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I am very sorry that I don't have your name & address. It is two weeks since I arrived back here from the most exhausting trip.

However, I do remember the encounter with you at the Pioneer Cemetery. It's truly a coincidence, but I never forget your kindness to bring the book, Gresham ... a friendly city to Mr. Ando's home.

I've read it twice & remember you with deepest appreciation.

• These two years I've been trying to find the root of Mrs. Miyo Iwakoshi, first ^{Japanese} settler in Gresham from Japan. The grave I visited that time was of Andrew McKinnon, a Scot, who brought Miyo with him in 1880. He died in 1886.

1880 was still in the early period of Gresham, and I was interested in the time after & before 1880.



So your book certainly gave me some glimpse of Gresham during that time.



I wonder if you could help me with this.

(1) History of the Pioneer Cemetery — any informative material

(2) Does that Cemetery have the grave of Robert Smith?

(3) Origin of Orient School, & its time of founding, & the students' names if possible.
I want to find the name Tama, a Japanese girl who was brought with Miyo.

(4) Is there any written record of Miyo or McKinnon in the written record of the Methodist Church in Gresham after 1880?

I understand that you have some connection with Gresham Historical Society. If you could get information for me, I greatly appreciate.



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Thank you again for your heartfelt
kindness given to me during my stay in
Gresham.

With the warmest regards.

Ahiko

