

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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[MAYES]
Austin July 10th/51

Mr E. P. Lamborn:—

I regret to tell you that my husband,
Will H. Mayes, died several years ago,
and I wouldn't have any idea where
you can find the information wanted.

Wishing you success I remain
Mrs W. H. Mayes

I am returning your letter

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I.
Was there ever a Real, True account
written about James B. Miller the great
gunman, Killer, of Pecos and Ft Worth, Tex
His Life Story, giving a true List of the
many Killings said to have done by him.
the exact dates. Places. details of his Killings
when and where did he Kill his Brother-in-Law
which was his very first Killing.
I would like to have a List or an account of
Something he did for every year of his Life.
where was he Born and Raised in Texas.
He was Hung by a mob at Ada - Okla. April - 19 - 1909.

II.
was Robert Clayton Allison. (Clay Allison)
the great gunman of Pecos. Texas. Buried
at Pecos. Texas. or elsewhere. when:

III.
when during the Spring of 1888. was
Brack Connett. Great Texas Train-Robber
Killed by Alfred Y. Allee in Tio. County
near Pearsall. Texas.

III.
what is the exact date of the death of
Berry Ketchum. wealthy Ranchman. Cattleman
and Landowner who lived near Knickerbocker
Orion. County. Texas.

— over —

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When and ^{II}where in what County in Texas
was William H. Carver, alias Bill Carver
alias J. W. Franks, great outlaw, former
member of Black Jack Ketchum and the
Wild-Bunch of Wyoming, gang. Born and
Raised in Texas.
He was Partly Raised in Bandera County
but not Born there, and was Killed at
Sonora, Sutton County, April 2, 1901-

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Leavenworth, Kansas, R.R. 2, July, 7, 1951 -
 Mr Will H. Mayles, 2610-Salado Street,
 Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir,

in Frontier Times monthly magazine
 for 1937-1938, there appeared your
 'Let's know Texas and Texans'
 or question and answer sent by you.
 do you still answer questions about
 Texas or have you gone out of that work
 Here's 5 questions I would like answered
 if you cannot who can do you know.
 I have taken Frontier Times since Oct. 1923.
 I am a Historian and Reminiscent of the
 The Early West.
 I do not write. it is a Hobbie with me.
 if there is anything, any favor I can
 do for you at any time in regard to
 Early Day History, Bad-men, of that day,
 that you are interested in and want to
 get a line on, and if I have it,
 Command me.

E. P. Lamborn, Leavenworth Kansas,
 R.R. 2.
 there is no hurry, as you have the time

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Tulacada N M 1/5 — 22

Mr O P Lamborn

Levinworth Kan

my dear Sir, I rec your Letter this
Morn, contents Noted, When Black
Jack Was Doing his bit of Devilment
I Was Married and living on a
Farm near this place and know
nothing much about him except
from hearsay, I have every reason
to believe Jack was in this Neighborhood
When Cal Fountain Was Killed, but I
never followed him for the reason he
was King before I got into the Sheriff's
Office the last time, I dont know who to
refer you to to get an Authetic life
of John K, He Was raised near San
Angelo Tx, Litaly the Sheriff there
could give you some good information
better than I can, Hope you Will
get up a good Book and be Prosperous,
Truly John P Meadows

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[MEADOWS]

Tulavosa N M '80 - 27

Mr E P Lamborn Ken

Dear Sir, I rec your Letty some
days ago, But was sick and
not able to Write. In answer
to yours in regard to Hellman
Will say he was the most
Cold Blooded Heartless Man I
ever knew, I never knew of him
having more than two at
most, of fair fights, that
was Outlaw in El Paso and
When he killed Sutherland in
Tex in 1873 yes he was the victor
of 20 or more deaths but
the other fellow had no
chance, He and John Lanin
were Partners at fort Griffin

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and it would be hard to
find two harder men
than they were, in 1878
a mob killed Laren in
jail at Albany, the Co
Deat, and would have
got Sellman had it
not been for a Woman
of a Red Light Dist who
got to old John in time
for him to get away,
it will take too long for
me to write all I know
of these two men to tell
it all but will give you
part of it
as for killing cattle thieves
in Dona and co I know
nothing of it and don't
believe it, as for his son
John the last time I
heard from him he

