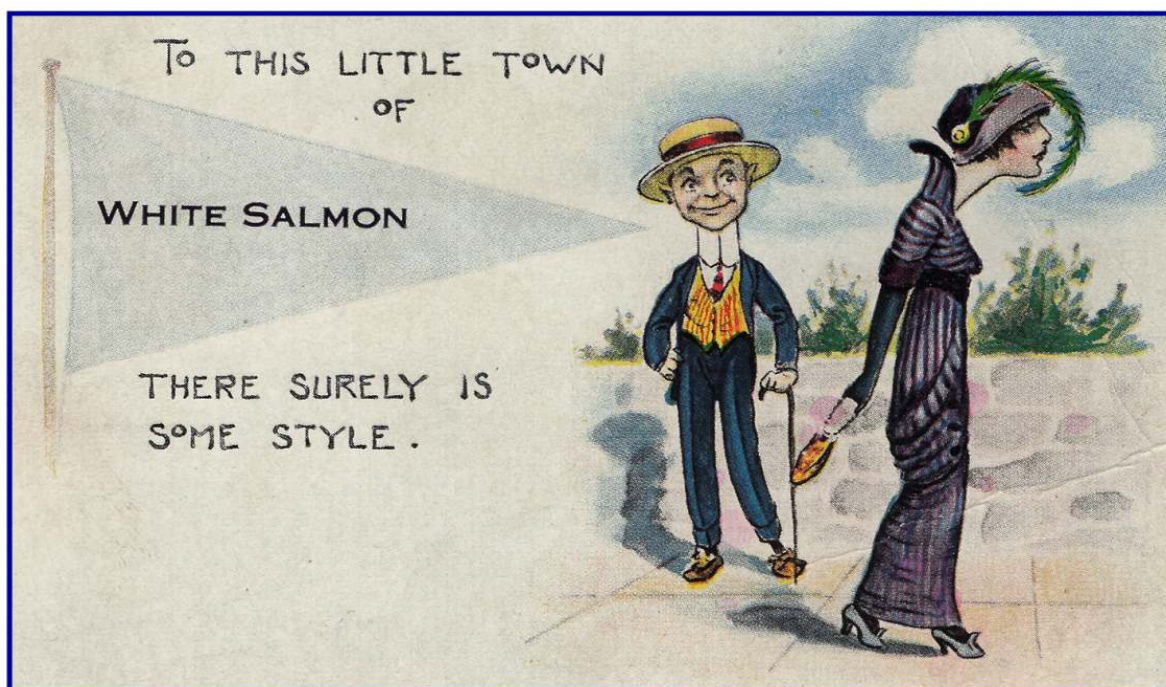




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Historic White Salmon, WA



Pennant postcard for White Salmon, Washington, circa 1915.

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Remembering Historic White Salmon, Washington



Patton Post Card Co. real photo birdseye view by Eugene Everett Lavolleur, circa 1916.
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White Salmon was home to the Klickitat Tribe (now part of the Yakama Nation) before non-natives arrived. The White Salmon River was named by Lewis and Clark, who were probably the first white people encountered by the Klickitats, as they observed the white-fleshed salmon being caught and dried by the natives at the mouth of the river. The town of White Salmon was named after these salmon as well.

The first non-natives to settle in White Salmon were Erastus and Mary Joslyn who arrived there after traveling from Massachusetts westward on a Columbia steamer in 1853. They sighted the friendly Indians and also spotted a flatland on the north bank of the Columbia River directly across from the mouth of the Hood River. Joslyn was in search of rich, fertile land on which to build a homestead and he was able to purchase land from them. The Joslyns were greatly helped by the Klickitats in building their farm just east of the White Salmon River.



Jewett Avenue looking east at White Salmon, Washington. C.S. Reeves' White Salmon Studio can be seen on the right. Reeves real photo postcard view circa 1910.

