

L. V. McWhorter, born West Virginia. Early interested in pioneer stories of the Trans-Allegheny region, and in archaeology and ethnology of that section. Did some important research and made finds of stone implements, which gave to West Virginia historical society.

Lived a few years in Ohio and in 1903 removed with family to North Yakima, bringing herd of Devon cattle, first of kind in Yakima valley. Located not far from the state fair grounds. There became acquainted with some of the Nez Perces who were in war of 1877 (Idaho-Montana) who came to valley in hop season. Became particularly close to Yellow Wolf, who as young man, was scout and fighter in Chief Joseph's band of Nez Perces. From him over period of years collected material for his book, YELLOW WOLF, published a few years ago - an outstanding history of the Nez Perce war. (Caxton Printers, Ltd.)

Associated a lot with the Yakimas and adopted into tribe by Chief ~~Yoom-te-bee~~ Yoom-te-bee. Accompanied Yaks on hunts and visited them in homes and acquired a lot of dope on customs, beliefs, history.

In the early 1900's was instrumental in blocking an attempt to deprive them of valley lands and irrigation water rights worth millions. Did it practically singlehanded, against landgrabbers who sought congressional legislation.

His first book - Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia - a monumental work on first settling of what now West Virginia, clashes with Injuns, pioneer narratives. Out of print and rare.

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Co-author with H. D. Guie -- Adventures in Geyser Land - annotated reprint of an account of capture of Yellowstone park tourists by Nez Perces in ~~188~~ 1877.

When he was fighting to save the Yakimas' land and water rights he published an illustrated and now rare booklet - The Crime Against the Yakimas - and then a similar booklet - The Discards.

Served as Yakima county humane officer for some years. *Curator Wash. State Historical Society*

Several years ago put out another booklet - Tragedy of the Wahk-shum - with introduction by yours truly but no need to mention that. About the killing of Maj. A. J. Bolon by a band of Yakimas in the Simcoe mts., which precipitated Yakima war of 1856-58. Bolon was Indian agent and had been sent to Yakima ~~country~~ country from The Dalles, Ore., to investigate reports of killings of miners. His body never found and place of killing unknown until McWhorter visited it with an Injun who was a boy in the party of the killers.

Mc was more familiar with Yakima customs, etc., than anyone and was highly esteemed by the Injuns, also by the Nez Perces. In getting his material for YELLOW WOLF and unfinished manuscript on Nez Perce war, he made several trips to battlefields with Y. Wolf and other Injun vets.

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Hodge, Dr. Frederick Webb, ethnologist ; b, Plymouth Eng, 1864;
ed. puc. schs and ~~0000~~ Columbian (Now George Washington)
U(non-grad) D.Sc. Pomona Coll LLD U of New Mexico,
LLTD Univ of Southern Calif.

In U.S. Geological survey 1884-86; secretary Hemenway Archaeolog Expdn which
excavated ancient ruins in Ariz and N.M. ; in July 1889 entered
Bur Am Ethnology, made further researches und~~0000~~ ~~0000~~ among the Indians
of Arizona and N M ; in Feb 1901 became
an executive official in the Smithsonian Inst.; transferred
1905 to Bur Am Ethnology devoting special attention to "andbook of
American Indians, Part 1 of which was published in 1907, psrt
2 1910; Ethnologist i' charge Bur of America Ethnology ~~10~~ 1910- 18; with

Museum of American Indian New York 1918-1931, now dir Southwest Museum LA; Hon prof
 anthropol and archeol U of Southern Calif; advisory board Heard Museum, Phoenix
 Has conducted several expeditions in southwest; founder, member, council and pres
 American Anthropological Assn; ex pres Anthropol Soc Wash. Mex Nat Research
 council; trustee Sch. of Am Research and Lab of Anthropology; fellow A.A. A.S.
 Royal Anthropol inst of Gt. Britain and Ireland; member American Antiquarian
 society; Am. Folklore Soc. Archeol Inst. Am Tex. Hist Assn; Hist Soc N. Mex
 etc. etc.

