

June 4, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
The Yakima Republic
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

A few days ago while doing some research on Fort Simcoe at the University of Washington library, I learned that you have Captain James Archer's letters relating to the post. Would you allow an "outsider" to see them?

My chief interest in Simcoe is with the Garnett family. Five years ago the Agency at Toppenish had a letter of Mrs. Garnett's. This seems to have been mislaid. Do you know of its whereabouts?

Mr. Matthew John told me two weeks since that a history of the post is to be published this summer in connection with the restoration.

I would very much like to go up to Yakima and talk with you about Fort Simcoe at your convenience. Incidentally, I have on microfilm the Archer letters about old General Wool. If you do not have them, I would be happy to let you see them.

Very truly yours,

Alice K. Gregory
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Portland, Oregon
June 11, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you for your letter. It is very kind of you to answer my inquiries so fully.

As a matter of fact, I've seen the copy of Marianna Garnett's letter. Five years ago when I first went to see Fort Simcoe, I looked through the file on its history which was then at the Agency. The letter was addressed to "Mrs. Charles Evans, C/O Lyman A. Spaulding" in Locks-port, N. Y., and dated "Fort Simcoe, W.T., April 29, 1858." In it, Mrs. Garnett told about her little boy, and how "the Major" refused to let her name the child for him, about the other women at the post, the post itself, their arrival the previous year, and how intensely proud of the place Garnett was. Unhappily, I didn't copy the whole thing, and now, apparently, it's lost. I begin to wish I'd "lifted" it!

I wish I could say definitely that I would be in The Dalles Sunday. Unfortunately, I must go to California tomorrow on another project. If I get back by Sunday, I'll go up to The Dalles; but please don't make a trip on my account, because I may not get there.

I do expect to go Chelan-wards in about two weeks, however; so I'll take the liberty of calling at your office en route, if I may.

My "line" on Simcoe is strictly for the Army period, especially on R.S. Garnett and his connection with it. Since the two are practically synonymous, that is my emphasis. I hope. What I'll do with it is a little hard to say at present.

Again, thank you, and for the announcement on Drummers and Dreamers. I shall hope to talk with you, if not Sunday, then soon thereafter.

Sincerely,

Alice K. Gregory

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It always was a
copy, I expect. →

Portland, Oregon
July 24, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Relander:

My humblest apologies for not writing you at once on my return from out of town a couple of weeks ago.

That is, indeed, the letter of Mrs. Garnett's to which I referred. You are most kind to take the trouble to check on it for me. I have always thought it a very poignant little document. Perhaps after Mr. Guie's book is out I'll feel free to ask him if he knows how the original ever happened to appear on the market.

I plan to be in Fort Simcoe on the great day, August 12. No doubt you will be there, also, and I look forward to meeting you in person.

Thank you again for much kindness, and, I am afraid, considerable trouble; I very greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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