



# FRANKLIN TOURS February 6 & March 5

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### FRANKLIN MINE TOURS FEBRUARY 6 & MARCH 5

The Black Diamond Historical Society is conducting tours of the former coal mining town of Franklin on Saturday, February 6, and Saturday, March 5.

Franklin was a company-owned coal mining town in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The town site was nestled alongside the Green River Gorge and has many cement foundations, a 1,300-foot coal mine shaft, cemetery, and other reminders of what it was like when coal was king in the King County area.

#### IF YOU WISH TO GO ON THE TOUR:

**12 p.m.:** Meet at the Black Diamond Museum. You may park in the Eagles parking lot. Fill out the Hold Harmless Agreement and drop your donation in the container at the front desk.

**12:15 – 12:30 p.m.:** Attend the orientation in the museum auditorium. Receive a map of Franklin and pictures related to the tour.

**12:30 p.m.:** Drive your vehicle, caravan-style, to the Franklin town site.

**12:45 p.m.:** Meet Tour Director Don Mason. Be prepared for a rugged 1½-mile hike on rough terrain.

Enjoy the foliage, hear the river, see the sites, and hear the Franklin stories that Don Mason and others will share with the group about this ghost town.

We would appreciate a \$5 donation for each attendee except for minors, seniors, BDHS members, and veterans.

Wear hiking boots and clothing suitable for the weather.

Check with your doctor for clearance to engage in strenuous activity.

*Have a good time!*



## BULLETIN

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12 to 4 p.m. (summer)



# FRANKLIN & RAVENSDALE

This newsletter is devoted to Franklin & Ravensdale. Franklin because of the two mine tours coming up on February 6th and March 5th and Ravensdale because our fictional friend “Mike Miller” visits Ravensdale a couple months after they experience an accident that resulted in an explosion and the demise of 31 miners. Ravensdale also just commemorated 100 years since the Mine Explosion and some pictures have been included from that event.

## A MESSAGE from the EDITOR



## LEIH MULVIHILL

While researching the Franklin Mine disaster, I came upon a person who had been at that explosion and later became one of the country’s renowned Coal-Mining Engineers, Mr. George Watkins Evans.

As noted in the previous newsletter, we are in search of themes & Ideas for the Museums 40th Anniversary. We’ve receive one suggestion from Joann Matsumura and are looking for more! Get those ideas in ASAP!

*Leih Mulvihill*

## Share your family photos

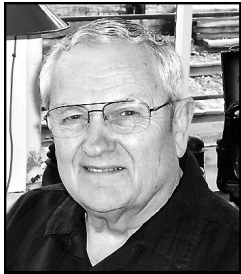
And a short story behind it.

Email a PDF or jpeg to [leih023@gmail.com](mailto:leih023@gmail.com)

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: WINTER 2016

On December 12, 2015 we celebrated our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hometown Christmas event and were greeted with inclement weather and a lot of attendees. Gomer Evans put together a “Hay

## A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



KEITH  
WATSON

with her all volunteer crew who made all kind of things happen.

To start with Judy and Susie Thompson went with Bill Bremmeyer to locate and bring to the museum a 20 foot Christmas tree. It needed to be placed in a hole that was dug by Gomer and then decorated. During the first try of decorating the tree the wind came up and blew the lights to one side. Following day’s decorating was more successful thanks to a lot of people. One group, whom we did not know, volunteered to help us with the tree and the hanging of icicle lights on the museum. This group of young adults are from the Generational Leadership class of the Generational Hope Christian Center located in Maple Valley. (note: they also helped us take down the decorations after Christ-

mas.) Thank you guys and gals; you are a breath of fresh air and represent the best of Christian Faith and Christmas Spirit.

All of the merchants along Railroad Avenue spruced up for the Hometown Christmas. The Museum, The Black Diamond Pizza Deli, the Antique Mall, the Smoked Meat and more Shop, and the Black Diamond Bakery. Moon at the Bakery allowed the deli portion of the Bakery to be used for Christmas Craft making by kids and adults while Santa and Mrs. Claus sat and poised for pictures. Santa arrived at the Bakery on the Museums restored Fire Truck which was all lighted with Christmas lights.

The Smoked Meat store featured Brats and other delights and the Antique Mall offered hot apple cider, coffee, and cookies. Outside the Antique Mall the kids chorus from the Lake Sawyer Christian Church sang Christmas songs. There was cotton candy and Kettle Corn which the crowd appreciated. In the Museum there was a visit from Frosty the Snow Man who had been going up and down the Avenue making kids and adults laugh and really get into the spirit of Christmas. Inside the Museum there was hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, and live music with Steve Israel and Fran Wold and in between music sessions kids story telling by Monica Sands and Stephanie Keigle. At the beginning of the Story Telling there was a presentation of awards to three kids who had won a contest of who could make the best yard signs to call attention to Hometown Christmas. These were made

by BASK (Before & After School Kids) and other Elementary School age Kids in the community.

