

Fifty years ago - 1838

Underdate of Dec 7, Mr C. H. Walker writes to the Oregonian as follows from Warm Springs, Oregon.

"Please make a note of the fact that fifty years ago today I was the first born at Waiilat-poo (Whitman's Mission) near Walla Walla.

I believe I am the eldest living white man born west of the Rocky Mts. My mother, Mrs Mary R. Walker, living at Forest Grove, Oregon, is, I believe, the only surviving white woman of those who crossed the plains previous to 1840. She made the 6 months journey across the plains on horseback. What do you think of that, ye who come in Pullman palace cars?

I am thankful for the long life given to my mother, and would gladly do her honor before the thousands of Oregon on this my natal day, marking the half century.

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