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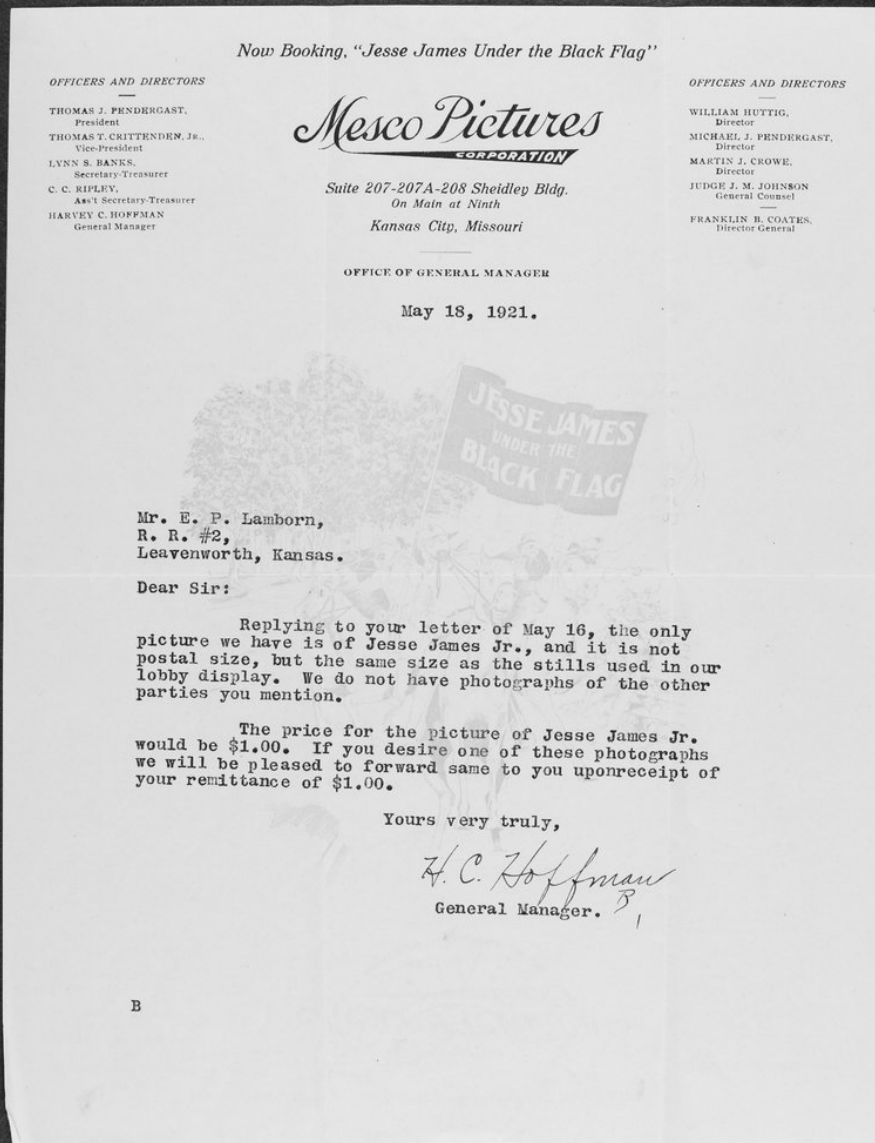
Was on the Rio Gila
in Ariz, He didnt amount
to much, as for the
Photographs I dont know
where you can find either,
The nearest I can come to
Clay Allison's Death was
in 1886 He Was on Horse
back and drunk, he met
George Larrimore going
to Lees City Loaded With
Wool, Made Leo stop and
hitch one Horse from the
Wagon and hitch his own
horse in its place, then
Clay concluded he would
drive, he begin Whipping
his own horse and they

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got into a boat. Clay
Was drunk he fell out
and under the front wheel
and it mashed him to
death, it was near
Riverton just in Tex a
few miles Joel Fowler was
hung in Socors N M in
1881 I dont remember the
date, I know very little
of Scarborough
Sillman's Description
he was about 6 ft high
Height 180
Complexion Sandy
Cold Gray Eyes Set deep
back in this Head large
mouth, and No Soul
Whatever

yours &c
J P Meadows

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C O P Y

July 6, 1928

Mr. George A. Storrs,
Hibernia Block,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing a letter received from Mr.
E. P. Lamborn, who I surmise, is attached to the
prison staff of the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

You are the only man whom I can recall
as being in a position to give the information regard-
ing "Butch Cassidy" and his gangs, inasmuch as the
force at the Utah Penitentiary is all a new one. I
am therefore, sending you this letter trusting that you
will answer Mr. Lamborn telling him that I had asked
you to give this attention.

I trust that you are very pleasantly located
in congenial work at Los Angeles.

With kind regards, I am

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Very truly yours,

John W. Miller

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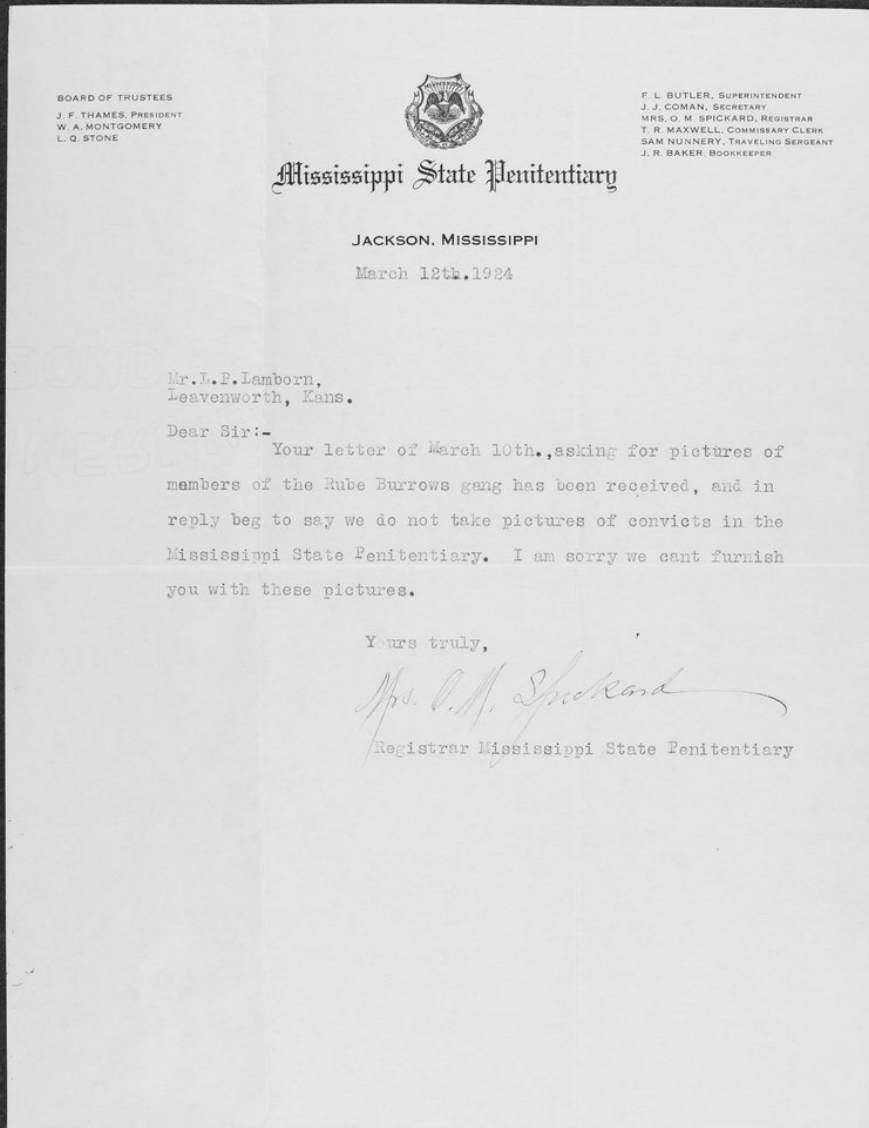
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St. Worth Tex. Oct. 16-38-
Mr Lamborn.
I was long much surprised to
have a nice letter from you. I
will endeavor to find your
Swings. best I can. the first few
are very much wrong. about
where Mr. Miller was in
Pecos City. it was in the early
90s. about 91-92-93-94-95-96-
I believe that is about the time we
left there. I am not so sure of
my dates. only we married
in 1888. & it was a few yrs later
we moved to Pecos City. but of course
that doesn't matter. only Mr. J
Allison was done dead. He
was hurt & died. from falling off
a load of lumber. -
Halling. I came to his Ranch. in
the J. Waulropps Mountains. I
know his family very well.
Neighbors. they had a little girl
the youngest. being 13 yrs. After
Mr. Allison's death some Mr.
Mrs Allison was left well off.

