

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

March 5, 1956

Mr. Click Relander, City Editor
Yakima Republic
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

I am chairman of a special committee which is planning a session for the Pacific Northwest History Conference, which is to be held this year in Tacoma on May 4 and 5. The special committee is attempting to establish an annual session devoted to the serious and practical consideration of problems concerning research and writing of local and regional history. We wish to appeal to professional historians and teachers of history and to all serious historical writers. We should like very much to have you serve as a discussant on the program.

Here is the specific assignment. The first half of our session will run from 2:15 to 3:15 on Saturday, May 5. We plan to have two historical problems presented during that hour. The first will be a consideration of "Indian Claims Research: Its Significance for the Historian of the Pacific Northwest." Francis Haines, Jr., will present a fifteen minute paper on this subject. We would like to have you serve as the discussant and to spend 5 to 10 minutes reviewing Haines' presentation and developing your own ideas on this subject (and upon other appropriate Indian Historical research which you have done). We would have from 5 to 10 minutes for questions and discussion from the floor. The total time for the Indian Claims Research topic will be thirty minutes.

The second half of our first hour will be devoted to some other phase of local historical research. This portion of the program has not yet been decided upon definitely. The second hour we hope to devote to a general discussion of the topics in local and regional historical research which we should consider in future meetings. We hope to set up an organization which will then be able to go ahead and plan programs on a long term basis and to encourage and follow up on studies of the problems of local historical research and writing.

We need the kind of experiences you have had in Indian research---whether it be concerning claims or other topics. We can only get them vicariously at this point. Please let me know as soon as possible whether you can serve.

Sincerely,


George A. Frykman

Assistant Professor of History

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March 15, 1956

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

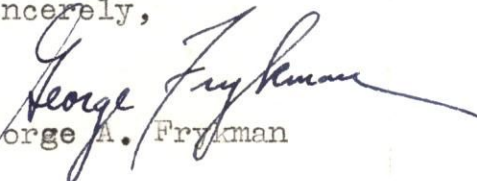
Dear Click:

I am very happy that you have agreed to be the discussant for the Pacific Northwest History Conference session on the significance of Indian Claims research for regional history. I have asked Dr. Haines to get in touch with you and to give you a copy of his paper in time so that you might be able to prepare appropriate remarks about it. I hope, too, that you will introduce your own experiences and observations which will be germane to the topic. You will have from five to ten minutes for your observations. Haines will take fifteen minutes with his formal paper. I anticipate, then, that we will have five minutes or so for questions from the floor. If you have any other questions about procedure (or topic) please write without hesitation.

The second half of the first hour will be devoted to a presentation of the program of the Bureau of Community Development of the University of Washington---once again, in relation to our special interest in writing regional and local history.

I am encouraged---and so is the whole committee---by your approval of the idea of developing a council which will seek to foster regional research and writing. We hope that our proposal will meet with general acceptance.

Sincerely,


George A. Frykman

c. to Frank Haines

State College of Washington
Department of History
Pullman, Washington

June 13, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

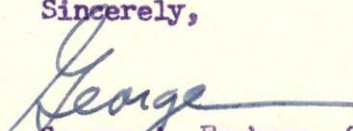
The Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress, which you helped to organize at Tacoma on May 5, 1956, will hold a meeting in connection with the annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, August 29-31, at the State College of Washington, in Pullman. You are cordially invited to attend the library convention, to examine one of the newest and most advanced college libraries in the nation, ~~and~~ to become acquainted with the Palouse country, and attend the Council sessions.

The Council will hold a formal breakfast meeting on August 30, from 8-10 A.M., in the Compton Union Building on the State College of Washington campus. At that time, we shall discuss and decide upon a number of Council activities, such as the type of program to be presented at the next Pacific Northwest History Conference, the character of the newsletter and other publications which the Council might wish to sponsor, and projects to be undertaken by special committees. Actually, since this will be the first formal meeting after the chartering of the organization, this meeting will go far to determining the activities which it will pursue. It is my hope that we can also have some reports on research activities at that time.

This is the only session of the Council which we are scheduling beforehand since many of the items on the crowded library convention schedule will be of interest to our members. We will be able to set up other informal sessions to suit the desires of the membership, of course. I am enclosing a flyer on the PNLA meeting which will give you needed information on housing as well as some hints concerning the highlights of the convention.

