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The Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9 AM. We gather at the Clayton Drive-In, located just off Highway 395 on Railroad Ave.

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HOUSE BUILDING IN DEER PARK TO 1930

By Peter Coffin

LIMITATIONS AND DATA SOURCES

Any study of house building in the past requires that the subjects either physically exist or records or photos of the buildings are available with accurate documentation. Many houses built in the early years of Deer Park's growth must have either burned or been demolished. That is true for the 1911 vintage house in which I grew up on south Main Street as it was burned as a Fire Department exercise in the spring of 2004.

In this work I have been limited to the Deer Park houses listed by the Spokane County Assessor. This data source includes all the houses presently on the tax roll and the year that the Assessor's office lists as their completion date. This data base presently lists 188 houses that were built from 1890 to 1930. Another source of information is "Historic Resources Inventory" collected by the Spokane City/County Historic Preservation Office in the early 1990s (Garrett, et al 1990?). In this county wide effort buildings deemed historically significant were documented on an inventory form including a photograph of the building, when and who built the building as well as several check lists to describe the building. These inventory forms were

then compiled into a small booklet for each town surveyed. In Deer Park, it used the County Assessor's data, but supplemented that with information from a Tricor Title Company and the recollections of Lawrence Zimmerer, a local historian. Unfortunately, there was little editorial care taken in this compilation and the errors that I and others have found in it makes the volume of questionable value. In my study, I have used the build date given by the Spokane County Assessor, right or wrong, in order to be consistent. There are many differences between this source of build dates and the Historic Preservation Office's inventory form.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLES IN EARLY DEER PARK HOUSES

Prior to 1905 the Queen Ann style of house was popular. The Queen Ann house featured:

- An asymmetrical facade;
- A dominant front facing gable, often cantilevered out beyond the plane of the wall below;
- Overhanging eaves often with a round, square or polygonal tower or towers;
- Shaped and Dutch gables;
- A porch covering part or all of the front facade;

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Differing wall textures such as patterned shingles which could resemble fish scales.

The largest example of the Queen Ann style of house in Deer Park is the Kelly house at 416 East B Street that may have been built in 1900. (The build date in the Historic Resources Inventory is given as 1898.) This house was built by store owner Peter J.

Kelly in the center of downtown Deer Park across Main Avenue from his business just northeast of the intersection of Main Avenue and Crawford Street. In 1968, it was moved to its present location (Coffin, 2010). It is a very large house with dominating porches and overhanging eaves.



Figure 1: The Peter J. Kelly house at 416 East B Street. (P. Coffin Photograph)

Another smaller Queen Ann Style house at 507 East Crawford Street was also built in 1900 by Jacob Grove. It demonstrates the asymmetrical facade with a smaller porch than the Kelly house.



Figure 2: The Jacob Grove house built in 1900 at the corner of Crawford and Colville (507 E. Crawford). (P. Coffin Photograph)

This architectural style of house was replaced by the American Craftsman of the Arts and Crafts movement of the first decades of the 1900s. Many of the early Deer Park houses were built in the American Craftsman style architecture. Typical houses built in this style featured:

- Low pitched rooflines with gabled or hipped roofs;
- Deeply overhanging eaves;

- Exposed rafters or decorative brackets under the eaves;

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A front porch beneath an extension of the main roof;

Tapered or square columns supporting the roof;

Four over one or six over one double hung windows;

Hand crafted stone or woodwork;

Mixed materials used throughout the house.

Many of these houses reflected the Frank Lloyd Wright design motifs, and some of the best examples of this style of architecture in Deer Park are located along East Crawford Street and were built during the time of the Arcadia Orchard development. Some of the variations of this style of architecture in Deer Park are shown in Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Louis Olson was an area homesteader and successful business man who built his American Craftsman house on East Crawford Street (Figure 3.) This house features the large front porch under the extension of the main roof, and deeply overhanging eaves with exposed rafters.

Early Deer Park merchant Alexander Baldwin purchased the land for his house in 1900 from P. J.



