

Sunnyside Washington
July 2 1955

Dear Click,

Thanks very much, for your splendid book that reached me through the kindness of Sam. Thanks too, for the autograph.

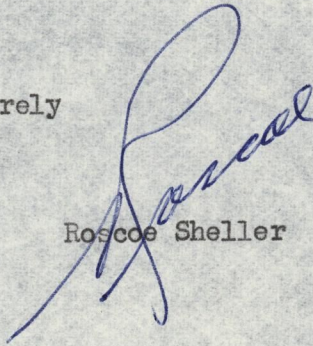
I have read it through carefully once and parts of it a second time and expect to peruse it frequently. You certainly have condensed a world of information into a small package. There is no doubt that it will be liberally used as an authoritative reference, wherever information about the Yakimas is sought.

What a whale of a story you could write if you'd just let yourself go, with the information and knowledge you possess of the Indians. It could reach several volumes.

Personally, I like this type, where information can be obtained quickly without sifting through so many words and unimportant details. But I find that publishers generally prefer some added characters and a love plot, to garnish an already fine story.

Congratulations for a fine job, Click. And thanks a lot for that autographed copy.

Sincerely



Roscoe Sheller

Sunnyside Wash
July 11 1955

Dear Click,

I have received your THE YAKIMAS 1855, and will present it to Bob Virgin as requested, as coming from you, at the very first opportunity.

If you have a few extra copies of the descriptive circular enclosed with the book, I'd be glad to have a few, hoping I might find interested persons that would turn into customers.

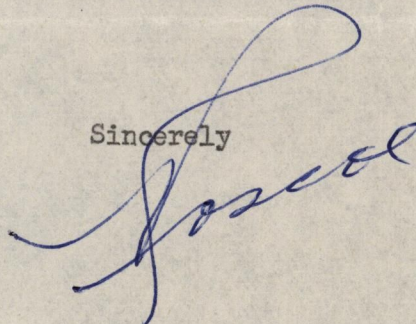
I find that I have some extra copies of our Pioneer Association 1954 picnic registrants. There are bound to be some duplicates of both the list of LIFE MEMBERS and the 1955 registrants, sent you a few days ago, but there are also many different names and addresses.

Should we have copies made of the entire membership, I'll see that you get a copy also.

May I suggest that you contact George Martin for a copy of our Fort Simcoe Society membership list.

I am most anxious to read that book.

Sincerely

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Sunnyside Washington
November 12 1955

Dear Click,

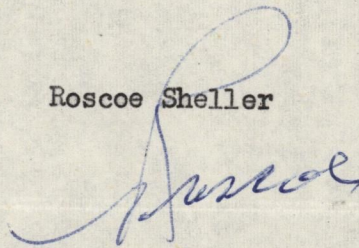
Can you tell me when the first ferry from The Dalles to Rockland was established and by whom?

Could it be that the Army built one to connect The Dalles with the Fort Simcoe road in 1856, or was there one in operation before that?

How's the book coming? Do you have a delivery date yet? Is it more profitable to you for me to give you my order, or do you do as well if I buy it from Broads? Of course I would want it autographed.

Sincerely

Roscoe Sheller

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roscoe', written below the typed name.

ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON

October 12 1956

Click Relander,
Yakima, Washington.

Dear Click,

Having just finished a first reading of your DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS, I hasten to tell you how very much I appreciated its every word.

You have surely accomplished a very great and sorely needed service to our West and to the Nation, in so ably and so beautifully picturing a situation—a true situation, although quite opposite to the impression generally held by the majority of people who have not troubled to properly inform themselves. And you have done it with exceptional artistry.

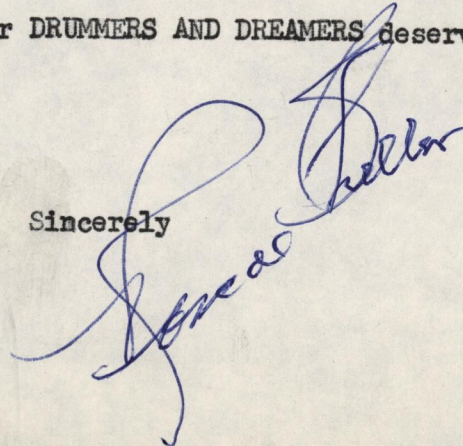
The thoroughness with which you have exhausted the subject, your foot notes and references, makes DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS an authoritative text that should be a required part of every curriculum not only in the West, but everywhere in the nation's educational institutions.

