

**Marcus Whitman  
(1802-1847)**

**Native of Rushville; practiced medicine in Wheeler 1832-5 with wife, Narcissa Prentiss, medical missionary among Indians in Oregon 1836-47; escorted first white women across Rockies; took first wheeled vehicle along Oregon Trail; led first Oregon emigration, 1843; news of Whitman massacre by Indians led Congress to pass legislation making Oregon a U.S. Territory.**