Figure 3: The house built by businessman Louis Olson in 1907 at 728 East Crawford Street. (P. Coffin Photograph)



Figure 4: The house built by Alexander Baldwin in 1907 at 121 North Colville Avenue. (P. Coffin Photograph)

Kelly and built the house in 1907 (Garrett, et al, 1900?). It features the exposed rafter ends and the
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Figure 5: The house built by the Arcadia Orchard Corporation for F. E. Parks at 834 East Crawford Street in 1915. (P. Coffin Photograph)

Edward N. Robinson had been an attorney in St. Louis, Missouri who had been recruited to help the Arcadia Orchards Company in 1909. The house he built in 1913 is one which the architect Kirkland Cutter of Spokane designed. The house also illustrates confusion that exists about the date of construction and its address. The assessor data and the Historic Resources Inventory both indicate a 1914 date. However, the November 7, 1913 *Deer Park Union* front page shows the completed house. The address is also confused in the Historic Re-

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large porch across the front of the house. It has been the residence of the Grove family for many decades.

Frederick E. Parks had been an Illinois newspaper manager and a salesman. He became a salesman for the Arcadia Orchard Company and owned several orchard tracts. He was one of the officials for whom the company built a showcase home (Fahey, 1993, p. 464). His house was built in 1915 at 834 East Crawford Street and as seen in Figure 5 demonstrates the deeply overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, extensive front porch and columns supporting the roof in the American Craftsman style of architecture.



Figure 6: The house built by E. N. Robinson at 1302 East Crawford in 1913. (P. Coffin Photograph)

sources Inventory where it is given as 1208 East Crawford but the house picture in Figure 6 has the number 1302 visible on its front wall.

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND HOUSE CONSTRUC- TION IN DEER PARK

By graphing the date of construction and the number of houses built an interesting relationship can be seen. Figure 7 is such a graph and it shows that the construction of the Arcadia Orchard and the expansion of the Standard Lumber/Deer Park Lumber companies had greatly influenced house building in Deer Park. One has to assume that more houses were built during this time period but have not survived to the present day. The building spurt in 1900 reflects the beginnings of the

town as a lumbering and farming supply town. In 1907 the Arcadia Orchards' operations were under way to cause a spurt in house building. I have to assume that the building boom from 1910 to 1915 was the combined result of the Orchards and the lumber company expansions. The time during World War I and the failure of the Arcadia Orchards is reflected in the drop in housing starts during the 1920s.

Most of the houses of historic interest were built on the east side of town along Crawford Street, by principals in the Arcadia Orchards Company who illustrating that extravagance in part that caused the company to fail. Many other less pretentious houses were built in this time period by unrecorded individuals who worked and lived nearer the sawmill in the north portion of Deer Park. The sawmill in the first decade of the 1900s was primarily a

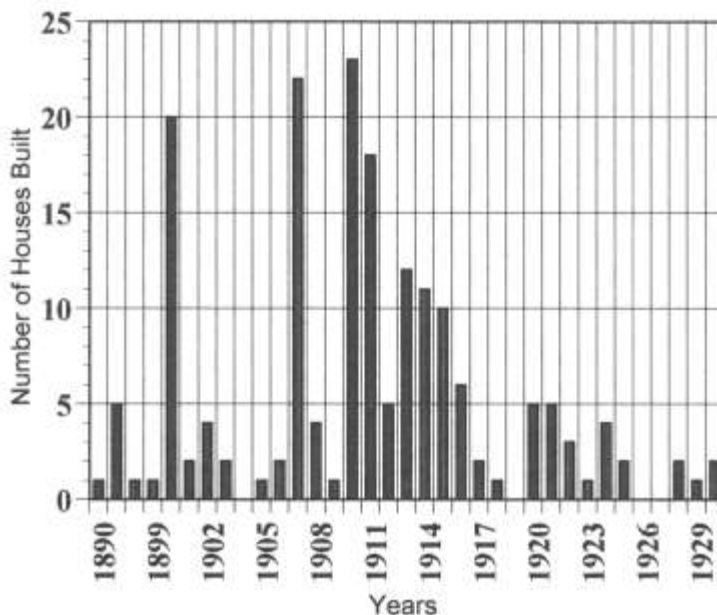


Figure 7: Number of houses built in Deer Park per year from 1890 to 1930.

family owned and run operation whereas the Arcadia Orchards Company was financed and run by outside people who moved in to Deer Park to run it.

