

COLUMBIA COUNTY

1875

COUNTY SEAT: DAYTON

Since the Columbia River never comes within 40 miles of Columbia County, the origin of this county's name remains a historical puzzle

Traditional home of Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla American Indian people

In the southern Columbia County, golden wheatfields give way to the forested ridges and peaks of the rugged Blue Mountains. The county seat of Dayton began as a stop on a stagecoach route that followed an older Indian trail across southeast Washington. The Columbia County Courthouse, built in 1887, is the oldest functioning courthouse in the state.

6-28-02



COLUMBIA COUNTY

COUNTY SEAT: DAYTON

1875

SINCE THE COLUMBIA RIVER NEVER COMES WITHIN 40 MILES OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, THE ORIGIN OF THIS COUNTY'S NAME REMAINS A HISTORICAL PUZZLE

TRADITIONAL HOME OF CAYUSE, UMATILLA AND WALLA WALLA AMERICAN INDIAN PEOPLE

IN SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY, GOLDEN WHEATFIELDS GIVE WAY TO THE FORESTED RIDGES AND PEAKS OF THE RUGGED BLUE MOUNTAINS. THE COUNTY SEAT OF DAYTON BEGAN AS A STOP ON A STAGECOACH ROUTE THAT FOLLOWED AN OLDER INDIAN TRAIL ACROSS SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON. THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BUILT IN 1887, IS THE OLDEST FUNCTIONING COURTHOUSE IN THE STATE.