

Dec. 3, 1952

Superintendent,
Hollywood Cemetery,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

In line with a research project, involving possible historical writing and in connection with restoration of old Fort Simcoe near here as a historical site, I am writing to you for any possible bit of information you may have.

I have one manuscript, "Dreamers and Drummers" about the Columbia River or Priest Rapids Dreamer cult and the Indian wars submitted.

I am a member of the Fort Simcoe Restoration Society, a trustee of the Yakima Valley Pioneer Association Museum, etc. etc. and a newspaperman.

Fort Simcoe, built during the Indian Wars, 1855, was constructed in 1856 under direction of Gen. Geo. Wright by Maj. Robert Selden Garnett, later a general for the Confederacy, killed in the battle of Carrick's (?) Ford. His bride of a little over a year and baby son, who died at Fort Simcoe in 1857, may have been returned and buried, possibly at Hollywood Cemetery, where Gen. Garnett may be buried. (There were two Gen. Garnetts. This is Robert Selden Garnett.)

Do you have any record of these burials?

Have you had any communication from relatives that you could give me an address and permit a direct communication with them?

Another Virginian, James J. Archer was a Captain at Fort Simcoe and later was a commandant there. He too became a general in the Civil War, for the Confederacy. Would you please check your records concerning him?

There were many Virginians who served at Simcoe as officers, or at Fort Dalles and other forts in this proximity. Many of them became high officers in the Civil War and some of them may be buried at Hollywood. I am listing names of officers and would appreciate any pertinent information you can give.

Our committee can use all the information we can secure since the restoration project has won approval of the State Parks Commission and the Yakima Indian Tribal Council and initial appropriations are indicated for a long-range development program.

Other officers might include: Joseph B. Brown, Dickenson Woodruff, Francis L. Bowman, Harvey Douglas, Charles A. Reynolds, Henry M. Black, John W. Frazer, George W. Carr, Jesse K. Allen, William Meyers, Henry M. Judah,

Any information or leads would be highly appreciated when you have an opportunity and I will keep you posted of our progress.

Sincerely

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