

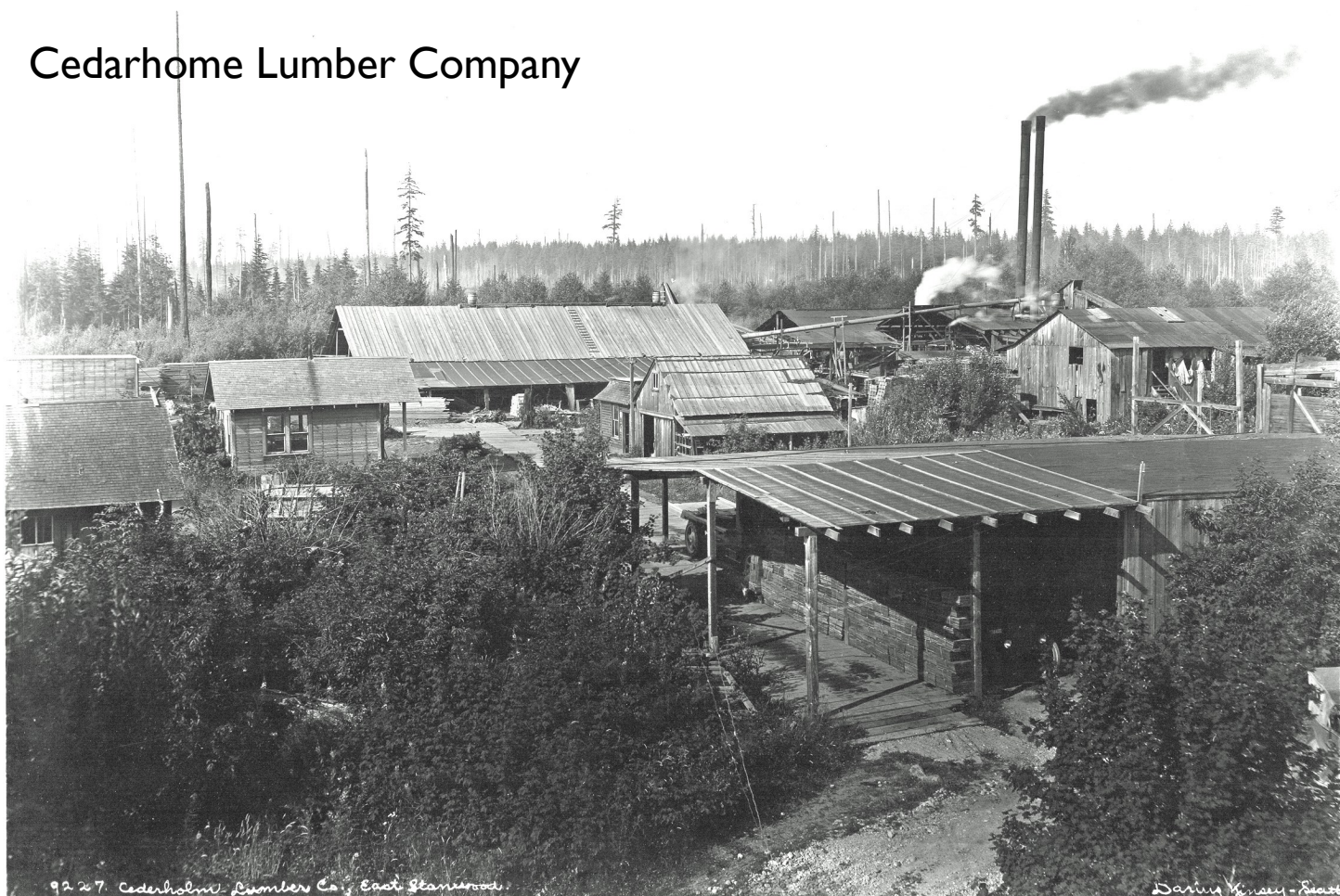
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Cedarhome Lumber Company



Established by Gustav Nicklason (1850-1925) and Carl O. Walters, the Cedarhome Lumber Company operated off and on from 1898 until about 1908. New owners continued the operation for many years. It was a major employer around that time. The mill began as a shingle mill and it burned down several times. The photographer, Darius Kinsey (1869-1945), noted photographer of the early logging and railroad industries. For more on the beginnings of Cedarhome see:

<https://www.sahs-fncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Echoes19CedarhomeHistory.pdf>



Times & Places of Stanwood & Camano Island, Washington

The Farmette Drive In

Many long time residents may remember one of the early small drive-ins in the area. The Farmette Drive-In was established in 1964 out on the corner of Bryant (S. R. 532) and Lindstrom (72nd Ave NW) Roads. It was during those years the route from Highway 99 was changed as I - 5 established an exit to Stanwood and Camano Island during those years. The route was originally called Highway I-Y which was renamed S. R. 532 in the mid 1960s.



