

THE HISTORY OF EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

A CHRONOLOGY

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FOREWORD

This chronology of the history of Eastern Washington University has been compiled by many persons, under the direction of the University Archivist. Intended for use by persons at the university, the chronology was originally created for use by the EWU Centennial Committee in 1981. The university was then planning activities to commemorate the centennial of the opening of the institutions' predecessor, the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy.

The original chronology was a typescript researched and produced in 1980 and 1981 while I was a graduate student in the History Department. The research was conducted primarily using University catalogs and annual reports as sources. The primary copy was turned over to the Centennial Committee, but a carbon copy was retained by the University Archives. This was annotated through the next ten years to reflect new information as it was encountered. In 1991 the entire chronology was entered into a computer file, reflecting the many revisions and notes which had been made to the original typescript. In 1992 the chronology was again updated by the University Archives. Research work was assisted by Nancy L. Carroll and Matthew S. Campau. Data entry was conducted by Nicole Cashon. During 1993 and 1994 additional information was gathered by Susan Beamer, and University Archivist Jay W. Rea. Data entry was done by Rachel Gross and Kristina Carothers. During the 1995/1996 academic year Kym Mell compiled and entered additional information. Chris Rose updated the file in 1997, and Marguerite Collins added new data in the fall of 1998. Revisions were made in the 1999/2000 academic year by Lee Pierce. Kimberley Frenzel added material for the 2000/2001 academic year. The University Archivist updated the chronology in 2003. Additional updates were provided by Jay Weston Rea, University Archivist Emeritus for the period 2004 – 2009.

The chronology is updated periodically. Suggestions for additions or corrections are always welcome. Please contact me at (509) 359-2254, or electronically at: cmutschler@ewu.edu

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