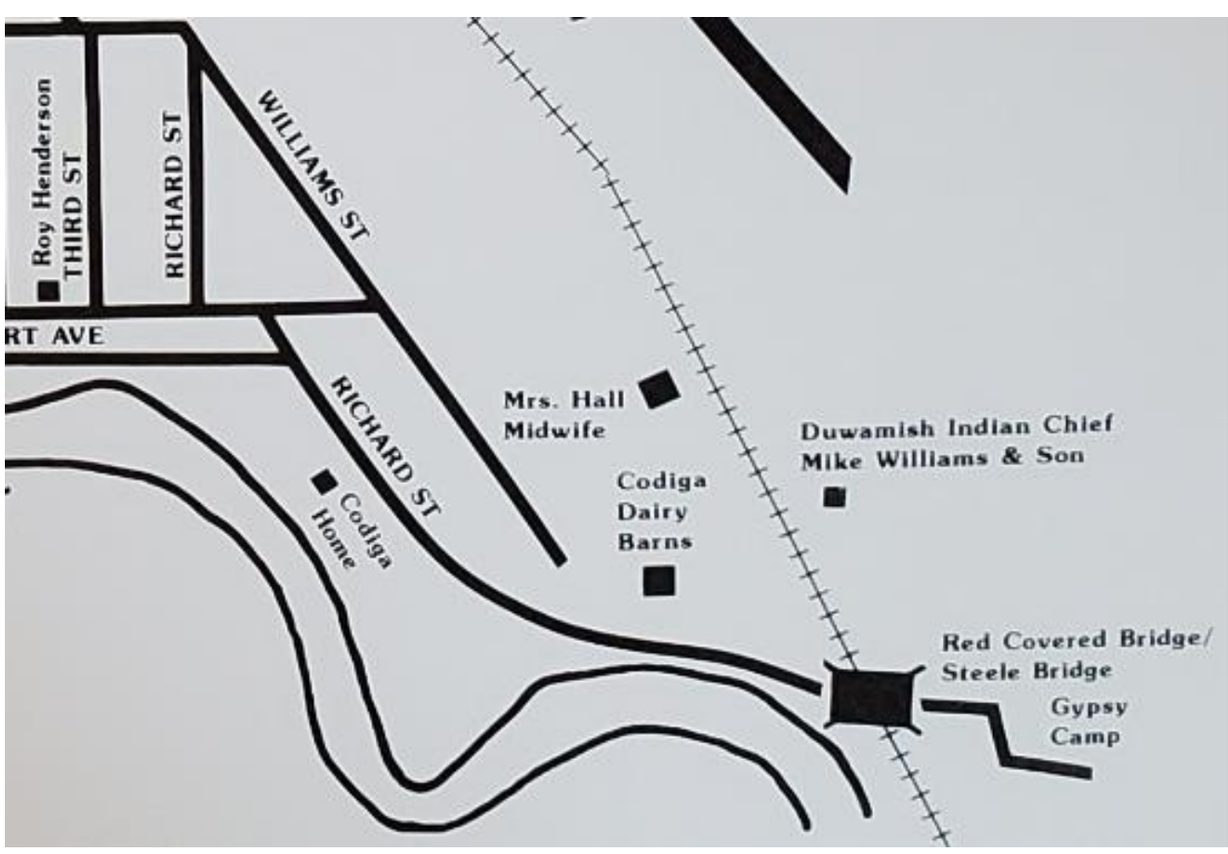
Red Allentown Covered Bridge (Codiga Bridge)

"When the Union Pacific railroad built a vehicle bridge over its tracks in Allentown in 1903, it put up a wood-truss covered bridge. The Old Red Covered Bridge on the Renton Road (County Road 57) became a landmark that for many years brought people out of Seattle on Sunday drives. (Also known as the Allentown or Steele Hill Bridge, for the pioneer Steele family, the new concrete bridge, erected in the 1960s, was renamed the Codiga Bridge for the nearby Archie Codiga Dairy Farm.)

Over the years the bridge caught on fire a number of times from the sparks that spewed from the smokestacks of the steam locomotives passing below. As was common in early bridge design, the bridge had water barrels fastened to the outer rail for fire fighting; however, this did not prevent it from burning down in 1956."

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