



Lacey Museum

Lacey Historical Society

2019 Spring Newsletter

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'To be a voice for the early citizens of Lacey, and to be their stewards protecting the historical heritage they have given us'

Save the Date!

Lacey Historical Society Annual Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 at the Lacey Community Center

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Program: Schools (North Thurston School District)

(Look for more details about program in the
2019 Summer LHS Newsletter)

Upcoming Event

Thurston Throwback

On Sunday, August 4, 2019, Thurston Throwback will be held at the Thurston County Fairgrounds between 10 am & 5 pm.

Thurston County's historical organizations will join together to illustrate the wonders of local history. This year's theme is 'Technology'. On display will be examples of past technology, photographic displays, informational handouts and various other activities. Lacey will be well represented by the Lacey Historical Society and Lacey Museum. Come enjoy the Thurston Co. Fair and the wonders of history all in one location.

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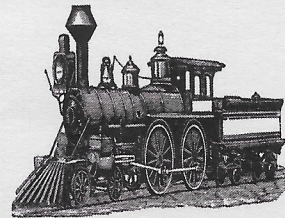
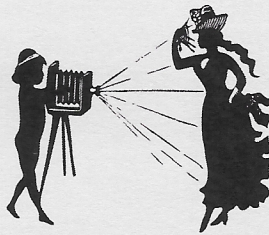
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Fairgrounds Admission: Adults: \$7.00 Seniors (over 60) \$6.00 Youth (6-14) \$5.00 Under 5 Free

Check out the Thurston County Fair website for more information: www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair

A Life Well Lived
Richard 'Dick' Yates

Richard 'Dick' Yates, former Lacey Historical Society trustee, passed away March 27, 2019, at St. Peter's Hospital. A life-long Lacey resident and Lacey School graduate, Dick was a wealth of information about the city's history and loved to share stories about his former classmates and neighbors. He joined the Lacey Historical Society Board in 2008 and served as its vice-president for many years. A 'Celebration of Life' will be held for Dick on June 1, at the Olympia Elks Club. In remembrance of our beloved friend, we would like to share a family story that Dick wrote back in 2016.

Yates Family

Edward (Teddy) and Margaret Yates immigrated to the U.S. from Manchester, England in 1900 & settled in Roslyn, Wash. Grandpa Yates was a coal miner in Manchester & then in Roslyn. They had 4 children, Peter, Margaret (Bessie), Harold and one baby that froze to death in her crib.

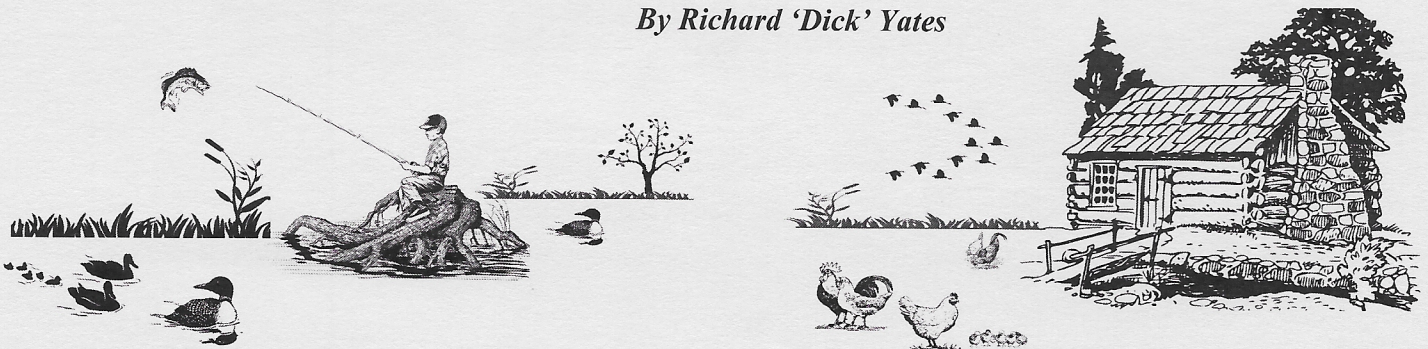
Because of the crib death, in 1917 Edward and Margaret bought 36 acres on the Steilacoom Rd in Thurston County where they moved to in 1919 and started a chicken ranch. During the Depression, they lived by having a huge garden and greenhouse. Aunt Bessie owned and ran a small grocery store in Lacey at the corner of Pacific Ave., and Carpenter Rd.

They put 3 kids through Lacey Grade School and Olympia High School. Uncle Pete went on to college at WSC and graduated in engineering. He eventually moved to Puyallup and bought a 22 acre raspberry farm.

In 1932, the Miller brothers in Tacoma and the Simpsons in Shelton lost their egg-man. They came to Grandpa Yates and asked if he would deliver eggs to them. Grandpa turned them down but said his youngest son Harold (my dad) could do the job.

Dad bought a small home on Hicks Lake (100 ft frontage and 510 feet deep) on Carpenter Rd in what is now Lacey and built an egg processing plant on that property. When I got married in 1960, dad had to increase his business from small grocery stores to small supermarkets, state institutions, Fort Lewis, and McChord Commissaries. He also had to contract with bigger farms to get more eggs. So that's a brief history of my family.

By Richard 'Dick' Yates



Where Did the Name Come From? Marvin Road

"It's just an old country road," said our real estate agent with a hint of panic in her voice. We could see the road from the house she was showing us and she was afraid that she was going to lose a sale. We didn't believe her about the road, but we bought the house anyway. Over thirty year later, we can no longer see Marvin Road, because of the trees and bushes. It is now a conduit to some of the tremendous growth in our area both north and south of Hawks Prairie. It didn't seem country then, and it definitely doesn't feel country now. Living so close to it, however, has made me wonder where the name Marvin came from.

Many of the older roads in our area derive their names from the people who petitioned the Thurston County Commissioners to build a road, that would conveniently make getting to their property more easily. Marvin Road is one of those roads.

In 1920 W.R. Marvin and his wife, along with their neighbors, D.A. Chipman, John R. Walthew and S.V. Bennett waived any claims to potential damage to their property from Thurston County to allow for the building of the road. The road hardly resembled what it does now, since it ran from just 75th Avenue to 78th Avenue. The 1929 Metsker map shows it extended only as far south as Tolmie State Park. Everything south of that was called McAllister. Creeping still farther south 1948, Marvin turned into McAllister around Marvin Rd. By 1962, the road was Marvin all the way to Kyro Road, but became McAllister after that to Mullen Road. Nothing had changed by 1973. However, in 1987, when we arrived, the name Marvin had finally reached its stopping place, Mullen Road.

By Lanny Weaver



Upcoming Event - Panorama History Talk

In the month of May, our friend Deb Ross a local historian will be presenting a talk about the history of Panorama, Lacey's Continuing Care Retirement Community. Deb has served as Panorama's Resident Archivist and has unearthed a treasure trove of photos, newspaper articles, and film clips that illustrate Panorama's sometimes-turbulent history. She will be giving her illustrated talk first at the Panorama Auditorium on May 1, at 2 pm, then again as part of the Schmidt House history talk series in Tumwater, on May 30, at noon.