

WASHINGTON *PIONEER* MEMORIAL

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OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

"Lest We Forget"

This message comes to you with the hope of rekindling in your minds the deep obligation we owe those brave men and women, who, over a century ago, turned their faces toward the setting sun, enduring the long trek across the plains; the raging streams, the mountains and the hostile red men to reach this northern-most part of this nation. It is not too easy for us to visualize the many perils of the long tiresome journey and the tremendous task that lay before these hardy ancestors of ours in building homes, clearing land, planting crops and the establishing of the first settlements in this territory lying north of the Columbia River in our great State.

We, of our Association have spent months in research into the lives of these early pioneers, who came so long ago and stayed to build so well.

In reading the history of these early settlers, we find the names of your ancestors among those hardy men and women who laid the foundation in this new country.



Governor Isaac Stevens 1st Treaty with Indians

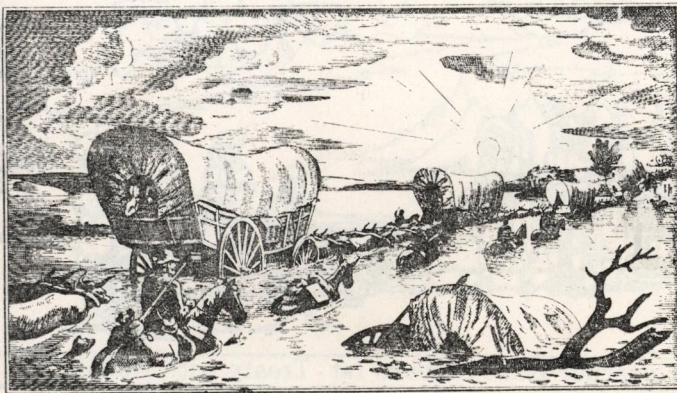
We are sure that you will want to participate in the erection of the beautiful memorial to those brave patriots who are the true builders of this great State; and with courage, faith and determination, they lived, toiled and died that the future generations might fully enjoy the greatness that is Washington today.

We, as descendants of these noble people have so much to be justly proud of. for they came with so little in the way of tools; perhaps a saw and axe, but with determination and ingenuity and fortitude; they built a home, cleared land for crops, threshed the grain in a crude manner, hauling the grain often many miles to the grist mill to be ground into flour and feed for both man and beast. Yet, these sturdy settlers never complained and their deep faith in the future of this territory made them happy with the knowledge that they would soon have as their own, a home in this land of their dreams, Washington.

We too, are descendants of two of those early immigrants who crossed the plains in 1852-'53 and we are justly proud of the achievements of

these ancestors of ours and we know that you share that admiration with us. They too cleared land, built roads, built schools, churches and towns that grew into cities, and through their genius and fortitude left us the heritage we enjoy today.

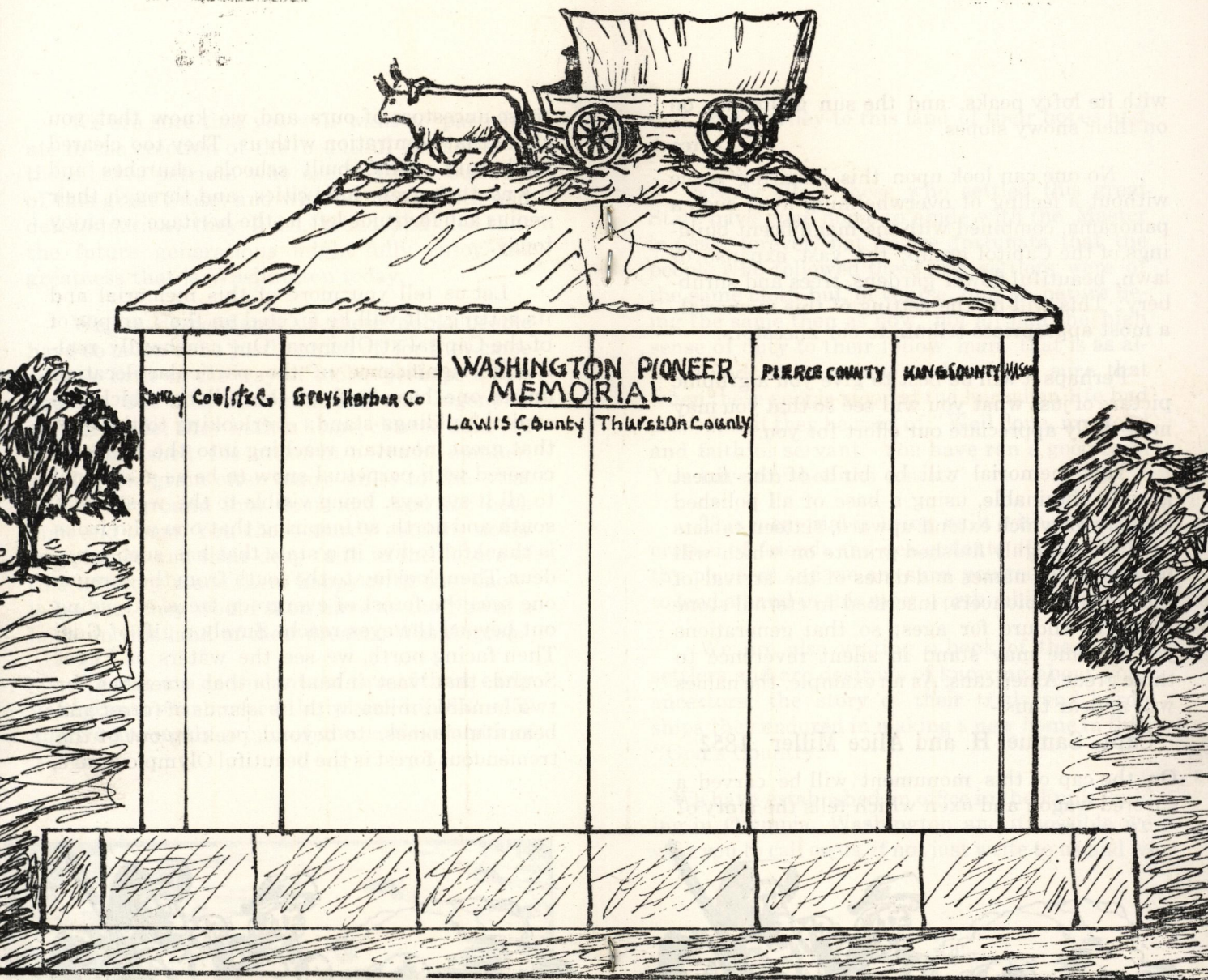
Let us tell you more of this memorial and its setting:- It will be erected on the Campus of the Capital at Olympia. One can hardly realize the significance of the particular location unless one has stood on the hill on which the capitol buildings stand; overlooking to the east that great mountain reaching into the heavens, covered with perpetual snow to be as a sentinel to all it surveys, being visible to the west, east, south and north, so inspiring that one who looks is thankful to live in a state that has such grandeur. Then, looking to the south from the campus one sees the forest of evergreen trees extending out beyond the eyes reach. Surely a gift of God. Then facing north, we see the waters of Puget Sound, that vast inland sea that stretches for two hundred miles, with its islands of forest and beautiful homes, to beyond, peeking out of the tremendous forest is the beautiful Olympic Range,



