

The Sno-Isle Libraries organization is striving to make more material available to its patrons, in the form of digital images portraying the history of Snohomish and Island Counties. With the sponsorship and leadership of the Granite Falls Library and librarian Jude Anderson, Granite Falls was one of the communities selected to participate in the "Digitize Our Community History" program in 2014. We are taking this opportunity to share some of the pictures with Mountain Loop eXpress readers.

If you're interested in viewing these and other pictures online, please go to <http://www.sno-isle.org/catalog/photos> and select "Granite Falls" to see the first 50 of the 130+ images submitted. The Sno-Isle intern is working as quickly as she can to bring them all online.



The first real downtown school building was built in 1893, on the southeast corner of S. Granite Ave. and Pioneer St. That property was to serve as the primary school property for decades.



Within ten years, it needed to be expanded, so its size was doubled with an addition on the south side of the original school building.

Hi Jewell was the town photographer, and very active in many civic events and duties.



Taken in 1909, this picture shows a horse-drawn school bus, driven by a young Frank Ashe, who quit school only a couple years later and opened City Cyclery. Ultimately, Frank became the first car dealer in Granite Falls as well as a County Road Commissioner. He was involved in transportation his entire life!



By 1910, the school needed further expansion, so the original building was moved north 2 blocks and across the street to become a combination City Hall and firehouse. Not long afterward, a flood destroyed the dam on the Pilchuck River used to divert water to the Granite Falls electric company powerhouse. To provide temporary power, a large one-cylinder engine was obtained and used to run a generator. This photo shows the

engine being hauled along S. Granite Ave by a team of horses, in front of the "new" City Hall. Notice that the old tower that held the town warning bell was still in place, although the bell now occupied the tower of the ex-school building. The building stood for another 30 years, until it was finally razed in 1940, and an even newer City Hall built on the same spot. That building is still City Hall in 2014.