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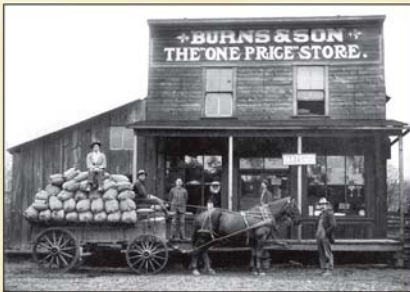
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## Design finalized on historic sign for Macrae building

Design for this building (33511 SE Redmond-Fall City Road) has taken a lot work...we decided to develop a new medium-sized template because of all the significant uses it has served over the years. **Burns & Son, The One Price Store** operated from 1909-1922, and its photograph is one of the early Fall City icons! **Jesse Kelley's Plumbing, Heating and Wiring Shop** was active from 1922-1944. A series of **Hardware Stores** then used the space...Howard Stow, Jack McClymont, Dave Schiesser, and others...for 50 years. Since 1993, Ian Macrae has owned the building and maintained it so that it could house a variety of businesses.

(The sign is still in production, with installation coming later this year.)

### Fall City ... history lives here



Burns & Son Store, 1909-1922 (Photo: 1912)



J.E. Kelley Plumbing, Heating & Wiring, 1922-1944 (Photo: 1940)



Stow Hardware, 1944-1954 (Photo: 1951) Howard Stow with daughter Florence and grandson Gene

### Mercantile ... Construction Services ... Hardware Store ... and more

In 1909, Robert and Mecie Burns bought the Snoqualmie Valley Cooperative Store, which stood on the west half of this site, in order to save an investment they had already made in the unsuccessful venture. They named it "Burns & Son, The One Price Store." The "Son" was Perry Burns, and "One Price" meant no haggling on price. By 1922, there were three similar stores in town, so rather than try to compete, Robert sold the building to son-in-law Jesse Kelley, and it became Fall City Electric.

In 1924, Jesse Kelley replaced the old wooden store with a concrete building and expanded his business to include plumbing, heating, and wiring, as can be seen in the middle photo above. The new Fall City Water Company chose Kelley's business to install added water services and maintain their system. In 1927, Jesse and Artie Kelley bought the two adjoining lots east of the shop and built a home on one of them; the house is just visible in the above-right photo.

In 1944, the Kelleys sold the business and building to Artie's cousins, Howard and Clara Stow, and agreed to trade houses with them so that the Stows could be close to the new Stow Hardware. In 1954, Howard sold to Jack McClymont, who renamed it "McClymont Hardware" and added the current east half of the building in 1956, making it the largest hardware store in the Valley at that time.

In 1976, McClymont sold the building and business to Dave Schiesser, who re-opened it as a True Value franchise, renaming it "Fall City Hardware." Ten years later, Schiesser kept the building but sold the business to Jerry Mortensen, who in turn sold it to Bob Woods in 1992. Shortly thereafter, the hardware business closed and the building sat empty. Schiesser sold the building to Ian Macrae in 1993. In the years since, it has housed law offices, a real estate agent, an antique store, a video store, and vintage sales outlets.



McClymont Hardware, 1954-1976 (Photo: 1957, showing the expanded building)

Fall City Hardware, 1976-1986 (Photo undated)



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