

*Biographical Congressional Directory*

Mr. C. M. Perkins, Postmaster at Seattle, has received a request from the Joint Committee on Printing of the United States Congress, asking for additional information about the biographies of those who have represented in Congress the Territory and State of Washington. The information is being compiled.

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*Upper Missouri Historical Expedition*

Mr. L. C. Gilman, Vice-President of the Great Northern Railway Company, has sent invitations to a number of citizens in the State of Washington to attend a series of memorial celebrations at Verendrye and Fort Union in North Dakota and at Meriwether in Montana on July 17, 18 and 20, 1925. Much will be learned about the earliest explorations in that section. The invitations are works of art on heavy paper representing birch bark, beautifully illuminated with pictures of Indians, explorers and fur traders. They are signed by the Governors of North Dakota and Montana and by the superintendents of the Departments of History in North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Mr. Gilman's signature is attached to the copies distributed in this State.

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*The Washington Elm*

On the campus of the University of Washington there is an elm which was obtained by Arthur J. Collins of the Class of 1896, while doing graduate work at Harvard. He got permission to place a box of soil in the limbs of the old elm at Cambridge under which Washington took command of the Continental Army on July 3, 1775. Mr. Collins sent the safely rooted slip to his Alma Mater where its growth has been fondly watched.

On July 3, 1925, President Coolidge will participate in a celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of that great event in American history at the spot where the old tree stood. The event will also be commemorated on the campus of the University of Washington. Mr. Henry J. Gorin, President of the Seattle Society, and Mr. Percy Hunting, President of the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, have arranged a ceremony around the local son of the old tree. A bronze tablet will be placed on a granite boulder as a permanent marker. The scene of Washington taking command will be re-enacted by Eagle Scouts dressed as Continental soldiers. Charles