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and Salmon Bake

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Business Meeting 10 a.m.

Followed by family history
talk and featured speaker

Les Eldridge

SALMON BAKE 12 NOON

at Pioneer Hall

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Our featured speaker for the June 25th Annual Meeting will be Les Eldridge, author, educator and maritime history expert. Appropriately, for the first year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, his topic will be "Confederates on the Northwest Coast."



Les at the Arizona Memorial on Honolulu. Newspapers in photo show the headlines on the day after the Pearl Harbor attacks and the end of World War II.

Mr. Eldridge is the author of four novels in a series on the American civil war at sea (described in the previous edition of this newsletter.) He also co-authored *The Wilkes Expedition, Puget Sound and the Oregon Country* (1987), a history, and frequently presents his lecture series, *Oceans of History, Seldom-told Tales of the Seven Seas*, aboard several major cruise lines.

Eldridge taught maritime history for 30 years in Washington colleges, and chaired the maritime committee of the Washington State Centennial Commission.

Eldridge began his series after retiring from careers in university administration, elected office, and administrative law. He held appointments from five Washington State governors and the chief justice of the Washington State Supreme Court. He is a U.S. Army veteran and lives on Puget Sound and the island of Oahu.

He has appeared at the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA; the African-American Civil War Museum, Washington, D.C.; and twice as Distinguished Speaker at the Navy Undersea Museum, Keyport, WA. He lectured for the Abraham Lincoln Exhibit at the Hawaii State Library and at the Smithsonian Institution's U.S. Coast Survey Exhibit at the Washington State Capital Museum and the Sequim, WA Museum. He recently spoke at the USS Bowfin Museum and the USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor, and as maritime history lecturer at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival.

— Mary Louise Hammond



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President’s Message — Thomas Jefferson, Pioneer Emeritus



Sir Christopher Wren’s Latin inscription over the door of St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, reads: “*Si monumentum requiris, circumspice,*” or “If you seek his monument, look around.” Following Wren’s dictum, I’m nominating our third president, Thomas Jefferson, for emeritus membership in the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington.

Join me for a minute in examining the life of Jefferson. Follow his thoughts and actions, and you will see a straight line from Monticello, Virginia, to Seattle’s Pioneer Hall.

Jefferson never traveled west but he spent time in France and Washington, D.C. Before he became president, he managed a mysterious and clandestine tour of upstate New York and New England with James Madison. That’s it! However, during his young life he watched his father Peter Jefferson return from surveying jobs west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. During his young school days Jefferson was tutored by Reverend James Maury, who was an Anglican minister and had attended William and Mary College. Maury also instilled in Jefferson an interest in America’s western destiny (and a dislike of the British). Jefferson inherited his father’s impressive library, which included books in several languages about the American frontier and the “Western Sea,” i.e. the Pacific Ocean.

Jefferson’s only book, *Notes on the State of Virginia* (1787), included descriptions of all aspects of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including its rivers, which were in fact “highways.” One or more of those channels had western origins, and Jefferson explored a few of them, including the Potomac. During his time in the U.S. Congress Jefferson chaired a committee charged with settling western land disputes. The American West was a principal topic during Jefferson’s term as George Washington’s Secretary of State. The fur trade, Indian relations, the mighty Mississippi River and its tributaries, all led to and from the West. From his reading and interviews with western travelers, Jefferson knew that a mid-continent mountain range existed. He gave it a name: The Stony Mountains, i.e. the Rockies. He was also familiar with the “discovery” of the Columbia River by an American, Robert Gray.

Upon hiring his neighbor Meriwether Lewis as his private secretary, Jefferson was thinking about exploring the Far West. (Lewis had spent time as a soldier in the Illinois-Indiana area and knew something about the natives, rivers, flora and fauna of that “western” region.) After the United States purchased Louisiana from Napoleon (1803), Lewis was asked to saddle up, find the source of the Missouri River, and keep going to the Western Sea. About this time Jefferson (and Lewis) read the journal of English explorer Alexander Mackenzie, which described the author’s recent travels westward through what is today northern Canada.

