

**Washington's Counties, Yesterday & Today:
A Selected Bibliography**

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Avery, Mary W. **History and Government of the State of Washington.** (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1961) Chapter 16 contains good background information on county government up through 1960 (pages 495-522). NW 979.7 AVERY 1961; R 979.7 AVERY 1961; GWA AVERY 1961

Graves, Ray. **Washington's Historical Courthouses.** (Bellevue, Wash.: Elfin Cove Press, 2002) Pictorial review of courthouses built in 1930 or before which are currently in use, and photographs of buildings that were replaced by post-1930 buildings. Features photographs of exterior and interior details, and includes information on architects and county seat selection. NW 917.97 GRAVES 2002; R 917.97 GRAVES 2002 (Historic Reference)

Hashagen, Richard. **Counties of the State of Washington.** (Spokane: R. Hashagen, 1986) Meticulous pen and ink drawings of county courthouses and scenes from each county. The author/illustrator is a Spokane native. NW 979.7 HASHAGE 1986; RARE 979.7 HASHAGE 1986; R 979.7 HASHAGE 1986 (Historic Reference) See also Washington State Courthouse Tour website below.

Jones, Sylvia Case. **From Cabin to Cupola: An Illustrated Story of the County Courthouses and the Counties of Washington with 92 Courthouse Drawings & 43 County Histories.** (Seattle: Shorey Book Store, 1971) Brief histories of county formation and boundary changes illustrated with sketches of courthouse buildings. Includes a "genealogy" chart of Washington county creation. NW 979.7 JONES 1971; R 979.7 JONES 1971 (Historic Reference)

Smith, Charles W. **The Naming of Counties in the State of Washington.** (Seattle: University of Washington, 1913) Discussion of the history and origins of county names, including the source of the now non-existent Ferguson County. NW 979.7 SMITH 1913; WA 378.4 Un3nam c 1913; RARE 979.7 SMITH 1913

Stevens, Sydney. **K is for Kidnapping the County Seat: the A-B-Cs of Early Government in Pacific County, Washington.** (Oysterville, Wash.: Mrs. Stevens' A-B-Cs; Astoria, Oregon: Printed by Anchor Graphics, 2004) Fun alphabetical presentation of the early history and workings of Washington's southwest corner county. NW 979.792 STEVENS 2004; R 979.792 STEVENS 2004 (Historic Reference)

Washington State Association of County Commissioners. **The Book of the Counties.** (Olympia: The Association, 1953) History of the development of county government and individual, locally written county histories covering 1853-1953.
NW 352.15 WASHING 1953; WA 979.7 H62boo c 1953; RARE OVERSIZ 352.15 WASHING 1953; R 352.15 WASHING 1953 (Historic Reference)

Washington State Association of County Commissioners. Convention. **Convention Yearbook.** (Olympia, Wash.?: The Associations, -1952) Information on road building, construction projects, and, during the 1930s, commentary on the Works Progress Administration.
R OVERSIZ 352 WASHING 1931 through 1952, complete (Historic Reference)

Washington State Yearbook. (Sammamish, Wash.: Electronic Handbook Publishers, Inc. 1983-) Annual publication contains government directory information and statistics for each county. Latest edition available at State Library is 2008.
NW 320.4025 WASHING 1983-2008, complete; R 320.4025 WASHING 1983-2008, complete (Historic Reference)

Websites

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries The Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois
<http://www.newberry.org/ahcbp/index.html>
Click on "View Historical State and County Maps", then click on "Washington Maps".

Historylink.org The Free Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History
<http://www.historylink.org>
Includes "thumbnail" histories for all 39 Washington counties.
See Shortcuts column on left side of screen, click on "County Thumbnails".

Municipal Research & Services Center - Washington Counties
<http://mrsc.org/byndmrsc/counties.aspx>
Links to Washington county web sites and links to basic directory information in county profiles.

Washington Association of County Officials home page
<http://www.wacounties.org/waco/>

Washington State Association of Counties home page
<http://www.wacounties.org/wsac/>

Washington State Courthouse Tour - Washington Courts
<http://www.courts.wa.gov/education/courthouse/>
Featuring the pen and ink illustrations of Richard Hashagen. See also Hashagen above.

Washington State Historic County Courthouse Assessment
<http://www.wa-trust.org/PDFs/WAStateCountyCourthouseAssessment.pdf>
Prepared for Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation by Artifacts Architectural Consulting. June 2003

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