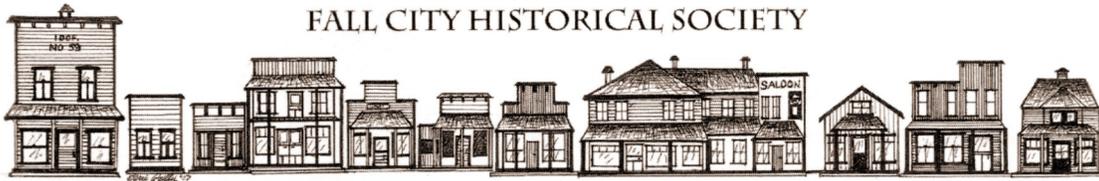


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In Honor of Some of the Women of Fall City for This Mother's Day



Excerpts from Preserving The Stories of Fall City, available for purchase on our website

Effie Howe as remembered by her granddaughter, Florence Howe Koss: "Grandma did so much work taking care of all those kids and doing the household work. She took food to the neighbors and always had all the family over for dinner on Sundays."

Tamar Beadle, as a single mother of three children in 1919, moved her family from Colorado to Seattle to be near her sisters. She later met and married Gustav Isackson, and they raised their growing family at Patterson Creek.

Everyday Life

REMEMBERING

Grandma's Apron

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot woodstove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

-Origin Unknown



Clockwise, starting at upper right: Mrs. Norman Smith c1920, Jack McClymont's grandmother, Matilda Morris, Kate McMaster c1955, Mary Parker Smith c1908, Julia Harshman.



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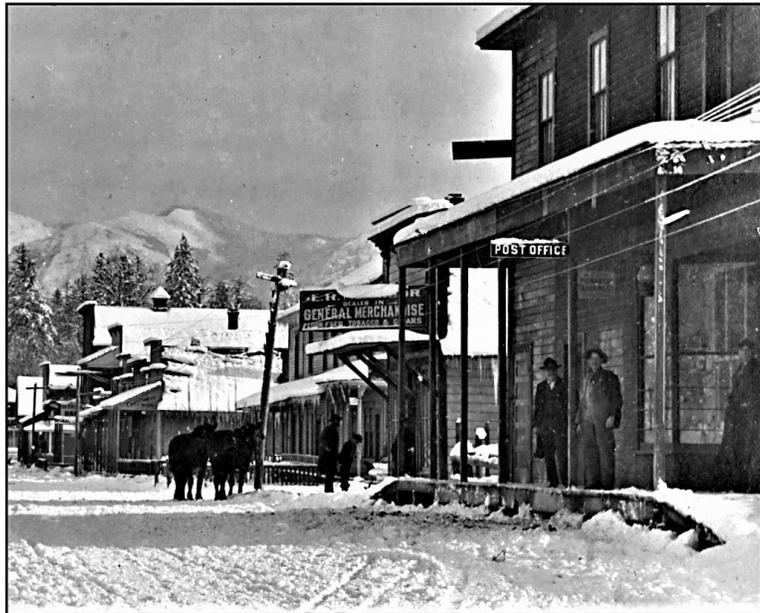
150 Years Of US Mail Service



Prior to 1872, the name Fall City did not exist. It was then that the Territorial Governor, Edward Salomon, authorized the first post office in the lower Valley, inside the Boham trading post, designated as Fall City (at times Falls City). Mail was delivered on horseback about once a month from Seattle by Jacob Ohm. In 1891, the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway started to bring mail to the Fall City depot, located on the current Lake Alice Rd. Resident Simon Bailey would transport mail, passengers and freight between town and the depot. Some years later, a mail delivery route was established between Duvall, Tolt, and Fall City. Delivery was by horse and wagon, and round trip could take two days.



Gar Kelley and Carl Russell, Mail Stage Drivers c.1905, Snoqualmie Valley History Museum



Bonell store and post office in Marshall Bldg c.1903, Don Bluhner

In its early years, there were a number of postmasters including George Boham, William Taylor, Doc (David) Taylor, John Berry, Dr. Lansing, and Justin Neighbor. In 1900, Charles Bonell took over, moving the post office out of Neighbor's store and in to his store in the IOOF building, and later the Marshall Building on River Street. In 1931, both Bonell's Store and the post office were lost to fire. Thanks to the assistance from May Jorgensen, a mail clerk, temporary post boxes were set up next door at the house of Doc Taylor. Charles Bonell then built the Bonell Bldg, re-opened the post office, serving as postmaster until his retirement in 1940, completing 40 years of service.

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