

Pt Townsend, Mar 19

Swan gravestone.

all caps { Pioneer Historian
James O. Swan

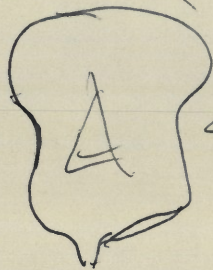
Born Medford Mass.

Jan. 11, 1818

Died Pt Townsend Wash.

May 18, 1900

stop
above
belonging:
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Marble,
or painted -
" ?

- gray marble, rust-orange lichens down b. - cut letters
- shape, ^{not} a lectern
- Newer stone, set on old rough base.
- just 5 7 5's, air War memorial - "Our Country's Defenders -
- concrete cannon, much spotted & lichens, amid long slab 7
concrete, like an ash-ade or a raft, & paved with slab-stones
around edge 7 end nearest 5.

Swan gravestone 1/2

- uphill w/ urn-topped marker of George H. Garrison (b. Ptarmok, N.H., Jan. 24, 1818
d. Nov 28, 1890)
- there are thrusting stones all arund: urn-topped, round-spindled like colossal marble banister-sections, peaked & sharp. (pyramid-topped)

Swan's s. exact ~~size~~ shape & size of a lectern. (Oculisques?)

- View is east, ~~to~~ to . houses of PT T's "uptown", forest-topped ridge, in schl boxlike & heavy on hilltop, . toward ethouse.
Lks out a land he owned? Cascas are beyond; Glacier Peaks just to right (s.) of schl h's?
- Graved on east-facing slope, hedged c madronas. | big grandee of a madrona to west, in midl of gully's width.
- high, wild, tan grass overgrowing S's grave
- gravestone is tipped just a bit, slightly off/-level
- grass tipped east by wind.

PT T, Mar 19 - abd. Yakima

- Olys are ~~to~~ pale blue alt ident to sky;
the snow is a lacy bristling draped
somewhat to smoky
- 5 min out of Edmonds - 9:38 - fire & boat drill
for crew: bells like big alarm clocks (blat)
- C: Olys - alt as if snow were painted on
glass for Xmas window scene. (mtn range
is 1- dimnsl.)
- Newark: Sea-Land van @ PT NoPT
7 lengths of vans

Pt T Morning Leader, June 28, 1891

- S's description of Pt. T

"When specialty employees of various rail companies shall have unloaded - wild cat lands on eastern shores of PS and when they are put down, they will be well of zealous to tell - truth of Pt T & also - fact, already well known here, no more very much will be said upon - Proper Penik - largest city on Pac Coast,

Ph. Townsend Leader, Dec 31, 1959, p. 1

- "pioneer 2-story Hill & Handes and Shelton & Seavey
bldgs, 12-yr old relics of Pt boom days, "
burned, fire broke out at 2:30 a.m. Sunday (Dec. 27?)
- H & L, 720 Water St; "adj'g St S" - evidently ~~to~~ east of H & L
- (P). Tid All '0, 1890, p. 11, shows Seavey block, elaborate
2-story

Aug 26, 1885 -

S apptd inters b mo term 7 court "in cases
whr ~~Inders~~ testimony is to be given."

Port Townsend never won the ill repute of a Virginia City, a Tucson or Abilene, but the place had its moments. It was a port of call for writers and bureaucrats from the East--in its first decade or so, it was the prime port of Washington Territory, since the customs house was there--and the tone was set by one early observer who said a person could dig down ten feet in the beach sand and still ~~xx~~ smell the whiskey.

Port Townsend has a pleasant openness, houses sitting on large lots.

9-5 March 9, 1903 Chas Swan to Seavey

You speak of voluminous unpublished manuscripts, relating to the local history of the Pacific coast, and possibly useful to some future historian. I should think that so far as they are of local interest they ought to be given to some historical society or public library in Washington or Oregon, or perhaps they might be of interest to the Smithsonian Institution for which my grandfather did some work. I think that we have not sufficient local knowledge of the Pacific Coast to classify and discriminate the documents of real value from the others, and really no space in which to store anything more than a trifling quantity, so that it would not be worth while to ship them.

The diaries, copy books, & correspondence may contain family matters and would doubtless be interesting, but it would not be worth while to send them unless at very slight expense. I dislike to have you take any particular trouble in the matter, for there is really very little satisfaction, I think, in old correspondence unless it (sic) so old that it no longer calls up sad recollections.

