

AJ Bush Road 1899

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Timeline:

1897 Jan 7 Agreement between A. Marshall and King County on establishment of earlier road through his property.

1899 Apr 18 A.J. Bush No. 505 County Road Petition submitted

1899 Apr 29 Bond of Road Petitioners (\$300) Listed are A. J. Bush, William E. Smith, and Howard H. Thomas.

1899 May 2 Viewers appointed (P.D. Hamlin, Co.Surveyer ProTem, and William Mar and G. D. Rutherford of Fall City)

1899 May 5 Official cover page for petitions supporting the road

1899 August Survey #1 of A. J. Bush Road, by Clarence L. White

1899 Sept. 16th Report of Viewers

On the 26th and 28th day of August 1889 did view, lay out, survey and mark the course of the road proposed in said petition, and report as follows:

Said Road as surveyed and marked commences at

*A point about 100 feet southerly from the Raging River bridge, in the center of road #234
Runs thence southerly along hillside at best obtainable grade to and along the old abandoned county road lying to westward of Mr Marshall's house, and crossing the gulch a short distance to southward of said Marshall's house; Thence southerly*

Note: it is highly recommended that owing to Mr A Marshall's house, barn, and orchard being so close to the center line of the road as surveyed, (although the present center line as surveyed is coincident with old originally travelled road) that the road from Station 22+50 to Station 25+50 be only 40 feet wide- 20 feet on either side of the center line. As very little grading will be required over this portion of the road, such width will do no great violence to the usefulness of the road.

And ends at *Falls City Depot on the Seattle & International Railroad*

The total length being 4465 _____ (?) (*Surveying measure?*)

Said road passes over, across and through the following described tracts of land of which we give the names and addresses of owners....and the area taken by the road from each tract. We estimate the damage to the owners of the land...as follows.

Anna Baygger	
A. Marshall	\$125.00
Edward Simonds	
Elizabeth Simonds	

In our opinion, the road should be established *sixty* feet in width.

The probable cost for the construction of the road....will be \$800.00.

In our opinion the road is a necessity and should be established.

Give here other facts, matters and things as may be of importance:

This road is in part a relocation of Road #234 for the purpose of lessening the grade between Falls City and the Falls City Depot, over which road practically all the travel from this portion of the Snoqualmie Valley passes. The grade on the present travelled road is in great part adverse and some of it so heavy as to make freight transportation between Falls City and said Depot very much more expensive than a possible lighter grade would necessitate. For this reason we think the road a necessity. One bridge about 100 feet long and averaging 20 feet in height will be needed. Ten fruit trees will be taken into the road on the place of A. Marshall.

1899 Sept 26 Official Notice of Hearing Date and Time

1899 Sept 27 Posting of Notice of Legal Hearing on Oct. 24

1899 Sept 29 Surveyers Report by Clarence White (See also June 14 1901)

1899 Oct 2 Affidavit of Posting of Notice to Landowners by A. J. Bush

1899 Oct 24 Hearing on Report of Viewers by King Co Board of Commissioners

1900 Jan 17 Order of Establishment Showing A. Marshall refused consent for road to pass through his land, citing damages as \$500.00, but the amount to be paid to him ruled as \$125.00.

1901 Apr 22 Letter from A. Marshall (See transcription below)

1901 May 7 Letter from A. Marshall, accepting award, with stated changes in the route

1901 May 20 Letter with results of arbitration with A. Marshall, with award of \$250.00
Listed arbitrators are G.D. Rutherford, G.W. Stephenson, and J. T. Magee.

1901 May 31 Granting of Right-of-Way by A. Marshall for award of \$250.00

**1901 June 14 Surveyers's Report by Clarence White, as amended after all differences had been settled
as to alignment through Mr. Marshall's property
Surveyer's elevation drawing along the route of the road, showing ravine.**

April 22, 1901, Letter from A. Marshall Transcription

*To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners
Gentlemen*

As you have not taken any of my offers regarding the road through my place – I now cancel all the offers I have made. If it is worth two hundred dollars to have the road on the west side of the house it is worth that to have it on the east side. Now if you want the road on the east side of the house you can put it there for two hundred dollars or you can let me choose a man and you choose one and they choose a third and have them view both routes of the road on both sides of the house and we will abide by their decision as to what the damages should be.

Now if you don't want to do that way you can go on with your confiscating business. If I have to let the County have a road just where they want it whether it suits me or not they will just have to confiscate it and take it. I once took my musket and went to protect our government and what little I have now has to be confiscated to

please a few fellows that never heard a blue whistler sing they will have to take it when I see them take it so I will know how it is done. Yours very resp. A. Marshall