

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

### Section 3, Pages 61 - 90

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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Sent. 7 - 1926.  
Mrs George Montgomery,  
Winfield,  
Kansas.

Leavenworth, Kansas, R. 2.

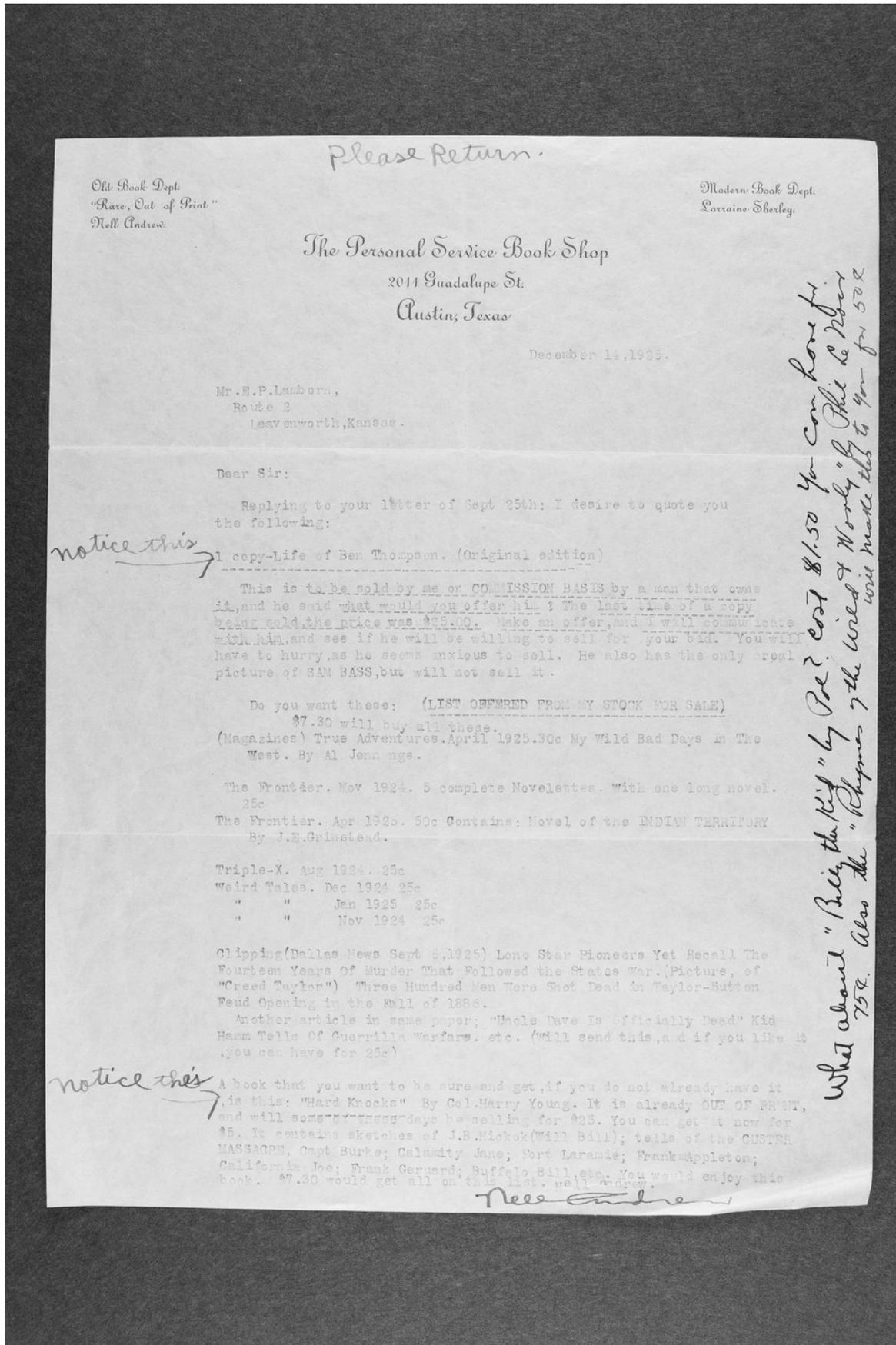
Dear madam:  
I have recently interviewed Mr Rube Taylor, Mr Thomas Gorman, Mr Frank Plamondon, Mr H. H. Germain and Mrs Elizabeth Kinney, in regard to photographs of noted train-robbers who used to hold up Santa Fe trains in Oklahoma 30 years ago.

The men named above were Santa Fe Special agents and worked with Mr George Montgomery on the train-robbery cases in Oklahoma which were committed by the Halton-Hoolin-Cook, Starr and Davis gangs of outlaws. I am looking for photographs of any of the outlaws named or duplicates of these photos for my new book "Noted Outlaws of yesterday". I am now writing you to ask if you have any of these photographs which once belonged to Mr Montgomery and if I can secure duplicate copies of them for my book. Trusting to hear from you in the near future.

I am,  
Very truly yours,  
E. P. Lamborn.



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*Please Return.*

Old Book Dept.  
"Rare, Out of Print"  
Neil Andrew.

Modern Book Dept.  
Lorraine Sherley.

The Personal Service Book Shop  
2011 Guadalupe St.  
Austin, Texas

December 14, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept 25th: I desire to quote you the following:

*notice this* →

1 copy-Life of Ben Thompson. (Original edition)

This is to be sold by me on COMMISSION BASIS by a man that comes in, and he said what would you offer him? The last time of a copy being sold, the price was \$22.00. Make an offer, and I will communicate with him, and see if he will be willing to sell for your bid. You will have to hurry, as he seems anxious to sell. He also has the only great picture of SAM BASS, but will not sell it.

