

AMANDA (1873) AND JACK (1883) BUSH



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Hattie Amanda “Mandy” Thomas was born March 31, 1864 in Chickasaw County, Iowa. She was one of three children born to David and Harriett Webber Thomas. When her mother died in 1864, her father remarried, staked a claim at the Landing in 1872 and moved the family there in 1873. Mandy met Andrew Jackson “Jack” Bush at a dance held at the Davis Rutherford place and they began a courtship. Jack Bush was born on January 11, 1859 in Lynn County, Oregon Territory, the third of six children born to James and Martha Stewart Bush. When Jack was nine, his family came by covered wagon to Seattle and settled in Squak (now Issaquah). In 1880, Jack purchased land between the Snoqualmie Falls and Ranger’s Prairie and became acquainted with the folks downriver at The Landing. He did some logging along the Snoqualmie River and had floated logs over the Snoqualmie Falls for Kihn’s sawmill. Jack and Mandy were married on May 15, 1883 and set up housekeeping on a farm on the south side of the Snoqualmie River at The Landing. Four children were born there: Lee, Iva, Elva and Philip. In 1903, Jack and Mandy purchased land from the Lilienthals in Section 14 on the north side of the Snoqualmie River. With

Fig. 3-32 The Bush family, c1900. Seated l-r, Jack, Iva, and Mandy. Standing, Howard “Lee” and Elva.



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Fig. 3-33 Early 1900s winter scene of the Jack and Mandy Bush farm.



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Fig. 3-34 The Jack Bush barn.



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Fig. 3-36 Grave marker, Mandy and Jack Bush.

Fig. 3-35 L-r: Howard "Lee" Bush, Jack and Mandy Bush, and Elva Bush Polley.

that land acquisition, they became owners of the first schoolhouse at The Landing, where Mandy had gone to school as a child. Their first house was a converted hop drying shed that had been built by Davis Rutherford in 1888. Davis had given them permission to move it to their land because it would otherwise have been torn down, since hop growing had come to an end in the area of Fall City. Several months later, they bought land in Section 15 from Jim and Laurilla Foresman of Squak and moved from the hop shed into the house built by John B. Rutherford when he owned the property. After the deaths of Jack and Mandy, the farm remained in the family under the supervision of Mandy's son, Lee, until 1951, when it was sold to the D.W. Bairds of Redmond, who converted it into a berry farm. Jack Bush died in 1942 and Mandy died in 1947. Mandy and Jack are buried in the Fall City Cemetery.