

Howard Cook to Columbia Valley Railroad Co.

Whereas, the Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized and existing, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Washington, proposes to construct a line of railway in the State of Washington, along the north bank of the Columbia River and

Whereas, the building of said railroad as proposed will result in great benefit to the public and to me in particular;

Now, Therefore, I Howard Cook, unmarried of White Salmon in the County of Klickitat, State of Washington for and in consideration of the benefits to accrue to the public in general, and to me in particular, by reason of the building of said railroad as proposed, and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to me in hand paid by the Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and agree to convey unto the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, a strip of land one hundred feet in width over, across, through and upon the following described tract of land now owned by me in Skamania County, State of Washington, to wit:

Lot One (1), Section Twenty Nine (29) Town Three (3)  
North, Range Ten (10) Cash of the W. M.

Provided that work shall be commenced within two years from date and the line completed within five years from date.

The same to be used as a right of way for the building of said proposed road, and the operation of said railroad over, across, through and upon the said land, same to be fifty feet on each side of the center line of said railroad as surveyed, definitely fixed and located over, across, through and upon the said above described tract of land.

And I do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, covenant and agree with the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, for the consideration aforesaid, that as soon as the said strip of land is definitely fixed and located and selected by the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns that I will or my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall on demand make, execute

and deliver to the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company a corporation, its successors and assigns, a good and sufficient warranty deed conveying the said right of way as above provided and described, free and clear of all encumbrances whatsoever.

It is hereby agreed and provided that all charges for the making and recording of this contract and the deed herein agreed to be executed shall be paid by the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, A.D. 1899.

Executed in the presence of,

S. M. Rands } Howard Cook <sup>Seal</sup>  
Wm H. Gdy }

State of Washington }  
County of Clallam }  
Date of instrument }

I, S. M. Rands, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1899 personally appeared before me Howard Cook, unmarried, & me known as the individual described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged that he signed and sealed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, A.D. 1899.

6.3.99.  
S. M. Rands  
Notary Public for State of  
Washington Residing Vancouver.

Notary  
Seal.

Filed for record 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1899 at 9.15 A.M.

J. P. Hale

C. Auditor