

Wash'tn Suptcy. No. 5, Roll 17

Port Simcoe, Aug 31, 66

Mr. J.H. Wilbur, Indian Agent Yakima Agency

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in the gunsmith shop of the agency during the monthx of August, 1866

Making new stock on rifle	\$15.00
Cutting out rifle, new sights	10.50
2 persussion locks on shotguns a 5	10.00
cutting out yo.....making bullet moulds	11.75
Repairing tinware	2.50
New tube in shotgun other repairs on it	1.50
cutting out rifle new sights	8.00
Repairing rifle new tube	1.75
Wingnuts on cradles	1.50
6 bullet molds at 2.50	15.00
Set of nails for waggon bed	2.50
8 feet of pipe for plumbx	4.00
25 spikes for mill	1.50
3 hooks for springseats	1.50
repairing brake on waggon	2.00
Repairs on tinware and sundry	
other articles	5.00
total	92.00

The last week in this month I was employed in repairing the mill dam of which I made no charge.

Fred S. Prosp

Gunsmith

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To James H. Wilbur, Ind. Agent  
Yakima Reservation, W.T.

Sir:

I have the honor of submitting my report as carpenter of said reservation for the month of July 1866.

During the month of July I have been engaged as follows

1 day grinding cutter and adjusting to put up mower	\$ 5.00
1 day loading timber for barn and working in shop	
To making <sup>4</sup> <del>ant</del> washing tubs for Indians	12.00
3 days work on coal racks	10.00
14 days work on barn at mill	70.00
2 days thrasing flour at station	10.00
value of carpenter work done	107.00

All of which is most respectfully submitted

Dated Fort Simcoe W.T. August 2, 1866

Alfred Hall

To James H. Wilbur, Indian Agent, carpenter



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Port Simcoe W.T. April 23, 1866

Hon William H. Waterman

Sir:

I understand the regulations of the Indian Department make it the duty of the agents to disburse the funds for annuities. If I am correct in this understanding, you will please turn over the money that belongs to this Reservation, at your earliest convenience to Messrs Ladd & Tilton, bankers, Portland, subject to my order.

Yours Truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent, W.T.

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Work done in the carpenters shop for the month of April, 1865

For Indians

3 coffins made and stained		\$18.00
6 ax handles	50 cents	3.00
5 reake heads	"	2.50
4 bed boards	2	3.00
Dressing out 2 gunstocks for gunsmith		3.00
total		\$28.50

For Station

6 framed picket gates finished and hung, value \$42.00

The ballance of my time has been engaged in getting out lumber for fencing

Respectfully submitted by Alfred Hall, carpenter

Fort Simcoe, May 1st, May 1st 1865

To JAMES Jas. H. Wilbur, Ind. Agent.

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Yakima Indian Agency

Work performed at the mills upon the Yakima Indian Reservation,  
W.T., during the month of April, 1885

142 bushels of grain ground for the Indians

75 do do do do for Indian Department.

15239 feet of lumber sawed

I certify that the above is correct.

Walter Carman

Miller



To:

I herewith submit the following as a brief report of the (farming?) fencing operations at this agency during the month of April, 1865. The Indians have been eager and anxious to do something with their spades, hoes and mattocks in preparing garden spots. They have done a great deal in this way. The Agent having furnished the necessary tools and seeds, their time has been well spent. In addition to this there has been upwards of seventy-five acres of new ground broken for them designed for corn and potatoes.

The work at the Agency has been principally plowing and sowing of which upwards of thirty acres has been plowed and sowed to oats. Something has been done in the way of putting in early vegetables also.

75 acres broke for Indians, \$5.00 per acre \$375.

30 " plowed and sowed at farm \$3.00 per acre \$90.00

\$465.00

H.C. Thompson, Lakima Agency, April 30th, 1865. Supt. of Farming.

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[Last letter on reel noted from A.A. Bancroft]

A.A. Bancroft, March 15, 1865

Respecting Salary [endorsement]

San Francisco, March 15, 1865

Hon. Waterman, Supt. Ind. Affairs:

Sir

Please excuse me for troubling you at this time. As you are aware, I have not received my salary for my first six months & the last three months of my service. Can you not forward me for my last quarters salary and advise me with regard to the other.

Respectfully yours/

obedient servant

A.A. Bancroft

Kamiacken head chief, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, \$500.

Joseph Twiholt, Ind.; Interpreter, blank, blank; April 19, 1863, blank, blank, \$500.

Bob (Indian) cattle herder, blank, blank, Oct 1st, 1861; blank, reservatio , ~~\$550~~. \$55 per month, own horse and furnishing own subsistence.

