

Suptcy. 1859

R.H. Lansdale, Indian Agent, W.T. to Col. J.W. Nesmith, Supt. Indian Affairs, Salem, Ore., May 16, 1859... Capt. Archer of 9th Infy in command of this post, (Simcoe) has been ordered by Gen. Harney and as arranged by the general and yourself, turned over all public buildings at this place to the Indian Dept. ..provided for taking care of the buildings until such time as I shall be able to transfer the Indian Agency from White Salmon... Lt. Alexander with 15 men remains temporarily in charge of military stores till they can be removed...

Archer, from Fort Simcoe, May 16th, 1859--In pursuance of instructions ...dated Headquarters Dept of Oregon April 18, 1859 I have this day turned over all public buildings at this post to R .H. Lansdale (May 16, 1859)

Lansdale, June 1, 1859 to Edward R. Geary, supt. ...in order to make the subsistence of Indians in my district as cheap as possible I have also commenced farming operations on said reservation... purchased crops of grain growing in the field and put in the ground for the use of the troops occupying Simcoe

Lansdale to Edward Geary, supt June 30, 1859... "you there is much prejudice and ill will felt toward him (Kamiakan) by many misinformed and evil disposed persons... the undersigned would represent to you the danger of permitting Kamiakin to come and remain more than a few hours in any of the settlements lest injury might befall him ~~quand~~ and that he may be removed to Fort Simcoe, the future seat of my agency...

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Lansdale to Edward R. Geary from "White Salmon Ind. Agency W.T. June 1, 1859... Tomorrow, June 2d, I remove this Indian agency to Fort Simcoe W.T. where my office as Indian agent has been officially directed to be established.. To that place you will please direct all official letters, via Dalles, Oregon.

Lansdale to Geary from Simcoe, July 1, 59----"It is evident Kamiakan has his misgivings , fearing the whites may apprehend and punish him for the past but influenced by my assurance of protection and safety he has sent me a message that he will return about the middle of August next, so soon as his people have finished providing camash and by the time his horses are in traveling condition..."

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Klickitat County..As early as 1852 an Army officer, Jordan, fenced in many acres across from Fort Dalles and several men located along the river. In 1852 E.S. Joslyn located at what is now Bingen and established his home, set out orchard and cultivated tract of land. He returned after war and lived there till 1874.

In 1859 territorial legislature formed the county named "Clickitat" located the county seat at Rockland across from The Dalles and appointed officers.

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R.H. Lansdale to Edward R. Geary, June 1, 1859

I was instructed by your predecessor to break up and abandon the present Indian Agency on the Columbia River located at White Salmon and to remove my agency to Fort Simcoe and establish it on the reservation lately established by the ratification of the Yakima Treaty

Suptcy. 1860

Edward R. Geary, supt to James Knox, Linn co. Ore. May 29, 1860

...I wrote to you..that I would take the hundred head of cattle on the terms on which you proposed to deliver them at the Simcoe Agency, 70 miles north of the Dalles, viz 50 yearling heifers at \$10 per head and 50 two year old heifers at \$17 per head, the cattle to be appraised by me and paid for at this office on receipt of delivery from the agent.

I have now to ask that I will require on the same reservation in addition 50 cows and calves and 5 bulls all to be of good quality, the cows not over 4 years old and the bulls not over 3 years old.

Lansdale to Geary, Dec. 1859

I have not yet secured the presence and influence of ~~Na~~ Kamiakin.. he is fearful because of the past and keeps far distant in the Paloose and Spokane tribes...

I am not without the ~~sp~~ suspic on that my principal messenger to him has been false to his trust, wishing to secure the chieftianship for himself.

Kamiakin is much needed. I know of no one who is adapted to supply his place; ~~and~~

Proper regulations for the suppression of gambling , drunkenness, licentiousness and thefts cannot be adopted and enforced without an Indian police under command of ahead chief.

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Lansdale to Edward R. Geary, Oct. 10, 1860.

The saw mill now being erected for this agency as well advanced toward completion. The remittance of \$3,500 received by me is exhausted, the balance required to complete the work is \$3,500 to cover the balance of the appropriation of \$9,000 for the saw mill and the flouring mill as it will be well to prepare for erecting the latter as soon as the saw mill is finished.

Lansdale, Jan 4, 1861.. to W.B. Gosnell Ind. Sub Agent.

"Your official communication of today is received. The official action of the Supt. Indian Affairs is most unjust to me and injurious to the Indian service, yet I feel myself compelled to yield to ~~his~~ his action and will turn over the property belonging to the Indian Dept. as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared..

Jan. 5th, 1861. contract between J.R. Stark and John W. Allen of the first part and Wesley B. Gosnell for U.S. ..to cut 100,000 thousand feet board measurement of pine saw logs for the Ind Dept. within four miles of the saw mill on the Vaima reservation ..at the rate of three dollars per thousand feet

Gosnell: contract made between Allen and Stark and Lansdale ..when I took charge I found Allen & Stark at work in the woods but the contract not being written or signed and as Mr. Lansdale refused to put the affair in proper shape, I made a new contract with them..

teacher and the latter as matron.

There is now fifteen boys and three girls in daily attendance
Mr. Wilbur intends to have boys cultivate a large garden.

Priest Rapids Indians

General tips

Armstrong-associate librarian at ESC. Virgil McWhorter said father gave pictures, including old ones of these people to library. letter written 3/19 to find out status of classifying and available. McW said he would help make available.

Recalls father said Indians lived at two places on the river: 1-
"Morn." right by old dam--Kennewick, Hi "ichlam s.
Other at Priest Rapids.

McWhorter's book to be published by Dec 31st, 1951.

Ruth Burton worked it out. Map of 1855, reserve as settled up in 1868 was father's idea of final thing in book which he had gathered material for.

Salmon curing..

Salmon ~~head~~ dried. Split down back, spread open with small skewers (three used) Back part. Hung separately. Dried. greasy. Oily, reddish brown, glistening scales.

A fellowship potluck dinner will be held at the Englewood Christian Church this evening at 6:30. Robert Jim and Alex Saluskin will be speakers on the subject of "'Jurisdiction" Irvin Lisle will be chairman. Indian families from the Valley Christian Church of Wapato and the Log Church of White Swan have been invited to attend.