

Spokan Garry goes East

- Early 1825 Governor George Simpson of the Northern Division of the Hudson Bay Company, wrote to Alexander Ross who was in charge of the Spokane House, requesting two Indian boys about 8 years old.
- Garry was 14 when he was chosen to go back east.
 - Garry was short and wiry so they underestimated his age
- Simpson interviewed 8 chiefs.
 - The Spokane and Flat Head each put in a son to be educated at the Missionary Society School Red River
- Kootanis Chief Son named Pelly, after Governor of Hudsons Bay Company.
- Spokane Chiefs son named Garry, after one of the directors.
- The two boys were brought in front of the white men before they left, Illiam – Spokaneee addressed Simpson and Ross;
 - You see, we have given you our children, not our servants, or our slaves, but our own. We have given you our hearts – our children are our children our hearts but bring them back again before they become white men. We wish to see them once more Indians, and after that you can make them white men if you like. But let them not get sick or die. If they get sick, we get sick; if they die we shall die. Take them; they are yours.
- They traveled for 75 days
- Garry was 18 when he went back to his homeland, he spent 4 years with the missionaries.
- Garry was more active out of the two boys after Pelly hurt his leg falling off a horse.

All facts refer to the book Chief Spokan Garry 1811 – 1892 written by Thomas E. Jessett. We have a copy in our Collections if you would like to come make copies or have more information.