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## E. P. Lamborn correspondence and research papers

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

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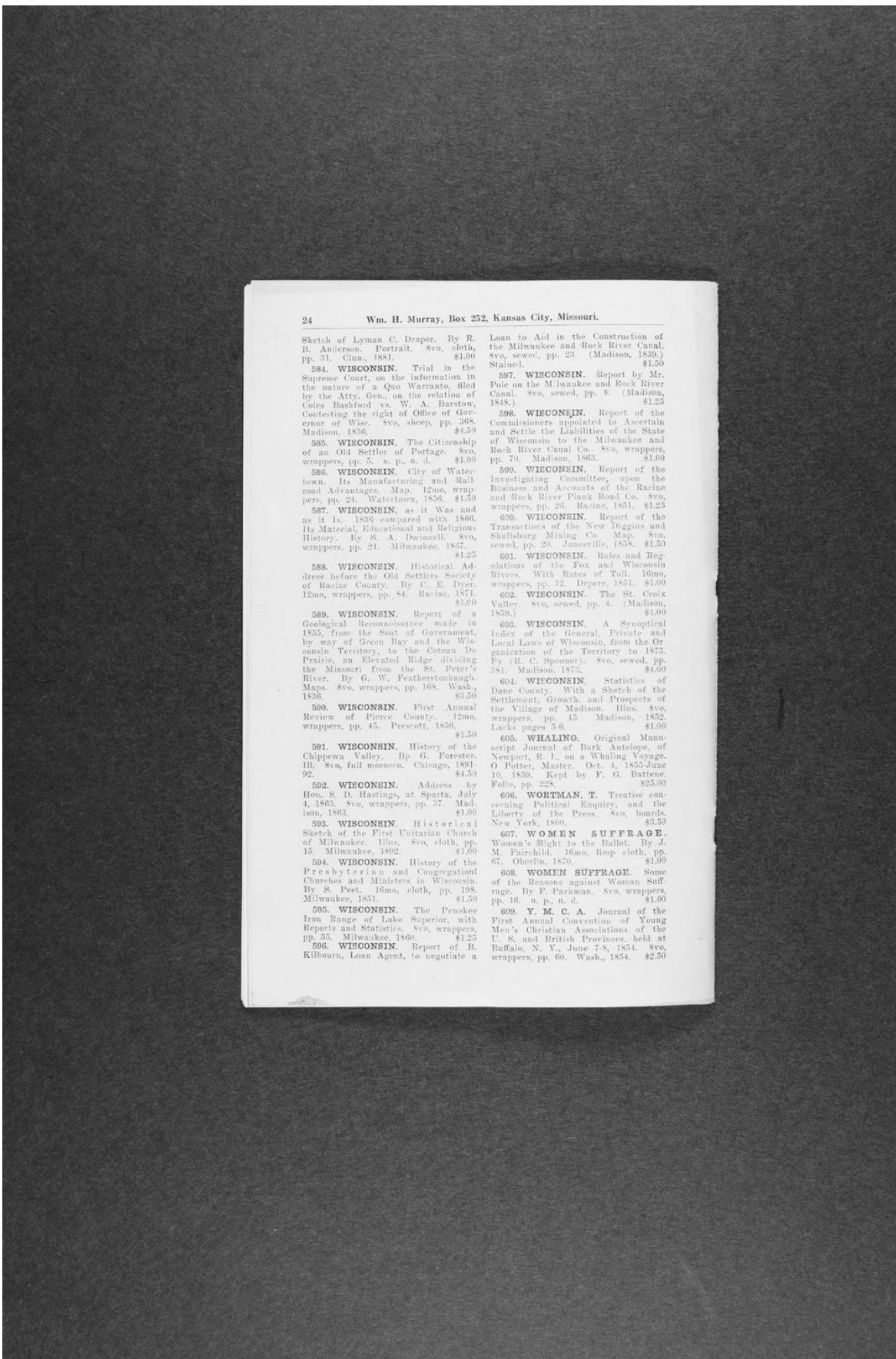
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Trail. By Col. H. Inman. Illus. Svo, cloth, pp. 530. Topeka, 1914. \$3.00	
560. WEST. Tales of the Trail. By Col. H. Inman. Illus. 12mo, cloth, pp. 280. Topeka, 1908. \$1.00	
561. WEST. Account of an Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains in 1819-20. Compiled by the Author, Major Long, and others, by E. James. 2 vols. Svo, sheep, pp. 503, 442-98. Phil., 1823. \$8.50	
Library stamped, and binding cracked. Will purchase Atlas.	\$2.00
562. WEST. Navigation of the Lakes, and a Night Ride from Lake Superior to the Seaboard, and to the Mississippi River, etc. By E. F. Johnson. Svo, wrappers, pp. 48. Hartford, 1866.	
563. WEST. Osseo, the Spectre Chieftain. A Poem. By E. C. Kennedy. 16mo, cloth, pp. 248. Leavenworth, 1856. \$1.00	
The scenes and incidents described are chiefly in the vicinity of Lake Pepi, on the Mississippi, and in Mexico.	
564. WEST. Five Years a Dragoon, '49 to '54, and other Adventures on the Great Plains. By P. G. Lutz. 12mo, cloth, pp. 417. Kansas City, 1906.	\$2.00
565. WEST. Sketches of Western Adventure, containing an account of Incidents connected with the Settlement of the West, 1755-1794. By J. A. M' Chung. Illus. 12mo, cloth, pp. 315. Dayton, 1854. \$1.00	
566. WEST. Our Western Border, One Hundred Years Ago. By M. Knight. Illus. Svo, cloth, pp. 756. Phil., 1876. Cover soiled.	\$1.50
567. WEST. Twenty Five Years in the West. By E. Manford. 12mo, cloth, pp. 375. Chicago, 1875.	
Mr. Manford's travels were for the most part in the old Northwest, and Texas.	\$2.00
568. WEST. First Families of the Sierras. By Joaquin Miller. 12mo, cloth, pp. 258. Chicago, 1876. \$1.50	
569. WEST. Description of Oregon and California, embracing an account of the Gold Regions. By T. Mitten. 16mo, cloth, pp. 76. Phil., 1849. Lacks map.	\$15.00
570. WEST. History of the Discovery and Settlement of the Valley of the Mississippi. By J. W. Monette. Maps and illus. 2 vols. Svo, cloth, pp. 567-595. New York, 1848. \$15.00	
