

## **MARIE DORION HISTORICAL PARK**

### **To Honor a Courageous Woman**

#### **She was the First of Many Who Came And Stayed!**

"Her trail in the winter snows have melted out and her campsite is unknown, but her story lives on . ." or so goes the history of Marie Dorion. Like the history of the courageous Indian woman, several Milton-Freewater persons are striving to preserve the history of the early settlers of the area.

To accomplish this, W. S. Caverhill, Russel Blackler and Fred Etling, have planned a "Trail of the Pioneers" in the Marie Dorion Historical Park, located near the old Milton Power plant.

A sign has been placed at the foot of the trail with the following inscription "The Trail of the Pioneers – these are the families who came to this area early and stayed to build it step by step".

The trail consists of 156 steps, each with the name of an old pioneer family and date sandblasted in concrete. The steps were sold to defray the cost of construction, to the descendants of the pioneer families. More information may be obtained from any of the three fore-mentioned men. (*Note: These gentlemen are all deceased.*)

W. S. Caverhill, member of the Marie Dorion Historical Committee, composed the following history of Marie Dorion from information compiled by historians throughout the Northwest.

This history will appear at Marie Dorion Historical Park located on the Walla Walla River near the old Milton power plant.

*Read the rest of the story of Marie Dorion's life in the booklet "Marie Dorion and the Trail of the Pioneers."*