

## 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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*Return to me, E. P. L.*

<p>OFFICE OF J. M. GANNAWAY COURT CLERK</p> <p>DISTRICT COURT COUNTY COURT PROBATE COURT</p>	<p>PITTSBURG COUNTY OKLAHOMA</p> <hr/> <p>MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA</p> <p>March 11, 1932.</p>	<p>DEPUTIES</p> <p>DISTRICT COURT: J. T. FEATHERSTON HAZEL COCHRAN</p> <p>COUNTY AND PROBATE: W. S. JAMES LENNIE BAKER</p>
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Mr. E. P. Lamborn,  
Rt. 2,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of March 10th I regret to say that I failed to preserve the negatives or even the copies of photos of the characters you refer to. The last I had of them were destroyed by fire when a building burned in which they were stored.

The only dealer in such photos that I know of is N.H. Rose, Box 463, San Antonio, Texas.

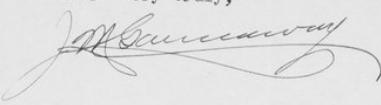
Perhaps a photographer "Swearingen" of Guthrie, Okla. might have a collection, as I have seen a copy made by him of a group of such photos, some of which were mine.

Photos of such characters as have served time in Oklahoma Penitentiary might be obtained by writing to R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk, U.S.P., McAlester.

Let me hear from you if and when you get up your book.

Hoping the information above may be of some use to you, I remain

Yours very truly,



JMG-HC.

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El Paso Tex  
March 17<sup>th</sup>  
[1923]

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
Leavenworth  
Kansas

Dear Sir:-  
Your letter  
received several days  
ago & took the picture  
down to the Photographers  
& they wanted four  
dollars to make a  
copy so if you care  
to pay that price  
you can send me  
the money & I will  
have it done & have  
them to send you  
the picture direct also  
a receipt for the money  
they said they would  
have to make a proof  
first. Respectfully  
John Gardner

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El Paso Texas  
April 25<sup>th</sup>  
[1923]

