

# DAR Connection to the Point Elliott Treaty Monument in Mukilteo

**Subject: MUKILTEO TREATY, 1855, BM, GM.**

(number 34 on the list of DAR Markers in Washington State )

## **Timeline**

### **Marcus Whitman Chapter, Everett**

**1930:** "We are concentrating our efforts this year on raising the money for, and placing a marker at Mukilteo (Point Elliott), where in 1855 a famous Indian Treaty was negotiated by Governor Stevens, and his aides, who signed the treaty with 82 Indians: Chiefs, Sub Chiefs and Tribesmen, with over 8000 Indians present." (Source: Thirtieth Annual Conference - Daughters of the American Revolution of Washington - Third Year Book - September 1, 1930 - pg 25)

**1930-1931:** Shaft commemorating signing of Mukilteo Treaty unveiled. Three Indians who had been present at the signing of treaty attended. (Source: History of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution of Washington - Volume II. 1924-1941- pg.78 - Chapters Outstanding Event for Year)

### **1931: May 2. Presentation of Monument to the State of Washington**

- Mrs C.C. Gilman, Regent

**Acceptance** - Roland H. Hartley, Governor

**Response** - Mrs. Arthur A. Scott, President of the Mukilteo School Board

(Source: DAR Program - Unveiling Monument Commemorating Treaty At Mukilteo, May 2, 1931)

**May 3.** "The Monument . . . was presented to Governor Roland H. Hartley by Mrs C.C. Gilman, chapter regent. Governor Hartley placed the monument in the in the charge of the Mukilteo School District. Mrs. Arthur A. Scott, president of the Mukilteo school board, making the response." (Source: The Everett Daily Herald , May 3, 1931 - pg.1)

May 1931, **Name of Chapter:** Marcus Whitman, Everett, WA

**Location:** Public School grounds at Mukilteo

**Description:** Granite Boulder with Bronze Marker

**Date placed:** May 1931

**By:** Chapter

**Commemorating:** Point Elliott Indian Treaty, 1855, - treaty signed January 22, 1855, between the Puget Sound Tribes of Indians and the 1<sup>st</sup> Territorial Gov. Issac Stevens, and the Indians of the area. The Treaty guaranteed certain reservation areas and rights to the Indians. (Source: NSDAR Marker Catalog)

**1973:** Mukilteo School District declares Rosehill School, the site of the Treaty Monument, inadequate for school purposes and it is closed.

**1976:** *November 8.* Failing to sell the surplus school building after three years, the Mukilteo School District entered into a 25 year lease agreement with the non-profit corporation Rosehill Community Center.

*1977: January 13:* "Mrs. Becker moved and Dorothy Miller seconded a motion that we send a letter to the City of Mukilteo, informing them that we relinquish custody of the Elliott Treaty Marker which is located on the grounds of the former Rosehill School in Mukilteo to; the newly created Rosehill Community Center."

The letter to be directed to Mrs. Bump of Mukilteo regarding the Elliott Treaty Marker was authorized by the group - and the secretary directed to send it.

"On January 13, 1977 at a regular meeting of Marcus Whitman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, members voted to assign custody of the Elliott Treaty Marker which is located on the grounds of the former Rosehill School in Mukilteo to the newly created Rosehill Community Center." (Source: January 13, 1977 - Minutes Marcus Whitman Chapter DAR)

*March 28.* The Mukilteo School District transferred a conditional ownership of the Rosehill property to the City of Mukilteo.

*1995: May 24,* The Rosehill Community Center Board of Directors announced they were terminating their lease agreement with the City of Mukilteo. (Source: Mukilteo Beacon)

*June 30,* The Rosehill Community Center was turned over to the City of Mukilteo by the nonprofit group. (Source: Everett Herald)

*1998: 69.* Indian Treaty 1855. Mukilteo

Placed in 1930 by Marcus Whitman Chapter, the bronze plaque marker on large granite stone is located in front of the community center which was the Rosehill School on Lincoln Street. The City of Mukilteo is maintaining the clean, weeded, well-maintained marker. . . .

(Source: Washington State DAR Historical Markers, March 1998 - Pg.62)

*2002: July 9.* "A member of the Mukilteo Historical Society called Regent Wilson and said they would like to clean the DAR Monument located at Rosehill corner and then, with the chapter's permission, rededicate it. Mary Jamieson made a motion that they be given permission to clean it and, at a later date rededicate it. Clara Emery seconded the motion and the motion was passed."

(Source: July 9, 2002 - Minutes Marcus Whitman Chapter DAR)

(NOTE: In an August 29, 2002 letter Mukilteo Historical Society contact told DAR the monument could be moved.)

*October 10,* "Following last month's discussion as to whether the DAR monument at the Rosehill School should be moved, Clara Emery made a motion that it is important that the monument remain at its present site. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Matuschak. The motion was passed."

"Frances Murchy made a motion that we send \$50. to the Mukilteo Historical Society to help pay for cleaning the DAR Monument. The motion was seconded by Clara Emery. The motion was passed." (Source: October 10, 2002 - Minutes Marcus Whitman Chapter DAR)

*2003: . . .* Plans in Mukilteo call for a new city hall and community center to be built on the property. The DAR is concerned that might mean the stone monument, on the corner of Third Street and Lincoln Avenue, would be moved. . . . City administrator Rich Leahy said there are no plans to move the monument.

Mukilteo Mayor Don Doran also said the DAR needn't worry about the stone. "There is a great deal of respect for the heritage and history of Mukilteo," Doran said. "We feel the passion. There would be no way we would move a historical marker." (Source: Everett Herald 11/14/03)

*2004: January.* The City of Mukilteo, having been notified that the DAR monument to the historic 1855 Point Elliott Treaty would be reviewed by the Governor's Advisory Council to first put it on the Washington Heritage Register, and if it is accepted, to forward the application to National Park Service recommending the monument be added to the national register, contacted the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation in Olympia. City administrator Rich Leahy inquired as to any consequences involved if the city decided to move the monument.

*January 23,* A Mukilteo monument to the historic 1855 Point Elliott Treaty has been added to the state's Register of Historic Places. The Governor's Council on Historic Preservation made the decision at a hearing Friday in Richland. The council also is recommending the monument be added to the national register. (Source: Herald, Everett, WA.- Tuesday, January 27, 2004)