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THE GREEN RIVER RENDEZVOUS

Out in the Far West where three great river systems find their source, lies the Land of the Rendezvous. In the early days these streams and the surrounding mountains abounded in valuable fur bearing animals. The large British fur companies had found this area at the turn of the 19th Century, and in a short while enterprising Americans seeking furs came into conflict with the British interests in the West.

These trappers and adventurers were hardly into the Wilderness when churchmen and missionaries were with him carrying the word of God and the American flag into a land that was still to be acquired by the United States. Sublette County at this time was the extreme southeast

corner of the Oregon Territory. Here the mighty Green River, queen of all the beaver waters, was a Mecca for trappers and Indians.

A short survey of the fur trade in the Rocky Mountains reveals that trappers had covered the West from what is now Mexico to Canada and from the Mississippi to the Pacific in a short period of 16 years. Beginning with Colter, in 1807, Hoback, Reznor, Robinson, Hunt, Lewis and Clark, and Robert Stuart, followed by William Ashley (who originated the Rendezvous), brought together what can be considered the greatest group of continental explorers ever to assemble in any one place. Such men such as Smith, Bridger, Carson, Meeks, Prevost, Bonneville, Fontenelle, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fraeb, Gervais, and many other too numerous to mention.

Intermingling with these were the missionaries such as Lee, Parker, Spaulding, Whitman and DeSmet. From the far reaches of the wild country, trappers and Indians congregated at Rendezvous on the banks of the Green River to trade their catches of the past winter season for supplies, and to discuss their findings and wanderings. Pausing at this spot in 1836, were Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Spaulding

who crossed the continent with their husbands to establish a mission in Oregon. They were the first white women to blaze the way for the thousands to follow their brave example.



