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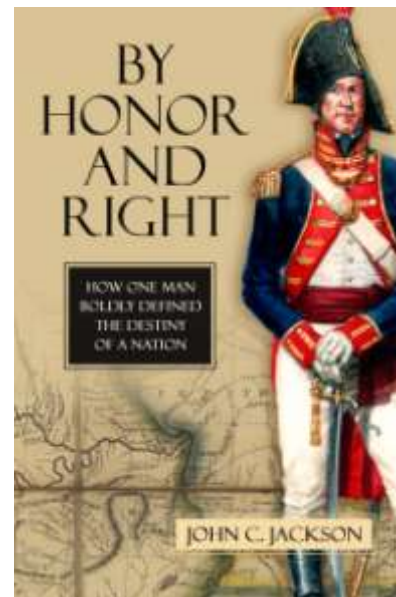
Local historian and author John C. Jackson will discuss book on enigmatic explorer and patriot

Join historian John C. Jackson for a discussion of his book "[By Honor and Right: How One Man Boldly Defined the History of a Nation.](#)" The program will be held at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#) on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., after regular library hours.

Captain John McClallen was the first United States officer to enter the West after the return of the Lewis and Clark expedition. While there he made a unilateral declaration of "manifest destiny," claiming U.S. rights to the Pacific Northwest and blocking British expansion.

McClallen's actions, for which he paid a tragic price, have been largely unrecognized in the annals of the American West. With meticulous historical detective work and analysis, Jackson concludes that if McClallen had not taken bold (and unauthorized) action, British interests might have taken the entire Columbia River and the Pacific Slope south of the forty-ninth parallel, the border between the U.S. and Canada today.

Jackson lives in Olympia. He is the author of five books on the history of the Pacific Northwest, including "The Piikani Blackfeet: A Culture Under Siege" and "Jemmy Jock Bird: Marginal Man on the Blackfoot Frontier." He is the coauthor with Thomas Danisi of "Meriwether Lewis."



The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia. For more information, call (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.

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