Jefferson followed up the Lewis & Clark expedition with several other exploring excursions, including Lieutenant Zebulon Pike (Arkansas River) and Major Stephen H. Long (Rocky Mountains). Each of these adventures would lead to American interests in the fur trade (John Jacob Astor), natural history (David Douglas and others) and missionary quests (Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, et al.).

The next western leap for Americans, after Jefferson’s death on July 4, 1826, was the Immigrant or Oregon Trail. This arduous trek led our ancestors to Puget Sound and to the shores of Lake Washington.

Mr. Jefferson, thank you, and welcome to emeritus membership in the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington.

— Junius Rochester
President



Pioneer Association Board Minutes — January 11, 2011

Following are high points of the last Board meeting, edited and submitted by Junius Rochester, President. Secretary Carla Hendrickson recorded the original minutes.

- Vice President Steve Rochester donated an extension ladder to the museum for maintenance purposes. He also delivered a large curbside rock to discourage delivery trucks from driving across the water meter. Steve pruned the dogwood tree in front of the Hall and recommended several projects: (1) remove moss on the north side walkway; (2) paint the west side of the building; (3) update displays; (4) bring the Website current; (5) consider obtaining a 40-inch TV for use of members, visitors and renters.
- Treasurer Sandra Selle noted that the Association's largest pending expense will be the insurance premium (\$5,300). Board member Louise Jones-Brown offered to review the Association's insurance coverage.
- Historian Gary Zimmerman reviewed Hall rentals and described several renters, e.g. the American Radio Theatre Group, the Seattle Textile and Rug Society (STARS), a Swedish Women's Group, and several nearby condominium associations. Gary also reminded the Board that the Pioneer Daughters is holding its 100th Anniversary of Seattle Chapter #1 on May 10th, 2011.
- Vice President for Programs Mary Louise Hammond announced speakers for the next two General Meetings.
- *Pioneer Presences* editor Teresa Summers thanked contributors and recommended changes regarding the newsletter.
- Members agreed that future Board meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m., instead of 10:30 a.m.



Pioneer Association Board Minutes — March 26, 2011

Following is a summary of Board Minutes, edited and submitted by Junius Rochester, President. Secretary Carla Hendrickson recorded the original version.

- As part of the Treasurer's Report it was noted that the balance sheet for the Daughters, Chapter #1, is not reflected. That organization is a separate non-profit entity.
- A review of the Association's insurance coverage is continuing with the help of Board member Louise Jones-Brown and Treasurer Sandra Selle.
- The Daughters' Centennial Celebration will be a major spring event. Attendees will visit the Hall on May 10. On that day a new video funded by Helen Smith will be shown for the first time. Gary Zimmerman and Junius Rochester are addressing various meetings of the Daughters in May.
- Gary noted that a traveling exhibit about Catherine Blaine, Seattle's first teacher, which is owned by the Washington State Historical Society, may be available for mounting in Pioneer Hall.
- Steve Rochester, VP for Maintenance, is looking at remedies to halt settling of the Hall's southeast corner. Steve also reported that pressure washing of the sidewalks and most of the Hall has been completed.
- David Brazier will maintain the Association's Website; Jeff Christensen will help develop Website content.
- Joe Wert recommended a contractor to maintain the property's backyard/beach. His recommendation was accepted by the Board.
- Mary Louise Hammond has organized an interesting program for the Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake on Saturday, 25 June 2011.
- The Nominating Committee will report to the Board at its next meeting – 14 May 2011.

**Summer Board Meeting: Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. Fall General Meeting:
Saturday October 22, 12 noon, preceded by Board Meeting 10 a.m.**

Daughters of the Pioneers celebrate 100 years



The Seattle Chapter hosted the annual convention of the Daughters of the Pioneers of the State of Washington May 10 to 12 at the Bellevue Red Lion. Members came from as far as Walla Walla, Yakima and Vancouver, WA. This was a special occasion as Seattle, the “Mother Chapter,” celebrated its 100th birthday.

