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A Hidden Gem:
The WaCo Tile Mural at the Stevens County Courthouse.
by Ron Endlich

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...the mural...

Eighty years ago, an impressive tile and terracotta mural created by artists at the Washington Brick, Lime, and Sewer Pipe Company (W. B. L. & S. P. Co.), also known as WaCo in Clayton, Washington was unveiled to the public at a cornerstone laying ceremony for the Stevens County Courthouse in Colville, Washington. The mural — measuring approximately 4 feet wide and 17 feet high — was placed at the main entrance to courthouse (see Image #2). It recorded the history of pioneer settlement of the Colville River Valley, tucked away in the far northeast corner of the State of Washington less than 50 miles from the international border with Canada. The ceremony, held on September 8, 1938, was attended by several hundred people and marked a major milestone in the construction of the new courthouse. The story of this unique WaCo mural...
and the “ultra modern” courthouse building is an interesting example of the legacy of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), as funding for thousands of public projects across America helped put people back to work during the Great Depression and created public facilities still in use eight decades later. The story of this tile mural “gem” also reflects serving light on the less well known — but important — WaCo company and two of its talented artists.

... history of Colville and Stevens County ...

The city of Colville, with a current population of about 4800 people, is the county seat of Stevens County Washington. The Fort Colville trading post was established by the Hudson Bay Company in 1825 downriver from Kettle Falls (a few miles from present-day Colville). Miners and prospectors were first attracted to the area, Colville Valley also offered rich farmland, range land and ample timber that attracted farmers and homesteaders. The frontier town called Pinkney City was first settled next to military Fort Colville in 1859. When the Fort was abandoned in 1882, the town relocated three miles southwest to its current site and was renamed Colville after the old fort (see note #1). Businesses also sprang up as the town of Colville prospered in the late 1800’s and early 20th century.

The first courthouse built in Colville in 1886 was a wooden structure that housed the auditor, clerk of the court and the sheriff. As the growing need for a more suitable place for public records became apparent, Colville town leaders responded to the challenge. Led by a generous donation of land of a seat of Colville property owner, and supported by $5,000 raised by subscriptions, the County Commissioners voted to approve over $3,000 to finish the construction of a new brick courthouse that opened in 1899 (see note #2). Stevens County continued to grow. Over time the need for additional office space exceeded the capacity of the second courthouse building. City leaders came up with a unique solution — they proposed creating a new “Civic Center” on land near the old courthouse. Using the four quadrants of the intersection of Astor Avenue and Oak Street in Colville, building sites were created for the new courthouse (completed 1939), the U.S. Post Office (1938), the Colville Public Library (1932), and the Colville City Hall/Police Department building (1937). Colville became the first community in the state to develop a civic center representing city, county and federal government buildings (see note #3).

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The new Stevens County Courthouse (Image #2) was designed by Gustav A. Pehrson (1882—1968), a well-established Swedish-born architect known for his Deco-styled buildings (see note #4). The original project funding was provided by the county (55%) and the federal Public Works Administration (45%) (see note #5). Construction of the new courthouse building began in May 1938 and was completed in early 1939. The building construction contract of $100,000 was awarded to Tri-State Construction Co., a Portland, Oregon contractor. The W. B. L. & S. Co. was subcontracted to supply the bricks and terracotta for the building. The building cornerstone was laid in September 1938; county employees began moving into their offices in early 1939. The building was fully occupied and open to public use in February 1939.

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#1: Arkesy, page 1.
#3: City of Colville Historic Preservation Commission, page 2.
#4: Pehrson also designed the Deco-inspired Paulsen Building, a 19-story medical-dental office building in Spokane clad with W. B. L. & S. Co. terra cotta and completed in 1929.
#5: According to a newspaper (name unknown) clipping dated October 24, 1936.

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All photos in this article were taken by the author except the reproduced postcard (Image #2).
Image #3.  
Tile mural on the Stevens County Courthouse in Colville, Washington.

Image #4.  
WaCo NRA (National Recovery Act) commemorative tile dated 1934 (author’s collection).

to demolish the old courthouse building and jail (see note #6). A later, separate WPA allotment of $11,891 was awarded in March 1939 to complete the courthouse site landscaping, sidewalks and 10-car garage (see note #7). The County was responsible for funding the cost of the landscaping materials; the WPA provided the workers to install the hardscape and plant materials and work began in May 1939 (see note #8).

The Stevens County Courthouse is a busy center of government to this day. Whether to attend court cases, pay your property taxes or receive other county services, each weekday brings dozens of citizens through the doors of this fine building.

… Freemason involvement...