Do you want these: (LIST OFFERED FROM MY STOCK FOR SALE)

\$7.30 will buy all these.  
(Magazines) True Adventures, April 1925. 30c My Wild Bad Days in The West. By Al Jennings.

The Frontier, Nov 1924. 5 complete Novelettes. With one long novel. 25c

The Frontier, Apr 1925. 50c Contains: Novel of the INDIAN TERRITORY By J.E. Grinstead.

Triple-X. Aug 1924. 25c

Weird Tales, Dec 1924 25c

" " Jan 1925 25c

" " Nov 1924 25c

Clipping (Dallas News Sept 8, 1925) Lone Star Pioneers Yet Recall The Fourteen Years of Murder That Followed the States War. (Picture, of "Creed Taylor") Three Hundred Men Were Shot Dead in Taylor-Button Feud Opening in the Fall of 1886.

Another article in same paper; "Uncle Dave Is Officially Dead" Kid Hamm Tells Of Guerrilla Warfare. etc. (Will send this, and if you like it, you can have for 25c)

*notice this* →

A book that you want to be sure and get, if you do not already have it is this: "Hard Knocks" By Col. Harry Young. It is already OUT OF PRINT, and will some-~~times~~-days be selling for \$25. You can get it now for \$5. It contains sketches of J.B. Hickok (Wild Bill); tells of the CUSTER MASSACRE, Capt. Burke; Calamity Jane; Fort Laramie; Frank Appleton; California Joe; Frank Geruard; Buffalo Bill etc. You would enjoy this book. \$7.30 would get all on this list, Neil Andrew.

*Neil Andrew*

*What about "Being the King" by Poe? cost \$1.50 You can have for 75¢. Also the "Rhymes of the Wild & Woolly" by Phil de Nober were made this to you for 50¢*

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Oct. 14 - 1976. Leavenworth, Kansas, Rg.  
 Mr Frank Caldwell.  
 108 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St  
 Austin, Texas.

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> received, wensday, and am sending you  
 this "Beating Back" Book by Al Jennings. Brand new.  
 What is it worth to you. The cant get mally. Rangers  
 Book as just the two photos Hardin and Thompson.  
 Will you please give me a few more days until I locate  
 a copy of Hard-Knocks for you. I am writing direct to  
 the author Mr Harry Young himself. I will get  
 you a copy. or know the reason why.  
 I have an old guerilla friend who served with Quantill  
 and I think he has a copy of 3 years with Quantill. I get.  
 I know this "Hard-Knocks" Book is out of print now,  
 having been published in 1915.  
 if you will send me those two photos I will have them  
 duplicated or copies made of them here at Leavenworth.  
 and in that way you wont lose the use of Hardin photo out  
 of your Book. it will be a shame to tear out the  
 picture.  
 if I succeed in getting Hard-~~Knocks~~ Knocks. I get it to  
 you anyway by the nov 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 Read what miss nell Andren says on the other side at this Page.

E. P. Lamborn.

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March, 4-1927.

Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2.

Mrs John W. Pol.  
Roswell.  
New Mexico.

Dear madam.

I write to ask if the late Mr John W. Pol had or ever had any photographs of noted outlaws, whom he came in contact with while he was deputy U.S. Marshall. Sheriff or when he was a Brand Inspector or Stock Detective for the great Cattle Companies of the Southwest.

Now I do not mean Billy the Kid's photograph but those of the Original "Black Jack" gang or "The High Five".

The Tom Ketchum gang, Kit Fox gang, Broncho Bill gang, Bill Stiles and Bert Alvord, gang, or any others.

Or noted gunmen like Clay Allison, Wes Hardin, John Sellman, George Scarborough, Glutch Henry,

I am now writing a book entitled "Noted Outlaws of Yesterday" and these pictures are to be used in it.

If you have any of these photographs would it be possible to obtain the loan, of them for about a week or 10 days so that duplicate copies can be made by a photographer here at Leavenworth, and then returned to you by insured and registered mail.

I will pay you for the use of these pictures.

If you do not have any pictures, can you suggest or refer me to some of the old-time peace-officers (Friends of Mr Pol's) of the Southwest, who might have them, their names and addresses.

Mr Old-time friend Mr Charles A. Siringo once introduced me to Mr Pol and we exchanged letters for sometime after <sup>words</sup>

and Mr Pol helped me get a book about Billy the Kid that Mr Pat J. Garrett had written years before.

I never would have gotten this book had it not been for Mr. Pol, and I have always felt very grateful to him.

Justing to hear from you.

I am,  
Very truly yours,  
E. P. Lamborn.

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Mr E. P. Lamborn  
R R 2  
Leavenworth Kansas

Dear Sir:

Mrs Poe asked me to  
answer this letter -

Mr Poe didnt have  
any pictures of the characters  
you describe & I do not  
know where you could  
get them -

Tom Powers of El Paso Texas  
might have them or refer  
you to some one who  
has. He used to collect  
a lot of those things -

Yours truly  
J. B. Lea  
Box 564  
Roswell  
N. M.

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March 12, 1927. Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2.  
 Mr Cipriano B. Baca,  
 Socorro,  
 New Mexico.

