



Garfield County was organized in 1881. It was created from part of Columbia County and was named after President James A. Garfield. It is located in the southwestern corner of the state and is bounded by the Snake River on the north and the state of Oregon on the south. In the nineteenth century, many of the region's major explorers passed through the county—Lewis and Clark in 1806 and Captain James Bonneville in 1834. Today Garfield County is the state's least populous county. Its economy is based primarily on growing grain, livestock raising and the processing of food.

Bounded by: Whitman County (N), Asotin County (E), Oregon State (S) and Columbia County (W).

County Seat: Pomeroy

Chamber of Commerce:

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 916, Pomeroy, WA 99347. Phone 509-843-3691.

County Government: County Courthouse, Pomeroy, WA 99347. Courthouse hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am to noon and 1 to 5:00pm.

Assessor: PO Box 883. Phone 509-843-3631. Fax 509-843-3941.

Auditor: PO Box 278. Phone 509-843-1411. Fax 509-843-3941.

Clerk: PO Box 915. Phone 509-843-3731. Fax 509-843-1224.

Treasurer: PO Box 340. Phone 509-843-1531. Fax 509-843-3941.

Genealogical Society:

Health Department:

Garfield County Health Department, (www.doh.wa.gov/LHJMap/No_web.htm#Garfield) PO Box 130, Pomeroy, WA 99347. Phone 509-843-3412. Fax 509-843-1935.

Historical Society:

Garfield County Historical Association, PO Box 854, Pomeroy, WA 99347. Phone 509-843-3925.

Libraries - Academic:

Libraries - Public:

Denny Ashby Memorial Library, PO Box 670, 856 Arlington St, Pomeroy, WA 99347-0670. Phone 509-843-3710.

Libraries - Special:

Garfield County Law Library, PO Box 37, Ephrata, WA 98823. Phone 754-2011 ext. 357.

Museums and Historical Sites:

Asotin County Historical Society, 215 Filmore, Asotin, WA 99402 509-243-4659 *Collections include an oral histories, early Post Office records of Asotin and Garfield counties, an obituary file, indexed form 1886 -1926, updated to present. Has cemetery records of 47 different cemeteries in Asotin and Garfield counties, and personal files on many early residents. The photograph collection includes early Asotin County buildings, communities, residents, farms, ranches and the early schools of Asotin and Garfield counties, and Oregon's Wallowa County.*

Garfield County Museum, 7th and Columbia, Pomeroy, WA 99347 *Museum's collection includes county histories, newspapers, and other items of interest to local historians and genealogists.*

State Archives Branch:

Eastern Regional Archives Branch, (www.ewu.edu/era) Eastern Washington University, 211 Tawanka, Cheney, WA 98004-2423. Phone 509-359-6900. Fax 509-359-6286. Email era@secstate.wa.gov.