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
Leavenworth Kans

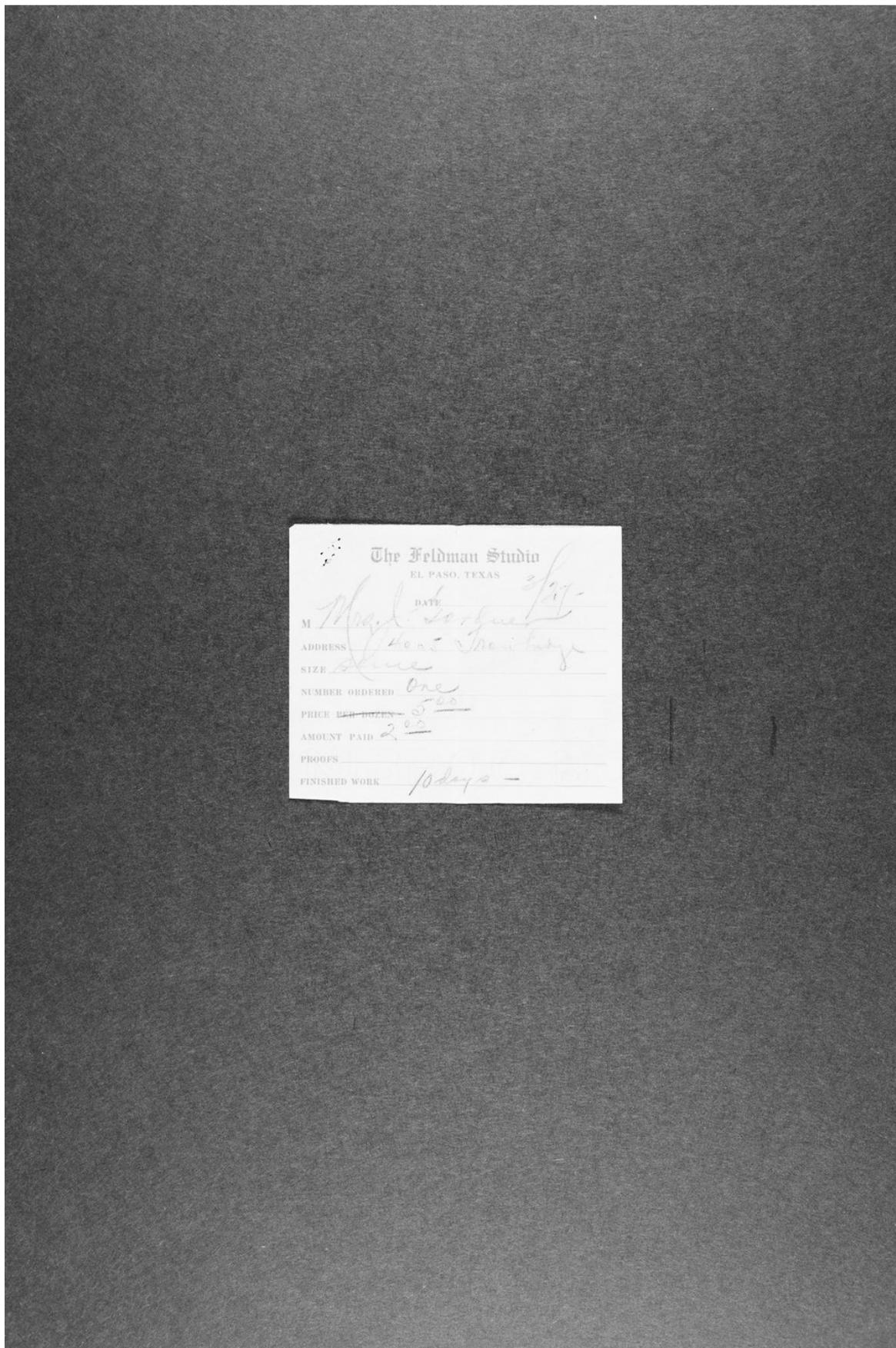
Dear Sir:-

I have the picture  
& will send it to you Monday  
The one on the right sitting  
down is Joel Collins the  
one sitting down on the  
left is Roe Collins behind  
him standing on the left  
is Sam Bass, enclosed is  
the receipt you will  
see I paid 5<sup>00</sup> instead

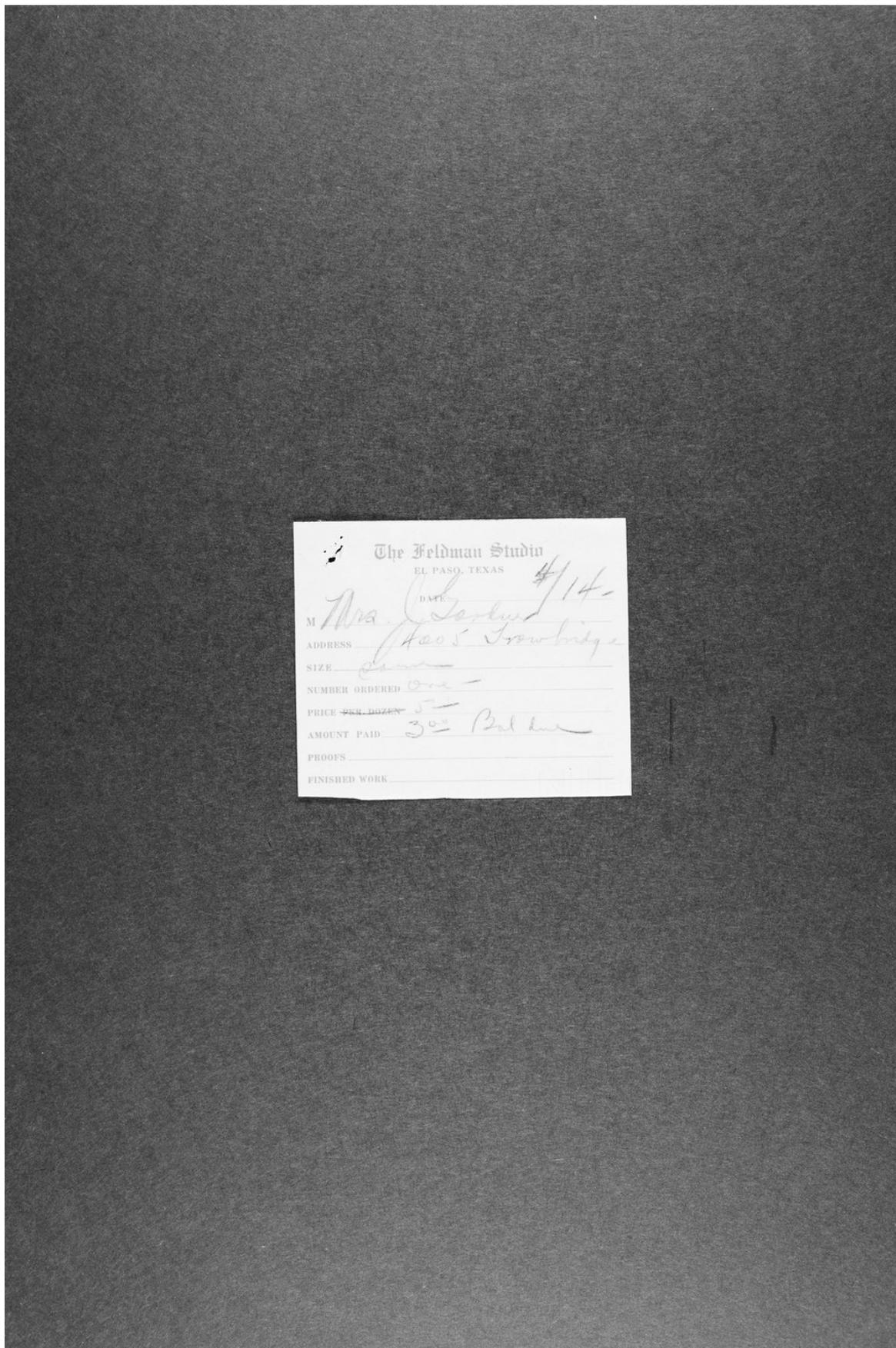
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of four when I took the  
picture down the second  
time, they said it would  
be five dollars as the  
original was covered with  
fly specks & it would have  
to be cleaned before they  
could take one from set.  
I do not know if Joel  
Collins was removed from  
Western Kansas or not.  
The old Collins home was  
in Dallas County Texas  
just north of Dallas Tex.  
Trust the picture reaches  
you in good shape.  
I am, Respect,  
J. S. Gardner

