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1. Marital Dispute Settled - On January 1 to start the New Year, an "argument" was settled between a husband and wife. We are not sure which side "won" but apparently it was merely to settle the details from their memories as to where the Eagles, CrossCut Tavern, and the Spar Tree Tavern were located. An email requested any photos we had. They were given several images and are reportedly still happily married. By the way, all photos in our collection are online searchable from any web browser on any device (computer, smart phone, tablet) at our "[Search our online collection](#)" link from our "[Research](#)" page.

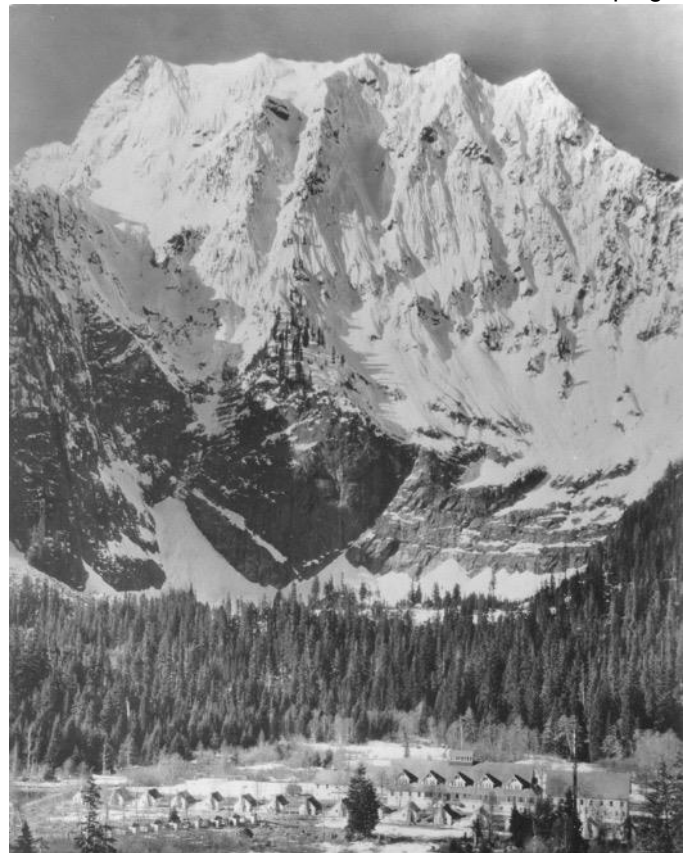
2. More Information Requested - On January 3, the history of the properties around 410 Alder Pl, 510 Cascade Ave, and 410 S Kentucky Ave were provided by GFHS. The owners were interested in the history of these properties as Granite Falls grew, and submitted email requests to the museum. Did you know that information can be found on our "[Research](#)" page, or requested by email or by phone: info@gfhistory.org or [360.691.2603](tel:360.691.2603) (leave a voicemail)

3. Detailed Mapping Info - On January 4, GFHS received thanks from the archeologist at Equinox for the mapping information we provided as part of their investigation of the property to be used for the new Granite Falls Civic Center. They have requested to purchase our mapping system, but we still need to obtain the approval of the individual from whom we received the homestead data. ([December newsletter, item #4](#))

4. Help Arrived Just in Time! - On January 7, Jackey Anderson started volunteering as a museum intern, and she quickly mastered the PastPerfect system, along with

several other software tools that have enabled her to make tremendous progress on the stack of items that have piled up waiting to be entered as accessions. Jackey has been at the museum every Sunday in January, and is performing yeoman's duty! There is always something new to learn, especially when visitors converge while she is trying to get her work done.

5. And More Help Given - GFHS had several other requests for information in January. A question from Darrington: "When was a rodeo first incorporated into the Darrington Timber Bowl?" A quick search of the digitized newspapers from Arlington showed that it was 1962! A testimony to the power of having searchable newspaper archives (the answer turned up in the Arlington newspapers)! Then, GFHS provided a letter documenting the 2007-2008 work of Jessica Costigan, one of our prior museum student interns. Jessica needed the letter as part of an employment application. Also, a visitor wanted some information on local resorts. The "Back in the Day" section of our web page has a number of articles on Big Four, Green Gables, Mt. Pilchuck Ski Area, and the Galloping

