



FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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What's In a Name?

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When you tell people you live in Fall City, many don't know where that is. But if you tell them you live a couple of miles from Snoqualmie Falls, they instantly know where you are. Small wonder when the post office was being established in the 1870s, the bureaucrats in charge noticed Snoqualmie Falls on the map and decided the town should be called Falls City. Prior to this, the town was called The Landing, because it was the farthest the boats could come up the Snoqualmie River to bring people and supplies and take on loads. At that time the goods were the huge bales of hops being grown in the upper valley that needed to be shipped to Everett for their destinations around the world. Fall City and Falls City co-existed for many years until the "s" was dropped around 1950. The depot at Lake Alice used "Falls" as did the fire department trucks in a 1952 photo. To muddy the waters, there is one mention in an article from the University of Washington archives suggesting a landowner named Falls was the source of the town name. One thing is sure, you can find "Falls City" in Oregon and Nebraska, but the only "Fall City" in the United States is right here!

**The History of Electrification
in the Snoqualmie Valley**



The falls proved to be pivotal in the development of the Valley. Charles Baker saw potential in water power and built a power generator to harness it. In 1899 construction of the power plant deep beneath the falls was completed generating 32,000 volts of electricity. The generators are still in use these hundred years later.

The Fall City Historical Society has engaged Elizabeth Dubreuil, MA, CA, of Puget Sound Energy Cultural Resources to tell the rest of the story. Come and learn about the role electricity played in the history of the Snoqualmie Valley.

Please join us on

Tuesday, February 25th from 6:00pm-7:45PM

Fall City Library—FREE Event

Light refreshments will be served.

