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The Jewett Farm Resort – White Salmon, WA



View of the Columbia River from The Jewett Farm, White Salmon, Washington, circa 1915. Photo courtesy of Steve Kenney.

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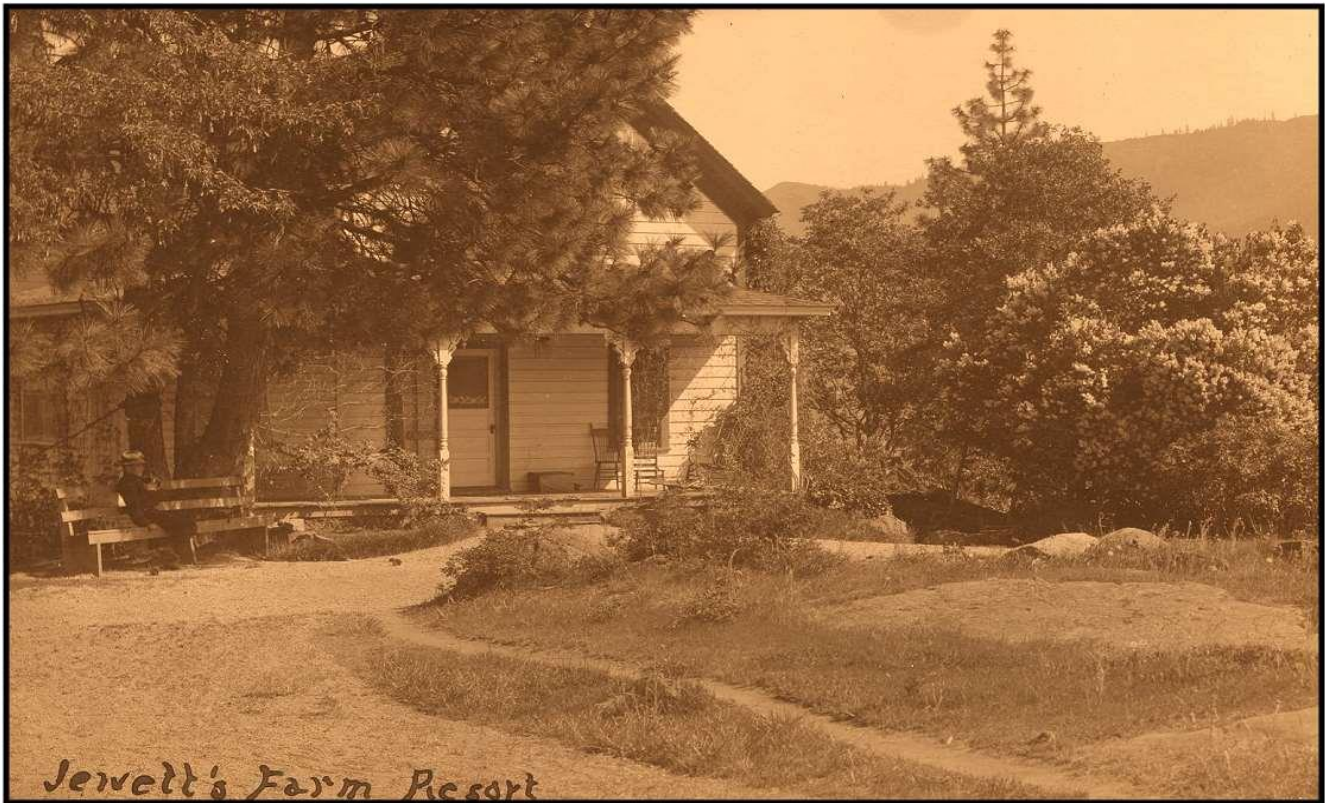
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The Jewett Farm Resort White Salmon, Washington



The Jewett Farm Resort was located above the Columbia River at White Salmon, Washington. Real photo postcard view courtesy of Steve Kenney.

Erastus & Mary Joslyn arrived in White Salmon in 1853 from Massachusetts. They were the first settlers of the area on the north side of the Columbia east of the Cascades. The diary of the Joslyn's stated that White Salmon was named after the nearby river. Settlers on the Oregon side of the river named their territory after nearby Hood River.

After A. H. Jewett, who was born in 1845, and his wife, Jennie came from Wisconsin, they met up with E.S. and Mary Joslyn on the steamer from Portland, and they were persuaded to stay with the Joslyn's on the north shore for the night. Eventually, the Jewetts became enamored with the "upland" (bluff.)

The first White Salmon post office was established in 1873 and it was located at Warner's Landing on the Columbia River, one-half mile east of Bingen. In 1880, the White Salmon post office was moved to the C.M. Wolford store in White Salmon. Jacob Hunsaker was the first postmaster.



The Stone House at the Jewett Farm Resort at White Salmon, Washington. Real photo postcard view courtesy of Steve Kenney.

After learning the Chinookan language, the Jewett's were able to obtain 340 acres of prime land by trading with the local tribe, the Klickitats. Jewett was a nurseryman by trade and he established a beautiful resort. He was credited with building the water works, establishing a brick yard, and he served as Mayor of White Salmon from 1913 to 1916. He was a charitable man and provided property for the Bethel Congregational Church of White Salmon.

Mrs. Jewett was a suffragette as well as a prohibitionist, and she traveled Washington State promoting these causes. She denied Sam Hill, of Maryhill, the purchase of the Jewett Farm Resort on the bluff because he proposed a "toast" to close the deal! So Hill traveled 30 miles east, purchased 7,000 acres, and built Maryhill.

The Jewett Farm was a haven of rest for many weary travelers over the years. Visitors could stay in individual cottages or rooms. They came to relax and enjoy a healthy, scenic getaway "with the best of food, well prepared and appetizingly served." The Jewetts engaged in fruit-growing as well as the nursery business.



Summer Cottage at the Jewett Farm at White Salmon, Washington. Real photo postcard by C.S. Reeves courtesy of Steve Kenney.



Visitors to White Salmon, Washington arrived by boat on the Columbia River or by railroad in the early 1900s when the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads teamed up to form the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway. Real photo postcard view courtesy of Steve Kenney.



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