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LECTURE NOTES
Forest Grove Indian Industrial Training School
(1880-1885)

Key Points:

dates: Feb 1880 - Mar 17 1885
(Feb 25) (first group left for Chemawa)

1. One of three "off reservation" boarding schools established in the U.S. following an 1876 federal appropriation for the support of industrial schools for Indians. The other two schools were at Hampton, VA and Carlisle Barracks, PA. Goal of ACCULTURATION--destroy the "savage" culture; turn the Indians into productive members of white society (dominant culture).
2. Established at Forest Grove because of several influences--Military, Tualatin Academy & Pacific University, Congregational Church, City alcohol policy and Missionaries. Located on block currently surrounded by 'C' & 'D' Streets and 22nd & 23rd Avenues (one structure remains today).
3. Students come from the Pacific Northwest--354 total during the five year period. The breakdown is as follows:
 - Washington Territory-187
 - Oregon-95
 - Idaho Territory-48
 - Alaska Territory-24(data from the student roster discovered in the National Archives, Seattle)
4. Age and gender: 10-20 age group, mostly males
5. Studied academic disciplines (geography, writing, reading, arithmetic) along with the industrial training.
 - Boys: farming, blacksmithing, shoemaking, harness making, carpentry, wagon making
 - Girls: housekeeping, sewing, laundry, cooking
6. Heavy emphasis on religious study (Christian).
7. Goal was to make the Training School a self-sufficient operation; also profitable.
8. The "Outing System" was used (Indian children go out into the community and work along with white laborers).
9. Severe policies: no Indian language allowed, keep students at school during entire educational period (no home visits), separate and mix cultures.
10. Timeline dates: Captain Jack hanged (1873), Little Big Horn (1876), Crazy Horse murdered (1877), Nez Perce War (1877), Wounded Knee (1890).

11. *moved to Chemawa → land issue (Salem, OR)*

KEY PLAYERS

1. Eleazer Wheelock (founded Dartmouth in 1769)
-S.H. Marsh's maternal great-grandfather
2. Capt. Richard Pratt (founded Carlisle Indian Training School in 1878-79).
3. General Oliver Otis Howard
4. Lt. Melville C. Wilkinson
5. Rev. George H. Atkinson
6. Alanson Hinman
7. Myron Eells (son of Cushing and Myra Eells)
8. Edwin Eells (son of Cushing and Myra Eells)
9. Dr. Henry Minthorn
10. Carl Shurz
11. Rev. John R. Herrick
12. Prof. Joseph W. Marsh

1757

Miss Monroe (General's dau)

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Hawkeye

Eleazar Wheelock

Moor's Indian Charity School

c. 1750 Lebanon, Conn.

(1769 - Dartmouth
Hanover, NH)