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The Feldman Studio  
EL PASO, TEXAS

DATE 4/14

M Mrs. C. Carlus

ADDRESS 400 S. Frowbridge

SIZE 10

NUMBER ORDERED one

PRICE ~~PER DOZEN~~ 5

AMOUNT PAID 30.00 Bal due

PROOFS \_\_\_\_\_

FINISHED WORK \_\_\_\_\_

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[GARDNER] El Paso Texas  
March 28<sup>th</sup>  
[1923]

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
Leavenworth, Kans

Dear Sir:- Your letter  
with P. O. order received  
today & I took the picture  
to the photographer today  
& they will have it ready  
in two weeks time.  
Mr Gardner is at the  
ranch & will not be home  
for three weeks so  
will wait & send the  
picture to you when  
he comes home & he

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will be able to tell you  
which is Sam Bass & the  
Collins boys all as answers  
your other questions.  
Trusting this delay will  
not inconvenience you.  
I remain  
Respect  
Mrs Mattie Gardner  
4005 - Goodridge  
El Paso  
Tex

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[GERMAIN]

Ocean Springs, Miss.

April 7, 1925

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,

Leavenworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 5th inst, relative to photographs of noted train bandits who operated in the southwest several years ago.

Am very sorry to inform you that I did not keep any photographs of criminals after retiring from the railroad business.

I do not know what J. J. Kinney, done with his photographs, he had some children but I do not know their whereabouts.

I would suggest that you take the matter up with various old time Special Agents and Police Officers in the southwest., hoping that you will be successful in securing the information. I am.

Yours very truly

*B. Germain*

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CHARLES A. GIANINI  
POLAND, N. Y.

April 24, 1933.

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

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

In reply to your card received to-day I am pleased to give you the title of Capt. French's book and name of the publisher: Some Recollections of a Western Ranchman, by William French, and published by Frederick A. Stokes Company, of New York. I bought my copy of the book when it was first issued about four years ago and the price was in the neighborhood of \$3.00. Before sending for a copy you had better ask for the price.

I am much interested in the history of the old west, Indians, traders, trappers and bad men, and have a pretty large library of the mentioned subjects. Not much interested in fiction. Have a very few photographs of western characters, some bought from Mr. Rose who advertises in Frontier Times.

