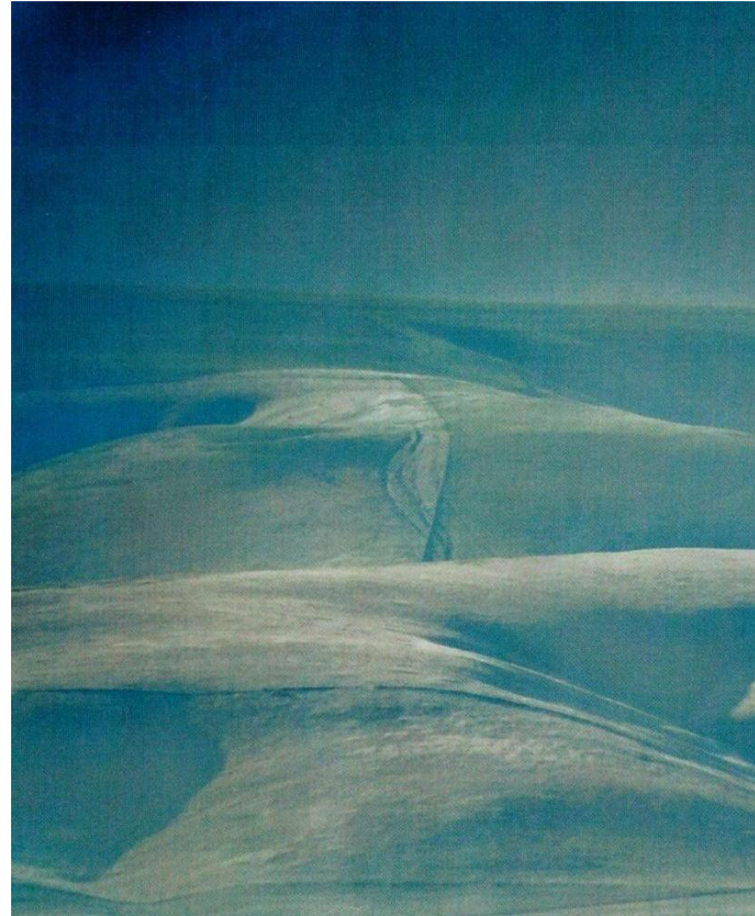


Reading Between the Ruts: Historic Trails of the Walla Walla Valley

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