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This Shrine will Perpetuate for Posterity the names of those early Pioneers who laid the Foundation of our great State and is a debt of gratitude we owe our Ancestors.

with its lofty peaks, and the sun glistening on on their snowy slopes.

No one can look upon this inspiring scene without a feeling of overwhelming awe; such a panorama, combined with the magnificent buildings of the Capitol group; the vast expanse of lawn, beautiful flower gardens, trees and shrubbery; This will be the setting of this memorial, a most appropriate tribute to our ancestors.

Perhaps it will be best to give you a graphic picture of just what you will see so that you may more fully appreciate our effort for you.

This memorial will be built of the finest granite obtainable, using a base of all polished stone from which extend upward, sixteen tablets or slabs of highly finished granite on which will be carved the names and dates of the arrival of these worthy pioneers; inscribed in eternal stone that will endure for ages; so that generations yet to come may stand in silent reverence to those great Americans. As an example, the names will appear thus:-

Capt. Samuel H. and Alice Miller 1852

On the cap of this monument will be carved a covered wagon and oxen which tells the story of



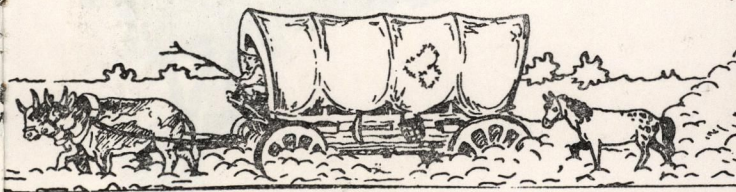
that long journey to this land of their hopes and dreams.

Nearly all of those who settled this great State have gone home to abide with the Master in peace forever, but we are fortunate that the people who followed these first settlers were of the same cloth but, of course, human nature being the same then as now, not all had the high sense of duty to their fellow man, that is as always and will continue to be. I am sure that when these people stood at the bar when life had passed, that they be said of "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have ran a good race. You have finished the course."

This memorial is being built with the cooperation of friends and descendants of those worthy pioneers and we are sure you too will want to lend a hand in this most worth-while endeavor.

We are also writing a book of these early settlers and are desirous of knowing about your ancestors; the story of their trials and hardships they endured in making a new home in this, "God's Country."

We have established an office in the Funk Building in Olympia, Washington and if possible we want you to call on us, if not just write to us and we



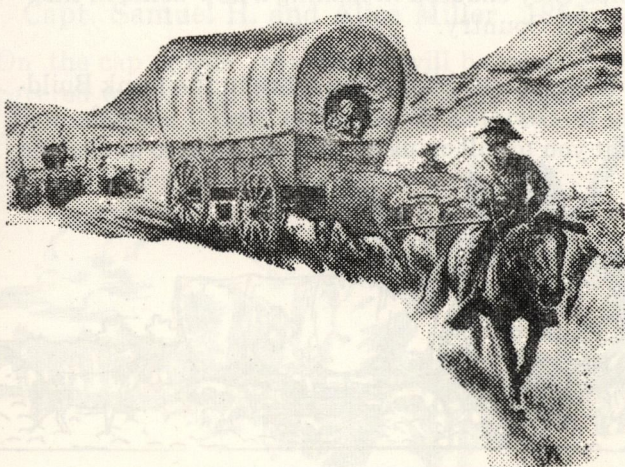
will do our best to give you whatever information you may desire.

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“A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants”

Macaulay



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