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MEMO

To: Dr. A. D. Martinson  
From: Richard D. Osness  
Subject: Parkland Historical Project: Research conducted at  
Washington State Library/Northwest Room, Olympia  
Washington.

On Monday, December 23, 1974, I went to Olympia and met with Tom Mayer in the Washington/Northwest Room of the State Library. I checked through the Biographical File, Book File, and the Clipping File (all catalogued) for information about Parkland, but it was pretty scanty. Most information available is about the county, as a whole, or about the city of Tacoma. I did begin reviewing some old newspapers, and enclosed is a list\* of the papers which they have on microfilm - for Pierce County only. The newspapers I reviewed were the Tacoma Daily News, July 1, 1889 - October 15, 1889 and the Tacoma Herald April 7, 1877 - March 26, 1880. In these there was no reference to the Parkland community.

Some information I did locate in looking through articles, clippings, etc., is:

Peter Smith, settled 1853.  
Kraabel and Erickson store built about 1892.  
Population - Pierce Cty, 55,515 in 1900.  
- Tacoma, 37-714 in 1900.  
- Tacoma, 50 in 1870.  
Pierce Cty Census 1871, April 1, by Isaac Carson, Cty Assessor.

Tom is very interested in the oral history we are working on, and in the total project. But as he admitted, there is not much information except for the microfilm. They do not have a file for the Prarie Pointer or the Spanaway Sentinel - old newspapers.

Very truly yours

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