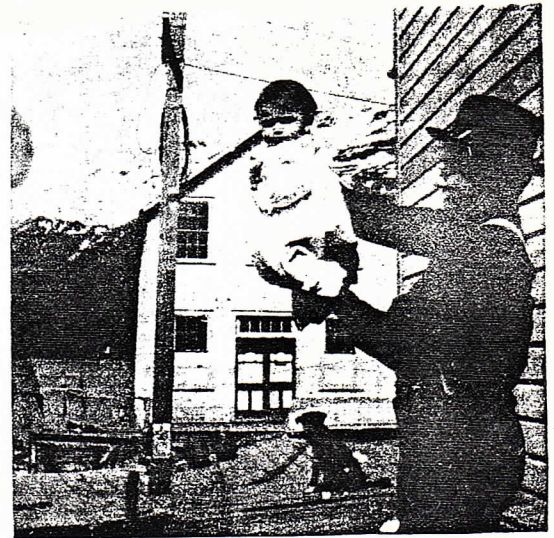


## L. KANE'S DOCK AND STORE

Frank H. Kane, a prospector from the south "forty-eight", started a store in Hoonah in 1893. It was a log cabin store located just to the left (looking toward the site from the bay) of the present store. During Frank's lifetime the store did not amount to very much as he soon left Hoonah to go on a prospecting trip in the Whitehorse area, where he is believed to have been killed or drowned in 1898. His body was never recovered. Louise Kane, Frank's wife who had been living in Douglas, then married Stephen J. Kane, Frank's brother. Louise Kane is believed to have been half Tlingit, her ancestry being traced back to the Sitkine river area.

In 1902 Stephen brought his wife Louise and his brother's two children, Rose and May, to Hoonah. In 1912 Louise and Stephen had a child, Patricia. When they came, they planned on staying and they brought their cow and many supplies with them. Along side the log cabin store they built a modern store which also housed a post office. Louise Kane was the postmistress. Along side the store was a beautiful flower garden. Behind the store, just to the back of the present Parent Child Center stood a silo and cow barn with seven cows.

In the early days halibut was bought and salted down on the dock and shipped south. In 1928 they were granted the Union Oil franchise. Today two of Louise Kane's grandchildren, Stanley and Mike Thompson operate L. Kane's store and dock. Stanley operates the store and oil business and Mike owns and operates the fish buying and processing plant on Kane's dock.



Steve

