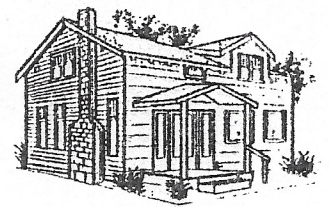


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Remembering Lacey's Lakes and Resorts *at the* Lacey Historical Society's Annual Meeting

Be ready to go back in time to the early 1900s and relive what it felt like in the renowned Lacey Resort Destination Era. This year's Annual Meeting features FOUR of the lakeside resorts. Many of our members are sharing their fun memories. The questionnaire below may help you recall some wonderful memories!

Lacey's Resorts Questionnaire

- (1) Which lake resorts do you remember best?
- (2) Which lakes did you visit? ___Hicks Lake ___Pattison Lake ___Long Lake ___Southwick Lake
- (3) What feature(s) did you enjoy the most?
- (4) Do you have photographs from the Resorts?

Goals

- **To collect memories and help others to remember
- **To enjoy the story of Lacey's early life & activities.
- **To look ahead to 2016—Lacey's 50th Anniversary.

Please share your answers by sending them to the Lacey Historical Society at PO BOX 3324, Lacey, WA 98509-3324

Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Greg Cuoio, former Lacey City Manager.

WHEN: September 24, 2013

WHERE: Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Ave. SE

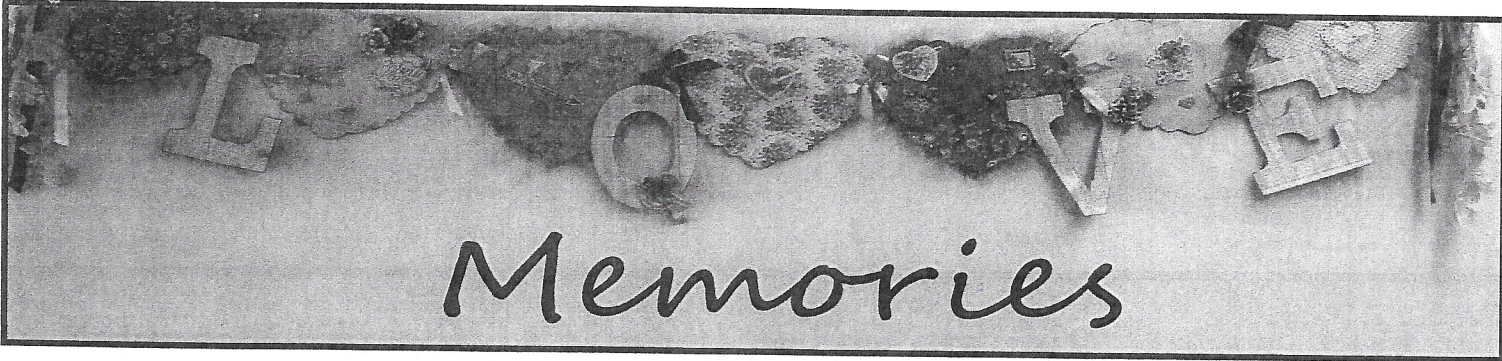
TIME: 5:30—7:00 p.m.

MENU: Summer Picnic Food

DRESS: Casual— "Period" Summer Theme

PLEASE fill out the RSVP form enclosed and mail it in or call (360) 491-0905 ****BEFORE September 16**** if you plan to join us!

It's never too late to write your memories and send them to us!



Memories

Mina Bowker:

More than 40 years ago, as a favor to my mother-in-law, Martha Bowker, I attended a meeting of the Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Association. I had not attended any prior meeting and really did not have much interest in attending and certainly no intention of getting involved. However, at the meeting, for some unknown reason, I was elected Secretary Treasurer. At this time things were not going well for the Association. They had previously entered into a perpetual care agreement with Tim and Ann Burgman. In return for perpetual care, the Burgmans were given control of the North Section of the Cemetery and the Association control of the South Section of the Cemetery. There were a number of issues caused by disagreements over what each party expected of the other, and OOPS, I landed right in the middle as a go between, between the Association and the Burgmans. Not being from Lacey, I had wonderful assistance from my husband George and his mom Martha.