One of the interesting details about this courthouse is the many references to the Freemasons who were involved with the construction of the building. Members were acknowledged on the cornerstone on the build-

Notes:
#7: Colville Examiner, “Courthouse Area Funds Approved”, April 1, 1939, page 1.  
ing and about 20 Mason officers were named in the contemporary press reports of the cornerstone laying ceremony on September 8, 1938.

Several hundred people attended the event, including over one hundred members of the Masons from Stevens and other neighboring counties. Preceded by a military band and escort of soldiers, grand lodge members marched from the Masonic Hall to the courthouse and laid the cornerstone and unveiled the tile mural (see note #9). At least one manager at the company also had Freemason connections.

... W. B. L. & S. P. Co. ...

Henry Brook (1842—1908) and Joseph H. Spear (1851—1920) co-founded the Washington Brick, Lime and Manufacturing

Note:
Company in Spokane in 1888 and incorporated the business in 1889. Brick was its major product line — manufactured at its original brickyard in Spokane. The company supplied much of the brick used to rebuild Spokane following its great fire of 1889. The company soon served the entire Inland Empire (eastern Washington, Idaho and Montana) market.

In late 1893 the company broke ground and soon opened a new brickyard in Clayton (named after its nearby clay pits), a small town 30 miles north of Spokane chosen for its high-quality clay deposits and railway near the town. In 1907, the company also opened a terracotta building at their Clayton site and soon began producing high-quality terracotta for building exteriors.

Following Brook’s death in 1908, Spear added new financial investors to the company in 1909 by merging with the Spokane Sewer Pipe Company to form the renamed Washington Brick, Lime and Sewer Pipe Company. By 1912, the company had manufacturing plants in Clayton, Spear, Freeman, Bayview (Idaho), Mica and Spokane and valued its total assets as $1.337 million (see note #10). An additional manufacturing plant was later established in Dishman.

Arthur B. Fosseen (1876 – 1961) bought Spear’s controlling interest in the company in 1919 and became its president and general manager (see note #11). Fosseen was also an active Freemason. Under Fosseen’s leadership the company continued to expand in the 1920s. In addition to brick and terracotta, W. B. L. & S. P. Co. also produced sewer pipe, drain tile, hollow tile for building construction, roof tiles and clay shingles for roofs and building siding.

In the early 1920s, W. B. L. & S. P. Co. began making decorative tile for fireplaces, walls and flooring. In their artfully pro-
duced but undated tile catalogue (see note #12), the company marketing its WaCo brand of “art tiles,” faience tile, pavers and quarry tile. Roof tiles and shingles were also illustrated in the catalogue.

At the height of their business, W. B. L. & S. P. Co. employed hundreds of workers at their plants in the Spokane area. However, following the crash of the New York Stock Exchange in 1929 that led to the resulting onset of the Great Depression, the national economy went into a long tailspin drying up de-

Note:

#12: Probably produced in the late 1920s, only a single edition of this catalogue has been uncovered, to date. Included in the catalogue are hand-drawn renderings of individual tiles, fountains, paver patterns, stair treads (raisers), fireplace surrounds, decorative inserts and panels, and shingles on 22 numbered pages. An original catalogue in the author’s collection includes an un-numbered 23rd page in color that illustrates the range of WaCo glaze colors available for their art tiles, pavers and quarry tile.
mand for new housing and commercial develop-
ment which hard hit the local building in-
dustry in the Northwest and across the coun-
try. W. B. L. & S. P. Co. laid off most of its
workers as construction contracts disappeared
during the early 1930s.

As part of Franklin Roosevelt’s New
Deal intended to restart the nation’s economy
and put American workers back to work, the
federal government began implementing the
National Recovery Act (NRA) passed by Con-
gress in 1933 to support industrial growth. The
Works Progress Administration (WPA) was
established by presidential Executive Or-
der in 1935. Through increased federal fund-
ing for national infrastructure improvements
and labor forces organized through the
WPA, the United States slowly built its way out of the Depression.

The W. B. L. & S. P. Co. was an early
supporter and eventual beneficiary of the
National Recovery Act. A commemorative
tile (see note #13) created by W. B. L. & S. P.
Co. in 1934 epitomized the optimism of this new
era (see Image #4). Under the protective
wing of the American eagle, a busy clay man-
ufacturing plant and burning kilns mark the
new sunrise for industry. “NRA” rests above
the box cars, and “PROSPERITY” is faintly
seen on the ground between the sets of rail
tracks. A Mason’s compass (see note #14) is
found in the lower left corner of the scene. And
of course a sewer pipe cleverly provides the
“O” for the “WACO” name! At the bottom
of the tile is the 1934 date and:
ENTERING A NEW ERA
WASHINGTON BRICK, LIME – S. P. – CO.