In my opinion, you have accomplished more in DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS than you yourself realize, dedicated as you are to the cause, inspired by the facts you have unearthed and courageous enough to spread them before a fair people. Free from your own editorial comment, any bias or prejudice you may have, you present facts and proof that they are. More than that, you present them in such a beautiful style that their study is most pleasurable.

I am particularly happy to see you give Fort Simcoe its deserved place in history that the Civil War, following so closely, inadvertently robbed of its important position, historically. You have done a wonderful job, Click, that will not be finished until you get DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS into every school and library in the country, and into the hands and minds of individuals who are interested in facts.

I wish for you the great success your DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS deserves.

Sincerely



ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

January 3 1957

Dear Click,

My sincere thanks to you for that very splendid article in last night's Republic. Would you mail me a couple of PAGE ONE's from the issue? Here are two dimes, for the payment.

I was so glad to see your publicity sheet going out in BROAD'S mail, the last of several quite elaborate catalogues, none of which had a single VALLEY-MADE book advertisement. Of course I understand that there catalogues are obtained through some wholesaler who promotes the books contained therein, and that's fine, but hadn't we here work to get local stuff in them somehow? Bert can't be blamed of course, but possibly before another year something might be done to push LOCAL books. Or am I out-of-order?

If you have any of those sheets left, and care to supply me with a few, I'll enclose one in each book I mail out. I'm already enclosing a Fort Simcoe folder with each, a small promotion that could conceivably help.

Thanks again, Click, for that fine article on the COWBOY HALL OF FAME. Certainly our State and our Valley must be benefitted by such publicity, and all of it must start with our own people. When the big meeting is held and each State's candidate named, the story will no doubt go out over the wire and no matter who is named, our State and Valley mentioned. So—an aim will surely be accomplished.

For your information, I am enclosing a tear sheet from the Sunday, December 22 CHICAGO TRIBUNE. (1,300,000 circulation) It may not sell many BEN SNIPES, but it does say YAKIMA VALLEY and the STATE OF WASHINGTON to many many people who have never heard of the YAKIMA VALLEY. After it has served your purpose, would you be kind enough to return it to me? Thanks.

Sincerely

Roscoe

ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

November 6 1957

Dear Click,

Thank s for your very kind letter and the nice things you say about Ben. I DO appreciate them VERY much.

I thank you also for mentioning the book in your numerous addresses about the country, for as you know as well as anyone, one "flash" is far from enough to give the story the chance. I hope for it.

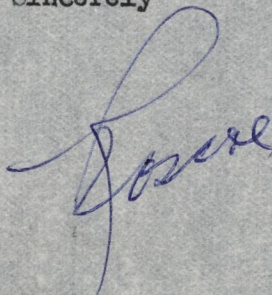
If I am to judge by the flood of letters received from over a wide area, BEN SNIPES' reception has been as much as anyone could expect. I'm very pleased that comments are not confined to the historic aspect alone, but praise the example a character of Ben's caliber can set. That is the target for which I was shooting.

Not because I happened to be the person who wrote it, but because Ben rose to cattle king in our valley, I feel that the story merits pushing by all who have interest in the valley's growth and publicity. I don't have to tell you, of course, that people who spend years digging out material, writing, re-writing, polishing, proof-reading and all the effort and labor connected with getting a book published and marketed, is doing it for the financial return he hopes will come to him. If that was his sole reason, there'd be few books attempted.

I have felt that the books both you and Dean have devoted so much time ability and effort to preserve historic matters of importance to EVERYONE in the valley, Northwest and many distant areas, have not had the support, the boosting and publicity they so greatly deserve, from the very people their successful and wide distribution would benefit. That is of course to be expected.

Thanks again Click for your very nice letter and your always dependable support. I understand your D & D has gone into a second edition. I'm very glad to see such a splendid work getting an ever widening distribution and acceptance.

Sincerely



ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

January 17, 1959

Dear Click,

Herewith the Indian pictures you so kindly loaned me for use in NORTHWEST FARM QUAD and new book edition. I am most grateful to you. Could I ask for one more favor? I'm enclosing Cecil Hagen's letter with a paragraph marked for your attention. Would you be so kind as to write Mr. Hagen direct, answering the questions he has asked and any other pertinent information about them or their use, you care to send?