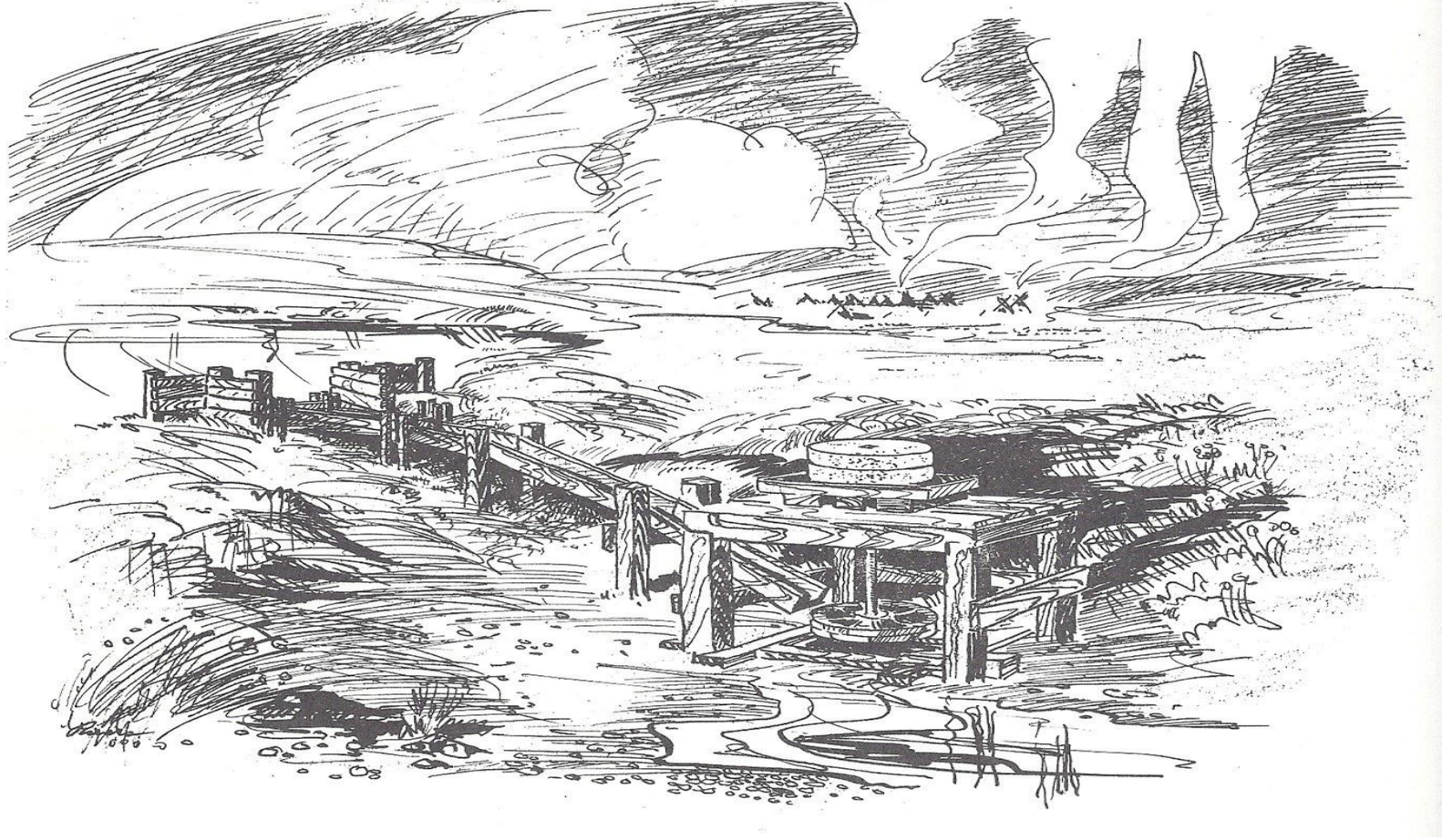
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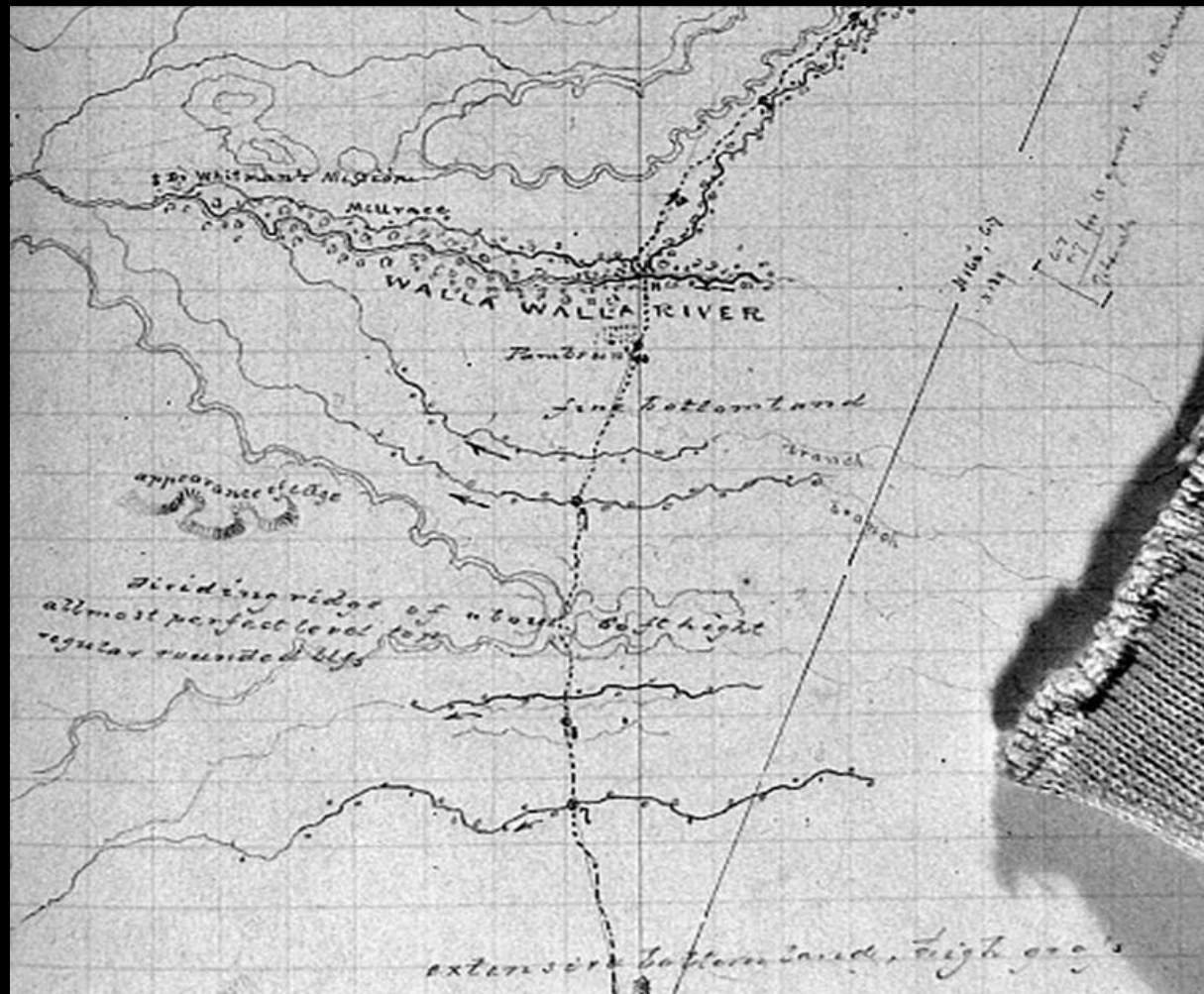




