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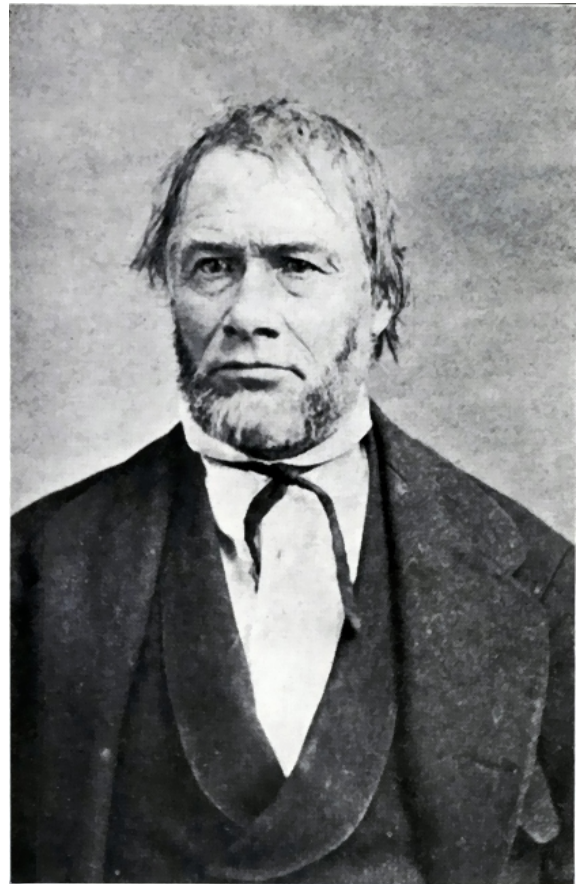
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California Pioneer Day, August 5, 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

In the Western Association of California Pioneers there are about five hundred survivors of the days of '49, and many of these Argonauts came together at this time to tell their stories of the golden fleece and to do honor to the memory of James Wilson Marshall, the discoverer of gold in California, a statue of whom occupied a prominent place in the California Building.

Dr. N. J. Bird, representing the California State Commission, welcomed the visitors, and Addison Ballard, of Chicago, President of the Pioneers' Association, responded for the society. The story of Western pioneer He was told in the collection of relics shown by the Wells Fargo Express Company, consisting of weapons, documents, and implements. Chief among the relics was a ponderous old stagecoach that once traveled the overland route, and was run out on this day from the city office of the express company to the Fairgrounds, carrying a party of the pioneers.



James Wilson Marshall