New Photos donated

Our thanks to Karen Kinsley, descendant of the Stephenson family who came to Fall City in 1884, for sharing these photos. The top photo is titled “Log Sawin Contest, July 4th, 1911, won by Wm. F. Cook, Fall City, Wash.” A later note added with the photo identifies two of the contestants as Stephensons.

The second photo (below) is simply titled “Stephenson Bros., Falls City, Wash.” No date is given. One could guess that it is an earlier photo, when “Falls City” was commonly used. This is a puzzling “logging” photo, with the wagons piled high with small-diameter trees, and cordage and cu.ft. numbers written in for each load. We shared it with Erik Erickson, who is widely knowledgeable about logging in King County. His guess was that the wood was cut to sell for pulp. His records show a pulp mill in Everett in the early 1900s, and he suggested that they might be sent by boat down the Snoqualmie, since that was much cheaper than railroad costs.

(Note: Both photos cropped.)