I have hunted from Alaska to Mexico and write occasionally on outdoor subjects. A couple of years ago I wrote up the story of my pack trip down the Middle Fork of the Gila and back the West Fork, and incidently mentioned a number of characters past and present, good and bad, but a Silver City paper never published it, and possibly for fear of lawsuits.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours truly

*Charles A. Gianini*

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CHARLES A. GIANINI  
POLAND, N. Y.

July 6\_1936

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear sir:

I have just returned from being away, and found your letter waiting, on my return. Yes I have "Some Recollections of A Western Ranchman" by Captain French, also "Fifty Years on the Old Frontier" by James H. Cook, I will sell the two books for \$10. prepaid. I am sending A list of a few others that might interest you.

Very Truly Yours

*(Sms) Charles A. Gianini*

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Victor, Mrs Frances F. River of the West.

Wheeler, Olin D. The trail of Lewis and Clark"First edition"2Vol.

Wright, Robert M. The Cowboy Capital and the Great Southwest.

Wilstach, Frank J. Wild Bill Hickok.

Adams, Andy The Log of a Cowboy.

Brown Ross J. Adventuris in the Apache Country.

Russell, Osborne Journal of a Traper.

Coues Elliott Forty Years a Fur Traider by Larpentuer 2 Vol.

" " On the Trail of a Spanish Pionier. 2Vol.

Drannan Wm. F. Thirtyone years on the Plain

Wheeler Olin D. The Trail of Lewis and Clark.

Wright Robert M. Dodge City.

Chittenden H.M. The American Fur Traider of the Far West 3 Vol.

*(Inv) Charles C. Garsini*

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[GILDEN]  
Benson, Arizona Jan 9<sup>th</sup> /24.  
Mr E. P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kan. R # 2.  
My dear Sir: -  
After a long delay for which I am  
not altogether responsible, I am replying  
to yours of Oct 29<sup>th</sup> /23, which was  
received by me some time in the  
latter part of Nov. at Alpine, Texas.  
I have been crippled up with Rheu-  
-matism in my Arms for a year  
and have been travelling about  
for relief until I'm just about down  
to bed-rock financially and am  
at present located here in Southern  
Arizona near where I worked cattle  
and hid out from the Apaches 48  
years ago, only then it was more  
civilized than to day from the  
view point of an old timer.  
Now to your requests I will frankly  
state that the pictures I have of the men  
-over-

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Mentioned in my former letter to you are (I think) the only ones in existence and I would not like to have them given to the public until I first use them in my proposed book or in Magazine Articles, but will say that King Fisher, ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> Selman, Frank Lloyd, <sup>no</sup> Gunter, were men both as officers and outlaws at different times and reputed Gunmen, Porter was called and outlaw, though was an officer when killed. - During those days in Texas, N.M., Ariz. & the Great S-W, in general any man on the "dodge" was termed an outlaw, though in many cases they were not near as blood thirsty, or morally unclean as were the "blood hounds" officers who were after them and the public has only had one side of the story of the West and I want to be just to both. - Do you take "Frontier Times" a monthly published at Baudera, Texas, by J. Marvin Hunter, at \$1.50 per annum? If not you should do so. It is authentic. I sell and take subs., for it, also will write for it. -

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Over a year ago I had to cease work  
on my book on account of lack of  
funds and my MS and photos are  
boxed up and stored from Los An-  
geles, Cal., to Del Rio, Texas and  
until I get located again and  
get all my things together I cannot lay  
my hands on any of the photos you speak  
of. - you are not the only one who has been  
trying to get pictures from me and I am  
sorry to have to refuse anyone but am  
forced to do so in justification to my  
self. - I thank you for your offer to help  
me sell my N.M. land and of course  
if I should sell to anyone whom you  
had sent, I would allow you 5% but on  
account of oil prospects now near my  
property, I hold it at \$10,000.00 (31.75 per A.) or  
in 10 acre or less lots at 50.00 per acre.  
It is patented land and NO incumbran-  
ces what ever. I hope you will  
appreciate my position and  
- over

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pardon me and if I can be of  
any service to you in other ways  
I will be pleased to respond  
and will be glad to hear from  
you at any time, so with my  
best wishes for a prosperous  
New year, health + contentment  
I am very truly yours,  
A. M. (Gus) Gildea,  
of Texas

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Phoenix, Arizona, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> /23.  
 Mr E. P. Lamborn,  
 Leavenworth, Kan.

