## **THE SCOTS**

## History

Fort Vancouver was a Hudson's Bay Company's (HBC) fur trading post established in 1824. Until 1845 operations were overseen by Chief Factor John McLoughlin. As the headquarters of HBC's fur trade activity on the Pacific coast, its influence stretched from the Rocky Mountains in the east, to Alaska in the north, Alta California in the south, and to the Kingdom of Hawaii in the Pacific. Ratified in 1846, the Treaty of Oregon was signed by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States, ending a decades' long Oregon boundary dispute setting the border at the 49th parallel. In June 1860, Fort Vancouver was abandoned by the HBC in favor of their stations in British Columbia, principally Fort Victoria.



## **Ethnobotanical Gardens**

Native plant "starts" from Bonhoeffer Gardens (to your SW, by the I-5) illustrate 99 foods and materials available to the American peoples who lived here 10,000 years without the need to develop agriculture. Planter boxes contain:

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## Legends & Lessons

Employers have tasks that need to be performed that grouped together create a "position" and similar position are known as a "job." They look for individuals with skill, ability, and knowledge and, add to that, energy, interest and working conditions that in Canada were northern and cold. It is no surprise that a London company looked north to Scotland for: 1) boat crews and 2) managers of their many outposts. The former were called "Orkneymen" (even further north) or "Scots." Most were hired under a short-term contract with the hope of returning home with a nest-egg.

Managers were treated a bit differently. Canadian management would visit Edinburgh each year and recruit a "class" of young managers. They'd travel together via ship (with training ongoing) finally ending up at Fort Winnipeg in central Canada. Their stay there would find locked doors on the hotel - none were allowed to leave and walk the streets and potentially escape south to the Land of the Free.

When Fort Vancouver moved to Fort Victoria in 1860, John McLoughlin stayed to live in Oregon City, U.S.A!