

Explorations - March 26 - Abstract (1955)

The value of improvements purchased of Mr Keith for objects appeared in his vouchers was aimed at upon a personal examination of the premises. Mr Keith held this tract under the donation act of 27th Sept 1850, but had not perfected his title - his claim covered a tract of about 100 acres immediately on the left bank of the Columbia River some 3 miles above Fort Vancouver.

his improvements consisted of a log house and a field of about 1/2 acres cleared and fenced with 2 acres of wheat on the ground.

Mr Keith was a man without family and simply abandoned his claim - ^{which} was taken possession of by the Mal-lal-la band of Indians. This band of Indians laid claim to the country along the bank of the river for some 9 miles below and 15 or 20 miles above this tract - all of which, ^{which} was suitable for settlement, had been taken possession of by whites and these settlers were constantly interfering with the removal of those Indians. This tract was designed merely as a temporary settlement and I doubted not that the improvements would sell for as much as the purchase price, which ^{was} abandoned by the Indians. ^{It has not} the Indians have been removed but the improvements have not been sold.

