

P. June 1492

Washtucna Wash
July 20-1954.

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Yakima Wash.

Dear Sir:

I've been trying to gather information on the Palouse Indians, and I understand that you have information about them, could you please let me know what you can about the Palouse Indians. So many people have asked us about them. My husband is the Park Superintendent at Palouse Falls State Park.

I have a concession at Park. Also

could you give us any information on the Falls itself formations of canyon rocks strata etc.

Thanking you
Sincerely

Fern Holliday

Mrs. Uchel Holliday



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than Niagara ...

WASHTUCNA, WASHINGTON

Gateway to Palouse Falls State Park

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Washtucna Wash
Feb 26- 1955

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Yakima Wash.

Dear Sir:

I don't think I mentioned, what
I did have on the Indians
etc, when I wrote you last, after
receiving your letter, so will enclose
the information with this, as I
suppose you are very busy yet too.
My husband & I had hoped to see
a man in Hooper that has



some information but so
far haven't had the chance
to get up there, with 2
small granddaughters with
ages 7 & 6 going to school,
and my mother has been
with us
HIGHER than Niagara ... most all

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Fall &
Winter
and

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2 she isn't well. She donated the land for the Palouse Falls State Park, the main part of it, was also a part of the old homestead.

But here is what I do have, which was sent me by C. S. Thurgston April-16-1952

1- Palouse Indians) 1 pg - Mostly on their clothing and dress, She also mentioned to write to the Washington State Advertising Commission for pamphlets) wherever that is.

2 App From David Thompson's narrative of his exploration in Western America (p 528)

3 - 1 pg (From Mullen's Report on the Construction of the Military Road from Walla Walla to Fort Benton. (pg 29)

4 1 pg Stanley's Description, written by him, as he accompanied Isaac D. Stevens on his survey of the projected railroad from the upper Mississippi to Puget Sound in 1853
in pg 151 of the Report.

5 ~~5 pg~~ (A visit to the Palouse Falls) appearing in Walla Walla Statesman, June 28. 1867

p. 2. Col 5.
I find all this very interesting
than Niagara ... as I've
always

enjoyed
the history
of any kind.



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3- We knew Pete Bones, Sam Foster & his wife, they all liked my husband quite well, and used to leave their horses in our barn, when they taken the train out of Washtucna, many years ago, it seems now, and sometimes, they would come to the house and visit a bit, they seemed to enjoy eating when I'd treat them but didn't talk so much, mostly answered the questions when I would ask them questions.

If we ever get a chance to get down that way again, will try & look you up. We have relatives in both Yakima and Tappanish, and my folks lived in both places, when I was a small



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girl, at that time in Tappanish, I was scared to death of the Indians. And if there is any way we can return your payment for your help in getting information just let me know. I will be glad to do what we can

Sincerely

Mrs. Abel Holliday

Washtucena Wn.
Oct-24-56

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Yakima Wash.

Dear Siri

I am sending my check
for the book Drummers and
Dreamers to you, as some how
the rest of the letter was
misplaced, and I do not quite
remember the address, except ddalo.

Sure would liked to have
been at Moses Lake, but my
husband isn't up to driving
that far, I know we would
have enjoyed it. Appreciate it.

Very much you sending about
your book, we collect anything
we can about Indians & the
past when we get the cash.

Indian Pete Bones and Sam
Lisher and his wife are the
only Palouse Indians we
really knew here.

While visiting in North Carolina
last Fall, my uncle had a
large book about this country,
& discoveries made along the
rivers, but much about Palouse
Indians tho, but a good
article about Chief Seattle.
I copied the short articles
about both.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Lel Holliday
Lem Holliday.

P.S. My husband is Superintendent
of Palouse Falls State Park & I
have a concession stand during
the season. My mother
Mrs Agnes Sell was the 1st
to donate land for the Park, as
they had to have her land
for the Park, which is about
the only land really used.

Altho her name is last on the
plaque. She lives with:
my sister and husband or with
as here in Washtucena, is
with us most the time &
is here now. She isn't able
to do much & is 78 yrs old.

We bought the rest of the
homestead land from her
after she sold the one part for a
Park site. Just thought you might
find this interesting.

Sincerely,
F. H.

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May-17-1960.

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Yakima Wash.
Dear Sir:

I've been intending to write you for ages, am ashamed of myself for not writing sooner, as you have helped so much in sending me information.

We've enjoyed the book of Drummers and Dreamers so much, it is a dandy reference book at the Palouse Falls State Park

Many persons have taken down the name, and also your name and address. I have no way of knowing, if they have ever contacted you. It sure is a wonderful book. I've always been interested in histories of our own country & peoples.

My father homesteaded at the Palouse Falls, around 1912 or thereabouts, we moved down from Hooper Wn in 1914.

The Palouse Indians still lived at the mouth of the Palouse.

Pete Bones used to come to our house, walk right in, sit down for an hour or so, never say a word, then get up and leave, So we knew him, Sam Fisher and his wife the best.

They used to drive their horses thru our yard, I'd get the kids inside and shut the doors, altho they never did bother us. Scared me tho.

I was 16 yrs at the time. and had 8 sisters & brothers to take care for, youngest about 6 mo old. Dad wasn't able to do heavy work, so he was

flagman for the section crew.

Mother just passed away this last Feb, she would have been

82 yrs old May 21st to donate to the Park

For this short note turned out to be longer, so I'll ring off.

Visit our Park sometime if you have never been there

This is our last year, (we think) for us.

I go out on holidays & week ends when the concession Stand is open, which I operate.

Wheeler is there nearly every day.

Yours Sincerely

Wheeler & Fern Holliday

P.S. I loaned Drummer & Dreamers to one of our girls, going to Cheney, she had it a week for a write up! her mother got it back 1st of week. It gets around at that.