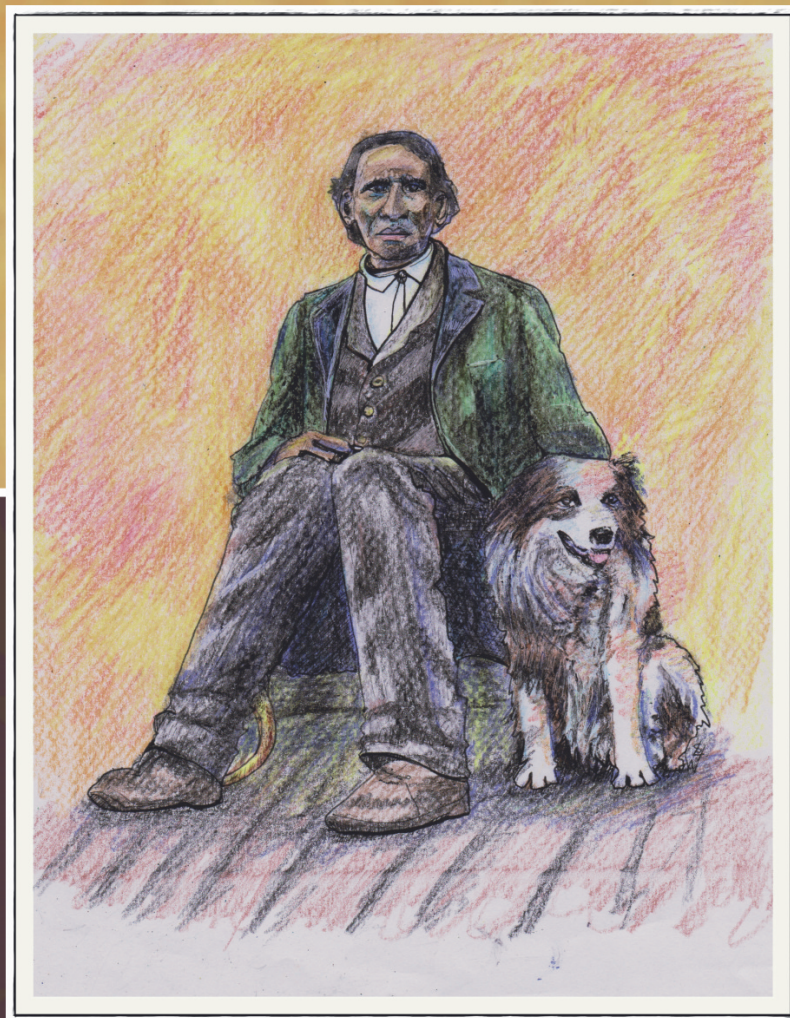


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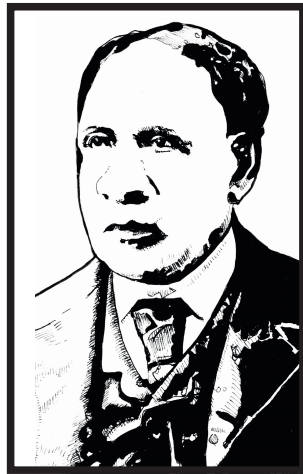
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This book is dedicated to the people of Centralia.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON OF CENTRALIA

In 2017-2018 Centralia, Washington celebrates the 200th birthday of the town's founder, George Washington.

George famously said, "If there's any decent place in this world, I'm going to find it." He searched for that decent place from one side of the country to the other and eventually settled in Lewis County, Washington.

George was born on August 15, 1817 in Frederick County, Virginia. His father was a slave and his mother, a white woman of English descent. George's mother wanted him to remain free and gave him to her white friends, James and Ann Cochran, to raise.

In 1821 the Cochran family left Virginia and traveled to Ohio. In about 1826, they moved to Missouri. In 1850 the family left Missouri and traveled to the Oregon Territory. They reached Oregon City in August of 1850. In 1852 George built a cabin on a piece of land where the Skookumchuck River meets the Chehalis River.

In 1875, George founded Centerville, which later became known as Centralia. George's wife, Mary Jane, and step-son, Stacey, helped George design the town. Mary Jane named some of the streets. George donated lands for public use and provided food, jobs, and lending money to town residents during the panic of 1893.