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I =
 Mrs. Lee Johnson
 I have the photo of you
 in my Worldly Goods from his Estate.
 She had already Married a
 • gain when I first knew her.
 A. Mr. Lee Johnson. They all
 had one little Boy. Lee Jr.
 Later they have Moved to St. A.
 I C. Occasionally of Lee Jr. through
 the Papers a very Successful
 Lawyer. I have never Met Any
 of the Family here but by
 the Papers I notice Mrs
 Johnson & Misses Johnson are
 very prominent in Society.
 So I presume they are
 success financially. believe
 Mr. Johnson is a Banker.
 Well I believe that is all I know
 of them. If I can serve you at
 any time. Command Me.
 • in any information I
 know, will be pleased to hear
 again from you.
 Sincerely,
 Mrs. Lillie Miller
 210 1/2 W. 10th St.
 Royal Hotel.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

October 12, 1917

Mr. E.P. Lamborn,
214 Lake St.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

Your favor of September 17th at hand, and I
take pleasure in giving you the following information:-

We have no book in this library written by
Frank James after his trial in 1883. We do have, how-
ever, several books on the trial of Frank James written
by other persons. We have one "The Trial of Frank James
for Murder," with confessions of Dick Liddil and Clarence
Hite, and History of the "James Gang", published by George
Miller, Jr., Water Works Building, Kansas City, Mo. 1898.
We have also - "My Father", written by Jesse James, Jr.,
Independence, Mo. 1899.

We have several books on Jim Cummings -
"Jim Cummings, the Guerrilla," Excelsior Springs, Mo.,
1908, and "Jim Cummings' Book, written by himself,
Denver, 1903. No books have been written on the lives
of Sam Bass and John Kennady.

We have a dozen or more different books on
the James-Younger gang, but no special one is better than
the others.

If you desire further information, kindly
let me know.

Very truly yours,

Royd C. Shoemaker
Secretary.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
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July 21, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

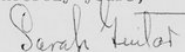
We have your letter in regard to information on the Meeks family murder and your inquiry about the career of George Taylor after his escape from the jail at Carrollton, Missouri, in 1896.

I am enclosing a copy of the brief sketch of the Meeks family tragedy which is included in Volume I of this Society's two-volume work entitled Missouri, Day By Day.

No information is available in Missouri sources concerning George Taylor after his escape from the jail at Carrollton in 1896.

For information concerning the bank robbery at Spearfish, South Dakota, in the late nineties, I suggest that you write the South Dakota State Historical Society at Pierre, South Dakota.

Sincerely yours,



Reference Librarian

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From: Missouri, Day By Day: Floyd C. Shoemaker, Editor
(Columbia, Mo.: The State Historical Society of
Missouri, 1942-43), Volume I, pp. 322-323.

