

STATE OF WASHINGTON)

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County of Stevens )

## A F F I D A V I T

John Engstrom, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

That he is a citizen of the State of Washington and of the United States of America, and a long-time resident of Stevens County, Washington, having been born near Daisy, Stevens County Washington, on January 30, 1910, and having lived in Stevens County for his entire life.

Affiant further states that he is a former owner of the following described real property located in Stevens County, Washington:

That part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 lying South and East of Deep Creek Aladdin County Road as located March 6, 1972; the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and that part of Lot 4 lying West of a North and South line equidistant from the Easterly and Westerly side lines thereof, all in Section 34, Township 36 North, Range 39 E.W.M.;

that he owned and farmed the said property from about March 3, 1957, up to and including September 10, 1970, and that thereafter until September 10, 1971, he continued to farm the premises.

Affiant further states that the United States Fort Colville was located in this area; that a portion of the fort was located on the above described real property and that portions of the fort buildings were on adjacent property; that old foundation stones which apparently were from fort buildings still remain on the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 and the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 36 North, Range 39 E.W.M.; that these stones are not native rock but are quarried stone; that some are visible, others over the years have been plowed up by affiant and the other farmers in the area.

Affiant further states that evidence of remains or vestiges of buildings, including bricks, mortar, iron, broken dishes and mule and horse shoes exist in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the said Section 34; that the journal of Tom Graham, prepared and published many years ago, locates the stable of Fort Colville in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 34, and locates other fort buildings in the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 34; that also the said journal locates Pinckney City immediately north thereof across the creek; that affiant has personally examined fragments of pottery, mule shoes primarily, and in some instances horse shoes, bricks and mortar and that from his observation all of these items are old, and that it is certainly believable to him that they existed in the old fort area during the time of the fort occupation and use during the period from 1859 to approximately 1881; and that little doubt can exist that the fort was located in the area specified; that the field notes of the original survey indicated that the surveyor sat on the southeast corner of the said Section 34 and in surveying Section 34 used the flagpole of the fort as a reference point.

Affiant further states that evidence indicates that for all purposes of the fort, watering of horses, watering of human beings, and even irrigation of gardens, that the water therefor was obtained from Mill Creek; that evidences of several ditches still remain; that evidence of an old ditch running from Mill Creek in a south-