Joe Twire, Indian; farm hand; blank, blank, July 20th, 1863; at farm, \$1.50 per day.  
certified, Yakima Indian Agency, A.A. Bancroft, agent.



Report of Employees in the Yakima Indian Agency for the 3rd Quarter,  
1863

Employee	office	Place from whence Appt.	Place where born	Commencement of service
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resignation or discharge-; where employed, compensation

William Miller, physician, Wilbur, Oregon; Kentucky, July 1st, 1862,  
reservation, \$1200.

James H. Wilbur, Supt. of teaching; Dalles, Oregon; New York, May 1st,  
1863; at the agency \$1000.

M.M. Bancroft, teacher; Simcoe, W.T.; Ohio; Jan 1st 1862; \$800;

William Wright, teacher, Olympia W.T., Delaware, Nov. 29, 1861; \$800.

C.C. Thompson, supt of farming, Olympia W.T.; Illinois; Oct  
29, 1862, reservation, \$1000.

William Pife (X), farmer; Simcoe W.T.; New York, April 19, 1863;  
July ~~xxx~~ 31st; farm, \$800.

I McKinney, farmer, Portland, Oregon; New York; July 17th, 1862,  
farm; \$800.

I.H. Foster, plow and wagon maker, Dalles, Oregon; Maine; May 1862;  
at Agency, \$1000.

S.W. Gardner, blacksmith, Vancouver, W.T., Tenn. May 19, 1862,  
Aug 15th; at agency \$1000.

Alfred Hall, carpenter, Olympia W.T.; N. York; March 23, 1863; at  
agency, \$1,000.

James McGrew, blacksmith, ~~xx~~ Claquite, W.T., Ohio; Sept. 1st, 1863;  
\$1,000.

Walter Carman, miller; Oswego, Ore.; Illinois; Oct. 27, 1862,  
mills, \$1,000.

Mrs. I.E. Wright, matron of schools, Simcoe W.T., Indiana,  
Oct. 13, 1862; Agency, \$600.

rations, saying there out out when we feel satisfied that it is not true. For instance I say we have drawn none since about the first of March now there was 700 lb of sugar brought here and not more than 400 issued to the employees.

My sixth reason is that seems to me to be the only chance to get my freedom. I had hopes that you would come and see but when you passed us twice and after the agent seeing you he seemed to be worse if possible. All these circumstances make me think that you intend to let him go on and do as he pleases if so men to fill the places will be hard to find. I have seen him buy a whiteman's voucher for 79 dollars with Indian goods and then take the goods in part from an Indian that the man sold him. Now if there was an agent here that was a man it would be a pleasant place to be and I would like to work here. There is a disposition in the American people when they cannot have their grievances redressed to redress them themselves. I am an American. Yours very truly

A.W. Laughlin

P.S. I forgot to say to you that the agent here had issued sick beef and mutton that had died, to the employees.

A.W. Laughlin.



Fort Simcoe June 28th, 1863

Sir In taking this course I feel bound to give you some of the reasons why I do it. I leave the reservation because I have been treated as a slave by the agent here. You sir will say that this is a hard saying but for the proof on the first of May I determined to cook my ration and the agent determined to make me board with Mr. Hall. I was determined and called for cooking utensils and dishes and milk pans etc. which things he did not refuse but withheld and I have not the first article from him yet. I have talked to him about it and his answer is that I had better go to the boarding house which thing I ~~am~~ am not willing to do for the following reasons, first because I take Mr. Hale to the worst of men and secondly because I see no good reason why the government should pay \$600 per annum for the cooking for 3 men there has only been five persons here since I have been here that is only five that had to be cooked for and the boarders has not averaged more than 3 since I have been here.

I think that such expences are extragagant for war times.

My third reason is that I have not been allowed to work at my trade or at the trade for which I was appointed to work which I can prove to you by papers now in my possession. A. W. Grant never worked one day in the shop.

My fourth reason is that I hate to see the Indians imposed upon as it is done here for instance a woman driven from the reservation and one of her children taken from her because she was not willing for her man to have another wife, thus encouraging polygamy. My fifth reason is that I have got but one dollar since I came here and that I shod a many horse on one foot for and the agent came and took that from me and said you told him to do it. He also said that you told him to do all work that came from out side and for him to take the money.

My fifth reason is that the agent with holds a part of our

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Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. May 28, 1863

Sir:

I left the Dalles ~~from~~ for this place the same morning you left for Lapwaie. On reaching Rockland Wm. Connell was away. I left funds with Mrs. Connell to pay and voucher for latter of \$272.72 with a request he receipt and forward the voucher but instead of that, the enclosed letter.