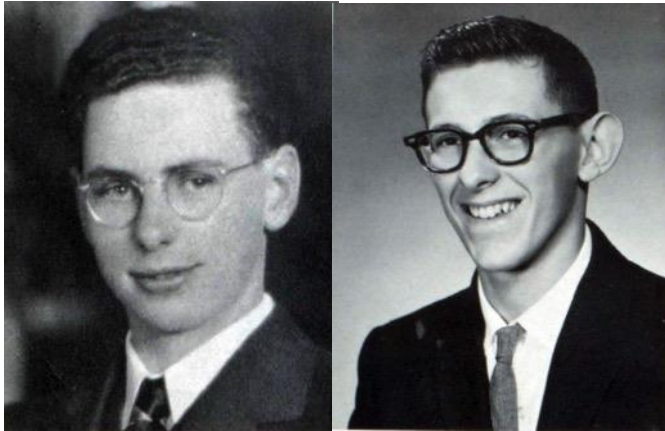


Goose. Most of them (and some others) are marked as items in the Snohomish County Historical Inventory, as well. Another request a few days later was for pictures of



the Mt. Pilchuck Ski Area. We also heard from archeologist Tim Gerrish, who wanted material about our mapping system, specifically showing info about Waite Mill Camp #1 and the Flodin Lumber Company.

6. Hall of Fame - John Scherrer and Babe Scherrer (his dad) were inducted into the Granite Falls Hall of Fame during halftime of the Granite Falls basketball game on



January 26. The Granite Falls Alumni Association and the Historical Society worked together to nominate the four generations of Scherrers (Babe, 1936; John, 1962; Ray, 1982; and Dakota, 2017). The ultimate selection was made by the responsible committee, and they chose to present the award to both John and Babe Scherrer!

7. Alchemy - turning metal into wood? - On January 14, Tom and Fred obtained a beautiful piece of 2" thick walnut from Dan Bushnell, a retired Lake Stevens High School administrator, to be used for engraving/carving a 24"



diameter replica of the 1911 Snohomish County Grange Fair Association



emblem purchased some years ago on eBay. The emblem was scanned in 3D and the file provided to GF High School for carving using their CNC router. A test run was completed on spare material, and the finished walnut product should be done around February 15.

8. SnoCo HPC - What's that, again? - On January 16th, Tom and Fred attended the monthly meeting of the Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission. The primary agenda topic was the grant requests, which had a deadline of January 30th to be accepted. GFHS made no grant request this year, although we have been working with several other organizations to help them formulate requests that will benefit our region. A second topic was preparation to release an RFP (request for proposal) for a Historic Asset Inventory (HAI) to be completed in 2018.

9. SnoCo HPC and the USFS - On January 17, Tom and Fred met with folks from the USFS to discuss a grant before the USFS submitted it to the SnoCo Heritage Preservation Commission, asking for funds to proceed with the initial steps of turning the Silverton-Waldheim School Camp into a permanent public campground. During the course of the month, Adrienne Hall refined the grant request and ran it through several edit cycles with GFHS. With luck, the grant will be funded and we'll start making progress on rejuvenating camping on the southern side of Mountain Loop. Silverton-Waldheim is quite the historic place. The Everett & Monte Cristo Railway bed is plainly visible bisecting the center of the campgrounds. The USFS Ranger Station was located there, along with the first USFS tree nursery in the state.

10. Oh? The "O" = "Owen" - More help was given in January when GFHS provided genealogical details about a Robe-area homesteader named Benjamin O. Rogers who had property next to William Robe and Alexander Robe. His descendants were having difficulty finding info, but we found a complete 1900 census description of him, his spouse, and eight children. We also found that they moved to Canada, where he started going by his middle name – that clue helped unravel a family mystery!

11. Research for City Hall - More help was given by GFHS when City Hall asked if there were any concerns about a potential land improvement. GFHS submitted a formal letter indicating that we found no reason to question the development of the property near the western edge of the city known as the Trinity Development. No identified historic structures or sites occupied that property.

12. LOSCHO (and what is that?) - On January 20th, Tom and Fred attended the annual meeting of League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO), the county-wide consortium of historical and genealogical societies. The agenda included both a Board meeting and a General Membership meeting, and was well-attended by folks from across the county. Significant topics included planning for the Malstrom Heritage Award (getting all the nominations, judging the selections, and planning for a March luncheon for the award presentation) and also an informative presentation of the "Archive in a Box" system being introduced by SmallTownPapers. This system will



provide free online storage and automatic OCR (optical character recognition) of documents and pictures from non-profit museums. It is a flexible low-cost alternative for putting entire collections online in searchable form, and will be a great asset to the various groups in LOSCHO.