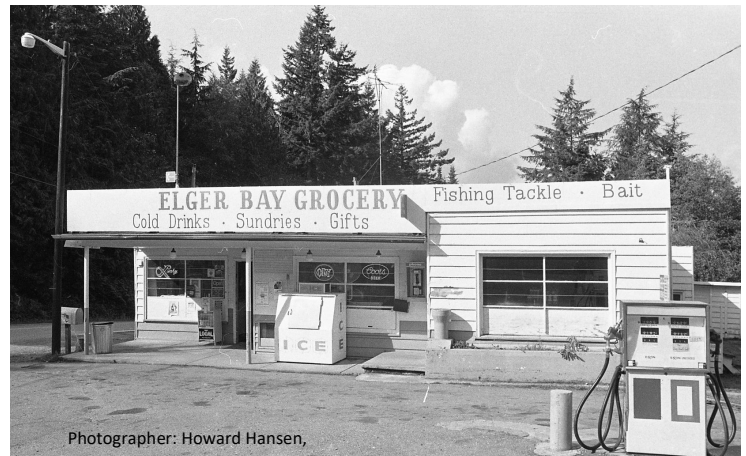
The Farmette provided fried chicken, short orders, burgers, hot dogs and fountain service with shakes, soft ice cream and soft drinks. It was first owned by Palmer Sather with Mrs. Mildred Tronson as head cook. Success brought expansion three years later. In 1967 it was bought by John Caskey and thirteen years later purchased by Bob and Penny Lee in 1980. The building and business was replaced by a MacDonalds in 1996 bringing the original fast food chain to Stanwood.

The Sather Family had a large chicken farm with cows for milk and butter. Much of the farm was sold for commercial building of the Haggens, the Stanwood Cinemas, retail shops, the Everett Clinic and finally the Stanwood Camano YMCA in 2016.



Elger Bay Store on the South End of Camano Island, Washington

On the south end of Camano Island is the “last gap grocery” known as the Elger Bay Store. Dave Bartl and his wife, Florence, came to Camano Island in the late 1940s and established the Elger Bay Store about 1955. He had come from Port Townsend where he was in law enforcement. He operated the store until 1970 when he retired. About that time Fran Thayer became the manager when it was owned Preston Kane, a fisherman who fished in Alaska seasonally. The store provided food for lunches, fishing/clamming gear, beach toys, gasoline, kerosene and boat supplies. The store serves many Camano Island State Park visitors.



Photographer: Howard Hansen,

Marci (Marceline) Olson had a cabin at Mabana Shores that she purchased in 1963 to “get away from the hassle in Seattle” occasionally. Ten years later she purchased the Elger Bay Grocery in 1973 and operated it until Sept 1977. She carried auto parts, having worked in the auto parts business before she moved here. Auto parts could be critical since it is about 12 miles to Stanwood for emergency repairs. There was also a mention that Norm Webb became an owner until 1978.

About 1978 through 1983 the store was totally rebuilt to 3000 sq ft by Calvin and Arlene Clark with their daughter Judy Symmes. In 1983 it was purchased by Ken and Lynn Lane who owned it until 1992. In 1984 they began operating a new postal station. During that time, Darlene Waite operated the Bay Café; Gail Travis operated the Classique Curl Salon. In 1992 Marvin & Laurie Flickner bought the store and put new fuel tanks in the ground. Camano Island Coffee Roasters had a small coffee stand since at least 2006 and about that same time was a gift shop called Laurie’s Gifts. In 2016, their son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Elyse Flickner took over and updated the store exterior. Since 2022 the store became the Elger Bay Food Mart and has new owners under the name of Convenience Store Inc.



Happy Holidays to All of our Members and Supporters!