9-5 May 1, 1902 Seavey to Chas Swan about settlement of estate to date. After relating arrgmts to sell 70 acres and S's $\frac{1}{4}$ block in the cemetery:

There are hundred and one things and more of this personal property that has no value whatever.

The wearing apparel was appraised at \$10.00. I have sold of same \$5.25 which was purchased by an old friend more as keepsakes than otherwise. The balance is absolutely worthless, all his shirts and underwear I could not give away. The same with old coat, vests and shoes. There are many little nicknacks that might have a family value if his family was here to receive them....but the town has been flooded with just such articles as he left, by families selling out and leaving....Of his library quite a number of books remain, but book auctions have been so frequent here, new and old books, that they sell for little or nothing. His books ~~have~~ had become terribly grimed and dusty, as he cooked for himself, or had some one cook for him in his office. I have spent considerable time in dusting and cleaning his books and other things (which were left in ~~an~~ ~~explorable~~ untidy condition) just to make them presentable.

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(written in above)

9-5, May 12, 1902m Chas Swan to Seavey

Before my grandfather's death some money was placed in Mrs. Webster's hands to be used in her discretion for the needs of my grandfather. After his death about \$30 remained, and we authorized her to use her discretion about giving any of it to Mr. Otto Peterson. If any of it is left in her hands, she may give it to you for gravestone purposes.

9-5, May 17, 1902, Ellen M. Swan to Seavey

The package that you kindly sent me, containing letters that my Mother & myself wrote to my poor Father arrived in due season and I thank you for regarding my request in sending them.

I here by authorize you to burn any other letters that I, or any of our family, have written to Father. I thank you for your thoughtful kindness, not wishing strangers, to read them.

Box 9-5, Charles H. Swan (Ellen Swan's nephew) to James Seavey, Pt. Td, May 21, about notfcn of S's death:

I understand he owned some land in Port Townsend a few years ago. Can you inform me whether he has sold it? I fear he cramped his resources in his last few years by attempting to invest in land beyond his ability. I know he once arranged a sale, but it fell through.

June 4, 1900, Ellen M. Swan to Seavey: asks that any other mother's letters in S's papers be sent her; also thanks Seavey for his full description of the funeral.

July 10, 1900: Chas Swan to Seavey:

I should like to have a list of the taxes unpaid for each year since 1891, since when you say no taxes have been paid. How many of these taxes are still valid against the land?

9-5, Aug. 31, 1900, Chas Swan to Seavey:

Of course the manuscripts ~~and~~ & diaries can have no great money value, and I should hope they might be lodged in some library interested in the special subjects they relate to. You will use your judgment in regard to them I have no doubt.

Pt. Tind museum

note written on excerpt: buried Lot 7 & 8 Block 195, L & G Cem - ^{Gerrish in same plot -}

Typed excerpts from Pt. T Morning Leader about Swan's death ^{not 7/road.} and burial:

may 19, 1900, "James G. Swan is dead. The venerable old gentleman passed away last night at 11 o'clock."...

May 22--funeral--"...laid to rest last Sunday in Laurel Grove Cemetery under the auspices of the Chimakum Tribe of Improved Order of Red men, and they were followed to the cemetery by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

..."the friends of the deceased were permitted to take a last look at the venerable pioneer, and just before the casket was closed a delegation of Indians from Neah Bay appeared and asked permission to take a last look at their oldtime friend and adviser. The Indians as they gazed upon the rigid features gave expressions of their grief in low moans and each affectionately patted the face of the dead man.

over

At the grave the impressive ritualistic exercises of the Red Men took place including the setting free of the white dove of peace and after which the interment took place."

close next to last day with quote from heirs about papers not worth anything.

Pt. T, Mar 19

Day 89

- Downtown photo album

13.060, Water St. 1862 - dirt str (wrote), no sidewalk
of any kind

- all frame bldgs; a few houses on.

stark bluff

- a few picket fences - one piece of prettifying

- no water to be seen: cd be mill 7. West

- another album: 13.003 - 1868, tin like array 7 shacks on a raft

last line of book?

The stone dot that is period to this winter, and the seed of its

ellipse...