… Cecil Sater and Leno Prestini …

Cecil H. Sater (1891—1966) and Leno Prestini (1906—1963) were two talented tile designers who worked at the W. B. L. & S. P. Co. plant in Clayton and created the WaCo tile mural for the Stevens County Courthouse. Cecil was lead terracotta sculptor. Several of his pieces were documented in company records, but most of his work was probably not signed or directly attributed to
him. He was responsible for designing the terracotta portrait roundel of Albert J. Sartori located above the entrance to the Clayton Grange Hall (old Moose Hall) built near the
brickyard (Sartori was president of Clayton
Moose chapter when the hall was built in 1926). Cecil’s artistic interests varied; he be-
came a painter and commercial artist later in
life.

Leno’s father, Luigi Prestini, worked as a finisher at the terracotta plant in Clayton
beginning in about 1913 but died following
surgery in 1919 (see note #15). Leno’s older
brother Battista, soon quit school and began
working at the Clayton plant. Leno joined him
at the terracotta plant in 1925. According to
his brother, Leno was the one that had a natu-
ral skill to design with clay. Cecil Sater, along
with another terracotta modeler, Frank Frey,
were described as mentors to the younger Le-
no Prestini (see note #16).

Leno Prestini's initials of “LP” were
sometimes etched into his tile molds. He also
made clay figurines and small sculptures. A WaCo tile depicting a mining camp (Image #5), perhaps the Loon Lake Copper Mine (see note #17), was probably designed by Leno (see note #18). Later in life Leno became a prolific and widely known regional painter; his eccentric
paintings from the 1950s and early 1960s fea-
turing cowboys, rodeo clowns, wilderness
scenes and sometimes darker images reflecting his tormented life (see note #19).

… the WaCo tile mural …

The tile and terracotta mural at the Stevens County Courthouse is the largest known mural created by the W. B. L. & S. P.
Co. The overall dimensions of the mural are approximately 17 feet high and almost 4 feet wide. The upper portion of the mural is made
up of 39 ceramic tile panels, each approxi-

Notes:

#13: The WaCo NRA commemorative tile measures 4 7/16’ x 7 7/16’ in size and was probably designed by Leno Prestini. No other copies of this tile have yet surfaced.
#14: Instead of a Mason’s compass, it perhaps was intended to be a square and bricklayer’s trowel.
#15: Nisbet, page 131.
#17: Thanks to Peter Coffin, C/DPHS resident geologist, for this recent lead. Further research is planned to confirm this potential identification.
#18: Tile is marked WACO on the back and measures 3 3/16’ x 3 1/4’ in inches in size. The chimney smoke in the center of this tile is not dissimilar to the NRA commemorative tile kiln smoke and the trees near the top right corner of the mining camp tile look very similar to the trees found on the lower levels of the Stevens County Courthouse tile mural.
#19: The Clayton - Deer Park Historical Society’s web site (CDPHS.org) is a great source of information and photos about the exploits of Leno Prestini, W. B. L. & S. P. Co. and other local history of the area.
mately 12 inches high and 15 inches wide (Images #7, #8, #9, & #10). The bottom portion of the mural is made up of 12 terracotta panels of the same dimensions. Each side of the panel is bordered by a double band of 2 x 4 inch blue and ochre tiles. The top of the panel appears to have a terracotta v-wave patterned border made up of three brown terracotta tiles each approximately 2 x 15 inches in size. The base of the mural rests on a band of building brick.

The mural is placed near the main entrance of the courthouse at the northwest corner of the building. “The mural ... pays homage to the early pioneers who came to Stevens County and opened it for civilization (see note #29).” According to newspaper coverage of the mural unveiling ceremony, the mural has, “three highly-colored scenes, one of a town with modern buildings, another of a rural landscape and the other of a stern-visage Indian looking down from the heights upon a pioneer wagon train traveling beside a river (see note #21).” (See Images, #7, #8, #9, & #10.)

On closer examination of the mural, one can better appreciate the craftsmanship and talent of the two artists whose names “C. Sater and L. Prestini” are etched into the lowest left tile panel (Image #6). The tile panels are both modeled with relief (raised) and incised. Almost a dozen glaze colors were hand-painted on the mural. In addition, the artists removed glaze color by etching design details into the already-fired tile panels. The use of billowy clouds to separate the vignettes is also an interesting graphic device. Also of note at the top of the panel are two round emblems — the Washington State seal is found in the top right corner and the seal for the Washington State Historical Society is located in the top left corner (Image #3).

