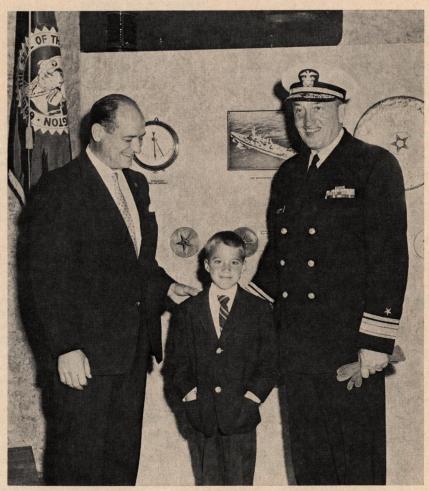
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DEDICATION OF USS WASHINGTON Governor Rosellini, Philip Le Roy, Rear Admiral Towner

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USS WASHINGTON DEDICATION

The historic remnants of a gallant fighting ship came home on September 21st when Governor Albert D. Rosellini, Rear Admiral George Towner, Commandant, 13th Naval District, officials of the Navy League of the United States and the Washington State Historical Society, held a dedication ceremony in the Legislative Building in Olympia. Vice-President Roe E. Shaub represented the Society.

The beautiful exhibit was the result of many months of work and cooperation. Lt. Dan Dagle, USN, of the 13th Naval District, helped to coordinate the efforts of the Navy which brought the historic remnants from an East Coast port where the ship had been scrapped.

The USS Washington had a magnificent battle record. She won 13 battle stars for her part in many of the biggest naval engagements of World War II. The permanent exhibit near the rotunda of the Legislative Building in Olympia will serve as a reminder to citizens of this state of the heroic achievements of the officers and men who served in war and peace aboard the USS Washington. (See cover illustration.)

Pacific Northwest History Conference

In April, this important regional conference returns to Tacoma. It will be cosponsored by the Washington State Historical Society, the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University. Historians, professional and amateur, will come from Alaska, three western Canadian provinces, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, for an exchange of ideas and to participate in the varied programs. On April 18th, the new Pacific Northwest Museums Conference, under the chairmanship of H. J. Swinney (who, incidentally, is the new President-elect of the Western Museums Conference), will hold its meetings in our Museum.

The theme of April's History Conference, which meets on April 19th and 20th on the campus of the University of Puget Sound, will be The Ethnohistory of The Pacific Northwest. This is a first for this region. Experts on the historical contributions of the many ethnic groups who settled and developed the Pacific Northwest will lecture.

appear on panel discussions and present papers.

Anyone who thinks that Pacific Northwest history consists only of the comings and goings of Indians, fur traders and timber cruisers is in for a shock. As the transcontinental "end of the line" for America, as for much of the world, the Pacific Northwest is a macrocosm of the "melting pot". This Conference, through its focus on ethnohistory, will represent the combined efforts of the scholarly institutions of the Pacific Northwest in order to point up the tremendously varied contributions of ethnic groups to our regional history. To understand is to appreciate—to appreciate is to value.

The Conference will have its lighter side. Folk music and native dancing will provide entertainment. Our search for folk music native to this region is progressing, but slowly. Archibald Hanna, Curator of the Western Americana Collection at Yale University, helped us to run down several versions of one folk ballad. Unable to locate the music to accompany the lyrics Hanna suggested that we commission a local composer to provide the musical setting. We have done just that! A highlight of the Annual Banquet of the History Conference will be the premiere performance of THE BOLD NORTHWESTMAN, with lyrics by a member of the 18th century crew of Captain John Kendrick and music by Dr. Leroy Ostransky, a member of the 20th century music faculty at the University of Puget Sound!

Masterson's Cane and The Hickok Bible

Two mighty shades of the Old West floated into the Museum shortly after Halloween. Charles H. Fritz, whose mother was first cousin of Wild Bill Hockok, famous pioneer lawman, has donated a leaded cane presented by Bat Masterson to his friend, Hickok, and the Hickok family Bible.

This must have been Bat's "everyday cane". The silver-headed cane known to TV viewers was probably reserved for Sunday's scuffles. In any case, Masterson could have fractured the wrist that dealt from the bottom of the deck with one quick swipe of the deadly weapon. The sacred and the profane share equal billing since the Hickok family Bible carries the roll of that famed clan.

My Country 'Tis of Thee

In our preparation for the EARLY ART OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST show to be held in April, an inventory of our art collections is being made. Some surprising things are turning up. Most exciting discovery so far was a framed draft of AMERICA in the autograph of the Reverend Samuel F. Smith, author of our national hymn.

AMERICA was written in 30 minutes in 1832. In 1893 the composer wrote out a copy of the hymn for a friend, just two years before his death. The late Walter Beals, justice of the Supreme Court of Washington, whose colorful career included judicial service at the Nuremberg trials, gave the rare manuscript to the Washington State Historical Society in 1917. The presentation was made through the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Samuel Smith, a native of Boston, was a graduate of Harvard with the famous class of 1829 that numbered among its members Oliver Wendell Holmes and James Freeman Clarke. He married Mary White Smith, granddaughter of the Reverend Hezekiah Smith, a chaplain in the Revolutionary War and an intimate friend of George Washington.

The famous manuscript is on display in a special exhibit which was unveiled on November 11th, Veterans Day.

Denver Conference on Western History

In October more than 400 historians, writers, collectors and publishers came from all over the United States to meet for 3 days of discussions on the history of the American West.

The new Western History Association was born there. First President of the new organization is Dr. Ray Billington, of Northwestern University. Oscar Winther, of Indiana University, was elected vice-president. Walter Prescott Webb came from Texas to deliver a major address, as did many other leading western historians. The enthusiasm and popular support generated by the Denver conference provide strong evidence that interest in western history is not confined to the West but is shared by many Americans. Next year's conference will be held in October in Salt Lake City.

HARVEY KYLLONEN

A man of rare talent and fascinating background is contributing his services to the Museum. Harvey Kyllonen, a native Whidbey Islander of Finnish-Laplander descent, has spent years in helping Pacific Northwest Indians to re-learn the carving skills of their own forebears.

Mr. Kyllonen is giving demonstrations of Indian carving to school groups, Boy Scouts and Indian Guides. His varied career has included experience as logger, tugboat man, fish processor and charter boat operator. He knows the woods of the Northwest, the nooks and crannies of the Sound and the coast, and has visited most of the Indian tribes of Alaska and the northwestern states.

An exhibit of Mr. Kyllonen's beautiful handicraft will be on display at the Museum in December.

INVASION

The supposedly impregnable bastions of the Museum have fallen before the irrestible onslaught of waves of Girl Scouts from the Tacoma Council.

Teams of girls are sorting and listing photographs (our collections run to the hundreds of thousands); clipping historical items from regional newspapers; assisting the library staff, etc.

The Girl Scouts receive credit for this work but more important, to them and to us, is the wealth of knowledge and experience these junior citizens are acquiring.

THE BIG WIND

The great Columbus Day storm toppled an ancient Chestnut tree into the middle of our Japanese garden. Fortunately, the Shinto Shrine and most of the garden were spared.

Adjacent to the garden other trees are falling, but this time by design. The City Beautification Committee, headed by Ed Richards, assisted by John Bechtholt and civic-minded contractors, is filling the area behind the Museum in preparation for badly needed parking space. We hope to be able to accommodate 300 cars when the parking lot is completed.

The City of Tacoma is also building a small park at the view point below the Museum where picnic tables and a drinking fountain will provide an oasis for weary travellers.

Historic Guns and Uniforms . . . Progress Report

Our military exhibit on the second floor has been one of the major additions to our permanent displays. Where miscellaneous odds and ends of guns, gunmakers' tools and medieval instruments of torture were hurled together in meaningless juxtaposition many years ago, now stands a chronological display of weapons and uniforms which tells of the advance of military art from the Revolution to the Space Age.

Recent visitors to the Museum were Colonel and Mrs. Beverly Coiner of Texas. In the company of Mrs. Donald McFadon, a good friend of the Society, the former Tacomans enjoyed their first view of the military display. Though unfinished for want of funds, the display will now be completed under the sponsorship of Colonel and Mrs. Coiner. The heartfelt thanks of the Washington State Historical Society to the Coiners for this fine help!

