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'THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST''

May 18, 1954.

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

Dear Click:

On checking my files, I find that we have a microfilm of a guard report book for Fort Simcoe, for the period November 17, 1857 through May 27, 1859. The original was then in the possession of Joseph Camp, of Vancouver, and I wonder if it is not the record which you now have. I also find that Yale University has three volumes from the Fort, two are morning report books covering the years 1856-1859, and one is the guard report book, for May through November, 1857.

As I told you, we are beginning to obtain on microfilm copies of the papers relating to the Oregon participation in the Yakima War, the originals of which are in the custody of the Adjutant General. We also have records relating to individual service of Abraham Garrison in that War, and there is similar material for George Law Curry, and other such papers at the University of Oregon.

We find that James Wilbur was born in New York in 1811. He came to Oregon in 1846, and the diary of his sea voyage around Cape Horn is in the library of Willamette University. He obtained a Donation Land Claim, near the town of Wilbur, where he founded Umpqua Academy, and the file should be available to you either in the National Archives or at the Bureau of Land Management in Portland (Roseburg Donation Land Certificate 631.) Fred Lockley published a brief biography of Father Wilbur in the Oregon Journal on April 10, 1932, and there is a summary of an address describing his work in the Oregonian for December 20, 1908. I have typed copies, which we would be able to loan to your local library upon the request of the Librarian.

I enjoyed seeing you at the meeting at Helena, and if you find that you have a couple of extra publications relating to Charles Russell and Bodmer, the artist, they may be mine. They were with the sketch book which you recovered from the bus. I hope to see you at Spokane next year.

Yours sincerely, Duniway State Archivist



'THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST''

June 3, 1954.

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

#### Dear Click:

Thank you for your letter of May 26, 1954, with all its enclosures. The microfilm which we are making of the records relating to the Yakima War are those in the custody of the Adjutant General of the State of Oregon, and they probably supplement the records in the National Archives. They were the basis of Mrs. Frances Fuller Victor's <u>Early Indian Wars of</u> <u>Oregon</u> (1894). I have not examined the Garrison papers to determine the extent to which they would refer to the area around Fort Simcoe. I suppose that many est the families possessed similar files relating to the military service of their ancestors. It would be possible for us to place it on microfilm(46.06)

We have attempted to search the U.S. census for 1860, 1870 and 1880, for a record of the Rev. James H. Wilbur, and I enclose a transcript of the 1880 census for Fort Simcoe, Yakima County, Washington Territory. Why we do not find him in 1860 and 1870, I do not understand. They would give some indication as to the extent of his financial status. We searched the records for Yakima County for 1870, and we have an index to the census for 1860. We also checked the records of Douglas County and Washington County, Oregon, for 1860, on the theory that he might have shown up there because of his connection with the Umpqua Academy, at Wilbur. All told, four census records were searched, and the fee for this service is Four (\$4.00) Dollars. I am sorry that it was not more rewarding.

I was interested to learn that you had gathered samples of the various newspapers from Montana cities, and I am sorry that you have felt responsible for my misplacement of the Russell and Bodmer catalogs. I appreciate your replacing them.

Knowing Chapin Foster, I am not surprised at his desire to have the meeting return to Tacoma, but I hope he can be dissuaded by his Doctor, if by no one else. I noted your own publicity with great interest. You do a good job getting things into your paper which normally never would be published outside of the area where the convention took place.

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Last night, I happened to visit the Odd Fellows cemetery here in Salem, and discovered the graves of the Rev. J. H. Wilbur, his wife, and his daughter and son-in-law. They have a single large imposing monument. It was interesting to me to know that he survived his wife but one month.

Yours sincerely, me David C. Duniway State Archivist

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FORT SIMCOE, YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON TERRITORY Transcript from microfilm in the custody of the Oregon State Library. The original manuscript schedules are in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Inconsistencies and mistakes are usually in the original manuscript, and were made by the census taker, who went from door to door writing down the answers to questions. Answers may have been misunderstood, or his informant could have been a child or an individual of the household who did not know all the facts.

No.	Name	Race	Sex	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth	Father's Place of Birth	Mother's Place of Birth	Remarks
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	Whitcomb, Lovie	W	F	19	Boarder	Teacher	Michigan	N.Y.	N.Y.	

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'THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST''

June 22, 1954.

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

#### Dear Click:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1954, with the postal note and the clippings. I was most interested in what you had been doing in behalf of the Indians, and I feel that your articles are beautifully written. I have seen the Quigley sculptures in the Lariat Room in Portland. They are, indeed, beautiful.