Neah Bay, Mar 20

The Swan:

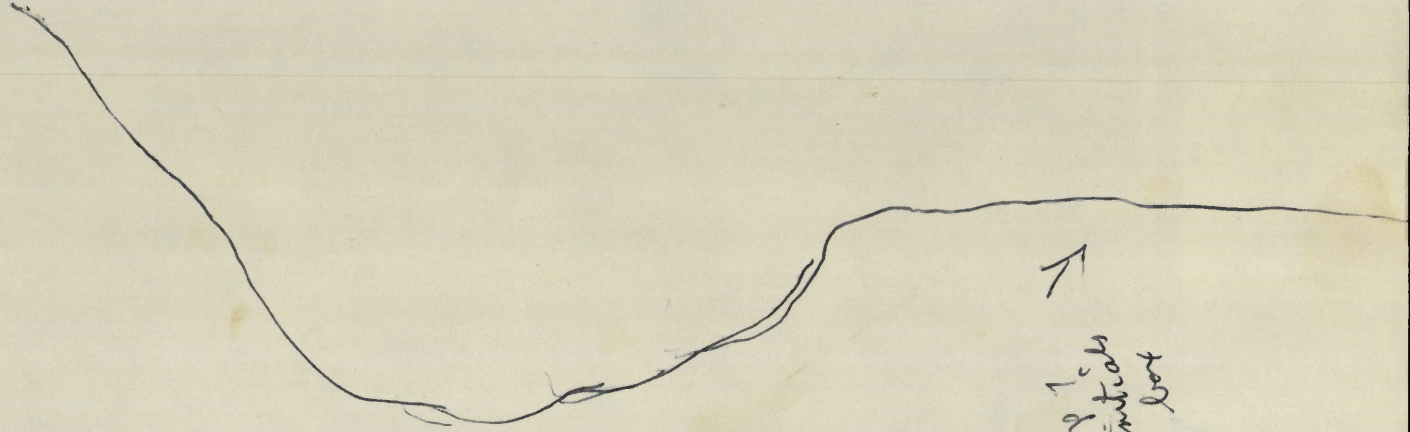
d 4' long

- head high, on ~~level~~ bevel of rock o 3' wide, at abt 30° angle.
- rock is iron-colored, slightly purplish, going to lit reddish tan on upper 1/2 of swan & above. battleship gray lichen to r of it
- moisture drips by salal & grass bank above, hitting directly in front of swan - making a tiny pond for it
- swan has a fine grace: fluted tail, high; ^{crest etc} curve of neck - span of my fingers. head is most eroded, from eyes downward vanishing into rock - an anonymity.
- deep curve ^{below} of wing & neck
- 6" hi x 12" wide "pedestal" beneath. bird c S's deep cut initials, JGS o 4" hi. J is + eroded, G disembl, S still clear.
- all cut in o 1"

Swan/2

all around

- S chipped out a perimeter - a "frame" 0 1" deep, 2-6" wide, then carved raised figure of swan & cut in his initials
- much weathered - but still distinct
- entire carving is 0 18" wide x 27" high
- north of it 0 20 yds, white painted Brian P
- slanted trough in rock out to bay, carving is ~~at~~ handy above tideline.
- Swan had to stand on something to carve: no rock beneath spot now.
- island just off shore, Vesper A on horizon; 2. W, horizon with Cape, c radar domes on top. Pier ~~had hole~~ to rock fill hole most of town.

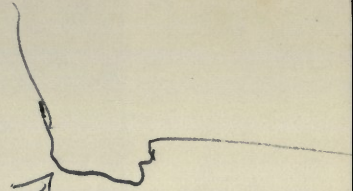


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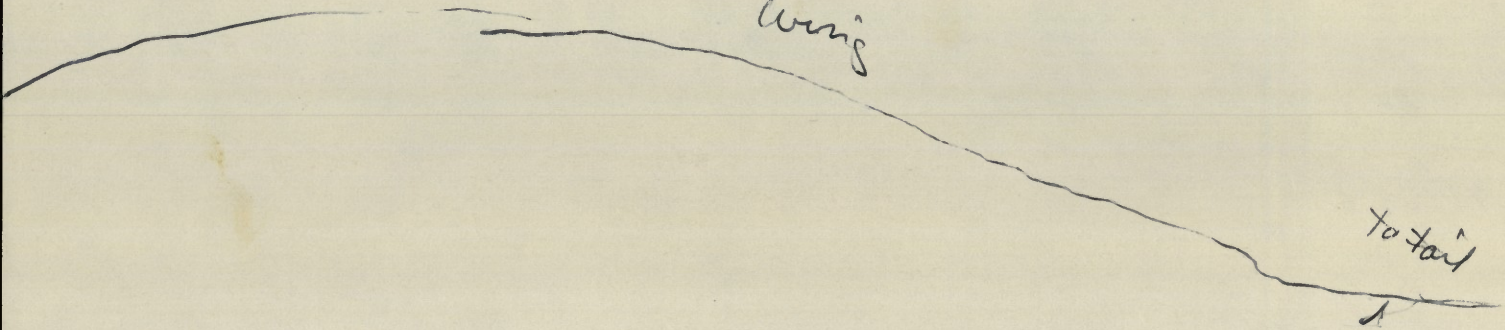
Top 1st hill
initial
boat

