

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

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This collection reflects E. P. Lamborn's life long interest in crime, criminals and law officers. E. P. Lamborn was an amateur historian and collector of sources on crime and criminals of the Middle West in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. His interests ranged from bandits, peace officers, famous detectives, and buffalo hunters. The Correspondence and Research section, presented here, contains much information on these topics from friends, relatives, companies, law officers, etc., who had some connection or dealings with these individuals. The arrangement for this section, generally, is alphabetical by last name of the correspondent. A detailed, searchable calendar of correspondents is available by clicking on "Text Version" below or by accessing the full collection finding aid in the link below. A transcription of this correspondence is not yet available. This series comprises boxes 2 and 3 of the E. P. Lamborn collection. You can find individual items in the order they are described in the "calendar of correspondents" by using the page selection feature available when you are looking at a full sized page image.

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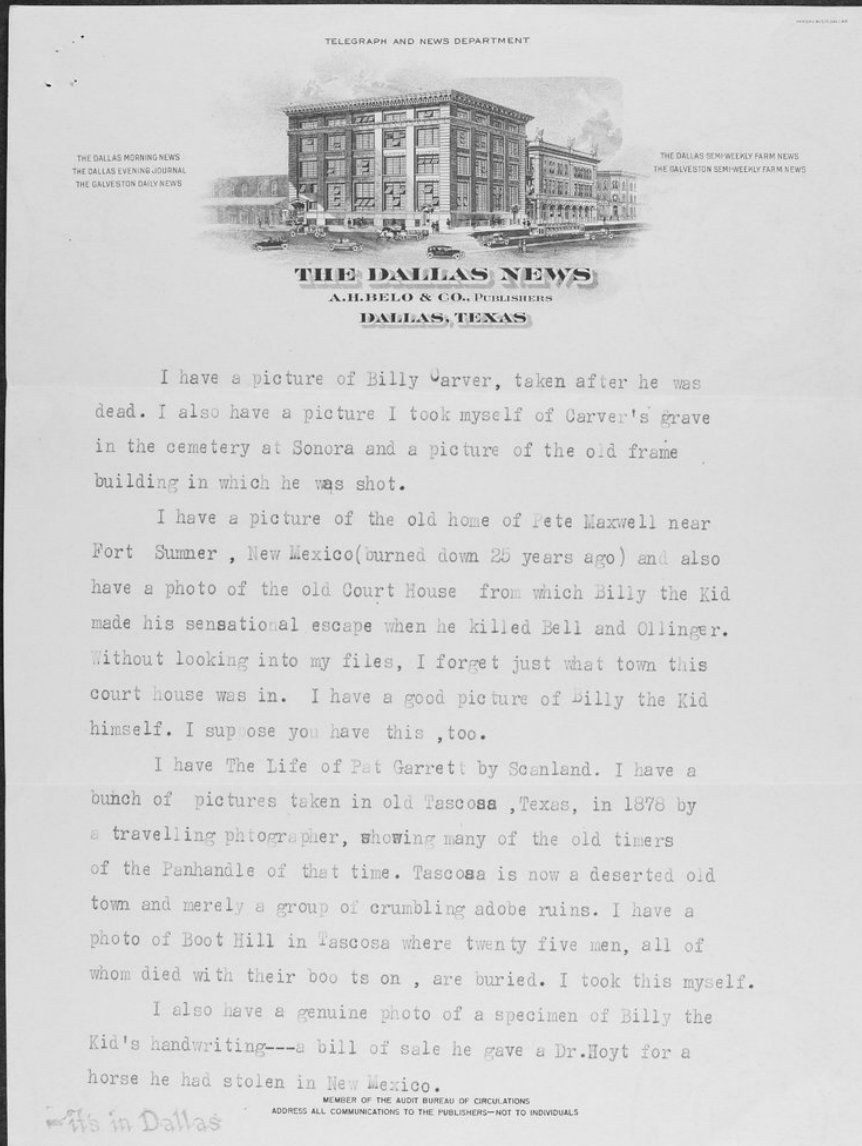
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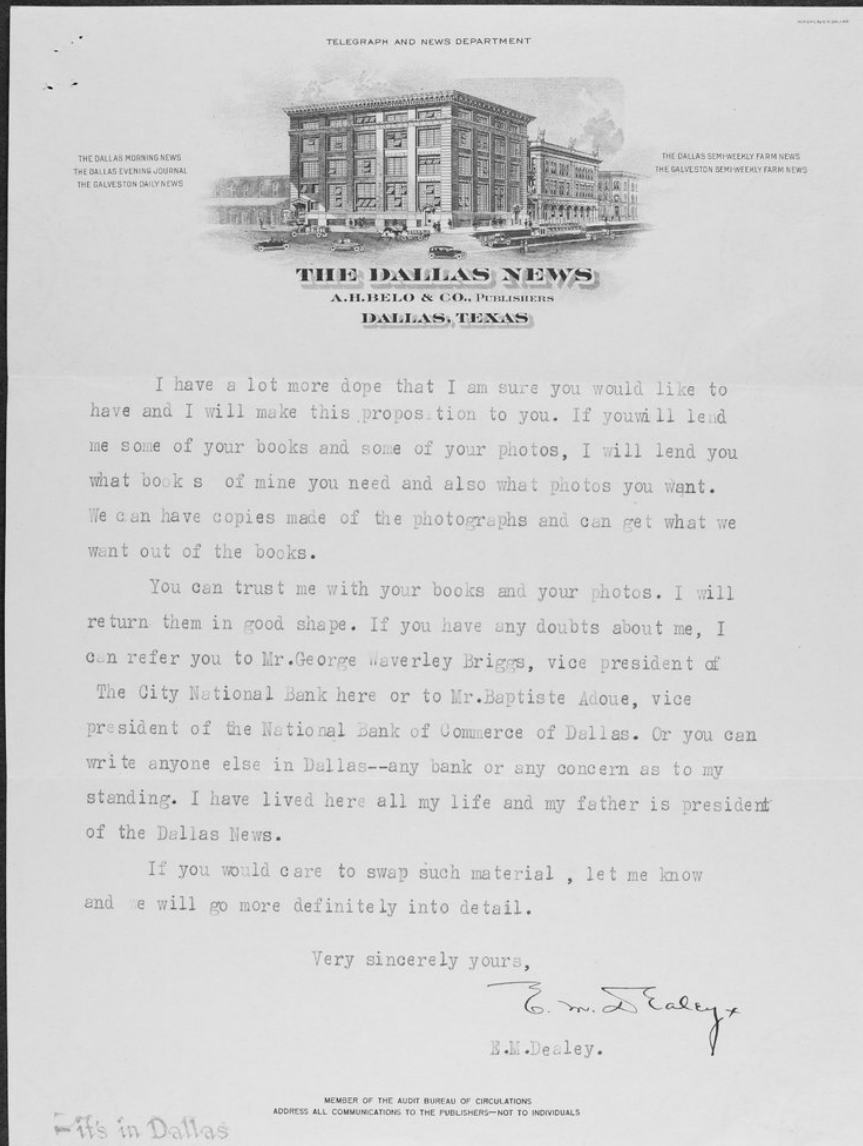
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January 25, 1923