Pres California Writers Guild; Societe de Americonists de
 Paris; Soc Cientifica Antonio Alzate Mex; hon companion order of Indian
 Wars; Pasadena Society Artists; founder and advisory editor of Quivera Soc. for
 sale of rare Spanish documents; Clubs: Ends of Earth, New York; Zamorano, L.A.

Author of many monographs; Cont. Ethnol and archeol articles to scientific pub.

Editor handbook of the American Indians of North America; Narratives of Cabeza de
and Coronado; Curtis' North American Indian (20 vols.) Falconer's letters and
Notes on the Texan Santa Fe Expedition; Indian notes and
Monographs of the Museum of the American Indian; McKenney and Hall's
Indian Tribes and publications of Bureau of American Ethnology, the
Southwest Museum, etc. Editor of the American Anthropologist; ~~editor~~
Annotator with C.F. Lummis of Memorial of Fray Alonso Benavides and with G.P.
Hammond and Agapito Rey of the revised Memorial ; ..

Transcript of Memorial services for L.V. McWhorter

Memorial services for L.V. McWhorter were held in the chapel at Shaw and Sons, mortuary at Yakima, Washington on October 13, 1944 with the Rev. Lynn A. Wood, pastor of the First Methodist church officiating.

...Mr. McWhorter was born in the State of West Virginia January 29, 1860. He passed away at St Elizabeth's hospital Oct. 10, 1944 at the age of 84. He had lived here for the past 44 years. He is survived by two sons, V.O. McWhorter of Yakima and Ovid T. McWhorter of Corvallis, Ore; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Jenkins and Mrs. Flora Lawson of West Virginia; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was made a member of the Yakima Indian tribe in 1906 at which he was given the name He-Mene-Ka-"an. He was a life member of the Washington State Historical Society, in which he served on the board of directors for many years, also a member of the West Virginia State Historical Society; of the Wisconsin State Historical Society; the Eugene Field's Society and was a charter member of the American Military Institute. He was the author of various books.

Mr. McWhorter was born in West Virginia before that state was separated from Virginia. His father was a Universalist Minister.

...Mr. McWhorter came to Yakima in 1903 and in the 40 years or more that he lived here he accomplished a monumental piece of work...

As a boy he became interested in the Indians of West Virginia. He soon learned that much of the history books of our country is not fair to the Indians but is written from the white man's prejudiced point of view. He studied the Indian faithfully and rediscovered him to be as fine a person as any part of humanity.

In 1903 he contacted the Indians here. The first Indians were a bit skeptical of him, but it was not long before he was able to impress his sincerity upon them... He spent years of study with his brilliant and scholarly mind. He read all the histories he could find. Whenever he could contact the Indians themselves he did so to learn their story. He wove the information together he gleaned together in various books. During recent years he was working on the History of the Nez Perce. He told me he wanted to live to finish the work. Some day it will be finished.

In 1942 at the State College of Washington he was awarded a certificate of merit which eulogized him for his scholarship and his monumental work in research. At that time E.O. Holland, the president of the college stated that he wished he had men on his faculty as painstaking and thorough... Poem "Faithful friends, it lies, I know,

Pale and still and cold as snow.

And say he is dead.

Weeping at the feet and head.

I can see your failing tears.

I can hear your sighs and prayers.

Yet I smile and whisper this.

I am not the thing you kiss.

Cease your tears and let it lie; it was mine, it is not I....

Noted by V.O. McWhorter:

The service was attended by many Indians among whom the following were pallbearers:

William Charley

Johnnie Tan-Awe-Chet

Frank So Happy

Simon Goudy, Tom Crowe, Jim Swe-At.

Chapter VII

Fort Simcoe and Father Wilbur

The bulwark against the Indian religion on the Yakima reservation

In 1947, only a few who helped in the first remained
Mrs J.E. Carter, Mrs. Emma McCredy, S.F. Ganders, A.L. Powers, Mrs. Cora
Gadeberg, N.S. Shattuck, J.L. Wherry and H.A. White.

Sam Rossier of Sunnyside, was there . He operated the Bickleton
Bank from 1903 until 1932.

