives. I would love to see how that works and see how they maintain the boilers. The train is a standard gauge track space with 54 inch width between the rails. The locomotives are small and designed for small loads. Most of the coal loads are 20 coal cars.



I love it when the passenger train comes into the depot and off comes people from all over the world. Here's where we find out news from the mail and newspapers. I'm especially interested in

the war news from Europe, what's going on, how bad is it on my British friends who might be in the fight? I can also find out local news about my newly adopted county and state?

I really look forward to hearing from my girl back in England. She seems interested in traveling or maybe staying in the United States. I've decided to check with the local School District #160 about teacher positions available.

Here are the rules for teachers:

1. You will not marry during the term of you contract.

2. You are not to keep company with men.

3. You must be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am, unless attending a school function.

4. You may not loiter downtown in the ice cream store.

5. You may not travel beyond the town limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.

6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.

7. You may not smoke cigarettes.

8. You may not dress in bright colors.

9. You may under no circumstances dye your hair.

10. Your must wear at least two petticoats.

11. Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.

12. To keep the school room neat and clean, you must sweep the floor at least once daily, scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water, and clean the blackboards at least once a day.

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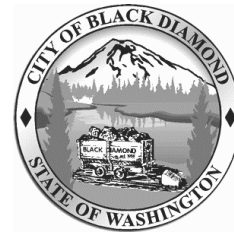
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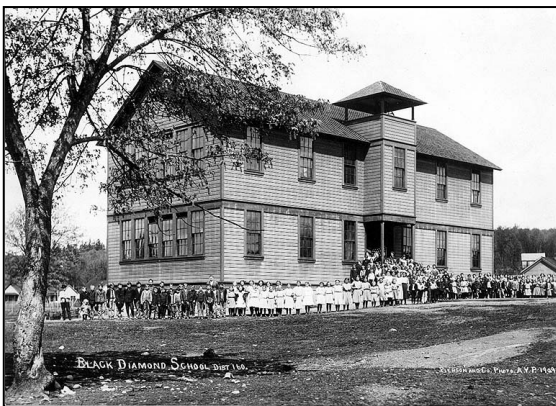
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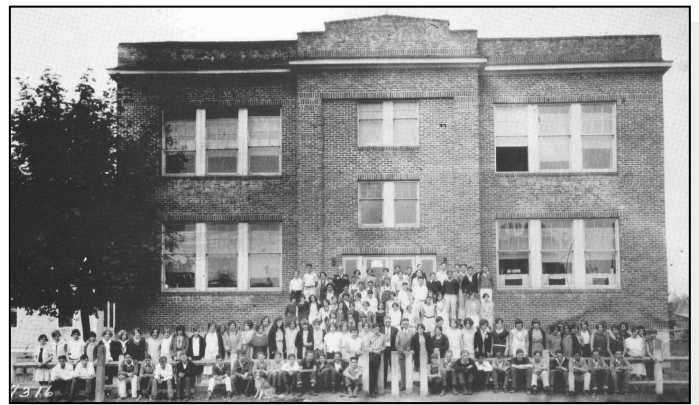


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Obituaries



AUDREY LUCILLE MENDENHALL 1917-2015

Lifetime Society member, Audrey Lucille Mendenhall (Kramer) passed away May 10, 2015 at her home in Seattle. She was born

January 9, 1917 in Black Diamond, WA and lived her youth here, graduating from Black Diamond high school Class of '34.

Audrey continued her education at the University of Washington and graduated in Pharmacy in 1937. She worked for many years at the Swedish Hospital Pharmacy. Her many activities included membership at Inglewood and Broadmoor country clubs, WAC, and she was a lifetime member of BDHS since 1977. Audrey

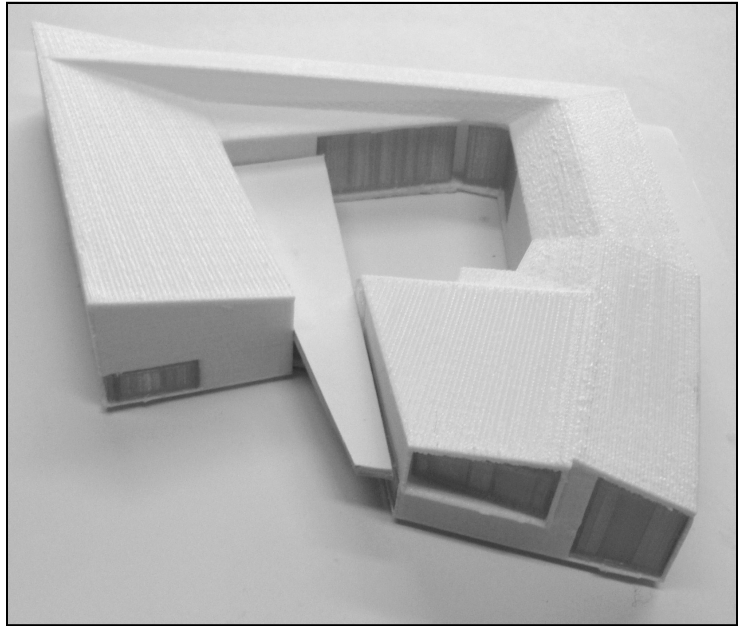
also was a world traveler, her favorite place being Hawaii, where she took to hula dancing and raising orchids.