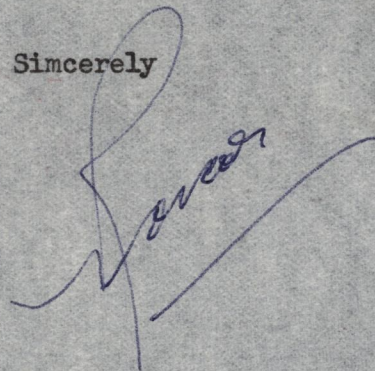
It is evident that when he wrote this letter, he didn't have the one I wrote him after my telephone call to you, but I wish you'd write him direct about the pictures, if you would be so kind. First hand information is always more satisfactory.

I have written Jim Rayner about the other pictures mentioned.

When you have finished with Mr. Hagen's letter, would you hand it to Sam, asking him to return it to me when he has noted its contents?

Thanks again, Click, for your many kindnesses.

Sincerely

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Sunnyside, January 23 1959

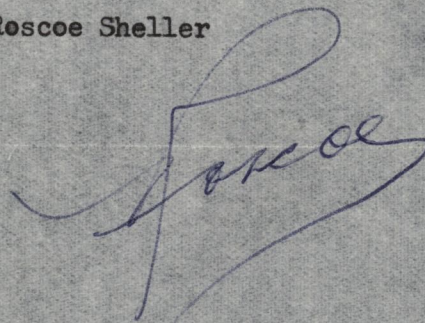
Dear Click,

I am indeed very, very 'VERY grateful to you for the extensive and thorough information you have sent Cecil Hagan with a copy to me. If I can ever be of any help to you, you can be sure you have but to let me know, and I'll do my best.

Thanks again.

Sincerely

Roscoe Sheller

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ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

June 7 1960

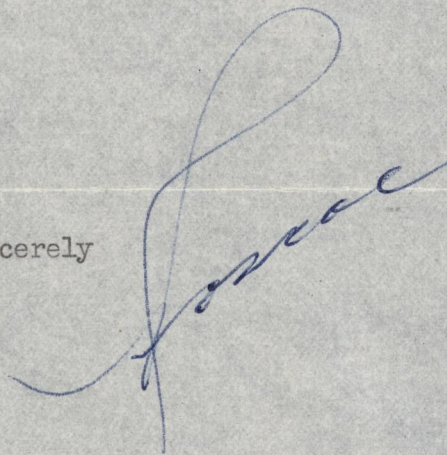
Dear Click,

Your articles in the Yakima papers from the first word, build a history of the valley that should, and I believe will become a text book as well as a reference beyond anything yet published. Have you attempted to have it published in book form? I do hope that being printed in the paper first doesn't hamper it being accepted by a book publisher.

In my opinion, for the little that it is worth, you REALLY HAVE SOMETHING that should be made available to history students, researchers and interested persons, and they are growing in numbers to an extent where a book so complete should have a good and brisk demand.

Good luck Click. I believe you have something more than you now realize.

Sincerely

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ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

June 15 1960

Dear Click,

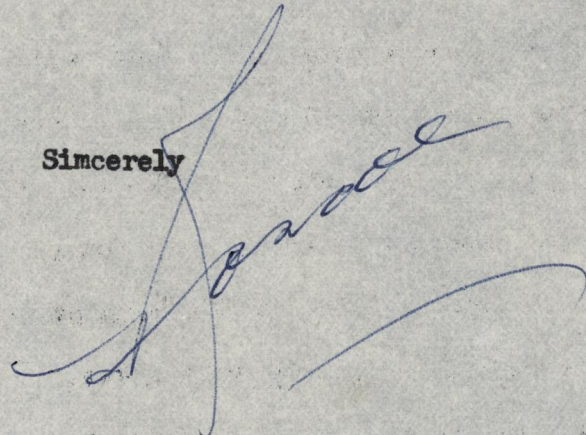
Thanks for the 'boost' in your June 14, Republic, and for the whole story itself.

Click you simply must have that done in book form. You have something there that represents a research job few people would undertake. I noted a 'Letters to the Editor' request or inquiry rather, from a teacher, concerning book publication. The 'Editor's Note' answered it below as being an EXCLUSIVE.

So I am making a scrap book---never as satisfactory as a book, but better than any other 'makeshift' way I know to have your EXCELLANT story available for reference. Too bad it wasn't printed with that in mind, so each installment could be pasted in a scrap book whole, rather than having to cut them out column by column. Of course it's pretty late now to change, even if one were possible. However that doesn't keep me from wishing that installments were in letter-paper size chunks for convenience---my convenience, if not the lay-out man's.

