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To: ["loganpaynee7@gmail.com"](mailto:loganpaynee7@gmail.com)
Subject: SAO Response to PRR #7868
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026 6:26:00 AM

Dear Mr. Payne,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

My grandfather, Kurt Albert Schoell, has died two months ago. At one point in time, he owned two parcels of land in Ephrata, Washington. His surviving family is trying to find if those two parcels are still in his name. The land was likely purchased in 1983-1985. We are not sure if it is still under Kurt Schoell's name, but we want to know. Kurt's birthday was August 2, 1949.

In response, our office does not have property records. You would need to contact Grant County Public Records directly at [Public Records | Grant County, WA](#). Since we have no responsive records, we will now consider this closed. SAO does not intend to further address the request, and the PRA's one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review has started to run as of the date of this letter. Please contact us within 30 days by e-mail at PublicRecords@sao.wa.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Leider, CPRO

Public Records Officer, [Office of the Washington State Auditor](#)

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