Top 1st hill



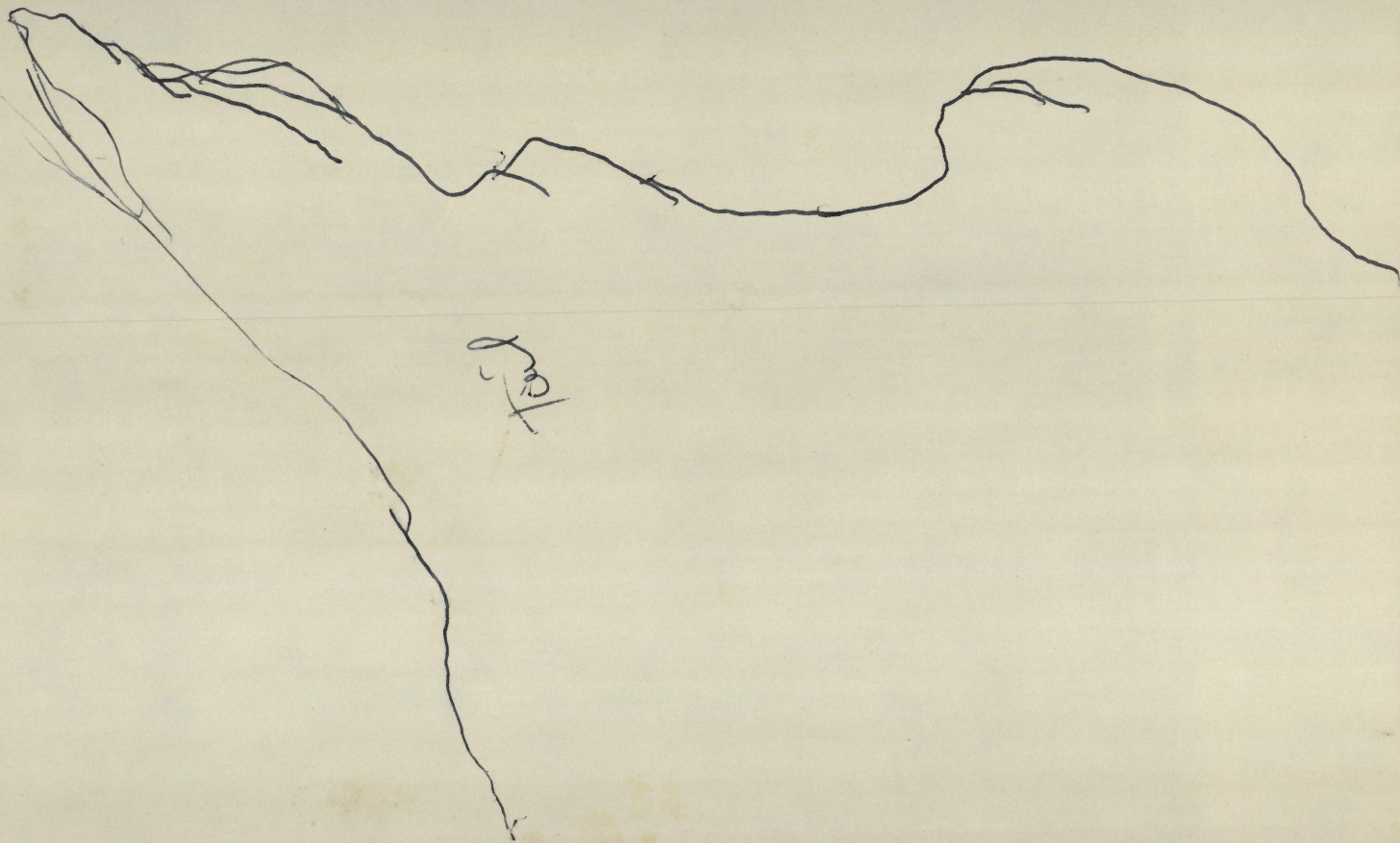
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front
cut
1 mile