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,  
R R 2, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir-

Replying to your letter of the 22nd inst. beg to state that I took the matter up with Mr. Hatten the photographer in regard to your picture, and he stated that he had sent same to you, and also that Mr. Hathaway procured one and sent to you.

Trusting that you have received one or both of the pictures mentioned by the time this reaches you, we are,

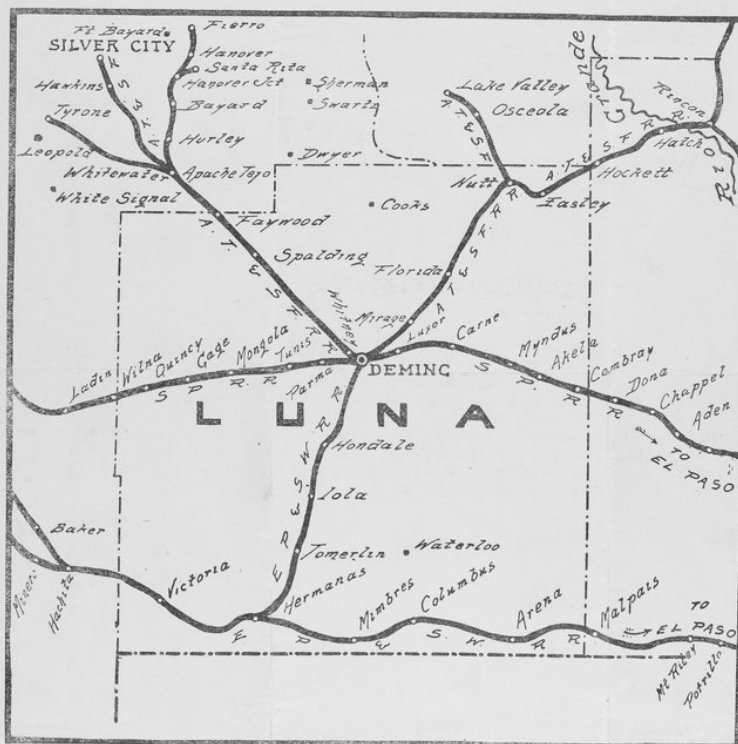
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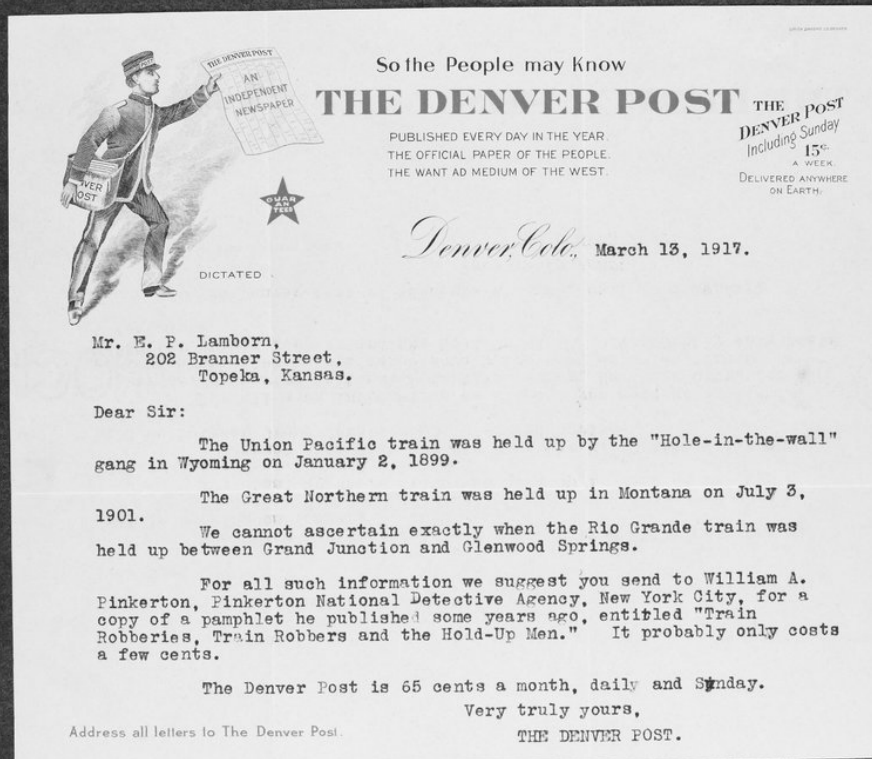
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MRS. FRANK A. DERR  
GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

February 1, 1944.

