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History of Cherry Valley Logging Company

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Briefly, the O'Neil Brothers of Stillwater, MN and Thomas Irvine Lbr. Co., of St. Paul, bought up the holdings of the Mosher & McDonald operations in Cherry Valley in July 1901. On September 3, 1902 they filed articles of incorporation forming the Cherry Valley Logging Co. These operations were located north of the present town of Duvall. On May 31, 1904 the company was reorganized as the Cherry Valley Logging and Railway Co.

In 1907-08 the company started building another logging road from the Snoqualmie River into the woods a few miles north of Tolt (Carnation) and this road became known locally as the Stillwater Lumber Co. After a runaway log train incident on the Cherry Valley line in 1911, it was decided to close down operations here, so the rails were pulled up and the equipment moved to the Stillwater site in 1912, to enlarge those operations.

Two new companies were then formed; Cherry Valley Railway Co., on May 3, 1912 to purchase and operate the railroad properties, including the right of way, logging cars, locomotives, engine houses and the log dump. The Cherry Valley

Timber Co. was formed on May 9, 1912, to govern the actual logging operations, including 13 donkey engines, cook house, bunk house, etc.

On May 20, 1912 the name of the Cherry Valley Logging and Railway Co. was changed to Lake Joy Logging and Railway Co. for purposes of the sale and to avoid confusion with the new "Cherry Valley" companies just formed. The Lake Joy operation was just a paper company and was dissolved on June 30, 1914.

On Monday, March 10, 1913 the company stopped dumping their logs into the Snoqualmie River and began shipping them over the Milwaukee Road branch through the valley to a new log dump, called "Riverview" west of Snohomish. The Milwaukee Road provided 150 Tacoma Eastern flat cars equipped with "turtle-back" log bunks and provided a regular train out of Everett, called "The Stillwater Logger", to handle the business. At it's peak, Cherry Valley was shipping about 60 loads of logs daily.

In December 1915 the Cherry Valley Railway operations were absorbed into the timber company and the whole operation called Cherry Valley Timber Company. Then, on July 6, 1916, the company reorganized one final time and emerged under the name of, Cherry Valley Logging Company, the same name the original company used back in 1902.

Although there are photos of 45-ton Climax Locomotive No. 2 lettered "Cherry Valley Lumber Company" there is no evidence that the name was ever used by the company. This is not unusual for this company. A Kinsey photo of the 4-spot taken in 1919, when she was new, shows her lettered for Cherry Valley Ry., even though that name had been absorbed into C.V. Tbr. Co. in December 1915.

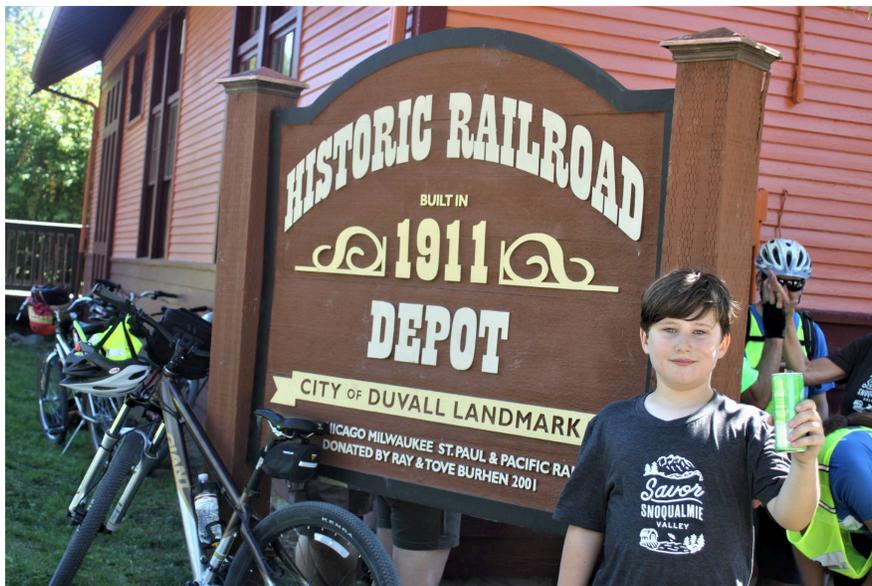
An August 1920 builder's photo of 3-truck Shay # 2 shows it lettered for Cherry Valley Timber Co., even though that name had been gone four years earlier.

By 1924, Cherry Valley was moving its operations to Griffin Creek area south of Carnation and in 1927, when Weyerhaeuser was opening up its Vail operations, Cherry Valley's equipment was moved there to expand those lines and woods operations. The last remnants of Cherry Valley's timber holdings were sold in 1939 and the company was formally dissolved at 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 1948.

Historic Happenings in Duvall



In the first weekend in June, the Duvall Historical Society opened the Dougherty Farmstead during Duvall Days for tours. We had quite a crowd and enjoyed everyone who came to tour the farmstead.



The Duvall Historical Society also had a booth set up at Depot during the Rails n' Trails bike ride. While riders enjoyed a break they learned about Duvall, the Depot and Duvall Historical Society.

Thanks to a grant from 4Cultures and partnership with the King County Library System, the Duvall Historical Society was able to get the Duvall Citizen (Oct, 1911-December, 1916) and Carnavall Reporter (June, 1953-November, 1964) digitized to be viewed online <http://www.duvallhistoricalsociety.org/newspaper-archives.html>

Upcoming Events

July 27th, 2017

Historical Society Board Meeting

Monthly board meeting at the Dougherty Farmstead 7pm.

August 6th, 2017

Potluck Picnic of Valley Historical Societies

At Taylor Landing Park in Duvall from 12-2pm. Come join us for live music entertainment, short talk about the importance of railroads in Duvall and bring a dish to share! Please bring eating utensils (including plates) and a chair. We will provide beverages. This event is sponsored by the Duvall Historical Society.

August 31st, 2017

Historical Society Board Meeting

Monthly Board meeting at the Dougherty Farmstead 7pm.

October 3rd, 2017

World War I Readers Theater

More info to come soon.

May through September

Stop by from 1pm to 4pm every Sunday through September 30th for a tour of the Dougherty Farmstead. Walk through the Dougherty House –built over 100 years ago- and visit the bunkhouse, milk barn, and pioneer cemetery nearby.

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