

Timeline

George Washington Bush

1811

Fort Astoria is founded, the first American settlement in the Oregon Territory

1812

Britain takes control of Fort Astoria, renaming it Fort George

1818

Britain and the United States agree on joint ownership of lands west of the Rocky Mountains

1825

The Hudson's Bay Company, which dominates Pacific Northwest trade in the 1820s and 1830s, founds Fort Vancouver as its headquarters on the northern side of the Columbia River with Dr. John McLoughlin as its agent

1843

Americans form the first provisional government of Oregon. This year also sees a great increase in the number of immigrants coming to Oregon, marking the beginning of the Oregon Trail

1844

Provisional government in Oregon passes a law excluding black people. This same year, George Washington Bush and his party journey to Oregon.

1845

Bush and his party start their settlement at Tumwater in what is to be the beginning of the Washington Territory, though at this time it is still Oregon Territory

1846

Treaty between Britain and the United States divides the Oregon Territory. British Columbia becomes part of British Canada and Oregon. Oregon, Washington and Idaho become American and are now called the Oregon Territory.

1851

Indian Appropriations Act passes. American reservation system created.

1853

Washington separates from Oregon

1859

Oregon becomes a state

1861

The US Civil War begins

1870

15th Amendment to the Constitution, which forbids denying the vote on account of race, is ratified

1889

Washington becomes a state

1959

Oregon officially recognizes the 15th Amendment