E. P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

My brother and I appreciate very much your letter of January 27th, and the kind thoughts it expressed. Your friendship for our father is of long standing and he had many fond memories of the days spent as a Deputy of Gen. Shelby.

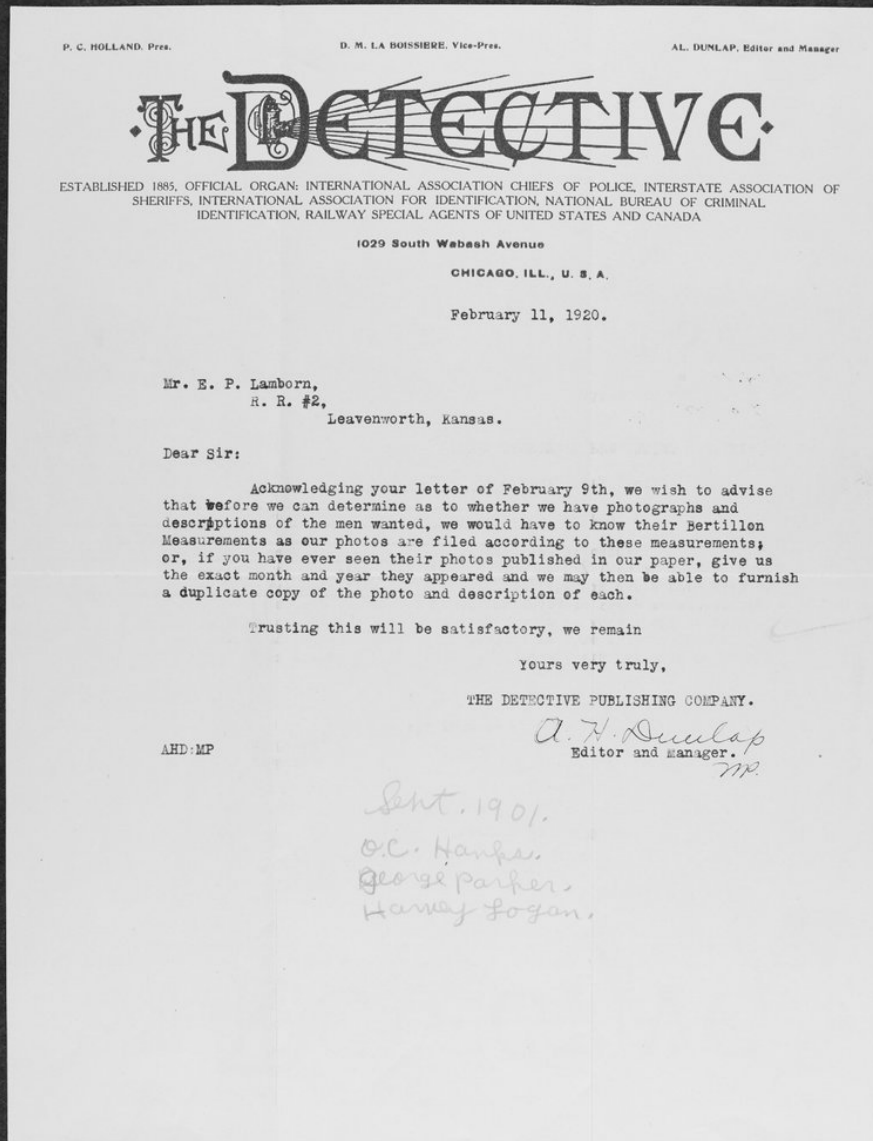
I am sorry that it will be impossible for us to permit any of our father's collection of pictures to be removed from his belongings, and also sorry that they cannot be allowed to be duplicated at this time.

We have had many requests for this particular thing and it seems advisable not to permit the collection to leave our possession.

Yours very sincerely,

*Marion Hansen Derr*

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CHICAGO, July 19, 1921.

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,  
R. R. #2,  
Leavenworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of recent date, would say that we have but a very limited number of copies of the October, 1899 issue of "THE DETECTIVE", containing photos and article on Tom Ketchum, alias Black Jack, Sam Ketchum, and others associated with them at that time. As you know, an extra charge is made on all back numbers. We could let you have one copy for \$1.00.

Kindly send us postal or express money order for the amount, if you desire the issue referred to.

Respectfully yours,

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CHICAGO, September 22, 1921.

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,  
R. R. #2,  
Leavenworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 19th inst., would say, that a copy of the December, 1901 issue of "THE DETECTIVE", containing the photo and write-up of Ben Kilpatrick, et al., will cost you \$1.00, for which kindly send us postal or express money order. This, as you will find, contains the group picture of the five.

In regard to file binders, the old style is \$1.50, and the new \$3.25, goods f. o. b. Chicago.

