

Sunnyside Washington  
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Mr Click Relander,  
Research Department Chairman  
Fort Simcoe at Mool-Mool Restoration Society  
Yakima Washington

Dear Mr. Relander,

Thank you very much for your most informative letter. It is most plain to me that our Society has selected the perfect 'Research Chairman'. Those people whom you have selected on your committee, of my acquaintance seem to be right appointments also and I congratulate you and the Society. Surely something good is bound to come of this attempt at doing a long-neglected job, that of seeing to it that Fort Simcoe is restored and maintained. I am overjoyed to see the splendid work you are doing and the active interest you are taking.

I don't know whether or not you have thought of Judge Kuykendall as a possible member of your committee. Of course you are familiar with his father's connection with the Fort. He is now writing a series of articles for the Pomeroy East Washingtonian. I have subscribed for the paper and have read his introductory chapter. It promises to prove most interesting.

As you may know, Sunnyside has recently formed a Pioneer Association. Our Historian is Mrs E.L. Mottley who is an ardent student of everything historic in the whole valley. She is a daughter of Ren Ferrell, Ben Snipe's cowboy foreman, first in the ~~Y~~ Kl~~i~~kitat and then when Snipes brought his cattle to the Valley in 1859, Ren Ferrell continued as Foreman here for more than ten years. If you need another member of your committee from this end of the country I am sure that Mrs. Mottley would prove valuable.

I fully agree that you should have at least one Indian working with you. Who can blame them for being suspicious of any attempt any white man makes to acquire some of their property? With the many raw deals they had we certainly cannot criticize them for it. Being represented on your committee surely would lend confidence. Besides, who has a better right or interest in what we are attempting to do? I think you are doing just right in appointing at least one of them.

We'll be happy to have any news release whenever available. I will try to see you personally the next time I am in Yakima.

Sincerely

Roscoe Sheller