I was interested in the three hundred old letters which you just copied. Are they something which ought to be on microfilm in this library, since we are concerned with the Malheur country? Meanwhile, I have checked to see what I have on the Piutes, and I find that there is one picture, celebrating the opening of the Klamath Falls Cut-off. It shows Captain O. C. Applegate, with Piute Indians, on the front of a locomotive, all dressed in ceremonial regalia. A print would be available for a fee of \$1.00. We also have a manuscript compiled by the W.P.A. Federal Writers Project of Oregon on the Piute Indians. There is a duplicate of the principal text, which I could loan to you, but, unfortunately, there is no duplicate for the notes and bibliography, which are extensive. If you wish to see the manuscript it could be loaned to your library upon the request of your Librarian to the Oregon State Library. It might be that we could put it on microfilm for you, but the cost may be out of proportion to its value, since the minimum fee is \$6.00. You will find that a better collection of pictures is available through the University of Oregon Library, Special Collections, at Eugene, and they have Major Moorehouse's negatives. It may also be possible that there would be interesting pictures in either the National Archives, or the Smithsonian Institution, Washington 25, D. C., along with essential manuscript items of which I now have no knowledge. You have, of course, checked with the Oregon Historical Society in Portland, which has the best collection of general photographs in this area, as well as the richest manuscript collection.

Yours sincerely. David C. Duniway State Archivist

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'THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST''

August 6, 1954.

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

Dear Click:

Thanks for the clippings. They are very good. I am very pleased to be on your mailing list, for we would normally not see the historical items published in your state.

Yours sincerely,

David C. Duniway State Archivist



'THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST"

August 12, 1954.

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

Dear Click:

Thank you for your letter of August 9, 1954, with its interesting enclosures, and, for the two pamphlets. I am very glad to have them but still I feel a little guilty as to their origins. Since you hope to spend time here in Oregon on your vacation, may I suggest that one stop be Salem. I would like to have you meet my family, as well as see my shop.

I return herewith the color transparency of the Quigley painting for your book. It is, indeed, excellent.

Yours sincerely, David C. Duniway State Archivist

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DOD/WD PS. I agree with you re Manser. The July 25 th clepping you had sent me before - to I return the duplicate.



"THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST"

January 26, 1955.

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

Dear Click:

Thank you for the clipping packet, which I will fit into our gradually growing collection of your writings on the history of the Columbia Valley. As it grows it becomes more and more valuable. I can see that your pen has been most productive, and look forward to some day hearing from you further about your research.

Yours sincerely,

David C. Duniway State Archivist

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"THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST"

March 25, 1955.

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

Dear Click:

As soon as I received your letter of March 18, 1955, I called the Fish Commission, and they will mail you a copy of the pamphlet on the <u>Indian Dip Net Fishery at Celilo Falls</u>. We are very glad to be able to help you, and I was interested to see that you had achieved rewards even within your own country.

Yours sincerely,

David C. Duniway State Archivist



"THE BEST READING FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER AT THE LEAST COST"

July 7, 1955.

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

Dear Click:

Thank you for your letter of July 3, 1955, with its brochure describing your book. The Oregon State Library has a standing order with Caxton for all of their publications, so we expect it to come to us automatically. I bet you are glad that it is almost off the press.

Yours sincerely,

David C. Duniway State Archivist



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13 March 1959

Mr. Click Relander Box 736 Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

We note in the February issue of <u>Foreshadow</u> that you are interested in material relating to army men stationed on military service in the Yakima, Colville, Walla Walla and the Dalles during 1854-1863 and their roles in the War of the Rebellion. The Archives is soon to acquire some of the early records of the Adjutant General's office which might contain information of value to you. These records are not now inventoried but we hope to complete the job within a few months. We should be happy to make the records available to you here in the Archives.

In addition, we have the following on microfilm:

- 1. 2 reels, Yakima and Rogue River wars, muster rolls, August 1852-June 1856, and unregistered correspondence, 1851-1859.
- 2. 6 reels, Yakima and Rogue River Indian Wars documents, 1853-1857.

If you have a 35mm microfilm reader available, we would be glad to loan the films to you on inter-library loan, upon the request of your librarian.

If we may be of further assistance, please call on us.

Yours Sincerely

David C. Duniway State Archivist

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Mr. Click Relander Box 736 YAKIMA, WASHINGTON



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5 July 1960

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

Dear Click:

Thank you for your latest venture, the "Yakima" booklet. It is nicely gotten up, and from sampling I can see that it is well written. I will bring it to the attention of the Library.

The Civil War project could swing you if you really take the time to analyse all the records.

I enclose a Record of Search describing pertinent material here and elsewhere. The National Archives must have much more to supplement what was published in the WAR OF THE REBELLION. We might do better on the microfilm cost, but we have had some bitter experience and so we have quoted a possible maximum cost. Thanks again.

Yours sincerely,

David C. Duniway State Archivist

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