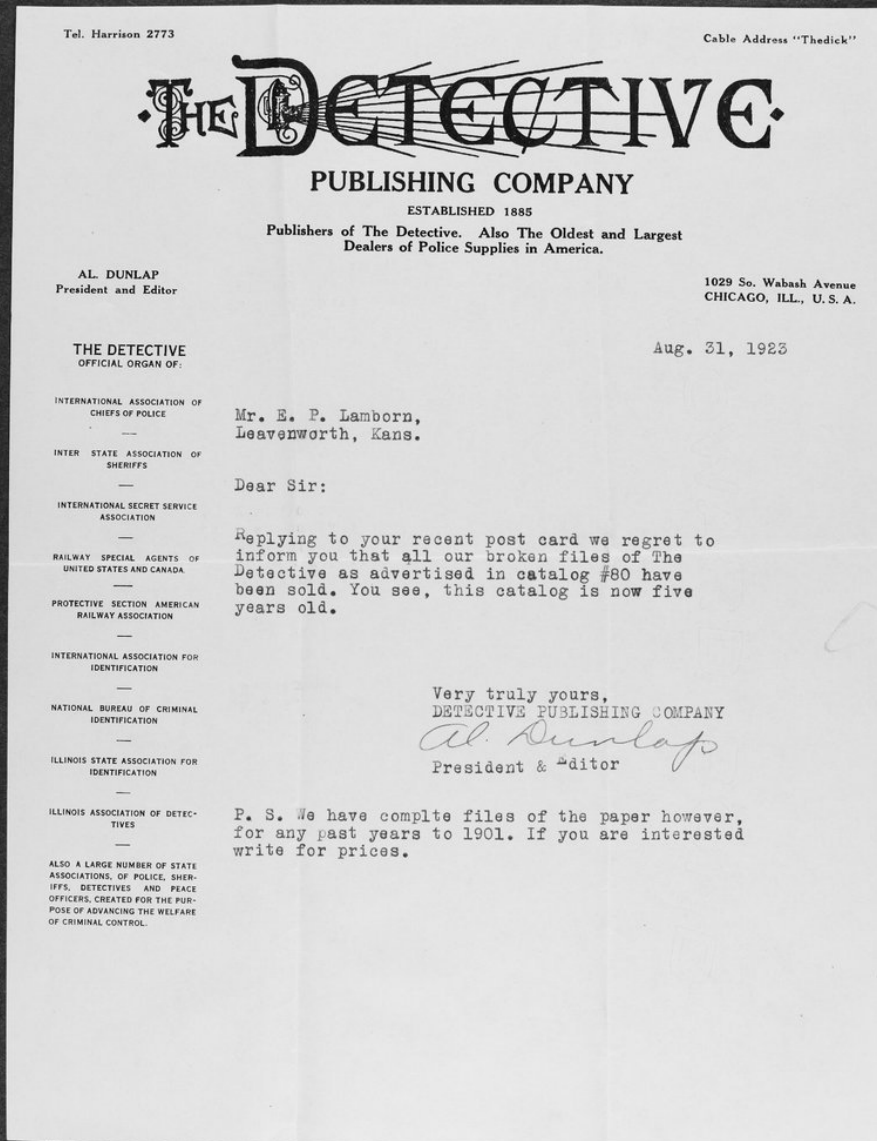
We do not have the book, "Train Robbers", which you refer to.

Respectfully yours,

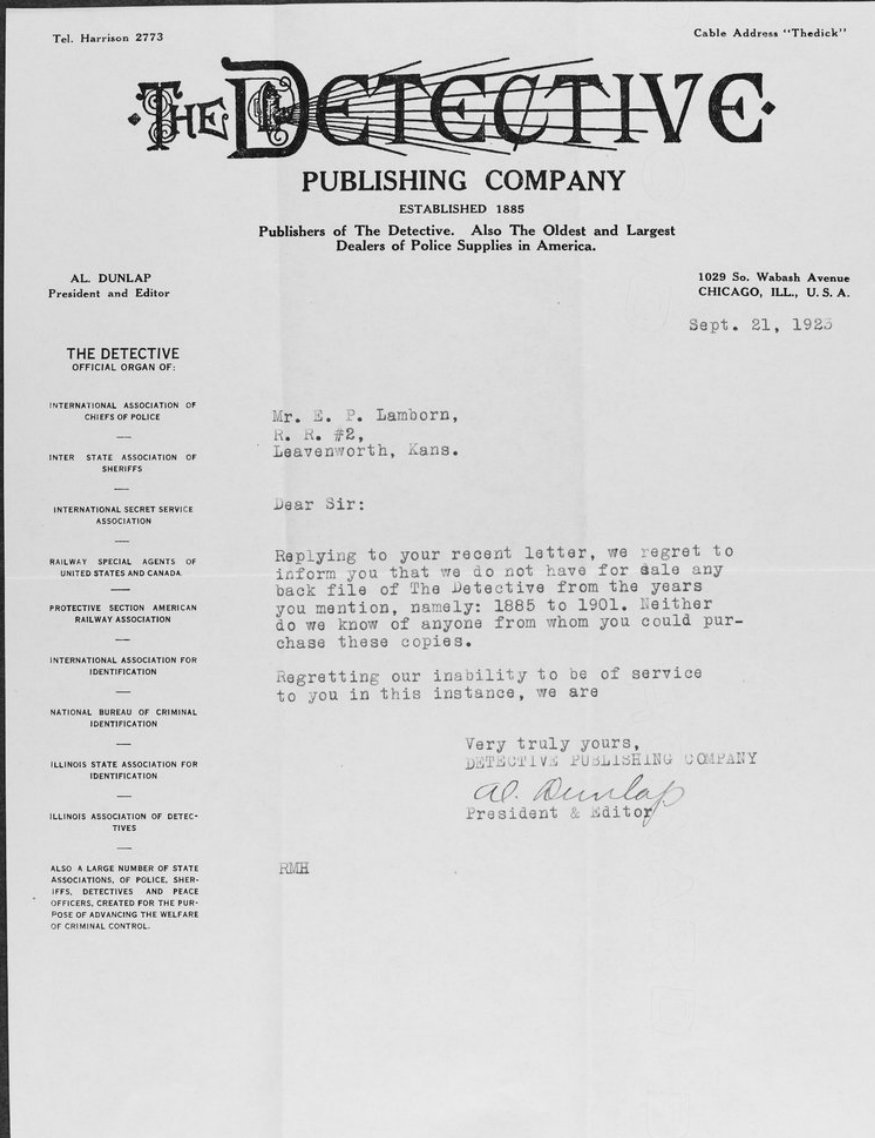
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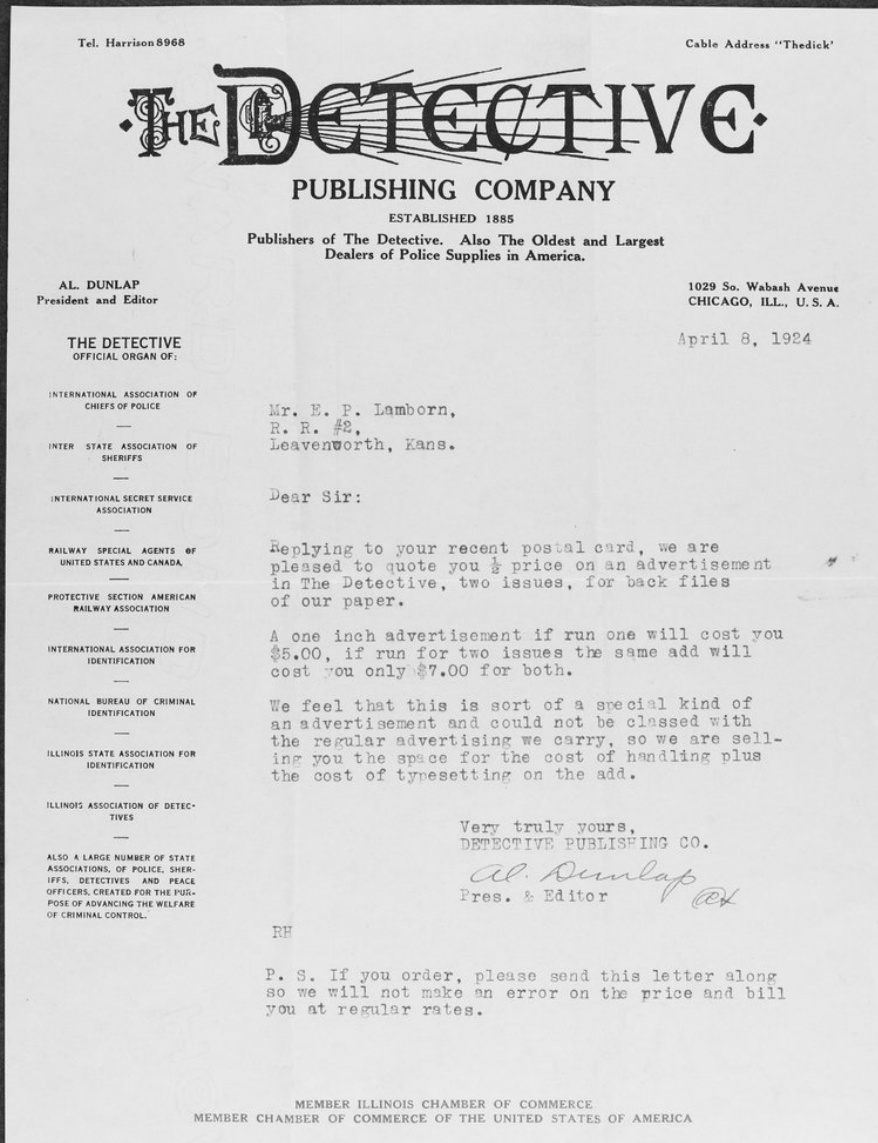