Prior to the Event, on a stormy rainy windy Saturday, the Museum sponsored a Food Drive with Tim Perciful of the Mountain View Fire & Rescue Black Diamond Fire Department coordinating the Museums Antique Fire Truck with the Fire Department Trucks and the Black Diamond Police Department along with many volunteers going to various communities in the City to collect over 1,000 pounds of food for the Black Diamond Community Center’s Emergency Food Bank. Riding in the truck was, of course, Santa with candy canes. After doing this Joe Androsko drove the Museums Antique Fire Truck in the Enumclaw Christmas Parade.

As you can tell the Historical Society and members were very busy planning and coordinating these events and I would like to thank all of you who helped make this Christmas so wonderful. And thank you Board of Directors for your support and hard work. I want to especially thank Frosty Shawn Oglesbee, Santa (bakery) Dennis Helland, Mrs. Claus Kookie Helland, Santa (food drive & community center) Tom Mulvihill, Mrs. Claus Leih Mulvihill you were all just great.

The spirit of Christmas is Love and you all showed it - Thank you!

*Keith Watson  
President*

# HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS 2015



**TOP LEFT-** Lake Sawyer Church Kid's Chorus caroling in front of the Antique Mall. **BELOW-**Museum Christmas Tree.



**Live music with Steve Israel and Fran Wold**



**Santa stops for a visit with Joe Androsko and catches a ride!**



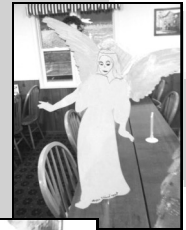
**FREE Wreath decorating at the Black Diamond Bakery**



**Frosty catching a ride on the Fire Truck!**



**Winners of the Yard Sign Contest**



**Winning Yard Signs**

**Joe Androsko getting a picture with Mrs. Clause, Santa and Frosty at the Bakery**



**The hay ride through town looks all warm and toasty!**



**Mr. & Mrs. Clause enjoying Breakfast at the Bakery!**

# FRANKLIN: A SHORT HISTORY

BY WILLIAM KOMBOL

The town of Franklin was developed for coal mining and operated as a company town from around 1885 to 1922. At its peak there were approximately 1,100 people living and working in Franklin. The town's beginning and purpose were linked to 50-million-year-old coal seams exposed along the deep gorge cut through bedrock.

Explorers discovered the coal while traveling through the Green River Gorge in the early 1880s leading to the founding of nearby Black Diamond. The Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad was extended from Renton to Franklin in 1885 allowing coal production to commence and the town to develop. The town was named for the famed American patriot, Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin had company-owned housing, a company store, post office, school, a Knights of Pythias hall, and two saloons to serve the 300-400 hundred coal miners who worked the mines. The town was originally owned by the Oregon Improvement Company (OIC) and the first shipment of coal left Franklin in June 1885.

The early years were dominated by labor strife and mining disasters. In 1891, a series of labor disputes resulted in OIC recruiting African-Americans workers from

the Midwest who rode trains with their families to Washington where they were promised good jobs. Instead they were to be strike-breakers. Violence erupted that spring causing the National Guard to be deployed to restore peace following at least two deaths. Union efforts collapsed and some blacks left town. Three years later, on August 24, 1894, a tragic fire claimed the lives of 37 miners. It was the second worst coal mine disaster in Washington state history.

In 1896, the OIC was bought out by Pacific Coast Company, a conglomerate which eventually owned coal mines, railroads, steamships, briquette, and cement plants. Pacific eventually owned mines in Newcastle, Issaquah, Black Diamond, Carbonado, and Burnett. Coal mining in Franklin expanded and by the late 1890s and early 1900s coal production was averaging nearly 200,000 tons per year. However, after 1908 coal

output slumped and employment fell to less than 150 miners, except for one year during new mine development. That mine called the Cannon eventually failed and by 1922 underground coal production ended, at least for the next decade.

Almost everyone moved out of town except for a few families

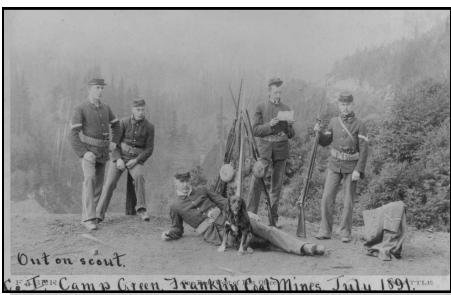
who had purchased land and had small farms. When the company began selling nearby land, the area was referred to as Pacosco. Several small mines attempted coal recovery in the mid 1930s but were not successful. During the World War II years the old Franklin mine was reopened and coal was produced, but the mining effort was judged a failure.

