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A Nomination from Glen Grigas

I would like to nominate the Fall City tree shown in this photo for an upcoming Fall City Neighbors newsletter feature. Well, okay, it was once a standing old growth cedar probably until it was logged about 100 years ago +/- . The old springboard cuts are still very visible around its base from when it was cut in the old days. But it is now a grand old stump and a reminder of the gigantic trees that once stood everywhere in and around Fall City. Everybody who enters Fall City coming from Preston on the Preston-Fall City Road can't miss it on the right side of the road. It stands about 10-12 feet high and looks quite sound even after 100 or more years - classic old growth cedar. It is located about a quarter of a mile south of 328th way SE where the green bridge crosses to the left over the Raging River. This grand old double stump remnant cedar has seen people pass by for more than a century, is my guess. I am assuming that the Preston-Fall City Road was once a trail long before it became a road and then eventually got paved. I look at it every time I drive by, which has been for the 29 years I have now lived in Fall City. If it could only talk.

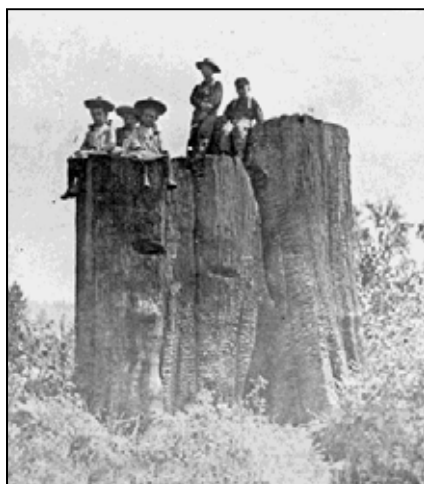


Stump with Glen (6-ft tall) for scale

(Thanks to Glen for pointing out this piece of history and for providing a photo with person for scale...the size of the stump is hard to appreciate as one drives by!)

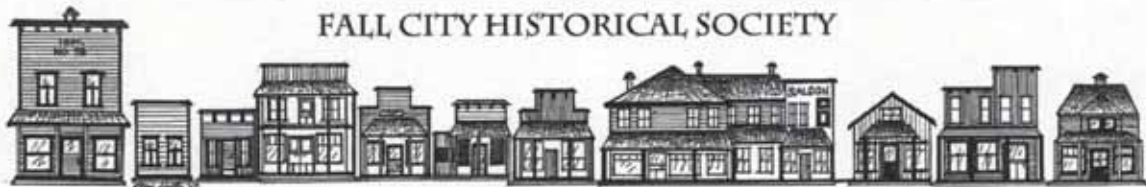
ARE YOU AWARE OF OTHER LARGE STUMPS IN THE AREA? PLEASE LET US KNOW, AND SEND PHOTOS!

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Large stumps were very common in early days, as shown in these Fall City photos from the collection of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum.





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GiveBig on May 3rd

May 3rd is the date this year for the Seattle Foundation GiveBIG event, a one-day, online charitable giving opportunity.

For every dollar donated to the Historical Society, Seattle Foundation will match a portion. You will be stretching your donation to us. (If you miss the May 3 date, please donate via our website, www.fallcityhistorical.org.)

Fall City Historical Society is focusing this year's donations on our Historic Signs project. The signs will be very attractive, high quality, with a 10-year guarantee. Each sign will include a QR code linking to a more detailed report on the historic site, in a mobile-optimized format for easy reading. We want future generations to enjoy the signs and understand the history of Fall City.

Signs for the Neighbor-Bennett House and the Falls City Masonic Hall are now in production and should be received in May. Design is under way for a larger sign to be placed by the "School Block" where the White School and Brown School were located from 1890 through 1915.

Thank you. We are an all-volunteer group and depend on our friends and community to support our work.



FALL CITY DAY JUNE 11TH LOGGING



Stop by our Fall City Day booth where we will explore the industry that played a huge role in the life of the Valley. We'll have artifacts, photos, interpretive displays, and maybe a real logger or two!

Our **Photo Bin**, with prints of historic photos, will also be available in our "pavilion" on June 11th.



MEMORIAL DAY AT FALL CITY CEMETERY

Many local families go to the Cemetery each May to clean and decorate their burial areas. Flags are placed at the graves of all veterans and white crosses show the location of Civil War veterans, as in photo.

So, late May is an especially nice time to visit the Cemetery and appreciate its history.

In the kiosk as you enter you will find copies of the Fall City Cemetery brochure provided by the Historical Society.