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. 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**


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


Local Native Peoples

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


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

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


**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*, Airlife Classic 2000


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


**Books for young readers**

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


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**