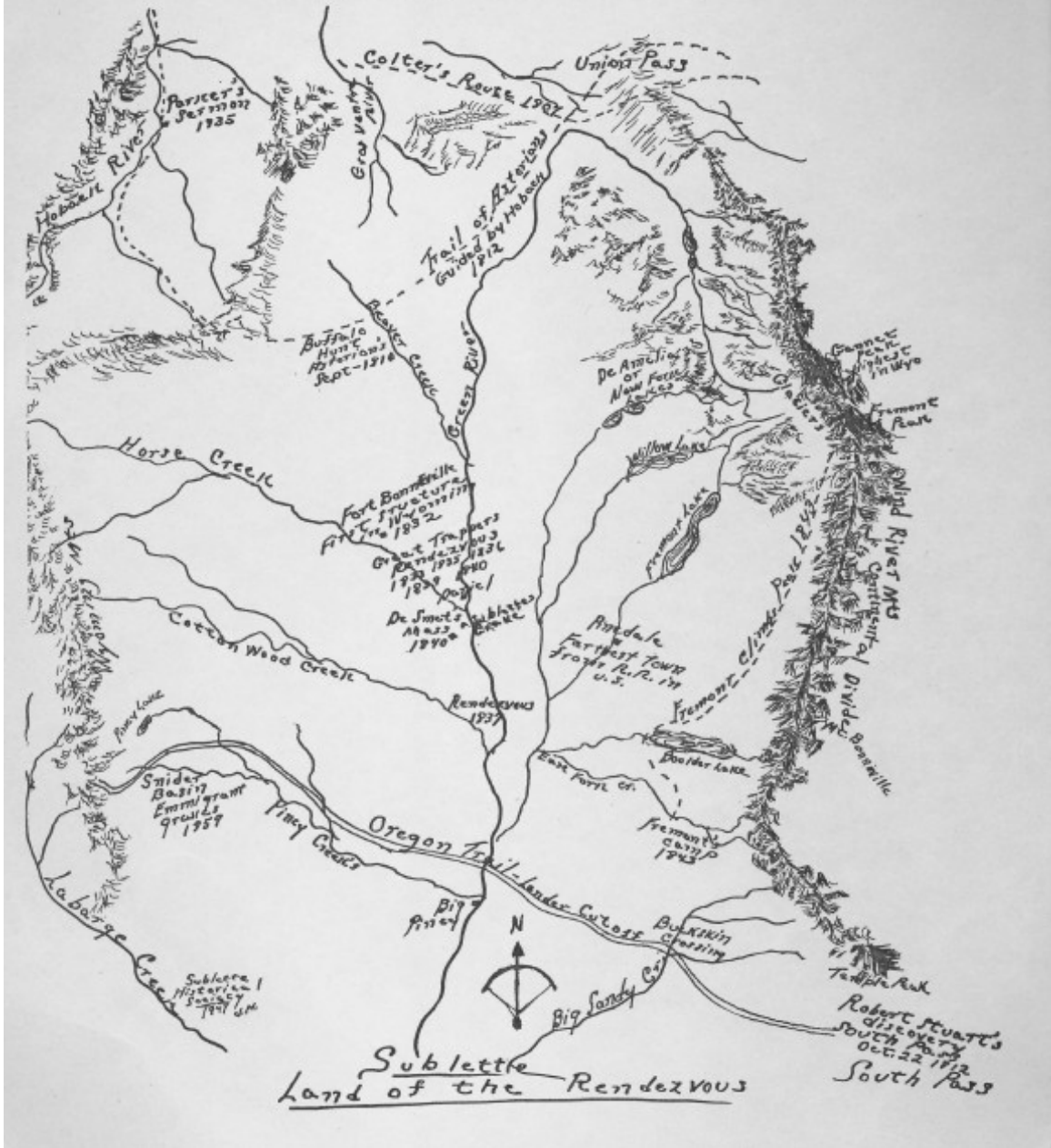
The Rendezvous assemblage

numbered in the thousands. Six of these great gatherings were held in Sublette County. They occurred in the years: 1832, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1839, and 1840. No official representative of any government is known to have taken part in these earliest explorations. It was the fur industry, the trapper, and the missionary that opened the gates of the west. Their hardship have never been surpassed and their courage and fortitude seldom equaled.

It is the aim of the Green River Rendezvous Pageant Association to perpetuate this important period of American history so vital to the development of the West by reenacting annually in pageant form some historical incidents from that distant day.

To all those who made their Rendezvous in Sublette County, we of today gather to honor them by commemorating those occasions of over one hundred years ago. Tread gently, for you walk upon hallowed ground.

Panorama Map of
THE GREEN RIVER RENDEZVOUS VALLEY
AND HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST



Marcus WhitmanJake Brunette

The story of Marcus Whitman has been told but the influence of this man on western civilization can never be underestimated.

Narcissa WhitmanKendall Brunette

Men always remembered her beautiful face and her red-gold hair, and thought she was dedicated to God's service. She was charged with a magnetism whose nature no one could mistake.

Henry SpauldingStuart Thompson

Though harrowed by humiliation and intolerance, he proved to be the best of them all in the frustrating task of understanding the Indians.

Eliza SpauldingEmily Pearson

Truly a God-fearing woman, courageous and reverent.

InterpreterMichelle Costello

Alfred Jacob MillerPreston Goulette

Miller, a professional artist trained at the *Ecole des Beaux Arts* in Paris, originally from Baltimore, accompanied Captain Sir William Drummond Stewart on his trip to the 1837 Rendezvous where he sketched Bridger, depicting him drunk, and riding around the Rendezvous.

TRAPPER CAMP

Dustin Anderson
Neville Burke
Aaron Belton
Jeff Biffle
Jake Brunette
Rodney Carter
Chuck Cundy
Ian & Ira Dickinson
Adam Eatinger
Mark Eatinger
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Casey Fairbanks
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Charlie Golden
Grant Golden
Preston Goulette
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Patrick Ingram
Adam Johnson
Luke LaVoie
David Leniger
Casey Manning
Blaine Matthews
Andrew McGuire
Jon Mickelson
Floyd Roadifer

Eric Schneider
Sawyer Siefkes
Burke Steele
Hugh Steele
Seth Thiele
RJ Thompson
Cole Tolle
Shane Underwood
Dave Vlcek
Mike Watkins
Bill Webb
Tyler Wilson

Father DeSmetJim Shaffer

All spoke of him as possessing glamorous and genial qualities. Some regret that he gave himself up to the missionary cause, claiming that in other walks of life he would have become a giant among men.

Andrew DrippsGrant Golden

A man of unbounded energy, fearless. He was practical and intolerant of opposition. His ambition was to monopolize the fur trade regardless of cost.

Tom FitzpatrickBill Webb

A famous mountain man and partner of Sublette. He was willful, bold and daring.

Sir William Drummond StewartJared Rogerson

A martinet and one with a temper. Competent, meticulous, and exacting, hunting and fishing his reason for coming to the west.

Antoine ClementDave Vlcek

He was a famous hunter and Stewart’s head man.

Lucien FontenelleIan Dickinson

He is a shadowed man, this Fontenelle, and legends have gathered around his name. He was of noble French blood, some say of Royal blood.

