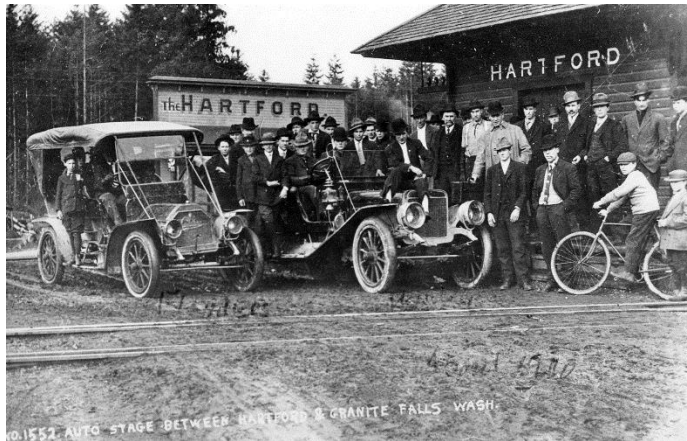


## What Came Before Community Transit?



The railroad reached all the way to Monte Cristo in 1893, but with sporadic service came lapses in communication. Around 1910, auto stages started carrying passengers and mail to Granite Falls. The first picture shows the depot at Hartford, with the autos ready to make their run to Granite Falls. The car on the left is a Cadillac from the era, while the one on the right appears to be a Winton.



The next photo shows McCoy Stage's 1912 Cadillac and Model T Ford parked by the south side of the bank in Granite Falls. The view is looking east down Galena St.



The third photo shows that same Cadillac with mail loaded on its hood, passengers inside, and future postmaster C.R. Bockmier (driver) stopped at the Lochsloy Post Office (now a gas station and convenience store). If you look closely at today's building, you can see the peak of the old roof.



Another shot shows the same Cadillac driving past the Myers home near Lochsloy – that road is now Highway 92 – you might recognize the house!



A picture from 1924 shows mail to outlying areas like Robe being delivered on horseback, a period during which Granite Falls Post Office operated a Model T touring car to deliver mail around the loop of Menzel Lake Rd and Robe Menzel Rd - our first "rural route delivery." You can just see the front of an Excelsior motorcycle in the picture – those were sold at City Cyclery in Granite Falls.