Dear Sir -  
 I understand from old-time peace-officers thought-out New Mexico that you have been at different times a Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Deputy U.S. Marshall and Captain of the Guards at the State Penitentiary at Santa Fe, New Mexico and of recent years a Special Officer at Madrid, New Mexico, and that your years of service covered the years of 1895-96-97-98-99-1900. or at the time when the Original Black Jack gang or the High Five, The Ketchum, Kit Jay, gang, Broncho Bill gang, and the Bert Alvord, Bill Stiles gang of outlaws operated in New Mexico and either Southwest States.

I write to ask if you have at this late day any photographs of George Musgrave, Cole Estes, Bob Hayes, Tom Anderson, Sid Moore, Frank O'Phallard, Bill George, Stan Pinkin, Billy Johnson, Kit Jay, Bill Stiles, Jack Dunlan, John Eshree, and if I can have duplicate copies made from any of the above named photos for my new book "Noted Outlaws of Yesterday" I am now writing, I of course paying all costs of having these duplicate copies made by a photographer.

I would like to ask you one question, were there two Black Jacks gangs, or was Tom Ketchum, the first, only, Original and Fast Black Jack, then who was the man Fred Higgins killed, April 28-1897 near Clifton, Arizona, who was thought to be the original Black Jack who had killed Ranchman George Smith a few days before. Who was the Original Black Jack. His name, I am  
 E. P. Lamborn.



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May 7, 1928. Leavenworth - Kansas, R.R. 2.  
Clerk of the District Court,  
County Court House,  
Laredo, Texas.

Dear Sir -

Have you a Record or File ~~of~~ in your office, which gives  
the correct date of when Alfred Y. Allee, was killed  
in Laredo, Texas, by Joe Bartelou, the City Marshal?  
if you do not have, will you please hand this letter  
to the Sheriff or County Coroner, they might have a  
Record as it in their offices.

This man Alfred Y. Allee was a noted peace-officer  
in and around San Antonio, Texas, and was in the habit  
of coming to Laredo, Texas, taking a few drinks and  
then "hurrah" the town. City-marshal Joe Bartelou  
attempt to arrest Allee, but Allee resisted, and was  
killed.

All I want is the correct date, (year-month-day) of when  
it happened.

I am,

Very truly yours,

E. P. Lamborn.

6/27/28

Cause No 2063, filed Oct 13, 1896, alleges that  
A. J. Bartelou killed A. Y. Allee, Aug. 19, 1896.  
Defendant found not guilty.

JOE R. DAVIS  
CLK. DIST. CT. WEBB CO.

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May 7, 1922. Leavenworth, Kansas. R.R. 2.  
 Mr M.C. Stewart,  
 Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter to me of Dec. 23-1922, in which you spoke of having an old-newspaper clipping & scrapbook. I am writing to ask if you were living in Eddy County New Mexico or that vicinity, when Clay Allison, the famous gun-man, was accidentally killed near Riverton Texas, Reeves County, and if you now recall, and can please give me the correct date, (year, month, day) of when it happened, do you have the newspaper clipping in your scrapbook. There seems to have been only one eye-witness to the killing, and that was Mr George Farrimore, an old time freighter, who was hauling wool into Pecos City, Texas. Clay Allison was drunk at the time and fell off the freight wagon, the wheels passed over his neck or back, breaking it.

I have been trying for a number of years to get the correct date, of this, but have failed. Some people say it happened in 1886, others say 1890, still others say, 1893. But I could not find any account of it in the back files of the Kansas City Star, Times or Journal for those years. Most of the old-timers of those days are now dead and I do not know just now who to see, or who to write to about it. What suggestions can you give me about it.

Mr J. C. Anderson of Lam.  
 Carlsbad says Allison  
 was killed July 19<sup>th</sup> 1887. E. P. Lamborn.  
 he was near there at the time on a round up  
 Lee Johnson of Ft. Worth Texas can give you  
 all the data he married Allison's widow  
 M.C. Stewart

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Aug. 13. - 1928. Leavenworth, Kansas. R.R. 2.  
 Mr Henry Earl.  
 Castlegate, Carbon County, Utah.  
 Dear Sir -  
 I have been corresponding lately, with Mr George  
 A. Storrs, ex-Sheriff of Utah, County, who now lives in  
 Los Angeles, Calif. and also with Mr Glenn Miller  
 ex. U.S. marshal of Utah in 1899, who now lives in  
 Salt Lake City, Utah, in regard to George F. Parker  
 alias "Butch Cassidy" the famous outlaw, who was  
 running wild in Utah, during the years of 1896-97-98-99.  
 I am after a history of Butch Cassidy's Bank robberies at  
 St George, Utah, and also, Evanston, Wyoming, and both  
 of these men, Mr Storrs and Mr Miller say that you are  
 a old-timer, or resident of Castlegate, where Butch Cassidy  
 and Elza Lay held-up and robbed the Paymaster, for the  
 Pleasant Valley Coal Company of \$7,500 on April 31-1897.  
 Can you recall now, the correct dates (year-month-day) of  
 the St George, and Evanston, Bank robberies.  
 Have you any old newspapers clippings or Scrapbook which  
 would give this information or do you know of some old-timer  
 of your City, who can give it to me.  
 Can you name, the different members of Cassidy's gang who  
 served a term in the Utah State Penitentiary.  
 Can you tell me where and when Bill Cruzan, who was one  
 of Cassidy's gang, served time at, and on what charges.  
 Have you any photographs of any of Cassidy's gang, now.  
 Particullary a picture of George F. Curry, alias "Flat-nose  
 George" who was killed near Thompsons, Utah, April 5, 1900.  
 What are the chances of me getting duplicate copies of  
 these photos. I paying the costs of having the work done by  
 a Photographer, there in Castlegate.  
 I do not know just why Mr Storrs will not give me the information  
 wanted, as he was Sheriff, and had E. F. Maxwell, who robbed the  
 Bank at Springville, Utah, May 25, 1895, in charge during his trial at  
 Provo, Utah, Sept 19-1895.

