

Tulare County Land Sales

Sacramento Indian Agency
Sacramento 2, California
April 7, 1945

Mr. Joe F. Enos
Route 5, Box 393
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Enos:

Mr. Belander, news editor of the Visalia Times - Delta, has written me of your visit to his office.

You are advised that, some time in the very near future, certain allotments in Tulare and Fresno Counties will be put up for sale. These allotments will be sold to the highest bidder. We are placing your name on our mailing list to receive such an invitation to bid. This invitation will contain the necessary information that will enable you to submit your bid. It will give full instructions and description of the land and our appraisal price.

Very truly yours,

John G. Rockwell
Superintendent

By: Michael Harrison
Field Aid.

*Click -
I'll see yaw aw my next
trip downw. Regards
m/k*

4216 T Street,
Sacramento 19, California,
October 18, 1955.

Mr. Click Relander,
c/o The Caxton Printers,
Caldwell. Idaho.

Dear Click:

Funny how these things turn out but I'm able to catch up again with you through the medium of the Caxton's 1955 Trade List which they send me regularly. And in it I was among friends - a new book by Harry James, a guy I knew for many years in the Southwest; Rachel Lauregaard a Sacramentan and a friend of ours and you. Just about hit the jackpot.

The news about your book was good news and I'll be on the lookout for the publication date. However, when it comes off the press, with no objection on your part, I'd like to send you my check and have you autograph a copy for my library.

Where are you these days and what are you doing? Me - I left the Indian Service in 1947 and have been in the Bureau of Reclamation as a right of way agent ever since. However, my interest and my heart are still with the Indians.

Let me hear from you Click and if not too far away, perhaps we can get together and talk over Indian Affairs 21 years ago.

Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Mike
MICHAEL HARRISON

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4216 T Street,
Sacramento 19, California,
October 29, 1955.

Dear Click:

It was very nice getting yours of the 24th and to learn of your doin's. I might have known that you would be up to your ears in Indians - live and dead and I was glad to know that your interest in them hadn't waned. Nor has mine although I am no longer associated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I am, however, on the Indian Field Committee of the Friends who are doing a fine bit of work among the Indians of California. My leaving the Indian Service is a long story and can wait until such time as we can get together and make medicine over a pipe and a drink.

I'll wait until your book comes off the press and then send you my check, because I want one for my library, which incidentally, has grown by leaps and bounds. So much so, that we had to move into a larger house three years ago and in the not too distant future, we will be running out of wall space again. But it's fun.

I'm not at all acquainted up in your Northwest; all I know about that country is what I have read and a couple of quick, official trips to Portland many years ago. What is "1855-1955 - The Yakimas", which I see you edited and to which you contributed? Are copies of this available. Your Wanapums sound interesting and how happy I am when you said you didn't want the Bureau of Indian Affairs messing around - and how they can "mess".

Now that the string has been tied, let's not lose sight of each other again. If you ever get down this way, I'd like to see you naturally. If you ever know in advance that you are coming please let me know and I can usually arrange my work to be here. I spend considerable time in the field and would hate like the very mischief to come back from a field trip to learn that you had stopped by the house or phoned.

Regards to you and your wife.

As always,


MICHAEL HARRISON

You don't know Rachel Lauregaard. My punctuation was bad, there should have been a comma after the word "ours" (meaning my wife and me.

4216 T Street,
Sacramento 19, California,
September 29, 1956.

Dear Click:

I was delighted to get yours of the 23rd - it was waiting for me when I returned from Trinity County - and to learn of your activities. Of course, the good news was that your book was about to come off the press, and that you hadn't forgotten I wanted an inscribed copy. And before I forget, I inclose my check in the amount of \$6.25 (which should cover postage and insurance) and thanks very much.

Of course, the sad thing was to learn of the death of your friend. He had the look of a great man. Too bad he couldn't have lived to see your book off the press. If only the younger Indians would look back to the greatness of their people and learn a lesson thereby. But I am afraid most of them are either ashamed of their Indian heritage or do not wish to learn about it.

I'll be only too happy to write you - frankly - after I have finished reading your book. I don't think we will be too far apart - if at all - in our thinking.

