

Feb. 2, 1963

Dear Mrs. K:

Thanks for your Jan. 30 letter. I didn't mean I wanted you to strain anything, now, and surely, least of all when you are still under the handicap of the "holdover operation."

I know you got along very good with the Tacoma News Tribune and that has a nice circulation.

The book is coming out Feb. 5 or 6 and a copy will go out to you very close to that date. So when you get it, look it over etc. it may provide some of the "core" you are looking for, and I will look around through the Indian pictures and try and come up with something. For instance, one is a photograph of a "profile," a high relief of Chief Moses, sculpture that may carry it.

It may be in Strangers on the Land you will find an outline of Indian matters, both customs, family lines, and explanations of allotments, the Allotment Act history is traced pretty thoroughly; modern statistics, tribal growth, tribalism, a history of tribal government etc.

So please don't worry about anything until you see the "Strangers" and not then unless you feel ok.

One thing this material could not or would not have been available but for 1-my friendship and confidence in the people; 2-my long and continuing studies in a-history, b-sculpture. They are interlocked. What I was hoping for was just enough help, as you found possible, to give Strangers a little push. I have a suspicion that review editors don't go for a paper cover like a hard cover, which was one of the sacrifices we had to make to get out 63,000 words, with illustrations, for \$2.50.

Another thing that characterizes my "work" which has carried it far beyond the amateur research stage, is interlocked with ~~by~~ my position as one of the curators of the Washington State Historical Society. Our only other curators in Eastern Washington are Dr. Harold ~~Baxton~~ Barto, Ellensburg; Mrs. Thomas P. Gose, Walla Walla and Mrs. Eva Anderson of Chelan. Joel Ferris of Spokane is now dead and Dr. Herman J. Deutsch of Pullman (WSU) has moved to Seattle, and is teaching part time at UW.

I am also a director of the Yakima Valley Museum which has a \$160,000 museum building here as you know. Scarcely a day passes but I receive letters from university, high school, junior high and grade school students and pupils asking for information to help with term papers, thesis etc. There are also letters from ~~author~~ author friends about historical research etc. My correspondence therefore is quite extensive. And some seasons I make 15 or 25 public speeches, clubs, luncheons etc. They have tapered off, and I assume that's because of the "confusion" on the Indian situation and the noticeable trend of "sentiment" against Indians. There has been a terrific campaign to "belittle" them.

Included, also, in Strangers is a more than normal amount of nomenclature; place names etc. This I find---the origin of place names etc.--is one of the most extensive sources of the roots of history. In half a dozen large notebooks of Eastern Washington place names, far from complete and growing slowly all the time, I would say is more history than any other source. You find that out in searching out the name origin and uncover pages of material reduced down to a few lines.

The only things in Strangers I am insecure on relate to the Lower Valley, references to old timers there. I'm unsure because

it had to be "wrapped up" on a time schedule and I didn't double and triple check the names, ~~Six~~ Shearer and S Ranch, names of oldmerchants etc. One example in that part of the book of names is the Plank Road. (Named as you know for brothers who lived on end of it or near end, not because it was made of planks).

The chapter on "wild horses" could be a book itself.

I haven't heard from Roger Chute for some time and don't know his address, but perhaps if you are in touch with him one of these days you can send him one of the promotion sheets, just so he'll know. I don't think a person coming from an area as he did ever loses touch or "affection" for it. I don't think his eyes will bear up under the strain of reading it. It's small enough print.

Thanks again for your note Mrs. K, and please remember, don't do anything but what is possible for you to do easily. I understand perfectly.

Yes, the two names mean I'm "remarried." We are very happy. Ginny is much younger than I, likes Indians, research, history etc. and is a good horseback rider.

My regards to your family and my hopes that your health improves after our bad weather breaks and allows you to continue with your own work. My all means wrap that up, let work for others go. One cannot live as long with a subject as you have without it growing on them and improving with age.

Your book will be along so don't tie into one.

Sincerely

Click

1212 N. 32nd Ave., Yakima.