According to Stacey, George "helped those in need and did it with a free heart....'I want to do right by my fellow men,' he'd say, 'And if I do, then I'll never lose anything by it.'"

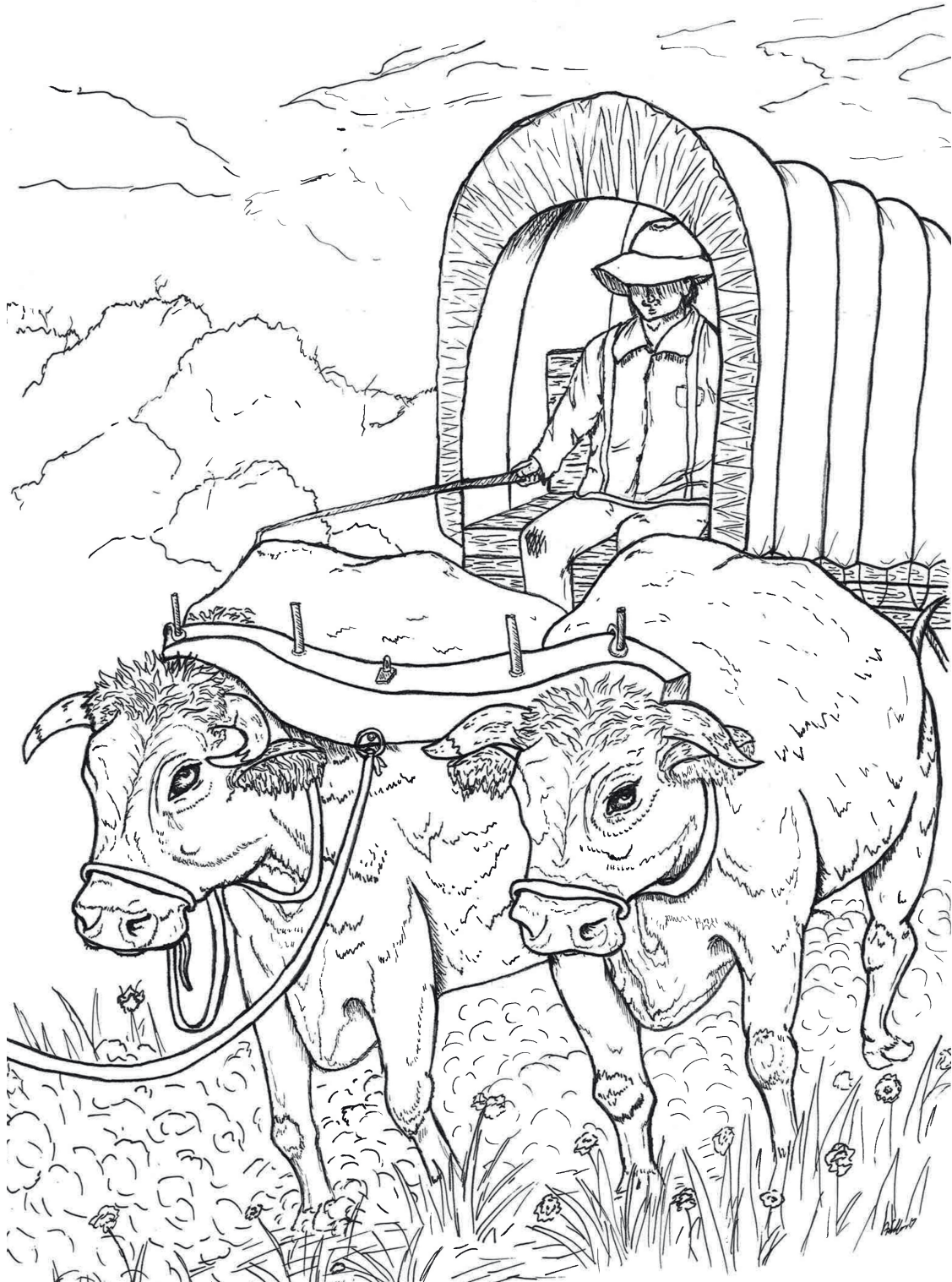
George Washington died on August 26, 1905 at age, 87. His funeral was the largest in the town's history.





