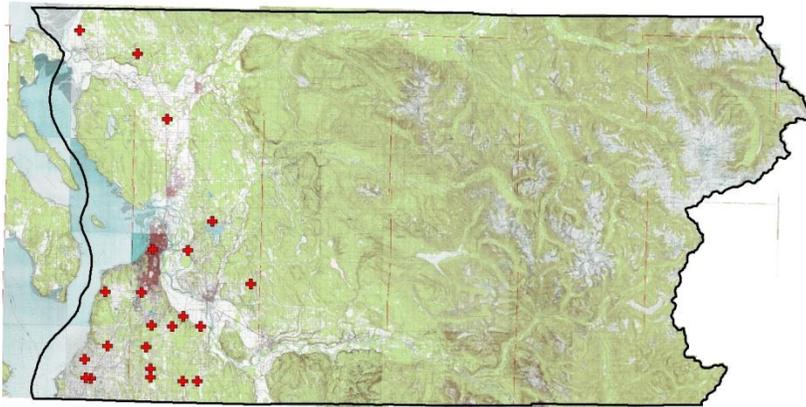


What's in a Name?

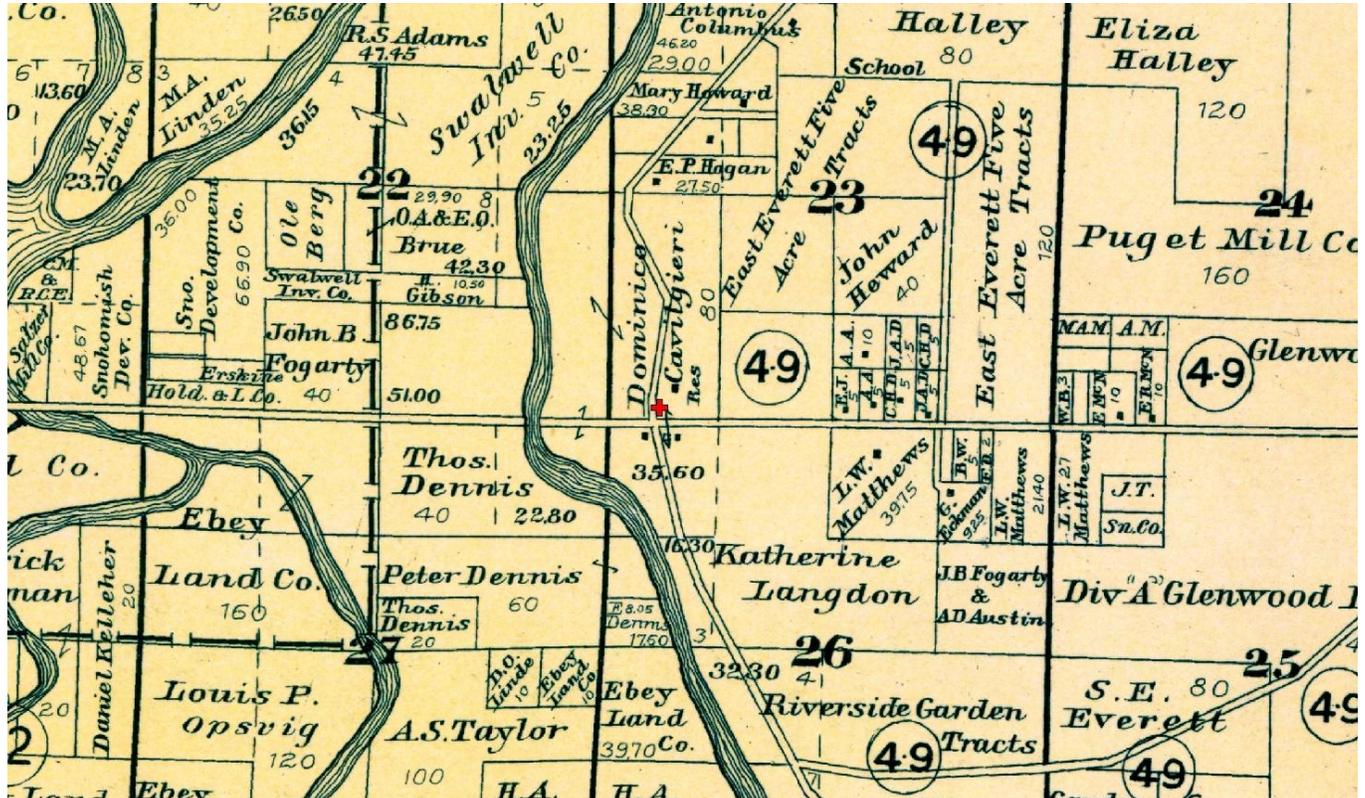
Generally speaking, all kinds of history! One of the projects sponsored by Snohomish County last year involved collecting the names and histories of some of the designated "County Corners". Many of the names are familiar, but are being used less and less as we get more deeply committed to our numbered roads and streets. Keeler's Corner, Cavalero's Corner, Speakers Corner, and other names are familiar to many of us, but in most cases, they no longer appear on maps.

