



JOEL E. FERRIS
CHAIRMAN

SPOKANE AND EASTERN

BRANCH OF SEATTLE - FIRST NATIONAL BANK

SPOKANE 6, WASHINGTON

May 24, 1954

Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

Thank you very much for your nice letter and for arranging to have the two publications dealing with Fort Simcoe sent me by Mrs. Kimmel and Mrs. Anderson. I not only will be glad to have them, but appreciate your interest.

I am much interested in the book you mentioned, "Drummers and Dreamers of Priest Rapids" and certainly will be interested in having a copy when it comes out.

As to the meeting place of the history conference for next year, there does seem to have been a little confusion developed but I think this will be straightened out and my recommendation is that it go to Tacoma since Chapin Foster feels that that was the understanding, and I am sure you will recall that my invitation was very definite along that line.

Hoping to see you from time to time and if you ever come to Spokane, be sure to look me up.

Next Sunday's Review in their Inland Empire section will have a story on the early gold rush into the Coeur d'Alenes which I put together.

Sincerely,

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Joel E. Ferris

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October 6, 1954

Dear Mr. Relander:

At the outstanding meeting of the Pacific Northwest History Conference held at Helena under the auspices of the Montana Historical Society last May, the executive committee and members voted to hold the 1955 conference in Spokane under the general direction and sponsorship of the members in Spokane County; namely, Eastern Washington State Historical Society, Joel E. Ferris, president, Mrs. Florence Reed, director; Gonzaga University, Father W. L. Davis, S.J.; Eastern Washington College of Education, Dr. Edgar Stewart; Whitworth College, Dr. R. Senton Duvall; Spokane Public Library, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Gilbert.

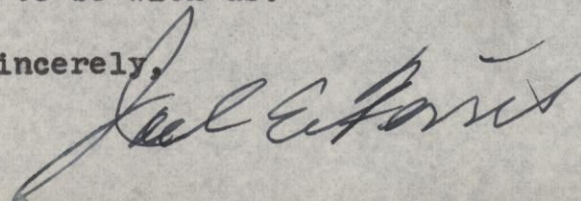
The undersigned was elected local chairman for the 1955 conference and with your help and that of other members of the executive committee, we should be able to arrange an outstanding meeting. I have asked Dr. Stewart at Cheney to serve as program chairman. Father Davis, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Gilbert and Dr. Duvall will help with the local details and arrangements.

The dates are May 7 and 8, 1955. Headquarters will be at the Davenport Hotel. Your suggestions for the program are desired at once, which may be sent to the undersigned at the Spokane and Eastern Bank or in care of the Eastern Washington State Historical Society, W. 2316-1st Avenue, Spokane. I am anxious also to receive from you new names to whom you think announcements and invitations should be sent.

Further details, announcements and registration forms will be sent out, of course, but the important thing now is to arrange details of the program and both Dr. Stewart and the writer are very anxious to have your help.

You will be pleased to know that James Babb, librarian at Yale University, has agreed to be with us.

Sincerely,





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JOEL E. FERRIS
CHAIRMAN

January 21, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

Thank you very much for your kindness and generous action in sending me a collection of newspaper items and clippings which I will enjoy going over and many of which I am sure I will wish to retain.

As to the History Conference, matters stand about as follows: At this time we have a definite commitment from James Babb, librarian at Yale, as the feature speaker and it is my thought that he would probably be the only headliner, as I do not think we should try to duplicate the outstanding record at Helena. In fact, we do not have the funds, if it seemed best.

The program is in charge of Dr. Edgar Stewart of the College at Cheney, and he has worked up one or two tentative programs and has had conferences with Father Davis of Gonzaga and myself, and has had correspondence with some of the suggested participants. Dr. Stewart, Father Davis and myself rather feel that the Conference should start Friday noon, May 6 with a dinner that evening, at which Mr. Babb would make his address. This would be followed by a social hour and would be preceded or followed by a business session of the executive committee.

On Saturday, May 7, we think the conference should continue with round tables and discussions, and terminate with a luncheon either at the Davenport Hotel, where headquarters will be established, or as the guests of Gonzaga University, and the afternoon given over to a trip to Spokane House site with a stop in the form of a tea or reception at our Eastern Washington State Historical Society museum.

