

## Follow the Logs from Ryderwood to Longview



L-to-R: R. A. Long, Wesley Vandercook and W.F. "Bill" Ryder, Ryderwood's namesake.

After meticulous research, the **Long-Bell Lumber Co.** chose Ryderwood's virgin timber to supply Longview's mills 30 miles to the south on the Columbia River. **All operations and amenities were state-of-the-art.**

### Ryderwood History Project, Inc.

Ryderwood's AMVETS Post 7010 formed the Project (RHP, Inc.) in 2015 as Ryderwood and Longview approach their centennials in 2023. In that time, a significant collection has been digitally preserved for the future. The Project has formed a tax-exempt Corporation in order to raise funds to establish a Ryderwood Museum.

Please visit [ryderwood.org](http://ryderwood.org) to learn more about Ryderwood and the Ryderwood History Project including how to make donations. Contact the Project from the website or email [ryderwoodhistory@gmail.com](mailto:ryderwoodhistory@gmail.com) for information.

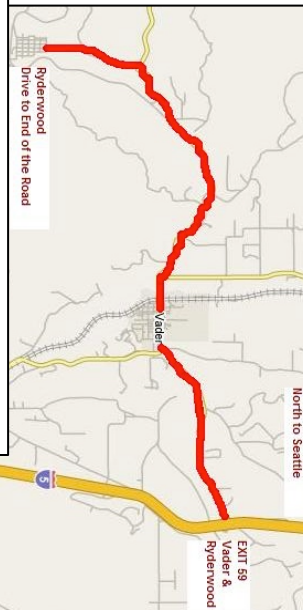
**Anyone born in Pioneer Hall is an automatic Ryderwood History Project Member!**

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*~ No matter what the GPS says...*

**"End of the Road"**



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# 1923-1953

## The **Long-Bell** Years

**“The Largest Logging Town in the World”**

And a “real town” it was! Amenities included a Mercantile, Community Hall, First Aid Station, School, Movie Theater, U. S. Post Office, Café, Tavern and more. The demand for jobs and housing was intense.



Mile-long trains made the trip to Longview sometimes 3 times a day.



# The Town with Two Histories!



Community Hall (above) and the Infirmary (below) can be seen in the lower left photo. The significance of the First Aid Station is all the babies who were born there. Known as Pioneer Hall since 1957, the building was placed on the Cowlitz Co. Historic Register in April 2017.



The Church (middle right) was built in 2 stages. Architect E. N. Larry designed it and Café (L) and Post Office (R). The Café was converted into a Library for the retirees.

# Since 1953

## The Retirement Years

**“The First Planned Community for Retired Persons”**

By 1953, most of the logs and loggers were gone and **Senior Estates, Inc.** purchased the entire town for \$96,000. Today, the Ryderwood Improvement & Service Association, Inc. operates the town.

