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Portland 4, Oregon
October 10 - 1952

Mr. Chick Relander
Route 3, box 146.
Yakima, Washington

My dear Mr. Relander -

Your letter addressed to my
husband, Percis A. McArthur
has been forwarded to me by the
Oregon Historical Society.

First, I must tell you that
Mr. McArthur died on November
8, 1951 - but I shall try to
answer your questions -

The second edition of Oregon
Geographic Names, published in
1944 has long been out of print

Following the publication of that edition Mr. McArthur continued to collect new material and make necessary corrections in the MS. He has completed the work and intended to get out a new edition - but his death occurred before he could prepare it for the printer - I have however got it together and Burford & Mott are publishing it and expect to have it out about the first of November - The Oregon Historical Society will have it for sale and you can get information about it from them.

As to Mr. McArthur's

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methods of collecting information -
he has no set form or rules - He
has many friends throughout the
State, and in letters, interviews and
personal investigations found much
of interest. He used to make up a
list of names in various counties
and send it to the editor of the
leading newspaper of the county
with the request it be printed
and communications solicited -
This proved a very helpful source
and some very interesting letters
resulted.

Only last week a letter came
to Mr McArthur from the American
Name Society - As it may be

of some interest to you I
enclose it with this letter.

I hope this letter may
have something helpful in it -
though I am sorry I cannot
answer your questions as
my husband would have done.

Yours very truly

Nathaniel P McArthur

(Mrs. Lewis A McArthur)

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Dear Mr. McArthur:

The Sponsoring Committee takes pleasure in inviting you to become a charter member of the American Name Society.

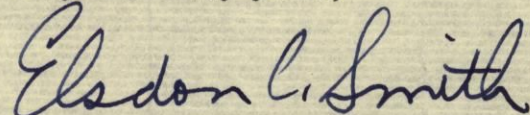
The new Society was formed at Detroit, Michigan, in December, 1951, for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the study of geographical, personal, scientific, commercial, and other names. The American Name Society will endeavor to make the American people conscious of the interest and importance of names in all fields of human activity, and will be ready to act in an advisory capacity to institutions, organizations, and individuals concerned with names.

The Society will hold annual meetings at the time and place of the Modern Language Association; it will publish a quarterly journal devoted to articles on names written by members, and plans to publish books, monographs and, eventually, standard reference dictionaries.

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Very sincerely yours,



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