THE MEEKS FAMILY TRAGEDY

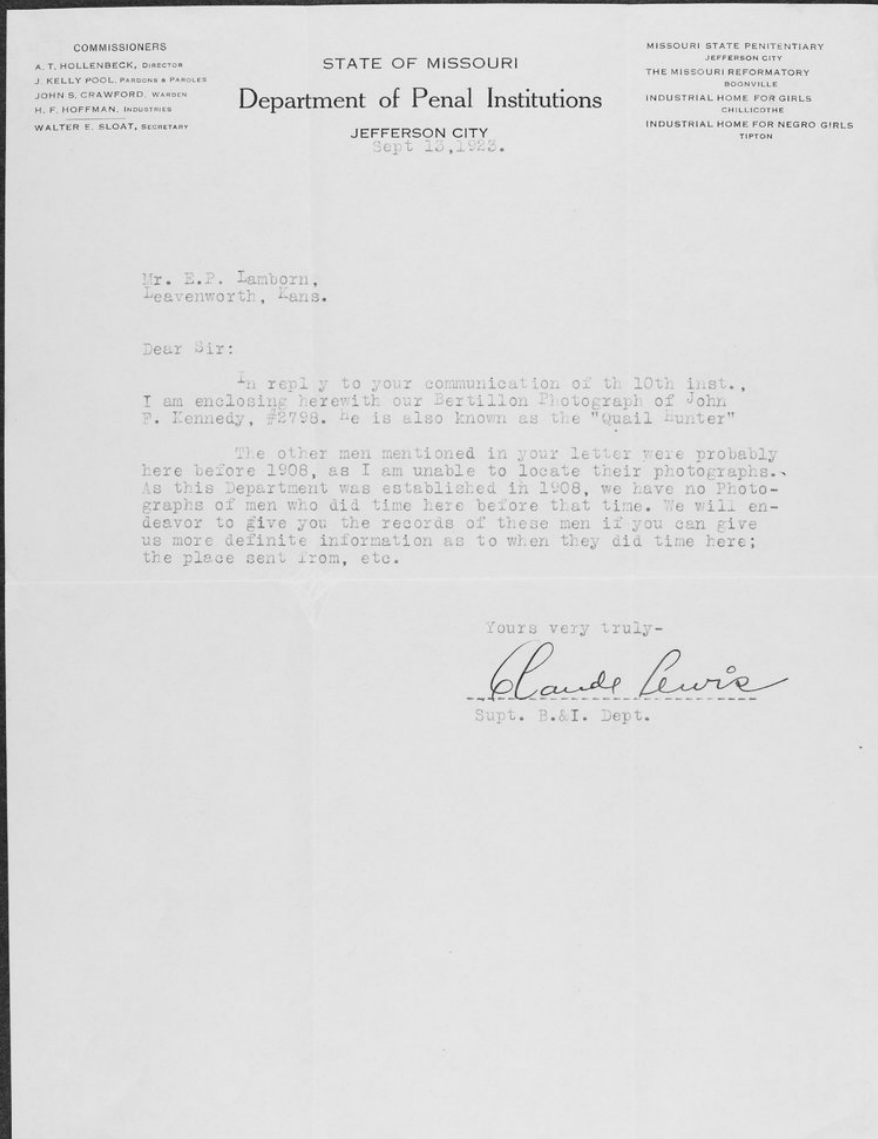
The case of the Meeks family tragedy remains today almost legendary because of its perpetuation in ballads. Sole survivor of the family of Gus Meeks was Nellie, his seven-year-old daughter. She appeared May 11, 1894, near the village of Browning in Linn County telling of the previous night's tragedy. Following her story, neighbors found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Meeks and two other daughters in a strawstack on the farm of George Taylor. Learning that the bodies had been discovered, Taylor met his brother, William Price Taylor, and both disappeared.

Both fugitives were prominent men. George Taylor was a farmer and his brother, a lawyer and bank cashier at Browning, had attended the University of Missouri School of Law in 1884-1885, and had been State representative of Sullivan County. But about 1890 he was charged with forging a check, committing arson in Linn County, and cattle-stealing with Gus Meeks in Sullivan County.

In January, 1894, four months after Meeks' sentence was pronounced, he was pardoned and returned to testify against Taylor. After threatening Meeks, the Taylor brothers bribed him to leave the State so he could not testify. Before midnight, May 10, 1894, the Meeks accompanied by the Taylor brothers started south through Linn County. The scene of the Meeks family murder was about a mile and a half from George Taylor's farm. Later a witness testified that he heard shots during the night, and the next morning blood, the signs of a struggle, and wagon tracks led to the strawstack. Gus Meeks, his wife, and one daughter were shot, while Nellie and her younger sister were struck with the butt of a revolver.

The Taylor brothers were finally captured in Arkansas and brought back for trial, charged with murder. Threats of mob violence preceded a mistrial at Carrollton in 1895, and accusations of bribery and perjury were openly made, followed by the indictment of three men. The Taylors, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to hang, appealed to the Supreme Court of Missouri and to the Governor, but both appeals failed. April 11, 1896, the Taylor brothers broke jail. William was recaptured and hanged, but his brother was never apprehended.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 21st inst., beg to advise that we are unable to furnish you with the Photograph of any of the men mentioned in your letter, as this Department was not started until 1908, therefore we have no Photographs of men who came in before that time.

In regard to Bill Rudolph who killed a Pinkerton Detective, I beg to advise that he was hanged and never came to this Institution.

Bill Ryan alias Tom Hall, received a 25 year sentence from Oct. 15th, 1881 and was paroled by Gov. Crittenden April 15th, 1884.

Tucker Bassham alias "Old Texas" received a 10 year sentence from Dec 23rd, 1880, and was paroled by Gov. Crittenden Sept 22, 1881.

Clarence Hight, received a 25 year sentence from Feb. 22, 1882, and died Sept 17, 1886.

We are unable to identify the following; Sol Temple or the man named "Collins".

Yours truly-
Claude Lewis
Supt. B & I Dept.

P.S. I believe that Collins was hanged the same time as Rudolph, and think the place was Union, Mo. You might write the Police Dep't of St. Louis, Mo. in regard to this case.
Neither are we able to find any record of Jno. Reno.

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ALFRED J. MOKLER
HISTORIAN OF WYOMING
GRAND LODGE, A. F. AND A. M.
BOX 505
CASPER, WYOMING

September 26, 1931.

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,
R.R. # 2,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have few copies of the "History of Natrona County, Wyoming," which are only slightly damaged by smoke and heat that I am selling at \$3.00 per copy. They are just as good as the original publication, except slightly discolored on the ends.