## **Violence Erupted in the Spring, causing the National Guard to be deployed...**

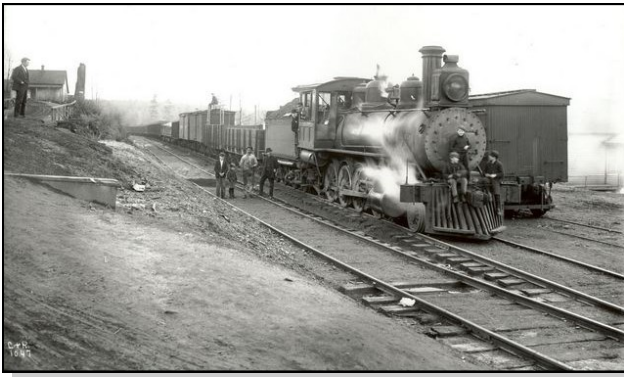
After the war, Palmer Coking Coal Company (Palmer) leased the properties and began surface mining combined with underground operations. In 1953, Palmer purchased the property and mineral holdings of the Pacific Coast Coal Company and continued underground mining in Franklin until 1971 and surface mining until 1981.

Over the first 100 years of operations, 4.15 million tons of coal were produced from the Franklin field. However, the area had one of the poorest safety records as 88 fatalities were recorded in the first four decades of mining.

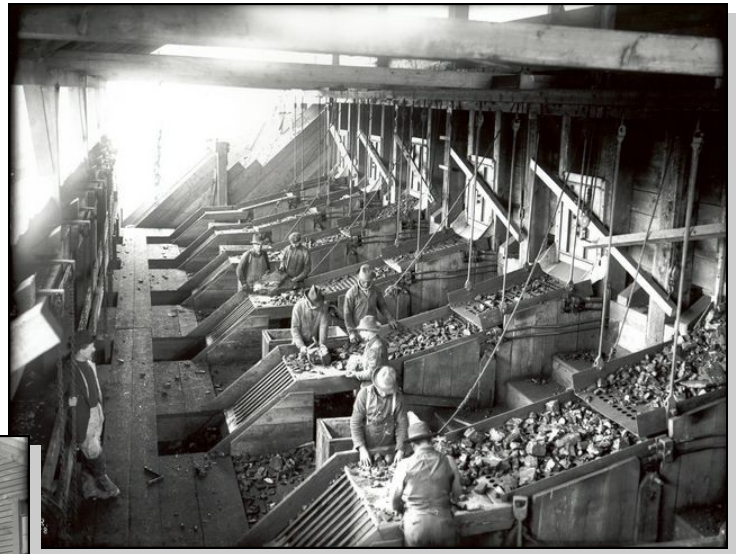
In 1973 Washington State Parks acquired most of the old town site, vertical mine shaft, and cemetery as part of the Green River Gorge conservation area. In 1983, Green River Community College conducted an extensive historical and archaeological project under the leadership of Gerald Hedlund. The site of the old town was investigated



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**1902 PCC 228 Loaded Coal Train in Franklin, WA**



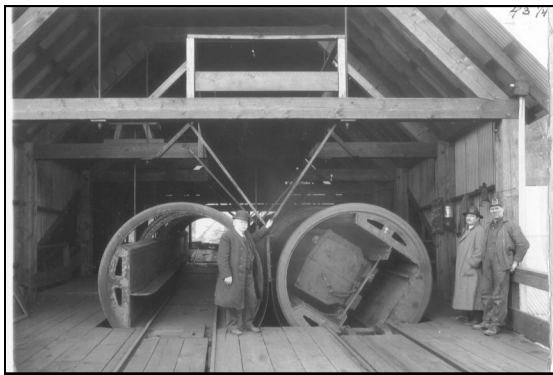
**1902 PCC 220  
Sorting coal on a picking table Franklin, WA**



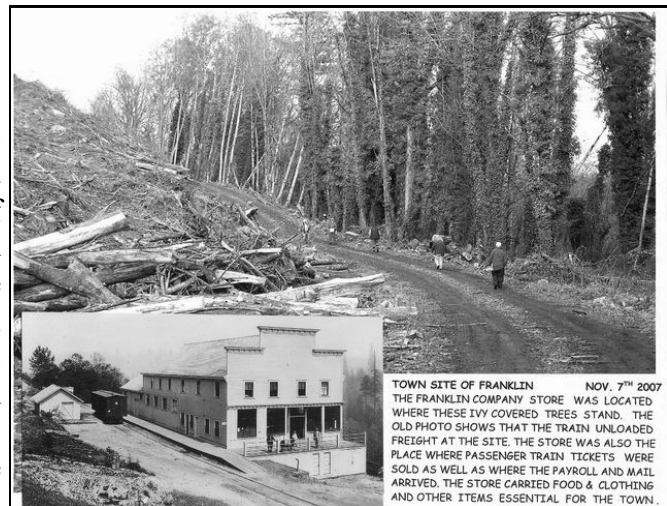
**1902 PCC 219 Miner's homes in Franklin, WA**



