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Thank You!

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we want to thank **Nancy Marshall** for being our dedicated volunteer treasurer these past 3 years. And we are thrilled to welcome **Bill Graham, R/W Graham & Associates**, also with much appreciation for taking up the reins as our volunteer bookkeeper.

You are both priceless!

Family History & Fall City History

Whether you are researching your family history or that of Fall City, as part of our collections we have over 700 obituaries available for your endeavors. This collection spans from the early 1900s to current years, but the life stories reach much farther back, and some tell of the journeys of the early homesteading arrivals to the Valley. Featured here is one example, the partial 1959 obituary for Elmer Gochnour, written by Fall City's own local historian Elva Polley. Elmer was born in 1880 in Pennsylvania, and he and some of his brothers moved West in 1902, where he eventually settled in Fall City, the beginning of their family's long legacy here.

On our website, you can now find the Index to our obituary collection on the Home page, below the image of the calendar. You can also find it on our Research/Resource webpage, Reference Documents tab with more information, and how to make an appointment.

Fall City Loses a Senior Resident

By Elva Polley 1959

Death claimed a senior resident of Fall City on Saturday April 4, with the passing of Elmer Gochnour.

Mr. Gochnour was stricken at out noon and died at 4 p.m. Cause of death was angina pectoris.

Full Masonic service was given him the afternoon of April 7, in the Masonic Temple at Fall City. Interment was in the Fall City Cemetery under the supervision of Purdy, Kerr, and Van Horn.

Honorary pall bearers were Lewis Prescott, W. R. Johnson and Clifford Johnson.

Harvey Elmer Gochnour was born on June 30, 1880 in King County, Pennsylvania, near Bedford. He was one of the seven sons and two daughters of Moses and Margaret Weyandt Gochnour.

He early became interested in boxing and wrestling, participating as an amateur for sometime. He always remained his favorite sports.

Heading West

In 1902 Elmer with two of his brothers started west. One brother stopped in North Dakota for short time then later joined the other two who had come to Sunn



"A Snood of Snow" Reports One Newspaper



In the early hours of Jan 12, 1950, temperatures began to drop rapidly across the State, from Seattle to Spokane, and by morning it was snowing in Seattle. With winds over 40mph, and almost a foot of snow in Seattle, the blizzard was underway. South of Seattle saw more than 20 inches of snow, and Bellingham area



A Snood of Snow It wasn't so much the snow on U.S. 10 as the overhead that made one motorist decide to get out and mush. Down the road a piece is North Bend, and the slope of old Mount Si is visible in the center background. Some might call this a winter wonderland---and it is. ---Photo By Solster

The Snoqualmie Valley Jan. 19, 1950. "Snoqualmie" sign behind the car, on (then) US 10 towards North Bend

experienced winds over 60mph. Eastern Washington saw winds so strong snow blew through keyholes on front doors. In the 24 days between January 12 and February 4, 1950, Seattle recorded nine days with low temperatures below 10 degrees.

During this time here in the Valley, Snoqualmie Falls froze into 'giant light-green icicles; a thin ribbon of water replaced the normal cascading rush of the falls.' [HistoryLink 8079] Snowfall records were broken with over 60 inches of snow, and a new all-time temperature low of 3 degrees below zero on Feb 1, 1950.

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