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Mr. Ron Hughes,
Washington Apple Commission,
Wenatchee, Wash.

July 25

Dear Ron:

Endlosed are 23 (twenty-three) clippings and individual groups of notes regarding early-day apple plantings. I am sending them special delivery so their arrival can be recorded.

You may find bits of information to go with material you have, and also some material from other regions like Hood River.

Now on record: Fort Simcoe was built as a military outpost by the Army in 1856. The Army was stationed then at Fort Dalles, significance in Army correspondence from Simcoe is the value placed on fruit, and that apples were at The Dalles then and there is no reason to believe that soldiers did not bring some plantings in.

Army turned over Fort Simcoe to the Indian Service April 18, 1859. That year, on microfilm record, the Indian Agent at Simcoe, R.H. Lansdale who had come from Olympia, writes of planting a fruit orchard on the Army Parade grounds. ^(that was in 1859) Apples and some other trees diseased, remained there during Civilian Conservation Corps period and with start of preservation of the site, which did not become a State Park until 1955, trees were cleared out, only a few left. The stub of the one in the southwest corner was a producing tree eight or 10 years ago. It was broken by the wind several years ago but park left stub and if you went there you saw its condition.

If you need these for three weeks, that's ok, as I will be checking later into a hospital next week and will be there and recovering at least three weeks.

Sincerely

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