Since the Granite Falls Museum maintains a historical mapping system that allows us to overlay things like aerial photographs, property lines, old railroad maps, and other items onto a collection of maps from 1910, 1927, 1934, etc., we decided to incorporate the newly-assembled collection of "corners" into the system. At the County level, it looks something like this:



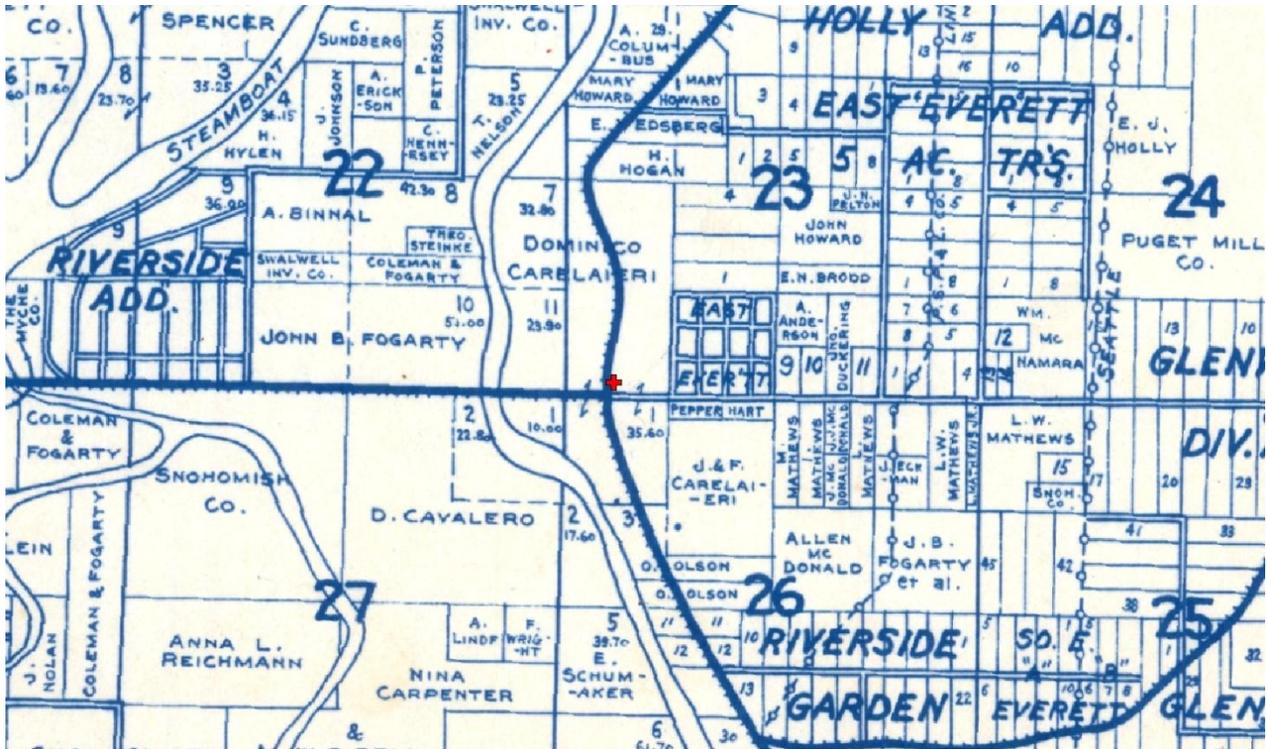
Simply by clicking on the "zoom" button, we can zoom into any one of them, and in this case I zoomed into Cavalero's Corner, to see if I could identify the source of its name.

Another click turned on the maps from 1910.



You can see the property owner appears to be one Dominico Cavilgieri . . . surprisingly similar to the name Cavalero!

Clicking once more to get the next map, drawn in 1927, we see other variations on the name:



They include D. Cavalero (to the southwest), J&F Carelaieri (to the southeast), and Dominco Carelaieri (to the north). It didn't take much detective work on Ancestry.com to find that Dominic Cavalero and his wife Kate had nine children, including sons named John, Frank, Fred, Edward, Charles, William, and James, and daughters Emma and Lena. William, in the course of processing legal paperwork in 1941, explained that they had changed their name from Cavalgiare (that first mapmaker was really close!) to Cavalero (much easier to deal with in the US, for sure).

~~WILLIAM CAVELERO~~ being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says: That he is the child named in the attached birth certificate and was born on the 10th day of February, 1894; that his true name is WILLIAM CAVELERO which was changed from CAVALGIARE.