A number of Association members were really helpful in setting up the records, as I was given no records what-so-ever when I became Secretary Treasurer. Harvey Wood and Ben would have been lost. Two other friends that helped a lot were Lyman (Junior) Fleetwood and Gwin Hicks. With their help and the help of the State Cemetery Board, which came to know me by name because I was in their office so much, we were able to settle the issues without going to court which had become a real possibility. I worked closely with Ann Bergman who was a truly wonderful lady.

As the membership of the Association aged, the next generation was not as much interested. For some years, I was the only one keeping the Association going. I couldn't quit because I had the records and the money and no one to hand them off to. And then there was the I.R.S. who wanted to know if we were stockpiling money and not paying taxes. When Mullen Road was widened by the City of Lacey we were able to negotiate compensation for the grave sites we were losing.

God Bless all those working to preserve this historic site and to all those who helped me and are now gone. Rest in Peace.

Note: With the help of Mina and her son Steve Bowker, the records for the South Section of the Cemetery have been digitized and a map created for the South Section. Mina was honored for her more than 40 years of service at the Annual Meeting of the Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Association held on June 23rd.

Memories of the Lakes

Be sure to come to the Annual Meeting on September 24 to share your memories of the lakes and to receive a souvenir placemat representing the four featured lakes in Lacey's history that we're celebrating this year!

Pattison Lake "Remembering a Pioneer Family"

Pattison Lake derives its name from the family who settled on Chambers Prairie before Washington became a Territory. What do we know about the Pattisons? Thanks in part to the research of our departed friend Roger Easton, we have a glimpse of the family who contributed so much to our heritage. Their life is reminiscent of many pioneer families who came west in the mid-1800's.

Nathan Pattison was the second of six sons and a daughter of William and Mary Pattison and this story offers us a most poignant glimpse of the pioneer Washington family. Nathan was born in late April 1826 in Randolph County, Illinois. There he married his childhood sweetheart Rachel Warren on April 2, 1849. She was born March 25, 1831 also in Randolph County.

Eight days after Nathan and Rachel were married, the family left Illinois on the road to Oregon. The Pattison wagon train consisted of 14 family members including William and Mary and her mother. Six weeks later, the family paused along the North Platte River at Ash Hollow (Nebraska) to make wagon repairs. William also needed to harness mules to replace three oxen that died from eating poisonous weeds.

Before they could resume their journey, tragedy struck the family on June 19th. William wrote in his diary, "...about 11 oct Rachel was taken with Colera (cholera) and died by 11 at night. placed a grave stone at her head, Rachel Pattison aged 18 June 19th 1849." Other emigrant diaries described the lonely gravesite of the young girl named Rachel.

Leaving Rachel behind, the family continued onto Oregon and settled in the Willamette Valley not far from Eugene. In 1852, they moved north to Puget Sound where they claimed about 2,000 acres near the lake that now bears their name. In 1857, William and most of the family except Nathan and James returned to Oregon. After purchasing the family land, Nathan and his brother James became involved in local efforts and remained in Thurston County the rest of their lives.

NATHAN PATTISON


On April 10, 1849 the Pattison clan left their homes near Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois, to take the trail to Oregon. Their company consisted primarily of Nathan's immediate family: his wife, Rachel; his parents, William and Mary; five brothers; and William's aunt, Charlotte Irwin. Nathan's brother, James, was accompanied by his wife, Jane, and their infant son. With the Pattisons were some relatives of Jane Pattison named Wyllie.

On April 2, eight days before they set out for Oregon, Nathan and eighteen-year-old Rachel E. Warren were married. On June 19, "Rachel taken sick in the morning, died in the night." Thus did twenty-three-year-old Nathan Pattison record the death of his wife of two months, Rachel Warren Pattison. William wrote: "... Rachel was taken with Colera . . ." She was buried at Ash Hollow near present-day Lowell in western Nebraska.

Charlotte Irwin died on October 12 as the company crossed the Blue Mountains. The Pattisons reached The Dalles of the Columbia on November 3. An attempt was made to raft down the river but an early winter storm left them stranded at the Cascades. After many days of privation they finally reached Fort Vancouver late in the month. The Pattisons spent the winter in the area while the men of the company cut timber to earn their living. They went on to Oregon City in the spring of 1850.

