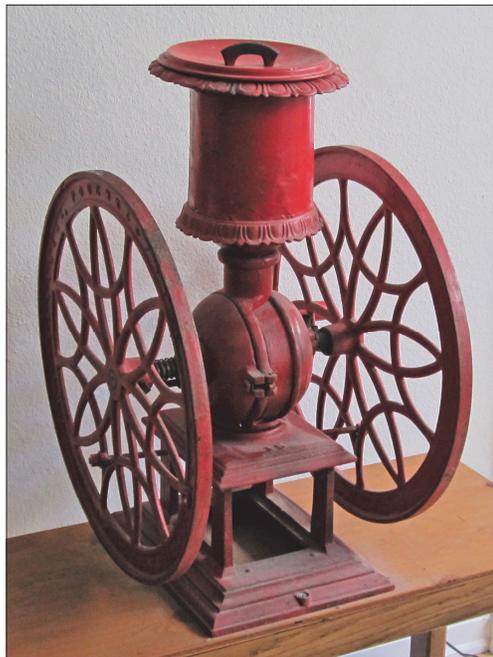


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## Coffee grinder, sent "home" by Tolt Historical Society

One of the oldest objects in our collection is this large coffee grinder from the Dunstan Brothers' store in Fall City. It was donated by Bill Baxter some years ago to the Tolt Historical Society, and they kindly sent it "home" in 2010.

In a great photo of the interior of this store c1909, it is seen in the back corner, as shown in the enlargement at bottom right.. (The full photo, from the Tacoma Public Library collection, can be seen as the MARCH photo in the 2015 Fall City Calendar, or on our website.)

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### Dunstan Brothers

GROCERIES, FLOUR AND FEED, DRY  
GOODS, HARDWARE, BOOTS  
AND SHOES

Farming Implements

FALL CITY - WASHINGTON

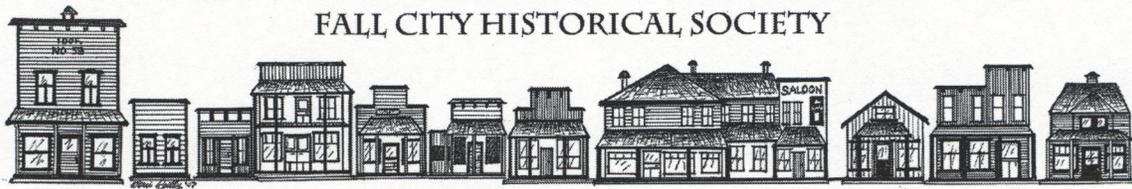
Oliver, William and John Dunstan operated Dunstan Brothers' General Merchandise on the ground floor of the IOOF Hall (current site of the Riverside Tavern) from about 1905 until 1929, when the Hall was torn down due to the widening of River Street.



For display the heavy tabletop coffee grinder was fastened to a wooden table built for the Tolt Historical Society. Overall height of grinder 26.5", grinding wheels are 19.5" in diameter. On each wheel is written: "SWIFT

MILL, LANE BROTHERS, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY." And on the body of the grinder, it says "PAT'D FEB 9 1875." The original lid to grinder is missing, and a WEAR EVER lid, printed red to match, has been substituted. Drawer to catch ground coffee is also missing.





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## The "Rutherford Chronicles"

We are very grateful to Dave and Cindy Wolfrom of Carnation for sharing with us an incredible 34-page typed history of the Rutherford family, several of whom were early settlers in Fall City. Genealogy starts with the arrival of Henry Rutherford in Connecticut about 1641. But of most interest to Fall City is background on the family of John Henderson Rutherford, who married Prudence Davis (right) in Ohio in 1845. They had eight children: John, Philo, Davis, Almus, Charles, Eliza and Homer. Father John Rutherford was killed in the Civil War in 1864, leaving Prudence a widow at the age of 40. Philo Rutherford came to the Fall City area in 1872, and sent for his mother, who arrived in about 1874 with some of the other children.

Here is one of the sad memories shared:

"On Jan. 30, 1880, the Rutherfords were shocked and saddened by the death of Homer by drowning. Most pioneers of the Snoqualmie Valley brought their provisions up the river from Snohomish by canoe, propelling it upstream by paddle and pole. This required two men and several days.

Davis and Homer had made this trip and were almost home with their heavily laden canoe when they struck the strong cross-current at the mouth of the Raging River; the rivers were high owing to the melting of a four-foot snowfall. The Chinook wind began blowing before the men got home and the rivers were at flood stage on their arrival.

The force of the conflicting currents turned the canoe over, throwing both men into the rushing icy stream. Homer was an expert swimmer and struck out for the shore, but when he reached the far bank, Davis, who could scarcely swim, saw him turn and push back into the stream, undoubtedly thinking to rescue his brother. The supposition is that Homer was attacked by swimmer's cramps, for Davis saw him sink, but he did not come up again. When Davis finally struggled ashore Homer was not in sight. His body was finally recovered but all attempt at resuscitation failed, though the effort to revive him was continued a day and night."



Prudence Davis Rutherford  
(Everett family collection)



### GIVEBIG DAY ON MAY 5TH

If you've gotten your newsletter before May 5th, there is still time to join in our Spring fundraising, the Seattle Foundation GiveBIG event, where your donation is stretched from a special fund. Go to [www.fallcityhistorical.org](http://www.fallcityhistorical.org), to see how to donate.

A special THANK YOU to everyone who took time to make an online donation on GiveBIG day. Your support is very much appreciated.

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