**1930's Motorcycle Soccer at Franklin, WA  
(Knights of Pythias Hall is the Large Bldg.)**



**The revolving  
coal tippie of  
the Cannon  
mine in  
Franklin,  
circa 1913**



**TOWN SITE OF FRANKLIN NOV. 7<sup>TH</sup> 2007**  
THE FRANKLIN COMPANY STORE WAS LOCATED WHERE THESE IVY COVERED TREES STAND. THE OLD PHOTO SHOWS THAT THE TRAIN UNLOADED FREIGHT AT THE SITE. THE STORE WAS ALSO THE PLACE WHERE PASSENGER TRAIN TICKETS WERE SOLD AS WELL AS WHERE THE PAYROLL AND MAIL ARRIVED. THE STORE CARRIED FOOD & CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS ESSENTIAL FOR THE TOWN.

**Site of the Old Franklin Company Store**

**FRANKLIN** CONT. PG 6

and a book, "From Smoke to Mist: An Archeological Study of Franklin, WA – a "Turn of the Century' Company Coal Town " (1994) was published.

Palmer continues to manage the resource lands of Franklin hill

through forest harvests, re-forestation, and a developed rock quarry. Tours of Franklin are conducted twice each winter by the Black Diamond Historical Society, on the first weekends of February and March, when vegetation is dormant and remnants of the remaining foundations structures of this ghost town can be seen.



# NEW COUNCILMAN, 18 WANTS BLACK DIAMOND TO GET MOVING

BY BYRON JOHNSRUD



Previous Issue Mystery Photo  
Mike Parkin 1970's

Mike Parkin, a newly-elected Black Diamond city councilman, says he is dedicated "to bringing a younger viewpoint" into the affairs of this town.

And why not? Parkin is only 18.

In Tuesday's election he won a narrow victory over a 10-year incumbent, Angiolo Mariotti, for Council Position 3. The vote tally was 125 to 120.

Black Diamond has been cut off from the mainstream of life, Parkin, a Green River Community

College freshman, said.

“WE CAN'T LIVE in the olden times forever,” he said. “We can't stay closed off from the world. What have we got? No more coal mining. So that leaves us with a moderately famous bakery.”

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parkin, Jr., of the Morganville section of Black Diamond. He was born in Astoria, OR where his father, born in Black Diamond, was stationed with the Coast Guard.

There was a lot of moving around, but Black Diamond has always been my home,” Mike Parkin said.

Mike's grandfather, William Parkin moved to Black Diamond from Boulder, CO, in the early days of the town's fame as a coal-mining center.

“We've got to, make Black Diamond a better place to live.” Parkin said. “We need new business, a new shopping center. Perhaps most of all we need a new water system, which is required if small industry is to be attracted.”

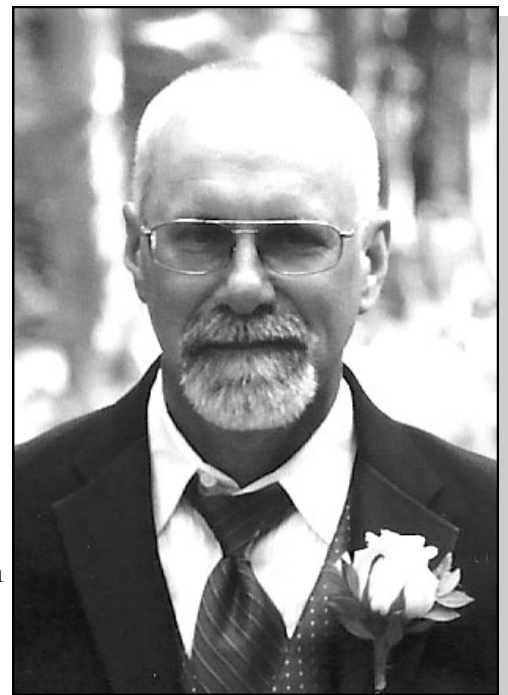
A NEW WATER system was a high-priority aim

long before Parkin make the Council race. The town's water now is carried across the Green River in a pipe hung from a suspension bridge. A larger water supply is needed from the springs on the other side.

