



*A History of the Puget  
Sound Country*

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# A HISTORY

OF

# THE PUGET SOUND COUNTRY,

ITS RESOURCES, ITS COMMERCE AND ITS PEOPLE

With some Reference to Discoveries and Explorations in North America  
from the Time of Christopher Columbus Down to that of George  
Vancouver in 1792, when the Beauty, Richness and Vast  
Commercial Advantages of this Region Were  
First Made Known to the World.

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“Examine History, for it is Philosophy teaching by Experience.”—*Carlyle.*

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is engaged in the paint and wall paper business in Bremerton, Washington. Charles S. Dunbar loyally served in the Union army during the dark days of the rebellion.

Cyrus V. Dunbar was educated in the schools of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and in his native city he also learned the drug business. Going to Portland, Oregon, in 1882, he was there engaged at his chosen vocation until 1888, when he came to Shelton and has since been recognized as the leading druggist of the place. On Christmas day of 1877 Mr. Dunbar was happily married to Miss Sarah Ann Laverock, a native of New York and of English ancestry. One daughter has been born to brighten and bless the home of our subject and wife, Cecil Veva, and she is a graduate of the pharmacy department of the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor. Mr. Dunbar exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has served with efficiency as a justice of the peace and as town clerk. His fraternal relations connect him with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of Pythias, being a valued and active worker in both orders. He is a great lover of music and plays the cornet in the Shelton band, of which three of his brothers are also members. Since coming to the Evergreen state Mr. Dunbar has achieved excellent success, and is now numbered among the substantial citizens of Shelton.

#### THOMAS BORDEAUX.

In this age of marked enterprise and intellectual energy the prominent and successful men are those whose abilities, persistence and courage lead them into large undertakings, and who assume the responsibilities and labors of leaders in their respective vocations. Success is methodical and consecutive, and however much we may indulge in fantastic theorizing as to its elements and causation in any isolated instance, yet in the light of sober investigation we will find it to be but a result of the determined application of one's abilities and powers along the rigidly defined lines of labor. It has certainly been in this way that Thomas Bordeaux has gained the position which he now occupies in the business world, a position which makes him a leader in industrial and commercial circles in his part of the state. He is the president of the Mason County Logging Company and makes his home in Shelton, from which place he directs his business, which has become the most extensive in its line in this part of the state.

Mr. Bordeaux was born in Canada, just across the St. Lawrence river from Montreal, on the 10th of June, 1852, and is of French ancestry. His grandfather, Jerenne Bordeaux, was born in France and became a pioneer settler of Canada, where Theofield Bordeaux, the father of our subject, was born and reared. The early French settlers in the Dominion had to contend with many difficulties and hardships, and often times had to face dangers which demanded the utmost personal courage, for the Indians frequently attacked the white men, who had to defend themselves with pitchforks or any weapons which they could procure. Theofield Bordeaux married Miss Lucile Bazinette, and they became the parents of four sons, three of whom are in Washington, namely, Joseph, Gilbert and Thomas. The mother died,