### **George Washington with Rockwood**

George Washington founded Centerville, which later became Centralia.



### **The Cochran Family Travels West**

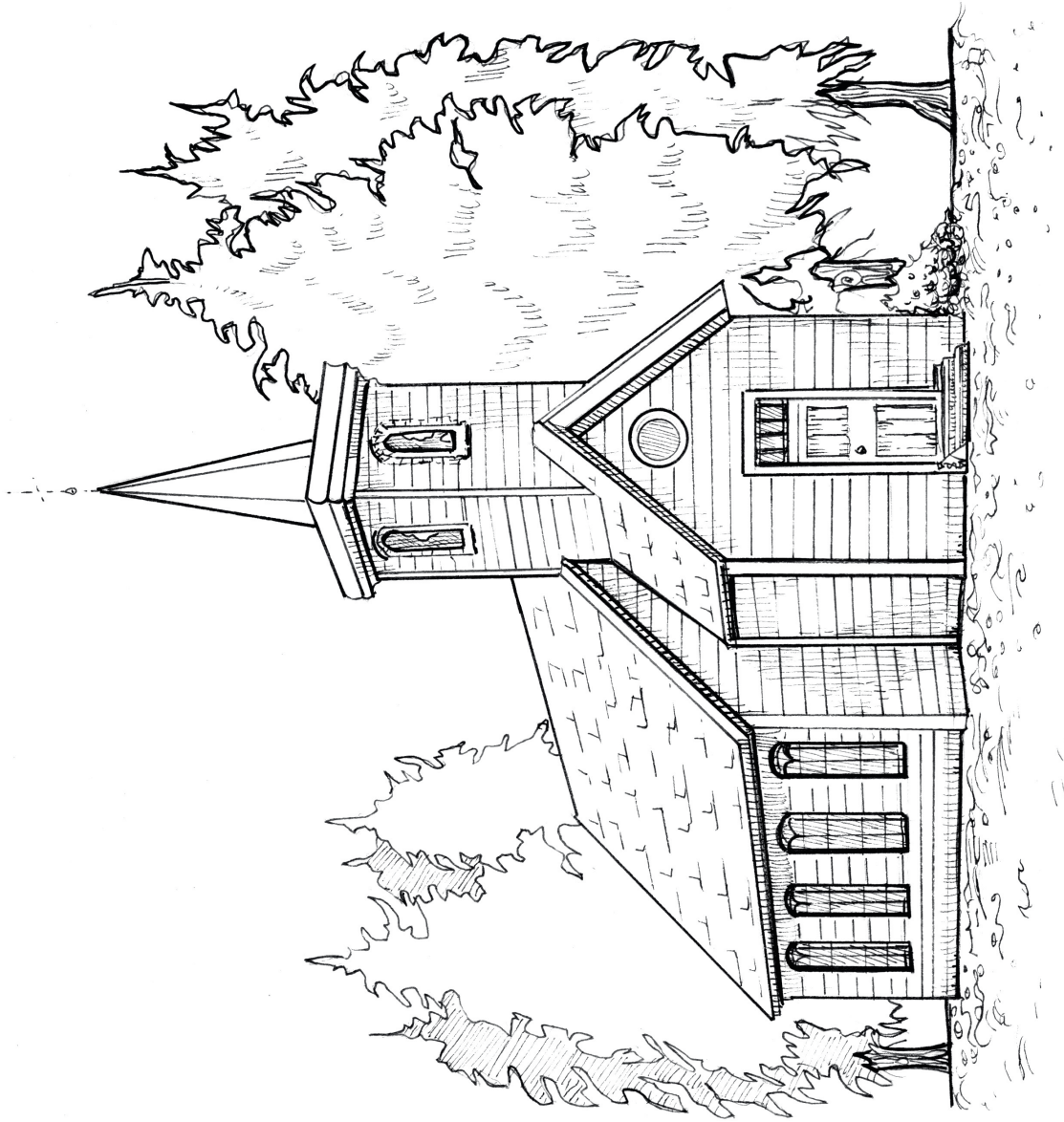
George and the Cochrans traveled West by wagon. They left Virginia in 1821.