E. P. Lamborn.



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HISTORIAN OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Mr W. A. Richards,  
ex-governor of Wyoming,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

E. P. LAMBORN  
LEAVENWORTH, KANS. ROUTE 2

Oct 2, 1938.

COLLECTS MSS BOOKS AND PHOTOS OF NOTED BANDITS NOTED PEACE OFFICERS FAMOUS DETECTIVES BUFFALO HUNTERS

Dear Sir,

I have been corresponding of late with Mr Frederick R. Bechdolt, a writer of western books, and who wrote those two most interesting books, entitled, "Tales of the Old-Timers" and "When the West was Young", in the book entitled "Tales of the Old-Timers", I find your name and address and I take the liberty to write to you about that noted outlaw of yesterday of Wyoming, Butch Cassidy and his doings in Wyoming.

Can you give me the true date, year-month-day, when the Butch Cassidy gang held-up a bank in Evanston, Wyoming and were followed into the Sweetwater mountains of Wyoming by a posse of officers and these officers disarmed by the outlaws, who threw their arms into a creep.

Also the true date of the Bank Robbery at St George, Washington County, Utah, by the Cassidy gang.

Have you the photographs of Lonnie Logan, Tom O'Jay, or George F. Curry, alias "Flat-nose-George", from which I can have duplicate copies made there in Cheyenne Wyoming. (Paying the cost of having a photographes make these copies.

This information and these photographs I am using in my new book "Noted Outlaws of Yesterday".

I am now writing, if you are not in possession of this information nor these photos will you refer me to some old-timer at Wyoming who you think can.

I am,  
Very truly,  
E. P. Lamborn.

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Oct. 29 - 1928 - Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2.  
Mrs. George C. Montgomery,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear madam,  
I have recently interviewed Mr. Rubel E. Taylor,  
Mr. Thomas Goran, Mr. Frank Plamondon,  
Mr. H. H. Germain, and Mrs. Elizabeth Finney in regard  
to photographs of noted train robbers who used to  
hold-up Santa Fe trains in Oklahoma 30 years ago.  
The men named above were Santa Fe Special Agents  
and worked with Mr. George C. Montgomery on the  
train-robbery cases in Oklahoma which were committed  
by the Halton-Hoolin-Cook-Starv. Jennings, and Davis  
gangs of outlaws.

I am looking for photographs of any of the outlaws  
named or duplicate copies of these photos for my new  
book "Noted Outlaws of Yesterday". I am now writing,  
I write you to ask if you have any of these photographs  
which once belonged to Mr. George C. Montgomery and if  
I can secure duplicate copies of them for my book,  
I trust to hear from you in the near future.

I am,  
very truly,  
E. P. Lamborn.

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May. 18. 1929. Leavenworth, Kansas. R.R. 2.

Mr James G. Rankin.  
ex. Sheriff of Carbon County.  
Raulins, Wyoming.

Hear Sir.

it is my understanding that you were Sheriff of Carbon County Wyoming during the late 90s - 1897-98-99. and during the years that the Harvey Logan alias "Kid Curry" gang of outlaws were operating in Wyoming.

I am a Historian and Reminiscent and am now writing a Book entitled "noted Outlaws of yesterday" which will give two or more chapters on the Kid Curry gang and their crimes in Wyoming. I wish to ask you a question or two about some of the members of this crowd.

When and where did Bill Cruzan. ever serve time and on what charges. what ever became of Bill Cruzan?

what other "jobs" did the Kid Curry crowd do in Wyoming. other than the Union Pacific "Hold ups" at Wilcox. June. 2. 1899. and at Yinton. August. 29. 1900. and the Bank Robbery at Evanston do you now recall to mind the exact date of the Bank Robbery at Evanston, Wyoming. (year, month, day) and who took part in it.

do you have any photographs of this Curry gang such as Lonnie Logan alias "Lonnie Curry". George F. Curry alias "Flat-nose George". Tom O'Flay. Or Bill Carlisle, a train Robber of more recent years.

may I have duplicate copies of these 4 pictures named, made by any good photographer there in Raulins.

I paying all costs of having these copies made.

is it true that the gang had a hiding place or hang-out South of Raulins in Carbon County near the State Line and hid out there soon after the Great Northern job at Wagner, Montana July. 3. 1901. and that they had no end of friends all over the west ~~at~~ ~~among~~ among the Ranchmen and Cowboys, were you acquainted with Mr Joseph Hazen, Sheriff of Converse County, Wyoming. killed. near Casher. on Yellow Creek. June. 5. 1899.

I am, Very truly yours,  
E. P. Lamborn.

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HISTORIAN OF THE  
MIDDLE WEST

Miss Margaret Hart,  
Librarian of,  
The San Francisco Daily Bulletin,  
San Francisco, California.

