

# Guide to the Elwood Evans Papers

WA MSS 172-191



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**TITLE:** Elwood Evans Papers

**DATES:** 1841-1894

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers document the history of the Northwest and Evans's historical research and professional life. Events and topics covered include; Northern Pacific Railroad Exploration and Survey in 1853, territorial government and law in Oregon and Washington, settlement of Oregon Territory and Alaska, Oregon missions and Marcus Whitman, and Indian wars. The papers include Evans's writings, scrapbooks, and other research material on the Northwest, and drafts of his *History of the Pacific Northwest*.

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## Administrative Information

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## Elwood Evans, 1828-1898

Elwood Evans, born in Philadelphia in 1828, went to Oregon Territory in 1851 as deputy collector of customs at Nisqually. He returned to Philadelphia the following year, but went west again in 1853, as secretary to Governor Stevens. He took an active part in the development of the territory and served as territorial secretary. He contributed many historical articles to the local papers, and planned to write an extensive history of Oregon and Washington. He died in 1898.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

### **WA MSS 172. Journal and Notes, May 9-December 6, 1853.**

Journal and notes, 162 pages long, kept by Evans while he was a member of the Northern Pacific Railroad Exploration and Survey under the command of Governor Isaac I. Stevens, May 9 to December 6, 1853. The journal commences with a record of Elwood Evans' movements from May 10 to 16, continued briefly from May 28 to June 16, 1853, when he had been left in Washington to finish up business connected with the survey and to follow Governor Stevens. He then records Governor Stevens' movements from May 9, when he left Washington, to May 16, and June 17 to July 26, about 100 miles east of Fort Union; and finally his own experiences from October 2 to December 6, 1853, from Fort Owen with Lieutenant Donelson's party, by the Jocko River, Clark's Fork and Palouse River to Walla Walla; the Columbia River to The Dalles, Vancouver, Portland and Olympia, December 4, 1853. The journal is written in pencil and ink, sometimes beginning toward the front of the volume, sometimes toward the back, and interspersed with inventories of equipment and supplies, accounts, and other memoranda.

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## WA MSS 173. Correspondence and papers, mostly concerning the history of the Northwest.

Some of the letters are on legal matters or official business of the Secretary of the Territory, but the majority are concerned with the history of the Northwest, the early settlement of Oregon Territory, the Oregon missions and the controversy over Whitman's journey to Washington, D.C., relations with the Catholic missions and with the Hudson's Bay Company, and political affairs in Washington Territory.

The cattle contract and letters of Peter H. Burnett, October 12, 1843, Jesse Applegate, December 29, 1843, and John McLoughlin, December 29, 1843, to Archibald McKinlay, are quoted in full or in part in Evans, *History of the Pacific Northwest* [Portland, 1889], I, 258-260; the letter of Solomon H. Smith, November 11, 1865, *idem*, I, 117-118; Archibald McKinlay's letter of March 14, 1882 is printed with the title: "The Gun Powder Story" and editorial notes by T. C. Elliott in the *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society*, 1911, XII, 369-374, and a passage from his letter of March 7, 1882, is quoted in Elliott, "Peter Skene Ogden, Fur Trader," *idem*, 1910, XII, 268.