New Roof For "The Beaver"

Through the help of Dr. Donald H. Clark, of Seattle, Russell Thompson, manager of the Smith Shingle Company, Roger Crusan and the members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local No. 470, a new roof has been provided for the "Boiler of the Beaver".

The SS Beaver, famous steamship of the Hudson's Bay Company, whose boiler and other historic artifacts have long been a pride of the Museum, is the subject of some recent exciting discoveries. Soon, copies of the original plans used in the construction of the Beaver, will be on display here.

Bound Copies of News Notes

Due to many requests we are binding the first three volumes of News Notes. Starting with Volume 1, Number 1, the March, 1959 issue, and ending with Volume 3, Number 4, the September 1962 issue, the set will be bound in buckram and labelled.

If you are interested, order now. Price of the bound set is \$3.00. We only have a few sets so don't wait.

Postmarked Washington

A monumental project has been completed by Guy Ramsay, of Portland. For many years Mr. Ramsay has run down data on the post offices, active and/or extinct, of Washington Territory and State. The manuscript now forms two huge volumes.

Since commercial publishers shy from such localized compilations of research data (though heaven knows such labor deserves reward) a plan is being worked out by which the book may be divided into counties. County historical societies who are interested in distributing these sections to local readers are invited to correspond with the director of the Washington State Historical Society.

Ezra Meeker Lives On

Mrs. Frances Sueco, former Records Management Supervisor for the Public Utilities department of the City of Tacoma, is working on the Ezra Meeker papers. The Meeker Collection, which may run to 50,000 items, contains the manuscripts of several of his books, a vast correspondence concerning pioneer Washington history, and the beginnings of the hop industry. Mrs. Jane Larsen, another volunteer, is helping in transcribing manuscripts.

Such dedicated people as Mrs. Sueco and Mrs. Larsen share in the rewards and adventure of historical discovery. We owe them much, but they tell us that the work is its own reward.

ART CALENDAR

December

Charles and Maureen Mulvey . . . Watercolors and Driftwood Sculpture.

Harvey Kyllonen . . . Northwest Coast Indian Carvings.

January

Edward Allen . . . Historic Maps: 16th to 19 Century.

February

Ford Show of Northwest Art.

March

Pacific Gallery Artists.

April and May
Early Art of the Pacific Northwest.

BOUNDARY SURVEY PUBLICATION

The second publication in the Pacific Northwest Historical Pamphlet Series will soon be off the press. As part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the British-American Survey of the international boundary between Canada and the United States, Dr. Herman I. Deutsch has edited the documents relating to the survey for this important booklet. Dr. Charles M. Gates, editor of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly, provided an introduction. Harriet Seely, a member of the Governor's Council for the Boundary Survey Centennial, described the commemorative exercises held in July 1961 at Point Roberts. On this occasion, Governor Albert D. Rosellini, British Columbia Attorney-General Robert Bonner, U.S. Consul General Hayden Raynor, Canadian Consul General Kenneth Burbridge, Washington State legislators and Canadian members of the Legislative Assembly, as well as members of the Governor's Council for the Boundary Survey Centennial, participated. Co-chairmen for the event were Bruce Le Roy, chairman of the Governor's Council, and Willard E. Ireland, Provincial Archivist of British Columbia.

The new pamphlet is illustrated and sells for \$1.00. Orders are being accepted now.

The Road From Hong Kong

One of the interesting manuscripts of pioneer maritime history in our archives is the "Journal of Nathaniel Crosby—1857". This was the account of a trip across the Pacific Ocean to the Northwest from Hong Kong made by the grandfather of Bing Crosby.

Mrs. Grace Frederick, consultant to the Society, who attended the Western Museums Conference in California in October, presented a copy of the journal, together with copies of pictures of Nathaniel and Cordelia Crosby, to Bing Crosby. Mr. Crosby's comment: "Why, you know more about my family than I do!" Which isn't too hard inasmuch as the Crosby family played an important role in pioneer Washington Territory. The Nathaniel Crosby home at Tumwater has been restored and is a fine example of the gracious living sometimes possible in territorial days.

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An Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History was presented to this Society at its annual banquet on the evening of November 13th. Presentation was made by Bruce Le Roy, chairman of the Washington State awards, and by Robert Scott, representing the Oregon Historical Society on behalf of Thomas Vaughan, chairman of the Oregon State awards.

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site was established after years of promotional effort by this organization and was dedicated last March. (Editor's Note: Anyone who has not visited the beautiful new museum at the Site is missing something. The exhibits are outstanding). In addition, the county historical society has launched a successful program of publishing local history, and has a generally well-rounded program.

Willard Ireland, provincial librarian and archivist of British Columbia, spoke on the subject "Your Northern Stepdaughter". He traced the evolution of Fort Victoria from Hudson's Bay activities at Fort Vancouver.

Paintings by John Whitehead were displayed. They included historic buildings in and around Vancouver. Trustees re-elected for 1963 were Roy F. Jones, Robert Schaefer, Robert Hidden, Gen. Owen Summers and Ray L. Bachman. Dr. John Brougher, President, announced that new officers will be elected from the trustees at the December 10th meeting.

Skagit County Historical Society

The quarterly meeting was held November 13th at Skagit Valley College. Speaker of the evening was Frank Evans, editor of the Sedro-Woolley Courier-Times who showed slides of a trip to Europe.

Officers for the current year are George Peth, President; A. Grant Franklin, vicepresident; Mrs. Lloyd Hartman, secretary; Mrs. Veda Faller, treasurer.

The museum is now open every day in the week. Two college students are in attendance, through the aid of the Skagit Valley Telephone Company and the Daughters of the Pioneers, Skagit Chapter.

Kittitas County Historical Society

The new year for the historical society began officially October 1st, with a public meeting in the Commissioner's Auditorium

at the Court House. Homer P. Splawn, Yakima attorney and son of A. J. Splawn, pioneer historian, was the speaker.

President Samuel R. Mohler announced that 140 membership cards were issued during the first year of the organization, 1961-1962. He also defined the rules for membership, stating that anyone who has an interest in the history of the Kittitas Valley was eligible to join.

New officers for 1962-1963 were elected. They are Samuel R. Mohler, President; Spencer Short, Vice-President; Ruth Damman, Treasurer; Clareta Olmstead Smith, Secretary.

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LIST OF NEW ACCESSIONS

Patrick Gass journals, razor case, account books, pictures, Bible, flask from the Lewis and Clark Expedition. - Mr. Owen Buxton,

Civil War covers, broadsides, tintypes, books, letters.-Mr. Don Allen, Tacoma.

Ring, pin, locket, bracelet, heirlooms of Mrs. A. G. Avery.-Miss Edna L. Avery, Los Angeles.

School district reports, clippings, papers, Chinook-English songs, maps.—Mr. Athow, Tacoma.

Knife in walnut case 12" long, used in Civil War.—Miss Ruby Blackwell.

Dress, child's apricot wool, 1870, perfect condition, worn by Mrs. George Abel.-Mrs. T. H. Monroe, Tacoma.

Dress, child's rose taffeta with lace and black velvet trim; gown, white muslin, lace trimmed, 1885.—Mrs. Byron D. Scott, Tacoma.

Photographs of early Tacoma, catalogue, menu, booklets. - Miss Ruby Blackwell, Tacoma.

Belt, pieces of robe, picked up during Spanish-American War in Manila.-Mrs. Y. Parrott, Tacoma.

Purse, photograph, cigar case, inkwell, basket, clothes pins.—Mrs. S. E. McCorkle.

Chopper, mortar, and mining items from Monte Cristo (ore, crucibles, slugs). — Robert Robbins, Tacoma.

Basket, dish, ironstone, mortar and pestle. -Carrie A. Pierce, Tacoma.

Canvas kit containing cup, knife and spoon, dish from Spanish-American War, letter from war zone and book of pictures.— Mrs. Hattie Maltby, Tacoma.

Ukranian eggs used at Easter, beautifully decorated and saved as heirlooms.-Mrs. P. Rush, Tacoma.

Microfilm "My Story—The Autobiography of Vintor Newbert".--Mr. Robert Hitchman,

Books on the history of early Tacoma.— Mrs. James Lyon, Tacoma.

Collection of Alaskan material, Japanese artifacts, oriental hangings, Victorian glass and furniture.—Jessie B. Merrick, Bremerton.