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### **First Baptist Church of Centralia**

George donated the property to the town and hewed the beams for the church's construction.



### **Mary Jane and Stacey**

George Washington married Mary Jane Cain in 1869. In the Spring of 1872, Mary Jane's 11-year-old son, Stacey, came to live with them.





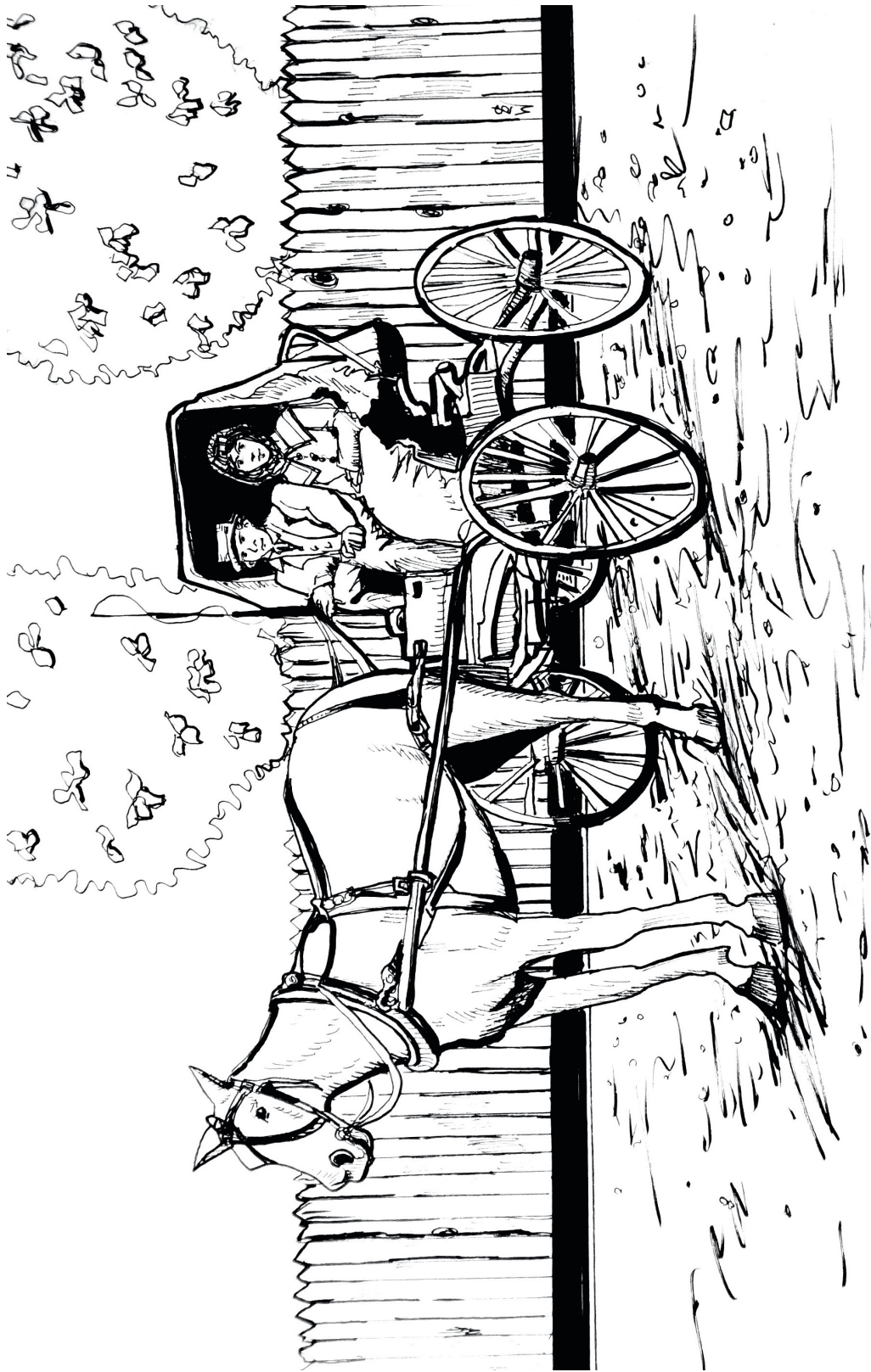
### Rockwood's Maze

Rockwood the dog is looking for George's hat. Can you help him find it?

