

Photographic Report #2:  
June 21, 2023 JSS Umpqua Memorial Stone Placement

Bob Zybach, Chair, JSS Umpqua Memorial Committee

David Gould, Coos Bay Timber Operators

Mike Main, Main Rock

Josh Mast, Mast Brothers



David Gould, Coos Bay Timber Operators, with Umpqua Memorial stone he selected and sanded at the Main Rock quarry in North Bend, Oregon. The rock was transported to this location at the western mouth of Smith River where it enters the Umpqua River in Douglas County, Oregon by Coos Bay Timber Operators and placed into position by Mast Brothers on June 21, 2023. The Memorial stone and all related time, equipment, and services have been entirely donated to this point by these three local businesses.

This final placement of the Umpqua Memorial stone follows more than 20 years of effort by members of the Jedediah Smith Society. A brass plaque is being prepared that will commemorate the nearby burial site of 11 of the 14 or 15 beaver trappers killed near here on July 14, 1828 while employed by the Smith, Jackson & Sublette fur trading company. Burials were subsequently completed on October 28, 1828 by expedition leader and business co-owner, Jedediah Smith, and by Hudson's Bay Company brigade leader, Alexander Roderick McLeod. Photos and captions by Bob Zybach.





David Gould and Chris Williams, Coos Bay Timber Operators, discuss loading and transporting the Umpqua Memorial stone with Mike Main, co-owner of Main Rock quarry, and new hires, Luke Jackson and Lincoln Sparks, Mike's grandsons. The quarry is located on Kentuck Creek, near the town of North Bend, Coos County, Oregon. Photo taken June 21, 2023.





Coos Bay Timber Operators' Kenworth high lift tailgate dump truck and driver, Chris Williams, checking in with Main Rock office, North Bend, Oregon.



Main Rock's Komatsu WA480 loader putting bedding gravel onto Coos Bay Timber Operators dump truck for hauling with Memorial stone to Umpqua burial site.





Main Rock's Komatsu PC800 excavator lifting Umpqua Memorial stone.



Main Rock's Komatsu PC800 depositing Memorial rock into bed of Coos Bay Timber Operators Kenworth dump truck, June 21, 2023. David Gould watches from background.





David Gould directs Coos Bay Timber Operators truck driver, Chris Williams, into dumping of gravel and Memorial stone at destination of Smith River mouth on the Umpqua River, in Douglas County, Oregon, June 21, 2023.



David Gould, Coos Bay Timber Operators, watches as Memorial stone rolls to the edge of a steep bank above Umpqua River tidal flats before thankfully stopping, June 21, 2023.





Chris Williams, truck driver for Coos Bay Timber Operators, takes a break while observing David Gould putting finishing touches on leveling gravel base for the Memorial stone near Stables Road entrance to Lower Smith River Road, Douglas County, Oregon, June 21, 2023.



Gravel base and Umpqua Memorial stone at mouth of Smith River, Oregon, June 21, 2023.





Mast Brothers donated the use of their Peterbilt heavy-duty rotator tow truck to lift and place the Umpqua Memorial stone into its permanent location at mouth of Smith River, Oregon, June 21, 2023.

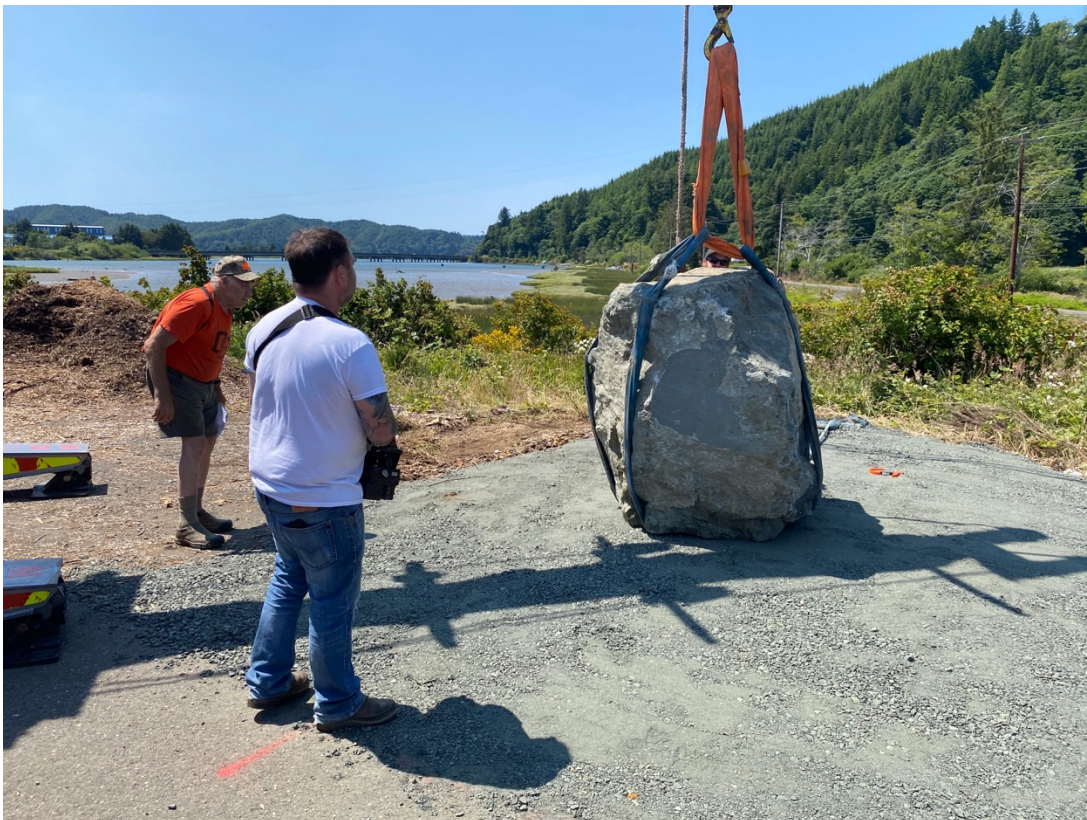


Val Furnbaugh, Mast Brothers, and David Gould, Coos Bay Timber Operators, preparing to move Umpqua Memorial stone into its permanent location at mouth of Smith River, Oregon, June 21, 2023.





David Gould, Coos Bay Timber Operators, watches as Josh Mast, Mast Brothers, moves Memorial stone into its permanent location near the mouth of Smith River, Oregon, June 21, 2023.



Josh Mast, Mast Brothers, lowers Umpqua Memorial stone into permanent location under direction of David Gould, Coos Bay Timber Operators, June 21, 2023.





Long-distance view of weigh station turnout, David Gould, the Umpqua Memorial stone, and David's vehicle for scale, looking north from Lower Smith River Road, Oregon, June 21, 2023.



Success! Luke Jackson and Lincoln Sparks celebrate the first day of summer at the Main Rock quarry, North Bend, Oregon, on June 21, 2023.