

## CITY OF ROY

# ROY ROUND-UP

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## HISTORY

### James McNaught 1842-1919

James McNaught was born in 1842 in Lexington, Illinois. He served in the Civil War, on the Union side, leaving as a Colonel. He graduated from a Law school in Chicago, IL in 1864. In 1871, he married Agnes Martha Hyde in Seattle, WA. They had two children, Mary Alice (born 1875) and Roy Hyde (born 1876). His career as an Attorney included several law firms in Olympia, Seattle, Anacortes, Portland, New York, as well as serving as United States Attorney General. He invested in real estate in Seattle in 1875, building his home, and with real estate developer Martin Van Buren Stacy and Henry Yesler, lived in homes considered to be "the three most lavish mansions in the city". McNaught spent many years with the railroad. In 1869, McNaught became a director of and attorney for the Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad. From 1880-1896, he was retained as General Counsel for the Northern Pacific Railroad, he was the President of the NP Manitoba Railroad, and built and financed the Great Northern Railroad in Canada and Guatemala. In 1883 he invested in the Anacortes townsite as a front man for the railroad. That same year, the NPPR finally completed its true transcontinental line to Tacoma. In 1889, he moved to New York, where he represented the railroad until 1896 and then established a private practice there until 1903.

During his railroad career, he became friends and fishing buddies with Dr. Samuel Warren, who was the NPPR Physician in charge of incidents between Tenino and Tacoma. During those years, they found the area of Media to have great fishing. He liked the area so much that in the early 1880's, he purchased 600 acres here and platted out the township of Roy. Media was the original name for Roy as it was halfway between Tenino and Tacoma. McNaught and Warren then changed the name to Roy after McNaught's son Roy. Dr Warren did not want the town to be named after himself, so they decided on Roy. Dr Warren made his home here with his family, but McNaught never did. In 1883, he deeded property to the Northern Pacific Railroad to be used for railroad purposes, as well as in 1884, deeding the remaining land to the town of Roy, establishing McNaught's 1st and 2nd Additions. Agnes died 1918 in Seattle. In 1919, James dropped dead in the railroad station while waiting for a train after visiting his daughter, Mary Alice Ling in Tarrytown, New York.

Roy Hyde McNaught (1876-1951) was a Harvard Graduate (1900) and became President of a real estate brokerage and management firm in New York, where he later died. He too never lived in the

town that was his namesake.



Thank You to those that participated in or attended the Memorial Day Ceremony this year at the Roy Cemetery!

JBLM 555 Engineering Brigade Color Guard,  
Pastor Bill Wagner-New Beginnings Church of Roy,  
Harvey Gilchrist-Roy City Council Member,  
Amy Cruver-Pierce County Council Member,  
Shannon Faria and her sons for their photos,  
And our dedicated volunteers who make sure the grounds look beautiful!  
Beth King, Owner

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### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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- Council Meeting Monday July 8th 7:00 PM at City Hall ALL are welcome to attend in person or online. Study session at 6:30
- Planning Commission Tuesday July 16th 6:00 PM at City Hall.
- 4th of July Parade & Picnic in the park. Parade starts at 12:00, picnic will follow.
- Roy Grange #702 meetings are the 1st Tuesday 6:30 PM

Chief Antista and Officer Pearson have been hard at work. From the school's field day to assisting young entrepreneurs these guys never fail to show up for our youth.

Thank you Roy Police Department!

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### CITY UPDATES

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City Hall will be CLOSED Thursday July 4th.

If you would like to submit photos, events or suggestions please email [royadmin@cityofroywa.us](mailto:royadmin@cityofroywa.us)



*Quote of the Month*

*"I believe in America because we have great dreams, and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true."*

*-Wendell Willkie*