

Mrs. Goldie V. Putnam,

April 8, 1955

Inchoulem, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Putnam:

Enclosed, a miscellaneous and much messed up assortment of clips and typescript pertaining to ferries and ferry leads.

I appreciate your sincere letter, but I thought it just as well to send this material. I am pretty sure that I will not be needing any of it within a matter of a couple of weeks; meaning that you are at liberty to keep it longer and if something urgent comes up, I will write for it. I can appreciate this rushed feeling like checking something out of a library. I'm only sorry I can't do a more thorough job but I think you will find plenty enclosed to help fill out, much that you already have and leads that will keep you going for weeks and weeks.

I'd be glad to help what I could here but my things are so messed up because of space etc. at present and probably for some time in the future, that I concentrate only on my main subjects, grabbing other material as I can, hurriedly as the typing shows. And, it was usually done when I was dead tired.

If you have not already made contact with her, I am sure Mrs. C. Olstead Smith at Ellensburg (operator of an old pioneer cabin) could give you lots of helpful information about ferry boat characters in that region.

Olney can easily be taken care of. I've never tried to pull it all together. George, the son, tells different stories each time you see him, but could straighten out the Cyrus angle and



I will ask in time. Nathan died when he was in his early 40s, having come to settle near the reservation as a friend of Father James H. Wilbur, the Methodist minister and Indian agent. Wilbur buried him near Fort Sincove as you will note from the clip I gave you. Other Olney material will help out a little. I have much more, one piece contradicting some of the material on the Olney family, but can't put my hands on it right now.

Take your time with the clips.

Thanks too for your suggestions about historical contacts. I'm especially interested in the Indian pictures. I have a big collection, originals and copies and chances are your source who formerly lived here has many or at least some of the various characters I need in my never ending quest.

I believe the enclosed shipment includes 23 clips, many of which you no doubt have, and 60 separate pages of typing material.

Sincerely

Cliff Relander