

**Figure 1** A postcard of Snoqualmie Falls in the 1890s. Excursion trains, particularly on the summer weekends, brought tourists from Seattle and Everett to the Falls and other attractions in the Snoqualmie Valley. PO.074.0794.1 Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum.

**Figure 2** In this depiction of the hot air balloon parachuting stunt, the aeronaut rises into the sky attached to the bottom of the basket. Once a desired height has been reached, the aeronaut pulls a cord which releases the parachute. After plunging for a few seconds, the parachute would inflate, and the performer would float to the ground or water below. From Fairhaven Harold in April of 1892, article entitled “In a Fire Balloon: Sensations Experienced by the Summer Aeronaut.”

**Figure 3** Photo shows the moment Charlie Anderson’s parachute opened before he was drawn into the falls. PO.028.0033, Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum. Prints of this picture, or one like it, were sold to the public in the weeks following the accident. To see advertisements for the picture, see the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from August 25, 1893 (in references below).

**Figure 4** Headline from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on August 21, 1893. The article describes a young man who seemed to be in crisis for the month before his death.

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