Surviving Audrey is her loving husband, Howard, of 76 years. She also leaves behind a son Jim, daughter-in-law Vicki of Seattle; grandchildren Stacy & Brandt of Arizona, and great grandchildren Tanner, Reese and Bynn, from Arizona. She was devoted to her family and will be greatly missed.



Say, "So Long" to the present Black Diamond Elementary School buildings.

This is a pre-design conceptual model of what the new Black Diamond Elementary might be as a two story building with a gym and the bus loading area will be behind the school. I'm told it will blend in with the historical buildings in the historical district. The present building is one of the most used buildings in the district and has 40% of its students in portable buildings. It would be a nightmare to accomplish a lock-down of the school should a crisis occur. The new school will be designed for around 450 students as the present buildings population is just under 300 students. The bond issue to accomplish this and other plans of the district passed with 60.05 percent approval.



Here is a portion of an article that appeared in the "The Courier-Herald" dated June 17, 2015 by Kevin Hanson

— "Black Diamond Elementary – Money from the upcoming bond sale will first be spent on preparing the district's J.J. Smith building for full-time inhabitants. It has been years since the facility was used for day-to-day education, as it has been given over to a variety of district and community uses.

Beginning this summer, the district will begin making upgrades at J.J. Smith in preparation for the 2016-17 school year. Black Diamond students will be transported to Enumclaw for the year, while the present, aging Black Diamond elementary is torn down and a new school rises on the same site. Much of the work done at J.J. Smith will be electrical upgrades to handle current technology.

Black Diamond students will be on the move for a full school year, then settle into a new building in the fall of 2017."

Hot pool popular, if lukewarm

Spring heated by burning coal vein
(Reprinted from a South County News article by Jim Kershner, published June 6, 1988)

Welcome to the Green River Hot springs, or more accurately, the Green River Tepid Springs.

The water comes bubbling out of the hillside on a ledge 10 feet above the river near the Green River Gorge Resort. It flows into a natural rocky pool big enough for two or three skinny-dippers.

The setting is spectacular, with the green swirls of river below, the red-orange columbines clinging to nearby rocks, and the walls of the gorge going up like a curtain for 500 feet.

For a true connoisseur of hot springs, there is only one problem. The water is only 90 degrees. That may sound hot, but it actually feels like dishwater that has been sitting in the sink for a half-hour. The ideal temperature for a hot spring is closer to 100 degrees. The Green River Hot Springs provides a hint of what Yellowstone Park might be like if it simmered instead of boiled.

The water is heated by a fire that has been smoldering for 50 years. Instead of being heated by the internal pressure of the earth like most hot springs, the Green River Hot Springs is heated by burning coal deposits that have been slow-cooking since the

days when coal was king in Southeast King County. The water comes right out of the entrance to a coal mine, one of dozens that honeycomb the earth in the Black Diamond-Franklin-Cumberland area.