b. 1, f. 1	Copies of two letters to his father, Charles Evans. Without signatures. 8 pp.	February 2, July 2, 1862
b. 1, f. 2	Copy or draft of a letter to the Rev. J. H. Griffin. 4 pp.	February 26, 1862
b. 1, f. 3	Drafts of two letters to Charles H. Phelps, editor of the <i>Californian</i> . [Earlier undated,] November 19, 1880. 6 pp.	November 19, 1880
b. 1, f. 4	ABERNETHY, ALEXANDER S. 30 letters to Evans. 71 pp.	March 3, 1857- February 18, 1855
b. 1, f. 5	BLANCHET, AUGUSTIN M. A., Bishop of Nisqually. Letter to Evans, unsigned and in an unidentified hand. 2 pp.	March 13, 1862
b. 1, f. 6	BRONDEL, JOHN BAPTIST, Bishop of Helena. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	February 17, 1880
b. 1, f. 7	BROUILLET, JOHN BAPTIST ABRAHAM. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	February 11, 1861
b. 1, f. 8	BUSH, ASAHIEL. Four letters to Evans with regard to collecting bills for subscriptions to the <i>Oregon Statesman</i> , March 9 - October 13, 1856; draft of a letter to Bush from Evans, March 15, 1856; receipt signed by J. & C. E. Williams, August 6, 1856; and a letter to Evans from A. Benton Moses, September 21, 1855. 15 pp.	1855-1856
b. 1, f. 9	CALDWELL, WILLIAM S. "The Oregon American and Evangelical Unionist." Copy of the Introduction from the first number of the journal, with notes signed: "W. S. C[aldwell]." 5 pp.	
b. 1, f. 10	CLARKE, SAMUEL ASAHIEL. Letter to Evans. May 10, 1885. With draft of Evans' answer, May 11, 1885. 4 pp.	May 10, 1885, May 11, 1885
b. 1, f. 11	CORBETT, HENRY WINSLOW. "Private" letter to Evans. 1 p.	April 7, 1869
b. 1, f. 12	CRAIGHEAD, JAMES GEDDES. Two letters to Evans. With a pencil draft of Evans' answer [May 1879]. 16 pp.	April 10, July 1, 1879
b. 1, f. 13	CRAWFORD, MEDOREM. Two letters to Evans. 4 pp.	January 11, 30, 1885

b. 1, f. 14	DEADY, MATTHEW PAUL. Letter to Evans. 2 pp.	February 28, 1878
b. 1, f. 15	EELLS, CUSHING. Letter to Evans. With a draft of Evans' letter of January 6, 1862. 7 pp.	January 16, 1862
b. 1, f. 16	EELLS, MYRON. Seven letters to Evans, the last enclosing a photograph of his father, Cushing Eells. With drafts of three answers, March 14, 1881-May 10, 1882. 36 pp.	February 25, 1881-March 7, 1883
b. 1, f. 17	FARRAR, WILLIAM H. Two letters to Evans. 5 pp.	August 8, 15, 1861
b. 1, f. 18	FLETT, JOHN. Letter to Evans, and a manuscript on the religion of the Indians. 7 pp.	May 19, 1890
b. 1, f. 19	FOLEY, WILLIAM. Letter to Evans, enclosing biographical notes of Brouillet, Blanchet and Demers. 4 pp.	October 5, 1894
b. 1, f. 20	FROST, JOHN. Eight letters to Evans, the first undated but prior to December 16. 17 pp.	December 16- 25, 1857
b. 1, f. 21	GARFIELDE, SELUCIUS. Letter to Evans. 4 pp.	January 4, 1864
b. 1, f. 22	GOODWIN, JOHN N. Letter to Evans. 4 pp.	July 7, 1872
b. 1, f. 23	GRAY, WILLIAM HENRY. Four letters to Evans. 11 pp.	June 8, 1880- September 30, 1882
b. 1, f. 24	HILL, GEORGE D. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	January 9, 1881
b. 1, f. 25	HINES, HARVEY KIMBALL, Editor of Pacific Christian Advocate. Three letters. With a typewritten transcript (carbon) of Evans' letter to Hines, April 12, 1884, unsigned. 11 pp.	April 9, 1884- September 29, 1885
b. 1, f. 26	HOLMES, LEANDER. Two letters to Evans. 6 pp.	March 15, April 15, 1863
b. 1, f. 27	HUGGINS, EDWARD. Letter to Evans, enclosing a copy of extracts from the journal of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, describing the Snoqualmie attack on the Fort in May, 1849. 6 pp.	June 29, 1880
b. 1, f. 28	JESTER, JAMES E. D. Two letters to Evans. 2 pp.	September 10, 1863, March 28, 1864
b. 1, f. 29	KAPUS, WILLIAM. Seven letters to Evans, with a list of officers of the 1st Regiment, Washington Volunteer Infantry, clipped from a paper. 14 pp.	October 20, 1862-April 30, 1864
b. 1, f. 30	LANCASTER, COLUMBIA. Letter to Evans. 3 pp.	July 12, 1854
b. 1, f. 31	LANDER, EDWARD. Letter to Evans. 4 pp.	June 30, 1858
b. 1, f. 32	LANE, JOSEPH. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	December 17, 1857