My dear Sir: - Your letter of Aug 20<sup>th</sup> was rec'd by me on my return to Lansing from Hot Springs, Ark. about Sep 15<sup>th</sup> but being in a bad nervous condition I have not, until now, been in a condition to reply; and even now I can scarcely hold my pencil; anyhow I will answer your inquiries as best I can and will hope to hear from you again and that we may become better acquainted later on.

Now as your inquiry "Did you know these men?" - "Sam Bass" (Ans. No.) "Bill Singley," (no) "Sam Thompson?" (yes) "Wes Harwood?" (yes) "Rube Burrows?" (yes) "Tom Ketchum?" (yes) "Bill Carver?" (no) "Cowley Bill?" (yes) "Billie the Kid?" (yes) "King Fisher?" (yes) "Bill Hampran?" (yes). I have pictures of King Fisher, Joe Selman, Joe Gunther, Frank Porter, Frank Lloyd, and have had them of others

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but in my rambling about have lost a lot and am anxious to again possess some of them for my book which I hope to some day compile & have published.

yes I am acquainted in Denning, with Judge McKays, Frank Prizer (Prezger) Hathaway, Estes, Birchfield and Thompson are there but I am not acquainted with them. When you were in Denning in Oct/22. I was probably in Texas, visiting my people and attending the old trail drivers Convention in San Antonio, but I hope we may meet each other some time in the future. My writeup in "Old Trail Drivers" was too lengthy and cut down about one half which deprived it of much that was very interesting.

I already have many orders for my book <sup>+ add orders</sup> but being financially short at present don't know when I'll be able to get it finished. I have 320 acres of fine but dry land on Mtns. near Denning for sale which if I will immediately go to finishing book.

Very truly yours  
A. M. Gildlea  
Denning, N.M.

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Late-

You might know of  
some one in your neighbor-  
hood wanting to buy land  
near Sumner, Mo., with  
whom you could put me  
in communication for  
the sale of my place, 370  
Acres, dry land on W. side,  
slope, rich W. side, silt soil,  
no dust during windy  
season, no weed during  
wet season, only 4 months  
of frosty weather, {a long  
growing season} a soil  
growing Corn, Maize, Cane  
wheat, Rye, Oats, Barley and  
all kinds of garden stuff,  
such as Tomatoes, Potatoes,  
{Sweet & Irish} Peas, Beans,

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Pumpkins, Apples, {Peanuts}  
Apples, Peas, Peaches, Plums,  
Grapes, Nuts &c &c. High  
{from \$500 ft to 4300 ft}  
One thousand dollars  
Improvements {or more} on  
place {7 Room rock house  
large chicken house, pens,  
fencing &c. 50 Acres under  
good wire fence. No Mosquito  
haes, fine view of Gering at  
night and view of Mtns in  
old Mexico, Arizona & New Mex.  
Fine location for sheep & cows,  
or health resort & for Poultry,  
and hunting & trapping in winter.  
Water can be had at from 100  
to 150 ft of finest kind. Little  
oil. {Perfect} oil prospects only  
8 miles away. I sold now price is  
\$10,000. Cash \$2,500, bal. to suit pur-  
chaser. (Do not forget you if you need a buyer)

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### BARREL SPRINGS RANCH

J. B. GILLET, Proprietor

Member  
Highland Hereford  
Breeders' Association



MARFA, TEXAS, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1923

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
Leavenworth Kansas

Dear Mr Lamborn,

I am just back home from a six weeks visit to San Antonio Texas and the coast and find your letter awaiting me, and shall endeavor to answer some of your questions. First I did not know there had ever been written a life of Sam Bass.

You know Sam left Denton County in the Spring of 1877. He had never committed a crime in his life up to that time. He had worked as a farm and stock hand on old Sheriff Dad Egans place at Denton Texas. Then he hired to Joel Callen at San Antonio Texas. to go up the trail to Dead wood. They were six months on the trail. All got broke up their and robbed Sam stages. Come down to Ogle Alley and robbed the U. P. train. Came on to Denton Co Texas robbed 3 small

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2. MARFA, TEXAS,

train in Texas in the winter and spring of 1878  
was killed at Round Rock Texas July 1878 That's all  
there was to Sam Bass, just a little old black  
looking cowboy, with no education at all  
and not very smart.