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### **The Prominent Citizens in Their Buggy**

Through his industry, George Washington became one of the richest men in Lewis County. He kept a horse and buggy of his own.





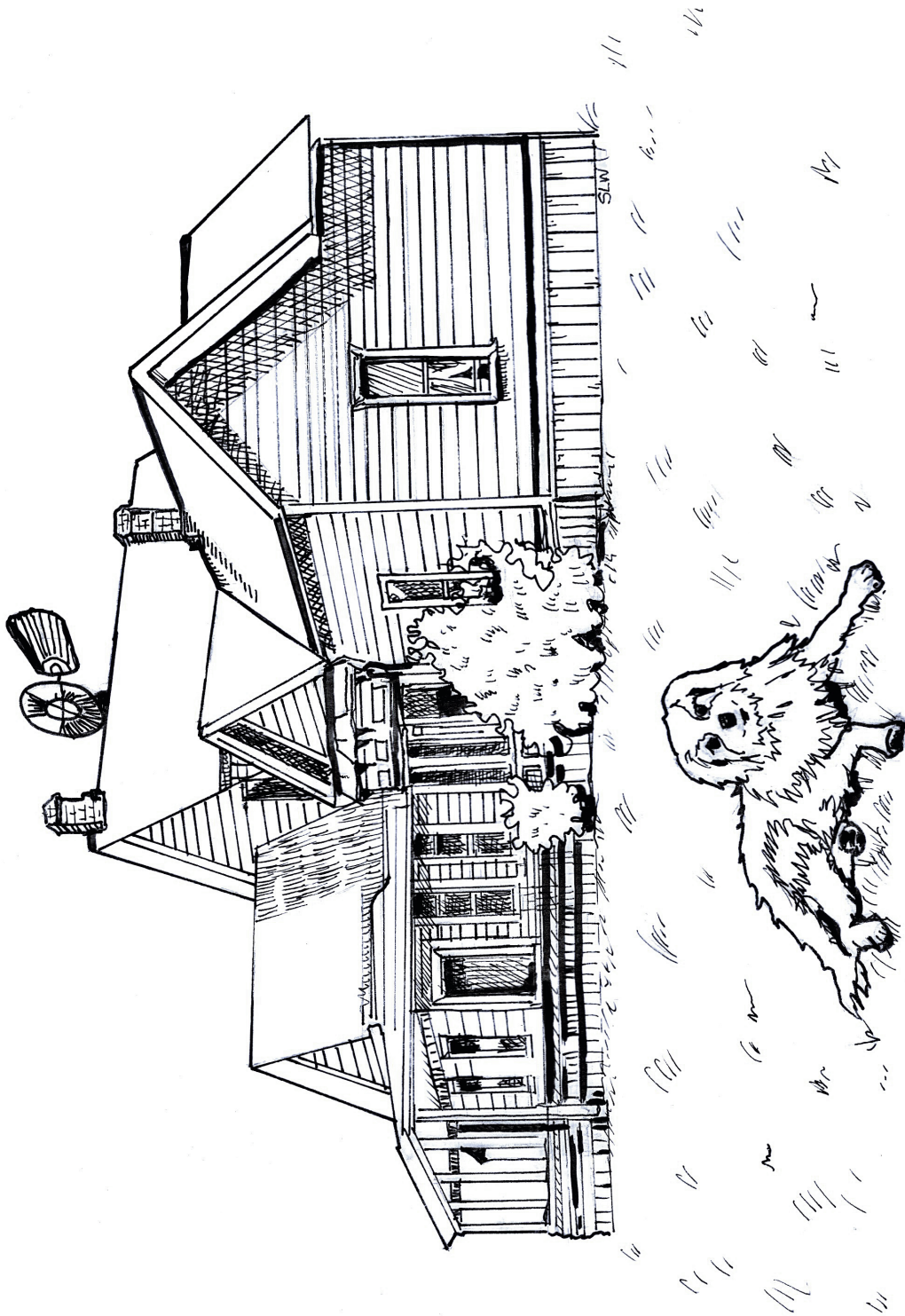
### George, the Axe Man

George was so skilled with the broad axe that the puncheon floors he split and laid were water tight and as smooth as though they had been surfaced with a jack plane.