b. 1, f. 33	MCKINLAY, ARCHIBALD. Letter to Evans. May 1, 1881, enclosing Peter H. Burnett, letter to Archibald McKinlay, October 12, 1843; Archibald McKinlay, cattle contract with Jesse Applegate and Company, to John McLoughlin, October 27, 1843, endorsed (in James Douglas' hand) canceling the agreement, signed by John McLoughlin, Fort Vancouver, November 11, 1843; Jesse Applegate, letter to Archibald McKinlay, December 19, 1843; John McLoughlin, two letters to Archibald McKinlay, December 29, 1843, November 30, 1847. 16 pp.	1843-1881
b. 1, f. 34	MCKINLAY, ARCHIBALD. 18 letters to Evans, not in McKinlay's hand. August 2, 1880-March 28, 1889. Accompanied by a small photograph of "Pioneer printing office of the Pacific Northwest—Lapwai Creek" [7x6 cm.]; draft of a letter from Evans to McKinlay, February 5, 1882; copy of a letter from McKinlay to Dr. Tolmie, December 9, 1854; typewritten copy of a letter to McKinlay from Myron Eells [n.d.], with a copy of McKinlay's answer, January 19, 1885; and copy of a letter to McKinlay from the North Pacific History Company, March 8, 1889. 162 pp. Archibald McKinlay at this time was growing blind and only a few of the letters are signed by him personally.	August 2, 1880- March 28, 1889
b. 1, f. 35	MARSHALL, WILLIAM ISAAC. Three letters to Evans. September 12, 1884-July 24, 1887, and a draft of a letter from Evans to Marshall, August 11, 1882. The first two are written on printed and illustrated circulars of his lectures. 26 pp.	September 12, 1884-July 24, 1887
b. 1, f. 36	NESMITH, JAMES WILLIS. Three letters to Evans, and draft of a letter from Evans to Nesmith, December 18, 1862. 6 pp.	October 20, 1862-July 27, 1864
b. 1, f. 37	NEWELL, ROBERT. Letter to Evans, enclosing a clipping from the Oregon Herald, March 8, 1867, of a letter from Newell to the editor. 2 pp.	May 7, 1867
b. 2, f. 38	PARKER, SAMUEL J. Five letters and a note to Evans, and a draft of Evans' answer to the first, August 19, 1882. 91 pp.	July 31- December 22, 1882
b. 2, f. 39	PARKER, WILDER W. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	March 2, 1867
b. 2, f. 40	RAMSEY, ALEXANDER. Two letters to Evans, and a draft of Evans' letter to Ramsey, May 10, 1882. 8 pp.	June 9, August 3, 1882
b. 2, f. 41	RAYNOR, JAMES O. Letter to Evans. 1 p. With a copy of the broadside notice of the Union convention at Vancouver [21½ x 30½ cm.] and a note by Evans on "The Canvass for Delegates." 1 p.	June 10, 1863
b. 2, f. 42	ROBERTS, GEORGE B. Two letters to Evans. 6 pp., and mounted clippings listing vessels trading on the coast, 1788- 1809.	November 22, 1860, August 25, 1880
b. 2, f. 43	SMITH, SOLOMON HOWARD. Letter to Evans. 4 pp.	November 11, 1865
b. 2, f. 44	SPALDING, HENRY HARMON. 15 letters to Evans, and a copy of an unsigned letter in Spalding's hand, to the Hon. Mr. Lasater, October 29, 1869. 104 pp..	April 1866- September 15, 1870
b. 2, f. 45	STEEL, W. G. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	April 4, 1890
b. 2, f. 46	STEINBERGER, C. M. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	March 13, 1863

