

NORTHWESTERN HISTORY SYLLABUS

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XIV. Early Settlements of Washington

1. Hudson Bay Company Influence.
 - a. Trading Post at Nisqually, 1833.
 - b. McLoughlin's Efforts to Keep Americans South of the Columbia River.
 - c. American Methodist Mission at Nisqually, 1840-1842.
2. Michael T. Simmons.
 - a. First American Settler on Puget Sound.
 - b. Arrival in Oregon in 1844.
 - c. Started with five others for Puget Sound in the winter of 1844-5 but returned.
 - d. With eight companions reached Puget Sound in July, 1845.
 - e. Canoe exploration to Whidby Island.
 - f. Settlement fixed upon near present Olympia.
 - g. Name of settlement changed from "New Market" to "Tum-water."
 - h. Trip to Fort Vancouver and return with recruits.
 - i. Puget Sound never without American settlers from that time.
3. John R. Jackson.
 - a. Settled on Jackson Prairie in March, 1845.
 - b. He thus preceded the second and successful trip of Simmons.
 - c. His home became a primitive court house.
4. Sidney S. Ford and Joseph Borst.
 - a. Settled at mouth of Skookum Chuck, 1846.
 - b. Ford Prairie became well known.
5. Charles H. and Nathan Eaton.
 - a. On east side of Budd Inlet, 1846.

6. Edmund Sylvester and Levi L. Smith.
 - a. Settled on townside of Olympia, 1846.
 - b. Place first called "Smithfield."
 - c. Sylvester succeeded to both claims on death of Smith.
7. Earliest Developments.
 - a. Simmons built first gristmill, 1846.
 - b. First sawmill built at Tumwater, 1847.
 - c. First brick kiln built on farm of Simon Plomondon, 1847.
 - d. McLoughlin and Douglas of Hudson Bay Company ordered supplies to be sold to the Americans at reasonable prices.
8. The Year 1847.
 - a. Trail blazed from Tumwater to "Smithfield."
 - b. Whitman massacre in November.
 - c. Few settlements made this year.
9. The Year 1848.
 - a. Rev. Pascal Ricard, Oblate Father, established a mission near Olympia.
 - b. Thomas W. Glasgow attempted a settlement on Whidby Island.
 - c. Samuel Hancock built a wharf on the west side of Budd Inlet.
 - d. News of gold discovery in California.
10. The Year 1849.
 - a. Gold excitement stopped settlements on Puget Sound.
 - b. Incipient Indian war at Fort Nisqually.
 - c. United States established Fort Steilacoom.
11. Beginning of Commerce.
 - a. Simmons sold out to Crosby and Gray.
 - b. Gold seekers returned from California in brig Orbit.
 - c. Simmons bought the brig and sent her to San Francisco for merchandise.
 - d. First store established at Olympia, 1850.
 - e. John M. Swan settled near Olympia.
 - f. Lafayette Balch in brig George Emory, refused site at Olympia, began a store near Fort Steilacoom, 1850.
12. Isaac N. Ebey.
 - a. Returned from California.
 - b. Settled on Whidby Island, 1850.
 - c. Influential citizen.
 - d. Beheaded by the Indians.

13. Port Townsend.
 - a. Henry C. Wilson settled there 1850.
 - b. Bachelder, Hastings, Pettygrove and Plummer, 1851.
14. Seattle.
 - a. Collins, Maple Brothers and Van Asselt on Duwamish River.
 - b. John N. Low and David T. Denny.
 - c. The Denny Colony, November 13, 1851.
 - d. Twelve adults and twelve children.
 - e. Name changed from "New York" to "Alki," meaning "Bye-and-bye."
 - f. Cargo of piles for brig Leonesa, Captain Daniel S. Howard.
 - g. Part of settlement moved across the bay, 1852.
 - h. First steam sawmill by Henry L. Yesler, 1852.
15. New Dungeness.
 - a. B. I. Madison and D. F. Brownfield, 1851.
16. Bellingham Bay.
 - a. Coal found by William Pattle, 1852.
 - b. Whatcom Milling Company organized by Roeder, Peabody and Brown, 1852.
 - c. Collins, McLean, Roberts, Lyle, 1853.
17. Sawmills, 1852-1853.
 - a. Need of lumber in California.
 - b. Yesler's Mill at Seattle.
 - c. Sayward at Port Ludlow.
 - d. Talbot at Port Gamble.
 - e. Renton at Port Blakeley.
 - f. Port Madison.
 - h. Terry at Alki Point.
18. In Southwest.
 - a. Columbia Lancaster at mouth of Lewis River, 1849.
 - b. Returning gold hunters settle in Willapa Harbor.
 - c. Elijah White's "Pacific City."
 - d. Shipping oysters to California..
 - e. Scammon at Montesano, 1852.
 - f. Huntington and others at mouth of Cowlitz River, 1849.
19. Commencement Bay.
 - a. Barnhart, Delin, Judson, 1852-1853.
 - b. Morton M. McCarver, 1868.
 - c. Name of Tacoma chosen.

20. Eastern Washington.
 - a. Fur trading posts.
 - b. Discovery of gold.
 - c. Indian wars.
 - d. Fort Walla Walla.
 - e. Stage roads.
 - f. Spokane Falls settled, 1872.

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