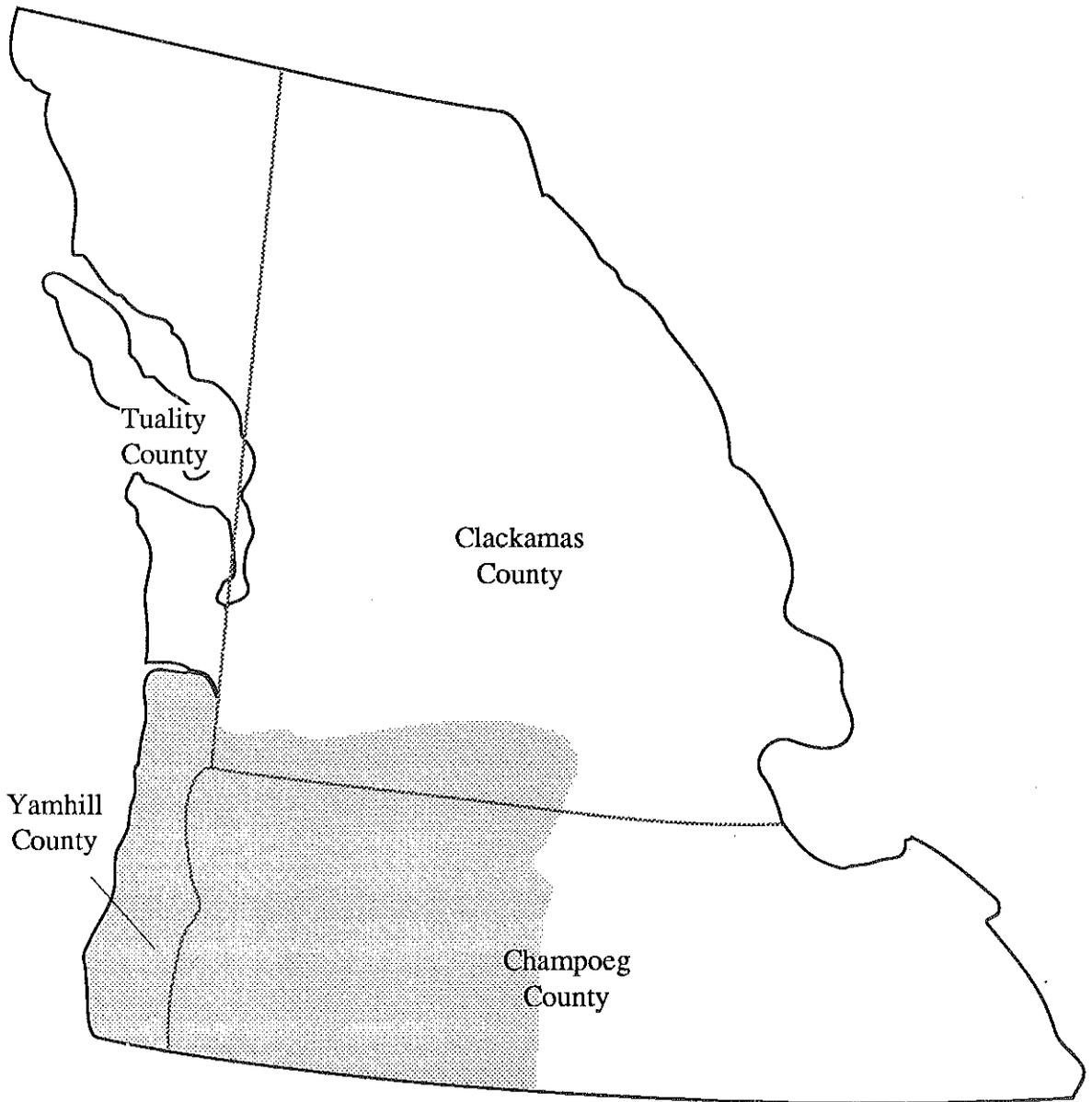


# Oregon Country in 1843



When the Oregon Provisional Government was formed on July 5, 1843, its white population stood at roughly 880 men, women and children. This colony inhabited four counties comprising an area bounded by latitude 54° 40' on the north, by the crest of the Rockies to the east, by latitude 42° on the south, and by the Pacific Ocean to the west. This region included the present-day states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington; portions of Montana and Wyoming; and half of the province of British Columbia. The state of Oregon is shown in gray.