

Mabton
Memorandum 8/2/55

GEORGE H. GANNON

Mr. Relander:

Thanks for the opportunity to
buy two of your "Dummers & Dreamers".
The Priest River Indians are a
forgotten people if there ever
was such a thing.

I would appreciate a copy of
the Treaty Centennial Book.
Thanks.

Geo H Gannon

The Gannon Museum of Wagons

Box 335, Mabton, Washington

Phone: Mabton 375

13 July 1955

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

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 3.


I am returning herewith one of the circulars
and a check for \$6.00.

Many people have told me about Knott's Berry
Farm and their extensive collection of wagons. I envy
their successes as collectors but at present my objective
is considerably different.

By the way, if you should happen to run across
any old stagecoaching relics which might be available I
would certainly like to hear about them.

I hope your forthcoming publication enjoys
a great success.

Best regards,


Wm. L. Gannon

P.S. I have an uncle, Geo. H. Gannon, of the Y.C.R. Ranches,
Mabton, who is very interested in North West and Valley
History. May I suggest that you drop him a line also?



Box 6
Mabton Wash.
18 Jul. '62

Dear Chick,
Thanks for your letter
of the 16th. Sincerely
Oh sorry I wasn't
here to see you.

Thanks a million
for the Benicia Catalog.
I am certainly
Oxious to get such
material for the
collection.

I wouldn't
want any more on
the Jacket trade and

am willing to make
the exchange even-up,
if that's OK with
you.

Hazel tells me
your health has
not been too good...
and I am sorry to
hear that.

I can't help
much on the brass
beads. I can't
remember having
read any reliable
information on

brass beads anywhere.
In fact, beads of all
kinds remain rather
problematical to most
of the writers I have
come across.

I'm glad you have
dropped in, and
wish we could have
visited.

Thanks, again,
for the Catalogue.

Yours,

Bill L.

L. O. GANNON & SON

BOX 335

MABTON, WASHINGTON

TWINDAKS 4-2383

17 Dec. 1962

Dear Click,

Thanks a million for sending me the transcripts of the Wilbur letters referring to wagons...and the bone pipes and cowrie shells.

Our files on Horse-drawn vehicle history are growing nicely, but anything primary on vehicles in this area is always an especially gratifying addition.

We have had a very good year in hops. I am now in the process of spending the bulk of our earnings on renovation and modification of the big picking machine.

I now have the itch to rewrite my doctoral thesis for popular reading. I have had a very favorable enquiry on publication possibilities.

Hazel and I had a wonderful time in Seattle during the school directors' convention. I had time to explore all the shops, saw a couple of foreign adult films, and in the evening, on Friday, we both toured the pubs around Pioneer Square. The latter serve nothing but beer or wine, but the entertainment is marvelous. Seattle has changed a lot in the past few years.

We would like to order a couple dozen copies of your new book. Who is going to handle sales?...I'm personally very happy that a new and good reservation history is finally being turned out. By the way, do you happen to have any of the vital statistics on Chief Jim Saluskin?

I hope you have a very happy holiday season and most enjoyable, ~~healthful~~ and prosperous new year, Click. Thanks again for sending the transcripts and notes.

Deiner,

Bill G.



[Museum]

APR 24 1963

Dear Click,

thanks a million for the interesting
clipping on Buggies from India.

I have always wondered whether such
a project would be feasible, there
are some items in South Africa which
I would like to go after some day.

Best regards, Bill G.

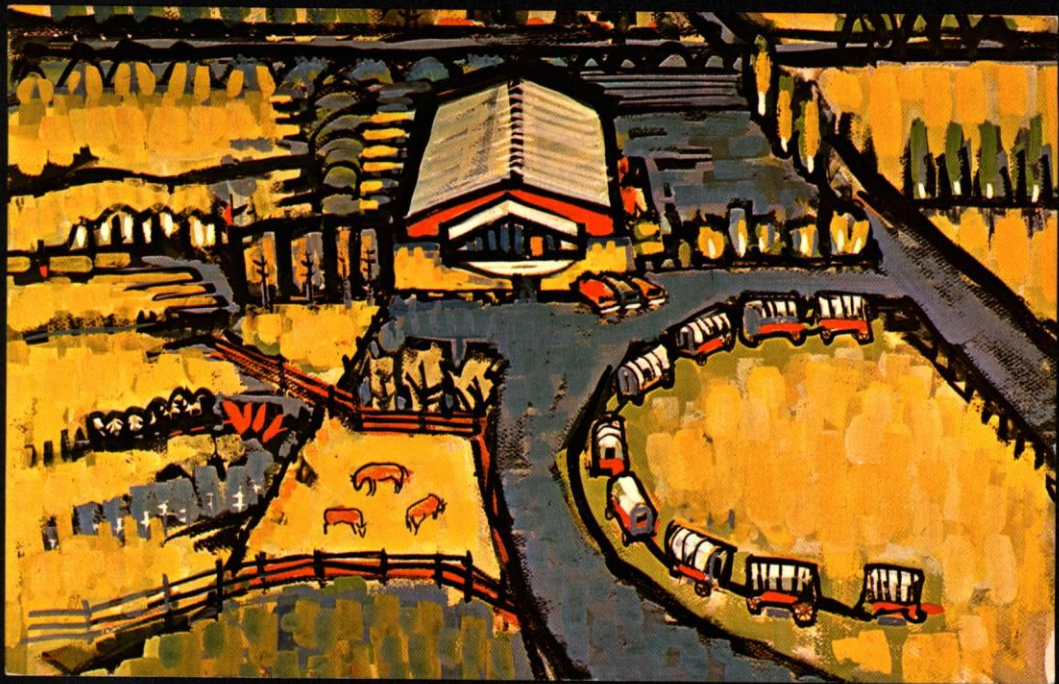
WM. L. GANNON
BOX 6
MABTON, WASH.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Ave
Yakima, Wash.



