



Wilbur strong ~~and~~ mentally and physically..

Worked as common workman on old Taylor street church and on Portland Academy which he founded Oregon Institute, now Willamette university, Wilbur had in mind to feed university by establishing of academies and schools in different parts of state so established Portland academy. Also founded Umpqua academy at town of Wilbur, named for him.

Where Portland academy first located, heavy timber, Wilbur cleared ground and hewed out timbers for frame of the building

Nominated as candidate for senatorial term in 1864..  
defeated..

10 years...among Indians...circuit rider..

Built first church in Walla Walla.

In October 1887 wife died and less than a month he died..

Buried near old mission at Salem, Ore. of which Wilbur is founder of the first academy, Willamette university.

Benovelent to a fault..dibursing \$3,000 a year for benovelences many years before his death.. he was a history and work that can never be repeated. \$47,00 to ~~chorded~~ his church and university..

Oregon shistorian Dr. Hines said: 22 years of life breathed into what was such a moral desolation when he and his companions went there..debatele whethe such a mah should have mdade to great a sacrifice..

Taylor street Methodist church.

Fort Simcoe:

It is respectfully suggested that the post established by Colonel Steptoe (Establishment of Col Steptoe in the Walla Walla valley as of Sept 19, 1856 , be called Fort Calla Walla and that of Major Garnett, Fort Simcoe.. George Wright Col 9th infantry Ft Vancouver, Sept 20, 1856.

Fort Simcoe, Washington Territory At Mul Mul Spring in Simcoe valley, about midway between Topenish and Simcoe Established August 8, 1856 . Abandoned May 22, 1859.

Major Garnett's post..Sept 20, 1856.

Major Garnett is vigorously pushing forward the erection of quarters and storehouses for his command the ensuing winter.

George Wright, Ft Vancouver, Sept 20,  
1856.

Fort--a strong or fortified place; especially one occupied only by troops, surrounded by a ditch, rampart or the like; a fortification-- Webster.

Cantonment--A part of a town or village allotted to a body of troops.

Post--<sup>A</sup> military station.

Camp--<sup>A</sup> ~~ground~~ The ground occupied by an army at rest with tents , huts etc. Websters.

General Orders No 11, Feb 8, 1832--It is the order of the secretary of war that all military posts designated as cantonments be hereafter called forts. General order has not been modified or cancelled.

"..and the post occupied by Major Gage Garnett be called Fort Simcoe.." Col. George Wright, 1856.



genial..brave as a lion

kind-hearted

Maj. Robert Seldon Garnett, a son of the Old South who directed the building of Fort Simcoe was in command there from the time the first log was laid in place until October 14, 1860 1858 when he turned over ~~command~~ command to Capt. John J. Archer whose command continued until the army evacuated the post the next spring.

Maj. Garnett died a hero's death in the Civil War, fighting for his beloved Virginia and with his Virginians at Garrick's Ford, W.V.

He won fame as a fob fighter early after his graduation from West Point in 1841 and was commissioned a brevet second lieutenant in the fourth artillery.

He was promoted to major in the war with Mexico and twice during that campaign was ~~decorated~~ brevetted for heroism.

Dreams of romance must have been his lot during the long winter and until the commandant's home was finished and he brought his bride to the post in the spring of 1858 in the first wagon train to come into the Simcoe country.

He was ordered to Vancouver to participate in a court martial and when he returned, he found that his world in the New West had tumbled. His wife and three-month-old baby, stricken by typhoid ~~fe~~ fever during his absence died within a few days of each other. One story is that they were buried near the famous old ~~Fort~~, fort by the hearbroken commander, in unmarked graves.

Many of the officers at the fort were from the South and when the rebellion broke out, they did. Maj. went with Maj. Garnett to fight for the Southern Confederacy, where the ~~builder and planner~~ planner and builder of Fort Simcoe, died a general and a hero's death.

He resigned from the army ~~00000~~ on April 30, 1861 and was made a brigadier general of the Confederate states . His death was July 13 at Carrick's Ford, Va. while attempting to rally his men.

History of the field of strange and weird

History took a strange turn at that time.

There were a few other lonely graves dug in the isolated old outpost at Ft Simcoe besides those for Maj. Garnett's wife and child. One soldier was buried there but the body was later removed.

The soldier was Jesse K. Allen, a second lieutenant. He was killed while accompanying Maj. Garnett on a punitive campaign the year of the strength of the ~~the~~ against ~~a~~ warriors who had struck out an an expedition of miners near the mouth of the Wenatchee river.

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Ten of the captured hostiles were executed by rifle fire when  
after they had been found guilty of the miners' murder.

