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## A Mystery! Can you help find the original photo?

The Valley Hotel was one of the early hotels in Fall City, built on Main Street (337th) in 1890 and lost to fire in 1909. The photo below was in the 1972 Fall City Centennial Supplement of the *Valley Record*. Since most of the photos in that Supplement were furnished by the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum, it was credited to them in Jack Kelley's book. However, a recent inquiry found that this photo is not in the SVHM collection. Searches done on the Washington State Historical Museum site, as well as the MOHAI and UW Special Collections also came up negative. This may be the only Valley Hotel photo and we'd love to find the original!

Many Fall City families shared family photos and stories for the Centennial Supplement... perhaps descendants of the Hanson family shared this photo and the caption which identifies some of the people shown. Does anyone know who was involved with putting together materials for the Supplement? Are there any records of donors? Since it was almost 50 years ago, this may be a long shot!

If you have any ideas about tracking down the original of this photo, please get in touch. You may contact us at the mailing address or email shown at the top of this page .



*The hotel was owned by Eric A. Hanson and his wife Lithuania. Son August is shown in the photo. They moved to Issaquah after the fire in 1909.*

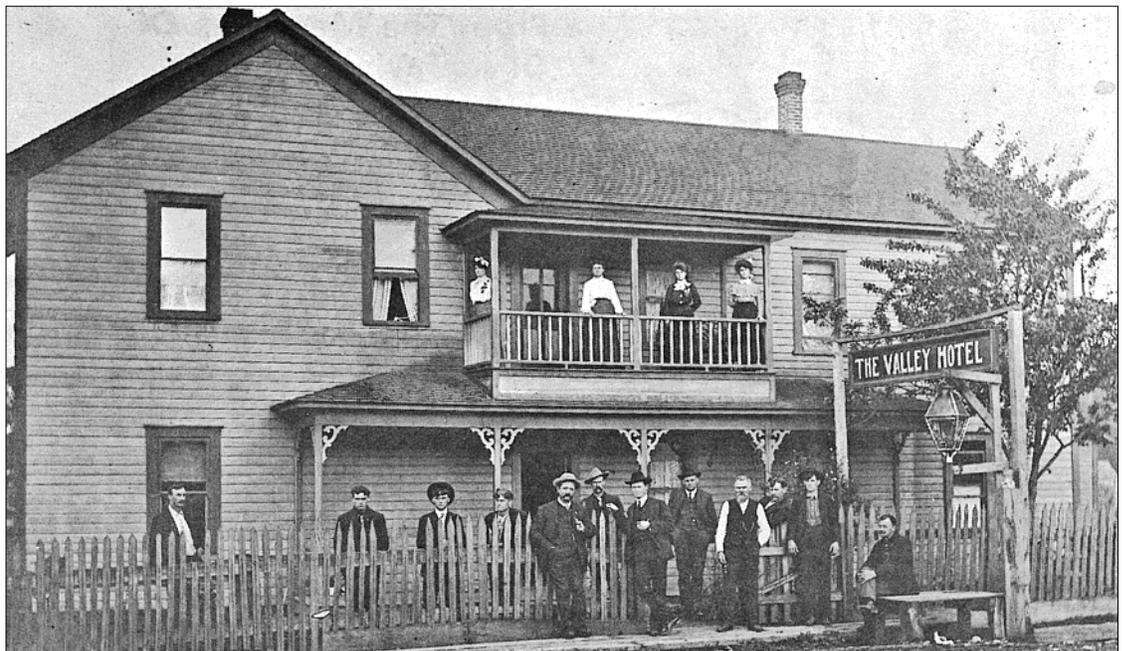


Photo caption from the Centennial Supplement: THE VALLEY HOTEL IN 1906 - The hotel was located on the present site of the Methodist Church. August Hanson is shown in white shirt sleeves, Mrs. Hanson and daughters on the balcony. The building was destroyed by fire in 1909.

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