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HISTORY

The property, which was homesteaded in 1887 by James and Eliza Lloyd, was purchased from Davey, Jessie, and Elizabeth Lloyd in 2000. The Lloyd family raised cattle and sheep, pasturing their farm animals east of Paradise Lake Road across from their large log cabin, barns, and storage buildings.

Because the Lloyds logged portions of the property for additional income, several logging roads were created. In the early days, a rail line coming up from Crystal Lake to the west side of the property was used to ship logs down to Blackstock Lumber in Seattle.

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Lloyd Family, circa early 1900’s