Members planned a trip to Pioneer Hall for afternoon tea to begin the celebration. They asked Gary Zimmerman to give the history of Pioneer Hall. Chapter members led tours of the Hall for those in attendance. Some had never seen the building, so this was a special treat. The State association owns the McArde library collection which was recently housed in the Hall. Many were pleased to see its new home.

The following day was filled with meetings, ending with an evening banquet honoring past and present presidents. Speaker for the occasion was Junius Rochester whose subject was “Lewis and Clark: The First Northwest Pioneers.” State scholarship winners were also announced.

The last day was the annual breakfast, which commemorated the April 24, 1853, date when news was received in Olympia of the creation of the Washington Territory. The Association honored two Seattle members at which time their ancestor history was read. The honorees are Bettie Kinsman and Vevette Cooperstein. These are long-time members of the Seattle Chapter.

Congratulations on a happy birthday celebration!!

— Peg Parietti

Editor’s Note: At their first meeting in 1911 at Pioneer Hall, the Daughters chose the dogwood as their flower; thus the dogwood tree in front of our building on 43rd Avenue East, which was in full and glorious bloom for the party (see photo on back page)!

Spring cleaning at the Hall

In preparation for the celebratory May events of the Daughters of the Pioneers, and being good neighbors and conscientious stewards of our building and grounds, members have recently undertaken several cleanup and maintenance activities. Board Trustee Joe Wert researched and recommended landscaping improvements in back of the Hall down to the lakefront. The Board thanked Joe for his efforts and approved his recommendations; grounds work was completed in time for the Daughters’ tea on May 10.



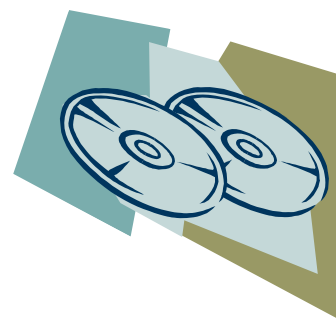
Board Vice President Steven Rochester coordinated pressure washing the building exterior, sidewalks and decks. He also planned to complete exterior touchup painting, weather permitting. We shared a cleaning service with the Daughters for an extra interior spruce up for their Centennial festivities and tours.

A special treat for our June 25th Annual Meeting

A new video made its first appearance at Pioneer Hall at the Daughters’ anniversary tea. This is an 11-minute film featuring Pioneer Hall and its occupants.

We are looking forward to viewing this film at our June 25th Annual Meeting at Pioneer Hall.

See the next issue of *Pioneer Presences* for more details, including availability for purchase.



Welcome new members!



We are pleased to welcome several new members to our Pioneer "family." Patrick Kenneth McGuire joined us in December 2010. His great-great grandfather John Garrett McGuire

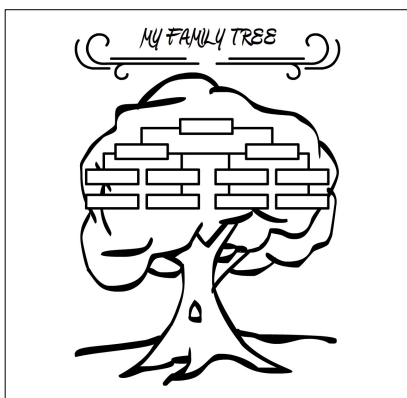
and family arrived in Walla Walla 1862. The 1870 Walla Walla County census shows his occupation as "Farmer."

Janis Cooper Maloney applied for membership in March 2011. Her mother Juanita Miller Cooper was born in Seattle in 1895. The 1900 King County census shows her grandfather Hazard Miller's occupation as "Gold Miner."

Lynne Chestnut Coats joined us in April. Her great-great grandparents William and Martha Shoudy arrived in Washington Territory in 1862. Their daughter Hattie Rebecca Shoudy was born in Seattle in 1864. According to the 1880 King County census, Mr. Shoudy's occupation was "Painter."

From this list you can tell our forefathers came from many parts of the country and chose varied occupations to provide for themselves and their wives and children. We are counting on these new members to share their family histories in future editions of *Presences*.

