

# John Webster



**John was born in New York City in 1816. As a young adult in 1850 he moved to Port Gamble and became a master blacksmith at the lumber mills in Port Madison. At the age of 43, he was appointed to the Washington State Legislature of 1859-1860 and was the Clerk and Auditor for the county. Known as a strong personality with sound judgment, Webster gained great influence by reason of his reliability, integrity and good business principles.**

**In 1861 he moved to Seattle and was the first Master of the St. Johns Lodge. He was one of the first appointed regents of the University of Washington. He was considered kind, placid and yet firm and dignified in disposition and was a man worthy of universal confidence from those he led. Webster died in his home in Seattle on December 15, 1891 at the age of 75.**

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