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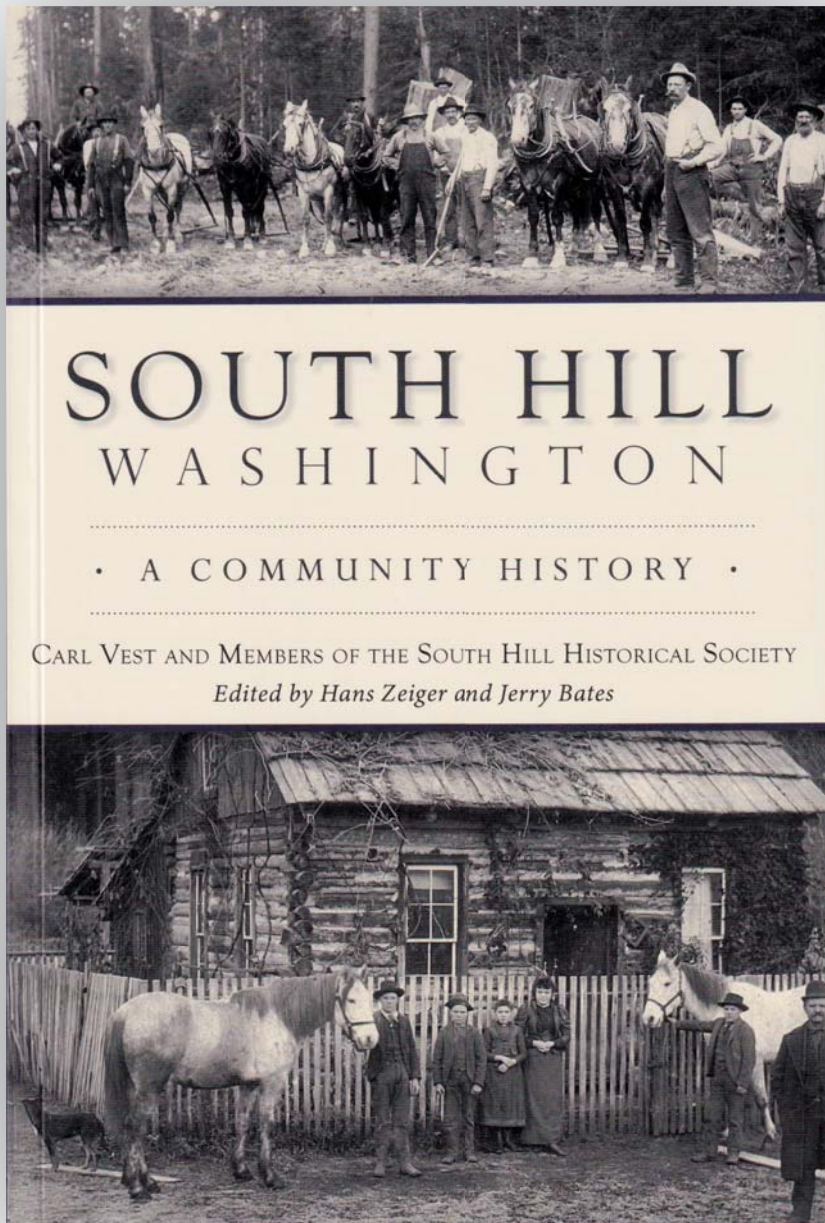
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Finally Here!

by Jerry Bates

IT'S BEEN a long time coming. The idea to write a history of South Hill started years ago with member Carl Vest. *(continued)*



Carl wrote a monthly column *South Hill History* for *The Puyallup Herald* from 2007 to 2017 with the goal of someday authoring a book based on those articles. Not finding time in his busy schedule, Carl decided to let the Society take on the project; a book committee was formed in late 2015. Hans Zeiger got busy writing the history chapter by chapter—each chapter submitted to the committee for editing. Having completed the draft manuscript, different publishing approaches were explored. At that time, it was determined that the Society would self-publish. This had the advantage of complete freedom of content but with the added responsibility of layout, design, editing, printing cost, distribution and book promotion—services normally done by a publisher. The editors went forward with page layout and editing, bogged down and stalled; more time passed — still no book.

In March of 2019 Hans wanted to bring the effort to a final conclusion. Hans had recently published his book *Puyallup in World War II* through *The History Press*, a national publisher, having a positive experience working with them. Hans considered our book project a good candidate for *History Press* also. He volunteered to submit a proposal to the publisher for a book on South Hill. Hans would be the editor with Carl Vest as author (most of the book is based on Carl's past articles for the Puyallup Herald.) Also included would be pieces written by various Society members including articles from past issues of our quarterly newsletter. He asked Jerry Bates to supply photos and graphics plus appropriate captions for each image; Hans would also add images from his archives. Jerry agreed and they went to work. Hans submitted the manuscript—and we crossed our fingers. In April of 2019, we got the good news that *History Press* agreed to take on the project. After all the years of false starts and procrastination, we would finally have a book!

Must Have for Our Members

South Hill Washington: A Community History is intended for a general audience interested in knowing more about life on the Hill from early days to present. However, for Society members it will have special meaning. Many of us, having attended Society meetings since its earliest days and living on the Hill long enough to be “old-timers,” are a part of its history. The book represents a culmination of research by hard-working fellow members since the SHHS began in 2001.

We'll appreciate having the South Hill story in one place rather than spread out over a local newspaper, newsletters, a website, and various archival media.

All the eras of the Hill's history are covered in the book's ten chapters and 220 pages—starting with the native people, the Puyallup Tribe, earliest pioneers, farmers, neighborhoods, schools, Meridian and other roads, rural life, the Grange, and the World War II years. Memories of the Old Mill, the Drag Strip, the airports, the Mall, and early organizing efforts to control development, parks, county-planning programs and preparing for the twenty-first century are also covered.

An extensive bibliography is also included. This will be of great value for the curious and those wanting more information on subjects covered in the book. Great effort has gone into organizing not only all sources for the current publication, but additional information gathered over many years by the Society researchers. Those wishing to dig deeper into local history will love the references listing books, articles, documents, maps, interviews, presentations, recordings, local media coverage, and websites.

You can purchase your copy of *South Hill Washington: A Community History* through Amazon.com, and at some local retail establishments and bookstores.

Books bought directly from South Hill Historical Society will help support the Society financially. Make your check or money order for \$27.65 (\$22.00 + \$5.65 shipping, payable to South Hill Historical Society). Send to South Hill Historical Society, Box 73582, South Hill, WA 98374.

Books may be available at future meetings or events (to be announced).

Have Something For The Newsletter?

We accept anything relating to South Hill history. For example: family history, a current event, an announcement, or old photographs.

We're glad to assist with writing or editing.

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From the Treasurer

by Ben Peters

Please call, e-mail or write any change of address to me, Ben Peters, 253-845-7028, poppa-ben2002@yahoo.com, South Hill Historical Society, Box 73582, South Hill, WA 98374.

Also, don't forget that we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Dues, donations, etc., are fully deductible from your income taxes if you are able to do so. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, contact Ben.

Dues Reminder

I will attach a sticky note to the Society newsletter mailed closest to your renewal date. **No need to fill out the membership form unless there is a change of some kind.**

Where to Find Us



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