Cook books, bonnet and mittens.—Mrs. Nola Ashcraft, Tacoma.

Watercolors (39) of early Washington, tempura (3), pencil sketch.—Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, Tacoma.

Assorted bookplates (124).—Mr. Robert Hitchman, Seattle.

Watercolors and oils, framed, Makah basket, book.—Mrs. Sarah Lewis, Tacoma.

Photograph of Gen. Sprague, photograph of Washington Exposition Building, 1890.-Miss Ruby Blackwell.

Hooked rugs (2).—Mrs. Horace Fogg. Booklet, "Jeaudoin Family History". -Mrs. Lewis Jeaudoin, Vancouver, Wash.

"Tahoma" (5) Editions 1812, 1913, 1914. 1916 and Feb. 1912.—Mr. Alfred Powelson, Altadena, California.

Present Army uniform, plus complete outfit, suntans, shoes, socks, etc.-Mr. Jerry Sun, Tacoma.

Col. R. Greening, painting, portrait, carvings, scrapbook, medals.-Mrs. John Fishburne, Tacoma.

Duplicator used in the Northern Pacific Railway Station at Roy in the 1880's. — Joseph S. Warren and Miss J. Mae Chambers, Tacoma.

Standard Atlas of Walla Walla County, 1909; Standard Atlas of Garfield County, 1913.—W. L. Hutchinson, Portland, Ore.

The Life of James Cardinal Gibbons. Ellis (2 vol.).—Rev. Andrew M. Prouty.

Books and folders on political history of Washington.—Mrs. James Lyons, Tacoma.

Letters (62) written by Allan Clark.— Harrison Clark.

Light globes (8) two flash, very old, but undated.—Mr. Charles Christie, Tacoma.

Cap, U.S. Spanish-American War, Dec. 1899-1903, SS Oregon.-Mr. John J. Hlavacek, Tacoma.

Folder from the Train Sheet. "The Waterville Railway". - Mr. Homer G. Benton, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Photographs (20) 8"x5" of early Tacoma. -Mr. Guy McWilliam, Tacoma.

Oil painting of Mt. Tacoma, 20"x30" approximately 1880. — Mr. Fred Giesel. Puvallup.

Booklet, "By-Laws and Rules of the Tacoma Cemetery, 1891.-Mr. William Reed, Tacoma.

Hickok family Bible and Bat Masterson's cane.—Charles H. Fritz, Roy.

Letters (4) written when Miss Leona Helm was a nurse in France WW I. -Miss Thelma Willhite.

Slippers, black kid and Twentieth Century World Atlas.-Mrs. J. W. Lee.

Assortment of folders, books and slides on the Corning Glass Center.—Mr. James Brown, Director, the Corning Glass Center. Corning, N.Y.

Teachers' records, certificates, pictures from Montesano School District 1885-1889. -Mr. M. D. Calder, Seattle.

Ox yoke and shipwright's tools used at Port Ludlow. - Mrs. Howard Swigart, Seattle.

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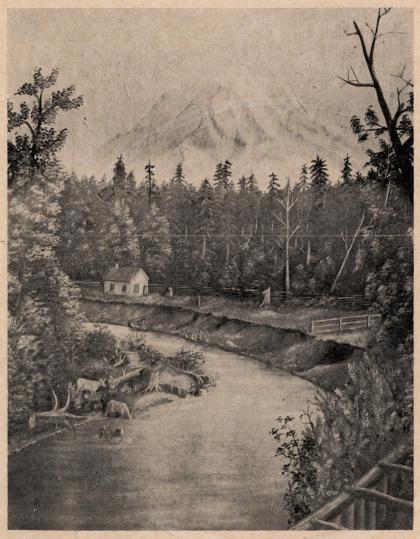
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TWO GREAT FINDS!

The Purrington Log and The Downing Sketchbook

Captain James Purrington, master of the whaling ship "Frances", out of New Bedford, followed the track of Moby Dick around the watery globe just one year after young Herman Melville, and for many years thereafter. The 1840's were years in which New England whaling fleets fanned out over many of the oceans of the world, visiting the Arctic, the South Seas, and the water off the Japanese islands.

This beautiful log, once copied for our archives, is now here on (we hope) permanent deposit. Purrington not only recorded the ship's voyages in characteristic 19th century prose, he also illustrated the log with pen and colored ink sketches of the whales, ships, islands and sea chases encountered by the Frances. This is a treasure to all who dig into maritime history. A friend of James Swan, Purrington's log reputedly contains a sketch of a garden in St. Helens, Oregon, drawn by Swan!

The sketchbook of Alfred Downing, artist-surveyor to four of the great expeditions in the second opening of the West, is a treasure of a different sort. Downing sketched and painted scenes from the U.S. Northern Boundary Survey (Dakotas, Idaho); the Wheeler Exploring Expedition (Utah, Arizona, Montana); the Upper Columbia Expedition (under Lt. Thomas Symons); and the survey between Fort Colville to Fort Hope, British Columbia. In addition, he recorded his travels into the northern Cascades under several commands from the Department of the Columbia. The sketchbook contains 144 original items. American Heritage will publish an article and several sketches from the Downing collection in an upcoming issue. This sketchbook came to us from Downing's granddaughter, Miss Inez Downing, of Seattle.

Northwest History in Art: 1778-1963

In April, at the time of the Pacific Northwest History Conference, a great show of the historic art of the Pacific Northwest was opened to the public. A total of 104 paintings, sketches and drawings by some of the finest artists of the West was assembled from many sources for the first time. The list included such greats as Gustavus Sohon, James Alden, John Webber, James G. Swan, Cleveland Rockwell, Sanford Gifford and many others. Beginning with Webber's classic drawings of the expedition of Captain James Cook to the Northwest Coast in 1778, the show carried down to 1963, with such modern names as J. K. Ralston and Kenn Johnson.

The catalogue issued for the show is Pacific Northwest History Pamphlet Number 3 and is currently available. Lavishly illustrated, it gives a running account of our regional history through the eyes of some of the Northwest's greatest artists. Send for your copy before it is too late!

While on the subject of regional art, if you live in the vicinity of Spokane drop by the Society museum to see the fine show assembled by Eastern Washington Historical Society and Montana Historial Society. The collection of Dr. and Mrs. Franz Stenzel, from which four paintings were drawn for our show, furnished the 75 beautiful items on display at Helena and Spokane. The Spokane show remains through September. Dick Conn, Mike Kennedy and the Stenzels are to be congratulated for this contribution to regional history. A catalogue of that show is also available from the Eastern Washington Historical Society in Spokane.

NORTHWEST HISTORY IN ART brought several marvelous additions to our permanent collections in Tacoma. The Washington State Historical Society is building its art holdings and welcomes your help in locating available paintings, drawings or sketches where Pacific Northwest history is the subject portrayed.

Cartography of the Pacific Northwest: 1511-1865

A collection of 56 rare historical maps depicting man's slowly growing knowledge of the globe on which he lives, from early Ptolemeic concepts of a flat earth through progressively more accurate conceptions of the western continents, is currently on display in our top floor gallery.

The maps, which range from "the world," a 1511 version, to Washington as a new division of Oregon Territory, vividly reflect the discoveries and observations—sometimes ludicrous to us now—of sixteenth through nineteenth century explorers. Every new voyage to the Americas brought to Europe a fresh picture of that far-off "nondum cognita" land and that vision of the new world found its artistic expression in the maps of Spain, England, France, and Germany. The whole story of man's ideas over five centuries about the western hemisphere are there for the perceptive observer to wonder at.

The collection, on exhibit until October 1, is on loan from Edward W. Allen, a Seattle attorney, author, and member of the Society's board of curators. Gallery visitors may receive a handsome catalogue of the map show, with notes and comments by Robert Hitchman.

A catalogue of this fine show is currently available. Send for one!

ART CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Maps of the Pacific Northwest: 1511-1865

(The Edward W. Allen Collection)

OCTOBER

Alaska in Art and History

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Oils and Watercolors

Kenn Johnson

COLONEL HOOKER

Correspondence covering the development and use of lethal chemical weapons during the two world wars has been given the museum by Colonel Albert H. Hooker, former Tacoma Councilman and retired officer of the Hooker Chemical Corporation.

