



Honoring Fall City's Civil War Veterans



The Fall City Historical Society takes a great interest in the Fall City Cemetery. It is there that townspeople as far back as 1870 have been laid to rest. The land was formally acquired starting in 1899 with portions later purchased in 1916. In 1967, Jesse and Artie Kelley set about to adjudicate the owners, burials, and cemetery records. Due to their work, we now have listings of burials and maps of the area.

Of particular interest are the graves of Civil War Veterans. Until recently, we knew of fifteen veterans from that conflict, but with modern technology at our fingertips, two more were located. Many came west to stake their homestead claim with the help of lawyer, John Janicke.

The headstones provided by the government are made of marble which over the years have deteriorated to the point of being almost illegible. The Society decided to clean them up and research their preservation. It was discovered that a product, D/2 Biological Solution, cleans the marble without further degrading it. With bucket, brushes, and large vat of D/2, we attacked the moss and grime on the stones. Though it took a goodly amount of elbow grease, the stones slowly returned to nearly white.

Civil War buff, Richard Heisler, heard of our project and came to lend a hand. Richard told us the government will supply new stones on request for those that can't be read. They will also supply a brass marker to lay at the foot of the original marble stone if asked. We're checking into that and will contact families of the veterans regarding this possibility.

At the end of the day, all seventeen markers were ready for Memorial Day. It was such an interesting project; we're thinking of expanding the cleaning to all the stones in the cemetery of veterans from any era. Let us know if you'd like to help.



Philo Rutherford Marker



Cleaning Crew



Hance Moore Marker



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Fall City Day 2022

Establishing the first post office in 1872, George Boham put Fall City on the map. Join us at the Fall City Historical Society Fall City Day booth to explore the **150 year timeline** from the first post office to the present day. We'll have lots of maps to peruse and *something special* to hand out! We will also debut our new larger stemless wine glass.



Derby Days, 1956

Courtesy Rick Divers

Whether you call it **The Strawberry Festival, Derby Days, The Logging Show, or Fall City Day**, it's been a rollicking summer festival for 50 years. We will have some special artifacts to display in our booth covering this celebration through the years.



Special thanks to all our friends who made donations to the Historical Society during the GiveBig campaign. We appreciate your support for our work. Our new oral history project is off to a great start with video interviews lined up with several long-time residents. They will be edited and transcribed, and made available to the whole community. We couldn't do it without your generous gifts.

AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

An enthusiastic group of walkers joined together for the Society's May Day walk on the Lake Alice Trail. Starting at the interpretive kiosk, board members supplied historical commentary along the way.



Ruth Pickering explains the history of the railroad that ran on the current trail.



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