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1212 NORTH 32ND AVE.
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

June 29, 1956

Mr. Allen L. Archer,
10401 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles 24, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in the hope you may be connected with descendants of General James J. Archer of Baltimore, Maryland, a Confederate general who served in the Northwest as a captain in 1856-60.

The centennial of building of Fort Simcoe is to be observed Aug. 12. Besides newspaper articles I wish to do--I am employed on a newspaper-- I am convinced by long research that Gen. Archer is a man deserving of more recognition than thus far given in history.

James J. Archer was born at Stafford, Md. Dec. 19, 1817 and died Oct. 24, 1864. He was educated at Princeton and Bacon College, Kentucky, served in the Mexican War, left the Army, returned in 1855 and came to the Northwest. He was commanding officer at Fort Simcoe after Maj. Garnett, also a Confederate General, left.

I have copies of letters Capt. Archer wrote from the Northwest to his mother at Baltimore, a sister, Nannie, and a brother Bob. The brother Bob was later commissioned by General Pickett, a friend of the family.

I am anxious to contact descendants of the family who would be able to fill me in on the boyhood of Gen. Archer, his descendants, provide pictures of him as a young man, his sister, Nannie, his mother, etc.

My research in connection with Fort Simcoe has been extensive and I feel that only after several years could one do justice to a man of Gen. Archer's remarkable caliber and stature. His letters are most scholarly. His life was most exemplary and his views quite sound after so many years.

I would sincerely appreciate any suggestions you might make or any help that by chance you could provide in this "work of love" that of the proper evaluation and perpetuation of history and of due recognition after so many years of silence.

The enclosed folders tell of Fort Simcoe and of another "book" I have authored. As you may know, the first phase bonds for the Priest Rapids project, \$166,000,000 worth went on the New York Exchange and were oversubscribed in a few hours. The second phase will come up in a couple of years. My interest in that was to secure a home at the dam site for the hithertofore unrecognized non-treaty remnant group of Indians. In that I have been successful, thanks to the assistance of the PUD.

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Author, "Drummers and Dreamers,"
In Publication

Editor and Contributor,
"1855-1955--The Yakimas,"
Published by the Yakima Nation

Now Tow Look
Historian, called "Brother" by
Wanapum Band of Priest Rapids

Washington State Historical Society
Curator

Yakima Valley Museum, Inc.
Board Member

Fort Simcoe at Mool Mool Restoration Society
Research Chairman

Historical Sites Advisory Committee
Yakima District

Academy of California Church History

American Name Society

Southwest Museum, Los Angeles

Tulare County Historical Society, Visalia, Calif.

National Sculpture Society

Sorry, but I am not connected

Mr. Clifford Paul Archer,
1381 N. Cleveland Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

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My research in connection with Fort Simcoe has been extensive and I feel that only after several years "seasoning" can justice be done to a man of his stature and remarkable personality. His letters are most scholarly. His life was most exemplary and his views quite sound after so many years.

I would sincerely appreciate any suggestions you might make or any help that by chance you could provide on this work of love because surely historical writing of this nature is not one for profit.

The enclosed folder tell of Fort Simcoe and of another book I have authored. The book folder is not sent as a solicitation but to acquaint you with some of my writing background. Last week the first phase bonds, 166 million dollars worth, went on the New York stock exchange and were oversubscribed in a few hours. The Wanapum Dam bonds will go on sale in a couple of years I presume, another 166 million dollars work. I have been successful in obtaining a haven for the non-treaty remnant band of Wanapums who live at Priest Rapids.

I will be most appreciative of any suggestions you have to make.

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June 29, 1956

Mrs. Dorothy Glackin,
Hartford County Library,
Bel Air, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. Glackin:

I am writing to you in the hope you have on file material concerning General James J. Archer of Maryland, or can place me in touch with descendants of the family who might possess such material.

The enclosed folder is partially explanatory.

The centennial of Fort Simcoe in the Yakima Valley, which Gen. Archer commanded in 1858-59 as a captain will be observed here this Aug. 12, and furnishing of the commandant's home has been practically completed.

My research thus far includes a set of letters written from Washington Territory, 1856-60, and letters of Civil War connection. I am convinced that the man is worthy of more enduring fame than that incidentally accorded him here, and perhaps in Maryland.

There were two J.J. Archers of Civil War renown. The one I am interested in was apparently born at Stafford, Md., Dec. 19, 1817, and died Oct. 24, 1864. He was educated at Princeton and at Bacon College, Kentucky, served in the War with Mexico and then retired, returning to the Army in 1855 when he came west.

He wrote to his mother, to a sister, Nannie, and to a brother, Bob. The brother was later an officer in the Civil War (for the Confederacy)

References were made to spending the summers at Rock Run. I believe the family must have lived in or near Baltimore. Apparently there is a sketch of a James J. Archer, a former state senator, appearing in The Book of Maryland "Men and Institutions" published in 1920.

Besides some newspaper articles (I am employed on a newspaper) at the time of the centennial, I believe that Gen. Archer deserves more recognition especially in connection with his service in the Northwest during the Indian War period. I am especially anxious to obtain family photographs, information concerning his boyhood, early life pictures, pictures of the old home area, etc. all of which of course I will pay for copying etc. "Historical" matters of this nature are difficult to evaluate. You have to "live" long periods of time in such atmosphere before doing justice to them. I believe my research is approaching that point.

Any assistance you can give, or suggestions, will be heartily appreciated and I will endeavor to repay you in some way.

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Mr. Gleason Leonard Archer,
Archer Blueberry Nursery,
Box 137, Pembroke, Mass.

July 1, 1956

Dear Sir:

I am writing in the hope you may be connected with descendants of General James J. Archer of Baltimore, Md., a Confederate general who served in the Northwest as a captain in 1856-60.

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I would sincerely appreciate any suggestions you might make or any help that can by chance be provided on this work. Surely no one knows better than myself that historical work of this type is not profitable and is very exacting.

The enclosed folder tells of Fort Simcoe and of another book I have authored, Drummers and Dreamers. This is not sent as a solicitation but to acquaint you with my background.

I will be most appreciative of any suggestions you have to offer and will do my best, with the help of those concerned, to make this an accurate and far-reaching project, as well as a contribution to the history of our country and a tribute to General Archer.

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Mr. Glenn Leroy Archer,
9507 Monroe St.,
Silver Spring, Md.

July 1, 1956

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I am anxious to contact descendants of the family who would be able to fill in gaps in his boyhood, other descendants, pictures of him as a young man, his sister, Nannie, mother, the brother, the old home, Rock Run, etc. including material on his home life, his education etc.

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Mr. Laird Archer,
Sasafras Hill, Rt. 4, Fayetteville, Ark.

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