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### The Washington House on Ash Street

George and his second wife, Charity, moved to a large house at 224 North Ash Street. The house had a blue-trimmed windmill standing beside it.

# WORD SEARCH

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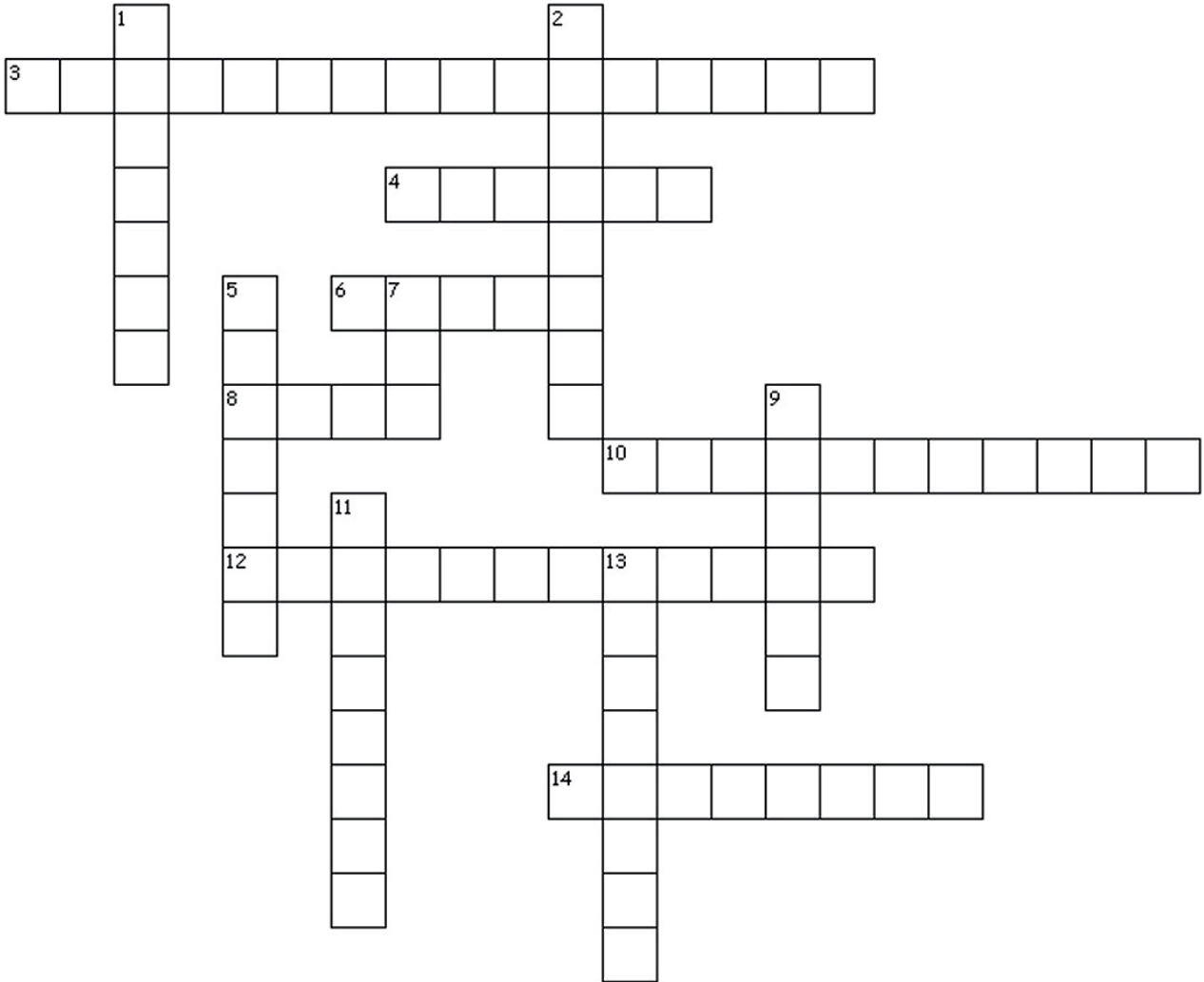
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