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SIMON BOLIVAR (SHORTY) DUNBAR

1867 TO 1946

By Peter Coffin

A Winterfest 2011 conversation with a descendent of Denison, Washington pioneer families, John ("Bob") Koch, led to the digitizing both Koch and Reidt family photographs including several photographs of Simon Bolivar Dunbar. Mr. Dunbar was

a dwarf and lived and worked in the Denison area in the 1920's and 1930's. Unfortunately, with the closing and vandalization of the Owens Museum east of Denison and northwest of Chattaroy nearly all of the historical material collected by Lawrence



Figure 1: A photograph of Simon Bolivar Dunbar (second from right) in front of the Denison Pool Room. The sign on the post reads "Confectionary Cigars & Soft Drinks" perhaps dating the photograph as taken between 1919 and 1933 during prohibition. A pool hall not serving beer would be odd. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection)
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Owen about the area southeast of Deer Park has been made unavailable and perhaps lost. With this manuscript, about one of the area's unique citizens, I hope that more interest in the history of the area may be generated and that the Owen family would allow access to much of Lawrence Owens collection of photographs and other data. An article by Minnie Horsmann entitled "At one time Denison was bigger than Deer Park" describes the essence of bygone Dennison and includes the photograph

shown in Figure 1 (Horsman, 1999, p. 3-4)

Simon Bolivar Dunbar had at least two nicknames while he was in the Denison area, the ones used on the Koch Photograph Collection are Sam and Shorty. Everyone that knew him called him Shorty. Not a great deal is know about him except from information that can be found in the United States Census records and what little is available in family trees on Ancestry.com. There are several family trees on Ancestry.com that list his name and indi-



Figure 2: Shorty Dunbar and an unidentified woman on the Koch farm. The back of the photograph has "Sam Dunbar a real true friend". (Koch Collection Photograph)



Figure 3: Shorty Dunbar getting a haircut on the Koch farm. The barber is unidentified. (Koch Collection Photograph)

cate that he was born on March 6, 1867 in Columbia, Adair County, Kentucky as the fifth child in the family of Sydney S. and Mary Dunbar. By the
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Figure 4: Shorty Dunbar with (L to R) Rose Koch, Betty Koch and Dorothy Koch. (Koch Collection Photograph)

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time of the 1880 United States Census he was 13 years old and living with The Lorenzo Grimes family in Columbia, Adair County, Kentucky along with brothers V. M. Dunbar (11 years old), B.M. Dunbar (7 years old), and sister A.L. Dunbar 9 (years old). I am assuming that the family had lost their parents and were staying with relatives or family friends. Both he and his 11 year old brother have occupations of "Farming" listed on the census so they were working to help support themselves.

The United States Census of 1890 was destroyed by a Washington D.C. warehouse fire and the 1900



Figure 5: Post card addressed to Mr. Simon Dunbar, Hillyard, Washington (RFD 11) from a "C. F. J." who wrote that, "You owe me a better good by." The card is postmarked February 17, 1913 from Ozark, KY. (Koch Collection Photograph)

United States Census does not list any Simon B. Dunbar in any miss-spelled combination that I could find. In the 1910 United States Census, Simon B.

Dunbar is living with an Andrew and Hulda Jackson on Pleasant Prairie Township, Spokane County, Washington. The census page gives his relationship with the Jacksons as "Servant" but gives his occupation as a "teamster" driving a "delivery wagon".

The 1920 United States Census does not seem to list a Simon B. Dunbar but in the 1930 Census he is listed as a resident of Denison and the head of his household. On the 1930 Census his occupation is listed as Proprietor of a Confectionary. The photograph in Figure 1 shows a sign listing a

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"Confectionary" as one of the attractions inside the "Pool Hall". Mr. Dunbar may have owned the pool hall but there is no information on the photograph that would indicate this.

The photograph collection of John (Bob) Koch contains photographs of Shorty Dunbar on the Koch farm northeast of Denison on what is today Cedar Road. From the inscriptions on the photographs and a personal note from Marie (Renshaw) Stephenson (who knew Shorty) it is apparent that he was a close personal friend of the Koch family.

As no United States Census data has yet been released after 1930 where Shorty Dunbar traveled and lived after that is not known. However, the Washington State Digital Archives lists the death of

Simon B. Dunbar on June 5, 1946 in Wenatchee, Washington. Further research in Interment.net revealed he was interred in the Pateros, Okanogan County, Washington Cemetery. There are other Dunbar names listed in this cemetery so he must have had family in the area.

The material I have access to does not seem to indicate that he had a wife or family. There is an interesting post card in the Koch collection which indicates he did have girlfriends.