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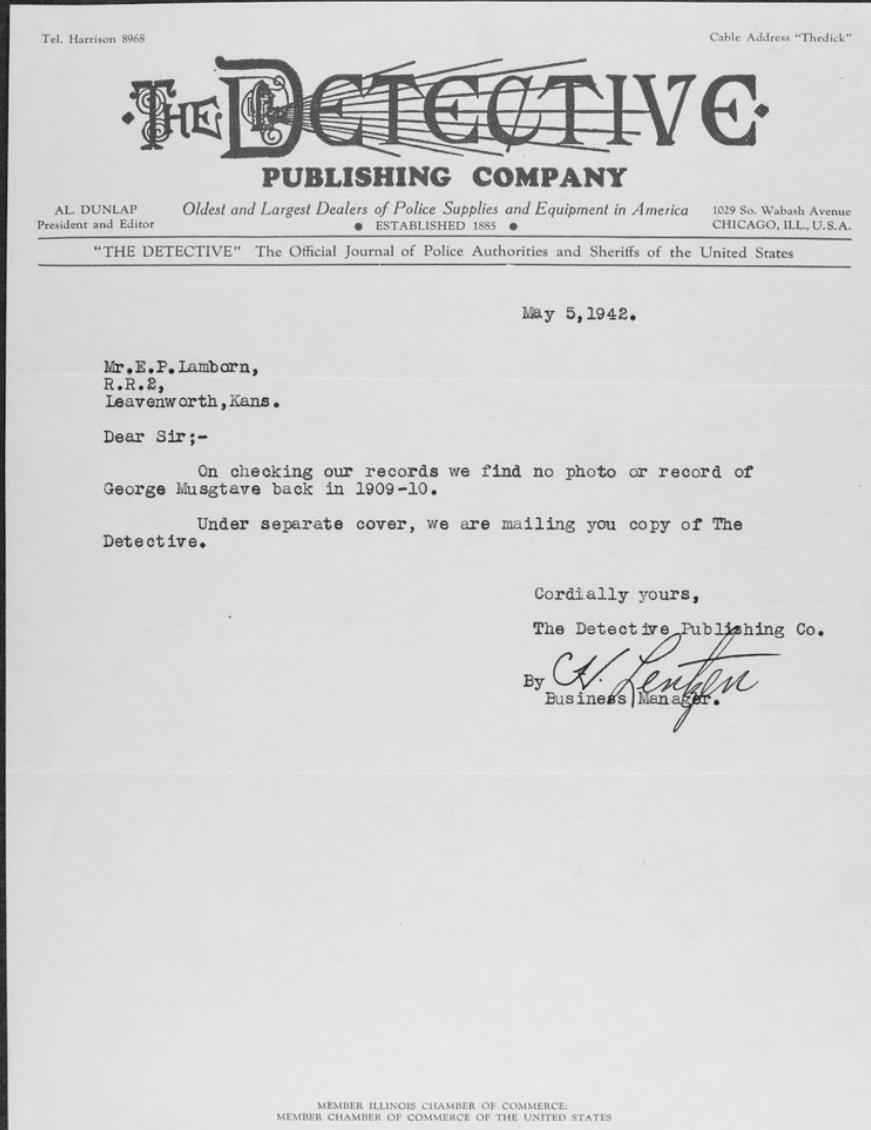




