CITIZENS ROAD.

In 1853 it was again resolved to open the road for the immigrants to come into the new territory over the Cascade Mountains. A general meeting of citizens was held at Olympia, May 14, 1853, to discuss the subject in all its bearings, when G.N. McConaha, Whitfield Kirtley, Charles Eaton, John Edward and E. J. Allen were chosen road reviewers to report upon the practicability for the undertaken.

At the end of three weeks a report was made of the route from Olympia to the summit of the Cascade Range and by the middle of July volunteers were at work upon the survey which so far succeeded in their design as to cut a way by which thirty-five wagons reached the shores of Puget Sound that autumn bringing between one and two hundred men, women and children to populate the rich valleys of the White and Puyallup Rivers.


This train had 62 work-oxen, 20 cows, and 7 mares. There were, besides, J. W. Woodward, John B. Moyer, Z. Gotzan, Aaron Rockenfield, Norman Kilborn, Isaac Lemmon, H. A. Finnell, William H. Downey, wife and children, John James Downey and daughter, Abiel Morrison, Charlotte his wife, and family, George Haywood, James Bell, John Bell, W. H. Brannon and family, John Carson and wife, Israel Wright, Byrd Wright, Frank Wright, Van Ogle, and Addison S. Persham, most of whom crossed by the Nachess pass. Many of them had families and friends who are not named here.

Other immigrants of this year were William H. Wallace, Elijah E. Baker, David C. Forbes, J. H. Cleale, John L. Clarke, Mason Guess (married Miss Downey), William H.


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