

STATE OF WASHINGTON

HISTORY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

During territorial days which began in 1853, and for some years later, when Washington became a state in 1889, there was no regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.

The first mention of veterinary medicine is officially recorded soon after Washington became a state.

The legislature met and organized, and was in session on Nov. 6, 1889 and five days later Governor Elisha P. Ferry, informed both houses that the President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, had proclaimed Washington a state.

On December 13, 1889, there was introduced House Bill No. 90, which would create another institution of higher learning in the state, this was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor on March 28, 1890. The name of the institution was "The State Agricultural College and School of Science". The following year the name was changed to "The State Agricultural College, Experiment Station, and School of Science". Then in 1905 the name was again changed to the "State College of Washington" and so it remains.

This was one of the so-called Land Grant Colleges, and it was specified in the original legislation that one of the major subjects to be taught was Veterinary Art. This was the first official mention of our profession. This institution was located at Pullman, Wash. and opened to receive students on January 13, 1892.

The first faculty consisted of, the president Dr. George Lilley, and five other members, one of which was a veterinarian Dr. Charles E. Munn, a brother-in-law of the president. He was to give lectures on veterinary subjects and teach elementary physiology.

President Lilley resigned about one year later and Dr. Munn left at the same time. Then the position was vacant for a time.