

# WAGON WHEEL

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## March/April Events

March 7<sup>th</sup>

### “Hmong Means Free: From the Mountains of South-East Asia to Puget Sound”

At 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor Center, the Hmong Association of Washington State presented a program about the Hmong culture in Asia and the Pacific Northwest. Read about it on page 2.

## Upcoming Events

### Sundays, May through September Dougherty Farmstead Open House

Stop by from 1pm to 4pm every\* Sunday through September 30<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the Dougherty Farmstead. Walk through the Dougherty House - built over 100 years ago - and visit the bunkhouse, milk barn, and pioneer cemetery nearby. The Dougherty House is located at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road in Duvall.

\*The Dougherty Farmstead will not be open for tours on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

June 4<sup>th</sup>

### Duvall Days Open House

The Dougherty Farmstead will be open for a special open house on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 4pm. Catch the shuttle in downtown Duvall and travel to the Farmstead to experience yarn spinning demonstrations and walk through a slice of Duvall's history.



*We are grateful to 4culture, the King County Cultural Services Agency, for their support in the preservation of our heritage.*

## The Dougherty House is Ready for Visitors



It's that time of year again, and the Duvall Historical Society has been readying the Dougherty Farmstead for its annual spring and summer visitors. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, members Tom Norenberg and Mary Lampson guided a group of nine seniors from the Mt. Si Senior Center, through the Farmstead. In May and June, four

third grade classes from Cherry Valley Elementary will venture across the road for school tours of the home, and on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Dougherty House will be open from 1pm to 4pm for Duvall Days visitors. A yarn spinning demonstration will take place at the Farmstead during the Duvall Days open house, and a Duvall Days shuttle will transport people from downtown to the Farmstead. Also, beginning in May, a Snoqualmie Valley tour group will include the Dougherty Farmstead on its Saturday tour itinerary. And of course, the Dougherty Farmstead is open for its annual Sunday

summer tours from 1pm to 4pm May through September (with the exclusion of Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - it'll be closed that day). To learn more about Dougherty House history, read the



article on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter, reprinted from “The Wagon Wheel: Vignettes of Duvall's Historical Past, First Volume”. You can find more information about the Dougherty House in later volumes as well. And of course, feel free to contact us at [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org) with any questions about your tour.

## **A Brief Snapshot of *Hmong Means Free: From the Mountains of Southeast Asia to Puget Sound***

On Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor Center, guests and members gathered to listen to the story of the Hmong in Southeast Asia, and to learn about their immigration to the Puget Sound region.



Bee Cha and Seng Vue spoke to the over thirty people that attended, shared Hmong history with the audience, and discussed the Hmong residents' important contributions to the Snoqualmie Valley. It was a wonderful opportunity for learning and community. Many thanks to Bee, Seng, and the Hmong Association of Washington State for spending the evening with us.



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### **How Can the Duvall Historical Society Help You?**

On a regular basis, the Duvall Historical Society receives inquiries and information about past local residents, families, and properties. Currently the Duvall Historical Society is happily assisting Kira Pattinson in her senior project, which is a reader's theater of World War I on the home front. As purveyors of local history, we're here to help you, too. Feel free to reach out to us if you have a project in mind, have a question or two, or would just like to learn more about the history of our town and valley.

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### **Be Part of Historic Preservation, Volunteer!**