Thanks go to SCGive donors who contributed to support our audio and oral history projects. One the activities of the early days of the Stanwood Area Historical Society was our interviews with old timers in the community. These early interviews were conducted by Ole and Evelyn Eide for many years. They were founding members from about 1976 until 2006.

Ole and Evelyn were much beloved by the community. She was a local teacher and Ole was the local game warden. They lived on Camano Island but Ole grew up on Leque Island with the family home just behind a dike that threatened every time there was a super high tide or flood.

All this is to say that while we wish everything could be written down about our history there are many other ways to gather stories and our Oral History Program is critical to that effort in order to display, research, write about and continue our mission to preserve and interpret Stanwood and Camano Island local history.

Our interviews are also no longer just pioneer families but residents of all of our occupations, avocations and heritage. They are also not necessarily limited only to elders.

Many of our members have contributed their voices to our oral history program as subjects and interviewers (sometimes both) and this will continue. We welcome volunteers to help us with this and our other crucial preservation and conservation projects in the future. Oral history projects require careful interview preparation, recording equipment, scheduling, notetaking, cataloging and transcribing. New AI technologies promise to make this easier, but still require good management.

Please contact us if you can contribute or help with interviews—volunteers needed!

STANWOOD SCHOOL STUDENT, 1880s

There was a little school house on “old river road” in a lot just south of the J E. Hamilton Lumber Company on 98th which is also known as the Floe Road or Leque Road which now connects across S. R. 532. The building was moved to the Hamilton Lumber yard and is still there.

The children in this photograph lived the hardscabble life on the Stillaguamish River.

The Caldons and Sep Irvine had Indian mothers. Others include Carl, Fred and Eva Pearson, May, Leo, Stella and Ivan McLaughlan (their father was a shingle mill owner), James or John Caldons, Clarinda, Maggie, Sophie, Hawkin [Haakon], Simon Matterand, Winnie and Archie Douglas, Alfred and Anna Leque, Dawn Miller, Dawn Brownell, William Walker, Dan Harvey, Sep (Septamus) Irvine, Frank Ulvestad, George Wade, Alfred Leque and two illegible names.

Sep Irvine on the far left in the photograph was the son of Jack Irvine with his first wife. Emma was identified as an Indian in the 1883 census. It is said Sep became sick and died but there is no record of his death. Dawn Brownell was his step sister, daughter of Lizzie Post Brownell, Jack Irvine’s second wife. Jack Irvine was the owner of the store on the waterfront that was moved to the location of the Thompson Store in 1900. Irvine and his wife later donated funds to establish a library in Stanwood in 1912.



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Pearson House Repairs this year

Many improvements were made inside and outside of the D. O. Pearson House. Lots of furniture moving was required and then Diane Anderson painted some of the flooring and Austin Anderson also patched and repaired walls and flooring.

Outside we thank the **Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission for approval of the grant** that covered costs of repairs of the chimney for the fireplace in the Pearson House living room. Jerrod Rhynalds of Archstone Masonry repaired and reinforced the chinking of the bricks to preserve the integrity of the walls and drainage.

Below: D. O. Pearson and Clara Stanwood Pearson pose in front of the rose garden and the corner of the original back porch of the Pearson House. It is not known exactly when this current chimney replaced the one in the photograph below taken in 1907. The interesting star painting on the original corner fireplace was likely the work of their son Guy Pearson who was an artist who also painted the roof.



Many thanks also to the hands on work by the Facilities committee, especially for the Pearson House. Volunteers are responsible for carpet removal, painting and cleaning of the D. O. Pearson House earlier this year. The work was done by **Diane Anderson, Cliff Larson, John Smistad, Dave Eldridge and Les Anderson** along with **Austin Anderson** - all who have long been managing building repairs and improvements.

Recent help from **Elaine and Mark Commins** has also been critical this year. Thanks to **Celia and Marvin Flones** for helping with some Tolin House housekeeping to get ready for more organized storage space. Many of these same people were on hand to oil and finish the timber of the FNCC front deck. More volunteers are welcome for routine and special maintenance projects. Other helpers include **Pat Bronson, Rose King, Bill Blandin, Don Simonson**. There is more than enough to do, so if you are looking for a volunteer project, we can find one for you!

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### SAHS Board Meetings ~

**Board Meeting time will be changed from the 2nd  
 Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. to the third  
 Thursday at 11 am beginning in January 2025**

New members and volunteers welcome.