Again congratulations, Click, on a WONDERFUL job. Binford would jump at it, I'll bet.

Sincerely

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[Authored]

ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

May 31, 1961

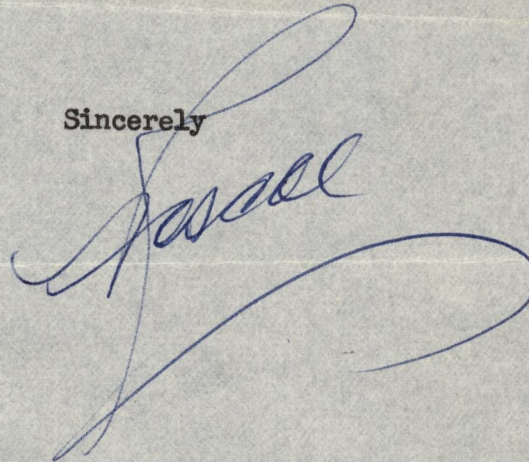
Dear Click,

I thoroughly enjoyed your INDIAN GRAVEYARD story in this morning's Herald, and wondered if you happened to run across one exclusively OLNEY. I had been told there was such a burial spot where only OLNEYS were buried. Could you cast light?

How about getting the picture used in your article, should I be so fortunate as to get my Olney story published? Not now, but just in case?

I haven't asked your permission for using information from your DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS, but would like to have it---giving credit of course. The story is finished, and I have feelers out for a publisher--NOT BINFORD.

Sincerely

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ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

June 9, 1961

Dear Click,

Thanks Click for the kind words and your always ready help. I had in mind trying the Oklahoma U. Press, as soon as I get turned down by Houghton Mifflin, (who had published an earlier Olney book now out-of-print)

Of course I know of Nathan's escapades, that to my way of thinking in no way interfered with what he accomplished, and in some instances may have helped.

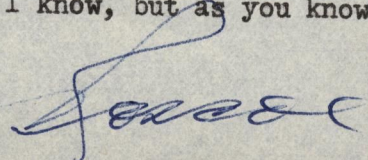
Our Granger affair to be held at the Pioneer Picnic on June 17, is to be quite an affair. U.S. Commissioner of Irrigation, Floyd E. Dominy, is coming all the way from Washington D.C. in OFFICIAL RECOGNITION of the honor being paid to the "FATHER OF NORTHWEST IRRIGATION".

A press conference is being held, either just before lunch, or just after his MAIN ADDRESS at the occasion, in the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce rooms. The Yakima Dailies will be apprised of the time as soon as it is definitely known.

It would seem that such a dignitary, coming from so far, to OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE the man who has contributed so much to ALL the valley, and to irrigation generally should be heard by as many as were interested. Therefore the Pioneers have thrown their meeting open from 1:30 on, to the general public to hear the noted gentleman and POWER. We do hope all papers will publicize his coming, the general invitation and its meaning. Miss A. got her dates mixed up with the BEN SNIPES DAYS, now past. the PIONEER ASSOCIATION PICNIC is being held June 17. Dominy will speak about 1:30. Some 30 of the Granger Family, will be present also, as will Reclamation Officials from many points. Sunnest you call C.A. Lentz, Supt of the Yakima office of Reclamation to know the time of Dominy's arrival. Lentz is kept posted.

Thanks again Click. I had to crowd the Granger article, I know, but as you know space is a cruel dictator.

Sincerely



Click, Notice mailed with Granger booklet to our more than 840 members BEFORE we knew of Dominy's coming.

[Enclosure, 1961, Jun. 9]

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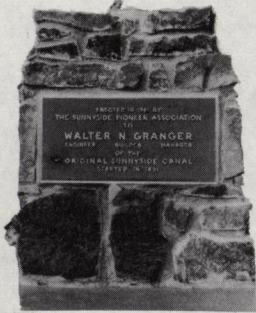
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HE instituted his coming, which makes it the more valuable.



WALTER N. GRANGER
MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

Sunnyside Pioneer Association

Sunnyside, Washington



C. C. C. FOUNDER'S MEMORIAL



BEN SNIPES CABIN

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Save for reference

Dear Member:

The TENTH ANNUAL Pioneer Association Picnic will be held in the SUNNYSIDE CENTRAL PARK on Saturday, June 17, 1961

Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. when "Old-Timers" from far and near will begin to arrive to join with you in reminiscences of other years. You will meet many all-but-forgotten friends who have come for the same purpose.