Where are the old/new pioneers?



It's that time of year again; we are looking for new members to join our organization.* **Why not bring your friends and relatives to an open house?** We welcome visitors to the Hall and membership questions can be directed to our Vice President for Membership, Steven Rochester, at rochestersteve@hotmail.com — or phone Pioneer Hall and leave a message at 206-325-0888. It's a great organization and we need help keeping our history alive.

**All persons who were residents of the Territory of Washington prior to its becoming a State on November 11, 1889, and the lineal descendants of such residents over 18 years of age shall be eligible for voting membership in the Association. Those who are not otherwise eligible shall be eligible to become Associate Members, without voting privileges.*

Annual meeting includes officer elections

A key element of the Business Meeting portion of the Annual Meeting on June 25 will be the election of officers. The Nominating Committee has created the following slate of candidates:

Officers of the Board, July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012: Junius Rochester, President; Bob Selene, 1st Vice President; Steven Rochester, 2nd Vice President; Kathy Durgan, Secretary; Sandra Selle, Treasurer.

Trustees of the Board through June 2012–Teresa Summers; **through June 2013–**Mary Louise Hammond; **through 2014–**Gayle Johnson, Dave Brazier, and Louise Jones-Brown; The remaining Trustees with terms to 2012 and 2013 will continue to fill their positions. Jeff Christenson still serves as Past President, and Gary Zimmerman as Historian.

Our thanks to the nominating committee, Marilyn McLaughlan, chair, Kathy Durgan and Leonard Gayton, for their efforts in securing this stellar list. And we also express our appreciation to the slate of volunteers who demonstrate their commitment and responsibility to further the mission of the Pioneer Association.



— Steven Rochester



“Mystery” portraits discovered at the Hall

These two portraits were recently found in the basement of Pioneer Hall. There is no identification for either the man or the woman, although given the matching nature of the frames, they were probably husband and wife. If anyone recognizes the couple, it would be appreciated if information could be forwarded to the Association Historian at gzim@wapioneers.org or send a note to Pioneer Hall at 1642 43rd Ave E, Seattle WA 98112.



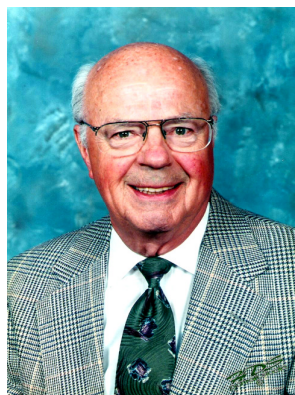
The portraits were discovered when a Fiske Library work party cleaned the closet under the stairs going from the main floor down to the basement. The two pictures were at the far back of the storage space. The pictures were there, unnoticed, when the Fiske Library moved into the basement in August 1992.

A vote that changed history - *June family history presentation*

Our Newsletter Editor Teresa Summers will tell us the story of her fourth great-grandfather, Étienne Lucier, who was a fur trader in what is now the Pacific Northwest. At the time it was called the Oregon Country and claimed by the United States and Great Britain. Lucier was one of two French Canadians to vote for the creation of a pro-American government for that region at what were known as the Champoeg Meetings. Moving to the Pacific Northwest originally to help establish Fort Astoria, he would later become the first farmer in what became the state of Oregon. The monument in the photo at right commemorates Lucier and his fellow voters for their historic 1843 vote to form Oregon's Provisional Government. Champoeg, where these pioneers cast their votes, is thought to be the true birthplace of Oregon and therefore has been well preserved since 1843.



In memoriam



Henry Runkel, Jr., passed away peacefully on April 14, 2011. Born February 12, 1920, "Hank" was a Seattle native. He was a Garfield High School and University of Washington alumnus and a former Sr. Vice President during his 43 year career at Seattle First National Bank. Hank served our country as a Captain in the Army during World War II.