b. 2, f. 47	STEINBERGER, JUSTUS. Two letters to Evans. 7 pp.	November 29, 1860, December 22, 1862
b. 2, f. 48	SWAN, JAMES GILCHRIST. Four letters to Evans and a note appended to an account of "General Wool & the Indian War." 14 pp.	October 11, 1864-June 17, 1885
b. 2, f. 49	SWAN, JOHN M. Letter to Evans. 2 pp.	May 26, 1885
b. 2, f. 50	TARBELL, FRANK. Invitation from the American residents of Victoria to Governor Evans to attend a dinner to be given for the Hon. Schuyler Colfax. Victoria. Frank Tarbell, Secretary. 1 p.	July 21, 1865
b. 2, f. 51	TILDEN, DANIEL R. Letter to Evans. 1 p.	August 31, 1882
b. 2, f. 52	TOLMIE, WILLIAM FRASER. Two letters to Evans. 8 pp.	December 26, 1878, February 16, 1879
b. 2, f. 53	TUCKER, EGBERT H. Two letters to Evans. 3 pp.	July 12, 14, 1863
b. 2, f. 54	VICTOR, FRANCES FULLER. Eight letters to Evans. November 15, 1865-September 23, 1886, and enclosed with the letter of December 1, 1880, extracts copied from a letter from P. L. Edwards to Dr. J. M. Bacon, September 1842. 40 pp.	1842-1886
b. 2, f. 55	WARNER, FITZ HENRY. Letter to Evans. Signature only. 1 p.	September 4 [1852]
b. 2, f. 56	Western Washington Industrial Association, Olympia, W.T. Printed certificate, No. 84, for one share of capital stock, made out to Elwood Evans, and signed by C. C. Hewitt, President, Albert A. Manning, Secretary. Printed by R. H. Hewitt, printer, Olympia [1872].	October 4, 1872
b. 2, f. 57	WEYMAN, FREDERICK. Letter to Evans. August 9, 1865. 4 pp.	
b. 2, f. 58	WHITE, ELIJAH. Letter to Evans. 2 pp.	March 11, 1863

## WA MSS 174. Correspondence, notes, and memoranda about the proposed *History of Oregon* .

22 letters and papers. 94 pp. 20½-32 cm.

In 1867 Evans had Chapter XVII of his *History*, on "The Americanization of Oregon," printed and sent proofs for criticism to the survivors of the band of settlers who established the Provisional Government of Oregon. Some of this correspondence survives and can be found here.

	"The Americanization of Oregon," Chapter XVII of Evan's <i>History</i> , print copy.	1867
b. 1, f. 1	APPLEGATE, JESSE. Two letters to Evans. With the printed copy of Chapter XVII (pp. 201- 211), Applegate's notes on the chapter, transmitted through Judge Deady; and two drafts of a letter from Evans to Applegate, August 8, 1867, with his answers to the notes. 16 pp.	July 26, October 13, 1867
b. 1, f. 2	DEADY, MATTHEW PAUL. Two letters to Evans, and a draft of Evans' answer, September 24, 1867. 21 pp.	September 7, October 5, 1867
b. 1, f. 3	NEWELL, ROBERT. Letter to Evans, and drafts of two letters to him from Evans, July 20, August 24, 1867. 16 pp.	August 8, 1867
b. 1, f. 4	SHORTESS, ROBERT. Letter to Evans. 4 pp. The letter of Robert Shortess, September 1, 1867, is quoted in part in Evans, <i>History of the Pacific Northwest</i> [Portland, 1889], 243.	September 1, 1867
b. 1, f. 5	Miscellaneous notes	

WA MSS 175. Address delivered at Olympia, Washington.  
*17 pp. 20 x 32 cm.*

The manuscript is accompanied by a letter requesting a copy of the address for publication, Olympia, July 6, 1859, signed by Butler P. Anderson, Jos. Cushman and 12 others, and a copy of Evans' answer, Olympia, July 8, 1859. 2 pp.