The first edition of this publication sold for \$12.50; the second for \$7.50 and the third is being sold at \$5.50 per copy.

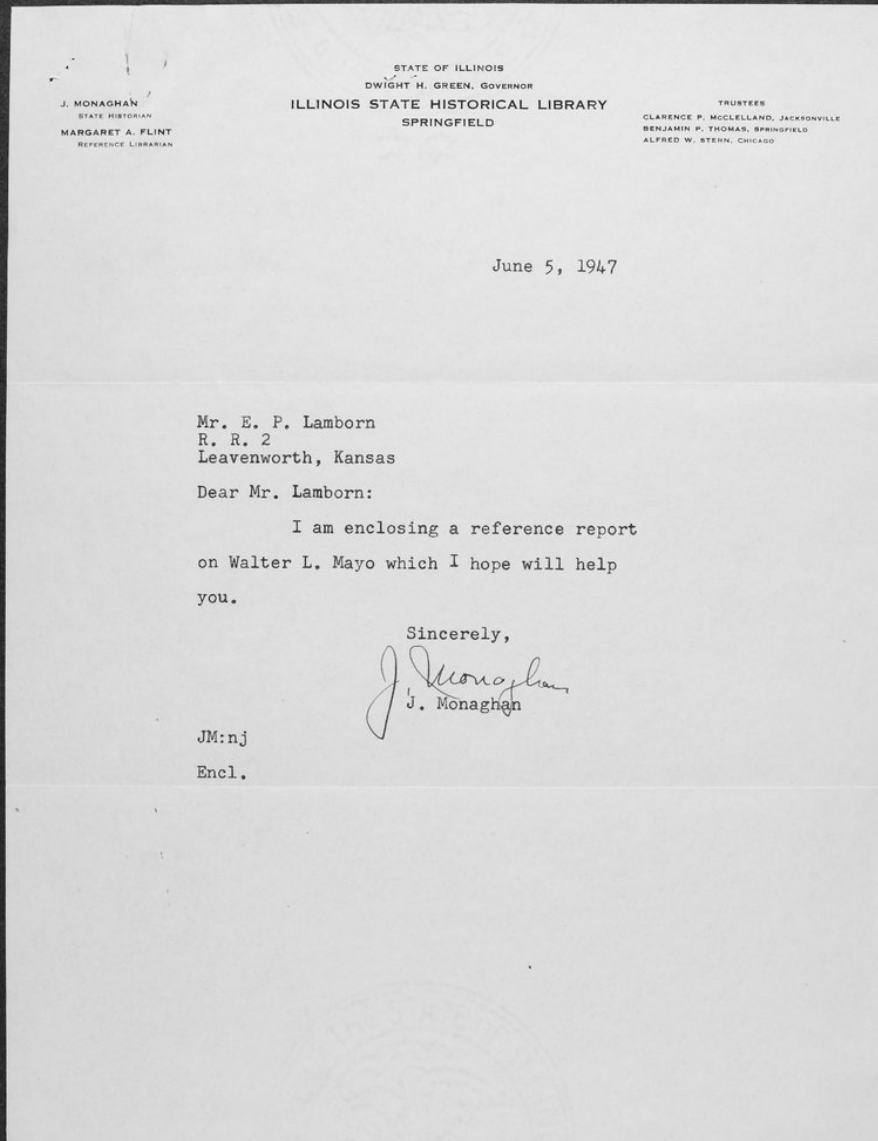
Upon receipt of \$3.00 I would be pleased to send you a copy of one that is only slightly damaged. I do not think you could buy a second-hand copy, for those who have purchased them would not care to part with them.

Yours very truly,

AJM-bra

Alfred J. Mokler
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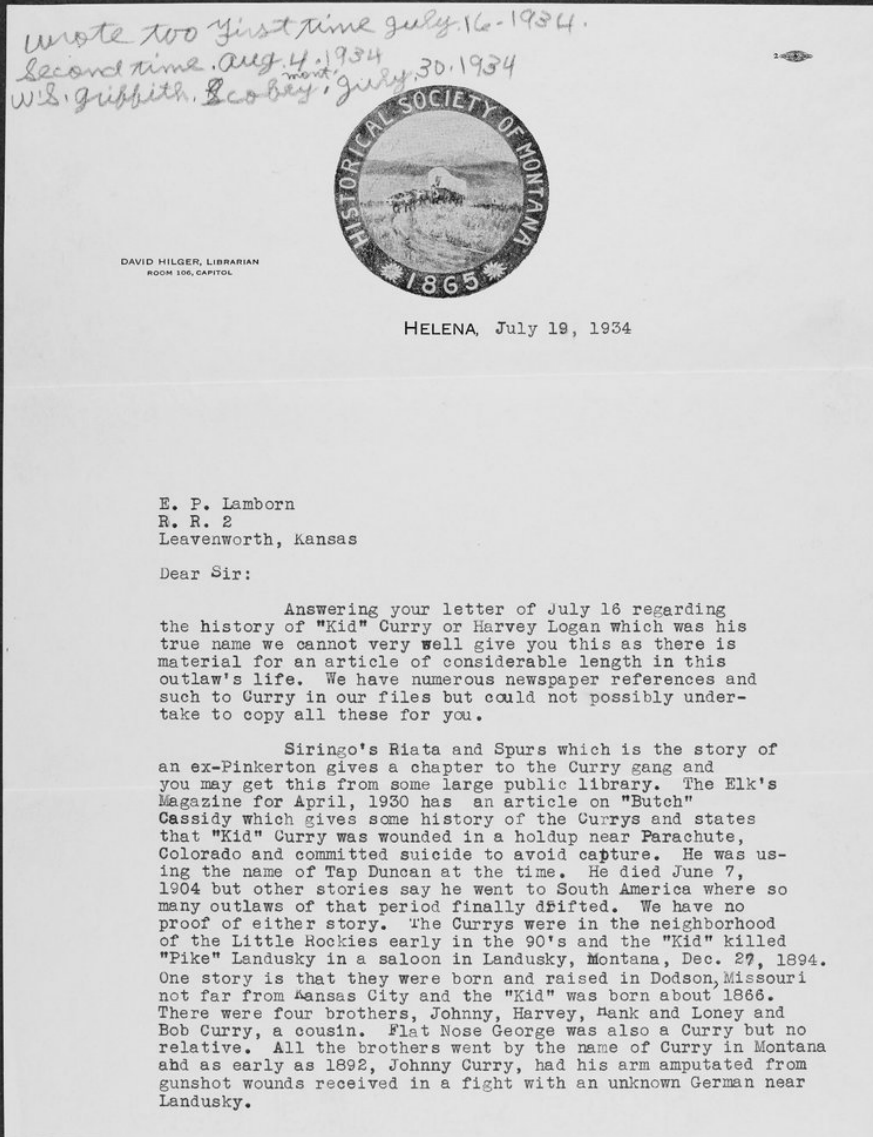
MAYO, WALTER L.

