

Building Snohomish County . . . a Piece at a Time

Wendy Becker of the Snohomish County Department of Economic Development forwarded us a request last week that came from a gentleman in Auburn. He mentioned that he is the great-grandson of a couple fellows who had served Snohomish County in the early 20th Century. His great-grandpa Charles Glover was a civil engineer involved in bridge and road construction throughout the county, and served as a Snohomish County Commissioner in the 1930s. His great-grandpa Dan Guisinger owned a union barber shop in Everett and served in the State Legislature in the late 1930s. Their great-grandson was trying to gather additional information for the family archives, and mentioned that he had some pictures of Snohomish County that likely had never been seen publicly before (which he'd be willing to share). So, Wendy asked if we were likely to be able to pull anything from our archives.

Glover was briefly referenced in our regular museum collection, but automated searches of the 1906 and 1927 histories of Snohomish County turned up empty. However, in searching our newspaper archives electronically, a number of articles popped up with references to both men. Most of the articles were of a political nature (they weren't really "local" to Granite Falls, but political candidates needed to garner votes where they could).

Nov 1, 1934

Charles Glover Cites Experience For Office

Charles Glover, Progressive Democratic candidate for county commissioner in the second district, came to Washington in 1890, and has resided in this county for 30 years. He is a taxpayer, and declares he is familiar with taxpayers' burdens.

Practically all of Mr. Glover's experience has been in engineering work, specializing in the construction of roads and bridges. Twenty of the most important bridges in this county were built under his

Oct 8, 1936

C. H. Glover Visits Here

County Commissioner C. H. Glover of district number 2 was a visitor in Granite Falls last Saturday. Mr. Glover at one time put in considerable time around Granite Falls. At one time he was chief deputy county engineer and in 1911 built the first bridge across the river at the Falls northeast of town. Mr. Glover is a candidate to succeed himself at the Nov. 3rd election.

Nov 3, 1938

IT'S THE MAN NOT THE PARTY THAT COUNTS

These Candidates Will Help Gov. Martin Help Washington

On the premise that the welfare of the state is the most important issue in the election Nov. 8, we have carefully investigated all candidates for legislative office in the 38th and 39th Districts. We believe the following nominees should be elected to office because by their standing in their home districts and their reputations and records they are best qualified to represent all factions of the population at Olympia.

For Senator, 38th District--

PEARL WANAMAKER, Democrat

By her past record at Olympia she has proven her ability as a conscientious legislator.

For Representative, 38th District--

DAN GUISENGER, Democrat

His level-headed handling of labor, business, and legislative problems merits his return to the legislature.

JEROME POWERS, Republican

His interest in social welfare and his knowledge of the problems of retail business qualify him to suitably represent our district.

HOWARD RIES, Republican

His public-spirited interest in civic problems and his wide acquaintance throughout the district qualify him to represent the entire area sanely and well.

For Representative, 39th District--

John C. "Jack" CARPENTER, Republican

His knowledge of and interest in the natural resources of the county qualify him to secure legislative aid toward the development of these important natural assets.

HAROLD O. FJARLIE, Republican

He is a successful dairy farmer, and his knowledge of farming and interest in the Grange qualify him to represent the agricultural interests of the county.

We believe this is a well-rounded group, representing labor, education, farming, natural resources, retail business, social welfare—and thus assures sane representation for all elements of the population.