Over the next two years the clan moved northward to the Cowlitz Landing and eventually to Chambers Prairie, the area surrounding present-day Pattison Lake in Lacey, Washington. The Pattisons took adjoining Donation Land Claims giving them over 2000 acres on which they farmed and raised cattle. In 1857, William and Mary Pattison and four of their sons returned to their Camp Creek claim near Eugene, Oregon. James, Jane, and Nathan, however, decided to stay and bought the land claims of the departing Pattisons. Most of those departing are buried at the Oakville Cemetery southwest of Albany, Oregon.

Nathan Pattison never remarried and lived with his brother James and family for most of the rest of his life at various places near and in Olympia, Washington. Nathan's name appears on an Indian War Muster Roll, 31 Jan 1856 in Captain Isaac Hayes's Company E, first regiment, as well as the Roster of the Columbia Engine Company No. 1, Olympia's early fire department, 1866-1890s. He was active in the Olympia Lodge of the IOOF, becoming at one point Noble Grand. Nathan died at age sixty-six near Olympia in 1893 and is buried in a family plot with James, Jane, their children, and other descendants in the vicinity of this marker.

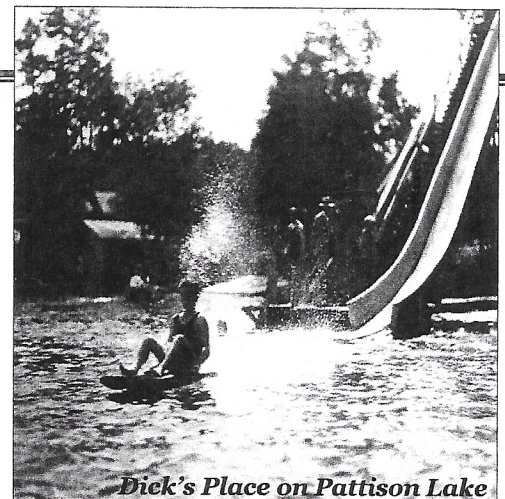


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In 1856, Nathan's name was included on the Indian War Muster Roll, 31 Jan 1856, in Captain Isaac Hayes's company E, First Regiment. "The History of the Odd Fellows in Washington 1880" shows Nathan Pattison received the "Grand Lodge Degree" in 1877. His name also appears on the Roster of the Columbia Engine Company No. 1, Olympia's early fire department.

Nathan who never remarried, died Sept. 30, 1893 and was interred in the family plot at Odd Fellows Memorial Park in Tumwater. In 1990, the Oregon-California Trails Association placed a plaque at Rachel's grave briefly telling her story. A similar plaque was placed at Nathan's gravesite in March 2013 & formally dedicated July 21st. After 164 yrs, the young couple's spirits will again be reunited.



*Dick's Place on Pattison Lake
Photo Courtesy Lacey Museum*

Two groups were responsible for honoring Nathan Pattison with this plaque: Tumwater Historical Association (THA) & the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA).

For more information, contact Chuck Hornbuckle at 360/352-2113 or by email at hornbucklecs@juno.com

Announcements

Lacey Museum Open House

The community is invited to attend a **Lacey Museum Open House** on **Monday, August 5, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** During individualized tours, guests will have the opportunity to view Lacey's local heritage and historical artifacts.

Lakes Exhibit Features Lacey's History

Beginning **August 8**, the **Lacey Timberland Library** will feature an exhibit on the early history of Lacey's lakes and resorts. Highlighting photographs from the Lacey Museum collection and artifacts from members of the Lacey Historical Society, the exhibit will also promote the Society's Annual Meeting on September 24. In addition, Denise Keegan will be contributing vintage swimsuits from Creative Costumes to really catch the eye! Be sure to stop by and check it out through the month of August.

Ruddell-Himes Family Reunion

Ruddell-Himes and related families will hold their reunion at the Air Stream Park **Saturday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** Contact Zelma Bernd—**(360)459-4342**—or Charles Byers—**(360) 425-7437**—for more information.

New Museum Curator

Lori Flemm, Parks and Recreation Director for The City of Lacey wishes to announce that Erin Quinn Valcho will fill the Museum Curator position. Her first day will be Thursday, September 12.

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