571. WEST. Daylight Land. Experiences, Incidents, Adventures, Heroic and Otherwise, which befel John Doe, C. Pepperell and Col. Goffe	\$3.00
and others, in their Parlor Car Excursion over the Prairies and Mountains. By W. H. H. Murray. Illus. Svo, cloth, pp. 338. Boston, 1888.	
572. WEST. Omaha to the Mountains. The Union Pacific R. & The Direct Route to Colorado, Utah, Montana, Nevada and California. Svo, wrappers, pp. 13. Chicago, 1868. \$3.00	
573. WEST. Original Sermons by Presbyterian Ministers in the Mississippi Valley. 12mo, sheep, pp. 310. Phil., 1853. \$1.00	
574. WEST. Journal of an Exploring Tour Beyond the Rocky Mountains, 1855-57. With a Description of the Country, etc. By S. Parker. 12mo, cloth, pp. 400. Ithaca, 1840. \$1.25	
Lacks map.	
575. WEST. Poems of the Plains, together with "The Rhyme of the Border War". By T. B. Peacock. Portrait. 12mo, cloth, pp. 329. New York, 1888.	\$1.00
576. WEST. Memorial to Congress for a supply of water from Reservoirs of Small Lakes in the Upper Mississippi River, and for a Canal from Lake Erie to the Red River of the North. By A. Pendleton. Folding map, 8vo, wrappers, pp. 20. Wash., 1864.	\$2.00
577. WEST. Proceedings of the National Commercial Convention to consider the Question of Increased Transportation Facilities from the West to the Seaboard. Svo, wrappers, pp. 60. Detroit, 1872. \$1.25	
578. WEST. Westward by Rail: The New Route to the East. By W. F. Rae. Map. 12mo, cloth, pp. 391. New York, 1871.	\$1.00
579. WEST. Shoshone, and other Western Wonders. By E. Roberts. Illus. 12mo, cloth, pp. 275. New York, 1888. \$1.00	
580. WEST. Narrative of an Expedition through the Upper Mississippi to Itasca Lake. By H. R. Schoolcraft. Maps. Svo, cloth, pp. 307. New York, 1851. \$3.00	
Cover worn and faded.	
581. WEST. Gleanings By the Way, from '36 to '89. By S. Sheldon. Svo, cloth, pp. 262. Topeka, 1890.	\$1.50
Missionary work in Missouri, Colorado, Dakota, etc.	
582. WEST. A word from the North West to Dr. Russell, sometime American Correspondent of "The Times". By A. J. White. Svo, wrappers, pp. 32. Sprague, 1865. Stained.	\$1.25
583. WISCONSIN. Biographical	