Their presence on the mural suggests that the State and/or the Historical Society may have commissioned or otherwise funded the mural; documentation of that possible connection has not yet been established.

…the mural’s importance …

Construction of the Stevens County Courthouse in 1938—39 provided an attractive, modern building to perform legal and county government functions in Colville, Washington. It also provided employment to dozens of workers who constructed the new courthouse, razed the old courthouse building and landscaped the site. It also provided work to the brick makers, terracotta and tile workers at W. B. L. & S. P. Co. who supplied the building materials and created the mural for the courthouse.

The tile mural is a true gem. It showcases the talented skills of two of its tile makers, Cecil Sater and Leno Prestini, employed by W. B. L. & S. P. Co., who designed and fabricated this unique mural. While WaCo tiles were not made in great quantities and are not well known outside the Pacific Northwest, the WaCo mural in Colville demonstrates the high quality of tile artistry found at the Washington Brick, Lime, and Sewer Pipe Company, despite its rather hopelessly utilitarian name.

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What is the Correct Pronunciation of “WaCo”?  
What’s in a name? If the name is WaCo, then there is room for a debate! Since the original company closed its doors in 1957, leaving few visible traces of its significant past or few surviving employees, some modern interpretation may be in order.

Most tile collectors from around the country who know WaCo tiles (and many Spokane area locals too) usually pronounce the company name as “Way—co”, as in Waco, Texas.

The late Norman Karlson, in his outstanding four-volume The Encyclopedia of American Art Tiles (see note #22), offered an interesting alternative pronunciation. He suggested it should be called “Whack—o” based on research he did on the WaCo company. I haven’t found a second source collaborating this pronunciation but certainly agree that it is the most humorous variation.

Based on my research of company records, business advertisements, building photographs and other ephemera, my suggested proper pronunciation is “Wah—co.” I believe their product branding use of the WaCo name comes from the abbreviated Washington B, L, S P Company. While some tiles are marked in all caps as “WACO” (or often not marked at all), it’s clear from their later marketing materials that “WaCo” was their preferred usage (see note 23). (See Images #11 and #12.)

— Ron Endlich ——

Notes:

#23: Image #12 is an enlarged photo of what appears to be a 25-year service pin for a WaCo employee. The pin is shaped like a house with a tiny gem placed between the 2 and the 5. The pin is approximately ½ inch wide and ¼ inch wide. The C/DPHS has a similar 20-year pin in their collection.

Notes from the Office

Happenings In & Around the Society’s New Home
by
The Editorial Group

… a significant fragment saved …

During the first week of October, 2016, Deer Park’s old Crawford Street community center was reduced to a pile of splinters and hauled away — this to make way for the town’s new fire station. Those splinters represented 92 years of the town’s history, having been the locus for school concerts, graduations, and athletic events, as well as community events such as dances, plays, and political functions. Prior to the hall’s demolition the historical society was asked if there was anything from the building we felt should be saved. The thing most often suggested was a segment of the gymnasium’s hardwood floor — the part bearing the image of Deer Park High School’s stag-head mascot. As requested, that section was carefully removed and set aside before the knockdown commenced.
At the time there was uncertainty as to how that artifact would be used, just that something from the old building must be saved and this seemed the most significant.

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... speaking of Deer Park’s high school... The general consensus is that high school classes were first offered at Deer Park several years after the town’s 1908 incorporation. The following, extracted from the May 30th, 1908 issue of the Colville Examiner may muddy the assumption — though a lot more evidence would be needed. In a column headlined News from Loon Lake, this appears.

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Any insights into what this might mean would be greatly appreciated.

Further Reading — History of Crawford Street Gymnasium.

In attendance: Marilyn Reilly, Bill Sebright, Wally Parker, Pat Parker, Mark Wagner, Tom Costigan, Ella Jenkins, Rachelle Fletcher, Mike Reiter, Roberta Reiter, Larry Bowen, Sue Rehms, Marie Morrill, Mary Jo Reiter, Lorraine Nord, Pete Coffin, Judy Coffin, Nancy Fisher, Bill Phipps, Rick Brodrick, Chuck Lyons, Jesse Tennant and Dannon Smathers.