Parkin is not worried about getting along with other councilmen, the youngest of whom is John Bukoskey, 35.

“I'm an easy-going guy,” he said. “The problem will be, will they want to get along with me?”

Parkin said he “hardly campaigned at all - just wrote out some stuff and passed it out



Mike Parkin Today



# 100 YEARS AGO CHAPTER 7

( A FICTIONAL ACCOUNT BASED ON HISTORICAL FACTS )

BY KEITH WATSON

Mike Miller here in 1916. Last November 16, 1915 a terrible event occurred in our sister town of Ravensdale. I learned that at 1:25 in the afternoon there occurred an explosion that ripped apart the Ravensdale No. 1 coal mine. The report is that 31 coal miners lost their lives and the mine will close forever as a result of the explosion.



Ravensdale 1910

I decided to hike over to Ravensdale and see what the aftermath was and how the people who lived there are getting along. It was a clear day in mid January and good weather for a hike. I followed the train tracks from Black Diamond to the junction at Henry's Switch where the Columbia Puget Sound

Railroad could switch to the tracks of the Northern Pacific Railroad coming from Auburn to Ravensdale and then east over the mountain pass.

I had never been to Ravensdale and the road to there was known for a lot of mud. The tracks were the way to travel. After

getting onto the tracks of the Northern Pacific I continued east passing a beautiful lake on the left coming into the town. There was a lot of activity and noise of hammers on wood and nails being pulled out of wood. Wagons full of used wood and parts were everywhere with mules or horses to pull them. The people were taking the

mine buildings apart piece by piece and burning the scrap wood as they went.

I walked into the train depot and asked the station master what was going on and he said the mine owners have decided to close the mine and people are moving out of town to other towns and communities that have coal mines. The families of the miners who lost their lives were in the worst trouble with no "bread winner" in the family they have to relocate and find a way to making a living. The steam engine generator buildings will be dismantled and this will be the last of the electricity they generate for the town. The miners and men who run the upper works of the mine and run machinery or work in the mine office are out of work.

I asked about the people who support the trains that go through the town. He said he will soon be out of a job and is currently looking for work and hopes

## MIKE PARKIN CONT.

here and there. I think the new 18-year-old vote and the young adults, 25-40, probably put me across."

☞ My mom campaigned for me a little, sort of by request," Parkin said. "She works in the bank. If people asked her about me she'd tell 'em. Got me some votes that way, too."

PARKIN is a graduate of Enumclaw High School and

is taking general studies of Green River. He may make a start on a psychology major next year after which he plans to go on to a four-year institution.

He has no present plans to study political science.

☞ I'm not all that interest in politics, really," he said, although conceding that his next two years as a civic leader may give him the political bug.

He'll begin to find out how virulent "The political

bug" can be tonight, his first official meeting with his fellow city officials as "City Councilman Mike Parkin."

Editors Note: The newspaper article is from the early 70's. Mike has worked in the logging industry for over 40 years, is a life time resident of Black Diamond and has one son and one daughter. His mother, Elsie Parkin is the Treasurer of the Black Diamond Historical Society and the Treasurer of the Black Diamond Community Center.

(Newspaper Unknown.)

## 100 YEARS AGO *CONT.*

that the Northern Pacific will transfer him to a new location. He thinks that the school will close because the mine supported the school with funds.

