

*Death of Mrs. Henry Van Asselt*

Before the landing at Alki Point on November 13, 1851, of the colony of twelve adults and twelve children, from which colony has grown the City of Seattle, four white men Henry Van Asselt, L. M. Collins, and Jacob and Samuel Maple, had staked out claims on the banks of the Duwamish River, having arrived there on September 14, 1851. While they had preceded the other colony by two months, they were for years referred to as the "River Settlers." When the city expanded to the edge of their farms the question of first settlers began to be debated. The Van Asselt party was the first settlement of white men in King County and have been accorded full credit in recent years. Mr. Van Asselt, last of the four original settlers passed away on December 7, 1902. His widow survived him until July 5, 1928, when she died at the age of 95 years. She had crossed the plains in a covered wagon in 1862 to become the housekeeper of her brother Samuel Maple but soon after her arrival, Catherine Jane Maple became the bride of Henry Van Asselt. During the last years' of her life she was always highly honored at the meetings of her many pioneer friends.

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*Gift From the Tolmies*

From "Cloverdale," Victoria, British Columbia, comes a gift beautifully reminiscent of the first settlement by white men on the shores of Puget Sound. Three daughters of Doctor William Fraser Tolmie—May Fraser Tolmie, Jane Work Tolmie and Josette Catherine Tolmie—sent a message of greeting on the ninety-fifth anniversary of the arrival at Fort Nisqually of their distinguished father. Their message was accompanied by two ample strings of Hudson's Bay Company trading beads and a small buckskin bag of vermilion.