

It's all about Research!

Granite Falls has a high-tech historical museum. Our old newspapers have been digitized, old history texts have been digitized, thousands of pictures and small documents have been digitized . . . not just because that makes them easy to preserve, but more importantly because it makes it easy to search them using specific words or names. Many of our online patrons find facts by searching our archives, and many of them contact us to find even more information if it is available. This is a description of such a search . . . prompted by an email from a patron who is a descendent of one of our law enforcement officers.

The museum collection can be electronically searched for old city ordinances, describing in detail the responsibilities of some community leaders. Pictures can be found with a simple "name" or "keyword" search. Perhaps the greatest detail available, however, comes from the ability to electronically search the old newspapers using names and keywords. The text below was extracted from a short article on the 110-year history of the Granite Falls Police Department . . . combines the ordinance details with pictures from our collection and factual accounts from the newspapers of the time.

Granite Falls was growing rapidly, and in Oct 1909, police services doubled, with the addition of a Deputy Marshal, also paid \$60/month, who was to serve as Marshal between the hours of 7 PM and 7 AM. ***(Round-the-clock protection!)*** The city was also modernizing throughout the 'teens, installing public water systems and paving streets. These systems required planning and management, so the position of Water Superintendent and Street Superintendent (part of the 1902 definition of the Marshal's job) were needed, and often ascribed to a single person . . . the Marshal! Of course, the compensation packages had to change to meet the times, so we find that in 1942, it was stipulated (multiple ordinances) that the Marshal would receive \$40/month for his duties as Marshal, plus \$25/month for his duties as Street Superintendent, while the Night Marshal would receive \$90/month for his duties. Fortunately, the Water Superintendent was entitled to \$60/month, so when one person was Marshal, Street Super, and Water Super, his total salary was \$125/month.

(These jobs carry more-than-normal risk!) Marshal Fred Ivey was involved in a downtown daylight shootout with bank bandits as early as 1914. Mrs. Florence Carpenter, wife of the Postmaster, shot it out with bandits attempting to burglarize the Post Office in 1923, but then-Marshal Gilbert missed the excitement. It was 1932, however, when Marshal Clyde Tissue succumbed to duty-related trauma. He contracted pneumonia while working on the city water system, and died within four days, at the early age of 50. He was succeeded by Guy Terhune as both Marshal and Water Superintendent. Marshal Terhune's closest call came when he was called upon to shoot a vicious stray dog. According to the local newspaper, "The 'crack' of the gun was followed by a vicious hollow sound as the bullet bounced back and hit Guy on the head after going clear through the dog and hitting a rock. The bullet hit an inch from his eye, but did not injure him, although the eye has turned a vivid purple." In a far more serious situation, the newspaper reported that shortly after a man ran amuck, shooting and stabbing a woman in Granite Falls, Marshal Terhune "jumped from an automobile, stuck a gun in [his] ribs, and captured him without a struggle. [He] still had his loaded revolver on him."

**Officer Fred Ivey was killed in a
shootout in Seattle after leaving G.F.**



**Lulu and Clyde Tissue on their wedding day in
1901. Clyde was a motorman on the interurban in
Michigan before coming to Granite Falls in 1925,
then served as
Marshal.**



**Guy Terhune had the chin of a hero even as a young man with a bicycle. He was a
hero to his wife Pearl, and daughters Marie, Mabel, Helen, and Maxine when a
family portrait was taken in 1922.**

