

November 29, 1847. The flurry over the purported discovery of a genuine portrait was interesting, but it was futile.

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*Governor McMullin's Appointment*

Frederic K. Struve, of Seattle, has forwarded an original document of interest in the Territorial history of Washington. It is the commission of Fayette McMullin as Governor, signed on January 18, 1858, by James Buchanan, President, and Lewis Cass, Secretary of State, with the seal of the United States attached. On the back is the oath of office signed "F. McMullin," and sworn to on March 13, 1858, before F. A. Chenoweth, Associate Justice, Washington Territory. Mr. Struve found the document among papers left by his father, the late Judge Henry G. Struve.

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*Honoring Vancouver's Grave*

The Native Sons of British Columbia have determined to honor the grave of the great explorer, Captain George Vancouver. He was buried on May 18, 1798, in the churchyard of St. Peter's, Petersham, Richmond, England. The 135th anniversary was honored by ceremonies in which Mr. F. P. Burden, Agent General of British Columbia, participated. Mayor Alexander Reid of Petersham suggested that the Native Sons of British Columbia send a curb stone for the grave and this is now being done. Citizens of Vancouver, named for the explorer, are proud of reviving interest in that great voyage of 1792.

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*A Mercer Girl at Astoria*

Mary Jane Smith, a girl in the second expedition brought to Puget Sound by Asa Shinn Mercer, married Samuel Terry McKean, a pioneer who made his home in Astoria. A daughter, Mrs. Polly Bell, now lives in Seattle. She has saved a copy of her father's experience in crossing the plains and many other records of value in history. All these she has deposited with the *Washington Historical Quarterly* for use in an early issue.

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*Roll of Overland Astorians, 1810-12*

*The Oregon Historical Quarterly* for June, 1933, has an article under the above title by Kenneth W. Porter, author of *John Jacob Astor, Business Man*. This is in line with a pronounced awakening of interest in the identity of those who were earliest in the development of the Oregon Country.