



DR. MARCUS WHITMAN
MEDICAL
MISSIONARY

Shown on the opposite side is a picture of the statue of

DR. MARCUS WHITMAN

(1802-1847)

Pioneer Physician, Missionary,
Agriculturist, Explorer, and Patriot

His service to God and country brought him the recognition of the Washington State Legislature in 1949 in its designation of him as the first of two representatives to be placed in Statuary Hall, Washington, D. C.

The statue was made by Dr. Avard Fairbanks, noted sculptor, famous for his studies of distinguished pioneers.

DR. MARCUS WHITMAN . . .

. . . was the first graduate doctor of an American medical school to practice west of the Rocky Mountains.

. . . with Mrs. Whitman (Narcissa Prentiss) established the first American home on the Pacific Coast (1836). They were the parents of the first American white girl born west of the Rocky Mountains.

. . . made one of the great rides of American history when he went 4,000 miles in the middle of winter (1842-43) from Waiilatpu to Washington, D. C., and Boston, to plead for his mission and to tell the story of the greatness of the Oregon Territory.

. . . brought the first wagon over the Rocky Mountains, and in 1843 he led a great wagon train of 600 settlers with 200 wagons and 2,000 horses and cattle to the Oregon Territory.

. . . was massacred on November 29, 1847, by an Indian's tomahawk while he was giving medical aid to those whom he came to befriend.

Whitman College, Walla Walla, and the Whitman National Monument near Walla Walla, are part of the recognition of the greatness of Marcus Whitman.

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