

Rt 2 Box 7  
Prosser, Wash.  
May 23, 1968

Mr. Click Relander  
3701 Commonwealth Drive  
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Sir:

My boss, Rich Gay, thinks you may be able to help me and that you wa'n't mind too much taking the time to do so.

Can you tell me the name of the Indian tribe who "owned" Section 10, etc., along the Columbia River in that part of the country which became Hanford?

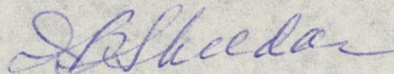
An article in an April copy of a Hanford paper, (1905) gives the name of Tamanawas, both as a tribe and a chief. And that they traded the land for an allotment on the Yakima Reservation.

But, nowhere can I find the name Tamanawas. Do you know it, and can you tell me anything about them? If any descendants still living?

If not Tamanawas, who were they?

I am enclosing a stamped envelope, and I assure you I would be deeply grateful for any assistance you may have time to give me.

Yours sincerely,



I. B. Sheldon  
(Mrs. L.J.)



[Rocky Reach]

Rt 2 Box 7  
Prosser, Wash.  
June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. Relander;

First, may I apologize for not answering your long letter? I thank you so very much for taking the time to write it.

Excuse for the delay: My husband went to the doctor, finally, nine days ago, and was told -- bed -- either at home or hospital - pneumonia.

So, he chose home. And so added to the usual chores, I have been nursing him, feeding and watering the chickens and pig, watering the lawn and garden --

He is finally improving. So, everything is ok - with the pig and the baby chicks in the brooder house, but the laying hens took one look at me and went into a moult. Oh, well, can't win them all !

As you know, this is the 25th anniversary of the dispersal of the Hanford-Richland area. And there is going to be a big to-do about that.

So, when I read that article in the Hanford newspaper, April 5, 1905, telling about the killing of the Perkins couple, and then the Indians pestering the survey crews - and the first settlers in the area - it seemed to me that the story of the first "dispersal" of the Indians should be told. So I started trying to find information about that. Rich came up with your name, and said you would know more than any one else about this. And this has proved to be so true.

Now, the Tri-City Herald came out last night with a lot of stories.

The Richland librarian stated it was the Nes Perce Indians who killed the Perkins couple.

Do you know if this is true? Do you know if the Indians did pester the survey crews by pulling out the stakes, time after time? Do you know if some of the Indians did not approve of the ceding of the land ?



Do you know if any books have been written about the treaty that was negotiated with the Indians, so settlers could come into this area?

I mean, the <sup>"</sup>White Bluff -area -

In the book, Seattle and Environs, two different men are given credit for the building of the power plant at Priest Rapids and the digging of that first irrigation canal - both Judge Cornelius Hanford and in a different place, that the four sons of an Edward Hanford, and a manly B. Haynes organized the Hanford Irrigation and Power Company, and built a pumping plant to irrigate with. And that this passed into the hands of Eastern Capitalists who wrecked it. Quote.

I am going to the court house this day, and check on the first settlers of the Hanford area. Perhaps I can find some thing there.

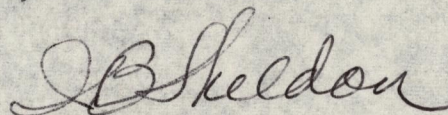
But the more I dig into this, the more I know I do not know.

Some one more qualified than I should be writing this article. Had you planned on doing this?

If not, I shall continue digging. And if you do so plan, I shall just "hesh up" and leave people alone. Otherwise, I shall be very happy if you will think about this and then telephone me collect, 984-8222, any night between 5 and ~~XXXX~~ 6:30 pm. If physical handicaps did not limit the miles I travel, I would call you and make an appointment to talk with you----

I have talked to the first teacher of Handford - a Stella Hoover-- who lives in Kennewick, but has a daughter here, whom she visits.

Sincere thanks,



Beryl Sheldon  
(Mrs. L.J.)



June 21, 1968  
Rt 2 Box 7  
Prosser, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander,

Thank you for writing the Drummers and Dreamers.

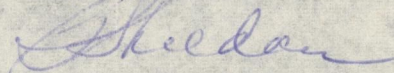
I think it should be required reading in every high school  
in the state.

I would like to quote from your book in the article I am  
planning. I would, of course, send you a copy first, to see if  
you would approve such quotations as I may make.

Out of the many I have read, your book is the most clear and  
interesting of them all, and certainly the most thought provoking.

Thank you sincerely,

I.B. Sheldon



Mrs. L.J. Sheldon