Orin Baxter came to Fall City with his family in 1875, when he was seven years old, marrying another early arrival, Viola Henderson, in 1890. Around 1900, they purchased land near the west end of SE 44th Street and in 1905 built a house and large dairy barn on it. Orin had about 30 cows and would take his milk and that from several other dairy farmers up to the Northern Pacific train depot on Lake Alice hill, using a wagon drawn by his two big draft horses.

Orin’s nephew, Bill Baxter, lived with his wife, Eileen Ambold Baxter, across the street from Orin’s farm, which was bought in the early 1950s by Jack McClymont of Fall City. McClymont hired Bill to tear down a chicken coop and the barn in exchange for the lumber. Over the next few years, the barn was rebuilt (photo just above) in its current location. The property is now owned by Cory and Missy Huskinson and is called Baxter Barn in honor of the historic barn. Find out more details in the report linked via the QR code below.