

tended to several thousand of the men and women whose life stories are closely related to the annals of the state.

"A record of the names and of the dates of publication of the biographies has been printed at regular intervals in the Washington Historical Quarterly so that a complete index is preserved for the entire series. In addition to the record which is preserved in the files of the Post-Intelligencer, clippings have been made in several libraries in the Northwest which have been placed in bound volumes. Future historians and genealogists will find these brief sketches of inestimable value.

"In setting down the individual experiences of the pioneers, it has been necessary to be brief. Only the outstanding events in their lives were reported, yet it was Prof. Meany's aim to omit no fact which had a bearing on public affairs. In this manner the record was made ample enough for most purposes. Had such a service been performed for the first settlers of the Atlantic Coast the results would now be priceless. Only the men and women who achieved distinction have left for posterity the stories of their lives; the great mass of pioneers whose lives no doubt were filled with interesting experiences left little or nothing in the way of personal history.

"It was the idea of serving future generations of the Northwest, as well as the thought of a cordial handclasp for the pioneers still living, which inspired and sustained the long series now brought to a conclusion. It has been a pleasure to this newspaper to be instrumental in preserving for future use and entertainment the life stories of many of our sturdy pioneers."

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*Correction*

Dr. S. E. Morison writes that Josiah Marshall's dates were incorrectly given on page 174 of the July issue of the *Quarterly*. He was born in Bellerica, Massachusetts, in 1773 and died in 1841. Dr. Morison adds that he finds no evidence of Josiah Marshall engaging in the Northwest fur trade before 1816.