

June 5, 1955

Mrs. Esther Glenn Westby,
9749 North Willamette Boulevard,
Portland 3, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Westby:

Mr. George Martin, secretary of the Fort Simcoe at Mool
Mool Restoration Society has passed on a copy of your letter directing
inquiry as to your great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Waters Carman.

I am just taking off for vacation but will note that we have an
immediate reference to Mr. Carman, the miller, although the name appearing
as it did on the microfilm and in difficult to read handwriting
appeared to be "alter (rather than Waters), or, as the case frequently
turns out to be, it is the way the clerk wrote it at the agency.

It would take several nights of studying through the microfilm to
determine the exact dates, but I think in time when searching for other
material, we will come across this. The available microfilm and records
are not complete as to lists of employees only for certain years. But perhaps
in this case they will be.

I will note too that in connection with the Yakima Treaty Centennial,
to be observed June 9 (Thursday) the Yakimas have published a centennial
booklet of 64 pps. well illustrated. This I edited. It is being stocked
by Mills at Portland and they should receive their copies in two or
three days since the book will not be off the press until tomorrow and
Wednesday.

In the Reservation History section, p. 30 it states:

"Agency reports immediately took on a businesslike appearance.
H.C. Thompson, farmer, reported breaking 75 acres and seeding 30 a res
in one month while Walter Carman, the miller, ground 142 bushels of grain
and turned out 15,239 feet of lumber... Alfred Hall, carpenter in April,
1865 "made and stained three coffins, value \$18.... etc.

The same book may be ordered direct from the Yakima Tribe, Toppenish
Agency, by sending \$1.

When I return and get things under control I will be most happy to
forward you a little more detail of the early reports regarding the
mill. The actual dates you request entail considerable research, more
so than could normally be expected, but we'll do the best we can and
keep our eyes open and devote an evening or so to the project.

Sincerely

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