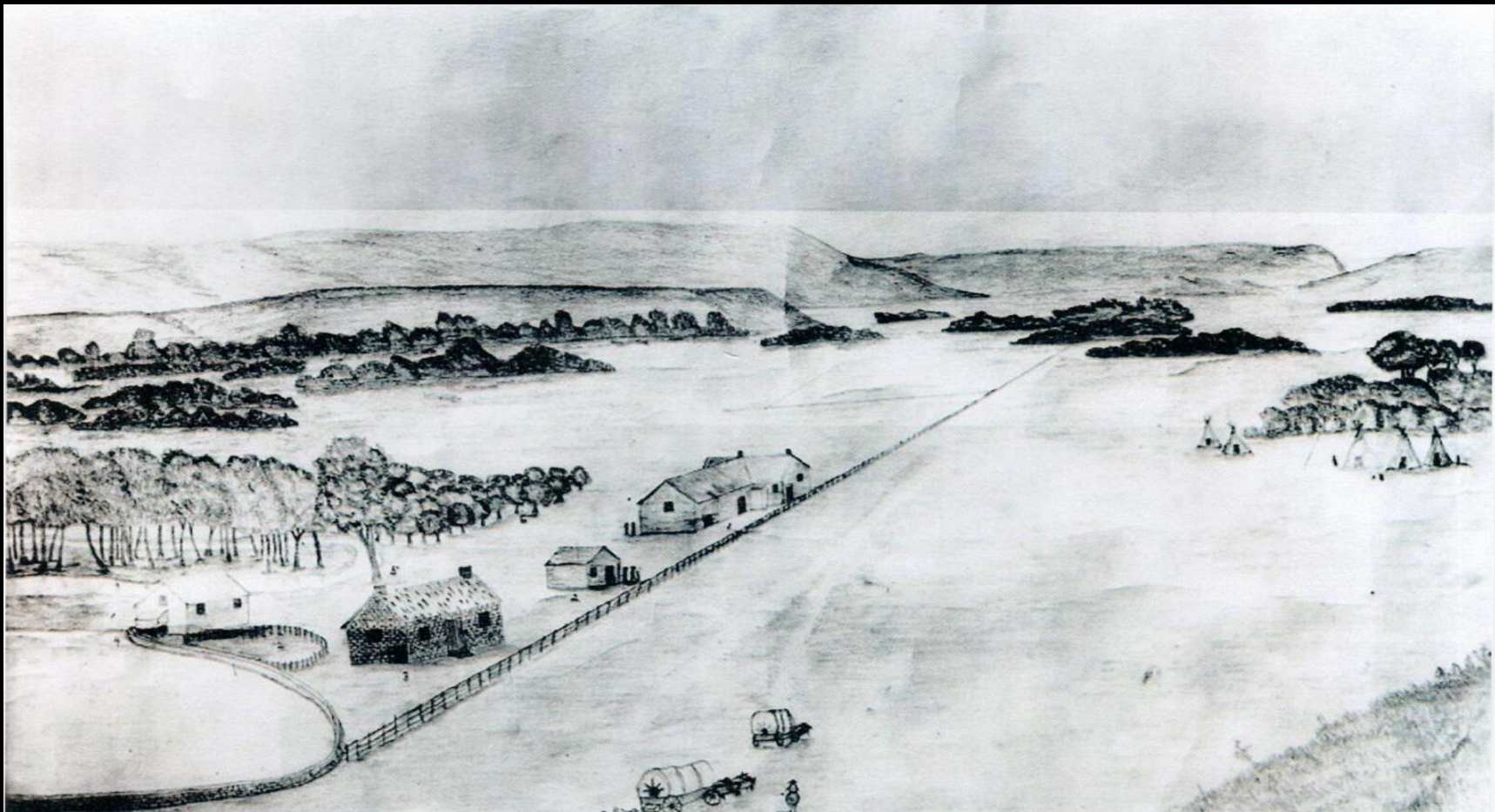
NARCISSA AND MARCUS WHITMAN



Whitman's Gristmill; OR Trail followed Mill Race to Mission