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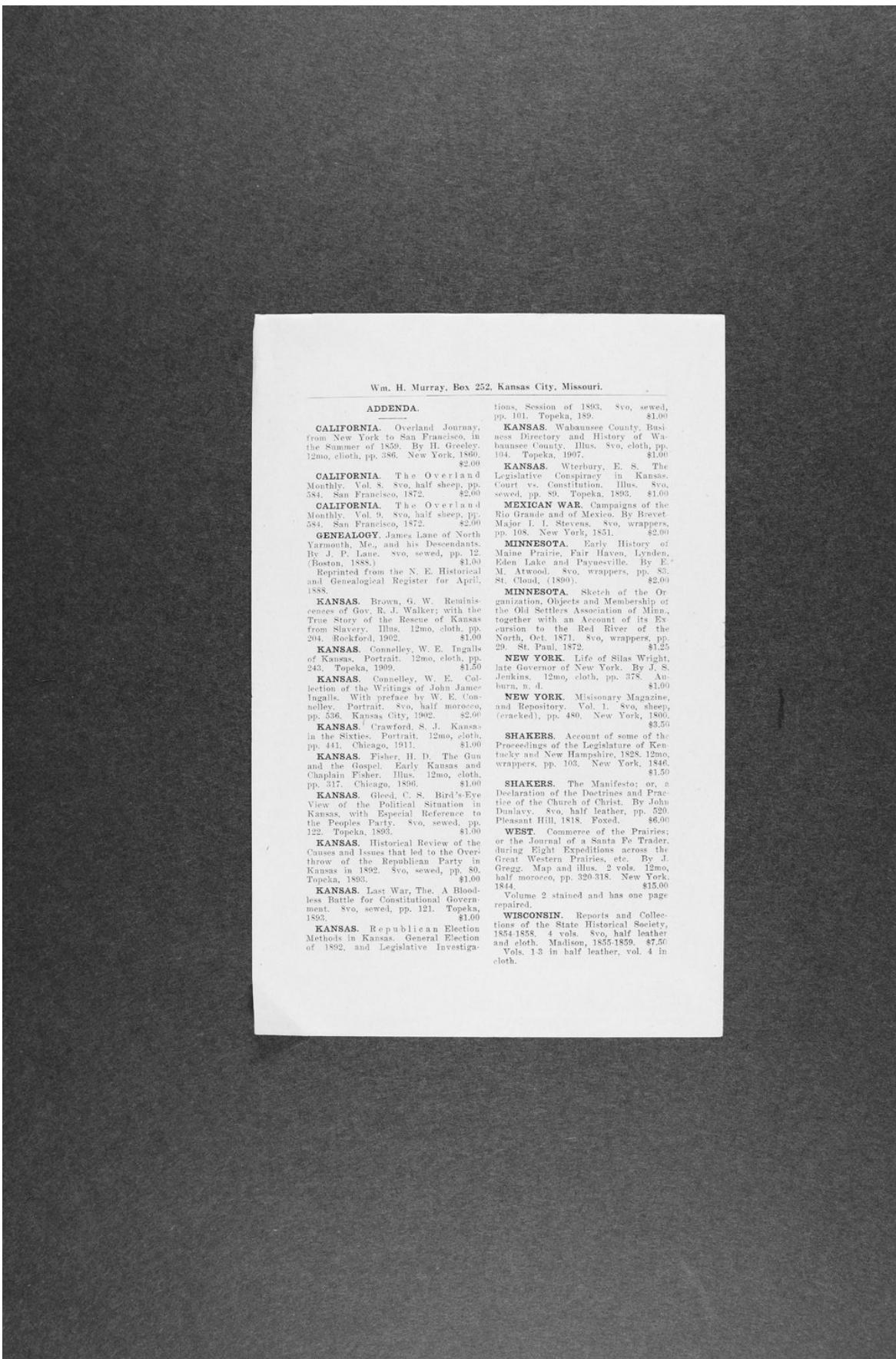