3. Name of Centralia's founder
4. The territory he settled in before coming to Washington
6. How he traveled to the Northwest territory
8. The type of ferry he had
10. Original name for Centralia
12. One of the rivers he settled by
14. Name of his first wife

## Down

1. Name of his adoptive parents
2. What state he was born in
5. What church did he build
7. He was good at using one to cut down trees
9. His step son's name
11. His dog's name
13. Name of local Native American tribe

(Answers are on the last page.)



# ABOUT THE ARTISTS

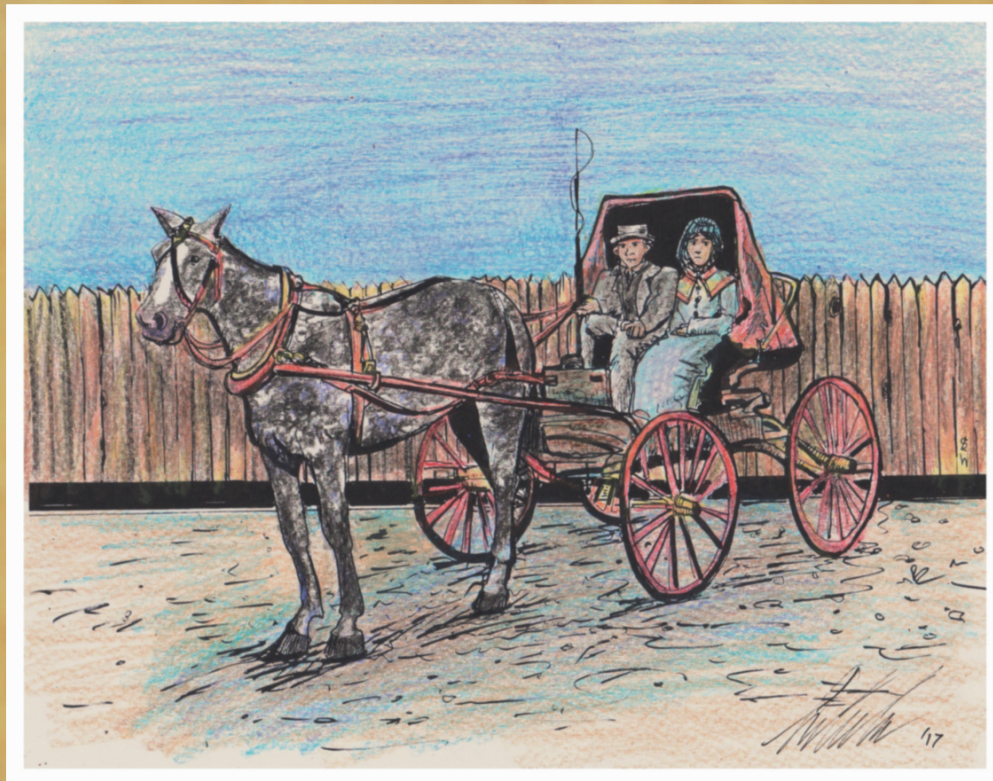
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Crossword Answers  
3. Across - George Washington  
4. Across - Oregon  
6. Across - wagon  
8. Across - pole  
10. Across - Centerville  
12. Across - Skookumchuck  
14. Across - MaryJane  
1. Down - Cochran  
2. Down - Virginia  
5. Down - Baptist  
7. Down - axe  
9. Down - Stacey  
11. Down - Rockwood  
13. Down - Chehalis



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2017 is the 200th anniversary of his birth. Here are ten fun coloring and activities pages filled with historical facts about the life and times of George Washington of Centralia.

The images were created by two Centralia artists: Sara Light-Waller and Amanda Hanson. The book was produced by Flying Pony Studios ([www.flyingponystudios.com](http://www.flyingponystudios.com)) for the George Washington 200th Birthday celebration in 2017-2018.

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