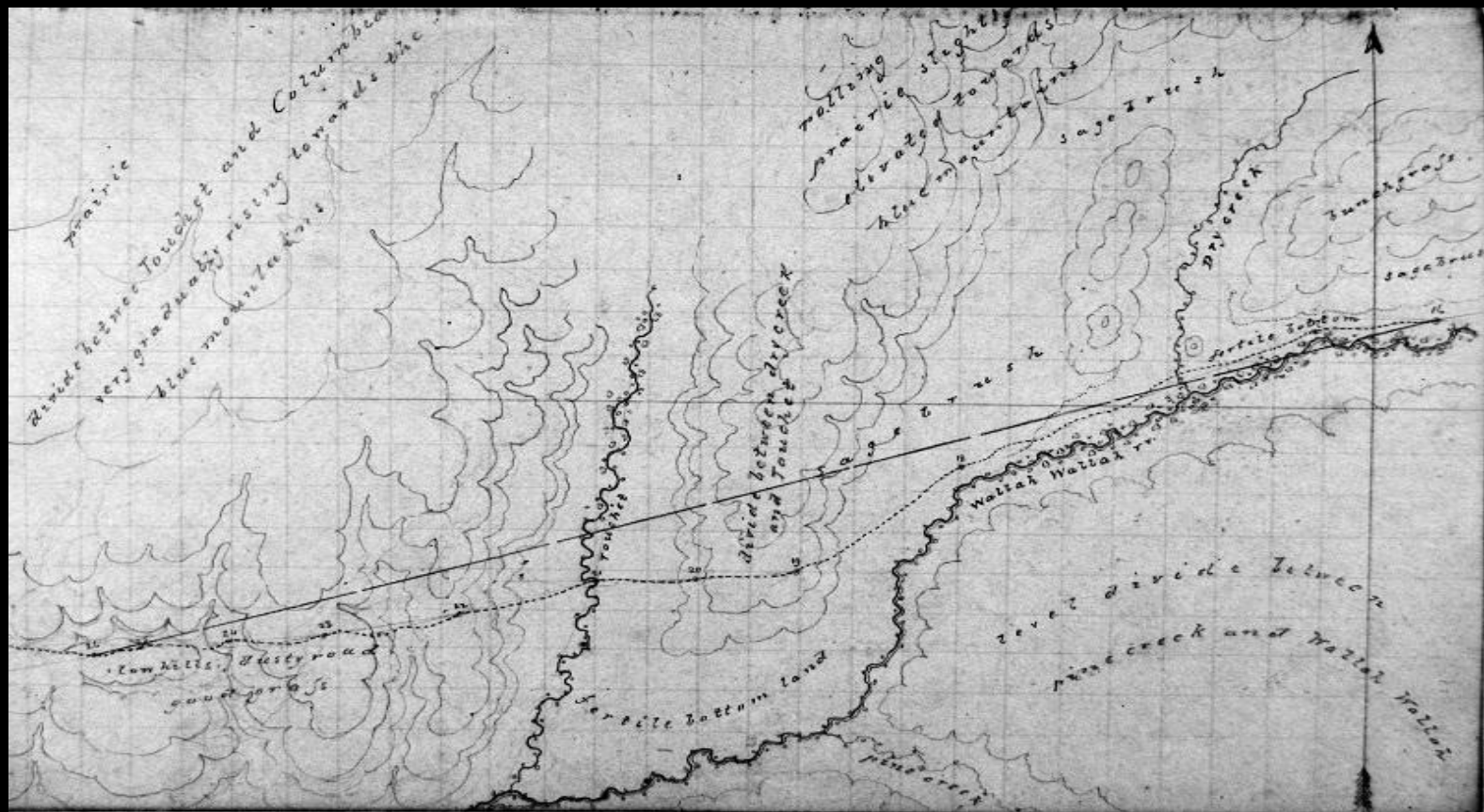
KOLECKI MAP - Whitman Mission and Millrace, Mojonier Crossing, US Army Fort Walla Walla



