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Small world !

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Ruth Pickering introduced me a few months back, but I wanted to say hello again - I am the Collections Assistant at the Fall City Historical Society, having just started in June after I completed my masters degree in Museum Studies. I am honored to be playing a role in preserving Fall City history, and my volunteer time with textiles at Nordic Heritage Museum will allow me to help improve the handling and storage of local textile donations. Recently I was thrilled to discover that I share a remarkable bond with one of the objects in the collection.

FCHS has recently accepted the donation of a beautiful circa 1915 Fall City Band uniform that had belonged to Jesse E. Kelley, father of Fall City historian Jack Kelley. It's very smart and neat, made of light gray wool with very simple decorations. As I was examining the uniform, I noticed the maker's tag on the inside - and about fell over. It read "DeMoulin Brothers and Company, Greenville, IL." Amazingly, Greenville, IL is the small midwestern town where my husband and I lived for many years before moving to Seattle! DeMoulin Brothers was founded in 1892; it's the oldest and largest manufacturer of music performance group apparel in the world, with its own museum in Greenville. It seems a bit like fate that both I and this uniform should travel the same 2,250 miles, and that it should come into the collection just in time for me to work with it.



See page 9 for 1916 Fall City Band photo and background.

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Fall City Calendar

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Fall City Band 1916 IDs L-R: Front row, George Reed, Frank Burns, Wade Hazelhurst, Herbert Smith. Back row, Dewey Smith, Earl Nelson, Jesse Kelley, Homer Helson, Elmer Higbee, Walter Hill, Ralph Moore, Oliver McCaffree. During the years 1914 through 1916, Fall City had a band, composed of young men who decided to play music every once in a while. From the photo, it appears to be a “brass band” with drum. By the time World War I started the band had broken up, with most of the members off to war. It is not clear whether the classy band uniforms were ever worn in performance by the group. (IDs courtesy of *Jack’s History of Fall City*)