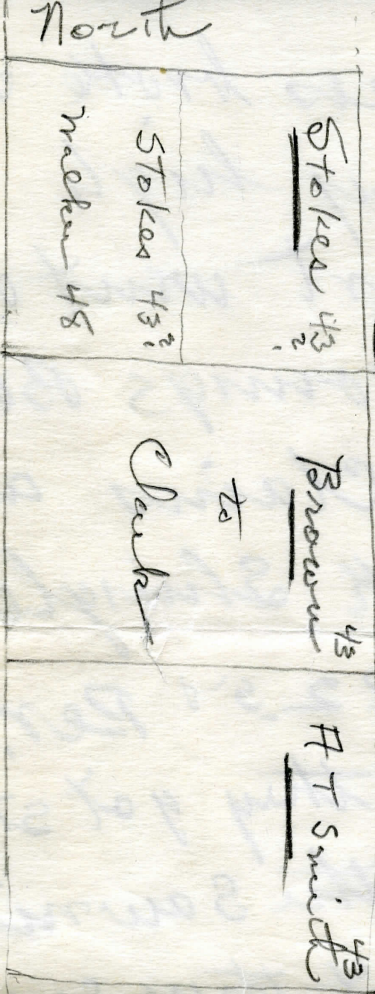


you feel like it, you might write answers on this paper



Do you know in what order ^{Stokes} Stokes, Brown and Smith took their claims (Smith was first in 41- or 42) I mean, which was first? (Grandpa took claim in 43)

Did they just pace it off as best they could and drive stakes? (I do not ^{know} as to the boundary nor when they were surveyed)

Did they try to keep their east line and their west line a straight continuous line for the three claims as in my drawing? Smith's place extended farther East than the others

Papa was not 21 until 1850, I have wondered how it happened that somebody else did not claim his nice place before he could take it over

When the Cal. mines broke out
every thing was very high
and Papa and I nyart went down
to Astoria over to Youngs Bay
up the River took claims and
were going to make shingles
which were worth \$22.50 per

thousand. But before they got started
so many have quit the sawmill
at Hunters Point, that they sent
a man from the mill to get them
to work at the mill. Paid them for
the work they had done bought their
provisions agreed to give them \$150.00

per month and board so they accepted
and the man that had Pops claim

(i.e. the forest grove farm)

1 told Grandpa if he could sell his
claim for enough to get out pit for
the mines he would sell so Grandpa
sent Papa word so Papa quit the mill
and pd the fellow I think \$300.—
for his interests

Yours Bro. E. C. Brown