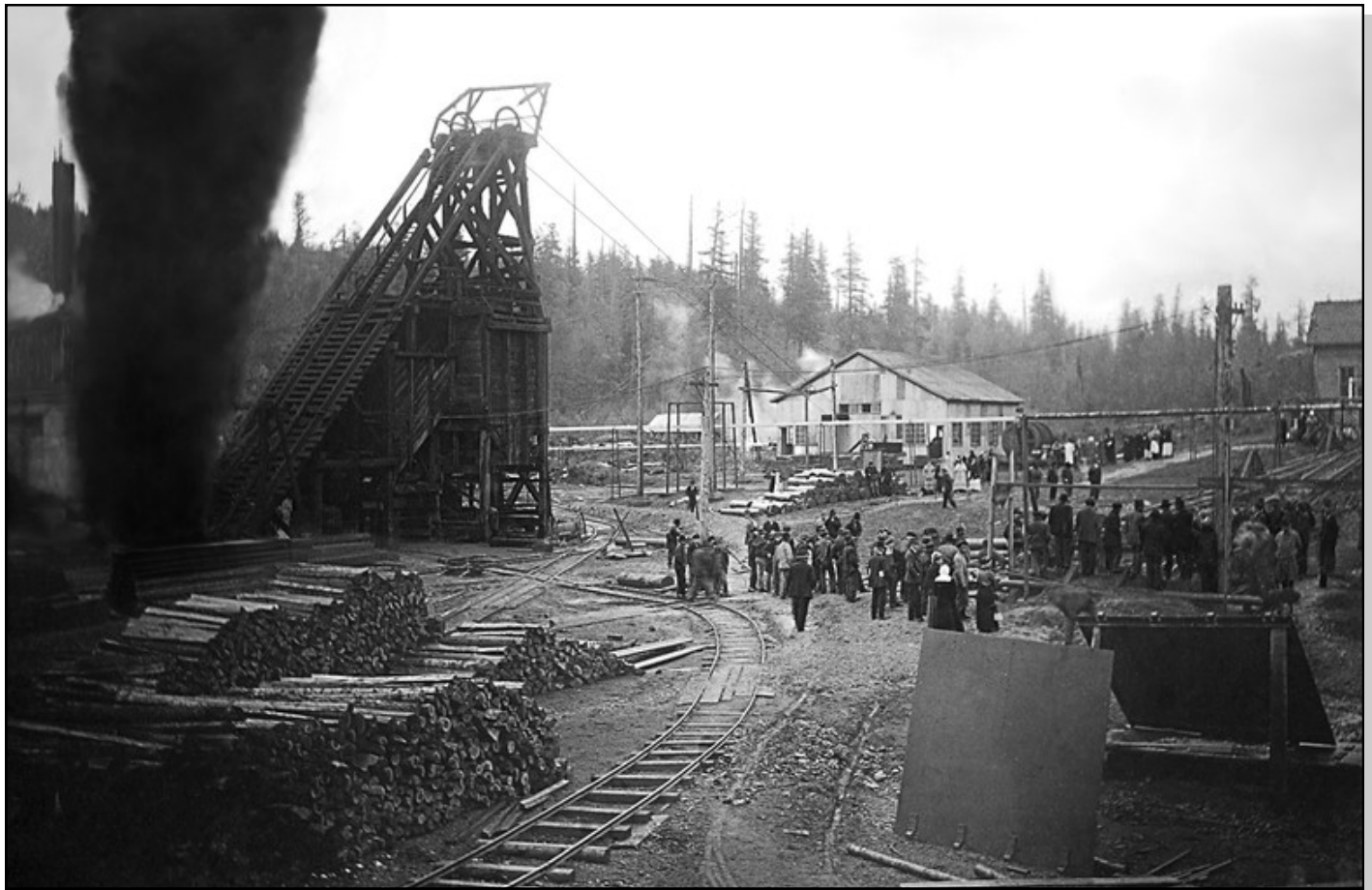
**W**hat are these people doing with the wood, I asked. He didn't know for sure but a lot of the wood and buildings were purchased by outsiders in the auctions that followed the disaster. They would be reusing the doors, windows, beams, siding, and nails. He imagined they would be used in building future structures all over the county. They would be selling or auctioning the large machinery used for the mine and upper works. The sale of things like the electric

motors, black smith equipment, steam engines, cable, train tracks, coal cars, and unused timber props would help the company assets.

**I** talked to some of the people who came in the depot while I was there and they were positive they could find work elsewhere. I could not understand why they were still in town; it had been two months since the disaster. While I was there trains were arriving and mainly loading passengers getting out of town. I wondered what I would do if this had happened in Black Diamond. Five years ago there was a similar mine explosion up in the Lawson mine and it was closed and that community ceased to be. The houses were moved down into Black Diamond and the

large store was also moved to Black Diamond. The remaining structures including the hotel were taken apart just like Ravensdale was now.

**W**alking back to Black Diamond got me to thinking about the rest of the world and the war in Europe and how that event must be changing people's lives just like the mine explosion in Ravensdale. The papers are printing editorials the war in Europe is going badly for the Brits and they are stymied by the Turks. Wish I knew what is going on and why I haven't heard from my girl friend in England.

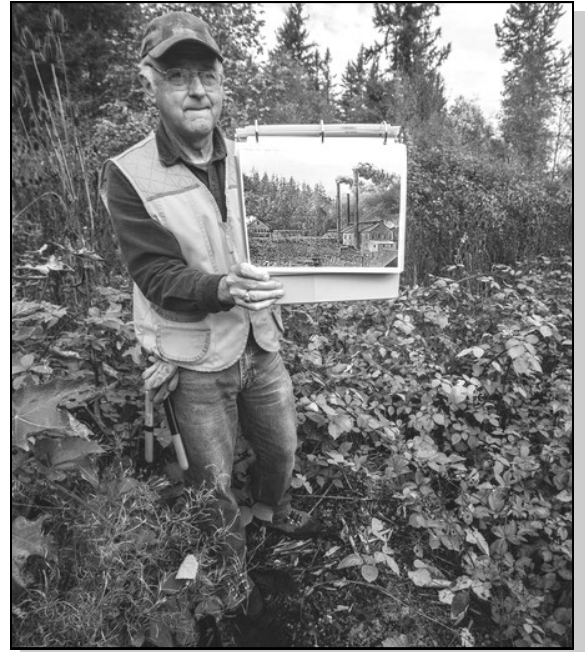


***This photo was taken shortly after the Nov. 16, 1915, Ravensdale mine explosion that killed 31 men in Southeast King County. Smoke continued to billow out of the mine's main shaft, seen on the left.***