*Officers serve for two year terms.*

*Trustee terms are 3 years*

*President and Secretary rotate on the even year.*

*Vice President and Treasurer rotate on the odd year.*

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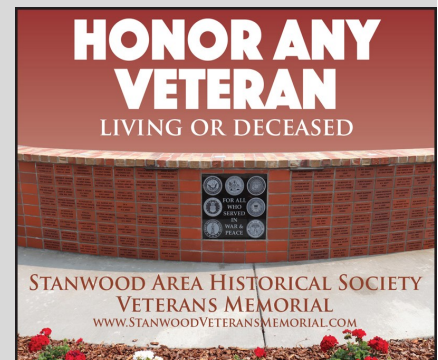
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July—December 11, 2024

William Gay, Bob & Susan Cole, Lois Anderson, Connie & Alan Hall, Ken Christoferson, Steve Youngren

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In Honor of Maria Gedstad's 90th Birthday—Dave and Bobbie Eldridge, Courtney Wilson

In Honor of Margaret Utgard's 95th Birthday—Dave and Bobbie Eldridge, Steve Youngren, Ken Christoferson

Thank you Margaret and Maria!

On November 17th, the Stanwood Area Historical Society members gathered the families and friends to honor two longtime members and volunteers at their birthdays. Margaret (Brovold) Utgard on the left is 95 years old and Maria Gedstad on the right is 90 years old. Margaret was the Treasurer for many years. Maria was in charge of our kitchen crew and began the tradition of celebrations with delicious home made baked goods and appetizers since the late 1980s and early 1990s when our meetings were held in the Stanwood Senior Center, the historic Lincoln School.



Keeping our Museum Open !

Volunteers are welcome to help keep our exhibits open to the public. Please let us know if you have an interest in giving a few tours once a month or so!

Exhibits are open Wednesdays and Saturdays 1—4 pm or by appointment! 360-629-6110

Events helpers welcome

- **December 12th ~ SAHS Christmas Party with music and raffle items**
- **Saturday Feb 1st ~ South End String Band Fundraiser** Music starts at 7 pm, come early!
- **Saturday Feb. 22nd ~ Snow Goose Festival**
- **May 30th (Monday) Memorial Day Observance**
- **Friday July 4th Parade and Ice Cream Social**
- **Sept 6th Historic Home Tour**
- **November 11th Veterans Day Observance**

We will soon be announcing this year's History Lecture programs in the spring and the fall.

Thanks to **Old Fashioned Christmas volunteers:**
Photographer: **Billy Jennings, Ed Pearson, Rose King, Bill Keller, Robin & Richard Hanks, Karen Pelletier, Camano Plaza Market, Jim Joyce, Starbucks, Diane Anderson, Josephine Caring Community.**

Apologies for not knowing a few more who donated time, funding and materials!



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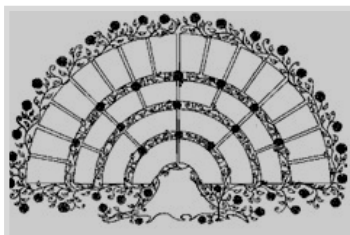
Camwood Genealogy Workshop

CGW meets on the first Mondays of the month in the Eldridge Center at 1 p.m.

Contact Bill Blandin

https://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page_id=56

Special Thanks to the Camwood Genealogy Workshop group for their donations to the Stanwood Area Historical Society for 2024.



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New Acquisitions

We have received some new artifact donations from **Vicki DuCharme, Kristi Sedlacek and Susan Rosamond, Pete McDougall, Tammy Riggs, Margaret Utgard, Lisa Sather, Mike & Mary Hamel, Roseann Michaels, Dennis Pearson, Sandi Lindbeck, Penny Shroyer Lee, Dee Jobe, Kris and Rick Anderson, Joan Andrews, Nancy Flynn, Paula Peterson, Steve Youngren, Neil B. Hampson.** Thank you!



“This wicker doll carriage belonged to my great Aunt Mary Isabel McDougall. She was born in 1895 in a house on Norman Road which later became the Birkestol Farm for many years. In 1908 the McDougall family built a home on the Norman Road which still stands today. When insulation was installed in the 1970s this was one of the items removed.

My great Aunt Mary gave it to me when she died. Aunt Mary passed away on May 4, 1991 in Stanwood. She had been a school teacher in San Diego and lived there over 50 years. “ - Steve Youngren

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