

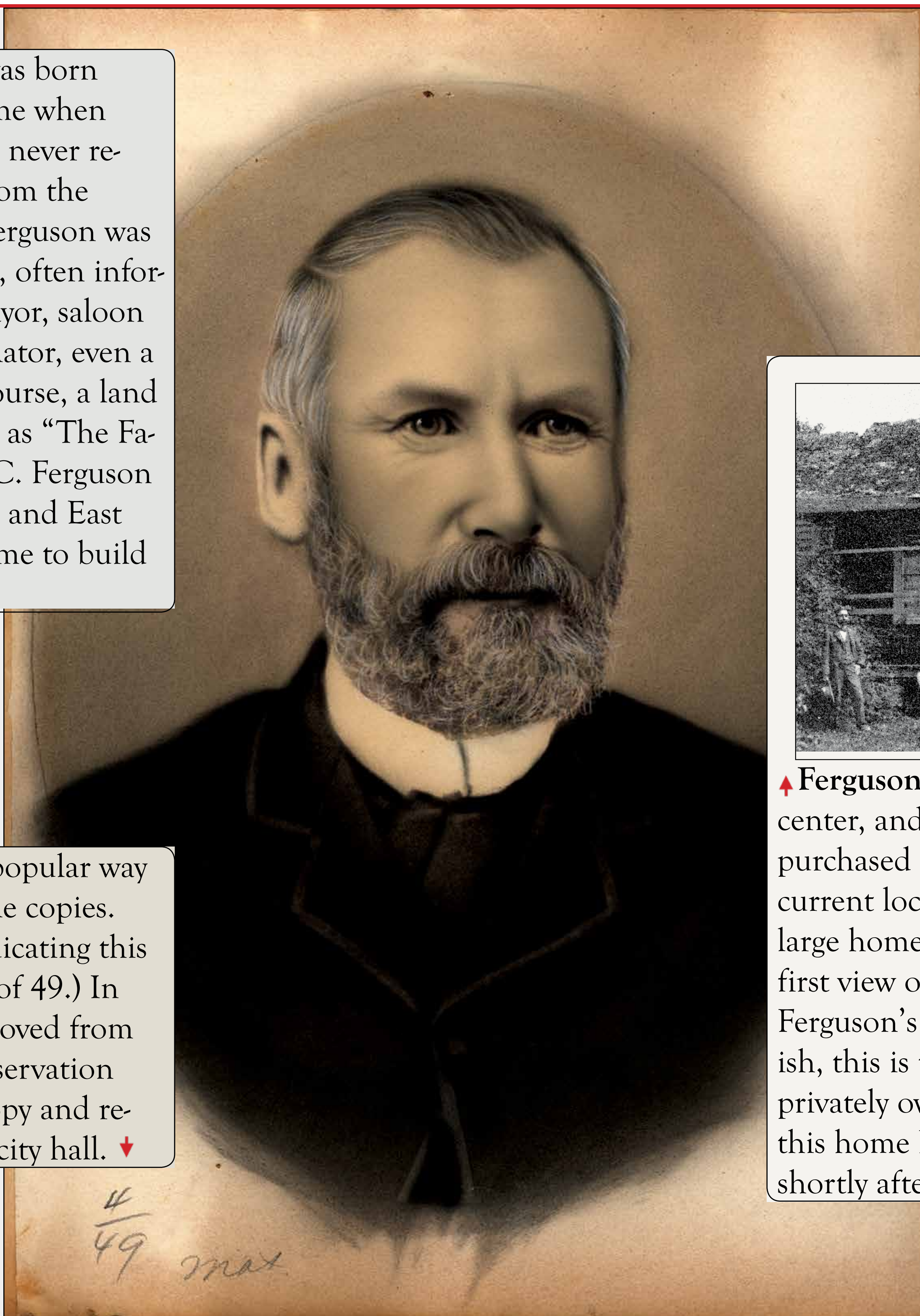
→ **Emory Canada Ferguson** was born in upstate New York, left home when he turned 21 in 1853, and he never returned. As the region grew from the 1860s into the early 1900s, Ferguson was in the forefront making deals, often informally. He was postmaster, mayor, saloon keeper, store proprietor, legislator, even a justice of the peace, and of course, a land owner. Frequently referred to as “The Father of Snohomish,” Emory C. Ferguson was courted by Henry Hewitt and East Coast investors when they came to build the city of Everett.

