

[Apples - Historical]

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DEAR CLICK:

HERE IS A COPY OF THE PAPER YOU REQUESTED. THE PUNCHING WAS DONE BY ONE DAKIN AND YOU ARE WELCOME.

I WAS DELAYED IN GETTING THIS UNTIL THE STATE LIBRARY'S MRS. NEWTON CRIM RETURNED TODAY. MRS. CRIM TELLS ME THAT THIS WORK WAS DONE THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS COUNTIES BY THE THEN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY (NOW PUBLIC WELFARE) DURING THE DAYS OF WPA AND WERA (WASHINGTON EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION). THE CASE WORKERS INTERVIEWED THE PIONEERS AND THE DATA WAS COMPILED INTO THE VOLUMES YOU MENTIONED. AFTERWARDS THE MATERIAL WAS BOXED UP AND BESTOWED UPON THE STATE LIBRARY.

MRS. EASTLAND DID OR SUPERVISED THE WORK FOR YAKIMA COUNTY. THE LIBRARY HAS A COPY OF THE COUNTY HISTORY WRITTEN BY HER WHICH RUNS MANY TYPEWRITTEN PAGES.

IT MAY BE THAT MRS. EASTLAND IS STILL IN YAKIMA AND CAN POINT UP THE MATERIAL FOR YOU. THE NOTE SIGNED BY A.E. ON PAGE 2 APPARENTLY IS MRS. EASTLAND. SHE APPARENTLY BELIEVED THE FRENCH ORCHARD TO BE THE OLDEST.

NO DOUBT THE CITY LIBRARY HAS THE LYMAN HISTORY AS IT SEEMS TO BE A STANDARD WORK.

I HOPE YOU GET SOME LEADS FROM THIS MATERIAL. LET ME KNOW IF I CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

YOURS FOR BETTER APPLE SAUCE,

Ed Dakin

ED. DAKIN

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--FIRST APPLE TREES--

HERE ARE TWO VERSIONS OF THE SAME ORCHARD. IT IS STILL STANDING.

FIRST VERSION:

IN THE BOOK, "WINTHROP, THE CANOE AND SADDLE," EDITED IN 1913 BY JOHN H. WILLIAMS, TACOMA, THERE IS A HALF-TONE ILLUSTRATION ON PAGE 161. THE AUTHOR SAYS, "THE APPLE TREE SHOWN HERE WAS PLANTED IN 1857 BY FATHERS D'HERBONEZ AND PANDOSY OF THE ATANUM MISSION."

LYMAN GIVES THE SECOND VERSION IN HIS HISTORY, P. 189. "IN 1870 ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE OF THE CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES LOCATED AT ATANUM. THIS WAS FATHER CARUANA. TWO YEARS LATER CAME FATHER GRASSI. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN 1872 THESE FATHERS SET OUT AN APPLE ORCHARD ON THE CAMPICO PLACE, WHICH IS NOW THE A.D. EGLIN RANCH. (ED--QUOTES DO NOT CLOSE.)

IN 1860 EGBERT FRENCH CAME TO THE DALLES, OREGON FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO. HE MARRIED AN INDIAN GIRL AND TOOK A HOMESTEAD AT LYLE ON COLUMBIA RIVER-- HERE A LITTLE DAUGHTER, SUSAN WAS BORN. SHE BECAME SUSAN STONE, LATER SUSAN SWASEY. A YEAR OR TWO LATER MR. FRENCH MOVED TO WHITE BLUFFS. IN 1867 HE TRADED HIS WHITE BLUFFS RANCH FOR WILLIAM PARKER'S RANCH IN PARKER BOTTOM. ON ONE OF MR. FRENCH'S TRIPS FROM THE DALLES HE BROUGHT WITH HIM AN APPLE TREE (1867 OR 1868). THIS TREE IS STILL BEARING FRUIT; IT CAN BE SEEN FROM THE HIGHWAY AT DAN McDONALD'S RESIDENCE.

DEAR MRS. EASTLAND:

HERE IT IS, BUT THE DATE IS NOT AUTHENTIC, EITHER 67 OR 68, BUT THESE THREE ORCHARDS--EGLIN-, BENTON-, AND FRENCH.

YOURS TRULY,

E. GEO.

THERE ARE THREE ORCHARDS IN DISPUTE. I THINK THIS IS THE OLDEST. I SENT A PICTURE OF ONE OF THE TREES. I HAVE SEEN ALL THESE ORCHARDS. THE GAVEL FOR THE STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY WAS MADE FROM THE TREE SET OUT BY H. L. BENTON, SAID BY SOME TO BE THE OLDEST.

A. E.

THE THIRD AND LAST ORCHARD UNDER DISCUSSION WAS SET OUT IN 1867. THE TREES WERE BROUGHT BY HORSEBACK FROM THE DALLES BY H. M. BENTON. THESE TREES WERE PLANTED ON THE ALLEN PLACE. BENTON MARRIED MARY ANN ALLEN WHO CAME WITH HER FAMILY IN 1866.

WOOD FROM THIS ORCHARD WAS USED TO MAKE THE HANDLE OF A GAVEL FOR THE YAKIMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE REST OF THE GAVEL WAS MADE FROM THE WOOD FROM THE ORCHARD SET OUT BY THE CATHOLIC FATHERS IN 1872, LATER THE EGLIN RANCH, BUT NOW OWNED BY WALLACE WILEY.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THE MAKING OF THIS GAVEL OF HISTORICAL VALUE CONSISTED OF WALLACE WILEY, MRS. MYRTLE VANCE AND BERT FLINT. IT WAS MADE BY BRUCE TAYLOR. CARVED IN THE POLISHED WOOD ARE THE NAMES OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE NUMERALS 1871 AND 1935, AND THE NAMES OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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