

# SHIPS LOG 1792

Captain George Vancouver Historical Society



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## WHO IS CAPTAIN GEORGE VANCOUVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are dedicated to the celebration, dedication, and preservation of history, serious and abstract. We believe that all parts of history must be remembered, or it will be skewed. We named this group after Captain George Vancouver who explored and mapped the Strait of Juan de Fuca, between Vancouver Island and the present-day Washington state mainland in 1792.

### Down and Dirty History

Captain George Vancouver entered the Strait of Juan de Fuca, between Vancouver Island and the present-day Washington state mainland, on 29 April 1792. His Orders were to survey all of the inlets and outlet on the west coast of the mainland, all the way north to Alaska. Most of this work was in small craft propelled by both sail and oar. This was very dangerous.

He named many of the features that he discovered on his expedition for his officers and friends some of these included,

- Mount Baker – after Discovery's 3rd Lieutenant Joseph Baker, the first on the expedition to spot it
- Mount St. Helens – after his friend, Alleyne Fitzherbert, 1st Baron St Helens
- Puget Sound – after Discovery's 2nd lieutenant Peter Puget,[7] who explored its southern reaches.
- Mount Rainier – after his friend, Rear Admiral Peter Rainier.
- Port Gardner and Port Susan, Washington – after his former commander Vice Admiral Sir Alan Gardner and his wife Susannah, Lady Gardner.
- Whidbey Island – after naval engineer Joseph Whidbey.
- Discovery Passage, Discovery Island, Discovery Bay, Port Discovery and Discovery Park (Seattle).

### Death

Vancouver, at one time amongst Britain's greatest explorers and navigators, died in obscurity on 10 May 1798 at the age of 40, less than three years after completing his voyages and expeditions.[15] No official cause of death was stated, as the medical records pertaining to Vancouver were destroyed; one doctor named John Naish claimed Vancouver died from kidney failure, while others believed it was a hyperthyroid condition.[16] His grave is in the churchyard of St Peter's Church, Petersham, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, England. The Hudson's Bay Company placed a memorial plaque in the church in 1841.[17] His grave in Portland stone, renovated in the 1960s, is now Grade II listed in view of its historical associations

### Legacy

Vancouver determined that the Northwest Passage did not exist at the latitudes that had long been suggested. His charts of the North American northwest coast were so extremely accurate that they served as the key reference for coastal navigation for generations. Robin Fisher, the academic Vice-President of Mount Royal University in Calgary and author of two books on Vancouver, states:

This information came largely from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia George Vancouver

# CURRENT OFFICERS

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**Skipper**  
**Tony "Not Kevin Crash" Carlson**



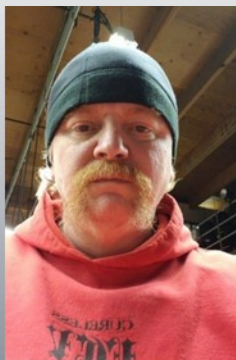
**Gilligan (Little Buddy)**  
**Kevin "CUZ" Erwin**



**Scribe**  
**Joe "Squid" Garhart**

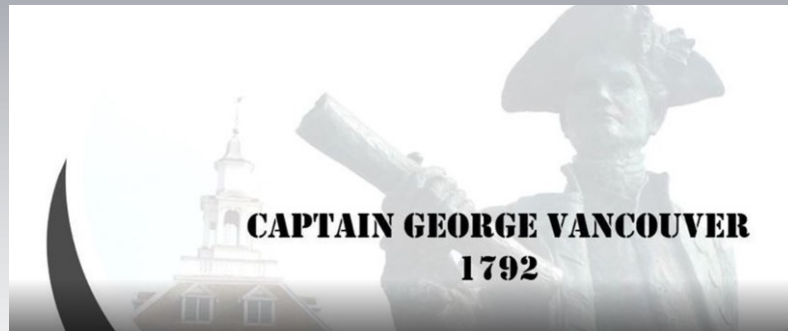


**Quarter Master**  
**Ronnie "Rod" Bundang**



**Sargent of Arms**  
**Rob "Rack Bastard" Andrew**

# WHERE WE CAN BE FOUND



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# COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **DECEMBER 3, 1300 TACOMA WA, DOC MAYNARD'S GENERAL MEETING**
- ◆ **DECEMBER 17, 1100 KINGSTON WA CGVHS GENERAL MEETING**
- ◆ **DECEMBER 17, 1100 CGVHS GENERAL MEETING FINAL TIME TO DONATE FOOD FOR FOOD DRIVE**
- ◆ **DECEMBER 17, 1400 2ND ANNUAL DOC SMITH TOY DRIVE (DOC MAYNARD)**



