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### **Mt. Baker Once Had A Spanish Name**

Mount Baker was known by the Indians as "Koma Kulshan" or "Steep Mountain". In 1790 a Spanish explorer named Manuel Quimper put it on his maps as La Montana del Carmelo – "The Great White Watcher". Then came Lt. Joseph Baker in 1892 and his report gave it his own name. The first ascent of the mountain by a white man was made in 1886 by E. T. Coleman.

According to scientists who have studied the mountain, there was a huge eruption in 1843, which broke out simultaneously with Mt. St. Helens and covered the whole country with ashes. The Indians told of the Skagit being obstructed and all the fish dying. The country was one fire for miles around.

Wisps of steam still rise from the crater, no eruption has taken place for many years.

Mt. Baker is 10,750 feet high, and has 44 sq. miles of ice fields containing 12 glaciers.