Bateman & Selby, Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois. Chicago:
Munsell Publishing Company, 1901. Pp. 357.

"Mayo, Walter L., legislator, was born in Albemarle County Va., March 7, 1810; came to Edwards County, Ill., in 1828, and began teaching. He took part in the Black Hawk War (1831-32), being appointed by Governor Reynolds Quartermaster of a battalion organized in that section of the State. He had previously been appointed County Clerk of Edwards County to fill a vacancy, and continued, by successive re-elections, to occupy the position for thirty-seven years--also acting, for a portion of the time, as Circuit Clerk, Judge of Probate and County Treasurer. In 1870 he was elected Representative in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly for the Edwards County District. On the evening of Jan. 18, 1878, he mysteriously disappeared, having been last seen at the Union Depot at East St. Louis, when about to take the train for his home at Albion, and is supposed to have been secretly murdered. No trace of his body or of the crime was ever discovered, and the affair has remained one of the mysteries of the criminal history of Illinois."

An article on Walter L. Mayo, by Walter Collyer, including a letter from Judge Mayo's daughter to Mr. Collyer, is printed in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, April, 1912, v. 5, no. 1, pp. 83-85. The Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, and the University of Kansas Library, Lawrence receive our Journal. According to this article, Mayo was on his way to Olney when he disappeared.

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The "Wild Bunch" was composed of men who worked at various occupations, mining, prospecting and as cowboys and knew the country from Canada to Mexico west of the Mississippi. They knew every trail of it and had their hideouts in many places. The Little Rockies section was remote from railroad and many people seeking escape from the law found a haven in this section. After the hold-up of the Great Northern train near Wagner, Montana, July 3, 1901, it is doubtful if any of the Curry gang ever spent much time in Montana for they were known to have been the men who did the work and would have been taken at once if found. The greater part of the money consisted of a shipment of unsigned bank notes to a Helena Bank and it was easy to trace. This same gang or part of it held up the Union Pacific train June 2, 1899 and with part of the loot opened a saloon at Malta but when the money that was stolen was put into circulation the trail grew warm and the saloon closed. One story is that one brother was killed at Dodson, Missouri, another at Kansas City and Loney was killed at Rocky Point but we do not state any of these as truths.

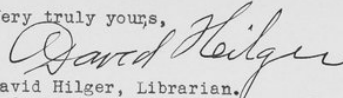
While a certain amount of desperate courage was shown by the individual members of the gang there is nothing to praise in their lives for in those days everyone had the chance to make a decent honest living in Montana and those who committed such crimes as these did so deliberately and with vicious motives of no excuse. The sooner they are forgotten the better for the world.

The last we know of Sheriff W. S. Griffith he ran a saloon in Scobey, Montana and you might find him there.

We have no picture of "Kid" Curry that we can send you. He was very dark complexioned and some said his mother was a quadroon although one man was shot one story says for doing so in his presence.