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Mr Lamborn  
Dear Sir

I am unable to give  
the information you  
asked, it being so long  
ago, I remember very  
well of the affair and  
think it was between  
1892 & 95

Yours Truly  
Henry Devine



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San Antonio, Texas, April 2nd, 1934.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

It was my intention to reply to your good letter of February 25th, some time ago, but have been very busy; and still am for that matter.

I was born and raised in this part of Texas; and put in seven and one-half years in the Big Bend Country of Texas. During my lifetime, many interesting things have happened in these parts; many bad men lived and died (killed), others killed by officers and some sent to prison.

At the time, we sort of treated them as passing events, made no particular notes; hence are not able to give anything like accurate dates, without going to a lot of research; this I have n't time to do just now.

If you could secure a copy of Sowell's Texas Rangers and Indian Fighters, it'd give you a world of data relating to our past prominent peace officers and bad men. I don't know where you can secure a copy; I loaned mine (just for the night) to a press reporter, with the usual result, have never been able to locate it since.

Sowell was raised (born, to) near San Antonio, was an early Texas Ranger, even fought Indians; so his book is about as authentic as you could secure. Wilbarger is probably better, if you want to go in for Indian Massacres, etc., in Texas; but for the purpose you (or myself) would want it, I'd say Sowell's.

As to Bill Taylor, I helped him, located him in Mexico (on TO Ranch), but failed to get him out. I, also, knew several of the Newman family, brothers and a sister of Neumann, but I couldn't come within five years of when those things happened; I mean the various train robberies, killing of Neumann, etc.

I don't recall Pat Garrett having been killed at all; I think he died a natural death. I knew him, and am sure he was Collector of Customs of the El Paso District, with headquarters at El Paso, Texas; and later than 1909.

As to the killing of Ranger Captain Henry Ransom, it was purely accidental; and I don't think the participants in the duel even knew that Ransom was in the building, nor that he knew what was going on. It would not be proper to write about the details, further than to state that the two men engaged in a duel caused by a social affair, in which one of the men (and a woman) were surprised. Ransom hearing the shooting (he had retired for the night) stuck his head out the door of his room, to try to see what it was all about (the shooting); being directly in line of fire, a bullet pierced his neck killing him.

I don't think anything was ever done with Cunningham about the killing at Austin; think it was just a friendly sort of shooting. Came up suddenly, as such things often do, and was over before they realized what had happened.



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Captain Tom Ross; San Antonio, Texas, who lost a leg in the service, is another old time ranger; and full of information about lots of early day events.  
 Hon. D. H. Hart, Austin, Texas, is U.S. District Clerk, and has been for nearly forty-five years. He knew Dick Warr Bass Outlaw, Stillman and many of the early day peace officers and could give you a world of interesting data, if he will.  
 About J.C. ("Jim") McNeill, Jr., he is Deputy United States Marshal, San Antonio, Texas; and could doubtless give you a lot of data, for he was in the rangers about twelve years before I entered the service.  
 Think he makes trips to the penitentiary at Leavenworth occasionally; in which case you might contact him some time and visit with him personally. The old Captain, his father, has been dead several years.  
 Judge J.H. Brooks, Falfurrias, Texas, was one of the early ranger captains; and was in a number of years before old Bill McDonald was appointed; ten years earlier at least. He was captain of one of the companies when I enlisted, later went to the Legislature and Brooks County, Texas, was named for him. He could tell you lots, if he will. Was in the Connor fight at Hemphill, Texas, in the early eighties, also in the Greer County fight (Then Texas, but now Oklahoma).  
 Captain John H. Hughes, Yoleta, Texas, is another of the old time ranger captians; he, too, was in many years before McDolald was; and participated in many early day West Texas battles. It might be that he would write, if you ask him.  
 Captain Will Wright, Harlingen, Texas, was an early ranger, an early day sheriff, and is now in the ranger service. As a private now, as the governor decided he was too old and not active enough to be captain at this time. He is a great talker and could give you lots of dope. He killed the gunnamm Davenport, at Cotulla, Texas, and arrested and disarmed the famous Guy Reed, who edited the Isonomy (copied after Bran's Iconiclast). Reed accompanied Davenport at time he was killed, but Wright worked so fast, it seemed to have unnerved Reed, who was heavily armed.  
 Captain Frank A. Hamer, Austin, Texas, a later day ranger captain, who is famous for his exploits, could give you lots of good dope, but he won't write, and is hard to get to talk.  
 I hope to soon secure a picture of the famous Ranger Captain John Sanson, whom it was my pleasure to know when I was a young man. He cleaned out the last Indians (outlaw Indians) on the Texas New Mexico Border. His daughter lives here and I have known her for years. It takes time to get these things together, visit and revisit these folk; and I just don't have the time all time; so have to put off.  
 Any time I get new pictures, however, I give my friend N.H. Rose copies, so he may furnish parties interested.  
 Yours,  
 John L. Dibrell,  
 Box 400,  
 San Antonio, Texas.  
 Judge Duval West has an office in this Building. Was retired several years ago, but still on the bench, assisting the active Federal Judge. He is very busy, and hard to get to give out information; so don't think any use writing him.



