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January 25, 1958

Mr. Click Relander  
YAKIMA REPUBLIC  
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

As you will note by the enclosed clipping, we are in process of trying to organize a Benton County Historical Association and the next meeting is to be the evening Friday, February 7th, in the P. U. D. auditorium in Kennewick.

Do you suppose it might be possible for you to meet with us?

About half the people who came out the other evening are not much interested in a historical organization but would prefer merely a social club for the pioneers. I want to make sure that at the next meeting we agree to have a real historical association. You, as a member of the state society could better convince them of the wisdom of the broader objective. Chiefly you could tell them how you operate and what you have accomplished in Yakima.

I am going to suggest to the by-laws committee that they provide not only for active, sustaining, and life members, but for a designation as pioneers all who came to Benton County prior to a certain date and for a designation as native sons and daughters all who were born in Benton County.

If you can get down to give us the benefit of your thinking and guidance it will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Thompson*  
Mrs. Margaret Thompson  
Benton County Superintendent  
of Schools



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Mr. Click Relander  
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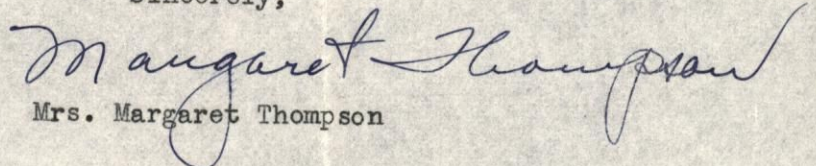
Dear Mr. Relander:

I greatly appreciated your good letter and am looking forward to meeting you Friday evening. Since the weather has held good this long it surely won't turn vicious by Friday evening. I was talking to Ted Van Arsdale this evening and think I have persuaded him to take an active part in the historical society. He lives in Richland now, so he can qualify for Benton County.

Enclosed is a clipping from today TRI-CITY HERALD, which tells you the time and place of meeting. As you drive in from the north your best route is across the new bridge and on down Columbia Avenue to downtown Kennewick. Auburn is the street the National Bank of Commerce is on, and the P. U. D. is five blocks south from Kennewick Avenue.

We'll be looking for you.

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Margaret Thompson