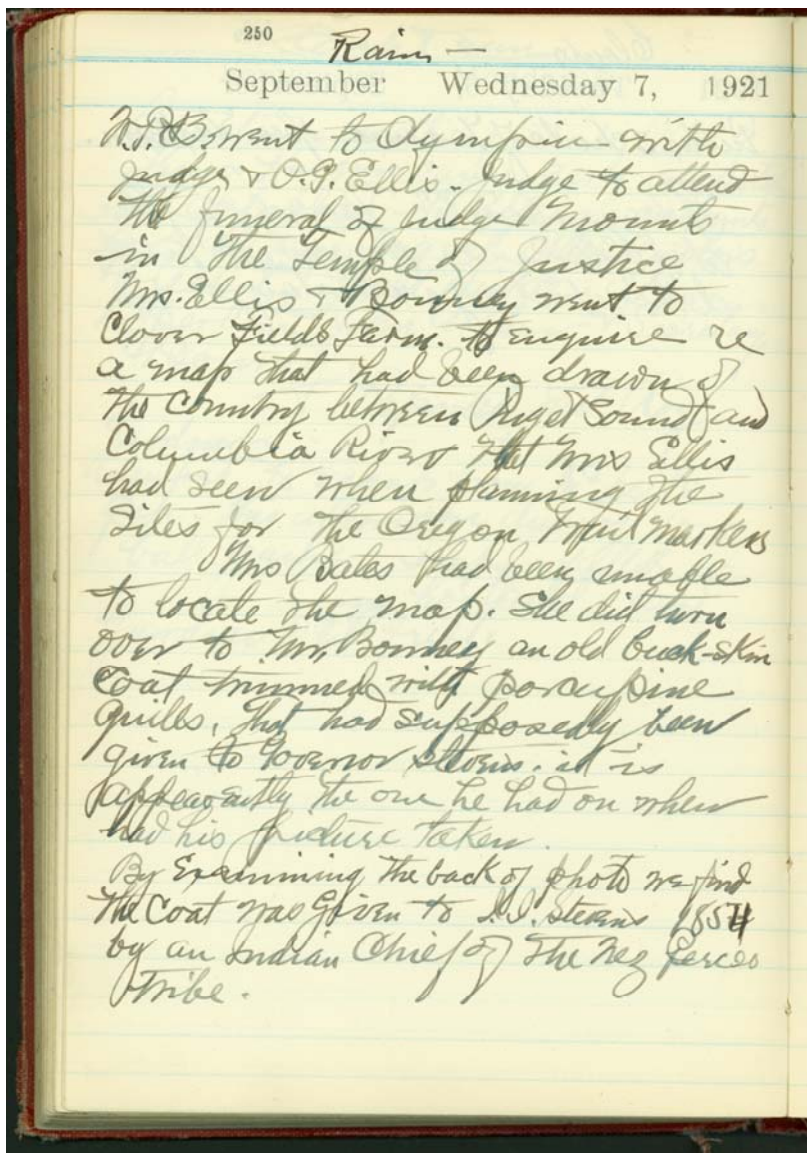


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William P. Bonney was a curator at the Washington State Historical Society and kept all of his records in books that the Society now calls the "Bonney Diaries". This entry discusses some of his findings about the coat.



Rain.

September Wednesday 7, 1921

W.P.B. went to Olympia with Judge and O.J. Ellis. Judge to attend the funeral of Judge Mount in the Temple of Justice. Mrs. Ellis and Bonney went to Clover Fields Farm to enquire [sic] re a map that had been drawn of the country between Puget Sound and Columbia River that Mrs. Ellis had seen when planning the sites for the Oregon Trail markers.

Mrs. Bates had been unable to locate the map. She did turn over to Mr. Bonney an old buck-skin coat trimmed with porcupine quills, that had supposedly been given to Governor Stevens. It is apparently [sic] the one he had on when [he] had his picture taken.

By examining the back of photo we find the coat was given to I.I. Stevens 1854 by an Indian Chief of the Nez Perce tribe.