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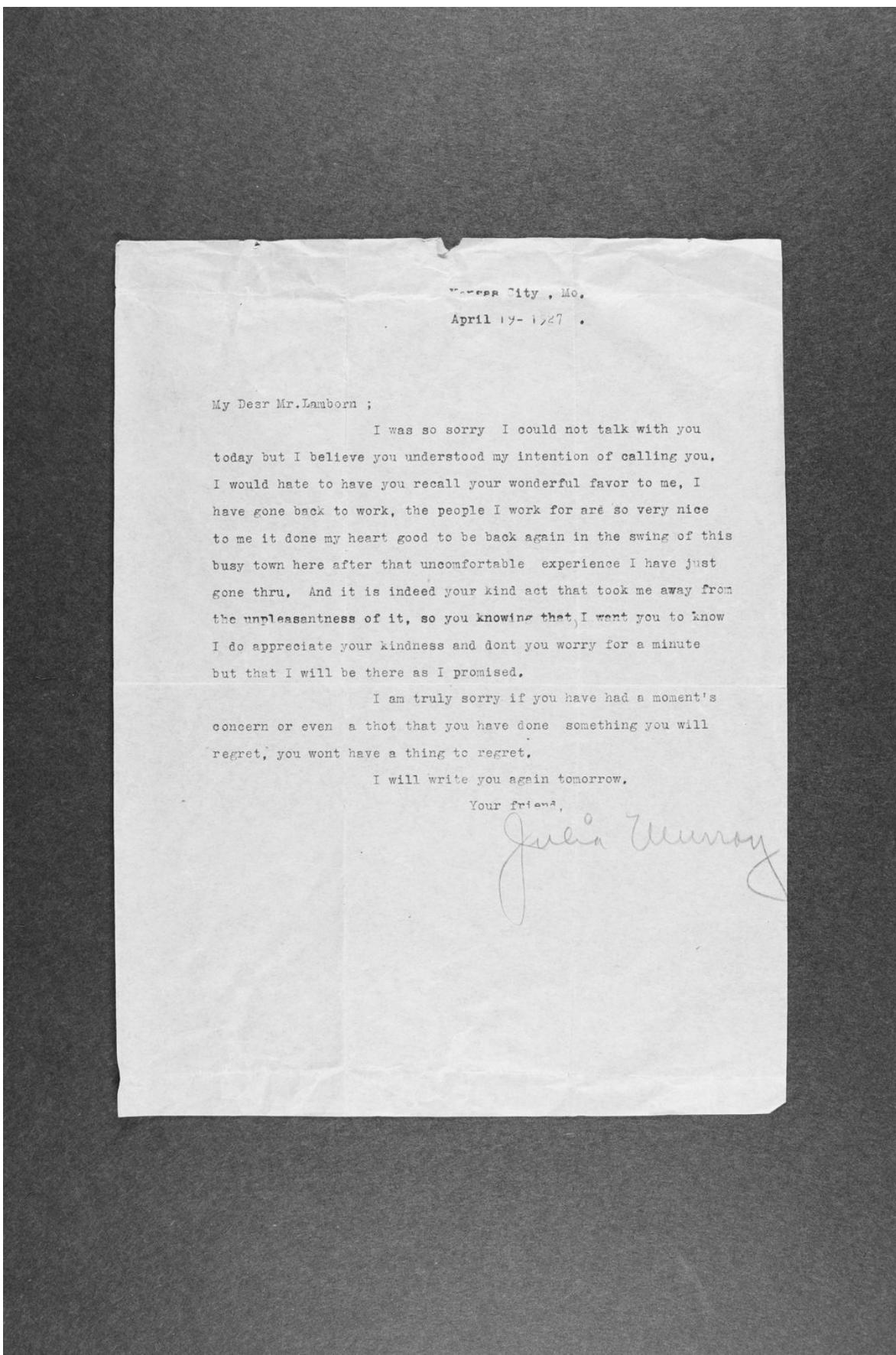