I had a good chance to study  
him the two days we rangers guarded him at  
Round Rock before he died. I was on guard when  
he died, heard his last call for water and  
straighten him out when he had breathed  
his last breath. Not much in him to  
write a book about, only he was brave  
beyond question and of a kindly disposition and  
nature. He never was cut out for a bad man  
circumstances just made him that way.

Did not know there was  
a picture of him in existance. I don't know  
where you could get any of the pictures of  
bad men you ask about.

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3 MARFA, TEXAS,

I have a copy of A. J. Howells Rangers and  
Pioneers of Texas, this book 400 pages and is long  
since out of print. I gave \$8.00 for it and  
think I got bit you can have it at what it  
cost me. It is about the same size or not  
quite as large as my book, but the print is much  
finer. It is a 2nd hand book and in fairly  
good condition.

I was in Mr Moos book store  
San Antonio Texas last week trying to buy a  
life of Billie the Kid by Pat F. Garrett, but could  
not get a copy.

Mr Moos told me a copy of  
this book was sold at Auction in New York  
about one month ago @ \$28.00 when I finished  
writing my book I give Mr E. M. Dealy, of Dallas  
a copy of Pat Garretts life of the Kid and a copy  
of the life of Mrs Hardin, and now I cant get  
a copy of either for love or money.

I am glad you liked my

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4 MARFA, TEXAS,

book and thank you for the Compliments you  
pay me. I have a fine write up of the killing  
of Allison and Robertson at Seminole Texas  
Tom Ross and Milt Good are bad Indians  
they are brave but were a afraid to get those  
two boys an even break. they just murdered  
them that all.

I have had pretty good sales on  
my books have sent them all over the U.S.  
and am not advertising much either. Have now  
about 200 Complimentary letters like yours from  
people who have read the book. well some  
day I expect it will sell for \$1.00 long after  
I am gone.

Would be deligite to have a  
list of you do books when you have time  
to make it up and send me.

Very truly yours  
J. B. Gillett

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MARFA, TEXAS

June 26 A 25

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
Leavenworth Kansas  
Dear Mr Lamborn

On my return from a months  
outing in N.M. I found your letter awaiting  
me. You certainly have a wonderful list of  
books of bad men of the old west.

If you have more than one  
copy of Ben Thompson by Maj W.M. Walter  
or an extra copy of Det Gault's life of the  
Kid or an extra copy of Jim McIntire  
I would be glad to buy them from you  
I have not tried to make up a library  
of those old times and have given most of  
the books of that kind I had away and  
now am beginning to regret it.

Hope to meet you at some  
future time and hear from you soon  
I am most truly yours

J. B. Gillett

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MARFA, TEXAS, Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1923

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
Lawrenceville Kansas  
Dear Mr Lamborn

Just received your letter  
written while at Kansas City all so  
Early Days in Texas You dont know  
how much I appreciate you getting  
this book for me and am sending  
you money order for \$2.00 to pay for same  
As I suppose that is about what it  
sells for at least it is worth  
that much to me.

I do hope you find  
a copy of Ben Thompson book where  
for me, or any other old book on  
early western history that is good  
I am in a great hurry this even-  
ing, but will write you more fully  
when I receive a reply to this letter  
Thanking you again for the book I am,  
Yours & B Gillett

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MARFA, TEXAS, Oct 19th 23

Dear Mr Lamborn  
Your letter just to hand and was truly glad to hear from you again and thank you for sending me any thing pertaining to the old west and bad men of that period

I am sure such a book as you mention would and could be gotten up about the old rangers and at your suggestion I will take it up with the old boys at our next reunion in 1924

I am sending a newspaper acct of reunion at marfa to day. I am still offering \$1.00 for a copy of Ben Thompson by Maj Buck Walton but so far have not been able to secure a copy. Please keep a look out for me. I am leaving next week on a hunt and visit to my married daughter in N.M. My address will be Beaverhead N.M. for the next six weeks - Write me then most truly yours

J. B. Gillett  
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J. Marvin Hunter, Bandera Texas. The  
man that brought out the second edition  
of old Trail drivers book. Is publishing  
a little Magazine called Frontier Times.  
It is great cost \$1.00 per year and is a monthly.  
He has just issued two copies, October  
and November. You had better get them  
both, and at the end of next year the 12  
copies will be great for any library.  
Tell Mr Hunter I told you  
to write him for those two sample copies  
Oct and Nov. They are worth far more than  
15¢ each the price he asks for them. —

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