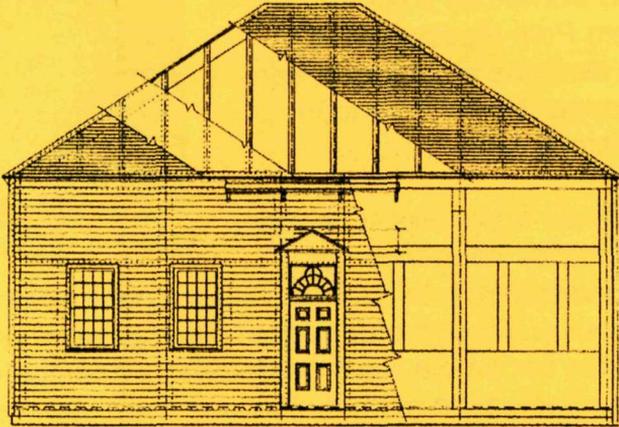


# THE COUNTING HOUSE DEDICATION JUNE 12, 2004



This building housed the administrative functions of the Hudson's Bay Company, as well as initially serving as the living quarters of Captain Thomas Baillie for a year and a half in the mid-1840s.

The exhibits in this building have been designed to be self-serve. The front room has been furnished sparsely, as it would have been while clerks toiled for long hours keeping up with the books and correspondence of a vast fur trading empire. While in residence, Captain Baillie often hosted parties, balls, and plays in this spacious room. In the front room and in Baillie's bedroom, all the furnishings are touchable reproductions.

The interactive exhibit "Growing Up at Fort Vancouver" lets younger visitors (and their parents) explore the lives of their peers in the past through the lenses of history and archaeology.

# A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ALICE SUHR

Alice Suhr believed in the importance of local history. A woman of modest means who worked as a dishwasher at the Totem Pole Restaurant, she decided to dedicate a portion of her estate to supporting Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.



She established a significant bequest at the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington to help fund the reconstruction of the Counting House. Though she passed away several years ago, her dream has become a reality with today's opening of the building. Our dedication of the building in the historic style, the breaking of a rum bottle on its corner, is in honor of Alice Suhr.

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

The following individuals and businesses donated products or services for the reconstruction of the Counting House and the exhibits within. We truly appreciate their generosity.

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