E. P. LAMBORN  
LEAVENWORTH, KANS. Feb. 24-1930.  
ROUTE 2

COLLECTS  
MSS. BOOKS AND PHOTOS OF  
NOTED BANDITS  
NOTED PEACE OFFICERS  
FAMOUS DETECTIVES  
BUFFALO HUNTERS

Hear madam,  
Your name and address has been given me by our good friend Mr  
Huncan Ripman. Author of the books "Calamity Jane and the Lady with cats"  
"Faming of the Frontiers" and "The Home You-mind".  
Have you in your records, files, morgue, or card-index, any  
information, history or write-ups, etc. on the Gates Brothers,  
George and Edwin Vernon Gates, who were natives of California  
and who were great train-robbers, murders, outlaws, etc. in  
California, Oregon and Colorado during the years of 1902-03-04-05  
and who were finally killed by a Sheriff's posse near Sahar  
New Mexico, during the Summer or Fall of 1908.  
The great train-robbery at Coheley, California on the Southern  
Pacific Railroad on the night of March 31-1904 being one of their  
jobs and the murder of Express messenger Frank O'Neil.  
Will you please give me all the information you have on these Gates  
Brothers, including their births, age, the exact dates of their various  
crimes, their train-robberies, and the true date of their deaths.  
It may be of interest to you to know that I am a Historian and  
Reminiscent of the old-time west, as it once was, and I take  
great interest in past events of the old-west.  
Also, that I expect to use this information about these Gates  
Brothers, in my new book, which I am now writing,  
and hope to have published this Spring,  
if you are unable to give me this history, can you refer  
me to someone else. Some old-time peace-officer or Railroad  
Special Agent.  
I would also like very much to get good duplicate copies  
of their photographs for my book. I will be only too glad to pay  
the costs of having any photographs in San Francisco make  
these copies.  
Enclosed will please find postage stamps for your reply,  
I am,  
Very truly,  
E. P. Lamborn.

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HISTORIAN OF THE  
MIDDLE WEST

Mr Thomas Clary,  
ex-Sheriff of Chouteau County,  
Fort Benton, Montana.

E. P. LAMBORN  
LEAVENWORTH, KANS. ROUTE 2

March 23, 1931.

COLLECTS  
MSS BOOKS AND PHOTOS OF  
NOTED BANDITS  
NOTED PEACE OFFICERS  
FAMOUS DETECTIVES  
BUFFALO HUNTERS

My dear Sir,

it is my understanding that you were Sheriff of Chouteau County, Montana during the years of 1899 and 1900 and that you held warrants for the arrest of Lonnie Logan alias Lonnie Curry, who you had once arrested but escaped by leaping from a moving train while in your custody.

As you know, this man Lonnie Logan was one of the 6 men who held up the Union Pacific Express train on the night of June 2, 1899 at Wilcox - Wyoming, and was killed at Hodson, Missouri on the morning of Feb 28, 1900 while resisting arrest. You, yourself coming to Kansas City, Mo to identify the remains and to testify before the Coroner's jury as to Logan's last life.

I write you this letter to ask if you have a photograph of Lonnie Logan in life or in death or of George F. Curry alias "flat-nose George", who was a member of this gang, and if I can get a duplicate copy of these photographs of you, made by a photographer there at Fort Benton. I will be only too glad to pay the costs of having this copy made. I have a very good history of Lonnie Logan and all the Hole-in-the-wall gang of which he was a member and I am using this in my new book, but am having a lot of trouble in locating a photograph of Lonnie Logan. Most of the 6 officers who tried to arrest Logan at Hodson Mo. are now dead, and the few remaining ones know of no picture of him.

The towns of Sandusky, Harlem, Chinook, Montana and the Little Rockies mountains near Sandusky were all old stamming grounds of the Logan alias the Curry Brothers during the late 90's and Harvey Logan killed Pipe Sandusky on December 25, 1894, and he has been a fugitive ever since, if you have these photographs please write me if I can have copies. I will send you a copy of my book free of charge.

E. P. Lamborn.

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April 20, 1931, Leavenworth, Kansas, R. R. 2.

Mrs William Grimes,  
Long Beach, California.

Dear madam,

I Regret to learn of the death on April 9, of my former  
Officer's Friend, Mr William Grimes at Long Beach, California.  
I send to you and your family my sincerest Sympathy  
in your great loss.

I was very well and personally acquainted with Mr Grimes  
when he was United States Marshal of The Indian and Oklahoma  
Territories 40 years ago in 1890 and 1891, with headquarters in  
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

I wish to ask you if Mr Grimes had in his possession a  
Photograph in life or in death of that noted outlaw  
Charlie Bryant alias "Black-Face Charlie" who was a leading  
member of the old-Halton gang of Oklahoma outlaws and  
who was killed by Deputy U. S. Marshal Edward Short  
on a Rock Island Train on August 23, 1891.

If so, can I get a duplicate copy of this photograph of you  
made by a photographer there at Long Beach, California.  
I will pay all costs of having this copy made, if you will advise  
me as to the price or costs of the same.

with Sympathy,

I am,

E. P. Lamborn.

Leavenworth, Kansas,  
R. R. 2.

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Leavenworth-Kansas, R. R. 2, Oct. 9-1903.  
Mr Parley F. Williams,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Dear Sir,  
in a recent letter from Mrs Cyrus  
Beard, State Historian of Wyoming  
Cheyenne, Wyoming. She informs  
me that you are a Pioneer Resident  
of Utah, and that you are well Read  
on all Early Hay incidents and  
Characters. from 1886 to 1903.  
if such is the case. Can you give  
me the true History of that great  
Utah Bad-man, George Leroy  
Parker alias Butch Cassidy from  
1886 to 1903. how he came to go  
wrong. his Birth-Place in Utah.  
where did he call his Home. where his  
People lived. Utah. His train and Bank  
robberies. their dates. Places. his gang  
their names. alias. their fates - etc.