Following in the footsteps of his father Henry Runkel, Sr., Hank became a member of the Pioneers of Washington in 1965. He served as Treasurer from 1965 to 1966, as Trustee from 1971 to 1974, as President from 1974 to 1975 and Trustee Emeritus from 2000 to 2003. He continued as an active member of the Association, helping oversee a comprehensive building upgrade in the late '70's and early '80's.

In addition to his service to the Pioneers, Hank also contributed to his community by serving with the Queen Anne Lions Club, United Way, Red Cross and Cub Scouts.

Pioneer members join together to convey our deep condolences to his family and our gratitude for his long service in our beloved organization..

Members' Corner: Family History — *Setting 160 years of King County History Right*



Samuel Maple's home, located on what is now Boeing Field, taken in 1901. It was rebuilt in 1856 after his cabin was burned down during the Battle of Seattle, and was still standing in 1915.

In spite of the accepted historic writings about our local beginnings, pioneer history for King County actually started June 22, 1851 instead of several months later on the shore that became known as Alki Beach. After seeking fortunes in the California Gold Rush and over a year of hard labor, the first white settlers arrived in Oregon Territory on the banks of the Duwamish River near what is called Georgetown with Duwamish guides and their native canoes to establish a permanent settlement.

These men were my great-great-great Grandfather Jacob Maple with his son Samuel and their new friend Luther Collins. Luther, who had already settled his family in the Fort Nisqually area, chose land just south of present-day Seattle. Jacob selected land north of Luther's claim and Samuel a little farther south in the area that we now recognize as the King County International Airport, which was also known as Boeing Field. They were joined by another pioneer named Henry Van Asselt whose land claim was just south of his friend Samuel's. Then Eli Maple, another of Jacob's sons, came in

October 1852 and took over the land after his father went back to Iowa in 1854.

Samuel and Henry's original cabins were burned down during the January 1856 event referred to as the "Battle of Seattle," but the men were able to hide in the trees above their land due to the early warning received from their friends, the Duwamish Indians. Eli was able to make it safely to the Seattle pioneers' fort where he assisted in protecting the women and children which included members of Arthur and David Denny's families.

Jacob returned to King County, Washington Territory, in November 1862 with another son, John Wesley, and four of his five daughters, Mary Ann, Catherine ("Jane"), Ruth and Lucinda. The eldest daughter, Alvirah, arrived in 1878 and the three oldest sons remained in Iowa. Jacob's wife Catherine never traveled to Oregon Territory due to health issues. In December 1862, "Jane" married pioneer settler Henry Van Asselt. This wedding was attended by Chief Seattle and 700 tribal members. Samuel passed away in 1880, Jacob in 1884 and then in 1902 both John Wesley and Henry Van Asselt died.

Jacob and Sam's ashes were placed near the location of Samuel's original cabin in 1939 and relocated in 1950 with a brass plaque to a small grass strip just east of the present-day King County Airport Administration Building. Jacob had 11 children, nine of whom came to Washington before Statehood in 1889; most of them raised families in King County.

I am very proud to be a sixth generation Jacob Maple descendant and member of a very special family. June of 2011 will mark the 160th Anniversary of these men's brave decision to come to the frontier and become an important part of our history.

— Louise Jones-Brown

Correction We extend apologies to Steve and John Lundin for our misidentifying the location of their ancestral home in the photograph on page one of the March *Pioneer Presences*. Their great grandfather, Andrew Lundin, built the house in 1886, in Lead, South Dakota. Lead (pronounced "leed") is a city in Lawrence County, in western South Dakota, in the Black Hills near the Wyoming state line.

The city was officially founded on July 10, 1876, after the discovery of gold. It is the site of the Homestake Mine, the largest, deepest (8240 feet) and most productive gold mine in the Western Hemisphere before closing in January 2002. By 1910 Lead had a population of 8,382, making it the second largest town in South Dakota.

The Homestake deposit was discovered in April 1876, during the Black Hills Gold Rush.

— Editor



Homestake Gold Mine in Lead,
South Dakota

Where they are buried

James B. Metcalf, a lawyer and former president of the Pioneer Association, wrote a report in 1884 as clerk of the Seattle Cemetery Commission. There had been confusion about where Seattle's pioneers were interred, so Metcalf's commission attempted to resolve the issue.