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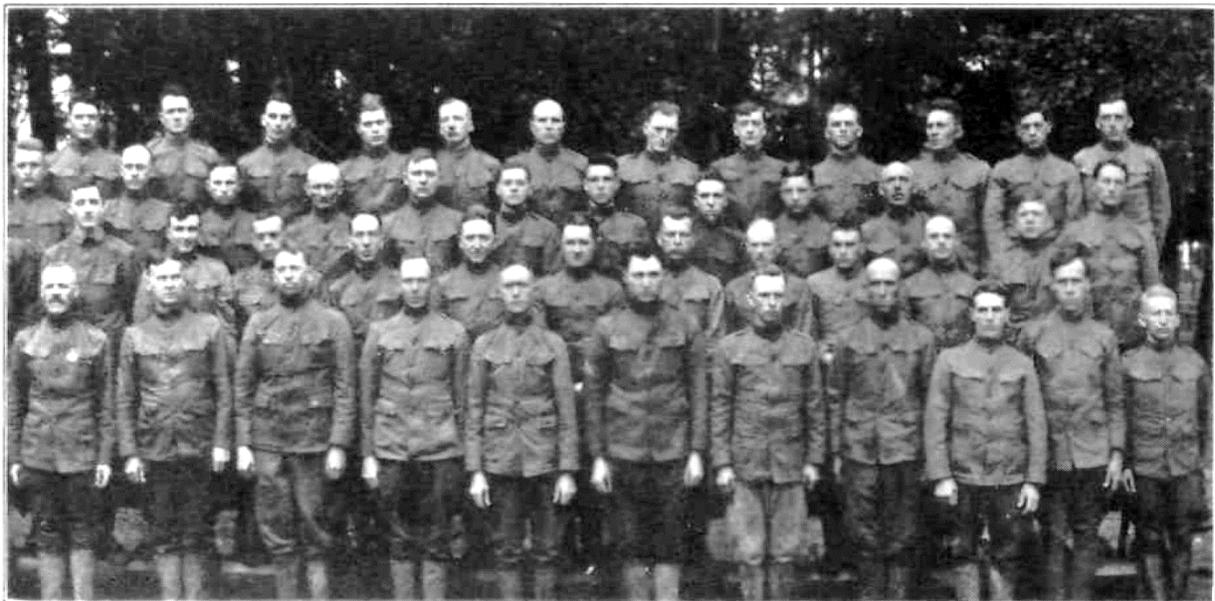
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But one article (“C. H. Glover Visits Here”) provided a welcome surprise – it mentioned that Glover was responsible for the construction of the first Granite Falls Bridge! So, we took the opportunity to send a few pictures of that bridge from our collection to Glover’s great-grandson. He, in turn, sent back a picture of the original bridge crew amidst the bridge under construction!



Photo courtesy of C. H. Glover family

Then an automated search of the 1927 book “Snohomish County in the War” by Moran found recognition of both Glover and Guisinger during WWI, and a picture of Corp Guisinger as part of National Guard Co. M (There was a Glover in that picture, but not C. H. Glover, unfortunately).



BURNS, CANNON, FISHER, MOORE, DAYTON, LA FANTAISSE, KINNEY, ASPLUND, BAILEY, GRAN-
HOLM, WISE, RINGEN
RAMSEY, ERICKSON, SMITH, WINTERMUTE, DONAHUE, SHRIMBOCK, PATRIDGE, GONHUE, SCOTT,
TURNER, BERGER
GLOVER, SHERWOOD, COBB, BIRT, SWALWELL, LACHNER, CURRIER, BURT, BLUMENTHAL,
NOREN
MURPHY, KNAPP, DOXEY, HAVENS, C. WHITE, GUIISINGER, SUNDSTROM, RIGBY, COLLINS, UTTLEY,
GREENBERG

The brief mention of Glover in our museum files included several pictures taken at the opening of the Snohomish County Airport (Paine Field) in 1937. Shown were County Commissioners Glover, Mero, and (*Granite Falls hometown boy*) Frank Ashe, along with WPA Supervisor Lobdell, and Frank Nickerman (member of the state executive committee for the Democratic Party). They were there to witness the landing of the first plane.



As we digitize more texts and photographs, making electronic searching possible, we find more opportunities to “uncover” information that would otherwise be hidden deep within the stacks of newspapers or volumes of books. If you have some search you’d like to complete, don’t hesitate to ask the Granite Falls Historical Museum!