Please drop me a note as soon as possible informing me as to whether you will be in attendance. We hope that you can come and help us get started and share in this interesting joint conference. Please give me any suggestions which you might have for the August meeting and for the meeting next spring, as well. I would especially like to know whether you have any research activities or problems which you might report on at the August meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,


George A. Frykman, Chairman
Council on Regional Historical
Research in Progress; and Assistant
Professor of History, WSC

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P.S. Please direct inquiries for accommodations to Mr. MacEachern of the WSC Library. Please let me know whether you will attend the breakfast.

July 30, 1956

Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the Charter of the newly organized Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress along with a list of the members of the Executive Committee with their terms of office and an attached list of council members for your perusal and convenience.

As you all know the first meeting of the Council is planned in conjunction with the PNLA meeting at Pullman, Washington August 29-31, information about which you have already received from Mr. Frykman. Prior to the first meeting it would be helpful to the Executive Committee to have your suggestions on sub-committee membership and some indication of the sub-committee upon which you would prefer to serve. We would also like to hear from you on the subject of additional sub-committees with suggestions as to specific activities for these and the committees already established.

Suggestions and proposals already before us include those for an M.A. thesis microfilming project, publication of Bromberg's check list of Theses completed in Northwest History, and the Newsletter, upon which Mr. Gorschels is now working, and upon additional suggestions for future activities as well as suggestions for a session appropriate to the aims of the Council, for the 1957 meeting of the Pacific Northwest History Conference. If you personally have, or know of anyone engaged in significant research, upon which they might desire to report, we would like to know about it.

I would like to take this opportunity to report (for the information of those not yet informed) that the dates of the spring meeting of the Pacific Northwest History Conference at Moscow-Pullman are April 19-20. I have little information about program progress but do believe that Walter Webb has been contacted and has indicated a desire to join us and address us.

Very sincerely yours,

Siegfried B. Rolland

Siegfried B. Rolland, Secretary-Treasurer
Council on Regional Historical Research in
Progress; and Assistant Professor of History
University of Idaho

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Enclosures

COUNCIL ON REGIONAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Moscow, Idaho
December 5, 1956

Dear Council Member:

This is to remind you that it will be necessary, in the near future, to prepare our session for the program of the spring meeting of the Pacific Northwest History Conference, the general outline of which is rapidly taking form. We will be allotted time Saturday morning for a session to run concurrently with another to be devoted to resources available for writing local history. Mr. Frykman and I would appreciate your suggestions for program topics and especially any information you may have regarding persons who might read papers, yourself included. The executive Board will meet at Eugene later this month so we would appreciate a prompt reply to enable us to screen suggestions before taking them up with the full Board. Might I add that this program should be more academic than the others planned for the conference.

Sincerely yours,

Siegfried B. Rolland
Siegfried B. Rolland
University of Idaho
Council Secretary

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- March 23, 1957

Mr. Click Relander
The Yakima Republic
Yakima, Washington:

Dear Click:

I have had in mind to write to you since last Monday, but this conference has me so snowed under I do not seem to get a free minute. I have been corresponding with and meeting various Indians and Indian groups pertinent to our session and have been working on the Session of the Regional Council, local arrangements here in Moscow and a host of other things while trying to keep up with school and domestic obligations. Any way the purpose of this letter is to indicate that I have heard from Herman to the affect that you are not planning to come to the Conference after all due to the press of affairs at home, and to make a plea (Herman is not aware of this) for a reconsideration. I do not know what your problem is and do not want to pressure you unduely. However I would like to point out that we have had very favorable comments here in Moscow with regard to the appearance of both you and Mr. Shawaway and I know for certain that a number of people will be disappointed at your non-participation. As for myself, I would like to have you both as I am certain that your presence would assure the success of the session, which by the nature of the experience of the individual participants will not be an easy one for me to handle. Might I suggest, that if at all possible, you try to come over for the one day. You could leave Yakima in the morning, take in the Luncheon and the afternoon session and get back that night. I hope you will not mis-interpret this note. The decision is yours to make and we will accept your word for it that you can't come, if you can't come. However I felt there would be no harm in letting you know that you will be missed and ⁱⁿsuggesting a reconsideration.

Sincerely yours,

Siegfried B. Rolland
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Assistant Professor of History

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October 2, 1958

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

Dear Click:

George Frykman, Clarence Gorchels, and I have reviewed the membership on the Editorial Committee of Foreshadow and are considering a number of changes. We feel that it would be useful as well as helpful if you would consent to accept a position on that Committee for the coming year. I shall look forward to an affirmative reply in the near future. Having that, Mr. Gorchels will communicate with you directly.