Colonel Hooker, whom Congress awarded the Purple Heart, served in the gas warfare division of the Army during World War I and returned to active duty as a consultant to the chiefs of European war industries during World War II. Among the thousands of papers, letters, telegrams, documents and military memoranda are secret manuals of strategic army policy concerning the western European front, 1942-45.

The collection includes letters from Hooker to his family in Tacoma which give a first-hand account of London and the English during Hitler's blitzkrieg. Letters from the Hooker family in Tacoma and from their McKenna farm, in their less dramatic context, give an equally vivid picture of what Americans in the Northwest were doing to fight the war on the home front.

WILLIAM H. WALLACE Territorial Governor

Personal papers, correspondence, and photographs of William H. Wallace, fourth Governor of Washington Territory and later its representative in Congress, have just been given to the museum library by Wilber Wallace, grandson of the former Governor.

Abraham Lincoln appointed Wallace Governor of Washington Territory in 1861, thus making him the first resident of the Territory and also the first Republican to hold that office. Soon after his appointment, however, Wallace resigned in order to accept the nomination for delegate to Congress. He had scarcely been elected national representative, when, in 1863, President Lincoln appointed him the first Governor of the newly-created Idaho Territory. But again Wallace gave up the governorship and was elected Idaho's first delegate to Congress.

After serving a term in the nation's capital, Wallace returned to his home in Steilacoom, where he was elected probate judge of Pierce County. He held that post until his death, February 7, 1879.

The library is particularly happy to receive the Wallace papers, which are of distinct historical value in that they help to illuminate both the public and private life of one of Washington Territory's important but little-known statesmen. The documents include a certificate for W. H. Wallace to practice law, dated 1840, correspondence covering the years 1854 to 1876, and former Governor's estate probate of 1880. This material is especially important to the history of the Steilacoom area, where Wallace lived and is buried.

Welcome to . . .

New Members of the Board of Curators

Since last News Notes three new members have joined the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society. They are Mr. Edward W. Allen, Mr. Nard Jones, and Mr. C. H. Kreienbaum.

Mr. Allen, a Seattle attorney, author and collector, was for some time chairman of the International Fisheries Commission. His great collection of maps of the Pacific Northwest furnished the examples presently on display in our gallery. (see the story on Historic Map Show.)

Nard Jones, chief editorial writer for the Seattle Post Intelligencer, is an author of note. His newspaper articles, books and radio talks all reflect an interest in regional history which is wide and deep. Such a book as his The Great Command, the story of the Whitmans, has achieved the status of regional classic. Mr. Jones lives in Bellevue.

Chris Kreienbaum, retired President of the Simpson Timber Company, has pursued the subject of northwest history for many years through his participation in the Mason County Historical Society and his stimulation of historical projects through the Simpson complex. He is a resident of Union, on Hood Canal.

These three new members will bring enthusiasm and knowledge to the expanding programs of your state historical society.

CENSUS RECORDS

Local historians will be happy to learn that the library has begun a long-term project of making information in the Washington State census records more easily available to scholars.

For example, we have recently acquired a new edition of the 1850 census, prepared and indexed by the Oregon State Library. This was the first census taken north of the Columbia and was made while Washington was still a part of Oregon Territory.

Immediately after Washington became a separate political entity, in 1853, President Franklin Pierce authorized J. Patton Anderson, Washington's first U.S. Marshal, to make a new record of the population. Unfortunately Anderson's findings are lost. The National Archives can find no trace of them, and although the Olympia newspapers published the population totals, all individual names and statistics have disappeared into the limbo of history.

However, before the next official census in 1860, various Washington counties took local censuses for tax purposes. The records for Pierce County in 1854 were mimeographed by the Fern Hill Historical Society, and copies are currently on sale at the Museum counter for \$2.50 each. Because these county reports were often kept in the homes of the census takers, and not in government offices, there lingers a hope that more records will be discovered and salvaged for the state archives.

Another addition to the library which will make research easier for scholars is an index of the 1860 census, prepared by the Seattle DAR, and which has been ordered for our files from the University of Washington. Another valuable find is the original manuscript of the 1860 Pierce County census, given us by Mr. Russel S. Athow of Tacoma.

As yet we have no index to the 1870 census, but we are cooperating with the Seattle Public Library in compiling one.

By 1880 Washington's population had increased to the extent that three large rolls of microfilm were required to hold the statistics. Naturally this bulk has made indexing a formidable task, but the U.S. Department of Commerce has drawn up a skeleton index which allows the Personal Census

Service Branch at Pittsburgh, Kansas, to search the records on request.

The 1890 census met the same fate as that of 1853. Records for the entire nation were destroyed by fire early in the 1900's. Since 1900 the Federal Government has further complicated the task of the historian by keeping all census information on individual citizens strictly confidential. Only the person concerned, or properly authorized relatives, can acquire copies of the records.

Local Historical Societies

Cowlitz County Historical Society

The Cowlitz County Historical Society continues an admirable work in publishing their Historical Quarterly. Under the editorship of Curtis Gardner of Woodland, this magazine offers a variety of lively articles ranging from the geological and legendary history of Mount Saint Helens to reminiscenses of early Washington settlers, such as Royal Smith and William and Ella Beck.

The Cowlitz Society's accomplishments for the past year include the reconstruction of a pioneer cabin, authentically furnished, which was on exhibit to visitors at the 1962 Columbian Fair. The Society has also acquired 7,274 new antiques and artifacts for its third floor museum in the Cowlitz Courthouse Annex in Kelso.

Officers elected for 1963 are Mr. Stuart Bush, of Castle Rock, president; Mr. Ralph Taylor of Longview, vice president; Mrs. Joseph G. Hoffer of Longview, secretary; and Dr. William Blackstone, also of Longview, treasurer.

Jefferson County Historical Society

Among the year's public events at the Jefferson County Historical Society was the acquisition of a Makah sea-going canoe for permanent exhibition and a talk given by Captain V. P. Rasmussen, who recalled his experiences in the days of sailing ships under his father, and the changes which have overtaken the sea-faring life as sail gave way to steam, diesel, and now atomic propulsion.

During the eleven months that the museum has been open to the public at least 4,869 persons from forty-three states and fourteen foreign countries have visited it. During the Rhododendron Festival in May, Governor Rosellini became the first Governor of Washington to tour the museum.

Last December 17 the following officers were elected to serve during 1963: Miss Sally Hill, president; Arthur Einarsen, vice president; Miss Jeanette Rutledge, secretary, and Daniel H. Hill, treasurer.

Chelan County Historical Society

The Chelan County Historical Society reports that work continues on a new wing of its museum building in Cashmere. The addition will be the same size as the main part of the original structure, 32 feet wide by 72 feet long, two stories and of fireproof construction throughout.

The wing is being added because the available display and storage space is inadequate for the material already owned by the Society, and several new collections have been offered when display space is available. Construction will progress as fast as finances and volunteer help are available.

Last season the museum attracted 15,000 visitors, many of whom came to inspect the second annual Regional Art Exhibit in May and Ernest Tonk's exhibit "Scenes of the Old West" in July and August.

New officers elected for the coming year are: Robert E. Eddy, president; Dr. Russell Congdon, vice president; John McDonald, secretary-treasurer. Other trustees are Jim Wilson and Les Jarvis. Advisor on Art is Ernest Caviness.

More Early Steilacoom History

Harriet Baker Dodge, of Steilacoom City, has made many contributions of lasting value to the history of Steilacoom and surrounding areas.

Mrs. Dodge's latest achievement is the history of the Steilacoom Masonic Cemetery. In this historic spot rest some of the most famous names in Washington history. Another of Mrs. Dodge's contributions was the salvage and microfilming of the early records of Steilacoom, the first capital of Washington Territory. Microfilm and copies of these two works have been placed in the Library of the Washington State Historical Society, as well as in other regional depositories. Our thanks and appreciation for the dedicated labors of one of Steilacoom's prime historians.

ROCKHOUNDS

One of the museum's most striking permanent displays is the rock and mineral exhibit, sponsored by the All Rockhounds Pow Wow Club of America, Inc. The most unusual feature of the display is the fluorescent rock show, which visitors observe in total darkness while the various jades, opals, agates, corals, fluorites, and uranium bearing ores glow in a multitude of colors. An automatic tape-recorded lecture accompanies the visual effects.

