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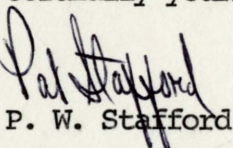
Mr. Hal Riegger  
11009 Spenceville Rd.  
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Dear Mr. Riegger:

I think your confusion about the bridge at Riparia is easily cleared up. The records I gave you which you said indicated the bridge was built in 1884 refers to the bridge over the Snake River at Ainsworth, not Riparia. Apparently, there was a line which ran from Ainsworth through Riparia on the south side of the Snake to Lewiston as early as 1883. I am unable to pin down when the line was built because my NP material is almost void of information about when lines of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. were laid.

Later construction by the SP&S to Texas City on the north side of the Snake River and construction of connecting lines at Texas City (Riparia) is fully explained in the photocopies of NP documents that is enclosed. I have no photos of the bridge at Riparia because we have almost nothing on the SP&S in the BN files. You might find a photo through the president of the SP&S Historical Society. He is Dick Nedrow, 5709 Harlow Drive, Bremerton, WA 98312. Good luck in your search.

Cordially yours,

  
P. W. Stafford