

Mitchell Doumit (1905-1982)



Friends and Foundation members were saddened by the news of the death of Foundation Past President Mitchell Doumit, Cathlamet, Washington. Doumit passed away on November 12, 1982, in a Longview, Washington, hospital following a stroke and heart attack. Except for six years, 1944-1946, when he served as Deputy Prosecutor for Washington State's Pierce County, and 1955-1959, while he resided in Olympia, Washington, and served as Assistant Attorney General for Washington State, he lived in his beloved Cathlamet in Lewis and Clark Country on the lower Columbia River. In 1978-1979 he was President of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., and during the years 1977-1981 he served as Chairman of the (Governor appointed) Washington (State) Lewis and Clark Trail Committee.

At the time of Mitch's retirement from an active law career and distinguished record of public service to Cathlamet and Wahkiakum County, *We Proceeded On* provided readers with a synopsis of his many accomplishments. Readers will find this in the May 1982 (Vol. 8, No. 2) issue of the magazine. A memorial service in Cathlamet on November 20, 1982, brought over 500 friends and admirers of Mitch to Cathlamet which boasts a population of about 600.

In addition to his wife, Elizabeth, Mitch is survived in Cathlamet by a daughter, Mary Thomas, three grandchildren, two brothers, and a sister. Other sisters reside in Port Orchard, Washington, St. Helens and Seaside, Oregon, and Fresno, California. An only son was killed while serving with the United States Air Force. Grandson Michael Thomas is a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Foundation President Hazel Bain, a schoolmate and lifelong friend of Doumit reports that she has received \$450.00 in memorial contributions in Mitchell Doumit's name to the Foundation's Memorial Fund. Members wishing to make such a contribution may forward same to Hazel Bain, 1950-33rd Ave., Apt. 1, Longview, WA 98632.

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