## MEMBERSHIP CGVHS

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For a one time Donation of \$20 you can become a voting member of Captain George Vancouver Historical Society. "Must be present to vote"

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# Food Drive October-December

Brother Joe Garhart suggested that we start a food drive “everyone can bring a can of food to donate to the meeting”.

I think this is a great idea we can do this for the next 2 meetings and after the December meeting we will take it to a food bank. I think there is one in Kingston, we can discuss this at the meeting. Remember you can be collecting all month and bring it to the meeting. Lets do great things.

# DECEMBER MEETING

Last day for food donations this time

Discus changing the time to 1PM for new meeting place

Bottle raffle

Work party ideas

Fall Ball

Camp out

Picnic to thank Doc

# CORRESPONDENCES



**Joseph Garhart**

I want to take this time to give congratulations to both the Skipper (NGH) and little buddy (VNGH) for their satisfactory presentation to Doc Maynard to represent us as our sponsor, also thought the feedback during the meeting was insightful and appreciated.

Thanks also to Dan "Tuna" McCormick (Admiral) for all his help and guidance in this journey for Captain George Vancouver historical society 1792 on eventually becoming an outpost and further becoming a chapter in the PNW.

There has been alot of work both financially and mentally to get us to this point which means alot to where we go from here, I for one am looking forward to the success of CGVHS1792 and am in it 100%, I hope all the members we have/will have in the future feel the same!

Joe "squid" Garhart





# TOP STORIES

## The day Kingston was bombed

A weapon of war reached Apple Tree Point

By [Terry Asla](#) • March 6, 2017 11:00 am

Tags: [Historical events](#), [Kingston](#), [Kitsap County](#)



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**Editor's note:** This story is part of a 12-month series called *Kitsap Goes to War*, which explores how World War II affected Kitsap County and its residents. The series began in December in our *Kitsap Military Times*, which is no longer published and continues now once a month in *Kitsap Weekly*. For earlier stories in the series, go to [KitsapDailyNews.com](http://KitsapDailyNews.com) and type "Kitsap Goes to War" in Search.

KINGSTON — Katie (Tarbill) Fortune remembers the day, 72 years ago this March, that the Empire of Japan bombed Kingston.

Some background:

In 1925, Katie's father, Von Tarbill, an economics professor at the University of Washington, bought 23 acres of oceanfront property at Apple Tree Point, west of Kingston. He paid \$3,000



and moved his family there. He built a home. The couple eventually had five children, the youngest being Katie.

“We had eight cows, 12 horses, pigs, 2,000 chickens, an orchard and a two-acre vegetable garden,” Fortune recalls. “It carried us through the Great Depression.”

For added income, he built seven small cabins on the property and rented them out to other professors for vacation homes.

By March 1945, Fortune was 10 years old and living with her mother in Seattle. The other children had left the nest and their father had passed away. But the family had hung onto the farm at Apple Tree Point and had others farming it for them.

That fateful morning in March, Fortune recalls she woke up from a bad nightmare.

“I saw the property on Apple Tree Point on fire,” she remembers. “People were trying to put it out and they couldn’t put it out.”

A few minutes later, the phone rang. It was not a dream. It was a call from neighbors on Apple Tree Point, the Jaadans.

“ ‘You’ve got to come here right away,’ ” she recalls them saying. “ ‘The alfalfa field is on fire and we can’t put it out!’ ”

“So we jumped in the car and came over on the ferry. As we started down the hill and came to the first opening (in the trees), we saw the fire blazing, just like in my dream. There were maybe a dozen people living on the point and at first they tried to put it out with a bucket brigade ... but that just caused the fire to spread. Eventually, they found they could use shovelfuls of sand to snuff it out — the whole point was made of sand, you know.”