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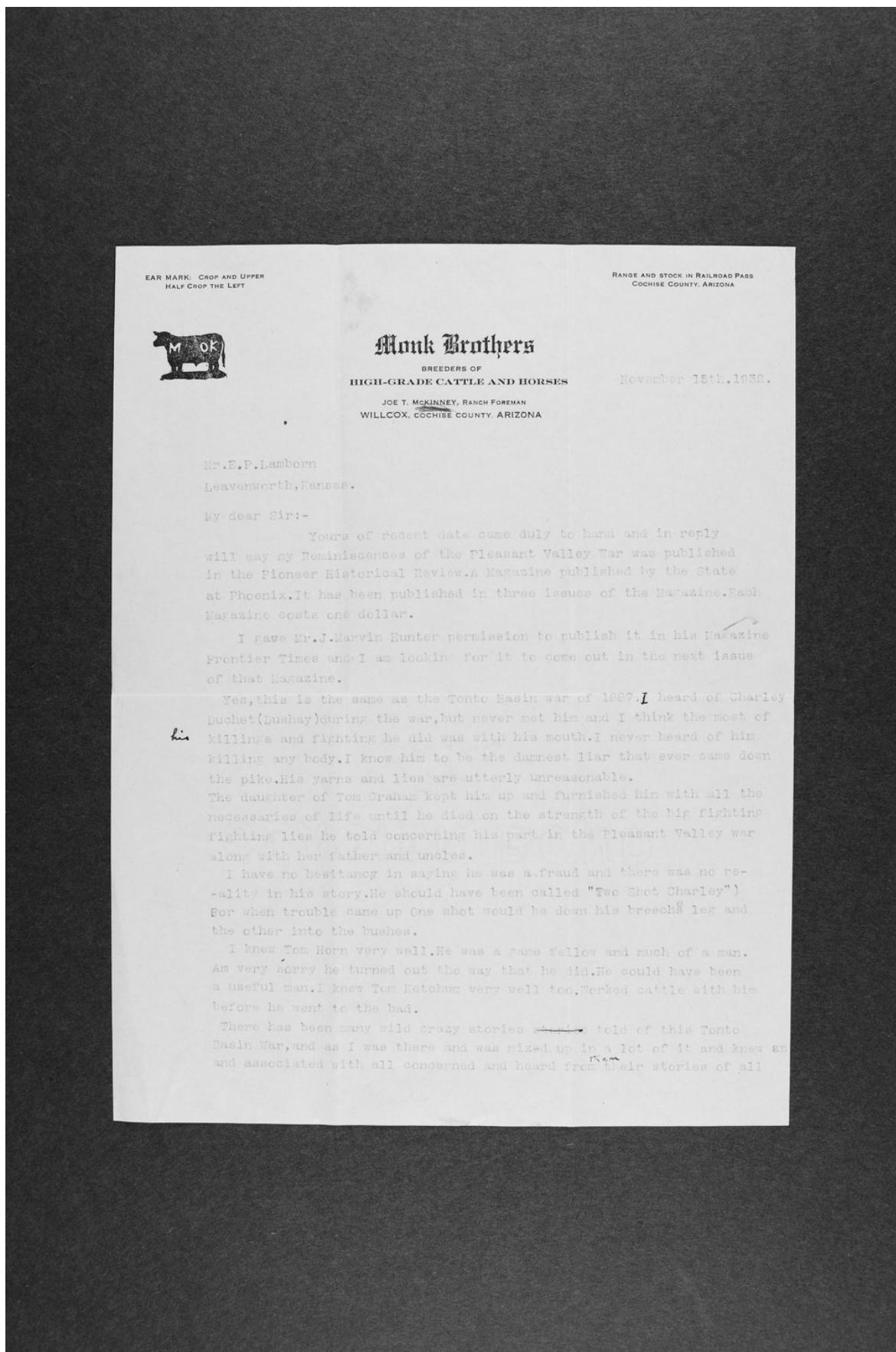