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#F.  
What finally became of Butch Cassidy.  
Have you the true date of the great  
Bank Robbery at St George, Utah.  
(Washington County) in December 1899.  
Have you the least idea of where I can  
secure duplicate copies of the  
Photographs of the Cassidy gang.  
I taking care of the costs of having  
a Photographer there at Salt Lake City  
make these duplicate copies.  
Mrs Beard has been helping me out  
in combing the data and records for  
my new Book. which I am now  
writing. and which I hope to have  
published this Fall and on the market  
by the Christmas holidays.  
The history of Butch Cassidy and gang  
I expect to use in my Book.  
The Old-Timers of the west who knew  
Cassidy are now hard to find.  
Trusting to hear from you.  
E. P. Lamborn. I am.  
Historian and Reminiscent of the Early west.

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Leavenworth, Kansas, R. R. 2. Sept. 30-1935.

Mr Emanuel Hubbs, Clarendon, Texas.

Dear Sir.

I understand that you were among the very first pioneer settlers to settle at Hodge City, Kansas when that town was first laid out in July, 1872, and that you lived there for many years thereafter.

May I take the liberty to ask you some questions in regard to some incidents which happened there at Hodge City and which I am very much interested in from a historian's view.

I. is it a fact or not a fact that Clay Allison the great gunman came into Hodge City, on July 4, 1877, and took the town and ran the town to suit himself. is this true, or not true.

II. were you at Hodge City, when Clay Allison killed a man at the breakfast table in the Wright House or Hotel, and when did this happen, in 1874 or 1875.

III. do you know anything about Clay Allison's Record as a killer when and where he did his killings in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas, whatever became of him. do you know of any photos of Clay Allison and if I can secure a duplicate copy of one.

IV. whatever became of Bill Yhompson known at Hodge City as Cimarron Bill, and who was a Brother of Ben Yhompson.

V. was Captain Webb the ~~the~~ same man Webb (of Hodge City) who in 1879 went to Las Vegas New Mexico, got into trouble there, was put into jail there, and slave Ruderbaugh of Hodge City, who was a close friend of Webb's, tried to release or rescue him and several were killed and Webb was finally hung and slave Ruderbaugh joined the Billy the Kid gang.

You are about the only living man of old Hodge City I know of whom I can find now, alive, who can give me a true history of these Hodge City incidents, which I have long been very much interested in from a historian and historical view.

I am trusting to hear from you.

I am  
Truly your friend.

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

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

Leavenworth, Kansas, R. R. 2, June 17, 1936.  
 Mr R. H. Bucklew, Ten Sleep, Wyoming.  
 My dear Sir,  
 Seeing your name and address in "Frontier Times" a little monthly  
 magazine published at Bandera, Texas by Mr. Marvin Hunter  
 I take it for granted that you are interested in historical events,  
 incidents, happenings of the old west, as I am. Hence my writing you  
 how long have you lived at Ten Sleep, Wyoming, since 1900 or  
 thereabouts. Or 1899, may I ask you a few questions from a  
 historical standpoint, or from one who is interested in such.  
 Do you now recall the great "Hole-in-the-wall" gang or "Wild Bunch"  
 Band of Outlaws led by Kid Curry and Butch Cassidy, and their  
 doings in Wyoming and other western states, 40 or more years ago,  
 as you know Ten Sleep and Lost Cabin are towns not far from the  
 Hole-in-the-wall country where the gang used to hid-out,  
 are you familiar with the gang's doings, their careers, their fates,  
 what ever became of Walt Putney, a member of this gang, he used to  
 have a Ranch on Bridger Creek in the northeast corner of Fremont  
 County, your State, this Ranch was a sort of stamming ground for all  
 Bad-men, and they were always welcome there, is he still living,  
 whatever became of Bill Cruzan also a member of this gang, after the  
 final Breakup of the gang, when and where did he serve time and  
 on what charges, Cruzan seems to have been an old ex-convict from  
 somewhere but I never could find out from where.  
 have you or do you know now of anyone having any old photos  
 of Lonnie Logan alias Lonnie Curry, Tom O'Flay alias Peck O'Flay,  
 Bill Carlisle and Walt Putney or others of this gang and if it is  
 possible if I can secure duplicate copies of these photos, I paying  
 all costs, the work of copying can be done by any photographer  
 there in your home town, and in this way the photos need not ever  
 leave their owners.  
 I have long been very much interested in this "wild-Bunch" in a  
 historical way and thought maybe you might be of some help as  
 you live nearby and might know all about them.  
 I am a Historian and Reminiscent of the Early West and take great  
 interest in all old-time events, incidents, happenings of that time,  
 I have been taking Frontier Times ever since it started in Oct. 1923,  
 Trusting to hear from you,  
 I am truly your friend,  
 E. P. Lamborn, Leavenworth, Kansas, R. R. 2.