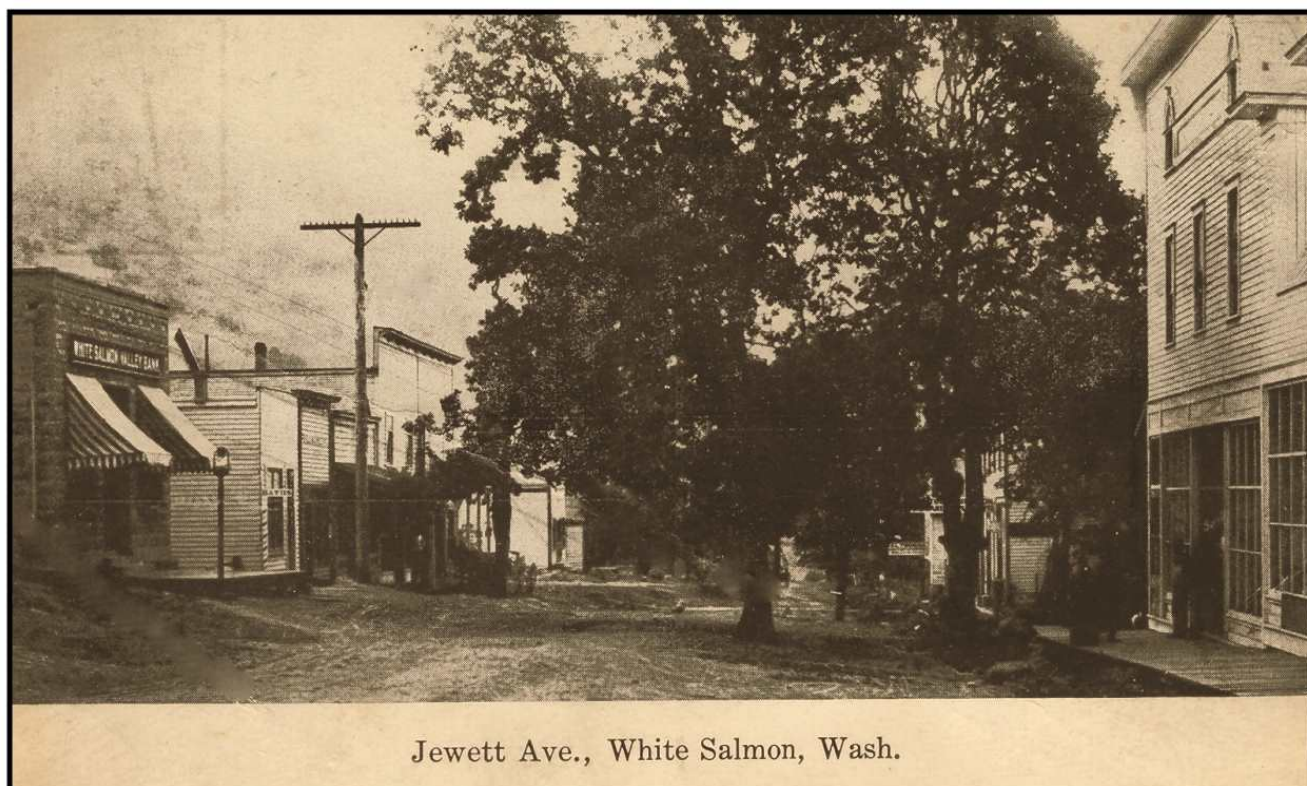
By the end of the summer after arriving, Joslyn had built a log cabin to live in and also saw the fruits of his first harvest. In addition to the cabin, he built a large barn to house the dairy cattle and a large area of the land was used for planting vegetables as well as a few fruit trees. Joslyn was a religious man and although not a missionary, he would often hold regular Sunday services in the Joslyn home which were attended by the local Indian tribes. There were occasional disturbances among the tribes but Joslyn always managed to keep control of the services.

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.

White Salmon was officially incorporated on June 3, 1907. Within the same year, the region was quickly settled by non-natives (white immigrants) making land claims. Today White Salmon's population is around 2,500.