C. H. Robinson, Jr., chairman of the Rockhound Club and Society Director Emeritus Chapin D. Foster, in cooperation with the Society's board of curators, planned the exhibit several years ago. The first display cases containing rocks and minerals native to Washington State were dedicated in the museum in October, 1955. The fluorescent show was added later.

Besides the cases displaying Washington lead, zinc, coal, quartz, gold, and fossils, there are glass counters containing sequoia wood with gold-inclusions from Alaska, faceted sapphire from Brazil, agatized limb casts from central Oregon, eclenite crystals from Arizona, and a host of other fine mineral specimens.

New finds by the Rockhounds are continually being added to the exhibit, so this fascinating collection continues to grow. Mr. Robinson, originator and designer of the display, informs us that membership in the Pow Wow Club is still open and incipient rockhounds are invited to join.

NEW MEMBERS

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LIST OF NEW ACCESSIONS

Folders with letters pertaining to historical material belonging to T. C. Elliot-Miss Dorothy Elliot, Walla Walla.

Clipping, photo, copy of letter written by G. W. Slean-Mrs. H. R. Ryan, Sumner.

Tools, blocksmith's hand forged.-Mr. David Lewis, Bellevue.

Etching of large trees by H. A. Loggie. -Mr. Henry Jukes, Bellingham.

Scrapbook of the Barlow and La Du material.—Mrs. Mildred McIlwraith.

Log branding irons from tree farm. -Mr. Charles O. Tullock, Pysht.

Long branding hammer (possibly old Polson tool). - Mr. J. K. Lewis, Hoquiam.

Watercolor of Robbeson Sawmill (first in Olympia).—Weyerhaeuser Co.

Civil War Maps, recruiting posters, deserter list.—Col. Gordon MacKenzie.

12 paintings done by Thomas Nicholl.— Mrs. William B. Nicholl.

Japanese outdoor cement lantern.-Mrs. Frank Coonan.

Photographs, booklets, banners, certificate, clothing (Tacoma Volunteer Fire Department) 1874-1901.-Mr. Alvin A. La-Belle, Depoe Bay.

15 copies (assorted years) Washington State Federation of Labor.—Labor Temple.

8 Biographies of pioneers.—Mrs. John Olson, Seattle.

Booklets and film. - Mr. Al Moltke, Wenatchee.

Sketches, scrapbook, albums, letters and books. - Mrs. William B. Nicholl.

Snowden, "History of Washington", legal papers.—Mr. Don Allen.

4 Stamp Albums. - Dr. Arthur Cory, Chehalis.

Tacoma Telephone Directory, 1884. — Mr. John Benfield.

Telescope. — Mr. Eugene Munson, Vancouver.

Journal, Pierce County, W.T., 1875, Geo. Kandle, auditor.—St. Patrick's School.

Photographs.-Mr. Norman E. Goodwin.

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President Kennedy in Tacoma, Sept. 27, 1963.—Bob Rudsit, Tacoma News Tribune

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John F. Kennedy Memorial Exhibit

The President fell to an assassin's bullet just 116 years from the November when Dr. Marcus Whitman and his wife Narcissa were massacred at Waiilatpu. Marcus Whitman, too, was dynamic, dedicated, and 46 years old. He said, "My plans require time and distance."

Our memorial exhibit contains manuscripts, pictures, recordings, medals, scrapbooks, and books of, by and about John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Just two months before his death President Kennedy visited Tacoma. Here, at Cheney Stadium, he addressed a joint convocation of the students of Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Puget Sound. The public came too. That day I took my boy out of school and together we went to the stadium so that the 9 year old could hear the President, his first "in person". The day was beautiful, a golden autumn day. It must have been a marvelous flight to Tacoma for the President, with Mount Rainier and other peaks standing bold against the sky, then the blue of Commencement Bay sparkling below. Bands played, people sang, and when the fleet of helicopters appeared over the hill a mighty cheer began which lasted until the President was seated on the speakers' stand.

Mr. Kennedy tossed his prepared address away. His speech was directed to the thousands of students present. It was an eloquent plea for the importance of education to all Americans in a troubled world. After he finished he left the stand and plunged happily into the surging crowds, shaking hands and smiling, greeting all comers. It was a characteristic gesture, out-distancing the official protectors.

In our exhibit are many fine pictures taken by Bob Rudsit, of the *Tacoma News Tribune*. Some now seem prophetic. A copy of the unused address, a press handout, shares space with a tape of the speech he actually gave. The display, in three large cases, begins with the campaign speeches of 1960, then the official Inaugural program, medal and address. Speeches, programs and pictures of his 1961 trip to Europe, picked up when I covered his conferences with General DeGaulle and Prime Minister Mac-

millan, are there. One signed note from Dean Rusk to President Kennedy resulted from a press conference in Paris the day before flying to Vienna for his only meeting with Premier Khrushchev.

There is more, a significant part of the Presidential Collection of the Washington State Historical Society which contains original material from all but three administrations since George Washington. The John F. Kennedy Collection is just a partial record for citizens of our state of a dynamic leader whose plans, like Marcus Whitman's, required "time and distance". We hope to add to it in the years ahead, our small assurance that the trail he blazed across American skies will not be forgotten.

-BRUCE LE ROY

Pacific Northwest History Conference

April 10-11 are the dates for the next Pacific Northwest History Conference for which the Washington State Historical Soicety is permanent sponsor. Western Washington College, at Bellingham, will be official host this year, and Dr. Keith A. Murray, Chairman of the Department of History, of Western Washington College, is Chairman of the Conference.

Conference themes are two: the Archival Resources of the Pacific Northwest, and Diplomatic History of the Pacific Northwest. Outstanding authorities already committed as speakers include Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, of Ottawa, Dominion Archivist of Canada; Elmer Lingard, Chief of the Federal Records Center of the National Archives, in Seattle; Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Supervisor of Collections at the University of British Columbia (speaking on the famed Howay-Reid Collection at UBC); Miss Elizabeth Walker, Vancouver Public Library; Dean Van Cleve, College of Fisheries, University of Washington; Dr. Verne Carstensen, University of Wisconsin. Others will be announced later.

The Council on Regional Research in Progress will meet on Saturday morning, April 11th. Dr. Robert Whitner will chair that program.

The Pacific Northwest Museum Conference, under chairmanship of Jerry Swinney, director of the Idaho Historical So-

ciety and "father" of the conference, will meet in Vancouver, British Columbia, on April 9th, the day preceding the history conference. Vancouver has many rich museum resources and this conference promises to be a rewarding experience for all who attend. Since Vancouver is only about a 90 minute drive from Bellingham it is hoped that many will be able to attend both conferences this year.

New Planning Committee

President Reno Odlin has appointed a new Planning Committee, consisting of the heads of all other committees from the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society.

Under the chairmanship of Vice-President Roe Shaub the committee has met twice. Plans for Society growth are under consideration. Foremost for discussion is the projected new wing for the museum which will house an expanded library, conference rooms and offices. Increase of membership, special public programs, expanded services for local and county historical societies, the publications program, are a few of the challenges being considered. We need your help to achieve these goals.

The committee will meet every two months. A report will be made at the Annual Meeting in April.

New Board Members

The Board of Curators will be greatly strengthened by the addition of Dr. Charles E. Odegaard and Mr. Joseph Drumheller.

Dr. Odegaard, president of the University of Washington since 1958, is a historian of national reputation. A member of many distinguished boards and commissions, he was at one time executive director of the American Council of Learned Societies (1948-1952), and author, among other things, of Fideles and Vassi in the Carolingian Empire.

Mr. Drumheller, a member of a distinguished pioneer family of eastern Washington, lives in Spokane. A chemical engineer, Mr. Drumheller has served on many state-wide civic boards. He is a Regent of the University of Washington.

We welcome these distinguished gentlemen to service with the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society.

Pirate Treasure Chest!

The ghosts of Sir Francis Drake, Henry Morgan and Jean LaFitte stalk the Museum this month! The colorful freebooters who chased the Manila Galleon out of Acapulco or ranged the Spanish Main in search of Spanish treasure ships left legacy now on display on the main floor. A 16th Century treasure chest, replete with fake locks, secret locks, an enormous key and a copper lining, is exhibited for wide-eyed youngsters of all ages.