Background: In 1855, graves were dug on the east side of what was called Maynard's Point (named for pioneer David S. "Doc" Maynard), the present-day intersection of Occidental Avenue South and Yesler Way. It is believed that burials also occurred near the White Church, Seattle's first house of worship, at the corner of Second Avenue and Columbia Street. In 1864, David and Louisa Denny deeded six acres on today's Denny Way (now head offices of the Seattle Parks Department) for the City's first municipal cemetery. In 1883, the Dennys suggested that the property be used as a park. The City agreed and the remains of pioneers were moved to several locations including the Masonic Cemetery next to what is now called Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill. Three commissioners, including Metcalf, were asked to identify the owners of the original plots.



Lake View Cemetery, 1916

Metcalf was meticulous in recording where each body was removed and re-interred. Approximately 30 remains went to existing Masonic and Catholic cemeteries; the remainder – approximately 194 – were re-interred at what was called the new city cemetery on Capitol Hill. This hilltop property, with spectacular views of the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, was then far from the City's center. The City Surveyor divided the property into 190 groups, and a section of 256 plots was staked off for burials. The property was officially dedicated as Washelli Cemetery.

In 1872, members of St. John's Lodge of the Order of Freemasonry acquired land from, again, "Doc" Maynard, as a Masonic Cemetery. According to Robert L. Ferguson's 1995 booklet titled, *The Pioneers of Lake View*, when "Doc" died on March 13, 1873, his burial had to wait over a month while a road was built from downtown to the new cemetery.

In 1887, Ordinance 877 converted Washelli into a park (Volunteer Park). Again, remains had to be identified and re-interred in the neighboring Masonic Cemetery (Lake View). On June 6, 1889, records of the Cemetery Commission were lost in the Great Seattle Fire, but enough information was discovered in later years to provide details of "Where They Are Buried."

Note: Although Washelli and other cemeteries may disagree, Lake View can claim to be the City's Pioneer Cemetery. For example, besides "Doc" and his long-suffering wife Catherine (her marker reads "She Did What She Could"), the following City founders, among others, are at rest in Lake View: George Kinneer (Queen Anne Hill's first citizen); Princess Angeline (Chief Sealth's daughter); Henry Yesler (sawmill owner and mayor); Thomas Prosch (editor of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and author of a history of Washington); Dexter Horton (founder of what later became Seafirst Bank); Robert Moran (Seattle shipbuilder and mayor); Elisha P. Ferry (Washington Territory's first governor); Edmund S. Meany (educator and historian) and Arthur Armstrong Denny (a Seattle founder).

(My thanks to Historian Mimi Sheridan for suggestions about this story. JR)

— Junius Rochester

Starting a new series — stories of people behind the faces of our portrait gallery

Honoring early presidents from Pioneer Hall

EDGAR BRYAN

Edgar Bryan was born in Lawrence County, Illinois on 24 February 1841. When he was 11 years old, his family crossed the Oregon Trail in the summer of 1852 with an ox-cart. They spent the winter of 1852-53 in Oregon City and then came north to Seattle in 1853. In the fall of 1861, he enrolled in the Territorial University the first term that classes were offered by the new institution. In that same entering class, he met Edna A. Whipple, who had come west from Pennsylvania. Four years later, Edgar and Edna were married by Daniel Bagley, in August 1865.

By 1870, he was describing his occupation as a “subscription agent,” but he also was an assistant U.S. marshal. In that capacity, he took the 1870 U.S. Census for Seattle. In June of that year, his family was enumerated with Edgar and Edna already having three children: Albert W., four years old; Albertie, a daughter, two years old; and the baby girl, Jessie, seven months old. When the results were forwarded in the fall of the year, Edgar Bryan had signed off as the responsible official for the whole enumeration district.



