

611- 4th Ave. N.E.

Puyallup, Wash.

Books sent

April 11, 1963.

Dear Mr. Relander,

Your letter concerning your books about the Yakima Indians just arrived. I am taking advantage of your offer for

"Strangers on the Land" for \$ 2.25

"The Yakimas" for \$ 2.00

And adding for postage .75

Personal check enclosed for \$ 5.00

I am interested in the printed material at the bottom of your stationery. It gives me the idea that you might be able to give me pointers in the pursuit of some of my objectives.

I am a woman just turned 60. I grew up in a historic spot in Southern Idaho where my Oregon Trail grandparents settled in 1864. But it is only of late years that I became interested in pioneer history of the west as a whole. My purpose is to write books of stories of interest to grade and junior high school age groups. And perhaps later incorporate those into a TV bit with a grandmother or grandfather (or both) spinning the tales to the younger generations. At present I am still tied down to home and business.

But hope before a year has passed to be free to do some research by travel to the spots of historic events.

Of course, I live now in one of the most historic spots in Washington state, and the past year have done library research on the Oregon Trail and local old timers and Indians.

I lack up to date information on the Indians. My purpose is to discover how the culture of the Indians has influenced the whites, and vice versa.

Once last year I made a business trip to northern Idaho, and while there was able to talk with three people who were long time residents and remembered the early reservation days. Also the mining days of early north Idaho.

My husband will be retired Sept 1, 1964. If we succeed in selling the rental property that ties us down, we hope to have a camper or small trailer to take a home-away-from-home with us, and not be hurried. But we would always have some kind of home here to come back to for "home base". So your connection with Tulare Co. Historical Society in California piques my curiosity. Both our children live in California at present and some of winter times may be spent there later.

I have not offered anything for sale, and when I do, would much prefer to use a pen name I have chosen. The Faulkner name will always belong to William Faulkner, and my maiden name Patton is also used to

prominence. And with a "dated" name like Nellie I don't feel I can achieve the universal feeling I want to strive for in my writing. I don't know, however, how complicated the use of a pen name becomes.

I have yet to find out what the Washington State Historical Society can offer me, and sometime before long I hope to visit the Yakima Valley Museum.

And may I drop in to the "Yakima Daily Republic" if opportunity comes my way?

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. N. Faulkner

(Nellie P. Faulkner).

In the Tacoma News Tribune

I saw a review of your
"Strangers On The Land" by
Click Relander.

It stated the book was
available from you but didn't
state price.

Would also like information on
price and where to get the other
books mentioned - that is -

"Drummers and Dreamers"

"The Yakimas, 1855-1955"

"Yakima 1885-1960" (over)

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