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2, May 17, 1937.  
 Mr. J. F. McCrorey, Leadwood, South Dakota,  
 My dear Sir,  
 Herewith enclosed, I take the liberty to send you a  
 newspaper clipping telling about yourself, which I clipped  
 from The Kansas City Star of May 11, 1937.  
 This clipping does not say that you have spent your life-  
 time there at Leadwood, so I take it for granted that you  
 did. So, if you have spent your lifetime there at Leadwood  
 and in The Black Hills and vicinity, may I ask you a question  
 or two about some incidents of which I am very much  
 interested, that happened there at Leadwood,  
 were you living in Leadwood during the Fall of 1897, and do  
 you now recall the great jail break on Oct. 30, 1897 of 3 Bad-men  
 named Harvey Logan alias Sid Curry alias Tom Jones  
 Harry Longbaugh alias The Sundance Kid alias Frank Jones  
 Walt Putney alias J. C. Smith and Tom O'Hay alias Peck O'Hay,  
 These 4 men were being held in the Leadwood jail for the  
 Belle Fourche, S. Dakota Bank robbery of June 25, 1897 and they  
 overpowered the jailer Oct. 30, 1897 and made their escape.  
 I wish to secure duplicate copies of their photos which were taken  
 at the time, for my new book which I am now writing,  
 Have you ever seen photos of these 4 men in or around Leadwood  
 or know of someone who has these photos at the present time  
 and if I can secure copies of the them, I will gladly pay the costs  
 of having any photographer there in Leadwood make these copies  
 from the original photo and in this way the photos need not leave  
 their owners hands. Perhaps the man who was then 1897 the  
 Sheriff or jailer might have these photos and would gladly accomodate  
 me with the use of them, you might know ~~right~~ the them Sheriff  
 and jailer and see them or send me their names and address.  
 Sometimes old-time photos like these are shown around town  
 during the Annual Frontier, Pioneer Celebration or the Days of '76.  
 I will very glad to hear from you at any time in the future or when  
 you have the time to write me and as you have been Chief of Police  
 I am sure you will know all about these photos and will have no  
 trouble in locating and securing copies of them. I paying the costs,  
 Glad to hear from you at any time. Truly your friend,  
 E. P. Lamborn, Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2,  
 Historian and Reminiscer of The Early West,

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Arthur Marble  
Cheyenne, Wyo.  
Stockman's National Bank

You might get Photos  
from this adress

I was raised in Texas. Came to the Black Hills  
in 1910.

Havent been able to locate any Photos of  
The Parties mentioned.

You mite secure them at Thermaphis Wyo.

I have lost my Rite hand on just learn-  
ing to write with my Left

Sorry I cant help you more  
Truly Yours

J<sup>r</sup> McCreary

June 16-37

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2. Nov. 13. 1939.

Clerk of The District Court of Reeves County,  
County Courthouse.

Pecos, Texas.

Dear Sir.

Will you please give me the exact date, year, month  
and day of just when James B. Miller, ex-City Marshall  
shot and killed Alexander Frazier, ex-Sheriff of  
Reeves County one night at Toyah, Reeves County  
Texas either in 1895 or 1896.

The Records, Files and Card-index in your office  
would show this date.

How was the case against Miller disposed of in court  
was he convicted or acquitted.

Enclosed will find stamped envelope for your reply.  
Thanking you in advance for this favor.

I am.

Very truly,

E. P. Lamborn.

Leavenworth,  
Kansas, R.R. 2.

Record show he was killed  
on the 14th of Sept. 1896.

Case was transferred to  
Eastland County on March  
8th, 1897, <sup>Phillip Smith</sup> District Clerk Texas Co. 2nd.

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Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2, May 4, 1942.  
Clerk of The District Court of Bent County,  
Las Animas, Colorado.

Dear Sir-

Can you please tell me by referring to your  
Records, files and Card-index of your office  
the exact date of when Robert Clayton Allison  
also known as Clay Allison shot and killed  
Deputy Sheriff Charles Yeber or Yeber sometime  
during the year of 1876. Possibly Sept of 1876,  
when did this case come to trial in your Court  
and what was the verdict.  
Also, does your Records show if this man  
Allison was ever in trouble before or after this  
in your Bent County.

Enclosed will find stamped envelope for your  
reply.

Thanking you for this favor.

I am  
very truly,

E. P. Lamborn.

Leavenworth,

Kansas, R. R. 2.

We have made a search of our records and can find no case against one Robert Clayton Allison. However, the records of Bent County were destroyed by fire in December, 1888, and we do not have any records back of that date.

Very truly yours

Wm. A. Bush

Clerk.

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

Leavenworth, Kansas, R. R. 2, June, 16, 1942.  
 Mr Thomas Jefferson Carr.  
 Pierre, South Dakota.

Dear Sir,

As you had been a Peace-officer at Cheyenne Wyoming for over 50 years before coming to Pierre, South Dakota, I thought you might be able to answer a question or two for me, in regard to the Hole-in-the-wall gang or "Wild-Bunch" of outlaws that operated in Wyoming during 1899 and 1900.

I. When and where did Bill Cruzan ever serve time in prison and on what charges. Whatever became of him after the final Break-up of the gang.

II. Whatever became of Walt Putney after the final Break-up of the gang. Was he ever arrested and taken back to Belle Fourche, S. Dakota to stand trial for the Bank-Robbery there. on June, 27, 1897.

III. As far as you know now has there ever been a true history written about this "Wild-Bunch" in Book form. and just where can a copy be secured. Do you know of anyone now having any old photos of this "Wild-Bunch" like Lonnie Logan Harry Longbaugh-Walt Putney or any of the gang and if it is possible for me to secure duplicate copies made of them by some photographer. I will pay the costs of making these copies. I trust to hear from you.

I am,  
 Very truly,  
 E. P. Lamborn.  
 Leavenworth, Kansas, R. R. 2.

Historian and Reminiscent of the Early West,

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2, March 4, 1944,  
Mrs William Elza Fay, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Dear Madam,  
I understand that your Husband the late  
Mr William Elza Fay, who died in Los  
Angeles in 1933 wrote a manuscript or  
Biography of his Life and Adventures in  
the old-west.  
I write you to ask if you have ever Published  
this manuscript in Book form as yet.  
if not, do you ever intend to Publish it  
at anytime in the future, or not.  
if you do not intend to Publish it, would you  
care to sell it, or not.  
I would like very much to Buy a Copy if it  
is ever Published in Book form. so Please Place  
my name and Address on your List.  
What is the correct date of Mr Fay's death.  
Trusting to hear from you.