Kenn Johnson, exhibit planner and artist, has copied an old treasure map and filled the chest with simulated gold, pieces-of-eight, and dazzling jewels. The map seems to point toward a secret cache somewhere on Brown's Point. Beside the chest is displayed a facsimile of the Brass Plate left by Sir Francis Drake when he ranged the Pacific Coast in 1579 and claimed "New Albion" for Queen Elizabeth I. John Gipple has built a strong barricade between treasure and hungry hands.

The Treasure Chest has its counterpart on display in the British Museum and one in a private collection in Florida. Ours was acquired many years ago from an antique dealer in New Orleans by Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Todd who have now presented it to the Washington State Historical Society.

Charles M. Gates Memorial Award

Purpose: The Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society has established the Charles M. Gates Memorial Award which is designed to promote research and the production of scholarly articles for publication in Pacific Northwest Quarterly. It is intended that the award will serve to carry on in a small measure the efforts of Dr. Gates to encourage under-graduate and graduate students and amateur historians in this field.

AWARD: A prize of a \$100 savings bond and a suitably worded Certificate of Award will be presented to the author of the most outstanding article published in the Quarterly each year and written by a qualified contributor.

Rules: The prize article will be selected by a panel of three judges to be named by the President of the Washington State Historical Society. All contributions to the Quarterly will be eligible for the award except:

- 1. Members of the editorial board of the publication.
- 2. Employees of the Washington State Historical Society.
- Members of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society.
- 4. Full professors on the staff of any college or university.
- Individuals holding a degree of doctor of philosophy or its equivalent.

The award committee will be authorized to withhold the award in any year if eligible articles do not, in its judgment, merit prize consideration.

CRITERIA: Criteria for selection will include originality, value, breadth and interest of contribution, quality of research, material and methods, literary style, and presentation.

Announcement of awards will be made at the annual meetings of the Society, if possible.

LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Island County Historical Society

According to Evelyn Johnson, the main project for the historical society is the preservation of the Coupeville Blockhouse. The society donated \$100 to its purchase when the owner decided to sell. A small building donated by the telephone company is being used as a museum and was opened last May. Sale of *The History of Whidbey's Island*, by George A. Kellogg, continues to furnish income for the society for its general program.

White River Valley Historical Society

This comparatively new society encompasses the southern area of King County. Meetings are held every two months, alternately in Kent and Auburn. The new president is Joseph Koch, of Auburn. Plans for a publication and a study of a museum possibility are being carried forward.

Jefferson County Historical Society

New officers elected for 1964 are: Arthur Einarsen, president; Ruth Sarchet, vicepresident; Miss J. W. Rutledge, escretary; D. H. Hill, treasurer. Speakers in recent months include Robert Hitchman, on the Collins Overland Telegraph, and the Reverend Andrew M. Prouty, on historic firearms. At the Annual Meeting, in November, it was reported that the museum has received more than 300 gifts in the past year. The museum is open five days a week from May through September. During the other eight months it is open Saturdays and Sundays only.

Douglas County Historical Society

C. A. Wilson is the new president of the society. The museum continues to augment its outstanding collections of rocks, including the return of the Waterville Meteorite which had been out of the area for many years. The museum is open from June through September and opens on request other times of the year.

Mason County Historical Society

Mr. P. B. Murphy reports that Dr. B. B. Thomas is new president of the historical society. Dr. Thomas is a resident of Shelton.

On January 5th society members made a field trip to Grapeview to see the maritime collections of William Somers.

Cowlitz County Historical Society

Officers for 1964 are: Ralph G. Taylor, Longview, President; Dr. J. E. Payne, Longview, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph G. Hoffer, Longview, secretary; Mrs. C. B. Shirer, Kelso, treasurer.

Successful projects for the past year included furnishing the Pioneer Cabin at the Fairgrounds; new display of the Amy Scott Doll Collection, with an Open House being held at its unveiling at the museum on September 18th. Continued publication of the Cowlitz County Historical Quarterly brought a substantial increase in membership and subscribers.

Seattle Historical Society

All records were broken for attendance at the annual "Christmas Around the World" show in December when 30,026 people visited the Museum of History and Industry.

A contrasting display opened with "The Farm and Dairy" exhibit on January 5th. Items include oldtime churns, separators, milk house and farm kitchen equipment. A cider press on display was brought around Cape Horn by ship for the farm of Arthur Denny, one of Seattle's founders and whose

grandson, Victor Denny, is currently President of the Seattle Historical Society.

Fort Vancouver Historical Society

A museum co-sponsored by Clark County and the historical society is expected to open soon in the old library building on Main Street, Vancouver. General Owen Summers is chairman of the museum fund drive.

Scheduled events include a boat trip up the Willamette River to Champoeg State Park in July and a salmon barbecue in August. Announcement will be made later of the formal opening of the museum.

Early Missions of the Pacific Northwest

Visiting researchers are finding the new acquisitions of manuscripts related to early mission history in this region to be of inestimable value. The papers of Edwin Eells contain hundreds of letters and journals which throw new light on the work of the Eells family—Cushing, Myra, Myron and Edwin. His period of service with the Indian agency at Skokomish is covered in several of the agency journals.. One long narrative details Edwin's service as a registrar for the federal government in the Walla Walla area. This work involved the location and registration of draft-eligible men for Civil War duty. Wives and sweethearts protected their loved ones from the long arm of the law, even occasionally dousing the visiting Eells with scalding water!

The papers of Henry Brewer contain letters to and from Marcus Whitman, Jason Lee, the Eells, Spaldings, Walkers and other early missionaries in the Pacific Northwest. The Society had a substantial Brewer collection which it received from the Reverend John Canse. This was augmented some time ago by an additional deposit from the University of Puget Sound, arranged with the far-sighted assistance of President R. Franklin Thompson, a devoted member of our Board of Curators.

Recently, a diary kept by Narcissa Whitman, covering her transcontinental journey from the time she crossed the Rockies to her stay at Fort Vancouver, was identified as an original. The other two Whitman diaries are at Whitman College and the Bancroft Library in Berkeley.

New Civil War

Two and a half years of Civil War campaigns, life in camp and field, are presented in the records of the 14th Maine Volunteers. Colonel John K. Laing, commanding officer of the volunteers, aware of the historical importance of his wartime experiences, saved the official journals, muster rolls, clothing, rations, chits for field provisions, records of courts martial, and letters of the regiment he commanded. Since his unit fought through the Shenandoah Campaign, through Tennessee, and occupied New Orleans, these records provide a fascinating sweep of significant Civil War history.

The court martial records are filled with humorous and tragic incidents of army life. Several soldiers, sentenced to death by army courts, were reprieved and returned to duty by order of President Abraham Lincoln. One enterprising private, knowing that a bounty was awarded upon enlistment, volunteered his service to five different units in eight days. Sentenced to death for desertion, his Commander-in-Chief countermanded the order and directed that the young entrepreneur be given three months of hard labor and returned to duty.

Following his Civil War service, Colonel Laing migrated to Oregon. Not long after his arrival on the Pacific Coast he took an appointment as Deputy Collector of Customs at Sitka, Alaska. The Laing Collection includes letters from this period, too.

Speaking of Civil War records, Mrs. Cherie Bowen, a library volunteer, has compiled a check-list of the Civil War manuscripts in the collections of the Washington State Historical Society. The Society hopes to publish and distribute this list as a contribution to the Washington observance of the Civil War Centennial.

More Labor History

The history of the early labor movement in the Pacific Northwest, given such impetus by the work of the late Ralph Chaplin, continues to grow in the archives of the Washington State Historical Society. The latest addition came through the help of Mrs. Ottilie Markholt, a friend of Chaplin who has been of considerable assistance to

the Society. She was responsible earlier for the acquisition of the Harold Slater papers, thirty years of records related to unions in northwestern lumbering activities. The new collection is the outgrowth of a research project Mrs. Markholt is presently engaged in, the history of the Sailors Union of the Pacific. Minute books, pamphlets early and rare, letters, newspapers, pictures and cartoons, are included.