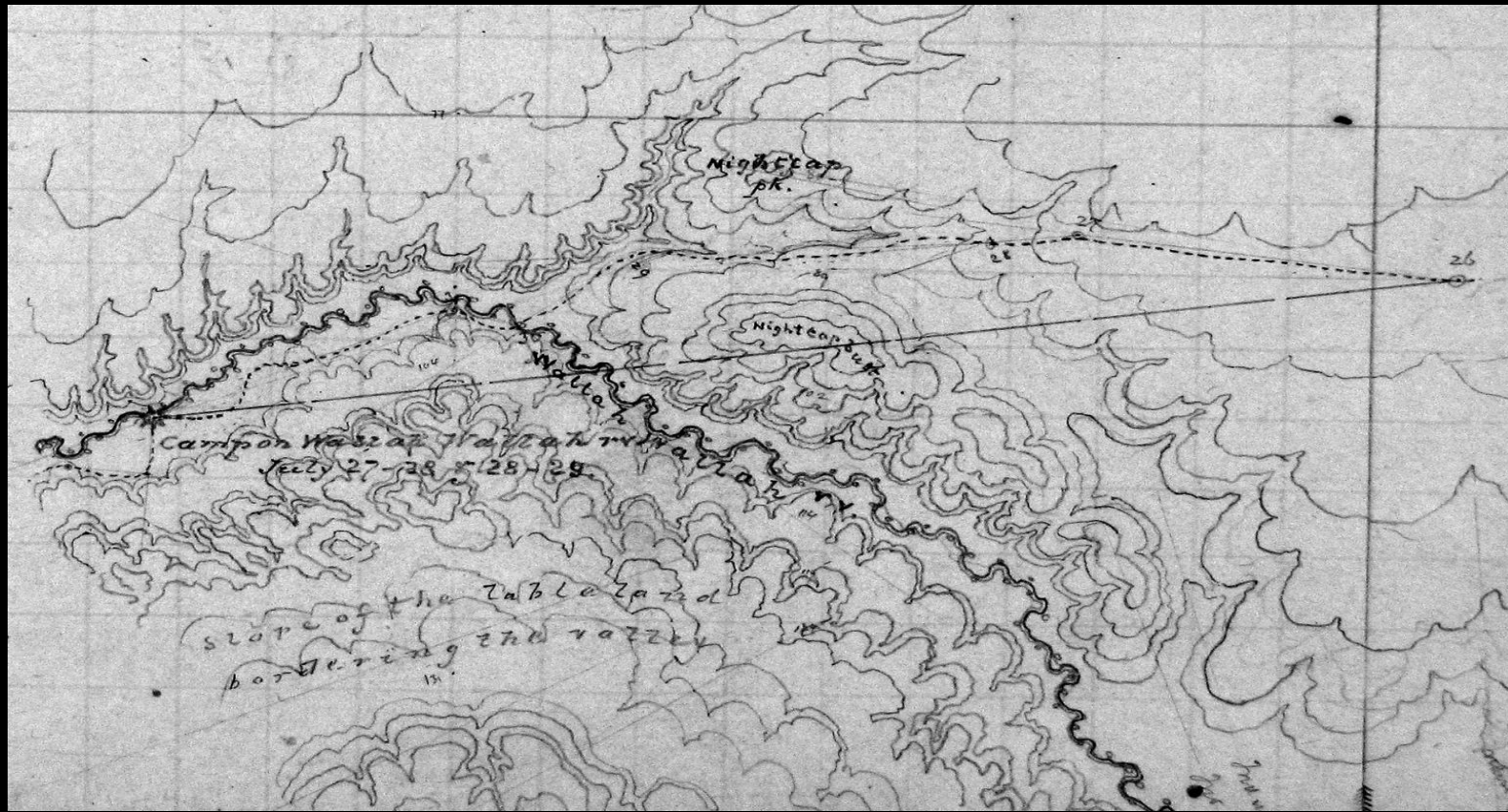
WHITMAN MISSION, OREGON TRAIL 1844. Photo source unknown.



