

1644, Richter Street,

KELOWNA, B.C.

**THE OKANAGAN  
MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES ASSOCIATION**

February 14, 1962.

Yakima Republic,  
Yakima, Washington.

Gentlemen:

A somewhat worn copy of Page 21 in the third section of your issue of June 1, 1960, has come into our possession.

This clipping contains an article by Click Relander describing the early activities of Father Pandosy who, as you probably know, spent all the latter years of his life working in this area.

I suppose it is too much to hope that one of the copies of Father Pandosy's dictionaries of the Yakima language may be available for our records but could you send us a good copy of the Page 21 to which I refer to be filed in our archives?

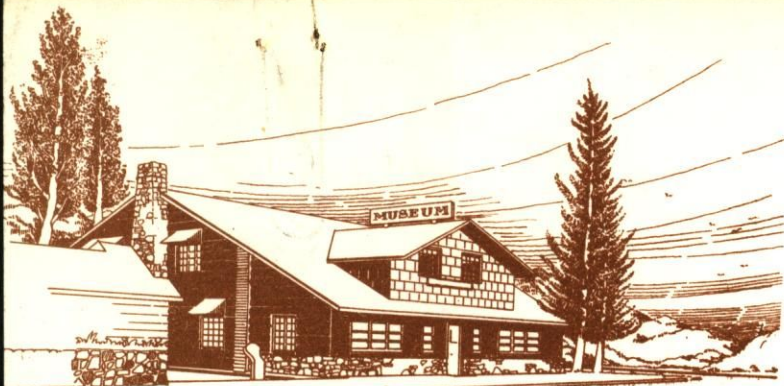
During the tourist season we have many visitors from Washington and we think this history would be of interest to them as well as to our own local historians.

Yours very truly,

C. R. Walrod,  
Curator.

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February 21, 1962.

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

Dear Mr. Relander:

re Father Pandosy.

Thank you very much for the clipping on the early life of this famous Priest. This will go into our archives and form part of a permanent record.

Unfortunately, I am a comparative new comer to this district, having arrived in 1942, and have access only to the records made by my predecessors. I can, however, enclose a snap taken in the later life of Father Pandosy and copied especially for you.

From the reports of The Okanagan Historical Society, and from conversations with some of the early settlers who are still with us, I learn that the Pandosy Mission, about four miles south-east from Kelowna, was built in 1859. A centennial ceremony was held in 1959 and a half hearted attempt was made by those in charge to renew what is left of the old buildings which include a school as well as the original mission. The old shakes were taken off the roofs and replaced by new ones, the weeds were cut and there was a new fence erected round the property. But, with no one in charge, this property is deteriorating.

The exact spot of Father Pandosy's grave is unknown but it is a subject of somewhat heated differences of opinion. There appears to be no doubt that, in a general sense, the grave is on land now belonging to Mr. Anthony Casorso, immediately across the road from the old mission. I think Mr. Casorso believes he knows the approximate location and, as a child, he remembers Father Pandosy.

Two books which would be of service to anyone who is studying this problem are as follows:

"Cross In The Wilderness, by Kay Cronin"      and  
"Kamiakin"      by A. J. Splawn.

These books should be available in any good public library. Also, a number of the reports of the Okanagan Historical Society contain references and cuts of value. The secretary of the society is "Mrs. H. Cochrane, 2006, 28 Crescent, Vernon, B. C." I think if you would write to Mrs. Cochrane she may still have some of the extra copies of the old reports and she could probably supply



much of the information you require.

Mrs. R. B. White, South Beach Drive, R.R.2, Penticton, is a daughter of the late Judge Haynes, an early settler at Osoyoos, and was born there in 1877. Mrs. White could give you much information concerning that part of the valley. Another good reference for you would be Mr. Reg. N. Atkinson, 551, Conklin Ave., Penticton, B. C. Reg. is in charge of the museum at Penticton and I think you could even contact him at the Penticton Museum.

If you should happen to be in Victoria, Mr. Willard Ireland, Provincial Archivist, Provincial Museum, would have a most complete list of everything of importance concerning the Canadian activities of Father Pandosy but I think you would obtain much of interest to you from Mrs. Cochrane, of Vernon. Perhaps you should join the Okanagan Historical Society. It has many members in all parts of North America, several of which are in the state of Washington. The society issued annual reports and there have been twenty-five of them issued to date.