THE GANNON MUSEUM OF WAGONS
Mabton, Washington

From a Gouache Painting by Wm. L. Gannon
SP-355

4/27/64
Dear Click,

Thanks a million for
your letter telling me
about Bruce LeRoy's visit.

I am sure I will be
able to meet you at the
hotel at noon Wed. May 6

Mr. LeRoy should try
to make a running visit
here on his way to (or
from) Walla Walla. I would
be glad to give him the
tour at any time of the
day...Regards, Bill



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THE GANNON
MUSEUM OF WAGONS
MABTON, WASHINGTON
TWINOAKS 4-2592
6/30/65

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth Rd.
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Click:

Thanks so very much for the pictures and articles!

Sure was sorry to miss you. Had some things I wanted to point out. Did you notice the murals on the front of the building? I finished those last fall.

I really appreciate your sending the clippings for our files.

Still haven't checked on the cannon. I do have a definite name to go on and a witness who has seen the cannon. Now that the Hops are arched I may be able to get away. Have been using spare time to date on fishing trips (I'm a fly fishing nut).

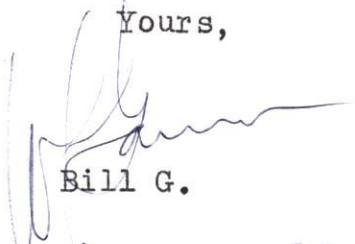
Have started work on a history of E Company (Pullman) of the 161st Infantry, Washington National Guard. This year will be our 25th anniversary of Mobilization. It's a real project. I have archives, clippings, letters, photos, posters, documents, trophies, tape recordings, and my own experiences to draw upon. May even slip in a few drawings or paintings. I'll be traveling about with a recorder to interview the lads I know. The Wash. State University library has agreed to do all the necessary photo copy work. The boys in the E Co. Assn. are cooperating beautifully. Also NG and US archives services.

Have you seen the horrible document the USDA is foisting upon our adolescent hop growers? Your paper should study it and take sides.

See you around. Thanks again for the helpful publicity. It brought in a nice attendance last Sunday. Things have been slow.

Keeping both chins up,

Yours,


Bill G.

P.S. will put the books aside :

7/14/65
Mabton, Wash.
Box 6

Dear Click,

We certainly did appreciate the article and photo in the Herald and Republic. And many thanks for sending the clippings!

I will say you take fine pictures.... much better than I do with a press camera.

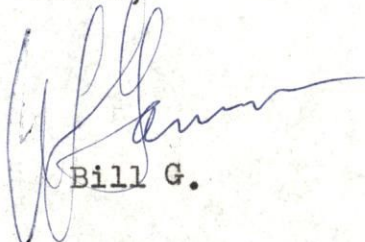
I am really looking forward to discussion in depth on the subject of art. I have a feeling that the projected article on my work may turn out to be more important than you realize. I hope we can get together sometime after harvest or this winter when I am actually functioning in the studio. I hope to have more work fresh off the easel by then, Roscoe's FORD book with my illustrations, and the 4-color reproductions being produced at Franklin Press should all be out by that time. We might even coordinate something of a show at the Chinook, or the Larson Gallery, or the Library. I have had offers from all quarters for such a show.

Funny things happen. After you had enlightened me on the little travelers' guides published by Steel, a fellow came in to sell me one, along with a number of other little "latter day immigrant guides" of the 1880's, all published by different firms. All concern the Oregon-Washington area. One is a beauty by Strahorn with details on stage routes, fares, etc. in Idaho.

I hope all is going well for you. We are sweltering down here today.