Bring a picnic lunch, plates and utensils. Coffee will be supplied as usual by the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, with their compliments and best wishes for a memorable occasion.

Following the election of new officers there will be memorial ceremonies honoring members who have left us on their big venture during this past year.

The Program Theme will feature the SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the first scoop of 'ashy' soil moved by contractors, Stobie & Mathieson in digging the original SUNNYSIDE CANAL, envisioned, engineered, built and managed by Walter N. Granger. A Native Stone drinking fountain, sponsored by the Association, (pictured on the cover of the enclosed pamphlet) will be dedicated to Mr. Granger's memory as the man mainly responsible for bringing irrigation water to this 1891 desert. You will want to hear what Mr. W.B. Bridgman, Sunnyside's Mayor, 1904-05 and an intimate friend of Walter N. Granger can tell of the man, his vision, ability, relentless drive and his great character.

The enclosed pamphlet briefly recounts the historically accurate story of pioneer irrigation below the Gap, from an uninhabited desert through several ownerships and twenty years of struggle, heart-break and the ultimate success that pointed the way and led the valley to its proud place as one of the richest agricultural counties in the nation. It is fitting that the Pioneer Association recognize the important contribution of Walter N. Granger and fix his name in bronze and stone as a memorial.

Mayor Lloyd Smith will accept the fountain for the City and assume its perpetual care and guardianship.

You can make life easier for those ladies at the Registration Desk, who devote their day to serving your association, by mailing in your dues TODAY. Your CARD will tell your standing. Perhaps you would prefer to purchase a LIFE MEMBERSHIP at only \$10, which pays all back dues and frees you FOREVER from paying dues for as long as you may live. Why not join the more than 200 smiling members who never need to fret about dues again in this life. But whether you choose ANNUAL or LIFE, PLEASE mail it today. A larger attendance than ever before is expected this year. Come early. More than 20 members of the Granger family are expected to attend from widely separated points. You will want to meet them all.

SUNNYSIDE PIONEER ASSOCIATION

P.S. Maybe you'll want to save this pamphlet for future reference.

ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

February 15, 1963

Dear Click,

Thank you so VERY MUCH for your splendid book, STRANGERS ON THE LAND. I reached page 42 before company came to interrupt and I am going to send you this thankyou with a few comments before taking it up again, for I want to have a chance to enjoy the rest without interruption.

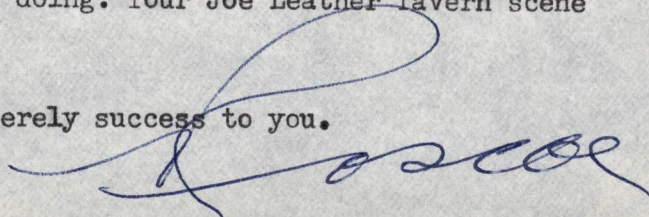
In my opinion, Click, that is some pretty wonderful writing---far, farrrrrrr ahead of anything of yours I have previously read. Those words fairly S I N G! Perhaps it is because you are so thoroughly saturated and imbued with your subject that you express yourself in the poetic manner that deserves to have exceptionally wide circulation. Maybe you didn't give a big N.Y. Publisher a chance. They're a pretty tightly knit clan, that more and more I believe is quite well expressed in that YOUNGBLOOD HOUKE story---at least from my small experience.

Incidentally mail an orderblank, showing price postpaid, to Richard W. Roach, M.D., 810 Edison, Sunnyside and I'll bet you'll have an order by return mail. I met him (my doc) in the Post Office this morning and told him that it would be a MUST for him a comparative newcomer. I told him you'd quote his the price.

My Roza booklet, like the enclosed, is having a fine reception as excerpts from letters I have received, enclosed may indicate. There are but a very few of the great many that have been very rewarding. Would you return them please when finished? Thanks Click.

Again I want to congratulate you upon the EXCELLANT manner in which you have presented the Indian story. It needed doing. Your Joe Leather Tavern scene is precious.

Sincerely success to you.



ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

March 6, 1963

Dear Click,

I am indeed most grateful for the nice article boosting my ROZA booklet. Maybe it's an obsession with me, but I am so thoroughly convinced that since we do have an enterprise that is contributing so much toward the economy of the whole valley from one end through to the other, we should exert every means at our command to broadcast the facts.