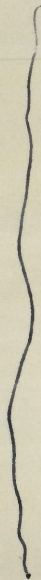
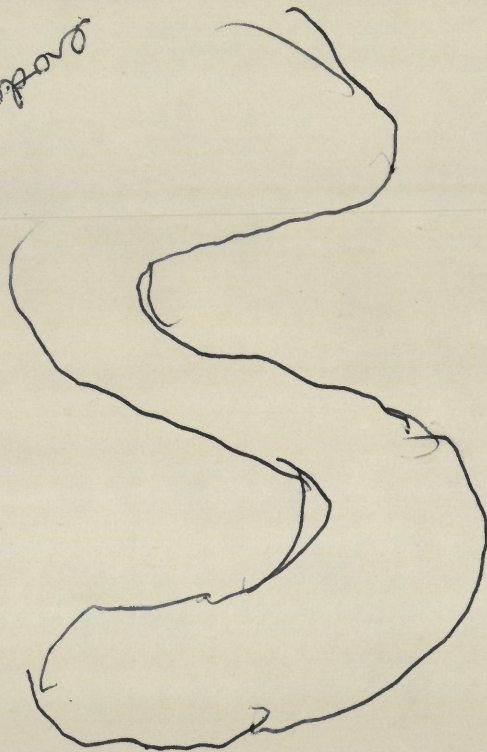


wing

to tail



boxed



Mar 20

- Cape F: no cap peak or lower it above. seabird sea-stack mean. down in Tokosh.
- 1 note began 7. ahead: if it like come fallen on its N & E side
- blue, blue water
- no jump at all; sun a warm
- spring has come to Tokosh: tan grass (a lot of) is 'greening
- very round 3 miles, in distant night & low horizon.
- notes like topped (above) over
- notes, dark note 7 being) ^{glaring}
- notes, @ 12:45-1: brief began in. ocean, dark note 7 being
- they are heading out and Tokosh; I saw a quite left 4 turn
- 7 tail 7/1. notes pointing a 7/1 Tokosh.
- 1 note 7 gulls make needles a. water

Cape F:
near the old, most noble man & woman, he is in hard hat, has
just unloaded down from there (for that work).

just unloaded chain saw - from tree (for trail work).

- See any 7 more whole?

- Yes, we did...

- Yes, we did...
- Sit times they come right in under a half hr. They occupy those
barnacles 71 themselves.

Journal 71. themselves.

- Sprung cleaning, C. Jones.

Spring cleaning - get
man as ~~soon~~ repeat a rough.

abd. 1/2 ~~abdomen~~, ingest, Mar 20

~~Yabura~~

20 prob

382' 2" long

73' 2" diam

8000 ft

160 outer

2600 parameg

Yabura is a chance use

for "to become people"

- longest child-anal penis fr.
world (when with (6-8) -
Hogoh, Kofu, Eburat Y

abroad - Yodanis/2

water behind - Jerry.

- a path, snow-colored, out 7 water.
- best creating its own mind

- props send out water sideways from reef, 2 main waves
sea down a bubble to mud, like constant definition

q15 P + NP, Sea to hill 7 at beyond

- stone; its along both shores
- water is water than reef
- if the it water is not black

abd. / 1/2 m / 3

(Shoal. 1/2 m)

- Little water chase over reef, along reef
9118 p.m. P4XPT, Reef turn + diving on Sand
- massive hum 7. Jerry

9122 - 1st power to E

directions from Ogden: phone EA9-9814

--carving is at Baada Point, near "doctor's house at the end of the road."

go past the dr's house, past remains of lookout tower, to some makeshift steps down to the reef. Turn left at the reef, get on the beach so you're facing town. Carving is in sandstone cliff there, at about a 30 degree angle, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' or so across.

--Helen Peterson is of Claplanhoo ~~kinda~~ family

— Ogden has some no. no pic of it.

Mar 20 -

- brilliant clear day
- heavy traffic 7 log trucks, Pt A wind.
- near Clad Bay, 9:20 - ^{the} bright sun across. Wm note 7.
- several places 7 host or ^{the} shaded eastern side.

Mar 20

- Pioneer dream 7 colored cities: we are inheriting - will
7 such nations

March 20

- . Oh! Pan'a has been a timber factory for 130 yrs. It is
beginning to show wear - cleanness can be seen by Seattle.
- Logging + trade: thousands of workers + wood

- someday it may be as unpopulated as Spain (the land?)
- old cleanness areas like the river + exploration - looked - // stumps ,
after, etc - & me was . care , . exploration + Pan'a econ's energy ?

Mar 20

- L crosscut: flat green 7. posted mtn: trees do - yet have the translucent new green growth.
- Lake is a shimmering old mirror, jaded c. a total 7 night post
- lot from above: mtn under the winter-worn, dusty - worn before. summer.