Thanks again, Click, I really appreciate your kind words. The articles, I should add, really brought people over last Sunday.

Yours,



Bill G.

Box 6
Mabton, Wash.
7/17/65

Dear Click:

Many thanks for the remittance...good heavens, man, you're such prompt pay!

I was delighted to hear there is a prospect for an article in the Living Section. Your interest inspires me to get into more and better production.

On the saddle, I'm certain we can fix you up with exactly what you desire.

I really do appreciate the tremendous favors you have done for me and truly intend to buck hard to deserve your complimentary recommendations.

Thanks again...and come back to Mabton.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill G.", with a stylized, cursive script.

Bill G.

THE GANNON
MUSEUM OF WAGONS
MABTON, WASHINGTON
TWINOAKS 4-2592

7/26/65

Dear Click,

I was delighted with the article printed last Sunday
and of course the family was very proud of it.

I am always amazed at your ability to get the details down
with a minimum of note-taking.

The clippings were much appreciated. I wish I could buy some
more. I have a number of out-of-town friends (and painting
owners) who are interested in my progress.

Hope you can make it down again before too long.

Thanks again. You're very kind and more than generous in
your remarks.

Hope all is going well.

Yours,


Bill G.

THE GANNON
MUSEUM OF WAGONS
MABTON, WASHINGTON
TWINOAKS 4-2592

3/9/66

Mr. Click Relander
3701 Commonwealth
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Click:

I ~~am~~ looking forward to your visit. If you will be here before noon ,
then we will expect you for lunch.

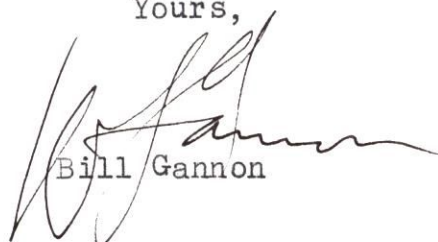
You say your situation can be stated in a short time. That will be
interesting. I should tell you, if I haven't already, that I am ,
from past experience, not enthusiastic about dealing with "institutional"
men on museum material.

By the way, I note that Brooks'Antiques in Union Gap has a high-pommel
woman's saddle for sale at \$75.00. Maybe you should look at it on your
way down.

Have just picked up an old ~~early~~ 19th century cannon tube.

See you Monday.

Yours,



Bill Gannon

4/11/67 - PM
Marion, Wash.

Dear Chick,

Many many thanks for the nice notice and for sending the clippings.

We started twining on the ranch today, so it has been something of a rat race most of the day.

Mr. Blackburn (Dept. of English W.S.U.) dropped in with a special request for information to send to Mr. Wilder. He seemed to be interested in the museum rather than the painting.

Thanks again. Drop in if you're in this area - any time.

(over) Yours, Bill L.

P.S.

Enclosed are some
complimentary tickets. You
may wish to send some
visiting fireman down as
your guest.

THE GANNON
MUSEUM OF WAGONS
MABTON, WASHINGTON
TWINOAKS 4-2592

5/24/67

Dear Click,

Have just recieved the
Ten sheets with photos of
the Royal City group. They're
wonderful!

Hazel had heard about
the picture article while
attending a board meeting
at the library in Yakima.
Many people had commented
on the article; so we were
anxious to see it. Had tried,
unsuccessfully, to get a
copy down here.

We had seen the photo in
the morning Herald and were
delighted by it. The candid
expressions on the kids' faces
must have caused many
a chuckle

Can't thank you enough
for your kind efforts on this.
Come see us again, soon!
Thanks again!

Yours,

Bill L.

Box 6
Mabton, Wash
98935

4/26/68

Dear Chick,

Many thanks for the very
nice comments. The article
should certainly help the
V&C group in its drive and
I am truly flattered by your
notice.

Thanks also for sending
the clippings.

Haven't yet discovered
the "Roza" Hotel. If it's a
fraternal I'll be most happy
to exhibit there.

Nothing new here & the VC
will bring a group down
tomorrow.

Be sure to stop in
every time you go through
Mabton!

Yours,

Bill 

WM. L. GANNON
BOX 6
MABTON, WASH. 98935

12/3/68

[loose material]

Dear Click,

I hope the SFPWA has shown the proper respect and gratitude for the beautiful work you and Mr. Spuler did for them on the Herald Republic's Saturday enclosure.

It's really impossible for me to express well how grateful I am for the kind and flattering remarks concerning my efforts ... (I hope it's not sinful to exult in such

recognition!).

I still am amazed at
your ability with words
and the extraordinary
power you have of
absorbing and using the
information that comes out
of a casual conversation.

Many thanks, Click.
You're the greatest!
See you Friday.

Yours,

Bill L.