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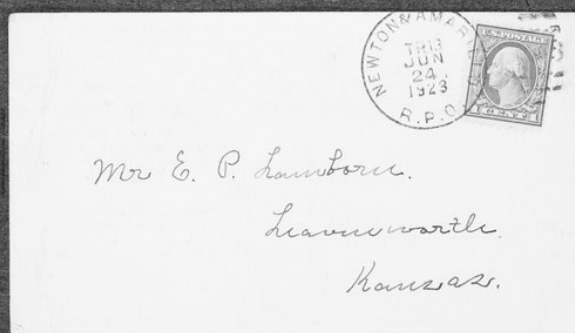
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Dodge Ranch Boring, Bkya Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1924  
Mr E P Lamborn R.F.D No 2  
Leavenworth Kas

Dear Sir  
Yours letter of Nov 10<sup>th</sup> to Supt  
MacKenzie at Houston has been referred to me  
by Gen Manager Bkft. I received your letter  
that was written to me some time ago and I answered  
it during the same week and I can only say  
now what I said then. I have all these photos  
referred to and all the records and data concerning  
them. Also many more. They represent over 42  
years of hard work. And if anything that I have  
is ever used for publication. It will be used by  
myself. I think that you will agree with me.  
When I say that I cannot consistently furnish  
this to anyone.

Yours truly  
E P Dodge



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Dodge Ranch Brown  
Houston, Texas  
Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 1925

Mr E. P. Lamborn

Yours of Feb 16<sup>th</sup> received some time ago, being very busy I have neglected to ans. And in answering I will commence at the later part of your letter. I am the only old Special Agent of W. F. & Co. alive. I shall probably write a book and in which I shall claim that it is the only authentic record of its kind, with names, dates &c. accurately given and taken from records correctly kept. And supplemented and assisted by a "Daily Diary" made each day giving all facts and work of that day - This I have and have carefully recorded and kept for over 42 years. so you will see. that if I furnish this information I cannot claim what I intend to. And I would not give you wrong names and dates, hoping that you will see this and take it in the right spirit. And wishing you will and also success. I am

Very truly yours  
F. J. Dodge

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4414 California St.  
San Francisco.  
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July 13, 1930.

Mr E. P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kans.

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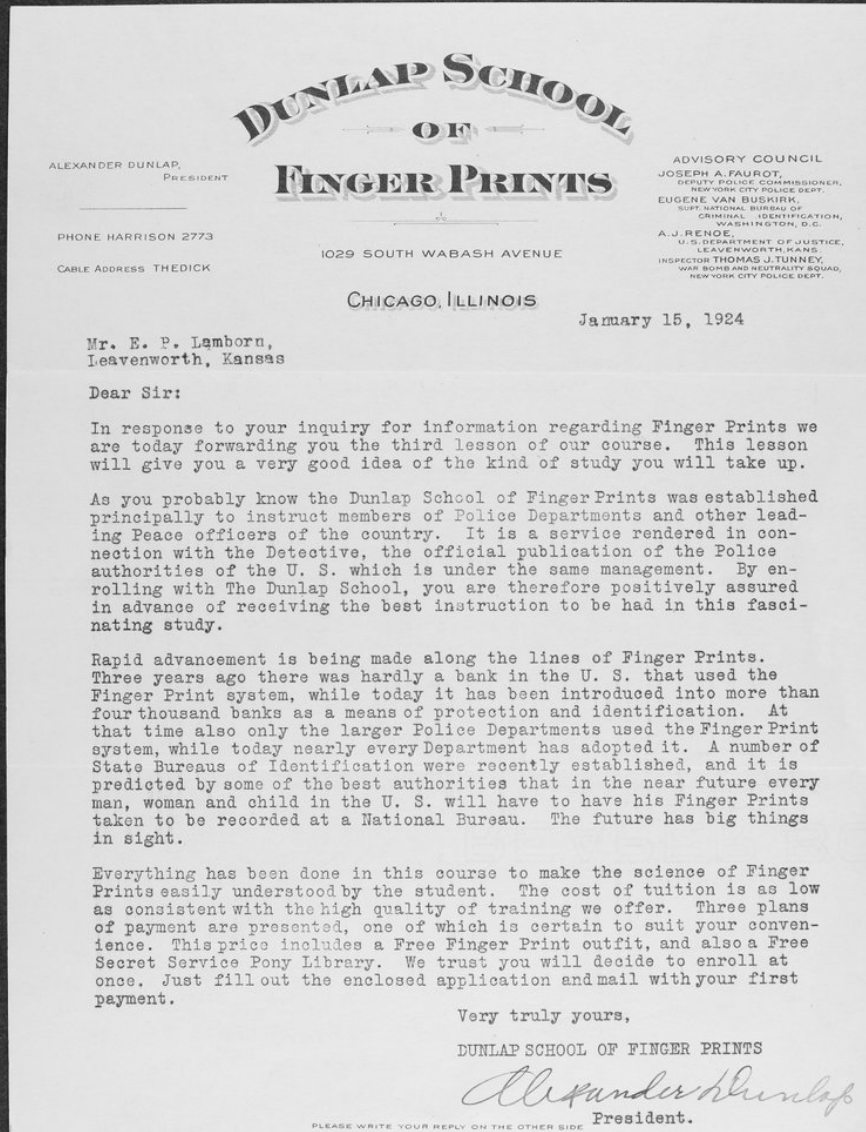
Am in receipt of your letter dated June 23<sup>rd</sup> and am sorry I cannot help you. I made inquiries thru the police department but am unable to get the photos you speak of.

My dear husband, Thomas J. Duke, passed away eleven years ago, if he were living am sure he would be able to give the dates you ask for, and gladly too. The photographer who assisted my husband with the photos has passed away also. Am very sorry indeed that I cannot be of service to you in this matter.

