

Jan. 15, 1953

General Services Administration,
National Archives and Records Service,
Mr. Richard G. Wood (For Dallas Irvine)

Dear Mr. Wood:

I communicated with you last October relative to Fort Simcoe, Washington Territory, and various Army officers. I inquired at that time concerning pictures and research material.

I received a very courteous letter, written Oct. 20 in reply, but it contained no reference code number. So, I doubt if you have a copy of that letter on file.

You mentioned certain Army men and forts you had pictures of, and quoted price for photographs.

I am enclosing postal note for following (Listing those you said were available)

James J. Archer (2 prints)

Robert Seldan Garnett (2 prints)

Frederick Dent (1 print)

Edward J. Steptoe (1 print)

Pinkney Lugenebeel (1 print)

Henry M. Black (1 print)

Henry M. Judah (1 print)

Henry D. Wallen (1 print)

Fort Colville (1 print)

Fort Simcoe (2 prints)

An extra 55 cents is included for a possible different view of Fort Simcoe, failing in which, please make it 3 prints of Fort Simcoe.

I perhaps, because of my work (newspaper) come to Washington other than a vacation period next summer for some archives checking,

and do appreciate your courtesy. I will try to be more concise about other inquiries and will also enlist the aid of some congressional secretaries for additional checking.

We have worked out arrangements, now nearly completed, for restoration of Fort Simcoe (combination State Parks Historical Sites Commission, Tribal Council etc. agreement.)

I am a member of the local historical sites committee and am head of the Fort Simcoe at Mool Mool ~~Society~~ Restoration Society. Of course the National Park service, when the restoration begins--- a 10 year program for which the state may pay upwards of \$200,000--- will do researching too, but at the present, for publicity, operation and advancement of the program, we have organized the society at the behest of the State Commission.

We know, through persons who have researched in the past, that there are a set of architect's drawings, and perhaps an architect's sketch of Fort Simcoe in the Washington files.

Could you check on this and if available, send me a memo of the cost of "copies" and I will send payment.

As additional explanation: I have authored a book dealing with the area, and the publisher has informed me I will be given a publishing contract when it is brought to "style." Some of these men, and Fort. Simcoe pictures, are needed for illustrations. Then, I am following through with a book on army life in these forts.

Additionally: I am a director of the Yakima Valley Museum, Inc. and we are looking for such information for our files (Have been promised a \$150,000 bequest for a museum building) which may or may not be forthcoming. We have a museum in operation now in our city hall.

Pardon long explanation. It may help explain my apparent extensive requests.

Sincerely

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