Hoping this information will be of help, I am,

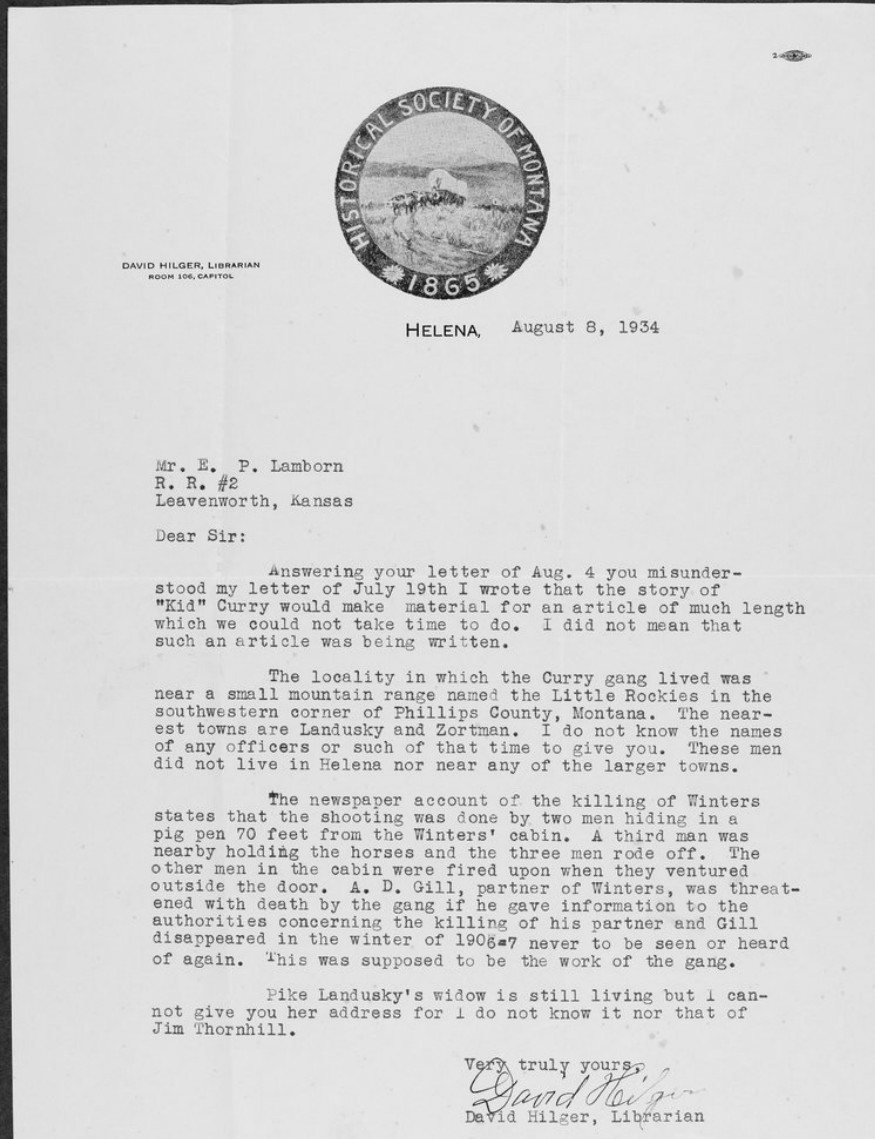
Very truly yours,



David Hilger, Librarian.

Murder of "Pike" Landusky from the River Press, Jan. 9, 1895. "From all accounts it seems as though the murder was premeditated and the assault certainly was. It seems that Pike was leaning upon the bar in Jake Harris' saloon and store when Jim Thornhill and Loney Curry entered and called the clerk to the rear to make some purchases. Then Harvey Curry entered and at once assaulted Pike, knocking him down and beating him horribly, Thornhill standing the crowd off with a revolver. When Curry had ceased pounding Landusky, the latter arose, drew his revolver and attempted to shoot, but Harvey Curry wrenched the gun from Pike, and threw it away. Then taking his own revolver, Curry shot Pike twice, one ball passing through his abdomen, the other through the breast, as Landusky fell, Curry fired a third shot but missed him."

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JOHN B. RITCH, LIBRARIAN
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OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN
ROOM 106, CAPITOL



HELENA, October 28, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

I have your letter of October 14th. in re the
Curry boys and Harry Longabaugh.

Your letter gives me the first information that Lonnie Logan
or Curry ever leaped through a car window in an attempt to escape
from Sheriff Clary. I do not think such incident ever happened.

I have never written a history of the Curry boys.

I have no photographs of the Curry boys or of Harry Longabaugh
and do not know who possesses any such photographs.

I do not know any of the true stories of Harry Longabaugh or of
any of his alleged escapades.

The only information I have concerning the desperado, Tom Mc-
Carthy, I found in Matt Warner's story. You must understand, Mr.
Lamborn, that many of the statements found in publications like
"The Last of the Bandits" are without bases and are true figments
of the imagination.

I do not know how many children were born to Lonnie Curry and
Effie Landusky. I have met a woman in Great Falls who told me she
was the daughter of this couple.

I never heard of Orlando Camillia Hanks until your letter reached
me. We, here, think that Deaf Charlie was a member of the party which
robbed the train at Wagner July 3, 1901. As I recall it Charlie's
true name was Charlie Jones. He was a tough man. It is said that he

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Mr. E. P. Lamborn, -2-

was released from the Montana Penitentiary at Deer Lodge June 30, 1901, and took part in the robbery July 3rd. This has not been proved beyond a doubt, but every circumstance points to Charlie having been a member. Charlie was subsequently killed while battling Federal officers in Tennessee.