Section 6, Photo 197

Edgar was active in the business community. He had a store on Front Street. By 1880, he was also getting into the political life of the community. He became the King County assessor. By 1880, his family had grown by five more children: Minnie, born 1871; Hugh, born 1873; Arthur A. Bryan, born circa 1875; Charles Earnest Bryan, born circa 1877; and Zella, a daughter born in 1879.

Edgar began to purchase land of his own. He had moved his family out near the southern end of Lake Union. Later he purchased 80 acres northeast of Lake Union, near the present University District, just north of the present NE 45th St.

When the Seattle fire in June 1889 burned the downtown area, the Bryan store was demolished. He and his partner set up a tent and immediately began to rebuild the business. By the fall of 1889, though, it was clear that all of the reconstruction would not be complete. Bryan petitioned the City to let them enclose their tent with glass and iron to protect against the elements of the coming Seattle winter. The City appointed a review committee to look at the proposal, and in September, 1889, the committee recommended, that “sojourners in tents” should be able to put a corrugated iron roof over their tents for protection from the weather, but they should not make more solid walls as that would effectively create “permanent” buildings. The committee said, “Citizens can and ought to be content with a good roof and submit to inconvenience for a little while longer for the sake of general safety.”

At the time of the fire, Edgar Bryan was styling himself as a real estate broker and as a “pawn-broker.” He and David T. Denny also started the Union Water Company, with the source of their water on the west side of Lake Union. Bryan was the secretary-treasurer of the corporation, as listed in the Seattle City directories for 1889 and 1890.

Before the 1900 census was taken, Edna Whipple Bryan had passed away and he was living with four of his children at 618 Dexter Avenue. His daughter Jessie and her husband, Edmund H Crowe, were in the same structure (they had married about 1891, and had had one child who did not survive to its first census). In 1906, Edgar was remarried to Anna Smith, a native of Mansfield, Ohio, who arrived in Seattle in April of that year. Anna never had children.

Edgar joined the Pioneer Association in June 1886, identifying himself as a real estate broker. In 1896 he became Treasurer of the Pioneer Association, and the next year, he was President. Following his stint as the presiding officer, he served the Association for the next 17 years, from 1898 through 1914, as the Secretary of the Association. He was very active in this capacity. When Catharine Blaine died in 1908, for example, it was the Pioneer Association that organized her funeral and the pallbearers were selected from the Association membership, including Clarence B. Bagley, Edgar Bryan, Dillis B. Ward, and Thomas Prosch – all of whom are portrayed on the walls in this room.

Edgar Bryan himself passed away at his home on 19 November 1924. He is buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Queen Ann Hill. His inscription reads, “Assessor, Umbrella Mfr, Tombstone Seller.”

— Gary A Zimmerman, Association Historian

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2011
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/ELECTION
OF OFFICERS 10 AM
SALMON LUNCHEON AT NOON
See the new video of Pioneer Hall!**

Slate of candidates for Board Officer and Trustee
Elections is on page 5

140th ANNUAL MEETING & SALMON BAKE

Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Avenue E, Seattle

Saturday, June 25, 2011



10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. Family History Presentation on Pioneer Étienne Lucier followed by
FEATURED SPEAKER LES ELDRIDGE — *and* the new Pioneer Hall Video

11:45 a.m. Short break

12 Noon: Salmon Lunch Served in Pioneer Hall

140th ANNUAL MEETING, PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON STATE

Please reserve _____ places at **\$25.00** each = Total \$ _____

*Baked salmon w/mango or tartar sauce, fresh fruit, roasted red potatoes w/rosemary,, rolls and butter,
apple crisp, decaf coffee and tea*

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ZIP: _____

To reserve please confirm by phoning Mary Louise Hammond, 206-542-0830

OR you may mail your check with completed reservation form to:

Pioneer Association Picnic

1642 43rd Avenue East

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10:00 a.m. Business Meeting begins, including election of officers

Followed by family history speaker, and featured presentation by northwest author **LES ELDRIDGE**

12:00 noon SALMON BAKE: Served in Pioneer Hall

Please reserve by JUNE 2ND

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Avenue E, Seattle