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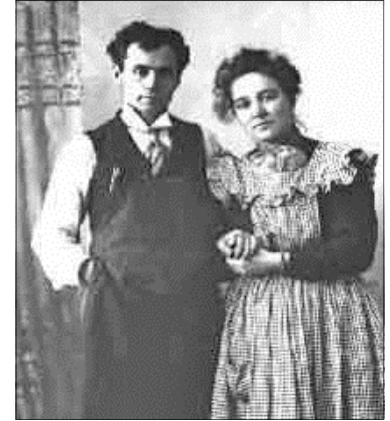
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“Banquet” photos by Darius Kinsey

Among the more than 4,700 negatives and 600 prints existing from the valuable work of photographer Darius Kinsey, the panoramic “banquet” photos are relatively rare. We are fortunate to have a few from the Fall City area...the Alexander farm shown in the December Newsletter and the two below. The banquet camera had a flat-back negative holder, for glass plate negatives 7x17 or 8x24 wide and a large bellows for a deep focal range needed for taking panoramic shots. (It was used by most commercial photographers for lucrative large-group portraits, hence the “banquet” name).



Darius and Tabitha Kinsey

Kinsey was born in Missouri in 1869 and came to Snoqualmie with an older brother in 1889. He bought his first camera in 1890 and soon fell in love with photography. He married Tabitha Pritts in Nooksack in 1896 and their partnership continued for 50 years, with Darius taking photographs in the field and Tabitha doing the developing and printing. They are particularly famous for the documentation of old-growth trees and early logging practices.

Here are two more examples of panoramic “banquet” photos. The top photo shows students from the Fall City Brown School. Bottom is a farm harvest scene taken on the Baxter farm in Fall City. Both were taken in October 1914.



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