The only artifact in our museum with a direct connection with Father Pandosy is the froe with which he split up the cedar blocks to make shakes for the roofs of his buildings. An old style Hudson's Bay axe head was found at the mission and may have been used by him but we have no proof of this. It is the early model with the round eye which had to be discarded because the axe head would turn on the shaft and come down wrong side up. A representative of the H.B. Co. tried to talk me out of this but failed in the attempt. I also have another head with the rectangular eye which was used at a later date but it has no reference to Father Pandosy.

The museum is principally interested in the artifacts for display to the visitors. The historical society makes a continuous effort to ascertain and record the facts and personalities of earlier times. They supply us with many valuable photographs and we work together. We try to preserve the valuable information they accumulate. We file their reports and the reports often refer to happenings across the International Boundary. There was no boundary until 1846, and a record of the Hudson's Bay Company is a fairly dependable record of the entire area.

It was my privilege to attend the Grand Opening of the new museum at Brewster where I met your Governor and a number of other important people. We had an old picture of the fort of 1811 and made copies of it for your Governor, their museum, the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, at Winnipeg, etc.

Thank you for your letter and please feel free to write if there is anything I can add which may be of interest to you and your readers.

Yours truly,

C. R. Walrod,  
Curator.





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1644, Richter Street,

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April 11, 1963.

Mr. Click Relander,  
1212 North 32nd Ave.,  
Yakima, Wash.

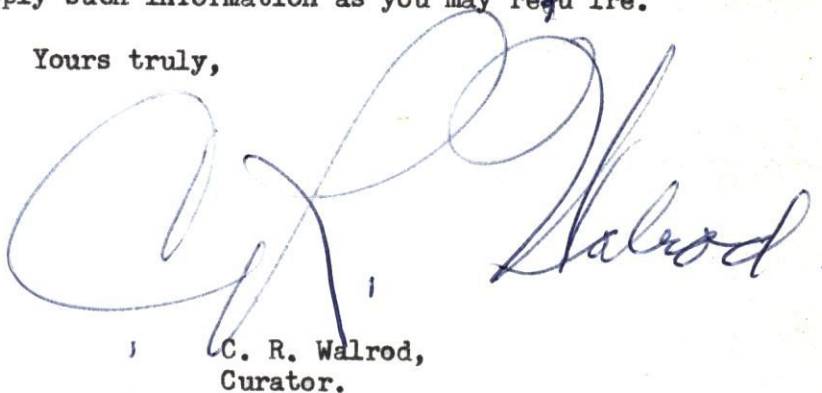
Dear Mr. Relander:

I have your letter of the sixth instant and note what you say about the new publication. If, as you intimate, the Yakima Tribe feel like sending us a copy of your book, I am sure our board of directors would agree with me that this would be a most gracious gesture and we would prize the book highly. If and when you send the book I shall submit it to the board for their reaction regarding the sale of copies in this district.

We are just coming into the Easter Holidays and we are trying to get the museum cleaned up so we can open over the week-end but, a little later, I can take the picture of the old Pandosy Mission off the wall and have a copy made for you. We also have a snap of the old house, known as "The Priests' House." This was built in 1874. Part of the building was used as a school for teaching the fine arts. It was sold to a private party and burned to the ground. It was of frame construction and looks much more modern than the old mission. It may be of no interest to you but I mention it because of the possibility that you may wish to have a copy of it too.

I think the party who has the most information about the later life and activities of Father Pandosy is probably, Mr. H. C. S. Collett, of Okanagan Mission, B. C. Mr. Collet has written a paper on this subject and I am sure he would be glad to supply such information as you may require.

Yours truly,

  
C. R. Walrod,  
Curator.



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1644, Richter Street,  
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April 30, 1963.

Mr. Click Relander,  
1212, North 32nd Ave.,  
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander:

I am now able to enclose a copy of the picture of the old Pandosy Mission at Kelowna. It is a good likeness as the mission looked before the old roof shakes were replaced by new ones in 1959. The old ones let in too much of the beautiful Okanagan sunshine but the damage was being done by the rains which also penetrated to the interior.

Yours truly,

C. R. Walrod,  
Curator.