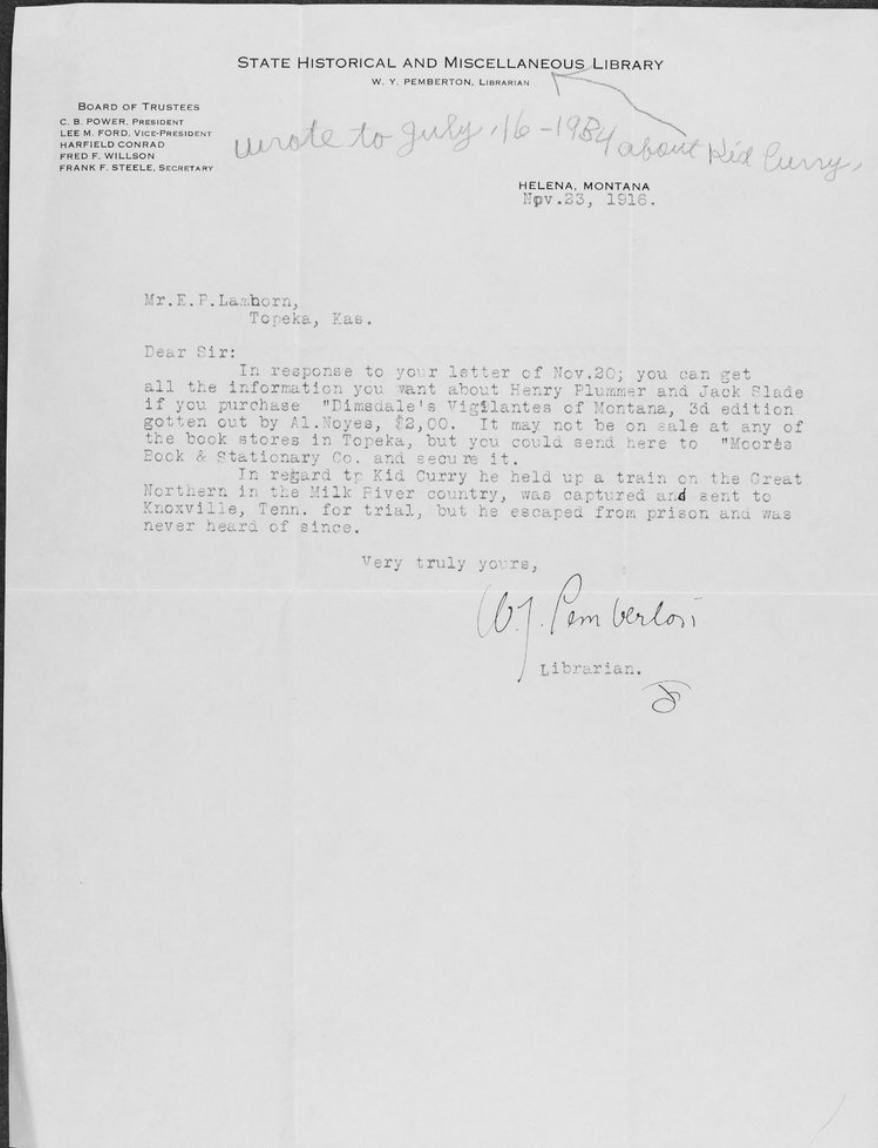
It is my opinion that the writers of most of these outlaw stories are not always supplied with the true facts; then where the story is told by the outlaw himself a conscientious regard for truth is quite frequently disregarded. Building these characters into heroes is a work in which I have never taken part.

I wish that I might be able to supply you with more information than I have at hand but there is not much concerning these people in our Library.

Yours very truly,

John B. Ritch
JOHN B. RITCH,
Librarian.

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wrote to July 16-1984 about Kid Curry.

HELENA, MONTANA
Nov. 23, 1916.

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of Nov. 20; you can get all the information you want about Henry Plummer and Jack Slade if you purchase "Dinsdale's Vigilantes of Montana, 3d edition gotten out by Al. Noyes, \$2.00. It may not be on sale at any of the book stores in Topeka, but you could send here to "Mcort's Book & Stationary Co. and secure it.

In regard to Kid Curry he held up a train on the Great Northern in the Milk River country, was captured and sent to Knoxville, Tenn. for trial, but he escaped from prison and was never heard of since.

Very truly yours,

W. Y. Pemberton
Librarian.

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Wm. E. P. Lamborn
Levinworth Kan.

3616 Troost Ave
Kansas City Mo
July 9-1905

Dear Sir:-

I left Pecos in April 1887 after about two years with the Hash Knife, they were trying to move their cattle out on the little Colorado river in Arizona and Stoldbrook was their headquarters.

The 1885 and 1886 drought cost them thousands of cattle and lots of horses that had the pink eye.

I know things about Pecos like a book. Slept with George Brookshire the wagon Boss the most of the time while there. He was an old Millet man. High Millet raised him (He was an orphan boy). That made me know the surrounding and the low down picture of life on the west side of the Pecos including the old Bill Babb regime about Coleman and Brownwood Texas. Tom Babb was running a saloon at Pecos. Tom Babb had a habit of minding his own business. He never bothered ^{any} body and a braver man never lived. That goes for all the killers headed by Clay Allison, Jap Clayton, Al Poyah, Grand Penient of the Figure Four ranch who killed Henry Lemmons. Cooksey and Miller were bad men in that locality.

George Brookshire had a place right in the middle of this flock like Billy the Kidd that found none of them. I'm going east to Abilene for Sheriff Cunningham, back west to Sweetwater for Jim Newman, Dick Ware of Colorado River, John Burdwell of Big Springs and your friend Dave

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Allison of Midland and my friend Tom Love of bail
I'm going to include the boys from the Ranger force
in this group because they deserve it. John L. Sullivan
Billy McCauley and Bud Barker. I stand for all
three of them. We stood shoulder to shoulder in a
row in the Court house at San Saba Texas as a dozen
deputies and sympathizers and made them like it.

I had an important witness there in a murder
trial. I was from Border County 1897. The Country was
fickle over law enforcement and Dave Allison let a
100 a no pay check put him in his grave.

His rising into the detective services as prosecuting
witness was the spark, Milt Good and Ross didn't
stand for it. A name has cost lots of lives.

Nearly all the ranch scouts in west Texas lost their
lives in one way or another.

Pink Higgins and Billy Stanifer shot it out neither
taking any shelter except Pink got off his horse on
the right side having his horse and saddle between him
and Stanifer. One cross word broke a warm friendship
and cost Stanifer his life. I cut trail herds passing through
Midland and Leaswy Counties before any of those western
Counties were organized and was live stock inspector for
the Texas live stock association at the National Stock yards
East St Louis and knew nearly all the cow boys and cow
men in the state.

I'm glad you take the trouble to write me and I'd like
to replied at greater length but my health prevents me from
doing so.

Yours Truly
W.S. Moore