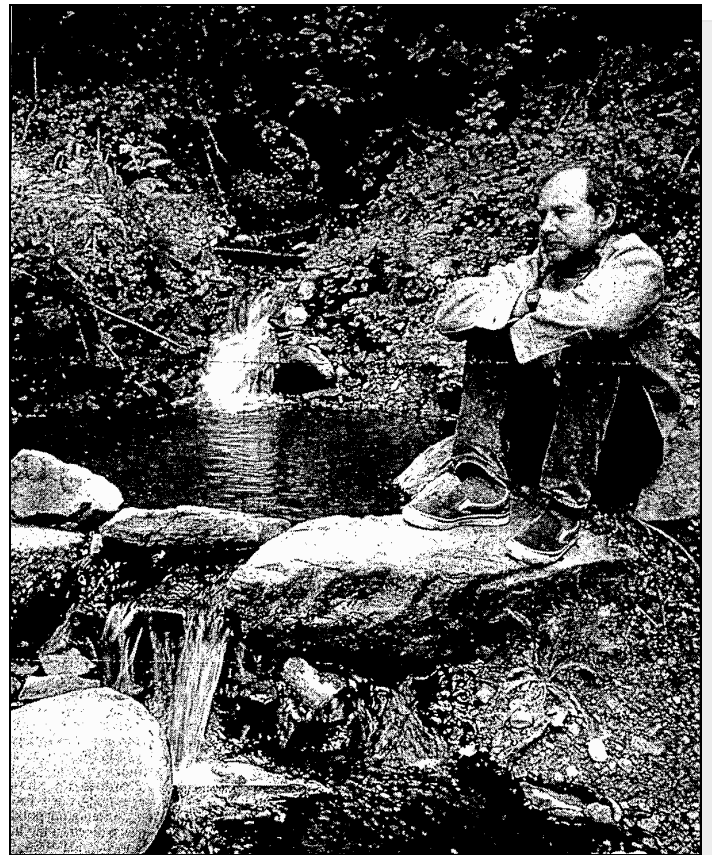
“That coal mine has been on fire for 50 years.” said Jim Carter, the owner of the Green River Resort, a half-mile from the hot spring. “They tried to put it out a few times, without success.”

Carter said the water used to be warmer, but as the smoldering fire moves through its underground caverns, the temperature changes. At one time, he said, the water was about 98 degrees, which is approaching hot-tub temperature.

At that time, a log was used to dam up the spring and create a large pool. The log was washed away in a flood, and now there is a shallow pool which will accommodate two or three people. Kayakers and hikers still use the hot springs occasionally.

“It’s a real nice place for kayakers to stop and have lunch.” said Carter.

In the past two weeks the Green River Hot Springs has enjoyed a surge in popularity. Over the Memorial Day weekend, Carter said, there “must have been 20 differ-



Jim Carter, owner of Green River Gorge Resort, pauses by heater spring near river.
Photo by Gary Kissel

ent people” there at various times.

This new popularity is due to a recent Seattle Times article about hot springs, which provided direction to the Green River site, but neglected to mention the fact that the water is lukewarm at best.

It still might be worth the hike down the gorge to see it. After all, it’s free. To get to it, take the Green River Gorge Road east out of Black Diamond. Drive all the way to the bridge, which is closed for repairs, and walk across the bridge to

the resort.

Or you can drive to the resort from the south side by taking the Franklin-Cumberland Rd. Walk to the resort’s campground area, and go to the head of the campground where a trail goes into the woods past a white gate. Continue on the trail for a half-mile until you see a sign that says “Hot Springs” with an arrow; go down the steep hillside to the river. This final stretch is steep and slippery - use caution.

(Edited for space constraints.)

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Number of guests
visiting the
museum during the
second quarter of
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Be Our Guest

By Dee Israel

There were visitors from **10 States**: Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, So. Carolina, Texas, Utah; as well as Washington. There were also people visiting from other Countries, such as Canada, Germany, Prussia, Spain and Ukraine.

Comments

It was fun to see all the old things

Great museum – Improved from years ago

Love playing on the train

Thank you “For the Memo-

ries”

Fantastic Journey into the past

Old chainsaws are super awesome

Great place to explore the past

Satisfying, Interesting and

Amazing

Thank you for the memories

Rich in History

Thanks for this wonderful museum

Armed men hold up a Northern Pacific train in Washington's first train robbery on November 24, 1892.

HistoryLink.org Essay 5614:

On November 24, 1892, three armed men wearing masks and long coats rob a dozen passengers aboard a Northern Pacific sleeper pulling out of Hot Springs, near the Green River in King County. They steal (stole) some \$1,500 in cash and \$400-\$500 in watches and jewelry. This is the first train robbery in the state of Washington.

They Fled Into the Night

The men boarded the last car of the train as it pulled out of Hot Springs late at night. While one man took up station at the front of the car, the other two "went through" (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*) the passengers. One bandit fired a shot into the car and clubbed a male passenger on the head with a revolver.

When the robbers were finished, one pulled the bell cord twice.

This signaled the engineer to stop the train and they fled into the night. The efficiency with which the men boarded the train and the way that one of them stuffed money and valuables into his coat, "Just like a conductor," led many witnesses to speculate that the perpetrators had worked for a railroad.

One robber took 70 cents from the pocket of Seattle businessman T. C. Taylor, who asked, "Won't you let me have that to get my breakfast with?" The robber said, "Oh, I guess so," and returned the change. Mrs. Guamares of Seattle had sewn \$2,700 in cash into her dress and did not lose it to the thieves. Her husband, however, lost several hundred dollars in Canadian currency.

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