***Photo by Llewellyn/Archives of Tony and Lulu Kombol)***



**Gary Habenicht points out his great grandfather, John Davies, who died in the coal-mine explosion. (Steve Ringman/The Seattle Times) 2015**



**Michael Brathovde holds a photo of the Ravensdale powerhouse, as he stands on its overgrown foundation. (Steve Ringman/The Seattle Times) 2015**

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# WASHINGTON COAL-MINING ENGINEER

GEORGE WATKIN EVANS, (1876-1951)

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George Watkin Evans (1876-1951), 1924  
Courtesy Seattle and Environs

*George Watkin Evans was a pioneering mining engineer in Washington who spent much of his career studying and documenting the state's coal-mining industry. This People's History of Evans's life and work was contributed by William Kombol, Manager of the Palmer Coking Coal Company in Black Diamond*

## Born To the Mines

“Son,” he said, picking up a lump of coal, “here is imprisoned sunshine that warmed a swamp which stood here millions of years ago.” So spoke a Washington state coal-mine inspector to the 17-year-old George Watkin Evans, who started working at the Franklin coal mines on January 9, 1888. Evans went on to probably know more about coal mining in the Pacific Northwest than any other then-living person. He was

an internationally renowned consulting mining engineer who spent most of his remarkable career in the coal fields of Washington.

Evans was born in Abercarne, Wales, on March 5, 1876, to Watkin Evans and Catherine (Hughes). His father was employed as a coal miner there. The family emigrated to the U.S. in 1880, settling first in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where his father found work in the anthracite fields. The family moved to Franklin, Washington, in 1887, and early the next year young George began his mining career as an 11-year-old oiler, lubricating coal-car wheels. Within a year he was driving the mules that pulled the coal cars, and he went on to learn most of the underground coal-mining jobs.

## Learning All About Coal

Evans was at the Franklin Mine during the disaster of August 1894 when 37 miners perished from suffocation and smoke. It was about this time that he had his famous encounter with the coal mine inspector -- an event that was to change his life. Evans told a biographer that the phrase “Imprisoned Sunshine!” had set him forth on a hunt for knowledge that continued throughout his life. Evans had no formal schooling as a lad, but taught himself to read the Welsh Bible. The superintendent of the Franklin mine made out a list of books for him to read. Evans said, “

The wonders of coal as revealed in those books filled me with enthusiasm, and with a keen hunger to know all there was to know about coal. I began to live in the Paleozoic age -- and to study ights” (*Gentlemen Unafraid*).

He borrowed books and took correspondence courses as preparatory education to enter Washington State College. He graduated in 1903 with a Bachelor of Science degree as an Engineer of Mines, having earned part of his tuition working in Colorado cyanide mines.

In the early days of the 1897 Klondike gold rush, Mr. Evans, then 21, was part of a geologic survey that clambered over the well-known Chilkoot Pass. But the

quest for the yellow metal was not his passion, and his interest turned to “black diamonds.” Back in Washington, Evans made his living as a professional

civil engineer. He again traveled to Alaska in 1906 to investigate the Bering coal field for the Guggenheim family. In 1909 he was made geologist in charge of coal investigations for the Washington Geological Survey and wrote the au-



George Watkin Evans (1876-1951), Bering River coal fields, ca.

thoritative "Bulletin No. 3: The Coal Fields of King County" in 1912.

### A Distinguished Career

Evans examined the Matanuska, Alaska, coal field for the Navy in 1913. During the years of World War I, he served as district mining engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Mines. He went on to work for some of the biggest coal mining companies in Washington, including Northern Pacific Railroad, and the Pacific Coast, Carbon Hill, and Hyde coal companies. He maintained his office at the Smith Tower, Seattle's skyscraper of its day. There, Evans wrote countless papers, studies, and reports on coal mines and prospects, many of which are still referenced today due to their completeness and accuracy.



Evans stood over six feet in height and was described as a man of splendid bearing and physique, with a beautiful tenor voice which he used to sing the songs of his native Wales. In 1929, perhaps in appreciation for his work, the Pacific Coast Coal Company sold him 1.5 acres of land above the Green River, in the town of his youth - Franklin.

