

March 23, 1952

Superintendent,  
Nez Perce Agency,  
Lapwai, Idaho.  
Dear Sir:

I am now completing a study of Northwest Indians and some writing dealing with the Wanapums along the Columbia river, their neighbors, the extinct or nearly extinct Palouse and other adjoining tribes.

If you could assist me with a few points, it would be highly appreciated and I realize how your time is crowded with detail now, reminiscent of the early days of an Indian agent's life.

I am seeking to determine if there are any full blooded Palouse left, the census of the reservation and the number of pure bloods of original tribes or bands on that reservation.

I would appreciate knowing how many full bloods of any band or rather tribe, now left and the total of other Indians.

I believe there is one man (crippled) known as Pete Bones whose home is Lyons Ferry who claims to be a full blooded Palouse but of this I am doubtful since my sources are able to tell me his parentage and there is other blood mixed there. I have not been able to contact him directly.

Also, please tell me if you can if more than one language is spoken by the people, and if so, the language. It would be helpful to me too to know if any but the oldest know the Chinook jargon.

I am enclosing a clipping you might be interested in, since it deals with the Nez Perce and a Yakima man who spent much time with those people.

Sincerely

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Route 3, box 149,  
Yakima, Washington.

March 23, 1962

Superintendent,  
Umatilla Reservation,  
Mission, Oregon.  
Dear Sir:

I am now completing a study of Northwest Indians and some writing dealing with the River People, the Wanapums, the neighbors the extinct or nearly extinct Palouse and other neighboring tribes.

If you could assist me on a few points, it would be highly appreciated, and I realize how your time is crowded with detail of agency work--reminiscent of the earlier days of an Indian agent's life.

I am seeking to determine if there are any full blooded Palouse left, the census of the reservation, and the number of pure bloods of the various original tribes.

For instance, figures that would correspond with the 1870-71 report for the Umatilla Indian Agency, W.H. Boyle:

Three tribes, Walla Walla, Cayuse and Umatillas, numbering 837

Walla Walla, chief, Homli, 57 men, 87 women, 28 boys, 29 girls, total 201

Cayuse, chief Hawlish-Wampo, 95 men, 140 women, 57 boys, 42 girls, total 334.

Umatilla, chief Wenap-noot, 92 men, 144 women, 41 boys, 25 girls, 302.

Grand totals 244 men, 371 women, 126 boys, 96 girls, 837 in all.

How many FULL BLOODS of each tribe are now left. What is the common language spoken? Do any but the older men and women know or use any of the Chinook jargon?

Just general reaction to last questions would be satisfactorily and highly appreciated.

I am enclosing a clipping of a story I wrote in our paper recently that may be of interest to you.

Route 3, box 149, Yakima.

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