Since writing you last, we have formed the Sacramento Committee on Indian Youth. The principal purpose of the ~~group~~ (damn this machine, it won't spell) group is to interest young Indian men and women to continue with their education. We attempt to find places for them to live, jobs, assist in scholarship funds, etc., and try to make them feel a part of the community.

I note you are quite active in historical and other groups. The pattern of your life and mine seems to run along the same lines. Historical Societies keep me busy - as a matter of fact, I am Program Chairman for the Annual Conference of California Historical Societies to be held in San Diego next year - a 3 day session. Incidentally, Harold Schutt of Lindsay is the President of the Conference this year.

It would appear from your letter that you are really doing a promotional job on your book, and I certainly hope it pays off.

Let me hear from you as to your activities, how your trip went and how sales are going.

Sincerely yours,


MICHAEL HARRISON

7440 Alexander Court,
Fair Oaks, California,
February 5, 1963.

Mr. Click Relander,
1212 North 32nd Avenue,
Yakima, Washington.

Dear Click:

Seems as if the only time we get to visit is when you write a book. Well, better this way than not at all.

I certainly want a copy of your new book STRANGERS ON THE LAND and inclose my check in the amount of \$2.25. I would appreciate it also, if you would inscribe it for me.

A lot of things have happened since we last wrote. Our mutual friend, Hodge is dead; Charley Elkus, the best friend the California Indians ever had died and so many of my friends who are Indians have gone down the Long Trail - Bill Sherman, Steve Knight, Art Treppa, Bill Fuller. It certainly makes me feel that the Old Man is creeping up on me. I retired in May, 1960 after 40 years of Federal service and as you can see by the new address, we at last have our "library with living quarters attached" on the bluffs of the American River. I can swing around in my chair right now and look down on the rapids of the big bend of the American. Quite a site and we love it.

If you find the time, let me hear from you and tell me what you are doing - besides writing books.

Don't you ever get down this way?

As ever,

Mike
MICHAEL HARRISON

Sent -
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7440 Alexander Court,
Fair Oaks, California,
February 11, 1963.

Dear Click:

Thanks very much for STRANGERS ON THE LAND and your very fine letter. It is always good to hear from you and especially to know that your interest in the Indian people has not waned. You know, there aren't too many of we "workers in the vineyard" who have had this all-consuming interest over so many years and give it preference over all others. And now that I have retired, I can really let myself go. I have been on the board of The California League for the American Indian since it's organization some few years back. It is the successor to the old Indian Defense Association of which John Collier was Executive Secretary. However, we have gotten away from some of Collier's ideas and policies and for all practical purposes are a "new" organization. But more of this later.

We are ideally situated here. I spend most of my time in my library which has grown considerably since you lived in California. As a matter of fact, when we moved into our new home in July, 1960, we moved better than six tons of just books and I have added to it considerably since then - and am still adding to it.

I do not have the complete set of the OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE WAR OF THE REBELLION but I do have 30 volumes of the set, all dealing with the operations in the West. I still am on the lookout for about 10 additional volumes in this set in order to have all of the volumes dealing with this phase of the Civil War. I have the two volumes you mentioned, Series I, Volume I, Parts 1 and 2.

Insofar as writing is concerned, I haven't done much - I just can't write. I did an article for MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY a couple of years back on the Flathead. I expected to get a blast from Montana way after it had appeared but believe it or not, not a sound although I took on everyone from the man who was later to become President of the United States (James A. Garfield) to the Congressional Representative in Congress, Wilbur Sanders, Benjamin F. Potts, Territorial Governor, J. A. Viall, Indian Superintendent for Montana Territory and Major D. G. Swaim, of the Judge Advocate General's Department of the Army. But nary a word in rebuttal. This article appeared in the Autumn 1960 issue. In addition, I have done some vignettes for various Westerner publications and the review of a few books. That's it.

After I have read STRANGERS ON THE LAND, I'll be glad to write you about it and my reactions to what you have to say. Your reference to "the treaty booklet" which "was issued some 7-8 years ago". Which book is this? Don't answer that question. I have just gotten my copy of it and find that the title page refers to the Treaty Centennial, 1855-1955, so this must be the book to which you refer.

You'll hear from me again after I have read your new book.

Until then, the very best to you and "how" for me to your Indian friends.

As ever,


MICHAEL HARRISON