C.L. Ingram president

M.E. Larsen, George Matsen, Stanton Ganders, Vern Looney, Mrs. Chloe Wallin
She man Jensen, Pete Miller, Lyle Winter

~~1948-1949~~ 1948

Howard C. Graham. Grandson of Robert B. Graham

Chester Beck of Walla Walla, the ~~1948~~ at picnic in 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins.

Mrs. E.F. McBride

Mrs. Cora E. Roberts, Mabton

L.J. Crider, born in Pine Creek.

Mrs. W.G. Mitty

1952* Jess Wherry, master of ceremonies
in 1952, C.W. Smith president of Alder Creek Pioneer Association

Mrs. Chloe Walling, who arrived in 1886

Mrs. G.W. McCredy, 1880. when only three white families were there

Al Jensen, president in 1955, native of Bickleton

John Dodson, president in 1956, 46th annual

Howard Coleman, oldest in attendance at 47th in 1957

Helped organize first picnic

Joel Crider, president in 1960, the Golden Jubilee

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Dickle died in 1914 nea Cleveland, buried at Prosser

Wife died in 1929

~~Cleveland~~00

"Woz Pence Expedition - Olney
Series I, Vol L, pt 2

"right:

He was a native of Vermont, graduated from West Point in 1822, and was promoted to the rank of 2d lieut. in the 3d inf. in July, and to the rank of 1st lieut in Sept. of the same year.

He served in the west, principally at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. and in Indian campaigns on the frontier until 1831, when he was transferred to La. with the 3d inf. occupying the position of adj. to that reg. until 1836, when he was promoted to a captaincy in the 8th inf. He served through the Florida war, and under command of Gen. Taylor, fought at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma in Mexico, after which he was transferred to Scott's command. He received three brevets for gallant services before being promoted to the rank of maj. one in the Florida war, one after the battles of Contreras, and Churubusco, Mexico, and the last that of col after the battle of Molino del Rey.

Wright came to the Pacific coast with the 5th inf. in 1852, holding the rank of maj. and was promoted to a colonelcy ~~Dec 30, 1852, on the 1st~~ Feb. 3, 1855, and the following month was appointed to command the reg. of 9th inf. for which provision had just been made by congress. He went east, raised his regiment and returned in Jan. 1856, when he was ordered to Or. and Was. He remained in that military district as we have seen, until the summer of 1861. In Sept. he was ordered to S.F. and soon after relieved Gen. Sumner in the command of the department of the Pacific (p 491

being appointed brig. gen on the 28th Sept. He remained in command till 1865, when, being transferred to the reestablished Oregon department he took passage on the ill-fated Brother Jonathan which foundered near Crescent City July 9, 1865, when Wright, his wife, the captain of the ship DeWolf, and 300 passengers were drowned. (North Pacific Review i. 216-17.

Pickett-- Confederate
(Archer's friend)

Major General George Edward Pickett (U.S.M.A. 1846) was born at Richmond Virginia June 28, 1828. He served in the Mexican war receiving the brevet of first lieutenant for gallant service at Contreras and Churubusco and also the brevet of Major lieutenant for distinguished service at Chapultepec .

He served with the regular army in the Territory of Washington and at various posts in the west until June 25, 1861 when he resigned. He was appointed a colonel in the Confederate army on July 23 and on January 14, 1862 he was appointed a brigadier general.

He served in command of a brigade in Longstreet's division of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's Army and on Oct 11 was made major-general commanding a division in the Army of Northern Virginia. General Pickett made a memorable charge against the Federal front at Cemetery Hill on the third day of Gettysburg, his division having reached the field that day. In September 1863 General Pickett commanded the Department of North Carolina and operated against Drewry's Bluff in the following year after his return to Virginia. He was defeated at Lynchburg in an attempt to oppose Sheridan's cavalry in March 1865 and also at Dinwiddie Court House and Five Forks. He surrendered with the Army of Northern Virginia and at the conclusion of the war settled in Richmond where he died in 1875.

He was a ~~friend~~ friend of the top rider, ~~MM~~ Milt Burge, who always rode with his stirrups tied. Burge would tie up one front foot of the unbroken horse before he mounted. He saw Burge break wild horses that no one else could ride.