

Ferries

Spokane area.

Next Sunday, June 11 (1939\*) the Spokane County Pioneer society will dedicate the monument which was built last fall at the site of Antonine Plante's ferry over the Spokane river, two miles east of Millwood.

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1849-Antoine Plante erected first residence in Spokane valley.

1851--Antoine Plante built first river ferry.

1853-Governor Stevens signed peace treaty with Indians and organized the first two territorial militia companies.

1860- Capt. Mullan completed Fort Benton-Fort Walla Walla military road to this spot.

1865-Isaac Kellog built bridge here.

Ferries: Columbia

The name Dog River is now attached only to a small stream that heads in brooks Meadows about eight miles sotheast of Parkdale and flows into EastFork Hood river. In October, 1852, and advertisement in the Oregonian states that a road has been cleared from Dog River to the Ferry which was one of the first on the Columbia. <sup>T</sup>he name Hood ~~Reverend~~ River appears on a map as early as 1856.

Hood River..This stream discovered by Lewis and Clark, Tuesday, Oct 29, 1805 and Called Labeasche River, an improvised method of spelling La Biche, French for female deer. In pioneer days some travelers being in a starving condition ate dog meat near Hood River and <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ popular name Dog River was the result but not because of any suggestiveness of the French name. Later Mrs. Nathaniel Coe, pioneer of valley objected to the name Dog River and succeeded in changing the local usage to Hood River on the account of Mt Hood, its source. .

...By January, 1863, there were two ferries connecting different points in the country with the Oregon shore, one running between Rockland and the Dalles and the other connecting the Rock creek wagonroad with the road on the Oregon side.

These were operated under restrictions and limits prescribed by law. The following rates were established by an act of legislature:

Wagon and span, three dollars; each additional span, one dollar; man and horse or horse with pack, one dollar; loose animals, fifty cents each; sheep and hogs, fifteen cents each.

The ferry connecting Rockland and the Dalles was established by James Herman in 1859 and when it made its first trip, July 9 of that year, John J. Golden, who was then on his way to Klickitat, was aboard.

A second ferry was put in operation at Umatilla in 1863 and in 1868 William Hicinbotham established at this place at Columbus.