It is my intention to send out a card within the next week to the mailing list, reminding them of the dates, mentioning Babb and so forth, and about a month before the conference to send out a more complete bulletin with a registration card and so forth. The details of the program itself of course I am leaving to Dr. Stewart, who is conferring with the local people here. Some of our friends, particularly Dr. Deutsch, rather feels it is a mistake to have a two-day meeting, favoring having it only on Saturday. I am to see Dr. Deutsch tomorrow, who is to be in Spokane, but in confidence, I feel that we should take more time which would give those in attendance an opportunity to visit as well as to attend the meetings. I am wondering what your views are in the matter. We could of course cut it down to one day but I feel the decision on this matter probably should be made here in Spokane. The program, of course, would include work-shop discussions as indicated in your letter of last October.

Sincerely,

Joel E. Ferris

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April 1, 1955

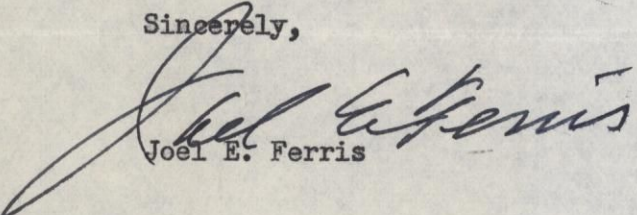
Mr. Chick Relander,
Yakima Republic
Yakima, Washington

Dear Chick Relander:

In the next ten days we should be able to send you the completed program for the Pacific Northwest History Conference, May 6th and 7th, and of course we are counting on your being present. I think we have a good program lined up, although it could be improved upon. If you have any names which should be placed on our mailing list will you please let me have them promptly.

Our speaker is James Babb, Librarian at Yale University, and not "Professor Babbof, Yake principal speaker, Lewis and Clark ..." as mentioned in Chapin Foster's news letter of March. Chapin needs a proof reader.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

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CHAIRMAN

May 31, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

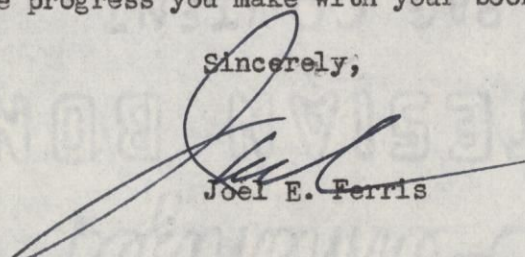
Dear Click Relander:

Replying to that portion of your letter with reference to the mailing list of the conference, and a selective list of our Eastern Washington Historical Society members, I will be glad to work this out for you and as promptly as possible, but would like to know how you want the list sent to you, as you mentioned having it copied. The list as I have it is on 3 x 5 cards, such as the one enclosed. It might be more convenient for you to have them copied on cards, rather than in long typewritten lists. There will be a little delay in having the list copies, as there are nearly 1,000 names all told, and I would have to have it done outside of the Historical Society, as they are very short of stenographic help. I quite agree with you that it is worth the effort in developing interest in your book to send out advance notices with a follow up at the time the book is ready for delivery.

Ross Toole had a great many Montana names on his list, which I eliminated, as he circularized practically every teacher in the state. I assume you would not want all of these names.

I certainly am interested in the clippings you sent me and am anxious to keep in touch with you and to have any material which you can send along to me, and to know the progress you make with your book.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

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CHAIRMAN

June 7, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

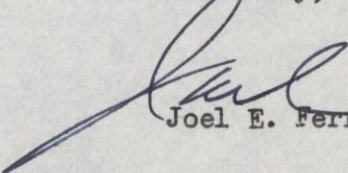
I will start to work on having a typewritten list made up from the mailing list of the History Conference and the membership of our Historical Society here and hope it will be ready when you get back from California.

If you should see Hannah Hinsdale Hawkins over in Berkeley, which you probably may not plan to do, better not mention that I have just been down there for, as a matter of fact, I did not have time to look her up.

If you have never visited the Bancroft Library at the University of California, I think you might enjoy doing so. The director is Dr. Hammond and I am on the Council of the Friends of the Bancroft Library. The great genius at the library is Morgan who works there most of the time and who wrote "The Jedidiah Smith Record" and also a book on the Humboldt River, but who is unfortunately deaf and almost dumb, but speaks brokenly. He would like to meet you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris, Chairman

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June 24, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

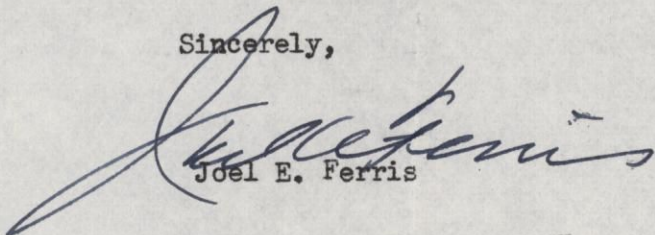
Dear Click Relander:

I have the mailing list copied now and will be glad to send it down when you are ready. I am holding it rather than mailing it in your absence.