WAGON TEAMS AND DRIVERS

Malkowski Team.....Ana Scholefield
Todd Stevie Team.....John Gillette
Floyd Roadifer Team.....Floyd Roadifer
Casey Manning Team.....Casey Manning

SCENE 1

A Prelude to History
Opening Ceremonies
The Astorians
Pipe Lighting Ceremony

SCENE 2

Fort Bonneville
Arrival of the Free Trappers
The Mountain Men
Antelope Soldiers & The Shoshones

SCENE 3

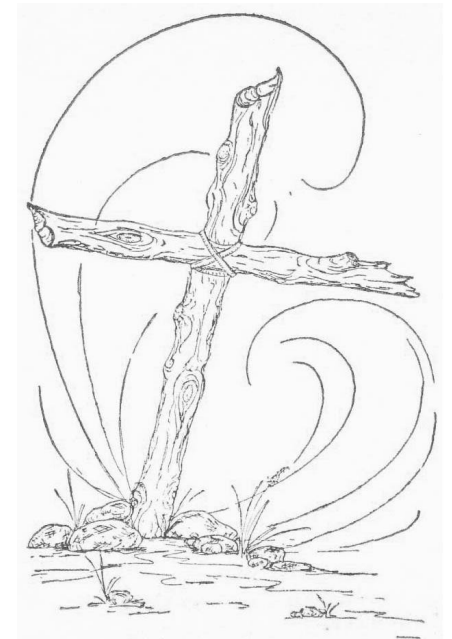
Trapper's Bride
Bonneville vs. Chief Horse Race
Indian Dances
Father Pierre Jean DeSmet
The American Fur Company
Rocky Mountain Fur Company

SCENE 4

The Dude
Pony Dance
The Protestant Missionaries

SCENE 5

History on Parade



CAST OF CHARACTERS

John HobackEric Schneider

A Kentuckian and explorer who was the guide for Wilson P. Hunt and the Astorians.

Jacob ReznorAaron Belton

Also from Kentucky, he assisted Hoback and Robinson in guiding the Astorians through the Green River Valley and beyond.

Edward RobinsonTyler Wilson

He, John Hoback, and Jacob Reznor, employees of John Jacob Astor Fur Company, led the group called the Astorians across the Bighorn Mountains using Powder River Pass as the means of passage.

Wilson Price HuntJake Brunette

He named the Hoback River to honor his guide, John Hoback, who led them down this tributary to the Snake River into Jackson Hole.

Pierre DorionAndrew McGuire

Considered “a shrewd, hard-twisted, semiliterate half-breed,” he lived intermittently with the Yankton Sioux Indians for 20 years prior to the arrival of the explorers. In dire need of a Sioux interpreter, the Americans paid Dorion not only an interpreter’s salary, but also purchased from him 300 pounds of buffalo grease, “which we use to repel insects.”

Aioe DorionMolly Landers

Dorion ChildrenErik & Nathan Anderson

Old Man Indian.....Gil Winters

General William Ashley.....Lars Anderson

General Ashley was a wealthy merchant and politician of St. Louis. He advertised for 100 men to ascend the River Missouri, there to engage in the business of trapping and trading.

Capt. BonnevilleMark Eatinger

Bonneville’s place in history is that of an explorer as well as a fur trader. His wanderings in the wilderness gratified his curiosity and his susceptibility to the grand and the beautiful.

Joe WalkerVan Huffman

Walker was a member of the Bonneville and Fremont Expeditions and was also the first sheriff in Independence, Missouri.

Moses “Black” HarrisCasey Manning

An early Black mountain man who is credited as assisting in the location of the site for Fort Laramie and for helping in its original construction.

Harris' BrideAringtyn Huffman

Jim BridgerRJ Thompson

The “Daniel Boone” of the Rockies, a graduate from the school of the mountains and without parallel as a superb scout and guide.

William SubletteJohn Hyde

Best known of five brothers, a sound trader, and fearless mountain man. Sublette County is named for the Sublette Brothers.

Kit CarsonIra Dickinson

A rare combination of dauntless courage, true nobility of mind and generous impulse, tempered with discretion and sound sense.

Jedediah SmithDan Stroud

He was a tall, silent man and never used tobacco or profanity. He was the most famous of all "Mountain Men".

Joe MeekFloyd Roadifer

He attended his first Rendezvous, at the age of 19, near present day Lander.

The Shoshones:

In general, these were stout, well formed, active men. They were cheerful, and fond of gambling and amusement. They were also expert marksmen and good riders. Their squaws were said to be excellent housekeepers and mothers.

Antelope Soldiers....Sandy Kirkpatrick, Ken Marincic, Kasey Marincic, Andrew Weaver

Ma-Wo-MaTim Thompson

Quinton QuayMike Watkins

Wadze WeepayGerda Dickinson

Sweetgrass WomanKate Dickinson

Chief RaceJesse Early & Spring Moore