

It takes more than a good resume to get a government contract.

Lewis Philo Beach (1831-1873)

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From Jean Campbell, written in 1975 and dedicated to Lizzie Corner which was her mother-in-law.

"Louis left Missouri in 1849 to join in the Gold Rush in California. He was 18 years old, had a horse, a large knife and a pair of pistols made by E. N. Bearden of Springfield. The guns are believed to be in a museum in California. Someone said he gave the guns to John Sutter when he (Louis) left California for the Washington Territory. In Washington Territory he became Surveyor-General of the Territory and held this job until his death in 1873. He never returned to Missouri and never married."

From: History of Washington, Idaho, and Montana. By Hugh Bancroft and Frances Fuller Victor.

"Beach was from Seneca Falls, N. Y. He came to the Pacific coast in the early days of gold-mining, and to Puget Sound in 1861, where he had followed logging, printing, farming, and surveying at different times, being an industrious and able man. He died on returning from a visit to Washington City in the spring of 1873, of pleuro-pneumonia, Olympia Wash Standard, May 3, 1873."