Several books have come out of previous collections of the Society. The Ralph Chaplin papers alone have furnished material for master's theses and doctoral dissertations on several occasions. The IWW files in the Chaplin Collection were of great help to board member, John M. McClelland, Jr., who has completed a book soon to be published. Louisiana State University sent another researcher who concentrated upon Chaplin's public speeches, etc. A young man now teaching in a Maine college styled the early IWW materials as "the richest he has discovered in work across the United States". His book, too, is based on these

Early labor sheet music is another colorful recent addition to this fast-growing collection. The controversies of times long past furnished much for the historian of today. One of the songs is entitled "Black November", a salute to Joe Hill and other labor martyrs.

A Treasured Fan Letter

"I liked the exhibits of the rocks the most, my brother has a rock collection too. And if ever I have time to go again will spend most of our time there because my father and my brother think that the only thing in the world is rocks and minerlys and things like that. And I and my mother think that the rocks are very pretty. When they are shind.

"I thought that it wasn't very nice for the visiteres to wright on the walls of the one room school house. (Ed's note: the graffiti there is nearly 100 years old and put there by ancient classes!) I thought the one room school house was one of the best exhibites there. I don't think that it was very nice. Do you? I don't think they wound like it if someone wound go and wright all over their school.

I didn't like the one wher the cougar

jumped on the deers back. I thought it was growsome. The wheel was offal big that was on the bycsiel and the back wheel was very small and I see the way the grown-ups ride them. The childern could not get up there

If I had to be piannear and chose to go move in a covered waggon like that one in the muzzeam or stay at home I would stay at home. But they had to. I'm sherr glad I didn't live in the olden days. The mounted bufflo in the basement is big and ruf and very fury looking. Wasn't he?

Sincerely,

Mary Lou

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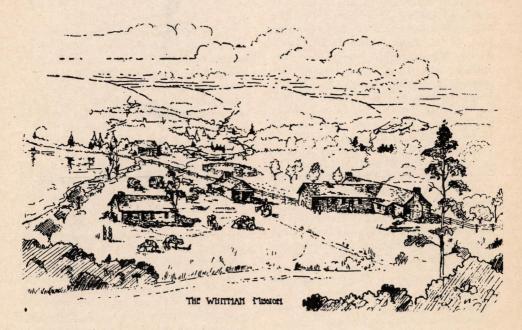
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The Journal of Narcissa Whitman

"Vancouver, Oct. 20th, 1836

"Dearest Parents, I have been able to write something of a journal from Rendezvous here, did not expect to be able to copy it, but as I have been situated for a few weeks past, have taken time to copy it and as it requires several sheets, have put it in this form as being the most compact for sending. It must answer for all in the room of letters, for I have not time to say more

"Your affectionate daughter, "Narcissa Whitman"

So begins one of the most momentous documents of western history, written by one of the first two white women to cross the Rocky Mountains. Narcissa's journal, identified by Dr. Clifford Merrill Drury, biographer of the Whitmans, and based upon comparison with two other copies of the journal now at the Bancroft Library and Whitman College, is the original first draft which was made from field notes Mrs. Whitman made along the trail. The journal was placed in the archives of the Washington State Historical Society on June 9th, 1964, by Mrs. Ginera Whitman Lutz, a descendant of Marcus Whitman's brother. It was accepted for the Society by Vice President Roe E. Shaub and Board Member Dr. R. Franklin Thompson.

The subject of long speculation—where are the original field notes for the journal has also been cleared up. They are in the possession of Mrs. Lutz who is at work on a book about the Whitmans. It is our hope that the field notes will be placed with the Journal when her task is completed. Dr. Drury, too, is at work on a revision of his biography, and will cite the newly identified Journal therein. To such dedicated people as Mrs. Lutz and Dr. Drury the task of safeguarding and compiling the history of the Pacific Northwest owes much. Our Society expresses its deepest appreciation to all who participated in this milestone in our history.

"One of the axle trees of the wagon broke today", Narcissa wrote from what is now southern Idaho, as the party was nearing the end of the epic journey, "Was a little rejoiced, for we were in hopes they would leave it and have no more trouble with it. Our rejoicing was in vain however for they are making a cart of the hind wheels this afternoon and lashing the forward wheels to it, intending to take it through in some shape or other. They are so resolute and untiring in their efforts they will probably succeed."

And succeed they did! For, though a few short years after, when Marcus and Narcissa Whitman lay martyred at Waiilatpu mission, the dream they had launched had become one and inseparable with the American Dream which brought thousands over the rugged trail they had pioneered.

NEW FORESHADOW

The bulletin of the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress has just made its annual appearance. Professor Frank Haines, of Southern Oregon College, Ashland, is editing the bulletin and doing a superb job. For you who do not know about Foreshadow, it is a compilation of the research projects in Pacific Northwest history which are in progress at present. Names of the researchers and their addresses are listed along with a description of their projects. Anyone who is interested in having his or her project publicized is welcome to write either to Prof. Haines or to the director of the Washington State Historical Society. Thus, you "stake out your claim" and, most frequently, will hear from all interested parties who contribute information of value to your work. We have a limited number of the issue for distribution to the first people to request copies. Back copies are at a premium, so better get on our mailing list!

Saga of Murray Morgan

One of the west's prime writer-historians is embarked on a fascinating cruise. Murray Morgan, speaker for our Annual Meeting in April, sailed from Hoquiam in early July on a Yugoslav freighter which will take him, his wife Rosa and daughter Lane, to Genoa, ports of the Mediterranean finally to Yugoslavia. There the intrepid explorers pick up a foldboat for the long paddle down the Danube. Murray's account of the trip is being carried in the Seattle Post Intelligencer at present.

What has this to do with northwest history? In the six weeks it takes to reach Yugoslavia Murray is hard at work on a history of Tacoma! This book has been brewing for a long time and bids fair to rival his classic SKID ROAD, the informal history of Seattle. Your state historical society is providing most of the basic source material which the noted author draws upon. Interesting note: since the Morgans sailed away some fascinating, little-known Tacoma history has come to light which will add some colorful paragraphs to the final story. It has to do with lost treasure in Puget Sound! (Ed. note: what we do for history! While Murray is away we promised to feed his racehorse, goldfish and Siamese cat!).

Leschi Marker Dedicated

In April, a great stone was erected to the memory of Chief Leschi, leader of the Nisqually tribe, at Thunderbird Center on Steilacoom Boulevard near Tacoma.

The Pierce County Pioneer and Historical Association, led by energetic President Leland Athow and the encouragement of the Washington State Historical Society, placed the marker. Participating in the ceremony were Della Gould Emmons, Tacoma author and a member of our Board of Curators, whose book on Leschi has just been selected for a first place award by the National League of American Pen Women; descendants of Chief Leschi; Bruce Le Roy, who spoke about Ralph Chaplin's work on Leschi, ONLY THE DRUMS REMEMBERED; and members of the state historical society and the Pierce County society.

The inscription reads "Martyr to the vengeance of the unforgiving white man". Leschi was hanged on February 19, 1858, 300 yards from the spot where the marker now stands. His two trials were the beginning of a long and bitter controversy. Today, most historians agree that the great chief was innocent of the crime for which he was sentenced to die. Thus does extremity in the cause of "freedom" take its ghastly toll. One hundred and six years later the record was set straight by the descendants of pioneers, white and red, from both sides of the battle.

Chapin Foster Honored

The most unretired historical director in the country may be our Director Emeritus, Chapin D. Foster. Since his "retirement" as Director of the Washington State Historical Society and Museum in January, 1959, he has added one laurel after another to a lifetime of accomplishment.

Right now he is editing and organizing a drive to support the publication of the history of the Methodist Church in the Pacific Northwest. He has spoken to many service organizations about the need for historical conservation, traveled in many countries to bring back reports of American achievement abroad, written letters by the thousand.

The latest honor to come his way was a presentation to him and Mary of a handsome portrait, painted by an inmate, Joe Bruno, of McNeill Island Federal Penitentiary. The reason? His work for the Self Improvement Group at the federal penitentiary and the successful drive he engineered to build a chapel for the prisoners.

Honored, too, in the same ceremony at McNeill Island, was the late Colonel Ross Greening, of Tacoma, who organized a similar self-improvement group in a German prisoner-of-war camp during World War II. Greening, inventor of the "two-bit bomb-sight", artist, sculptor, member of the Doolittle expedition and the great raid on Ploesti, made two daring escapes — one from China, one in Italy. The Greening paintings, aerial combat and portraits, are a prized collection of the Washington State Historical Society. (See News Notes—Vol. 3, Number 4.)