→ **EUNICE'S TRAIL TIPS:**

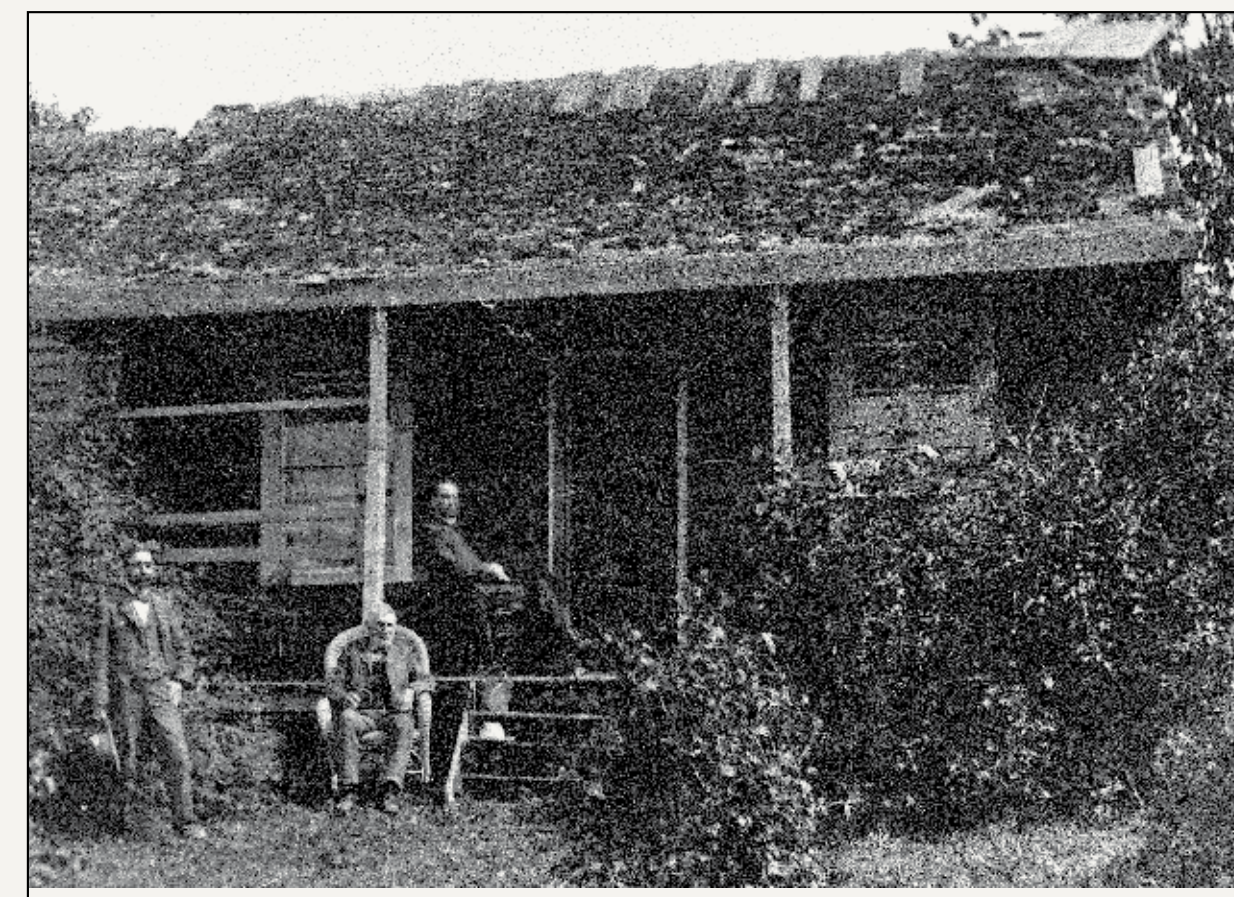
You are invited to view the framed portrait in the City Hall lobby, to the right, during business hours.



A “**crayon portrait**” was a popular way in the 1890s to create multiple copies. (Note the numbers below indicating this drawing was the fourth copy of 49.) In this case the original was removed from its ornate, gold frame for preservation and replaced with a digital copy and returned to its place in today's city hall. ↓



PORTRAIT OF E. C. FERGUSON, CIRCA 1890



↑ **Ferguson Cottage** pictured with E. C., center, and M. J. McGuiness, left, who purchased the structure, moved it to its current location to make room for his large home with the view downriver ~ the first view of visitors arriving in town. Of Ferguson's three homes built in Snohomish, this is the only one still standing and privately owned. “Old Ferg” once called this home his favorite. He died in 1911, shortly after this photograph was taken.

→ **CECIL'S TRAIL TIPS:**

Look for the roof of **Ferguson's Cottage** from the River Front Trail at the Stone Marker.



When the idea of a military road crossing the Snohomish River floated away with their cigar smoke, the Steilacoom investors of a ferry crossing backed out, except for Emory C. Ferguson, who decided to go ahead with the plan on his own. He was a young carpenter from New York State who landed in Steilacoom after going bust looking

for gold in Canada. He built himself a one-room house in Steilacoom, disassembled it, and shipped the parts north in the spring of 1859. Heil Barnes, who was holding Ferguson's claim, re-assembled the house on a site overlooking the river, close to where it stands today. Ferguson arrived the following spring with enough supplies to stock a store.

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RUMORS OF A FERRY CROSSING

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- 1 "RUMORS OF A FERRY CROSSING"
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- 3 "THE FOUNDING FAMILY"
- 4 "A WIDOW AND HER CEMETERY"
- 5 "HARVESTING THE GIANTS"
- 6 "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT"
- 7 "THE LAWYER AND A DOCTOR START A NEWSPAPER"
- 8 "A FARMER FROM ENGLAND AND THE MIDWIFE"
- 9 "THE FIRST PEOPLE"

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