I wrote Mr. C. copying your statement of funds for this agency, but it failed to satisfy him in the least.

Now sir if you could call to mind what passed between you, I would like to have it. Reliable persons on the Rockland side ~~have~~ over service, have not yet decided what course to pursue. I have invariably treated Mr. C with some deference and was not prepared for this turn. But the ~~quantity~~ quantity and quality of funds is playing the mischief with us. People with whom we have deal (that is many of them) ~~are~~ are like "a ...." especially if they lack strong Union sentiments.

Are now having the measles in schools.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

A.A. Bancroft, Ind. Agent

Hon.C.H. Hale,

Supt. Ind. Affairs,

Olympia, W.T.



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Rockland , May 13th, 1863

Mr. A.A. Bancroft

Dear Sir:

As I did not have the privilege of seeing you before you left I wish to write you a few lines about our business. Mr. Hale told me that you got nineteen hundred dollars of incidental funds now. Sir, I have come to the conclusion that if you do not pay me for the pasturage and meals got here up to the beginning of this quarter, and also for my services quarterly and also for those oxen and pay me seventy five dollars per month from now on and pay me every quarter if you do not comply with the above statement you can make other arrangements to tend to your business for I will not.

I also want to mention about your ferrying if I do your ferrying I want you to provide a boat because I have none of my own. Greenbacks today are only worth fifty cents to the dollar. I consider the pay only half pay when got.

Yours with respect

William Connell

[Rockland was ferrylanding and 'terminus' on "ashington shore, directly across from the Dalles[ Ind. Dept. goods for Port Simcoe were consigned to Rockland]

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Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. April 28, 1863

Sir:

I forwarded our quarterly returns on the 14th inst. I had ~~expressed~~ previously mentioned that Mr. Geo Legget (Farmer) had resigned his position here. And today Alex Grant, assistant blacksmith also leaves. They were both very good men and would have preferred to remain ~~but the~~ had their pay came to suit them.

John Butts, shepherd, thinks he shall leave soon. I would again mention the case of "m. Pope who is waiting to hear from you. His salary ~~200~~ 500, would be small should he get it in gold.

What I would suggest is that his appointment be changed to that of assistant blacksmith, or farmer at \$800. Shall I look up men to fill the other vacancies!

We have been expecting to see you here or hear from you with regard to funds. If you have decided not to come soon, and have funds for us, please inform us where and when we can get them.

There is an epidemic prevailing quite extensively among our Inds. a species of throat disease. Not generally fatal. All our large boys in school down with it.

What shall be done with regard to Kamiaken. Among our best Inds. here is Joe Styre, could be he made that chief and to some extent acknowledged by the Indians, he would be a tressure to the reservation. But this will be an after consideration. Very respectfully  
Yours, A.A. Bancroft, Ind. Agent, C.H. Hale, Supt. Ind. Affairs.



payment of transient employs 3,750

For the general incidental expenses of this agency including  
office and travelling expenses etc 4,500

For the erection of a suitable barn for the safe storage of grain and  
hay to be built upon the reservation 2,500

For the erection of suitable fences needed about the grain and hay  
fields 1,000

For the purchase of one reaper, one thresher and separator, three  
breaking plows and other minor agricultural tools  
1,200

For the purchase of seeds of various kinds 75

To Calvin H. Hale, esq.

Supt. of Ind. Affairs,

Olympia, W.T.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servt.

A.A. Bancroft, Indian Agent,

Wash. Terr.

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An estimate of the amount requi ite to meet the current and contingent expenses of the Yakima Indian Agency , for the current quarter ending December 31st, 1862.

For the payment of treaty employes	dolls.	cts.
	800	00
Superintendent of farming ad two farmers	800	00
Superintendent of Schools and two teachers		
Physician	350.	00
Two blacksmiths	600	00
Carpenters Plow and Wagon Maker	600	00
One miller in charge of saw and Flouring Mills	350	00
Tinner	300	
Head chief	125	
Total of treaty employes	3,925	00

For support of two schools, repairing school buildings , for the purchase of books and stationery and suitable tools and implements for the agricultural and industrial school 6.25

For keeping in repair the saw and flouring mills a d for furnishing the necessary tools and fixtures for the same 375

For keeping in repair the hospital and for providing medicines and fixtures therefor 250

For keeping in repair the buildings required by the various employes, and painting the same and for providing the necessary furniture therefor 375

For the removal of Indians and subsistence of the same and for the



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Copy

Yakima Treaty

Statement of articles annuity goods belonging to Second Installment received at the Yakima Indian Agency in a damaged and worthless condition and also statement of articles short upon comparing with invoice. 4th Quarter 1862

Articles, thirty seven fur ? satinet (?) pants; twenty two satinet (??) coats; Case 11, when the case was opened these articles were found to have been wet and were completely rotten.

