

## **Puyallup Historical Society at Meeker Mansion Suggested Reading List.            2/23/2020**

### **Books by Ezra Meeker**

*Washington Territory West of the Cascade Mountains, Containing a Description of Puget Sound and Rivers Emptying into it* (1870) Thought to be the first book printed in Washington Territory. (Very rare, but a reprint of this document is tipped into every copy of *Seventy Years of Progress*).

*Hop culture in the United States being a practical treatise on hop growing in Washington territory, from cutting to the bale* (1883)

*Pioneer Reminiscences on Puget Sound, The Tragedy of Leschi* (1905)  
(reprinted recently as two separate books)

*The Ox Team or the Old Oregon Trail, 1852-1906* (1906), about 6 reprintings. The most readable for young people is the so-called Driggs edition, published in 1925 in collaboration with Howard Driggs as *Ox Team Days on the Oregon Trail*.

*Ventures and Adventures* (1910)

*Uncle Ezra's Short Stories for Children* (1912)

*A Busy Life of 85 Years* (1915)

*Seventy Years of Progress in Washington* (1921)

### **Books about Ezra Meeker**

Larsen, Dennis M. *Ezra Meeker, A brief resume of his life and adventures*, Puyallup Historical Society at Meeker Mansion, 2013

Larsen, Dennis M. *Hop King, Ezra Meeker's Boom Years*, WSU Press, 2016 (Volume 2 of the Ezra Meeker Biography)

Larsen, Dennis M, *Slick as a Mitten, Ezra Meeker's Klondike Enterprise*, WSU Press, 2009 (Volume 3 of the Ezra Meeker Biography)

Larsen, Dennis M., *The Missing Chapters, The Untold Story of Ezra Meeker's Old Oregon Trail Monument Expedition January 1906 to July 1908*, Ezra Meeker Historical Society, 2006 (Volume 4 of the Ezra Meeker Biography)

Larsen, Dennis M. *Saving the Oregon Trail: Ezra Meeker's Last Grand Quest*, WSU Press (Volume 5 of the Ezra Meeker Biography), Due out in May 2020.

(Mr Larsen recommends that Mr Meeker's Pioneer Reminiscences be read as Volume 1 of the Meeker biography, with his four books filling out the details of the rest of Meeker's life and adventures).

### **Other valuable sources**

#### **Oregon Trail**

Unruh, *The Plains Across; the Overland Emigrants and the Trans-Mississippi West 1840-1860*, U of Illinois, 1993

#### **Pierce County**

Price, Lori and Ruth Anderson, *Puyallup a Pioneer Paradise*, Arcadia, 2003

Anderson, Ruth, *Legendary Locals of the Puyallup Valley*, Arcadia, 2013

Bonney, *History of Pierce County, Washington*, Pioneer Historical Publishing Company, 1927, reprinted by the Pierce County Genealogical Society

Kolano, Larry, *Puyallup Perspectives*, Graphic Press, 1976

Maloney, Ruth E, *George by George*, Fred Mouse Books, Puyallup, 2018

Morgan, Murray, *Puget's Sound, A Narrative of Early Tacoma and the South Sound*, U of Washington, 1981

Ramsey, Bruce A., *The Panic of 1893; the Untold Story of Washington State's First Depression*, Caxton Press, 2018

Ramsey, Jerry, *Stealing Puget Sound: 1832-1869*, Tacoma Historical Society, 2015.

Rau, Weldon, *Pioneering the Washington territory: Reminiscences of Willis and Mary Ann Boatman, with a review of historical events of early territorial days*, Historic Fort Steilacoom Assn, 2003

Ripley, Thomas Emerson, *Green Timber, On the Flood Tide to Fortune in the Great Northwest*, American West Publishing, 1968

Ross, Charles Henry (Shafer, Gladys, ed., *Child of the Oregon Trail*, Manuscript in the archives of the Washington State Historical Society, Tacoma, privately published by Jeannie Knutson, Puyallup 2018, inquiries through [www.MeekerMansion.org](http://www.MeekerMansion.org)).

### **Local Native Peoples**

Carpenter, Cecelia Svinth, *The Nisqually - My People: the traditional and transitional history of the Nisqually Indian people*, Tahoma Research Service, Tacoma, 2002

\_\_\_\_\_, *Tears of Internment: The Indian History of Fox Island and the Puget Sound Indian War*, Tahoma Research Service 1996

\_\_\_\_\_, *They Walked Before: the Indians of Washington State*, Tahoma Research Service, 1977

\_\_\_\_\_, *Where the Waters Begin: The Traditional Nisqually Indian History of Mount Rainier*. Northwest Interpretive Association, 1994

Eckrom, J. A., *Remembered Drums: a history of the Puget Sound Indian War*, Pioneer Press, Walla Walla, 1989.

Meeker, Ezra, *Pioneer Reminiscences of Puget Sound, the Tragedy of Leschi*, Lowman and Hanford,(1905) (Later reprinted as two volumes, out of print.)

Smith, Marian W, *The Puyallup–Nisqually*, Columbia Univ Press, New York, 1940

### **Military History (written by local authors)**

Granholm, Jackson, *The Day We bombed Switzerland, Flying with the US Eighth Army Air Force in World War II*, Airline Classic 2000

Hill, R Vernon, *My War with Imperial Japan: Escape and Evasion*, Vantage Press, New York 1989

Van Slyke, Stuart O., *The Life of Stuart O. Van Slyke, an Autobiography*

Zeiger, Hans, *Puyallup in World War II*, History Press, 2018.

### **Books for young readers**

Erickson, Paul, *Daily Life in a Covered Wagon*, Penguin, 199?

Sullivan, Susan Templeton, *Bentley's Tale of the Oregon Trail*, Peanut Butter Publishing, Seattle, 1999

Olson, Todd, *How to Get Rich on the Oregon Trail, My Adventures among Cows, Crooks and Heroes on the Road to Fame and Fortune*, National Geographic, 2009

### **Online Resources**

[www.historicoregoncity.org/end-of-the-oregon-trail-history/oregon-trail-history](http://www.historicoregoncity.org/end-of-the-oregon-trail-history/oregon-trail-history)  
[www.america101.us/trail/Oregontrail.html](http://www.america101.us/trail/Oregontrail.html)  
[edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/oregon-trail](http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/oregon-trail)