

[Letter regarding Palouse on Colville reservation].

United States Department of the Interior
Office of Indian Affairs
Colville Indian Agency, Nespelem, Washington
March 4, 1952

"...your letter of February 28 ...you request information as to full-blooded Palouse.

Unfortunately Mr. Frank George, who, from his vast store of authentic information concerning the Indians of this area, would be able to answer your questions precisely, is now in Washington, D.C. as a tribal delegate. He is expected back within a week or ten days and your letter will be referred to him.

However, I believe it can be stated with certainty that there are full-blooded Palouse Indians here at Colville. Three came to mind readily: Cleveland Kamiakin (Pe-pe-kow-not) Charley Williams and Young Felix, born in 1870, 1883 and 1860 respectively. We feel sure there are others.

We will let Frank George answer your letter more fully..."

Floyd H. Phillips,
Superintendent.

[Comment: George never did answer my letter and I knew him generally. It is my impression that Young Felix died not long after. I did not pursue the quest further since my own informants convinced me that none of these Palouse were full-bloods, i.e. 4/4 Palouse].

[Letter excerpt regarding Palouse]

United States Department of the Interior

Indian Field Service

Northern Idaho Agency

Lapwai, Idaho, April 8, 1952

(To Click Relander)

"...since I understand that the few remaining Palouse Indians are under the jurisdiction of that agency" (referring to Colville)

M. L. Robertson

Superintendent

[Book Reference]

There is a book, Reminiscences of an Old Timer by Colonel George Hunter who fought in the Indian Wars around Eastern Washington and later ran a warehouse at Grange City. That was close by the site of Fort Taylor on the Snake River, perhaps five miles upstream from Lyons Ferry.

Colonel Hunter recounted experiences, having Palouse Indians work for him.

I am not familiar with this book but have never happened to encounter a copy.

It might be that the Palouse references in it would give something worthwhile.

On the same line of books, I am told that Mrs. Joe Evans who runs the Spalding Museum [Spalding, Idaho] has told of owning a book that concerns the history of the Nez Perce war. One informant recalled that there was something in it concerning the Palouse, but doesn't recall the extent of the material nor the title of the book. This I believe would be a fruitless chase, although Mrs. Evans might send the book, registered mail to a properly identified library, to be returned in the same manner.

Letters reproduced in this report include Hunter material.

Smith's Pacific Northwest Americana discloses that many copies of his book were published.

[Graveyard Reference]

Palouse graveyard, located approximately four hundred yards north of Lyons Ferry crossing, three hundred yards downstream on the Snake River from the mouth of the Palouse River, is situated in Franklin County, Washington.

An inquiry to the County Assessor of that county, March 12, 1952, concerning the ownership of the property brought only the name, Virgil Darin, owner, no address given.

Interviews with Indians and whites indicated a burial of three to four hundred persons in the Palouse burial grounds, which is not an ancient one, containing no graves perhaps older than eighty years. This perhaps results from road and railroad construction in the 1920's, disrupting the older graves.

The site of one of the four dams proposed by the Corps of Army Engineers between the mouth of the Snake River and Lewiston, Idaho, is at the approximate site of Lyons Ferry and the Palouse graveyard.

[Mast head and mailing information].

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~~(Sample copy attached)~~

[Territorial Reference]

"...The reservation [Umatilla] embraced the remnants of the Walla Walla, Cayuse and Umatilla tribes, once the lords of the plains from the Columbia river to the eastern boundary of Oregon and extending far north into Washington Territory. They are now reduced to a mere fraction of their ancient numbers and their empire curtailed to a domain of twenty-five miles square and even that is much coveted..."

[Reference to these people extending far north into Washington Territory places them in country claimed in "Palouse" claim No. 222].

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 1875, letter from Umatilla Agency, October 24, 1875. [contained in Umatilla Gency report for that year, p. no. not taken in original typing.]

Application 231

Frank So happy, 67, m 1887

13--What is your degree of Yakima Indian blood and to which of the 14 Yakima tribes do you belong?

Blank

(Blank)
Bribe

16--I was born at Preist Rapids

17--Father Smiscom(proper) White Banks Tribe

Mother Chowwesupum(proper) Preist Rapids band

18--When and where were they born--Father White Banks

Mother Preist Rapids

22--Father's side

Mother's side

unknown but White Banks 4/4/

Unknown Preist Rapids 4/4/

unknown " " "

Wash shush pum White Banks 4/4.

Application 231

Frank Sohappy 67, M , 1881

4/4/ Yakima. Approved 7/29/49 Philip Olney, Kiutus Jim, Eagle

Seelatsee.

Remarks--All my grand parent had no allotment nor no homesteads and they lived as they see fit, just moved around here and there along the Columbia River during different seasons for fish and hunting.

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Yakima 1/8 Wisham

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Mother Emeline Wahwyser 1/4 Puyallup 1/2 Yakima 1/4 Wish-ham

No. 22

Father's side

Choo Likes 4/4/ Klamath 1/2 ~~Nez Perz~~ Wee Whon Pum , 1/2 Nez Perz 1/2
Preist Rapids.

Mother's side

Benson 1/2 Puyallup 1/2 Wisham. Unknown 4.4. Yakima.

Approved, Mary Wahwyser (Shock)

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18- Father-Preist Rapids

Mother-White Swan.

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Father's side

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Wel-at-lets 4/4/ Yakima

Mother's side

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Sh too-mi Wenatchapum 4/4

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Application No. 17

Hazel Miller, 28, F Nov. 19, 1919.

Father(17) Smiskin Schappy 4/4/

Mother Julia Stigen 4/4/

20-(To what tribe or band do your parents belong

Father-White Bluffs

Mother 1/2 Yakima 1/2 Umatilla

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Smisken

Chow istum.....

Mother's side

Charley Stigen Umatilla 4/4/

Matilda " Yakima

Hazel Miller, 28, F 11/19/19

3/4/ Yakima 1/4 Umatilla approved. Philip Olney, Kiutus Jim, Eagle
Seelatsee.

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9State place of residence since January 1, 1941

Lived at Route 2, Toppenish, "ashington, all my life.

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13-is he (she) of Indian blood-yes. If so state tribe and degree
of blood 1/2 Palouse 1/2 Skinpah.00

16- Give place of birth...

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4/4/ Yakima

Approved (check mark) H/ Sec.(different pencil or heavier)

Disapproved Cross mark

Reasons for adverse action-Does not qualify under sub sections A, B, C

7/29/48 Philip Olney, Kiutus Jim, Eagle Seelatsee.