13. New museum signs - On January 24, GFHS ordered new "Museum OPEN" signs from Vistaprint, and they arrived in time to be used on Sunday, January 28. Our first set of signs were 10 years old and starting to look a little rough and worn out. The new ones look great and came with attractive plastic stands, as well.

14. What about Monte Cristo access? - On January 27, Tom and Fred attended a USFS meeting in Everett, the first of two meetings being held to collect public input on how folks would like to manage the future of Monte Cristo. The Forest Service has recently completed cleanup of the Monte Cristo Mining Area under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). With the clean-up being completed, there are many management questions that need to be addressed such as: infrastructure, facilities, access, preservation, usage, and capacity. Topics at the meeting covered everything from hiking/vehicle access, host programs, cabin maintenance, etc. to safety, interpretation, preservation, and the Marbled Murrelet and its nesting habits. The public is encouraged to attend the second meeting, which will be held on February 5 from 5:15 – 7:15 PM at the Everett Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave, Everett.

15. Getting Ready for the New Residents - On January 18 another batch of museum info was delivered to Michelle Callahan, president of the GF Chamber. The museum brochures and business cards will go in the GF Chamber welcome totes for the families buying the new homes west of the high school and already moving in.

16. Arlington Barn Quilt Tour - Some self-proclaimed "farm girls" from Arlington requested help for a special project they want to make. They are in the midst of developing a Barn Quilt Tour, a driving tour looking at heritage barns as well as other barns, milk parlors, silos and such of Snohomish County. They will also be working to collect pictures of these barns, both present and past years, to have "before and after" images to display. This project complements our county mapping project. After a special video presentation in Arlington for them, several ideas have been generated for a grant request for 2018. Fred approached the Stillaguamish Pioneer Museum to adopt the project and grant request, and they agreed to act as the sponsoring non-profit organization for the grant.

17. Visitors, Helpers, and Docents - We have wonderful docents who faithfully keep the museum open Sundays from noon to 5:00 PM on a regular basis, by making our visitors feel welcomed, and by answering as many of the questions as they can. For the 40+ different people who helped in 2017, you can continue to be a part of this for 2018. New docents are always wanted, too. All you need to do is email **Marcia Day** at marciad@irgpt.com or leave a message on the museum's phone 360.691.2603. A big thank you to the following who helped in January: Catherine Anderson, Jackey Anderson, Norma Anderson, Tom Bergan, Ed and Thora Boede, Scott Bower, Fred Cruger, Ron Chew, Marcia Day, Jackie Haverfield, Bob and Robin Ingraham, Eldon and Elsie Kirstein, Ted Peddycord, Tim Quillen, Rosie Miller, Dee Saunders, John and Barbara Scherrer, and Tom Thorleifson.

We had 95 people at the museum during January from these places: Arlington, Darrington, Eatonville, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Redmond, Seattle, Snohomish; and Glendale, CA.

18. Board/General meetings - At the Board and General meetings held on Monday, January 29, the following are the 2018 Board results:

- Ron Chew, Vice-president (continuing)
- Fred Cruger, Treasurer (voted in previous Board member)
- Marcia Day (continuing)
- Bob Ingraham (voted in, second term)
- Regina Jones (first term, contingent on family situation)
- Ted Peddycord (voted in, previous Board member)
- Tim Quillen (continuing)
- John Scherrer, President (continuing)
- Tom Thorleifson, Secretary (voted in as secretary)

Stepping down due to term limits (2 terms, 3 years for each term, then must take a break of at least one year):
Scott Bower, Treasurer and Robin Ingraham, Secretary

Note: Fred Cruger volunteered to be on the Board again, this time as treasurer. This happened after the meeting because stipulations in our Bylaws were confirmed that Board positions must be filled by a Board member. Fred was then accepted by an email vote.

19. Calendar and Odds & Ends -

- Sunday, 2/4/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
- Monday, 2/5/18, 5:15 PM, Monte Cristo public meeting, Everett Public Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave, Everett
- Saturday, 2/10/18 - Hearts of Gold Gala, 4 tickets left
- Sunday, 2/11/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
- Saturday, 2/18/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
- Sunday, 2/25/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
- Monday, 2/26/18, 6PM GFHS Board Meeting, and 7PM

- No word yet on when the funds from the Lois Ashe Jorgensen properties will be arriving.
- From the February 2, 1923 edition of the *Granite Falls Record*: "The Junior Class held its class meeting Friday, January 26th for the purpose of electing officers for the new semester...Owing to the deep snow Myrtle Chew was unable to be among the Juniors Friday."