On March 12, 1902 in Garfield, Washington, Evans was married to Olivia L. Laird, a daughter of Samuel T. and Elizabeth Laird. They met while in college at Pullman. The couple had had three children: Watkin L. Evans, Blodwen E. Evans, and Lloyd George Evans. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and supported the Republican Party. Professionally he was associated with

the American Institute of Mining Engineers and the National Geographic Society. Locally, he was a member of the Arctic Club of Seattle and the Rotary.

George Watkin Evans lived in Seattle most of his adult life and passed away on January 11, 1951 at the age of 74. Olivia Laird Evans died in December 1965.

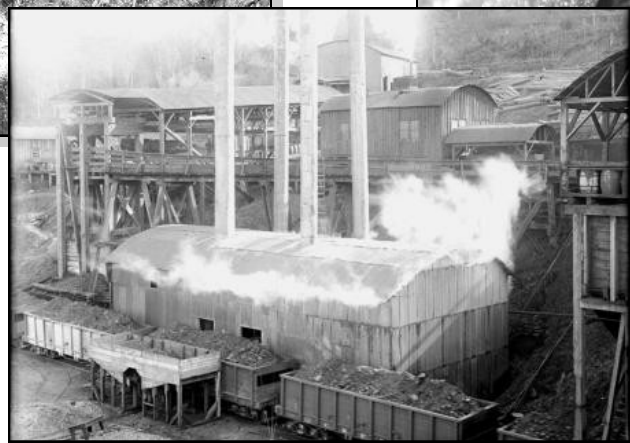


George Watkin Evans (1876-1951), ca. 1927 Courtesy Gentlemen Unafraid



Top L & R - What's left of Franklin Mine No. 7.

Middle - Franklin mine & from 1890's.



FRANKLIN MINE NO. 7

<http://www.ghosttownsofWashington.com/franklin-mine-7.html> 2012

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Number of guests  
visiting the  
museum during the  
fourth quarter of  
2015

# Be Our Guest

by Allison Stern

There were visitors from **15 States**: Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming as well as Washington. There were also people visiting from other Countries, such as Canada, Egypt, and Ukraine.

## Comments

*Very nice*

*Cool*

*Neat*

*Beautiful*

*Good memories*

*Super*

*Wonderful history*

*Loved the train*

*One of the best*

*Great local history*

*Great*

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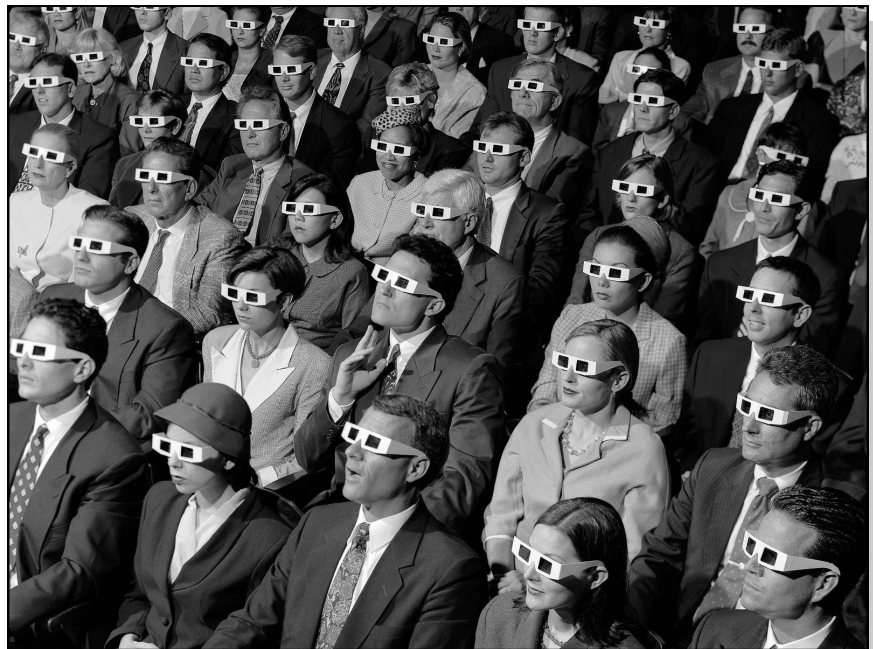
*By ALLISON STERN, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN*

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 309 memberships. We are pleased to announce that during the fourth quarter of 2015 we have acquired the following new memberships:

Eric R. Williams

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

Bonnie Bingham & Family  
 Janie Edelman  
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2016 is the Black Diamond Historical Society/  
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What kind of celebration should we have?  
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*"Let's celebrate... celebrate,  
dance to the music..."*

*Kool & The Gang, 1980*