Jewett Avenue looking west at White Salmon, Washington. The White Salmon Valley Telephone office can be seen on the right. C.S. Reeves photo postcard view circa 1910.

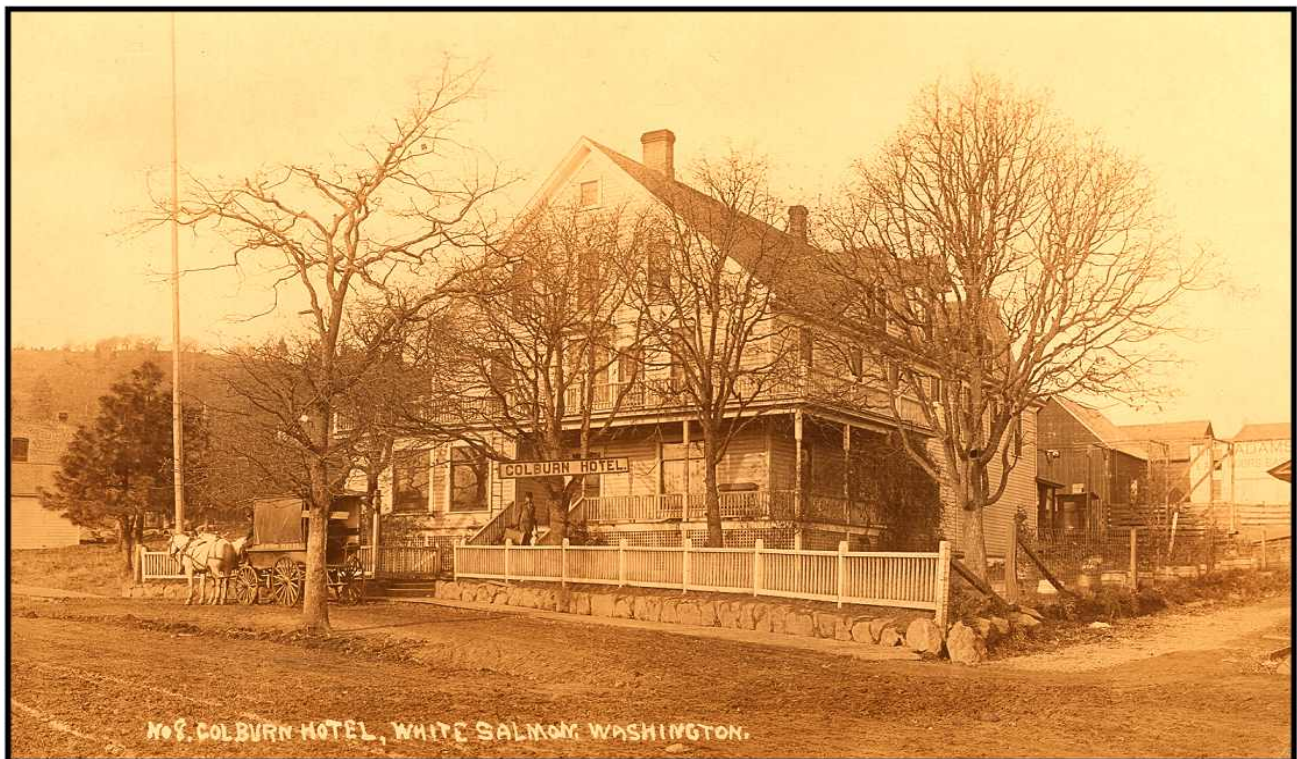


Jewett Ave., White Salmon, Wash.

Jewett Avenue looking east at White Salmon, Washington circa 1920.



Postcard view of J.W. Zumwalt's Store at White Salmon, Washington, circa 1909.



Colburn Hotel at White Salmon, Washington. Patton Post Card Co. real photo view by Eugene Everett Lavoilleur, circa 1916.



Hotel Washington at White Salmon, Washington. Patton Post Card Co. real photo view by Eugene Everett Lavoilleur, circa 1916.



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