

Cowlitz County Museum

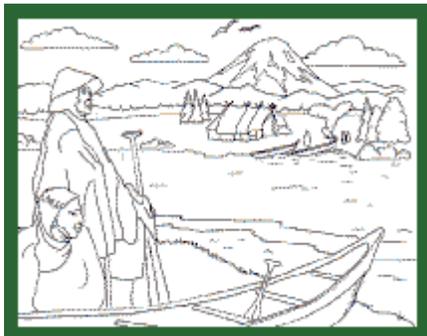
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Historical Coloring Book

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Many years ago some of the people from the eastern part of the United States wanted to come to this area to start new jobs and have a new place to live. They traveled across our land in Covered Wagons.

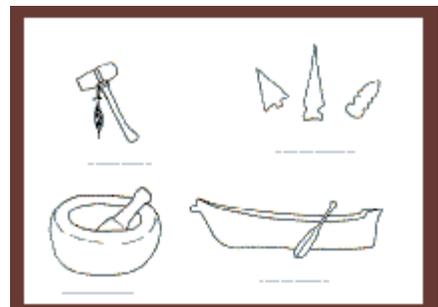
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They found Indians already living here. Everything the Indians used to live with was made from things they found in the sea, river or forest. The Indians had no cars and traveled by canoe, horse or walking. They ate fish, clams and things from the river and sea. They also ate berries, roots, deer and game from the forest.

The Indians made all of their tools, canoes, houses, clothes, cooking baskets and bowls from things that grew or were found in the forests and rivers.

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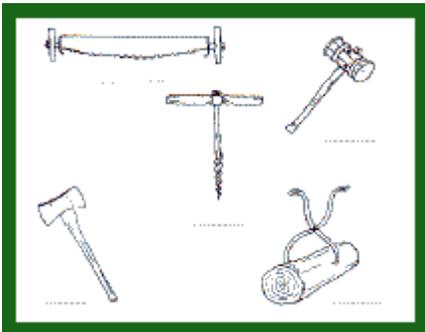




The settlers made their houses from trees that they cut down. They cut trees and pulled out the stumps so they could grow some plants to eat. They hunted in the forests to get meat to eat. This is a picture of Ben's Cabin. Come and visit the museum and you will see this very cabin.

The settlers found that they could cut the huge trees and sell the lumber to people in the new cities that were being built in our area.

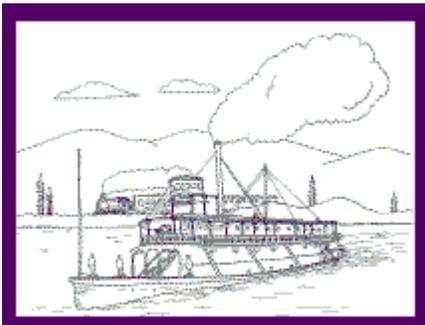
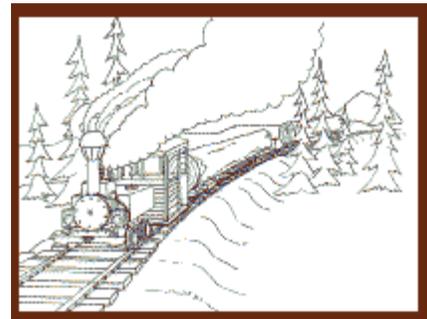
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They made or bought tools to use as they worked in the forests cutting down the trees. You will see some of these tools at the museum.

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Soon they were able to get or make trains that could help them bring the huge logs down from the hills to the water where they could ship the logs to cities.



They didn't have any cars here yet and the roads were just paths in the dirt. They found it easiest to travel by riverboat or train when they needed to go to the city. They also rode their horses or in a wagon pulled by a horse or oxen.

As more and more people came and settled in our area they needed to buy supplies. Soon someone started a store to sell those supplies. There is a country store for you to see at the museum too.

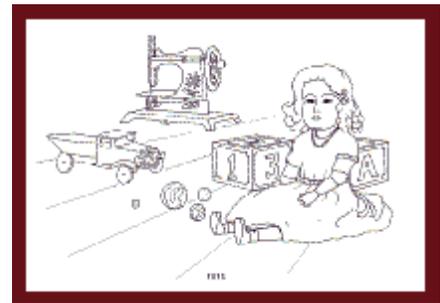
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Settlers dressed differently than we do today. It is fun to see the difference. If you come and visit the Cowlitz County Museum you can see some of the clothes that the settlers wore. It is free to come to the Museum.

The settler's children like to play with toys just like you do today. Here is a picture of some of the toys they liked to play with.

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It is lots of fun to learn about what things were like in our area a long time ago. That is why the Museum is here. People give them old toys and things so we can always remember what it was like for the Indians and the settlers to our area.

Tell your Mom or Dad it would be fun for you to visit the Museum and it is free.

Hope to see you soon!