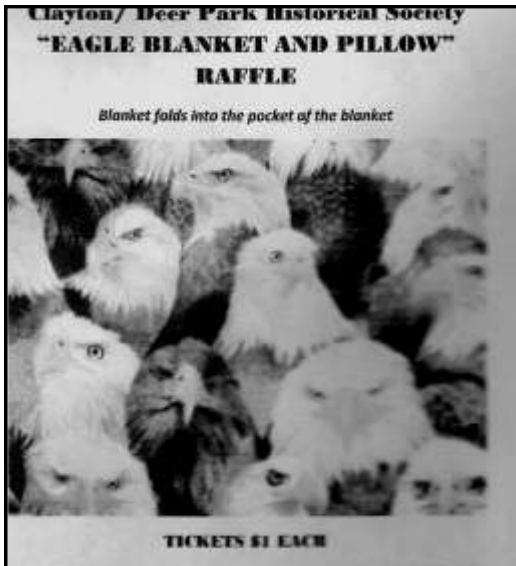
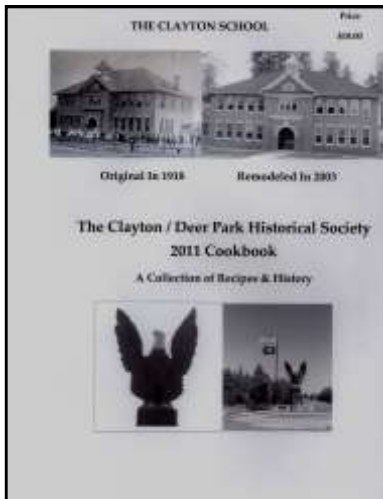
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Calendar of Events

Event	Date & Time	Location
C/DPHS meeting	June 11, 2011 9:00am	Clayton Drive-In
C/DPHS meeting	July 9, 2011 9:00am	Clayton Drive-In
Old Settlers Picnic <i>Display at Mix Park</i>	July 23, 2011	Deer Park Mix Park
Clayton Brickyard Day <i>Display of Memorabilia</i>	August 6, 2011	Clayton School
C/DPHS meeting Quillow Raffle Drawing	August 13, 2011 9:00am	Clayton Drive-In
Clayton Fair <i>Display of Memorabilia</i>	August 26, 27, 28, 2011	Clayton Fairgrounds
C/DPHS meeting Quillow Raffle Drawing	September 11, 2011 9:00am	Clayton Drive-In

The 2011 Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society Cookbook, “A Collection of Recipes and Stories” is now available ... pick up your copy from two locations in Clayton---The Pizza Shoppe and the Clayton Drive-In, both on Railroad Avenue and three locations in Deer Park--- GardenSpot Floral on First Street, and **Odynski’s Accounting** on Main Street, and the Salty Dog on South Main Street. This 60-page cookbook has over 200 recipes and is full of historical information. The purchase price is \$10.00. Cookbooks will also be on sale at Winterfest, **Settlers’ Day**, Brickyard Days, and the Clayton Fair. All profits go to the C/DPHS, a non-profit organization.



New Raffle: Tickets on Sale at Settlers’ Day, Brickyard day and by Society members in the interim. The drawing will be at the Clayton/ Deer Park Historical Society meeting August 13, 2011 9:00am at the Clayton Drive-In



The Quillow raffle winner is Cory Nord here pictured with his children: Colesen, 8; Maygen, 10 and the pillows and quilt which is still in its pouch. *Photo from Lorraine Nord*

Clayton/ Deer Park Historical Society Minutes —

In attendance: Grace Hubal, Pete Coffin, Bill Sebright, Mark Wagner, Sharon Clark, Lorraine Nord, Warren Nord, Lonnie Jenkins, Ella Jenkins, Alan Berg, Marilyn Reilly, Bob Gibson, Duane Costa, Penny Hutten, Jake Wilson, Lynn Wells, Allan Fackenthal, Don Ball, Lorraine Ball, Eleanor Ball, and Eve du Bois (from Moose Murals) in Loon Lake, and Chris Atella.

Society president, Bill Sebright called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Treasurer, Mark Wagner reported that there is \$3,100.13 in checking. There was \$120 in deposits.

Secretary, Grace Hubal reported that cookbooks are still selling, 23 since last meeting. She deposited \$230 of cookbook money. Five more cookbooks sold this morning, bringing in an additional \$50. Eighteen cookbooks are remaining. Odynski's Accounting is willing to sell the Reports and Collected Newsletters for us.