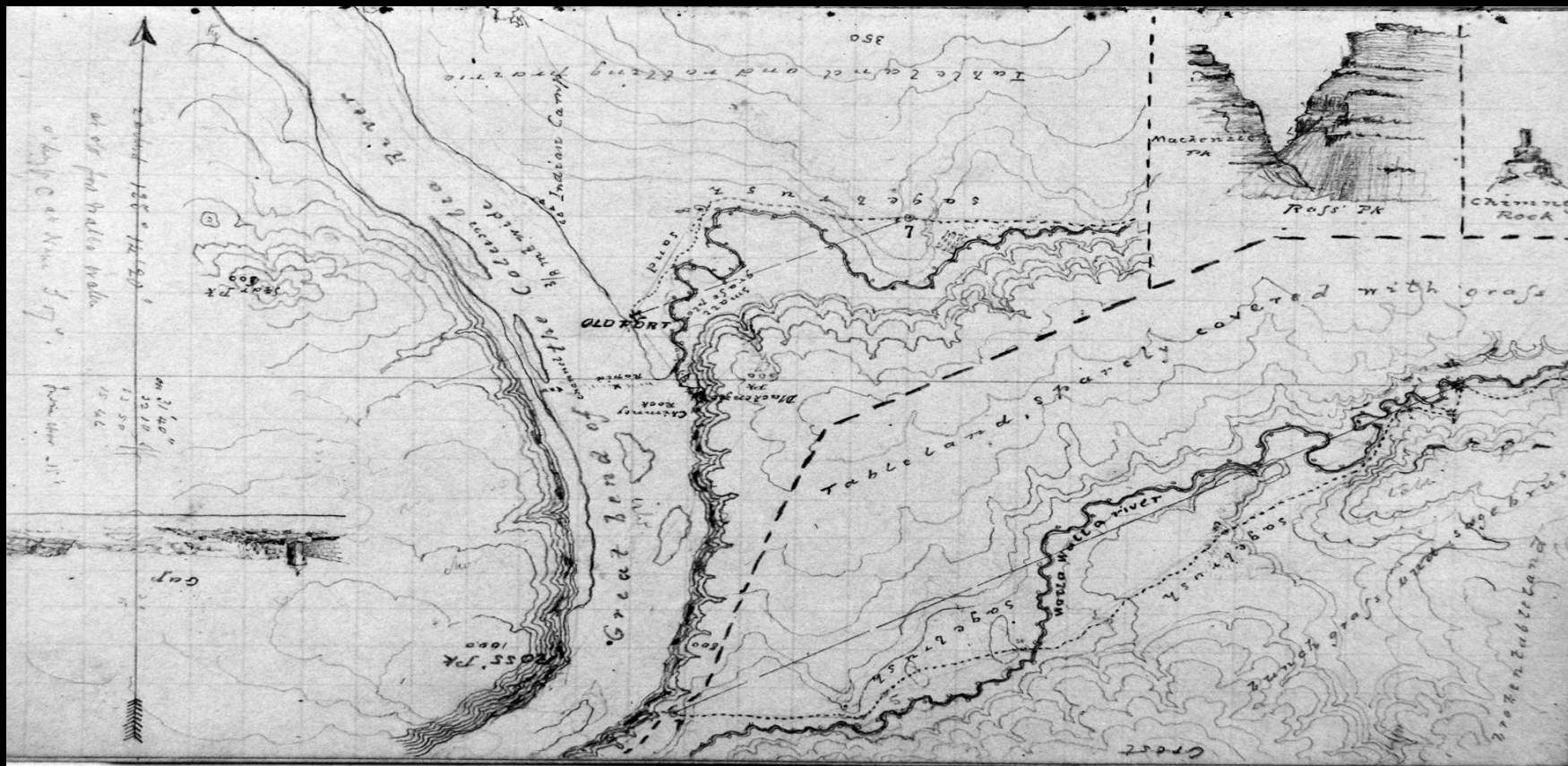
HIGH WATER MARK MISSOULA FLOODS
Approx. Elevation = 2000 feet (Schubert land)