Lt. Allen was mortally wounded leading a mounted charge ~~into~~ against an Indian camp on Swauk creek just before ~~day~~ daybreak. Maj. Garnett expressed his opinion, officially, that Lt. Allen was shot ~~at~~ accidentally by one ~~of~~ of his own men.



A brick kiln was located a short distance east of the post and there bricks were ~~found~~ burned for chimneys, ~~and~~ fireplaces and a walk in front of ~~the~~ the row of officers' homes.

C<sub>o</sub>mpanies C and I of the ninth were ordered to join the Northwest boundary commission in April, and a month later the ~~order was~~  
~~and moved out of the area were~~

In the ensuing years as agency headquarters and Indian school, the Ft. Simcoe was enlarged and although many changes were made, the general pattern followed the plans as drawn by Maj. Garnett.





fled and returned when the trouble subsided, to make his home at Rock Lake, North of Lyons ferry on the Snake river. He spurned the annual payments the government sought to tender him as chief of the Yakima nation, payments offered in the form of two ~~hundred~~ pack horses, laden with blankets, packed down from the Colville country.

~~Few of the original buildings constructed in the late summer and fall of 1856 remain, but an accurate description of the original buildings and their location is available for researchers to permit actual duplication of the original buildings.~~ *SHALLS OF GOVERNMENT* *Exact Position* *as they were in the days of* *blaring bugles and marching men.*

Five of the original barracks were built of logs and faced the parade ground. They were 25 x 60 feet long. A mule-power sawmill produced the lumber from ~~large~~ pine logs brought down from the mountains. ~~Later the barracks were covered by siding.~~

*OF* The commandant's home, ~~and~~ field officers' quarters and captains quarters were ~~built~~ on the west, also facing the parade grounds.

*ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER WAS* The blacksmith shop was located on the northeast corner, ~~just~~ *just OFF* *Square* *Southernmost Row* ~~just outside of the square around the parade grounds and the stables were on the southeast. Back of the southern row of~~

*OF* buildings was the ~~pasture~~ *a Fenced in pasture.*

*house* The quartermaster's store ~~house~~ stood on the south, near it was the guardhouse and next was a subsistence storehouse,

The powder magazine was north of the guardhouse and ~~joined~~

~~with the barracks for Company F formed the northeast angle of the square.~~ *One of the barracks for Company F was a frame hospital, in the original plans drawn by Maj. Garnett. This was a 25 x 50 foot building and formed the northeast angle of the square.*

Barracks for Companies C and G were shown on the original plans and one at least, was built.

Four blockhouses were constructed, commanding the sallyports. They were 25 x 25 feet of logs squared with a flat ax.

One of these remains, standing isolated on a knoll southwest of the ~~new~~ historic ~~ground~~ grounds.

white picket fence..

The 400 foot square parade ground, tramp of feet.. blue and gold braid of officers...gave way to an agency orchard....thrifty Wilbur..

Decaying trees removed half a score of years ago ..One left standing, planted it is said by Father Wilbur himself...as memorial on southwest ~~corner~~ of parade grounds, planted to grass..grown high..weed..danger..fire...closed. fenced...tumble down..

Now...on north, as enter... first girls' dormitory building, then boys' ...houses of caretakers...storehouse..~~bro~~ one brick... officers' row...on ~~west~~ ~~NO~~ south west corner, agency building,, mess hall.. Back of it, guardhouse (jail)

Original cost of Fort Simcoe buildings was \$300,000.

Quaint, old-fashioned structures, relics of historic days..

Ancient blockhouses were low buildings, squared with broad ax and laid one above another.....Never necessary to send bullet from any toward Indians..long since devoted to other uses...including ~~guard~~ guard house, in time of soldiers..

picturesque ~~camp~~ str etlamps.. flower beds..



A location on Toppenish creek near where it makes the bend eastward had been selected.

Mgt. Kohlhauf, later street commissioner at Spokane Falls and a party were out hunting and visited place where Fort Simcoe is now stationed.

Prepared for winter, a part of the command in tents and huts made of mud and limbs were put up for the balance.

A location for a sawmill was chosen and another detail sent to look out a route for a wagon road.

Capt. Thomas Jordan, quartermaster at The Dalles was hard pressed to get in sufficient supplies for troops before winter. Snow not till late December in depth. one pack train of 400 animals delivered their loads before Christmas, started back by Satus ca yon, hi deep snow, men made snow shoes to finish trip, exhausted and nearly starved.

Wagon road completed in the spring and work began in earnest. May, first train of wagons entered that ever entered Simcoe valley,, in same train, Maj. Garnett brought his bridge.

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