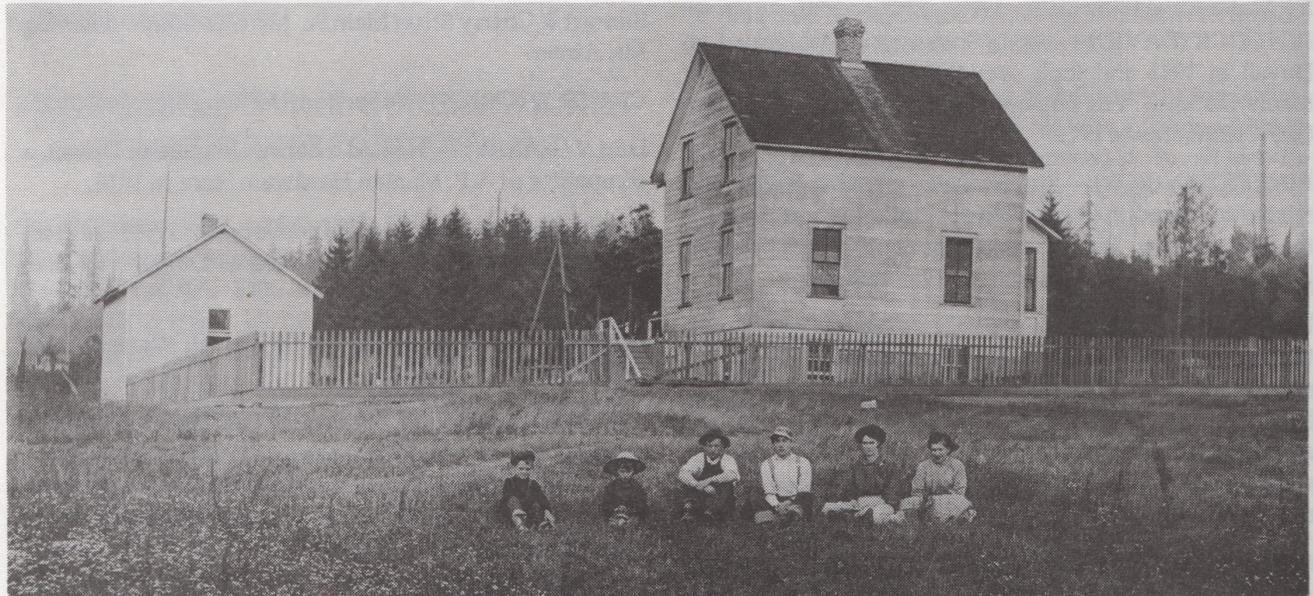
The Duvall Historical Society is continuously looking for volunteers to help in its mission of recording and preserving culture. If you'd like to help with one of the opportunities below, or have an idea of your own, please contact us at [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org).

- Dougherty House docent
- Website design
- Education and outreach
- Book publication
- Maintenance of buildings and gardens
- Cataloging of artifacts, books, and ephemera
- Promotion of Historical Society membership
- Planning of speakers and programs
- Research

This article has been reprinted from the first volume of "Wagon Wheel: Vignettes of Duvall's Historical Past", to give you a little background on the Dougherty Farmstead, before your summer visit. Enjoy!

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## DOUGHERTY HOUSE — DOUGHERTY CHILDREN, 1911

LEO, VINCENT, JOE, JOHN, MARY, MARGARET

James O'Leary was born in New Brunswick, Canada, in 1851. He came to the Northwestern United States with his parents. He bought his land in the Valley in 1883 or 1886 from Hannah Dodds for \$725.00. She had bought it from William Long in 1880. William Long had homesteaded the 162 acres in 1876. James O'Leary deeded 1 acre to the Squak Methodist Episcopal Mission for a church and a cemetery.

James O'Leary asked a girl to marry him and they set a wedding date. A local carpenter was hired to build the first house in the Valley for him for \$1,500 in 1888. His fiancée whose name was Leeper went back on him and he never lived in the house.

In 1891 he sold the house and 161 plus acres to Frank Waxburg for \$8,000. In 1892 he planted 800 fruit trees on 5 acres. In 1896 8 remained, mostly prune and apple. In 1893 Waxburg sold out to Sibley for \$10,000. In 1895 Sibley gave the property back to James O'Leary. John Dougherty bought the house and heavily timbered land from James O'Leary for \$2,500 on Dec. 6, 1898. Over the years they sold

off the land.

Lumber for the house was milled at Fall City and was rafted down the Snoqualmie River to Cherry Valley. The finished mill work, the doors, windows, and carved banisters were from Seattle.

The existing roof was applied in 1900 of hand split cedar shingles which Leo had helped to make when he was a boy.

