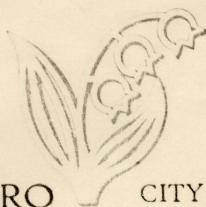


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Dear Ms. Okrasinski:

Thank you so very much for the letter and articles you sent while I was away from the office. Settling down a little bit, I have resumed the work to write about the first Japanese settler in Gresham. I think I may be able to finish the first phase of my research, and I will soon send the copy of it.

So far I have followed the career of Andrew McKinnon in his life of Japan, who left here in 1880 as Ms. Nelson wrote in her Orient School History. He only lived another 6 years ~~there~~ when he died.

Ms. Okrasinski, do you think that I could find the story of tombs in the Pioneer Cemetery? I wonder if the cemetery has the record whether it had the tombs for Robert Smith (who Miyo Iwakoshi married after McKinnon died) and Miyo herself.

This is the first question, and the second is whether I could = obtain the copy of marriage certificate of Tama Nitobe (Miyo's daughter) and Shintaro Takaki who were married in 1891. I have not been able to find where Tama is from.

I was happy to find that your father was the founder of the Outlook. Two years ago when I visited Gresham on my research, I was invited for a luncheon sponsored by the Gresham Chamber of Commerce and interviewed by a staff of the paper. I was on that paper. Do you not remember me there? Since then, I have got familiar with the paper. I will write to your friend soon, but as you understand, I do not feel ^{at} at this moment of sorrow writing to many people.

Ms. Okrasinski, here in our cities we usually have some official= records of the history published by the City and towns. Do you have such a book called the History of Gresham published on that basis? If so, I would be very happy to have the copy of it with your help.

I will write you soon.

With the warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Ahiko



P.S.

*Under separate cover,
I am sending some books on Sapporo.*