KOLECKI MAP - Touchet River Crossing
Note "Low Hills" visible on Hwy. 12



**KOLECKI MAP - OREGON TRAIL ROUTE BETWEEN NIGHT CAP
PEAK AND BUTTE. Note crossing at Nine-Mile Ranch.
1858 Colonel George Wright Expedition.**



KOLECKI MAPS (2) - Separated by large dotted lines; OR Trail = small dotted lines. Note 5-mile crossing, "old fort" (Nez Perces), drawings of Fort, Wallula Gap and Cayuse Sisters.



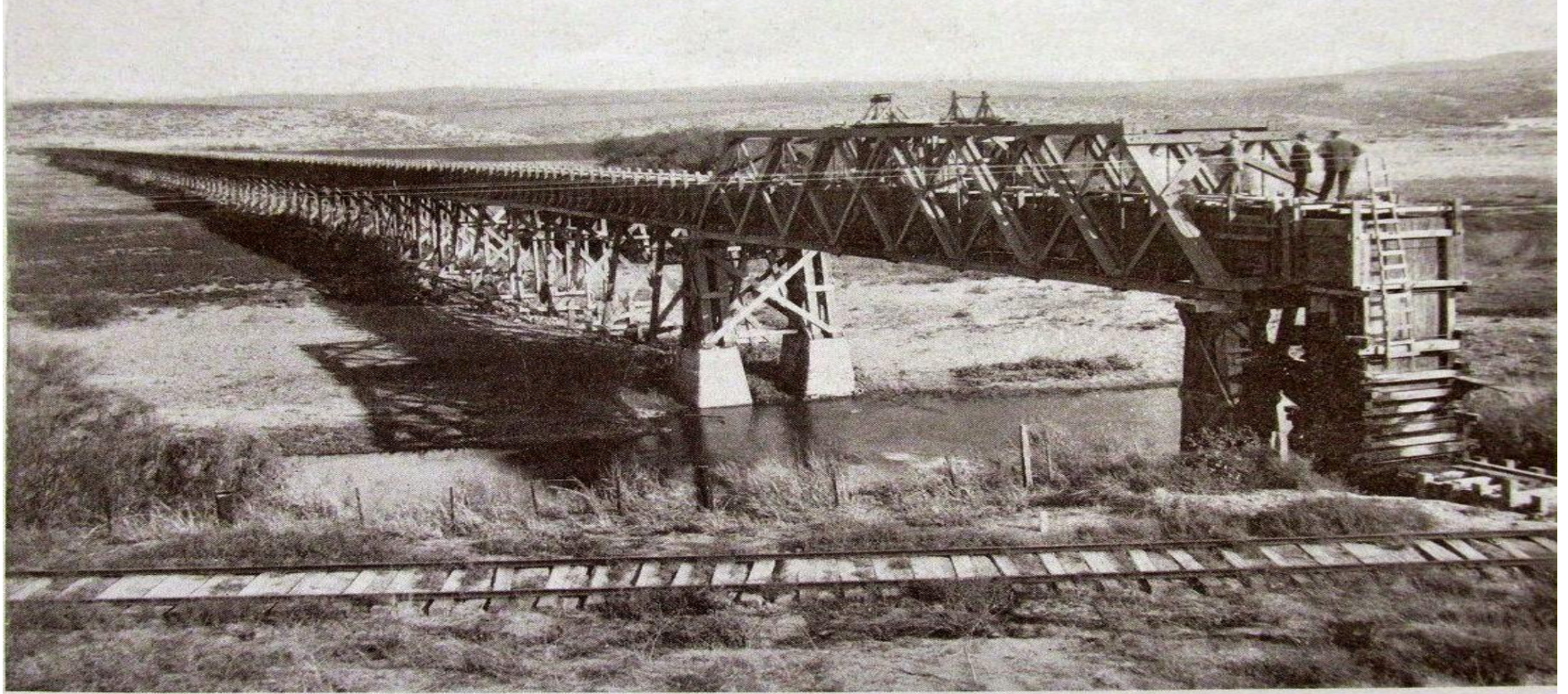
LOWER WALLA WALLA RIVER

OR Trail, Nez Perce Trail, Celilo Road, Mullan Road, et. al. to Fort Nez Percés



OBELISK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WALLA WALLA RIVER

This cement abutment supported a railroad bridge on the route from Helix to Wallula. The bridge was about 6 miles up the WW River.



Large flume which is a part of the system of the Columbia Canal Company.

ATTALIA DITCH, at the Five mile crossing of the Walla Walla River.



NOTCH TO THE FIVE-MILE CROSSING of the Walla Walla River and the HBC Five-Mile garden. The Oregon and many other trails went through this notch.

First Immigrant Train entering Walla Walla Valley 1842



MILTON-FREEWATER'S CLAIM TO OREGON TRAIL



GOVERNOR I. I. STEVENS ROAD TO MILTON, 1856



The City of Milton-Freewater put up this sign on the Stevens Road.



FREMONT 1843. This monument is at Green's Bridge, 3 miles up the WW River from Milton-Freewater. Fremont followed the Linton Mountain Rd. over the Blues, same trail as Marie Dorion in 1813.



HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY FARM approx. 21 miles up WW River near Umapine. A branch of the Oregon Trail went by this farm.



BAR-M RANCH, built by Walla Walla French Canadiens in 1862 as an overnight stop on the Thomas-Ruckel Road.



THOMAS-RUCKEL ROAD RUTS at top of Thornhollow Grade. Thomas and Ruckel were WW businessmen who built this road to divert traffic from Umatilla Landing.



November 27, 1847 — "An old house given him by Pambrun on the Umatilla Reservation." St. Ann's Mission I

TAUITAU'S CABIN, LATER ST. ANN'S MISSION on Thornhollow Grade on ancient Indian Road between the Grande Ronde and Walla Walla Valleys.



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PRICE'S CABIN AT FRENCHTOWN, built same time (1837) as St. Ann's and for the same purpose (peace settlement). The OR Trail goes right by it.



LOWER WALLA WALLA RIVER. OCTA guys in huge ruts of OR Trail, Mullan Road, Celilo Road, HBC Road, Nez Perce Trail.



BUTLER GRADE TRAIL southeast of Touchet. This is an Indian trail into the WW Valley; approx. 10,000 years old.



NO DOUBT THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC ROAD. It is on the lower WW River and crosses North Shore Road to Fort Nez Perces. Among others it is the Oregon Trail; the Celilo Road; the Mullan Road, the Nez Perce Trail and the Hudson's Bay Company Road to their farm and to Frenchtown.