William Cavalero

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me this 30th day of

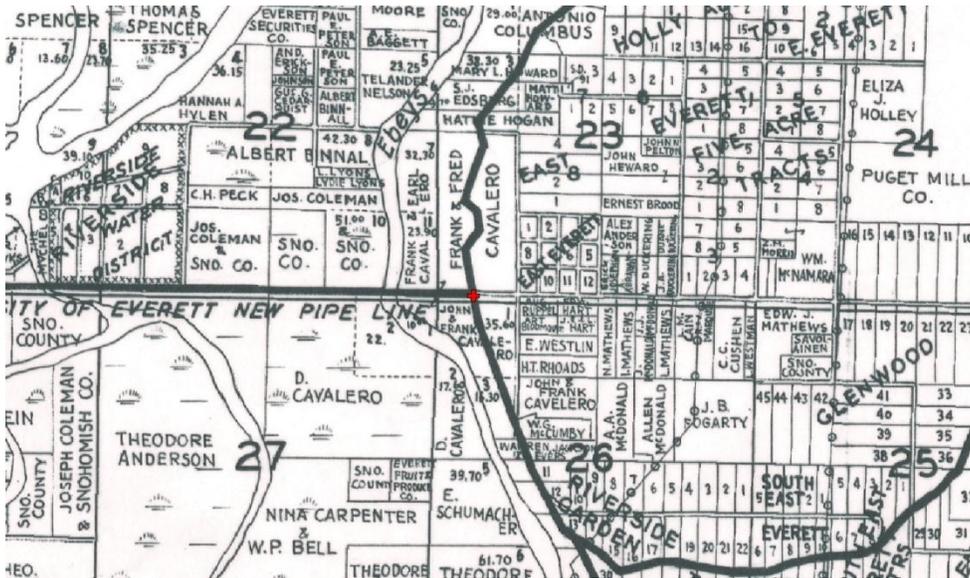
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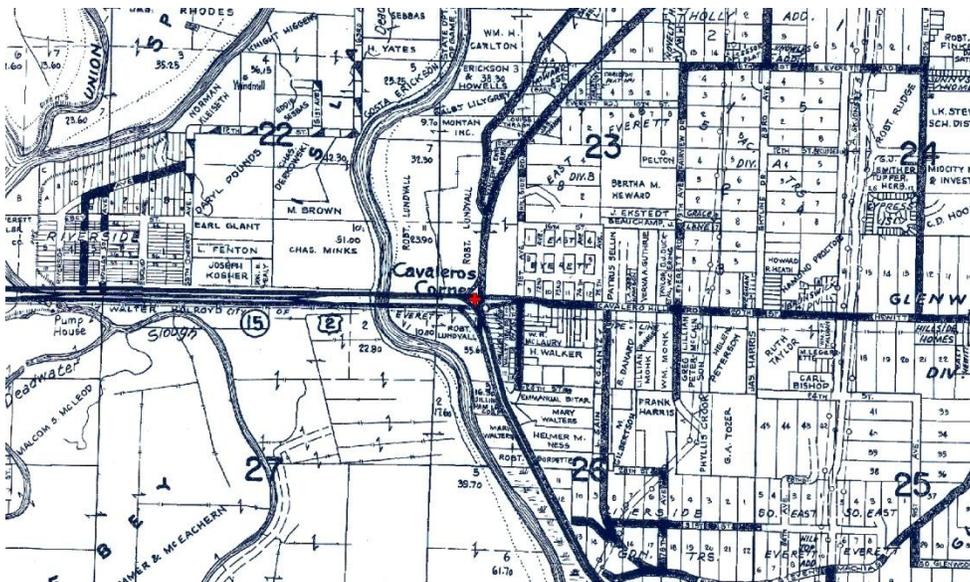
Dean S. Johnson
Deputy County Auditor in
Snohomish County, Everett, Wash.

Interpretations of their names in Ancestry.com ranged from Cavellero (correct) to Cavalero, Carellino, Cavelera, to Caveliero (Fred listed at Fred Caveliero) while living with his brother John Gurdolovro (now that's a variation!).

Dominic was an intrepid businessman, and went from forest laborer, to mill owner, to farmer, to significant landowner in Snohomish Hty. The later maps depict the extent of the Cavellero land holdings, although the spelling of their name never quite made it onto the maps correctly, even when finally dubbed "Cavallero's Corner".



1934



1975

One unanswered question arose . . . in 1890 and 1900 census reports, as well as in 1920 and 1930, Dominic was shown as head-of-household with his wife Kate and assorted children as the family grew. But in 1910, Kate was shown as head-of-household, and there were four or five additional boarders living with the family. Dominic was likely residing and working elsewhere, as he built his eventual family holdings, but he wasn't easily traceable in Ancestry.com, given the amazing variations of the name Cavellero. Maybe some descendent reading this can fill us in!