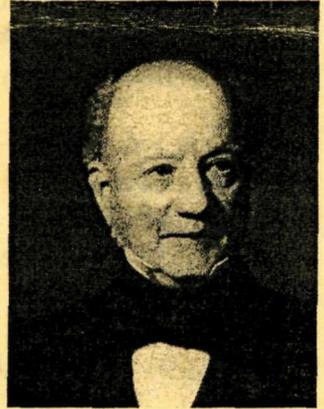




Fort Vancouver NHS

175th Anniversary of the Fort's Founding

"At sunrise mustered all the people to hoist the Flag Staff of the new Establishment and in presence of the Gentlemen, Servants, Chiefs and Indians Baptised it by breaking a Bottle of Rum on the Flag Staff and repeating the following words in a loud voice, 'In behalf of the Ho'noble Hudsons Bay Co'y I hereby name this establishment Fort Vancouver God Save King George the 4th ' with three cheers."



Governor George Simpson,
March 19, 1825

Welcome to the Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Fort Vancouver's founding. As we revisit the moment of the Fort's dedication, we look back at a crucial turning point in American history. Here would be the new Headquarters for the Hudson's Bay Company and the new center for Northwest commerce, industry, and agriculture. Here would be the beginnings of the timber industry and the skilled trades such as carpentry, blacksmithing, and ship-building.

Working under a British flag, the Fort's diverse workforce included French Canadians, Native Americans, Hawaiians, and Britishers. They labored to create a fur trading post which would forever change the land and its people.



Schedule of Events

The National Park Service is pleased to offer an afternoon of programs and events to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the dedication of Fort Vancouver and to reflect on the impact of the Hudson's Bay Company on the history of the Northwest.

Tours of the Fort will be offered from 9:00am to 1:00pm. From 1:00pm to 5:00pm, Fort Vancouver's Buildings will be open to the public, with "Living History" guides in historic dress to take you back in time to relive periods of Fort Vancouver's history. Special activities are offered at:

11:00 & 1:00 Tour of the Archeological Collection meets inside the Fur Warehouse. Sign up in the Contact Station

2:00 Reenactment and Presentations at the flag pole

2:30 Black Powder Demonstration beside the Fur Warehouse

2:45 Father Blanchet's Children's Stories in Fur Warehouse

3:00 "Memories of a Chief Factor" in the Chief Factor's House

3:30 "William Cannon, First American Blacksmith at Fort Vancouver" by the flag pole

Dr. John McLoughlin takes tea in the Chief Factor's House

4:00 "Songs of the Voyageurs" at the flag pole

4:30 Black Powder Demonstration beside the Fur Warehouse