

January 22, 1956

Mrs. C.H. Sumpter, secretary,
Ritzville Woman's Club,
Route 1, box 129,
Ritzville, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Sumpter:

Thank you for your letter of January 16 and word of the date selected, Feb. 26, 1956, a Sunday, as the date for an organizational meeting of a historical society sponsored by the Ritzville Woman's Club.

In the event of a postponement just notify me as early as possible and chances are that I would be available for what assistance I might be able to provide, at that time.

You mentioned that the club was interested in my fee. I have never made a practice of charging a fee, because of the public relationship aspects of history, encouraging societies to organize or keep active, etc. I moreover relish the contacts and the opportunity of observing, at first hand, history at work in local communities.

I am sure I shall find it possible to be on hand perhaps as early as 12 o'clock noon, following your suggestion of a preliminary meeting. I will have with me some bylaws as used by various historical societies.

I am dropping Mr. Chapin Foster, director of the State Historical Society a note asking that he send some articles on the value of a local historical society to Mr. Wilson with whom he is acquainted. They may be of some assistance to you in encouraging an attendance from persons you are not otherwise in contact with.

I will drop you a confirmation a week or 10 days in advance to let you know I have not forgotten the date.

Sincerely

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