*Thomas Bordeaux*

and the father has since married twice. He is now living in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Thomas Bordeaux had very little opportunity to acquire an education, merely attending a French school until he had learned to read and write the French language, but in the school of experience he has found the opportunity of broadening his knowledge and is now a well informed gentleman, of strong mentality and keen discrimination. He came to the United States in 1872, when he was in his twentieth year, and spent some time in prospecting for gold in Montana, Idaho and eastern Washington, but without success, and in 1885 he became connected with the lumber industry, beginning business alone on a small scale, hauling logs with oxen and employing only eight or ten men in his logging camp. He superintended the camp, the purchase of the timber and his sales, and as time passed his business grew in extent and importance until he became a recognized factor in the lumber business and a leader in his line. He continued operations until 1890, when the Mason County Logging Company was incorporated, and he has been its president and manager continuously since. This company has become one of the foremost representatives of the lumber industry of Washington, and owns much timber lands in Mason and other counties, while in its large logging camps three hundred men are employed. In connection with the business there is also operated a large shingle mill in the Black Hills, in Thurston county, in which two hundred and fifty thousand shingles are manufactured daily. The company owns large logging engines, which haul the logs from where the trees are felled to the log-ways, where they are loaded on the cars, which carry them to the bay, and thence they are towed in large rafts to the mills, where they are converted into lumber and timbers of all lengths and dimensions. One of the largest logs hauled by them was converted into twenty-two thousand feet of lumber, and this also indicates the ability of the company to handle timber of any size, even that which forms the great and wonderful forests of Washington. In addition to Mr. Bordeaux the other officers of the company are his brother, Joseph Bordeaux, who is the treasurer, while A. H. Anderson is the secretary and Fred Stabenfeldt is bookkeeper. All are men of marked business ability and interested in other important enterprises, all of which contribute to the upbuilding and prosperity of the city. The company owns over fifteen thousand acres of timber lands, and logs amounting to two hundred and fifty thousand feet are daily unloaded at the bay. The company also owns forty-five acres of tide lands in Olympia harbor, of which six acres are in oyster beds, and their products also return a very satisfactory income. Mr. Bordeaux is likewise a stockholder in the State Bank of Shelton and also in the Lumber Mercantile Company, which owns a store thirty by one hundred and forty feet, containing a stock of merchandise valued at fifty thousand dollars, while annually they handle goods to the value of two hundred thousand dollars.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Bordeaux and Miss Mary Ritner, and two children bless this union: Ray and Russell. Mrs. Bordeaux died in 1898, and in 1900 our subject married Miss Essie Webb, a daughter of Thomas Webb, one of Mason county's best known and most prominent pioneers. They have a son, Theofield K. In his political views Mr. Bor-

deaux is a Republican, and belongs to Mount Moriah Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M., of Shelton, and to the commandery. He and his family have a very attractive home in Shelton and are numbered among the leading people of the city. To him there has come the attainment of a distinguished position in connection with the great material industries of the state, and his efforts have been so discerningly directed along well defined lines of labor that he seems to have realized at any one point of progress the full measure of his possibilities for accomplishment at that point. For years he has been an important factor in the development of the natural resources of the state, in the upbuilding and in the promotion of its enterprises, which add not alone to his individual prosperity, but also advance the general welfare and prosperity of the city in which he makes his home.

#### HENRY FAUBERT.

Henry Faubert is the popular and hospitable proprietor of Hotel Webb, the leading hotel of Shelton, Washington. This building was erected in 1890, and is a three-story, frame structure, with sixty-six bedrooms, a magnificent ladies' reception room and parlor, a large office, a commodious dining room, and a kitchen filled with the latest conveniences of the culinary art, and a laundry; it is lighted throughout with electricity, and is, in short, just such a hotel as the business man or the luxurious traveler would seek for the enjoyment of all the conveniences of home life, and the genial landlord is ever eager to provide for the comfort of his guests. A free bus is run to and from the hotel, and it is the center for all the traveling men who visit Shelton.

For the ancestry of Mr. Faubert we must look back to that fascinating and early period concerned with the settlement of the pioneers of France in the new world, and he springs from a French nobleman who resided in Canada three hundred years ago and whose descendants have ever since taken part in the development of that country. His father, Jacques Faubert, was born in Canada and married Miss Josephine Daigneault, who was also of an old French Canadian family. He died in his thirty-fourth year, leaving a family of five children, but his wife, now in her seventy-eighth year, resides in the old home at Valleyfield, Canada. The only members of the family in Washington are our subject and his brother Joseph, both in Shelton.

Henry Faubert was born in Valleyfield, Canada, August 18, 1858, and received his education in his native country up to his twelfth year, when he went to Glens Falls, New York, where he remained five years; he then came west to Bodie, California, where he engaged in mining; in 1880 he was in Butte, Montana, in the lumber business, and from Butte he made the trip on horseback to Spokane, Washington, thus having an excellent opportunity to view the country. Coming to Skagit, Washington, he was employed in a logging camp, but in 1890 built a hotel at Hood's Canal; after conducting this for a year he rented it and then became the proprietor of Hotel Webb, which he has since managed with most gratifying success and in such a way as to reflect credit upon the town.

In 1891 Mr. Faubert was united in marriage to Miss Virginia A. Bordeaux, a lady of French ancestry and a sister of Thomas, Joseph and Gilbert