I am Sincerely Ella Duke



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## SECRET SERVICE

### Lecture One



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### INTRODUCTION

One of the first requisites of a secret service investigator is that he have a thorough knowledge of every subject that will be of aid to him in his profession. First and most important of the things he should know is the science of finger prints.

The solution of nearly every crime mystery is accomplished as a result of the running down of a clue. There are few cases that have no clues. To the investigator who is not sufficiently versed in the science of finger prints the impression of a finger on an object at the scene of a crime would be of little aid to that investigator in the solution of that crime.

So while it is not absolutely necessary to be a finger print expert in order to be a secret service investigator, it can be readily seen that to be both will enhance the professional ability of the prospective investigator and for the finger print expert who also is a secret service investigator IT WILL BRING BIGGER FEES.

One is almost indispensable to the other. The finger print expert who really wants to be a master of his science needs to familiarize himself with the principles of the science of secret service, and vice versa.

This text book on the method of operation of secret service agents, detectives and criminologists, whose sole business is the detection of crime and the apprehension of criminals, is intended to give the student an opportunity, never presented before, of benefiting by the experience of the foremost experts and authorities in this highly specialized science.

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If the student will but devote a part of his time to a close study of this subject he may some day realize handsomely on his investment of time. The course of lessons and cases contained in this work was not written merely to give the student a few days of exceptionally interesting and thrilling reading matter. The current magazines are published for that purpose. So too are the myriad numbers of fiction stories, featuring the "fiction detective."

The student, the authors feel, would not insult his own intelligence or help thwart the sincere desire of the masters of the science of criminology who have compiled this work by taking it lightly or merely for temporary enjoyment.

These lessons were written and these cases compiled with the sole aim in mind of bringing Real Men into the highly respectable profession of the secret service. It is the hope of the authors that through a diligent perusal of these lessons there may be students who will follow up the knowledge gained from these pages and choose for their life's vocation either the profession of the secret service or the equally thrilling life of detective.

The authors are confident that any student who really applies himself to the task of mastering these lessons can upon the completion of the course, consider himself fortunate in having what few men in the profession had the opportunity to have at the start—  
THE ENTIRE THEORY OF THE SCIENCE OF  
CRIMINOLOGY.

Then it is up to the student with this solid FOUNDATION to demonstrate his ability in a practical way



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### LECTURE ONE

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by aiding in the solution of the many mysterious and baffling crimes in his special line of endeavor.

This little prelude, or as the student may call it, "sermon," is given so that there may be no misunderstanding of the object of the publication and dissemination of this work. It has taken effort, and the authors would feel their time had been wasted should the student not be sincere in his desire to maintain the splendid name of the profession.

Nothing can typify the spirit with which these lessons were written or their real object more than one other little sentence which has already been emphasized:

THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF SECRET SERVICE MEN, DETECTIVES, CRIMINOLOGISTS, FINGER PRINT EXPERTS, HAND-WRITING EXPERTS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS IN THIS SCIENCE, AND THAT THERE IS A CONSTANT INCREASE IN CRIME. THEREFORE IT IS HOPE THAT THIS FASCINATING PROFESSION WILL APPEAL TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO FEEL THEY HAVE THE NATURAL ABILITY TO UNDERTAKE THE GREAT WORK OF MATCHING WITS WITH THE KEEN MINDS OF MASTER CRIMINALS.

The authors will feel sufficiently rewarded if out of the many students who will apply for this course, there may be some who in the future will dignify the profession by their efforts in the solution of crime mysteries.

Naturally everyone who studies these lessons cannot become a WILLIAM A. PINKERTON or a WILLIAM J. BURNS or a THOMAS J. TUNNEY.

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But there are some who WILL rise to the heights reached by these masters. It may be YOU. At least it is UP TO YOU to apply yourself assiduously to these lessons and after you are out in the world, engaged on some case, whether it be a local mystery or a great international crime, to always have the thought uppermost in your mind that IT IS UP TO YOU to gain the fame and glory attached to the masters of the profession as well as the incidental financial reward.

NOW, if after digesting what you have just read, you sincerely desire to pursue these lessons and enter the GREAT GAME we will unfold to you many of the secrets of the science, knowing that you will be a credit to the profession you are about to enter.

The authors feel they have done their duty with the publication of these lessons. The rest, as we repeat, is up to you. It is not the purpose of the authors to discourage anyone who feels a natural inclination to enter the profession.

Great detectives do not flatter themselves by thinking they are the only intelligent persons in the world. They know they were not selected by any divinity to rise to the top of their profession. They know also and frankly state that it has been by dint of paying strict attention to their business from the moment they entered the profession, that they finally rose to the class of MASTERS. YOU CAN DO THE SAME.



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### LECTURE I

There are, of course, certain qualifications necessary to make good in the fascinating profession of the secret service. Before going into this phase of the work it may be well to touch on the inducements. That may appear to be superfluous. But although everyone knows the honor and fame that attaches to the name of leaders in the profession, few people have real information as to the financial remuneration.

Outside of the profession itself, very little is known of the big fees commanded by secret service men and detectives. And it is not only a few who are profiting by their knowledge—THERE ARE THOUSANDS. Why shouldn't there be? Do not specialists in every profession profit enormously because of the fact that they are able to do some one thing BETTER than any one else outside of their profession?

Well, after you have advanced sufficiently in your profession to be able to command large fees, you will find that, just as the patient is willing to pay the physician what fee he asks in return for his services, so will the client be only too glad to leave the detail of remuneration to you. The main object is to accomplish the mission entrusted to you.

If you undertake the investigation of a case and succeed you will find there will be no quibbling on the part of the client about fees. Once you have established a reputation YOU ARE MADE.

There are some students to whom government service will appeal. Others will prefer to specialize in metropolitan detecting. Then there will be those