Eight 3 pt blue blankets; seventeen 3 pt. Reed [sic] blankets.

Found to be eaten to that extent that they were considered worthless

Three pair 3 pt scarlet blankets; bale No. 498, deficient upon opening the bale/

Eleven pair 3 pt. Indigo blankets. Bale No. 497.; do. Seventy one 1/4 yards ... x plaids; bale no. 518; do; six pair men's brogans, deficient; two yds blue .... cloth, box 522, deficient; one box No. 4, per invoice, containing 120 caps, not received.

We hereby certify that we were present at the time the packages of annuity goods were received and opened at the Yakima Indian Reservation and know of our own knowledge that the above named articles were damaged and wanting, as stated under head of remarks, Wm. "right.

Certify on honor the above abstract to be correct and true.

A.A. Bancroft, Indian Agent, W.T.

I have received no pay for services rendered for upwards of two years, and while my business east is in such condition as for me to remain longer would be a disadvantage to me, but while unpaid I am under such necessity of doing so; to relieve my mind of all suspense I wish to ascertain if it is with your approbation I occupy the position I do as assistant farmer. I came on the reservation with that appointment but there being no money it was improbable to get good teamsters for the amt. in vouchers that was paid which made it a necessity for me to take that position. My reasons for wishing to know are, I have understood you objected to all except regular employees, and when vouchers are only worth thirty cents on the dollar, it at best reduces our wages to a mere nothing. If you have not inquired as to my character and ability, I would refer you to C.R. Bigelow, W.B. Gosnell, C. Hutchins or J.H. Wilbur. If you should see fit to sanction it, I would suggest as the res. farm for which Mr. ~~Alva~~ Sigget has his appointment, is entirely for employees and does not benefit the Indians/ a dollar only so far as they have been paid for their work. Although the farm has not occupied all our times we have generally been employed at work foreign to Indians, thus leaving them to themselves without any one to instruct or assist, only so far as Mr. Wilbur has been able to devote himself to that work.

I remain sir,

Your obt. servant.

F.C. Moore

C.H. Hale,  
Supt. Indian Affairs,  
Olympia, W.T.



process.

The money expended in ploughing their old land would of provided many of them with harness and placed them entirely independant and left us to break for others, some of which want compells to hang like leeches around the few that have means to work and for whom we have ploughed and take the fruits of their industry, or to break for the bands that have been ready to move on the reservation for the past year they seeing the condition of some of their friends on the reservation they are holding back to get the promise of such things as are necessary for them to live such as ground broke, plows, harness , seed etc. I have reference to the Indians at the Cascades, Hood River, Dalles and above it. They are in a wretched condition living partly by prostitution. Would be folly to compel them to come on the res. for necessity would compel them to scatter out ~~again~~ again without things necessary were provided for them. Indians that have been in the employ and now hold claims against the government would be willing to give a hundr d dollars for a set of harness if they could get them. Joe the interoreter recently offered two hundr d dollars in vouchers for sixty in cash and ~~then~~ with difficulty found anyone that would buy them. They would without an exception willingly take such things as in payment as would be necessary for them in working their lands and they would be better for them than the money. All the farming implements that have been distributed among the Indians for the past five years and a half even at exchange rate would not amount to as much as the salary of one employee for one year. Heretofore men employed to superintend the farming after ~~seeing~~ seeing the state of things have been ashamed to look an Indian in the face and mention farming to him for it would bring up questions that he could not easily answer. Time and other reasons prevents my mentioning many things. Before closing I would state that I suppose you are aware, ~~of~~, that



put in quite as early, owing to our waiting for good wheat, as it should. Our failure here have always been owing to late sowing both fall and spring.