I have not counted the number of names but there must be 800 or so.

Hope you had a good trip south. Kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

JEF:JM



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July 8, 1955

JOEL E. FERRIS
CHAIRMAN

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Glad to know that you are back from your vacation trip to California and to know that you met some of the History fans in the Bay District and that you saw Mr. Warren Howell again.

I do not know how good a talk Mr. Howell would make. He has never impressed me as a very good mixer or an over friendly person. Frankly, he is not to be compared with his former associate who now has a book store of his own but who is in Europe, David Magee. When I see you again I will be interested in knowing about your trip and the people you saw.

I rather hope to come over when the State Parks' History Committee meets at Fort Simcoe on July 30th although I find it is going to be a little difficult.

Now about the mailing list. I have had it copied and am enclosing a copy which I know you will consider confidential. I have retained a copy and expect to send the names on the cards to Chapin Foster sometime soon. I had to have the list made by a public stenographer and the cost was \$15.00 which I have paid. I wish to contribute or pay \$7.50 of this so if you will send me a check for \$7.50 we will be square. I am sorry I could not do this without any expense.

I received the pamphlet or booklet "Yakima Treaty Centennial" *Thank you -*

If you come this way be sure to see me and I hope something will bring me to Yakima. I was in Seattle last week and spent an evening with Bob Hitchman as usual and always enjoy him.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Joel E. Ferris
Joel E. Ferris

JEF:JM



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CHAIRMAN

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SPOKANE 10, WASHINGTON

July 14, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

Thanks for the \$10.00 which is more than is necessary.

We should try to get some good publicity for your book when it is ready and, perhaps, I can help over here.

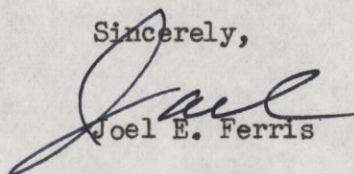
With reference to the Membership Committee for the Washington Historical Society at Tacoma, I am somewhat confused in my mind as to whether a state-wide campaign will accomplish very much but will be glad to talk this over with you sometime.

Thanks for the clipping concerning Edward Larrabee which I will send out to his Mother. I am honored at being mentioned.

I believe they are to have a Historical party at Fort Simcoe on July 30th. I would like to come over but am not certain it will be possible as I expect to be away on a trip to Everett, Vancouver and Seattle from the 19th or 20th until the 27th.

Best wishes as always.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

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JOEL E. FERRIS
CHAIRMAN

September 21, 1955

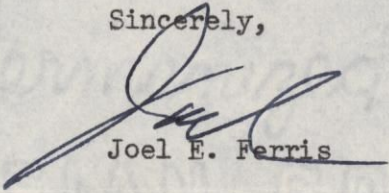
Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

I have been expecting to see an announcement of your book almost any day and am wondering whether or not it will be brought out this fall.

If I can be of any help to you in promoting it over here, please let me know. Naturally I want to order a copy and have it autographed by you.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

JEF:JM



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SPOKANE 10, WASHINGTON

July 23, 1956

JOEL E. FERRIS
CHAIRMAN

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

I have been doing some checking with Bob Hardy, Jr. concerning the August meeting of the Sunshine Mining Company Directors hoping that it might immediately precede or follow the program at Fort Simcoe which I believe is Sunday, August 12th. It seems now, however, that the Sunshine meeting will probably be August 20th.

I would like to come down for the Simcoe program and I believe that Frank Hardy has telephoned you as to your plans on that date and I can make my plans, I believe, to fly down the morning of Sunday, August 12th. The plane schedule, Flight 601, reaches Yakima at 9:30 a.m. and Bob tells me that you can make your plans to take me down to Simcoe and bring me back that afternoon or evening in time to catch the night plane, Flight 612, leaving Yakima at 9:50 p.m. and arriving at Spokane at 11:00 p.m. I do have to be in Spokane the following day. There is a plane leaving earlier, Flight 610, leaving Yakima at 6:10 p.m.