Congratulations, Chapin! Keep fighting.

Diamond Jubilee at Seattle Center

The Washington State Historical Society has a large exhibit at Seattle Center for the Summer. The display, of pioneer and Indian artifacts, rare paintings and lithographs, portrays the history and development of Washington from territory to state-hood. Other societies participating are the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society, the Seattle Historical Society, and Scandia Gaard, of Gig Harbor.

Charlie Ross, Puyallup Pioneer

Through the assistance of Mrs. Gladys Shafer, of Manchester, the papers of Charles M. Ross, pioneer settler of the Puyallup Valley, have been acquired. These papers supplement the Ezra Meeker collection and those of other early settlers in the Valley.

Charlie Ross' parents left Iowa in 1851 with an outfit consisting of three oxen, one yoke of cows, a riding horse. The wagon was a heavy "dead x" type, the bed built with high sides, turned up at the ends and made water-tight so that it could be taken off and used as a boat at river crossings. The wagon was Charlie Ross' first home. He was born at Lee's Encampment in Oregon's Blue Mountains as the train headed west. The date was September 3rd, 1851. Seventy-two years later, on the same spot, Charlie sat beside President Warren G. Harding as the monument honoring the first emigrant train over the Oregon Trail (1843) was dedicated in speech and song. In the Ross papers is a moving poem written by the old pioneer to celebrate the great day. Until his mid-nineties Mr. Ross continued to write about the history and development of the Puvallup Valley. Mrs. Shafer encouraged his project and wisely preserved their extensive correspondence.

Washington History Around The World

Few days pass without queries concerning our history coming from around the world. Last week another Filipino scholar, Mr. Bonifacio S. Salamanca, from Manila, who is working toward a doctor's degree from Yale, spent several days researching material on the Phillippine Insurrection in the James F. Smith papers. And this is a typical query from Mr. Sutpipto Rijoatmodjo, of P.O. Banjuurip, Purworedjo, Indonesia: "Dear Mr. Le Roy: I am interest to know progress and development of Washington State Historical Society because I want to study and research. I request please send me several magazines, books, annual reports of (your) collections. Thank you."

When a request like this is received from one of the firing lines where democracy is on trial we do our best to fulfill it!

Dedication at Whitman National Monument

The beautiful new visitors center at the Whitman Mission was dedicated on June 6th. National, state and local dignitaries took part in the ceremonies. The Center contains a fine series of exhibits featuring the discovery, development and destruction of the Mission by Cayuse Indians. Other cases portray the period of excavation and reconstruction under the National Park Service. Above and beyond the 20th century automation which enables the visitor to hear the narrations which are available at key sites in a tour of the Mission is the moving spirit of place which the heroic Doctor and Narcissa left as their legacy to America.

James Wickersham's Scrapbook

In an inventory of the large scrapbook collection of the library recently another marvellous "find" was made. James Wickersham, a founding member of our Society in 1891, was City Attorney for Tacoma during the 1890's. During that time he gave a scrapbook to the Society which contained letters, maps, plats, pamphlets, notes. These had to do with Indian titles to much of the area where Tacoma now stands. Included in the papers was a handwritten map showing the location of the Puyallup Reservation in 1856, apparently drawn by George Gibbs (though not signed by Gibbs, it is similar in all respects to two other maps he drew at the same time which are in our collections) and signed, with notes, by first territorial governor, Isaac I. Stevens. The map shows the Puvallup Reservation as it was immediately after the treaty of Medicine Creek went into effect at the end of the Indian Wars on Puget Sound. It also indicates where several white squatters had filed claims to Indian lands on the Tacoma tideflats before the treaty was signed.

An interesting twist — Judge Wickersham, the impassioned defender of Indian rights who upheld the reputation of Chief Leschi in a heated battle with historian Elwood Evans, was in this case representing the rights of the white settlers. His oppo-

nent in the long-drawn battle through Congress and the courts was Edwin Eells, Indian agent, whose papers are also in our collections. Wickersham's scrapbook revealed that Peter Stanup, a Puyallup Indian, "one of the brightest and best educated Indians in this state", was nominated for governor at the Republican Convention in 1890 — first after Washington Territory achieved statehood. He did not win the nomination.

Local Historical Societies

Lewis County Organizes

In May, following a series of county-wide discussions, the Lewis County Historical Society was organized in Centralia. The organization session was chaired by Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen. A charter group of 31 persons issued an invitation to all interested people to join with them in helping to foster local initiative in preserving the heritage of the pioneers.

Suggestions included the renovation of Fort Borst Blockhouse and its dedication, plus development of a museum at the Joseph Borst pioneer farm. Lewis County pioneer artifacts will be displayed by the group at the 1964 Southwest Washington Fair

Okanogan County Historical Society

Reports from President Bruce Wilson indicate that this young Society (now two years old, but thriving) is launched on a series of ambitious projects. A historical quarterly is being published, suggested sites for historical markers have been listed with some markers already built and paid for by the society, taping of pioneer narratives is under way, and an energetic membership drive is paying handsomely for time and effort.

Fort Vancouver Historical Society

President John Brougher reports that the boat trip to Champoeg Park was an outstanding success when the Society made its annual July excursion. A salmon barbecue is scheduled for August. The new museum in Vancouver, located in the old library, has been visited by throngs of enthusiastic history buffs. Other societies interested in a fine letterhead should take a look at the one adopted by Fort Vancouver Historical Society. It is taken from an original drawing of the old Hudson's Bay Company post.

A Note to Local and County Historical Societies

You all have been most cooperative in returning rosters and information to your parent Society—the Washington State Historical Society. During the coming months it is planned that the director of the state society will visit all local societies. This Spring he called on a number of the local societies in eastern Washington and those eastern Washington groups *not* yet visited will be scheduled for early Fall. Let us know the dates of your Fall meetings so that the schedule may be perfected.

A Certificate of Accreditation will be awarded to each society which fulfills the minimum obligations of the active local or county historical society. We now have 36 active groups in the state of Wasihngton, all looking to the state historical society for advice and guidance. The total membership of these societies affiliated with the state society is nearly 7,000 members! To your questions about membership in the state society: any member of a local society is entitled to associate membership in the state society upon payment of an annual \$2.00. This is not obligatory but does entitle you to receive the privileges of the state society exclusive of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly. Those desiring the Quarterly are urged to become full members. Dues for the full member remain \$4.00 a year, the lowest of any western state.

Flag Day at Fort Simcoe

A frontier army post came to stirring life on June 14th when troops from the first brigade, First Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, paraded at Fort Simcoe. The Fort Lewis band opened the ceremonies, attended by thousands of people from all over the state. Yakima Indians performed ceremonial dances. The Yakima Elks presented their traditional Flag Day ceremony. A formal retreat ended the day. Arranging what may become an annual event was a committee consisting of Joe Carson, George M. Martin, Todd Smith, John Winterringer, Lt. Col. H. E. Link, Dr. Eugene Patterson, Miss S. I. Anton, Mr. H. Dean Guie, and Mrs. Ruth Kelly.

Gannon Museum of Wagons

One of the most interesting and least heralded museums in the northwest is the Gannon family museum in Mabton. Located between Toppenish and Prosser on State Highway 3A, the museum entrance has been described as "an arresting sight, with its graceful curving driveway bordered on one side by a wagon wheel fence and on the other side by a long line of prairie schooners, looking as if they had just pulled into camp."

The Gannon museum is a family project, having been organized in 1952 when the late Louis O. Gannon and his son, Bill, began collecting wagon wheels. Wagon wheels led to wagons, wagons led to other modes of transportation, even to artifacts. Gradually, a museum was born. Then Bill Gannon took his PhD in art history from the University of Iowa, writing his thesis on the history of carriage transportation in the United States. He now receives queries from all over the United States concerning identification of horse drawn vehicles.

The Gannon Museum of Wagons is much more than the name implies. A fine collection of Indian artifacts shares space with a circus calliope, rare and unusual forms of horse drawn vehicles (fire wagons, hearses, sulkies, etc.). If you are driving through eastern Washington we warmly recommend you plan on spending a couple of hours in Mabton with the Gannons, people who are an adornment to the cultural history of the Pacific Northwest.

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