

Jacob and Sarah Ebey House

The Ebey family came west from Missouri, ending their journey on Whidbey Island when they came upon the best farmland they'd ever seen. Family members became the first settlers in the area to use the 1850 Donation Land Claim Act, claiming hundreds of acres of Lower Skagit land to establish family farms before the act was even official. Jacob and

Sarah Ebey named their place Sunnyside Farm, where the pioneer cemetery took its name and most of the Ebeys now rest. You can still visit their home and a blockhouse perched at the edge of a magnificent bluff in Ebey's Reserve. From the visitor center parking lot, take a five-minute stroll along a level, packed gravel trail to this home that has looked west over the Salish Sea for the better part of two centuries.



TOP: Jacob Ebey. Photo: Island County Historical Museum. **ABOVE:** Al and Roger Sherman at the restored Jacob & Sarah Ebey House. Both men were instrumental in the creation of the Reserve. Photo: Kristen Griffin.