Another small matter I wish to mention, although the business of the Supt. of farming, I trust under the peculiar circumstances you will overlook it in me, as previous to Mr. Bancroft's administration the Supt. of Farming lived at the post and while I have been working among the Indians and out on the farms, I have been for months without seeing him. Since Mr. Bancroft's time the Supt. has never been among the Indians to see what was necessary for them. The Indians are destitute of the same necessities that we are, but to which might be added a distribution of small ploughs and one set of harness among all the Indians in the valley. The harness tied together with strings innumerable. It was given, if I mistake not together with one of the plows by Garnett. They are also without a yoke of work cattle except when they can borrow them from the department for a few days. No wagons and but two small carts. My reason for mentioning these things is this; in the spring of fifty one [ This very plainly written fifty one and evidently intended for sixty one ] Mr. Sigges and myself under the direction of Mr. Wilbur sanctioned by Mr. Gosnell then acting agent, commenced breaking the first that was broke for the Indians, as mentioned I nearly (sic) correctly in the report, but much of it was never planted for want of seed. Our limited ... mean time prevented us from breaking for one family in ten, or perhaps twice that number, since that time there has been none broke worth mentioning, owing partly to the fact that the Indians having nothing to work with, we have been under the necessity of ploughing their sub divided land for reasons needless to mention, when we have not been able to plow only a small part of that, consequently what they could not work with their hoes has grown to bush brush and it will be necessary to go through the same tedious and expensive



Fort Simcoe, Nov. 15, 1862

H.C. Hale

Sir: You can be assured that the utmost ... has been made with the available means to accomplish the work on the farm which you desired/ With the mules you saw and the assistance of two yoke of cattle which I had for a few days, I have got in forty acres of wheat, this together with the thirty that was in previous makes seventy acres on the farm.

I have still ground in readiness to sow but for the want of seed it must be vacant. In Addition to the above mentioned, Mr. Wilbur has put in the fifteen acres that he broke during the summer for the school together with some of the gardens round the post. Mr. Siggert wishes me to say to you in behalf of him as well as myself as I mentioned to you when you were here, that it is improbable to do without things to do with. We have not been able to procure a team to break in consequence of the cattle being on the road until quite recently. Some of them are so reduced as not to be fit for work while the rest are scattered out to different points where they were supposed to be more needed. "e thought best as we had no seed, to plow for a few of the Indians that had wheat themselves. The three yoke of cattle that Mr. Bancroft bought to help us out proved of almost no assistance, they had been previously used up, one of them could only be driven eight miles loose, another was killed on reaching the valley "to save its life." Only one of the two yoke that we have here is fit to work. Their feet were almost rotten, caused I suppose by traveling over the rocks.

The wheat we sowed on the farm was mostly wheat that we raised there although a poor quality, still it was better than what Mr. Bancroft purchased for it was a mixture of different kinds together with a quantity of green pod seed and other seeds. Our wheat was not

P.S. If you cannot suit yourself in a blacksmith, I think I can find one, but shall wait upon you. A.A.B.

Nov. 11- Having failed of forwarding this , will add a few lines. There are numbers of our distant bands not yet in, but will be in here today. The numbers now in ( I think) far exceeds that of the previous distribution, so that the last invoice of goods would not afford one blanket to a family.

"e much regret that you cannot be with us. Were you here, have no doubt you would issue liberally from the old stock. I am sure there would be serious dissatisfaction were we not to do it. And from our construction of your instructions, we cannot do otherwise. The weather is rather favorable and prospects (as far as we can see) of a pleasant time/ good

Yours truly

A.A.B.



and responsibilities greater than ordinary mechanics. He thinks he can earn \$1,200 and furnish his subsistence. I think it customary to pay a good man in charge of one mill a higher salary than a carpenter. But as you please. I informed you some weeks ago that I had purchased of Mr. Allen and Lewis, 100 bl. flour on this condition. That after turning in our <sup>wool</sup> ... I would pay him the balance in 60 days, if not in I.D. Funds would ... on San Francisco. We have not yet sent returns from the wool probably they will be a balance in his favor of about \$500. I am not ... we have most of the four in our commissary but would willingly be exempt from drawing ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~....you can point out a remedy, as I learn that our anticipated funds are only for April, May and June.

We ought to have a lot of beef cattle this fall, but it will be difficult to secure them, from the encouragement we are able to give. The last invoice of annuity goods was not large at first, and after changing a portion as we were permitted, it will be rather a meager lot, but be confined to, but I trust there will be Indians enough present to justify drawing somewhat upon the old stock as you direct. I have during the past season sent a number of friendly messages to Kamiakin and from Mr. Wheeler's representations of your wishes, I have made arraignment with Joe Twiholt, my Indian interpreter, to start in a few days for Kamiakin's quarters. He thinks it will take him eight or 10 days to reach him.

I think there is no probability that he can be brought in this winter, but the expedition may pave the way for next season.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servt.

A.A. Bancroft, Ind. Agent

To Hon C.H. Hale,  
Supt. Ind. Affairs,  
Olympia, W.T.