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March 15, 1954

The New York Public Library
Reference Department, director
Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street, New York, 18, New York.

Dear Director :

This morning I mailed a letter requesting reference aid on a matter involving Robert S. Garnett (gen.) Dates were quoted and photostats of stories relating to Gen. Garnett were requested.

I am chagrined to discover that I was given the wrong dates, and now make haste to recover by sending what I believe to be the correct information. Should stories not be included on the dates mentioned, no extensive search is necessary.

I am also appending a request for a photo copy negative of a "Chinook" Indian (Flathead skull) I have been asked to make a sculpture of Chief Concomley for the State Museum near Longview. Chief Concomley's skull, flattened by compression when a baby, has been returned to this country. So far I can find no Chinook Indians to serve as models. I need a picture of a Chinook man to give me something concrete to visualize, something indicating hair style, shape of skull and how it fits onto neck, etc. Any picture of a chinook Indian, with forceful face, especially if the man is long-haired, will suffice.

Please eliminate Research request: Subject Photostats, substituting the following: (attached)

Sincerely

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Research Request:

Subject: Photostats of newspaper stories relating to
(Gen) Robert S. Garnett.

Source: New York Herald , December 1, 1858 and Nov. 29,
1858 editions.

Gen. Garnett constructed Fort Simcoe in the Yakima Valley
in 1856. In 1856 he married Mariana Nelson, daughter of George S.
Nelson in New York. She and her baby son, Arthur, died Friday, Sept. 17
at Fort Simcoe. Location of their graves have never been determined.

Newspapers cited contain, according to relayed information,
announcment of arrival of Mail Steanship Illinois, arriving with
bodies of wife and son. Announcment of funeral at Church of All
Souls, Furth Avenue and 21st (today Wednesday) Remains to be taken to
Greenwood.

Additional notes would be appreciated. Church of All Souls was
Congregational. Understand church is in new location. Is address known
so we can write and check record for marriage as well as burial.

George S. Nelson, 1856-1860, listed in New York directory. Believe he
was a man of consequence. Account of Garnett's wedding, in New York,
has not been uncovered.

Subject: Copy negative of Chinook Indian man (man with
flattened skull and long hair.)

Picture needed to aid in sculpture of man representing
Chief Concomley, for State Parks Museum now under construction.

Possibility: Curtis Indian Portfolio may contain good chinook
Indian picture. Portfolio not available here. Smithsonian does not have
chinook picture.