President Bill Sebright called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He reported:

1) Pete had mentioned damage on the terracotta eagle tail. I mentioned this to Doug Flewelling who repaired the Eagle. He reported: “I stopped by and looked at the eagle today. I found one crack on the tail feathers. Otherwise she’s in good shape. Approximate cost to repair, $569.00.” After further communication it was ascertained that said report was first made last summer. Bill asked if it should be covered by the warranty. Doug replied, “I’ll check my notes, but I believe so.” 2) Bill picked up and scanned a photo album from Kristy Dyck. It once belonged to Otene Westby. 3) We received a $100 check from Gary Ross in Arizona for the printer fund. We now have $400 in the fund.

Marie Morrill moved that we pay for Eagle repair if necessary. Wally Parker seconded. During discussion it was suggested that we put a cover (roof) over the Eagle. It was also suggested that we move it to the Fairgrounds. It was mentioned that we need to maintain the Eagle because of its Clayton history and that it honors our Veterans. The motion to authorize funds to repair the eagle if such repairs aren’t covered by warranty passed unanimously.

Society Treasurer Mark Wagner reported the main checking account ended the month at $7,819.53. There were deposits of $915. The total for all checks written was $2,076.07. One check was written for $484.96 to Fairbanks Insurance, one for $855 to Discount Signs Warehouse, one for $490.03 for Rick Brodrick for a new TV/Video, and one for $99.00 for supplies (ten reams of paper) to Wally Parker, one for $177.62 for a Loon Lake Times ad, one for $19.46 for DP Printing, and one for $50.00 to Sue Kelsch for supplies. The web hosting account ended the month at $639.34. The Brickyard Day account is at $1,599.14.

Society Vice President: No one has stepped forward to become Vice President.

Print editor Wally Parker reported: 1) One hundred and twenty copies of the August Mortarboard (#136) have been printed for distribution. A PDF has been forwarded to the society’s website for online posting. A printable PDF has been forwarded to the Loon Lake library for on-request reproduction by that institution. This 20-page issue features the conclusion of “Twenty-Six Missions: The Roberts Willis Grove Story” — though more on this subject will be printed in later issues. This month’s “Notes from the Office” column reports on the sign recently installed outside the Society’s Deer Park meeting hall. 2) Ten copies of Collected Newsletters Volume Thirty-Nine have been printed. An additional thirty copies of specific back issues of the Collected Newsletters have also been printed to fill depleted on-hand stocks. 3) Our hope is to reprint an article in the September Mortarboard by Seattle’s Ron Endlich outlining the history of the glazed tile mural adorning the Stevens County Courthouse at Colville. Clayton’s Cecil Sater and Leno Prestini were the artists responsible for the images, and the tiles were fired in Clayton’s kilns. 4) Anyone with images of this summer’s community events they’d care to submit for consideration would also be useful.

Webmaster Marie Morrill reported:

1) That she has uploaded the August Mortarboard. She created a page for five of Wally’s society advertising posters and added a link to Mike’s YouTube video of Harry Deuber’s artwork. Mark and Marie reported:

- That they have been working on the society’s website. They have been contacted regarding the possibility of getting Wi-Fi in Settlers. Rachelle will contact Comcast to see if we can get cheap Wi-Fi.

- Don’t forget Don Ball’s 90th birthday party on September 7th, 1 to 4 PM. It will be at the Deer Park Eagles Lodge. If you have questions, call or text Elaine at 509-276-0606. Wally brought up the idea of cataloging Prestini paintings. No one volunteered.

- Bill scanned the Stevens County Historical Society’s Prestini “catalogue” book. All of their Leno Prestini paintings are pictured.

- Clayton Brickyard Day went well. There were more school classes first offered at Deer Park students it seems to have always been their. If anyone has any idea of when the image was first applied, or by whom, please contact the society.

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- Rachelle要做了打印和邮寄的准备。A PDF has been forwarded to the Loon Lake City Library, City Hall, Gardenspot Market, Standen Insurance, Odynski’s Accounting and the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce.

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Volunteer proofreaders for this issue: Betty Deuber, Bill Sebright, Chuck Stewart, Lina Swain, and Ken Westby.

Nancy Fischer brought a 1970 Rose Bowl scrapbook and flag from the Deer Park High School band trip. She also brought a 1976 bicentennial scrapbook from when the DPHS band marched in the Philadelphia parade. Bill will scan the pictures.

Mary Jo Reiter brought a weaved tapestry that her Father’s brother made for her when she was 10 years old. It showed fine craftsmanship.

Marilyn brought examples of the lettering set that someone gave her. She also brought brochures of “picture walls” that Knight Wall Systems sell. She thought the east wall of the Museum would be a great place for one. The system makes it easy to put up and change picture and lettering displays.

Next meeting Saturday, September 14, 2019, at 10:00 AM at our new building.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

The Society meeting minutes submitted by Mark Wagner, acting Secretary.

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