Print Editor, Sharon Clark handed out Mortarboard #37. As Sharon researched the Wild Rose history in the Pioneer Days Reviewed, she came across a biography on Louis Olson, Jr. He went to the Old Forreton School at the corner of Montgomery and Spotted Roads. The building was moved a quarter of a mile north and used "as a kitchen on the Ole Peterson ranch." The W. D. Boyd family lived there in the 1940s and early 1950s. The Boyds built a new house and the old kitchen was bought by another farmer nearby to be used on his farm. Sharon does not remember who. Could anyone solve this mystery?

Vice President, Pete Coffin had nothing to report.

Penny Hutten, acting Webmaster, reported on the Website. Jake Wilson is coming onboard to help with the website. He comes to us from the Home Link program. Penny is planning a meeting next week with Jake and the Executive Board. Jake is willing to work on it through next year as part of his Senior Project.

Webmaster as an Executive Board member was discussed. No action taken.

Mark reported on the grounds around the Eagle. Taffy said \$100 a year would cover all the maintenance on the Eagle grounds, mainly for weed abatement.

Eve du Bois and Chris Atella discussed doing an audio version of Standing Watch. Chris was seeking permission and interest in implementing this in an audio version. Jake Wilson suggested a visual form. Pete asked if we would need another website server for this. Chris is going to meet with Wally Parker to talk over the project. Everyone is very receptive to the idea.

Advertising on the Website was discussed. More Digital; a UK based Digital Marketing Consultancy firm contacted Bill. Jeff Lilly stated, "I know you're aware of fraud involving various schemes to get bank account information and then exploit the account holder's credit. The fact that this firm solicited you is of some concern. They may be legit and online advertising can be a source of income for the society but I'd feel more comfortable if we were seeking advertisers instead of the other way around. Still, I'd say investigate the firm thoroughly and if they are legit consider trying it. One other thought, since the CDPHS is non-profit, would offering our website as a medium for advertisers in any way threaten that designation?" Pete is concerned that we might not be able to even load the advertising due to the problems with the Website. It was moved by Pete Coffin and seconded by Mark Wagner that we table any action on website advertising for the Society until further notice. Motion passed.

Qwillow Pillow Raffle drawing for Settler's and Clayton Day was discussed. Members discussed suggestions to advertise in the Deer Park Tribune and members selling raffle tickets. We discussed sending an article on the last drawing
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winner in the Tribune. See Lorraine to buy your raffle tickets.

Williams Valley and Clayton Granges will have 100th anniversary celebrations today.

We won't be taking part in The Heritage Network's geo-caching program. We don't have a museum to draw people to, and the "mailbox" would have to be on CDI's property.

The idea of printing the entire Mortarboard collection was discussed. Jake Wilson suggested that we have "website store" where we could sell audio downloads in the future.

Next meeting is June 11, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Hubal, Secretary

Editorial Policy Regarding Correcting Errors and/or Omissions

Information published here is compiled from many sources, including personal memories. It is often difficult or impossible to verify such recollections through outside documentation. Our editorial policy toward the veracity of personal recollections tends toward the casual – since little harm is normally done by such errors. But our editorial process also invites public review and input regarding the accuracy of the information we publish, and when such review either suggests or reveals errors or items open to dispute our "Letters" department will act as a forum allowing the airing of such disagreements in an effort to ascertain the truth and correct any probable or demonstrated errors. We also believe it's important that such disagreements be recorded, even if they can't be settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

We encourage everyone to submit any arguments as to fact to the editor in writing — since the written form reduces the chance of further misunderstandings. As is standard policy, all letters will be edited for spelling, word usage, clarity, and — if necessary — contents. If advisable, the editor will confer directly with the letter writers to insure that everyone's comments and corrections are submitted in a literate, polite, and compelling manner — as best suits the editorial image of this Society's publications.

Society Want Ads

WANTED: Information and photos regarding the history of Trysil/Zion Lutheran Church

WANTED: Any stories and photos of your family's history in connection with their occupations and settlement in the Clayton/Deer Park

Area

WANTED: Any stories and photos from Williams Valley #452 and Gardenspot #278 Granges

WANTED: Any information on the Williams Valley Grange Orchestra
Contact: Ann Fackenthall, WVG

(Rollosdotter@gmail.com) 466-3564.

FOR SALE: The 2011 Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society Cookbook, "A Collection of Recipes and Stories" (see our ad on page 466 for details)

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