

Oregon and Washington Boundary Line.

beveled; the upper end when trimmed (for 18 inches) was 10 ins. sq. The ground end of post was charred and embedded 5 feet in the ground. Post marked in deeply graven, large characters, on North side "W", on South side "O", on East side "46°E. 1864" and on the West side "46°W. 1864". Built about this supplanted post a very durable and symmetrical monument, 12 ft. in diam., at base and tapering up, to Cedar post, 4 feet high, composed of large, closely-fitting stones, firmly set together. At a distance of 2 feet from the exterior edge of monument, dug a circular trench, 18 ins. wide and 2 feet deep. Also dug deep, wide pits at the cardinal points of the monument.

At distances of 50 lks. from center of monument and angles of 45°, erected 4 witness posts, with stone mounds, trenches, about them, and pits. The posts were cedar, 5 feet long and 4 ins. sq., when trimmed and beveled. Ground ends were charred and sunk in the ground $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Deposited charred wood in each witness mound. The posts were all marked "W.P." and the two bearing N.45°E. & N.45°W. were marked "W"; the two bearing S.45°E. and S.45°W. were marked "O".

Also from center of Initial Monument, bearing N.10°W., dist. 45 lks., chiseled the letter "W" on a large rock and at a dist. of 73.5 lks. and bearing S.23°22'20"W. in like manner cut the letter "O" on a large flat rock.

This Initial Monument is well located for becoming known & every precaution has been taken to render it durable. The bench upon which it is built, is a rocky substructure covered with a sandy soil, producing scattered brush & bunch grass. The Columbia River, bordered by a very narrow "bottom" is hemmed in on both sides by perpendicular bluffs, rising to an elevation of 500 ft.

Proceeding E. on parallel in 1.50 chains, foot of stone slide, ascend over rocks, 4 chains, foot of inaccessible bluff, nearly 500 feet high. 20 chains top edge of bluff

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