Fortune and her mother stayed on and “it wasn’t long before two FBI agents in suits came out to investigate,” she says.

“They took us all out to the field where it happened and showed us the trigger mechanism they had found and told us the fire was caused by a Japanese fire bomb balloon. Then they made us all stand in a row and raise our right hands and pledge not to tell anyone about the fire until after the war was over, because they didn’t want the Japanese to know how effective they were.”

Kingston had been bombed and nobody knew it. Fortunately, neither did Japan’s military, who never learned how effective their “fusen bakudan,” or balloon bombs, were until nearly the end of the war.

The hydrogen-filled balloons were 33 feet in diameter and carried a payload of about 33 pounds — either an antipersonnel device, such as the one that killed six people in Bly, Oregon; or incendiaries, like the one that set fire to the Tarbills’ alfalfa field.

From November 1944 to April 1945, Japan launched more than 9,300 of these fire balloons, which were carried by the jet stream across the Pacific in three or four days. The locations where 300 of them fell or were observed in the United States and Canada are known; one of them made it as far east as Grand Rapids, Michigan, according to History.com.

One of the last ones landed in Kingston.

According to historian Ross Coen, author of “Fu-go: The Curious History of Japan’s Balloon Bomb Attack on America” (University of Nebraska Press, 2014), the government’s records on where the bombs landed “is very sketchy.” However, he said there was a balloon bomb sighting reported at Chimacum on March 13 1945, which matches the time frame of when the Tarbills’ field was set ablaze. That same month, another balloon hit a high-tension power line and caused a temporary blackout at Hanford, where plutonium was being produced for the atomic bomb that would be dropped on Nagasaki.

Thanks in no small part to the media blackout on the balloon bombs in Kingston and elsewhere, Japan’s military abandoned the project in April 1945. However, the danger of a fire balloon claiming more victims still remains. In 2014, an unexploded balloon bomb was found in the Monashee Mountains near Lumby, British Columbia.

Today, no trace of the Apple Tree Point bombing remains. The Tarbill’s alfalfa field has been allowed to go back to natural wetlands and the seven small cabins the family once rented out are gone, too, replaced by million-dollar homes. A painting Fortune did in the 1950s is the only physical reminder of what the area looked like 72 years ago.

And while others whose families lived on Apple Tree Point in 1945 can recall relatives and friends talking about what happened that day, it appears Fortune is the only remaining eyewitness.

That place, time and historic event exist now only as footnotes in Katie Fortune’s memories: the day Kingston was bombed.

***Special thanks to Kathleen Sole, president of the Kingston Historical Society, for bringing Katie and this story to our attention.***

***Corrections and additions:*** *This online version contains additional materials (maps, etc.) not included in the March 3 print edition. It also corrects several inaccuracies in the print version. The cover of the Kitsap Weekly said the bomb landed in Apple Tree Cove. It should have read “Apple Tree Point.” The Tarbills bought the property there in 1925, not 1923, and her father’s name was “Von,” not “Ivan.”*

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# Medal of Honor Monument Dedication Orting Washington

I just want to thank Kevin and Joe for representing ECV, Doc Maynard and also Captain George Vancouver Historical Society on November 15, 2022 in Orting Washington. Not only did these two gentlemen show up for the ceremony but they went back the next day and helped take down 2000 Flags from veterans graves. This is work that is done exclusively by volunteers and as you know that is hard to get. Thank you gentlemen you make all of us proud.









# Alexanders Castle

## Love, Betrayal & Death!

Alexander's Castle was built in 1886 by John B. Alexander for his bride-to-be back in Scotland but unfortunately, when he returned back to Scotland to retrieve her, she had already married someone else. Alexander returned to Port Townsend and lived his life as Queen Victoria's British vice consul and a prominent socialite until he moved to Tacoma.

The castle was left in the care of the Klockers, who turned the castle into a rental property. It is said that one of the tenants who lived in the castle drowned by falling into the water cistern on the top floor of the castle. That ghost is said to still haunt the castle to this day...