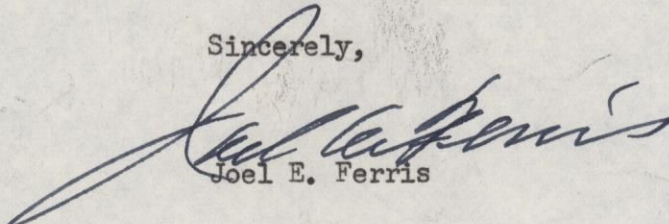
I do not wish to inconvenience you in any way for I know you will be active in connection with the program and I could defer a trip to Simcoe until some later date, if necessary.

I shall be away most of this week on a trip to Bellingham, Vancouver, B.C. and Seattle but should be home without fail July 29th.

I hope all is well with you and that the book is progressing satisfactorily.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

JEF:JM

P.S. I will be at the Hotel Georgia in Vancouver, B.C. July 25th to July 27th.



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July 30, 1956

JOEL E. FERRIS
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Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

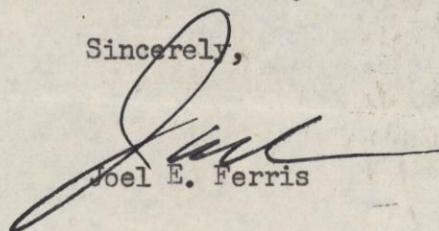
I have just returned from nearly a week's absence and am glad to have your letter of July 25th.

I saw Bob Hitchman in Seattle Saturday and also visited the British Columbia Provincial Library on Friday but found Ireland away.

It is good of you to offer to drive me to Simcoe and I will plan accordingly arriving by plane at 9:30 a.m. and returning that afternoon or night. I will advise you again before that date and in all likelihood will see you in Tacoma Saturday.

I am glad to have the details of your appearance in Spokane in October in connection with your book. I wish that you might be able to be here Thursday and address the Rotary Club.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

JEF:JM



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August 8, 1956

JOEL E. FERRIS
CHAIRMAN

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

Matters are developing which will probably prevent me from coming over for the Fort Simcoe celebration. I regret this very much as I would enjoy making the trip with you and am sure the event will be a very interesting one. I will let you know by telephone Friday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joel E. Ferris".

Joel E. Ferris

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JOEL E. FERRIS
CHAIRMAN

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August 9, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click Relander:

It is very definite that I will not be able to come over Sunday morning and though I do hate to make excuses I think mine are sufficient.

First, two of my grandchildren, ages seven and ten, are arriving by plane from San Francisco to be with me two or three days and I really should be here for them.

Second, late yesterday I was up on Lake Coeur d'Alene where my daughter has a cottage and managed to fracture a finger which is badly mutilated and requires a doctor's attention so with much regret I have to give up my visit with you and the trip to Fort Simcoe. Perhaps at some later date we can make the drive from Yakima.

Sincerely,

Joel E. Ferris

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August 31, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
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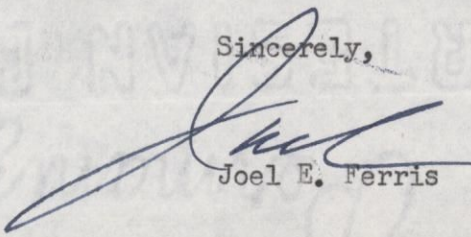
Dear Click:

This morning I have the two copies of "Bugles in the Valley" the story of Ft. Simcoe by Mr. Guie. I appreciate Mr. Guie's autographing one to me with words of praise. The other copy also autographed I will send to Mr. Atherton in San Francisco whose mother was born at Ft. Simcoe.

I was down at Pullman yesterday for the Library Conference or rather for a breakfast meeting of the group developing the "Council on Regional Historical Research and Progress". I am not sure much was accomplished although the discussions were interesting.

Keep me advised as to your plans.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

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JOEL E. FERRIS
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November 19, 1956

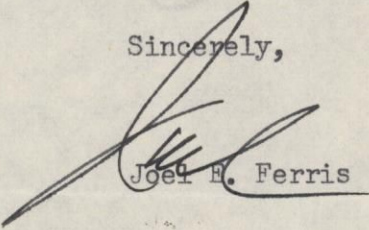
Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Thanks for your letter of November 6th which I have not answered before as I have been away for nearly two weeks in San Francisco where I attended a number of interesting meetings including a large luncheon meeting of the California Historical Society and also a meeting over at the Bancroft Library.

I hope to keep in touch with you and trust your book is moving out satisfactorily. I wish I could be of more service.

Sincerely,


Joel E. Ferris

JEF:JM