Sincerely,


Siegfried B. Rolland
Chairman, Regional Council

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COUNCIL ON REGIONAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Office of the Secretary-Treasurer
Department of History
State College of Washington
Pullman, Washington

Oct. 13, 1958

To: Members, Council on Regional Historical Research

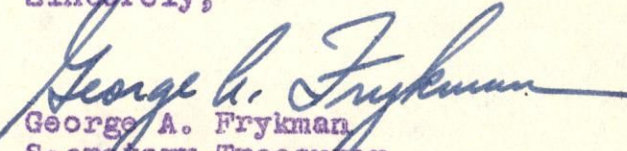
Dear Sir:

The chairman of the Council on Regional Historical Research, Siegfried Rolland, has asked me to inquire as to your suggestions for the program for the next annual meeting of the Council, which will be held in Portland, April 10-12, 1959. The Executive Committee of the Council, Mr. Rolland, Chairman, has charge of all programs. The inquiry is made at this time since it is vital to have such a program well developed before the first of next year.

We should like to have your suggestions on the theme which might be used, together with suggestions for participants and the titles or subjects of papers which might be read. Do not hesitate to suggest something which you might do. In addition to the scholarly program, we are interested in learning of items which should be on the agenda for the business meeting. These might include discussion of the nature of the Council's annual scholarly program as well as purely business items. It might include discussion regarding the other aspects of the Council's work. It has been recommended, for example, that we discuss ways and means of promoting the gathering of source materials at the region's established archival centers and the problem of the division of the territory for collecting purposes. I refer you to the minutes of the April, 1958, meeting for other ideas.

The next meeting will be held as a part of the Pacific Northwest History Conference as sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and we should seek to make our theme fit their conference theme. May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely,


George A. Frykman
Secretary-Treasurer

COUNCIL ON REGIONAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Chairman: Siegfried B. Rolland, University of Idaho, Moscow
Secretary: George A. Frykman, State College of Washington, Pullman

TO: Members of the Editorial Committee, Foreshadow

FROM: Clarence Gorchels, Editor, Foreshadow, School of Librarianship,
University of Washington, Seattle 5, Washington

DATE: October ³¹~~24~~, 1958

I'm glad you are on the committee.

Do you think we should aim at getting out the next issue
of Foreshadow in February?

I shall appreciate receiving suggestions and advice from
you on material for future issues, editorial policy, format
improvement, etc. Also, will you help gather information on
"research in progress". I enclose copies of the form we have
been using.

I think Foreshadow would especially benefit by having
more articles on collections of source materials in the area
which are not commonly known (such as the article in the first
issue by Donald H. Clark on Seattle Federal Records. If you
know of an interesting collection (or part of a collection)
please try to get someone to write a short description of it.

Your ideas will be most welcome.

Dear Chick:

I am very happy to know that
a real editor will be working
with us. Do get in touch with
me when you come to Seattle; I
would like to have lunch with you.
Clarence

MEMO

March 25, 1959

To: Members of the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress

From: George A. Frykman, Secretary-Treasurer (History Dept., State
College of Washington, Pullman)

Subject: Annual Meeting, Council on Regional Historical Research in
Progress

The annual meeting of the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress will be held in conjunction with the 12th Annual Pacific Northwest History Conference, Portland, Saturday Morning, April 11, 1959. The annual breakfast business meeting to which you are invited will be held in the Marine Room of the Multnomah Hotel at 7:45 AM. Chairman Siegfried Rolland will preside. Brief reports of the activities of the Council will be given and plans will be made for future work. In addition to Chairman Rolland's report and that of Editor Gorchels on Foreshadow, there will be a report on the findings of the committee on photoreproduction of historical materials. There will also be an election of three members to the Executive Committee of the Council.

The Council's annual program of papers will be presented at 9:30 AM in the Multnomah, immediately after the breakfast meeting. The following is the program:

"Studies in the History of the Pacific Northwest"

Chairman, Robert Burke, University of Washington

"Grant's Indian Peace Policy on the Yakima Reservation, 1870-1882," by Robert L. Whitner, Whitman College.
Commentator will be Father William Bischoff, Gonzaga University

"Artificial Propagation of Salmon in Oregon, 1870-1910: A Chapter in American Conservation," by Gordon B. Dodds, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Commentator will be Clarke Brooke, Portland State College

"The Jacksonville Cannonball: The History of the Rogue River Valley Railroad, 1890-1925," by F. D. Haines, Jr., Southern Oregon College. Commentator will be J. A. Jonasson, Linfield College.

You are urged to attend the above meetings, as well as the Pacific Northwest History Conference as a whole. The Conference will be in Session April 9-11. For information on the Conference, write to the Oregon Historical Society, 235 S.W. Market Street, Portland, Oregon.

George A. Frykman

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