WA MSS 176. Scrapbook, "Campaign of  
Maj. Gen. John E. Wool, U.S. Army, against  
the people and authorities of Oregon and

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people and authorities of Oregon and Washington, 1855-6. And not contained in the  
official correspondence."  
official correspondence."**

*24 pp. 26 cm.*

Scrapbook of manuscript notes by Elwood Evans and mounted clippings dealing with the Indian Wars in Oregon. Bound with an extract (pp. 193-256) from *Indian Affairs on the Pacific* (34th Congress, 3d Session, House Ex. Doc. No. 76, 1857).

WA MSS 177. Address given at the Columbia River Centennial, Astoria. Typewritten manuscript.  
*10 pp. 33 cm.*

Elwood Evans had been asked by the committee in charge of the celebration to represent the State of Washington as its orator. With the manuscript is the printed invitation of the Columbia River Centennial Celebration Society to the exercises at Astoria, May 10, 11, and 12, 1892, signed in facsimile by Curtis C. Strong, President, John Adair, Recording Secretary, Geo. H. Himes, Secretary.

**WA MSS 178. Scrapbook, "The Fraser River excitement, 1858."**

*48 pp. 26 cm.*

Scrapbook of manuscript notes, letters, and mounted clippings, compiled by Elwood Evans.

Evans' manuscript notes occupy about 21 pages. Bound in the volume are copies of the following letter and printed document:

WALKER, RUDOLPH M., Secretary of Washington Territory. Letter to Lewis Cass, Secretary of State. [Olympia] June 18, 1858, reporting the discovery of gold on the Fraser. 6 pp. 33 cm.

Message of the President of the United States, Communicating...the Report of the Special Agent of the United States [John Nugent] Recently Sent to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia (35th Congress, 2d Session, Senate Ex. Doc. No. 29 [Washington, 1859]).

## **WA MSS 179. Scrapbook, mainly concerning the early history and settlement of the North Pacific coast.**

Scrapbook of clippings from western newspapers, documents and papers on the early history of the Pacific Northwest, including the following manuscripts:

THURSTON COUNTY, W. T. CITIZENS. Minutes of a public meeting held at Olympia February 7, 1852, of the Citizens of Thurston County, and the passengers and crew of the late sloop Georgiana, recently rescued and returned from Queen Charlotte's Island. Copy, in pencil, in an unidentified hand. 9 pp. 23 cm.

SERGEANT, ASHER. Detailed bill for services and advice to Daniel Show while on the sloop Georgiana and in the hands of the Haida Indians on Queen Charlotte's Island. November 1851, signed: "Asher Sargeant." 3 pp. pasted together. 55 cm.

Volume 1	[1880-1885?]
Volume 2	[1885-1887?]
Volume 3	[1892?]
Volume 4	[1891-1892?]

WA MSS 180. Scrapbook, 1880. Scrapbook of articles by Elwood Evans clipped from newspapers, and manuscript notes in his hand, with an outline of a proposed "History of Oregon and Washington in four parts."

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**WA MSS 180. Scrapbook, 1880. Scrapbook of articles by Elwood Evans clipped from newspapers, and manuscript notes in his hand, with an outline of a proposed "History of Oregon and Washington in four parts."**

*200 pp. 25 cm.*

These notes represent Elwood Evans' research in the history of the Northwest, and, arranged chronologically, formed the basis of the first and second parts of his proposed history, which was published in 1889 with the title: History of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon and Washington.

