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Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Ave.
Yakima
Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

I must apologize for having failed to reply earlier to your letter concerning information on Gen. James J. Archer. Everything is rather hectic during the summer vacation periods, as you can well imagine.

I was very much interested in your letter, since I am particularly concerned with Maryland history and do collect material on a limited scale.

A biography of Gen. Archer might do very well, especially in this area. Then too, of course, there is such a tremendous revival in Civil War interest at the present time.

There are a number of prominent Maryland families related to the Archers. As you probably know, Gen. Archer was the son of Dr. John Archer (jr.) and the grandson of John Archer (Sr.), M.B. (Bachelor of Medicine) who was the first man in America to receive a real medical diploma.

Our newspaper library is somewhat limited in scope so that we have only a few references to Gen. Archer. Biographical sketches of Dr. Archer, his sons and grandsons appear from page 40 to 44 and page 401 and 402 in "Biographical Cyclopedia of Maryland and District of Columbia," published about 1879. This includes the Bob Archer you mentioned.

Also, there is a sketch of Dr. Archer, grandfather of Gen. Archer, page 746-752 in "Medical Annals of Maryland 1799-1899" by Eugene Cordell, published in 1903. In this biography further attention is called to "the very interesting and authoritative biographical sketch by Dr. George W. Archer, of Emmorton, published in the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital for August-September, 1899, which contains a number of characteristic anecdotes of Dr. Archer and copious extracts from his letters."



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Mrs. J. Alexis Shriver, Wilna, Maryland, is a great-great-great granddaughter of Dr. John Archer. Her daughter is Mrs. William H. B. Howard, of the same address. Mrs. Shriver's son is Rev. George Van Bibber Shriver, Washington Boulevard, Waterloo, Maryland. These may be good contacts on Gen. Archer.

An excellent source, perhaps, as you probably will realize, is the Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument street, Baltimore-1, Maryland. Mr. James Foster is the Director. I am certain they will be able to put you in touch with descendants of Gen. Archer.

Also, there is the Maryland Department of the Enoch Pratt Free Public Library, Mulberry and Cathedral streets, Baltimore-1, Maryland, a fine and cooperative institution. I'm sure the library will have a number of references on Gen. Archer. If you wish, perhaps you may be able to obtain photostats of the sketches I mentioned, from the Pratt Library, at reasonable cost. Miss Elizabeth Litsinger is the head of the Maryland Department there.

I hope the above information may prove of some help to you. If I can be of some further service, please let me know. I would be very happy to receive your pamphlet on the Yakima Indian Nation Treaty.

Incidentally, Miss Doetsch, our former librarian, to whom your letter was addressed, has been retired for some time and is now enjoying her well-earned leisure time.

Sincerely yours,

Earl Pruce
Earl Pruce
Librarian

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Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

I noticed the review of
your book, "Drummers and Dreamers" in our
paper and thought you might like to have
the clippings.

Regards,

Earl Pruce
Earl Pruce
Librarian