Al Pickering painted the house white the first time in 1899. In 1899 the parlor furniture was ordered from the East Coast and went around Cape Horn. There was a carved love seat with velvet upholstery, a matching rocking chair and arm chair and 2 matching armless chairs for \$56.00.

Kate purchased a huge claw footed bath tub, a toilet and a sink in 1917 for \$5.00 from the river boats.

The house is heated by a fireplace in the parlor, a wood stove in the dining room and wood cook stove in the kitchen.

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In 1909 the railroads moved several buildings up the hill from their original Cherry Valley sites to their present sites in Duvall to build the railroads. They moved the Dougherty house to its present site in 1910. At that time 20 graves were moved to the Novelty Cemetery from the old Duvall Cemetery.

The Dougherty family was a large and industrious family. **John** was born in 1853 in Dubuque, Iowa. **Kate** was born in 1858 in Ireland. They were both born of Irish Catholic parents. They married in Seattle in 1882 and moved to Utsalady on Camano Island in Wn. John was a tallyman or a bookkeeper at Utsalady Lumber Mill. The largest mill in the world at that time. Their first 5 children were born at Utsalady. **James** was born in 1884, **Joe** was born in 1886; **Mary** was born in 1888; **Kathleen** was born in 1890, and **John** was born in 1891.

John lost his job in the panic of 1893. The family moved to Seattle where **Margaret** was born in 1893. Three months later Father McCauley asked them to stay at his house near Cherry Creek, (that is now the Herman Zylstra farm) at the base of McCauley Falls. They left Seattle on a large boat called the Mable, for Snohomish. Then up the river on the steamer, Echo. **Leo** was born at the priest's house in 1895. **Vincent** was born in 1900 in the Dougherty home.

**John Sr.** died in 1903 and **Kate** died in 1936. **James** played in the Duvall brass band from 1913 to 1917 and was a farmer. He died in 1955. **Joe** worked for the State Dept. of Highways and died in 1967. **Mary** died in 1911 at the age of 22. **Kathleen** (Sister Mary Edna) a nurse and a nun is in a retirement home at 93 years of age. **John** (Father John Dougherty), a Jesuit Priest died in 1946. **Margaret** married Dwight Ross and had 2 children, a boy and a girl, and died in 1973. **Leo** has had many jobs in the Valley and was in World War I Infantry and at 87 years of age still lives in the Dougherty house and takes care of his mother's roses and dahlias. **Vincent** lives with his wife, the former Virginia Turner, in Redmond.

The Dougherty House is a National Registered Site with a plaque so designating it on the front of the house. The house is on Cherry Valley Road (N.E. 165th St.) .3 miles from the intersection of Cherry Valley Road and Duvall-Monroe Road (State Highway 203). It served as Cherry Valley's first post office at the turn of the century to Rural Delivery (10 years later) which was located in the front hall. **Kate** was its post mistress who received no salary except for the sale of stamps. The first Catholic Mass was held in the parlor. The swing bridge was built in 1909 and the Dougherty boys, when they saw the smoke from the steamboats coming up the river, or heard the whistle from 5 miles away, would rush down the hill from their place to open the bridge for the boats. **Kate** Dougherty had taught school in a convent in Ireland. She and her husband insisted that

their children go to school every day. When the Cherry Valley Grange was started Feb. 9, 1909, **Kate** and 6 children became Grangers. **Joe** Dougherty was master in 1912 at age 23 and belonged many years.

*\* A picture of Leo (87), Kathleen (Sister Mary Edna) (93), and Vincent (83) together was taken recently, thanks to Father Stohr who got them together.*

*\* Ralph Taylor has more information on the Dougherty House and the Dougherty family on tapes. He also has tapes of Joe and Leo Dougherty.*

*\* There will be a hearing on the Dougherty House by the King County Landmarks Commission Feb. 12. Mr. Endres of the Catholic Church and a member of the Duvall Historical Society will be testifying in favor of it becoming a King County Landmark. Although the Dougherty House is a Federal and State Landmark, it has not at this time been recognized as a County Landmark.*

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