Compiled and published by the North Pacific History Company of Portland, Ore. [1889]. An introductory note by W. W. Miller, Jr., is tipped in the scrapbook.

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## **WA MSS 181. History of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon and Washington**

*History of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon and Washington* compiled and published by the North Pacific History Company of Portland, Oregon, 1889; with extensive manuscript alterations and insertions in the first volume. 2 vols. 30½ cm.

"This is the copy used by Elwood Evans, the author of the major portion of this work, for the revision which resulted in his unpublished History." Note by W. W. M[iller] Jr. In addition to the notes and alterations in the text over 100 pages of revisions are laid in Vol. I.

b. 1 History of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon and Washington, Volume I

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b. 2 History of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon and Washington, Volume II

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## **WA MSS 182. Manuscript of History of Washington and Oregon**

Holograph and typewritten manuscript of a proposed revision of Parts I-V of the History published in 1889, with a Foreword by Winlock W. Miller, Jr. The manuscript is almost entirely rewritten from the 1889 edition, which, contrary to Evans' wishes, had been published as a commercial venture.

Unpublished Manuscript. 2 vols. [i.e., 875 pp.] Various sizes, mounted and bound. 44 cm.

b.1                    *History of Washington and Oregon, Volume I.*

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b.2                    *History of Washington and Oregon, Volume II.*

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## **WA MSS 183. Typescript of History of Oregon and Washington**

Unpublished typescript. 2 vols. [i.e., 667 pp.] Various sizes, mounted and bound. 40 cm.

Revised typewritten manuscript, with manuscript pages and clippings from newspapers inserted, and corrections and alterations by the author in Volume I; Volume II has few changes in the typescript.

b.1                    *History of Oregon and Washington, Volume I.*

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b.2                    *History of Oregon and Washington, Volume II.*

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WA MSS 184. History of Oregon and Washington . Unpublished final revision of Volume I.  
382 pp. Various sizes, mounted and bound. 44 cm.

Elwood Evans had gathered together a great deal of information and many letters and documents in preparing his history but died before completing it. After his death in 1898 a portion of his papers were in the hands of H. H. Bancroft, other parts came into the hands of C. B. Bagley, and the remainder, including the History, had apparently disappeared. In 1932, however, an old trunk was found in Tacoma full of letters, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and historical documents, which proved to be Evans' working collection. At the bottom of the trunk was a "jumble of manuscript and typewritten pages in apparently hopeless disorder." Mr. Miller secured these manuscripts and after careful study was able to sort them into the three revisions.

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WA MSS 185. Scrapbook, "Hudson's Bay & Puget Sound Agricultural Companies. Data & excerpts— showing their acts and motives, their policy as to settlements, and especially bearing on Oregon & Washington."

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**WA MSS 185. Scrapbook, "Hudson's Bay & Puget Sound Agricultural Companies. Data & excerpts— showing their acts and motives, their policy as to settlements, and especially bearing on Oregon & Washington."**

*47 pp. 25 cm.*

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, containing also a copy in Evans' hand of a letter from W. F. Tolmie, Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, to A. G. Dallas, Esq., Victoria, V.I., April 12, 1861 [13 pp.], in which he discusses the recently published reports of James Tilton, Surveyor General of Washington Territory, and the Secretary of the Interior on the land claims of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company.

WA MSS 186. Scrapbook, "The Indian War.  
1855-56. 'Newspaper details in weekly  
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**WA MSS 186. Scrapbook, "The Indian War. 1855-56. 'Newspaper details in weekly  
instalments.'"**

*127 pp. 26 cm.*

Scrapbook of mounted clippings, largely of War, with extensive annotations by Elwood Evans, from the Olympia *Pioneer and Democrat* and the Portland *Oregonian*, and pages from the official reports of the Secretary.

**WA MSS 187. Scrapbook: "Martial Law in Washington Territory, April 1856. A true narrative, and the documents. Collected by Elwood Evans."**

PROCLAMATION, May 24, 1856, signed by Isaac I. Stevens, Governor, Territory of Washington, abrogating Martial Law in Pierce and Thurston Counties. In the handwriting of Andrew Jackson Cain. 1 p. 24 cm.