I am,  
Very Truly,  
E. P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2.

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2, Sept. 5, 1961.  
 Mr. E. H. Nix, St. Louis, Missouri,  
 My dear Sir,

Back in the 1920s you and I used to write each other quite often, and then in 1929 your Book Oklahombres came out, and I got a copy and I have read and reread it many times. I knew some of the men (Both good and Bad) that your Book tells about. Bill M. Tilghman, Fred E. Sutton, Rufus Cannon, and in our Prisons Here we had at one time or another, the Jennings Gang, Ben Cravens, Bert Weble, Emmert Halton, Roy Flaughtery (Arkansas Tom) and many others. Almost all of our old Friends of those days of old Oklahoma are now gone. a few wrote Books, Copies of which I have. They are as follows.

Marshall of the Last Frontier by Zoia Tilghman.  
 Hands up by Fred E. Sutton.  
 Trigger Marshall by Homer Gray, (about Chris Madsen)  
 Henry Starr wrote a Book. Emmert Halton wrote several  
 Al Jennings wrote two Books, and the Last Letter I had from Al Jennings he was living at Yargan California, age 94 years. Emmert Halton is dead, as you are, the only living man today, that I can think of, who took such a active part, as U.S. Marshall of Oklahoma during the 1890s.

Please may I ask you some questions. I am sure that you can and will answer them for me.

I. Do you know of any old Photos of Bill and Bob Christian who broke jail at Oklahoma City June 30, 1895, and if I can get duplicate Copies of them, whatever became of Christians II. Whatever became of Mrs Halton, mother of the Halton Boys, is she living or dead, when and where did she die III. When did Little Bill Raidler die at his home in Tenora, Okla.

— over —

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III What is the name of the town in Texas where the Hoolin gang got \$50,000 in a Bank Raid, and what is the exact date-year-day-month of the Raid.

IV Can you tell me if the Hoolin gang did or did not Raid Banks at Yescott Kans Sept. 1, 1894.

Sylvan Grove, Kans, Nov, 13, 1894.

Hexter, Kans, Sept 19, 1892.

Santa Fe Train, at Sylvia, Kans, Feb, 5, 1895.

Train Robbery at Gordon, Texas, Oct, 19, 1894 when \$67,000 was Stolen.

V Do you know now of anyone having old photos of the old time Oklahoma outlaws of the 1890's such as Bert Casey, the Jennings gang, the Shess Boys, the Christian Boys

I will be glad to hear from you, whenever you have the time to write me, and I hope you will be able to answer some of my questions.

Truly your friend,

E. P. Lamborn, Leavenworth, Kansas, R. R. 2,  
Historian and Reminiscent of the Early West.

## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

The Librarian,  
of the Kansas City Star Company, Dec 4, 1967.  
17th and Grand ave,  
Kansas City, Mo; Dear Sir.

Please Can you answer these 4 questions  
for me, if unable to do so, what advice or  
suggestions have you.

I. what is meant by the Kansas City  
incubator Baby Kidnapping Case of 1909 or 1910  
in which two prominent Kansas City men  
were involved, one of these men were given  
5 years in Prison, the other, after a time  
was pardoned by the Governor of Kansas.  
as the Baby was kidnaped from its Home in  
Lawrence, Kansas to be placed on exhibit at  
a world's Fair. - Don't Know

II. whatever became of Bill Ryan, a member of  
the James gang of outlaws, after his release  
from Prison, April 15, 1909, is or was he  
buried in the Blue Springs, Mo. Cemetery  
what date of his death. - No Information  
who is the caretaker of this Cemetery.

III Have you the date of the death of Robert  
E. Lee of Hodson, Mo who died in 1912 or 1913.  
He was the son of Hiram Lee of Hodson, Mo.

IV what is the correct address of Mr Fred a  
Ford of Blue Springs, Mo who had the write up  
about Quantrill's Raiders in the Kan. City Times  
of Oct. 26, 1967. We do not have it

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if I come to your office. Can I have your  
consent to look through the death notices  
for 1912 and 1913 for the date of Robert E. Lee's  
death. Our papers are on microfilm at  
Public Library

Truly yours,

E. P. Lamborn

R.R. Box 146

Leavenworth, Kansas, 66048

Dec. 4, 1967.

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Post Texas      FORT WORTH, TEXAS      February 26<sup>th</sup> 1923  
 BOX 1000

Mr. E. P. Lamborn, Leavenworth Kans:  
 Dear Sir: It is true that on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1878.  
 "That the west bound Texas and Pacific Passenger  
 train was robbed in Martin County Texas.  
 The hold up occurring about four miles west  
 from Stanton, and was completed by eleven  
 robbers at night. Dynamite was used in  
 opening the Express Company through safe, and  
 the Express Car was badly damaged.  
 The public never knew the amount of loot  
 in cash secured, but reports had the sum  
 in excess of ninety thousand dollars.  
 The Express Car contained, among other  
 things, water melons intended for the  
 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Widesand Texas.  
 When the robbery was completed, the gang  
 had the train crew and express messenger  
 join them in a melon feast.  
 From all available evidence it was generally  
 believed, that: Tom Ketchum, as leader, saw  
 Ketchum his brother and Bill Carson, all of whom  
 have since been hung and killed were  
 the band who held up that train.

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