In this booklet, the facts have been checked and re-checked so many times by so many people who KNEW first hand, that I am confident no one can raise a single question as to its authenticity. No one has as yet.

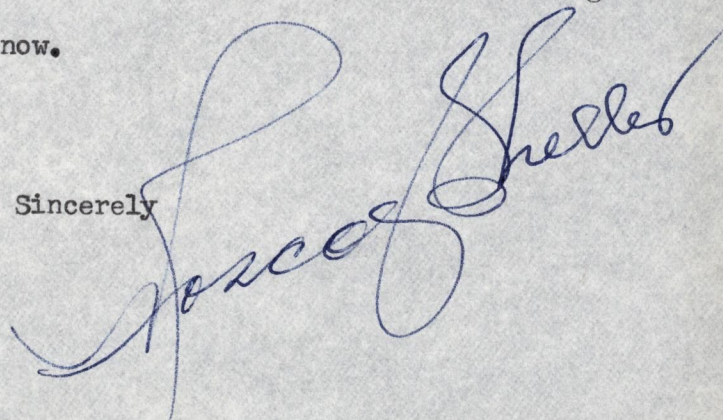
Thanks again and again, Click.

I would like to add to my earlier comments about your most recent book now that I've finished it. Wouldn't Caxton put it into a hard cover, or weren't your previous experiences with the firm such as to invite a second? Your book certainly deserves a hard cover edition. The paperback serves a useful purpose but such an array of facts and exceptional word pictures, accurately presenting the Indian's treatment and thinking, deserves the permanency a hard cover brings.

I wish you the greatest success, Click, and am so very happy that you have whipped your recent heart attack. We have kept constantly informed through Sam and Dorothy, as you would of course know.

Thanks again. Click.

Sincerely

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ROSCOE SELLER

519 Park Drive
Sunnyside, Washington

May 1, 1963

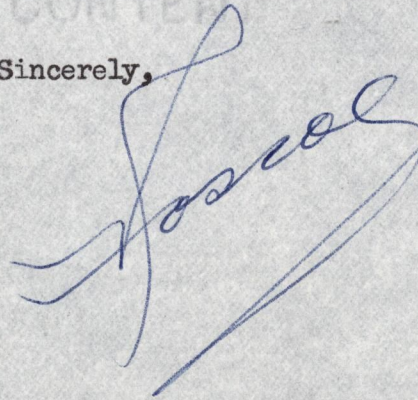
Dear Click,

Thanks for the kind information you gave me on the phone several days ago. I addressed my last letter to J.H.Gipson, JR., instead of the SR., with whom my previous correspondence has all been. I had previously had a nice visit with SR, but of several years ago. I was so impressed then that I opened negotiations with him this time. He made an offer on my BLOWSAND, but I'm not having any made along the lines he suggests. I've not heard from my last, and may get my mms back.

But the purpose of this query is to ask permission to use material from your DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS as I may find need as I re-write THE NAME WAS OLNEY, a job I'm sweating over at present.

Thanks Click. If you'd rather I wouldn't use it, please feel perfectly to say "NO".

Sincerely,

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ROSCOE SHELLER
PARK DRIVE, BOX 628
SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON

May 14, 1965

Dear Click,

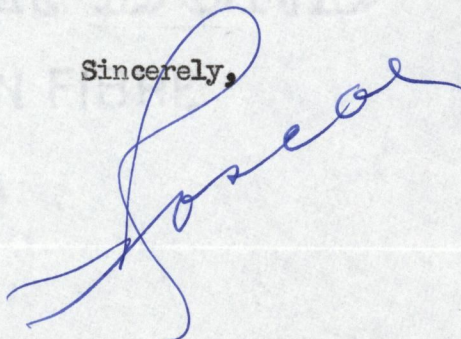
Thank you so very much Click, for the nice things you said about OLNEY and my other books, as published in last night's Republic and this Morning's Herald. It means a great deal to me.

I didn't want to interupt you when in Yakima on Wednesday and I caught you on the phone, so asked Sam to deliver you a book.

I was much pleased at your mention of Fort Simcoe and my onetime connection with that great love, and especially happy over the play you gave Bill Gannon's WONDERFUL cover.

Thanks again and again, Click. That wasn't the reason I sent you a book, but I am happy and most grateful, Click.

Sincerely,

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