STEVENS, ISAAC INGALLS. Petition for a change of venue to the First Judicial District for trial of the United States vs. Isaac I. Stevens. Attachment for contempt, signed by Isaac I. Stevens, with affidavit, Territory of Washington, County of Thurston, in the Second Judicial District July 4, 1856, W. W. Miller, Clerk. In the handwriting of Judge William Strong. 1 p. 32 cm.

STEVENS, ISAAC INGALLS. Motion signed by Isaac I. Stevens [defendant] filing a respite, signed by Isaac I. Stevens, Governor of the Territory, before the Hon. Edward Lander, July 10, 1856. 1 p. 25 cm.

STEVENS, ISAAC INGALLS. [The respite] signed by Isaac I. Stevens, Governor, Territory of Washington, and Isaac W. Smith, Acting Secretary, Washington Territory. July 10, 1856, with the Territorial seal affixed. 2 pp. 32½ cm.

390 pp. 25 cm. Manuscript notes and documents, newspaper clippings, printed documents and reports, including a number of manuscripts.

The Proclamation is printed in the *Message from the President of the United States, Communicating . . . Information respecting the Proclamation of Martial Law in the Territory of Washington* (34th Congress, 3d Session, Senate Ex. Doc. No. 41, 1857, pp. 38-39). Stevens' pardon or respite is printed with an introductory note by E. S. Meany under "Documents. Governor Stevens' Famous Pardon of Himself." *Washington Historical Quarterly*, 1934, XXV, 229, and in Samuel F. Cohn, *Martial Law in Washington Territory*, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, 1936, XXVII, 214.

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## **WA MSS 188. Scrapbook, "Oregon Missions."**

Two scrapbooks, compiled by Elwood Evans with his manuscript annotations, containing mounted newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and documents relating to the Oregon missions, letters copied by Evans, and the following original manuscripts:

EELLS, CUSHING. Letter to Evans. August 29, 1867. 4 pp.

LOVEJOY, ASA LAWRENCE. Letter to Evans. September 28, 1867. 3 pp.

MCKINLAY, ARCHIBALD. Two letters to Evans, signed by Archibald McKinlay. June 21, July 19, 1880. 4 pp.

WHITMAN, MARCUS. Copy in Evans' hand of a letter to Archibald McKinlay. September 30, 1841. 5 pp. The original letter was in 1937 owned by Mr. G. H. Plummer of Seattle.

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b.1 "History & Spirit."

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b.2 "Whitman's Massacre & Winter Journey."

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**WA MSS 189. Notebooks, 1889.**

Three notebooks, compiled from various sources by Elwood Evans, on Alaska, early settlers on the Columbia River, and southern Oregon. 3 vols. [i.e. ca. 242 pp.] 11 x 21 cm.

The notes, written in pencil, are largely taken from published works by Bancroft and other writers. They are written on the blank pages of the Calendar ... of the District Court of the Second Judicial District, Wash. Ter. Holding Terms at Tacoma, for the February and June terms, 1889. Some of the entries in the Calendar are annotated by Evans with brief notes such as "Under advisement," "settled," "jury trial," etc.

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b.1                  Notebook 3

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## **WA MSS 190. Scrapbook: "Trial of Leschi"**

"The trial of Leschi, and the matter of George Williams, J. M. Bachelder, Frank Clark, F. R. Kautz, and D. B. McKibbin—for contempt and obstruction of process. An epoch in the history of Washington Territory" [1857- 1858]. 48 pp. 24½ cm.

An account of the trial of Leschi, Nisqually chief, compiled by Elwood Evans by mounting reports of the trial and related material clipped from the Steilacoom *Washington Republican* and the Olympia *Pioneer and Democrat*, 1857-1858, with manuscript copies of extracts from the court records and his own notes and comments; and a letter and papers.