# SKIPPERS SCUTTLEBUTT

Good Day folks, I just wanted to take the opportunity to talk about what we have accomplished what we are working on and what we hope to do in the future.

I want start by thank Doc Maynard for their support on our journey, as some of you know we traveled to Doc's meeting in November and asked them to support us in our endeavors not financially or necessary with people to do work for us but like a big brother to cheer us on and to advocate to Grand Counsel when it is time to gain outpost status and eventually become a chapter. We received overwhelming support from the chapter and officers. There were one or two small concerns that have since been addressed. I stumbled through a presentation with the help of our Little Buddy Kevin, followed by a speech By Dan McCormick and finally some questions. This was a very successful trip. Thank you to all of our members that attended that meeting and that continue to support Doc's Meetings.

We are coming to the end of our first food drive, I have been trying to come up with a name for this annual food drive, we have had 3 meetings so far and this started at the second meeting. So far we have filled up a box that measures about 2 foot square maybe a little bigger. We have one more meeting and then I will take it in to Fishline Food Bank, remember this is our first community act and is going to set a path for us. I am already proud of you guys, but let's give it one last push. Oh and just one last thought how about Squid's ink annual holiday food drive. Holiday only because it spans several holidays and Squids Ink because it is inspired by our very own Joe Squid Garhart our Scribe that would have used a quill and ink in the 1800's. Just a thought would love to hear your thoughts. Come to our meeting and let me know what you think.

We have our meeting on December 17, 2022 this will be the final General meeting at my house, January we will start meeting at the North Kitsap FOE off of Lincoln road in Poulsbo Washington, we will be discussing times. We will also be discussing dates for the three events that we are wanting to hold this year to include a family camp out, a family friendly picnic for special guests, and a Fall Ball. Would love your incite and all are encouraged to help plan. We are small so it's going to take all of us to pull together to make this successful, we have the talent it is utilizing it correctly that is the key.

I think that is all I have to say this month, I am extremely proud or you guys and, I am honored every day that you all got on board this crazy train. Together we can do great things if we work as a team. I hope to see everyone December 17

# GILLIGANS BLOG

December 1791 - Shortly after returning to sea the Chatham become detached in rough weather, and the Discovery only rejoined her once she reached Tahiti at the end of December, Lieutenant Broughton having brought his vessel in the day before after he had discovered and named the Chatham Islands, some five hundred miles to the east of New Zealand. At Tahiti, being mindful of the underlying reasons for the mutiny on the Bounty, the strict Vancouver prohibited visits ashore, and to the horror of his lustful seaman he forbade any communication with the promiscuous local women. When the mischievous Hon. Thomas Pitt was caught trying his luck he was sentenced to two dozen lashes before the assembled officers, which ruthless punishment would ultimately lead to the famous Caneing in Conduit Street four years later when the outraged midshipman, who by then had become the ennobled Lord Camelford, sought retribution.

**To our current military members  
and prier military members.**







**E Clampus Vitus ® "The Clampers"**

Dan Martin · 12h · 🌐

Just a reminder for brothers dealing with shit, there's a Clamper group that's only about getting you through it. The most serious shit ever! No jokes, no memes and no BS.



## **CLAMPER DOWN - Brothers Helping Brothers >**

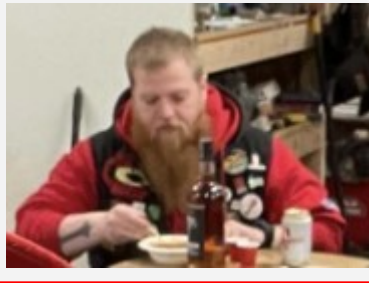
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# CONGRATULATIONS

To Our Newest Papered Members

Jesse Skip Howley



## Thank You for Donating your Treasures

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING, FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS PUBLICATION

### Warning

Reading this publication has been known to inspire men to take part in events and do things they would not normally do. It has been reported that reading this publication could inspire sudden bouts of brotherhood and friendships that last a life time. Thank you for your support. What Say The Brotheren?