The following letter and papers are included:

WALLACE, W. H. Letter to Colonel Wright, U.S.A. July 8, 1857. 2 pp.

Truth Teller. Devoted to the Dissemination of Truth, and Suppression of Humbug. Edited by Ann Onymous. Vol. No. 000. Steilacoom, W.T., February 3, 1858, and February 25, 1858. Two leaflets of four pages each issued for free distribution by Frank Clark, George Williams and their associates. [Coe No. I, 944.]

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**WA MSS 191. Scrapbook: "Trial of Yelm Jim"**

"The Trial of Yelm Jim for the murder of William White." 72 pp. 18½ cm. Original binding.

The account of the testimony at the trial of Yelm Jim for the murder of William White on March 2, 1856, as reported in the *Olympia Pioneer and Democrat*, April 29, 1859, is mounted on the first nine pages. The manuscript, which follows, is headed "Incidents of the trial and errors alleged," and details the reasons on which a motion for a new trial and arrest in judgment is based. It includes copies of affidavits accompanying the motion, the opinion of Associate Judge William Strong of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory that there were no grounds for a reversal of the verdict of the District Court, and the letter from Elwood Evans, counsel for the defendant, to the Governor, in the matter of the petition of Yelm Jim for a pardon.

The manuscript ends with a clipping about the reprieve from the *Pioneer and Democrat*, May 4, 1860, and a note stating that Yelm Jim was pardoned by Acting Governor H. M. McGill, August 9, 1860.

The handwriting on the cover, in the first few pages and the final note is that of Elwood Evans. The rest of the manuscript, the copies of affidavits, etc., are in a fine, copperplate hand.

Formerly the property of James Wickersham and contains his bookplate.

The letter is accompanied by copies from the *Pioneer and Democrat* [1855-1860] of the following proclamations and notices to prove that a state of war existed between the Yakima Indians and the United States in March, 1856:

MASON, CHARLES H., Acting Governor. Proclamation, October 14, 1855, calling for volunteers.

MASON, CHARLES H. Proclamation, October 22, 1855, calling for more volunteers.

SIMMONS, MICHAEL T., Special Indian Agent. Notice directing all friendly Indians in the Puget Sound District to rendezvous at special points to await orders, November 12, 1855.

STEVENS, ISAAC I., Governor. Proclamation, January 23, 1856, calling for volunteers.

TILTON, JAMES, Adjutant General, W.T.V. Orders to the commanding officer, Fort Steilacoom, to send men in search of the enemy in the vicinity of Nathan Eaton's, and reporting the attack on William White, March 2, 1856.

GHOLSON, RICHARD D., Governor. Proclamation, May 3, 1860, granting a reprieve to Yelm Jim.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Indians of North America -- Northwest, Pacific  
Missions -- Oregon  
Pacific Coast Indians, Wars with, 1847-1865  
Whitman Massacre, 1847

### **Geographic Names**

Fraser River Region (B.C.) -- Gold discoveries  
Oregon -- History  
Oregon -- Politics and government  
Washington Territory -- History  
Washington Territory -- Politics and government

### **Genres / Formats**

Addresses -- United States  
Scrapbooks -- United States

### **Occupations**

Historians -- Oregon  
Historians -- Washington (State)

### **Names**

Abernethy, Alexander S. (Alexander Smith)  
Eells, Myron, 1843-1907  
Evans, Elwood, 1828-1898  
Frost, John, fl. 1857  
Kapus, William, -1901  
Leschi, Nisqually chief, -1858  
McKinlay, Archibald, 1811-1891  
Parker, Samuel J.  
Spalding, Henry Harmon, 1803-1874  
Stevens, Isaac Ingalls, 1818-1862  
Victor, Frances Fuller, 1826-1902  
Yelm, Jim.

### **Corporate Bodies**

Hudson's Bay Company  
Northern Pacific Railroad Company