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the incidents I have written them so as to give to the public and the rising generation the true facts. The true facts have been as badly distorted as some of "Two Shot Charley's" yarns.

"Black Jack" Christian was killed above Clifton. I was Chief deputy Sheriff at Globe in Gila County when he was on his rampage in Arizona. Was at Bowie Station when the news came that George Scarborough was shot. Our old friend Walter <sup>Garrison</sup> has lost out with the Diamond A Company.

I was well acquainted with Billy Stiles and Alvord. I liked Stiles, and found in him some good traits of character. Alvord was dirty.

I was Under Sheriff at St. Johns in '87 under Commodore Owens. Beeler killed Monte Slaughter and he was ambushed and killed by Pat Slaughter and a cousin-I think his name was Ben Slaughter.

The fight between Joe Phy and Pete Gabriel happened before I came down here from Apache County. I met Pete Gabriel and we became good friends. Pete was poisoned by some miners with whom he was in a dispute over the ownership of the Ray mine. The poison was put in his grub while he was away from camp.

There are not many of the old timers living now. I was 74 the 20th. of last June, but I am hale and hearty and weigh 220# and am still going strong.

I am enclosing herewith a picture of myself and family.  
Dan C. and Thelma and Gladys and the old lady.

Sincerely yours,

*Jack D. Kinney*

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Mr E.P. Lamborn

B.B. 2 - Leavenworth - Kansas,

Dear Mr Lamborn,

Lipscomb, Texas, Oct 19, 1921 -

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. and wish to thank you ever so much for the many interesting things it contains. You certainly have a fine collection, and for a man gifted to set forth, for the people who are living to day, a story, in series, of all those early characters, Leavenworth and your home would be the place for him to go, and camp there for a couple or three months. There is such a man as I refer to, who makes a specialty of such stories. He is one of the most forceful writers on such subjects that I know of. Heretofore he has confined himself to the early days of Arizona, and probably his last series of that section, which <sup>is</sup> now being made ready for the printers, will about exhaust the Arizona field. Hence he is branching out into New Mexico and as far as Montana, into Texas, and wherever he can find the old time men of the six shooters, be they outlaws, or within the law. His name is Frederick R. Bechdolt - Carmel, Monterey County, California. I sent him your letter to day, and I suggested that, when he gets around to it, to go and see you. His series, he calls the "Old West," and <sup>it</sup> they will probably appear in the Adventure Magazine. He has just completed a very extended trip to Southern Arizona and to New Mexico to collect data on Riley the Kid, Jim East of Douglas Arizona, who was with Pat Garrett when the Kid was arrested, some months before the Kid was killed. Mr Bechdolt spent a week with, then he went down to Roswell New Mexico and stayed several days with John W. Poe who also was in at the killing of Kid the Kid at Fort Sumner, with Garrett, Tom Horn I know, not only personally, but intimately. He was with General Crook in early days in Arizona fighting the Apaches. I know a good deal about Black Jack Ketchum, Bill Burrous - Bill Longley, the Dalton boys, the Jameses, Henry star (part Cherokee) was never loyal to his confederates, Bill Longley was one of the fiercest fighters in Texas. If ever get near Leavenworth I am coming to see you. I have been in the country myself since 1880 - in the mining business all over the west - Mexico - Alaska, until within the last couple of years, just now I am in the oil business here, New York City when I am east, thanking you again for your nice letter and hoping to meet you sometime - I remain very truly yours D. J. McCarthy.

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P.S. = I forgot to add, that if you have the material about Tom Ketchum, you ought to put it into print. Ketchum, in many ways, was a fine fellow, ever loyal to his and always ready to fight for them. I knew the gang when it more numbered seven men, and the best armed of any similar outfit of men who were ever in New Mexico. Their rifles were the finest and the longest range that money could buy, one of their holdouts was on the north east end of the Capitan Mountain, south of Block's ranch headquarters and a little east, and about 50 miles west by north from Roswell. There used to be a line fence camp (drift fence) 20 miles east of the main Block ranch, 75 miles long, to keep the Block cattle from drifting towards the Peesos, one of these fence camps, known as the Cedar Hill camp, was a watering place for the Ketchum horses. The Ketchum camp was 6 or 7 miles from there, but drove their horses into this water every night - generally about midnight. The Cedar Hill camp was in charge of Frank Forrest - nephew of the famous Confederate general Forrest. I knew Frank Forrest well and he knew the Ketchum gang - all of them - That is how I came to know them, although I never saw any of only at a distance, and after dark at that. Black Jack was hanged in Clayton, if I remember right, and in the process, his head was jerked from the body, Yes by all means put the thing in print if you have the data at hand —

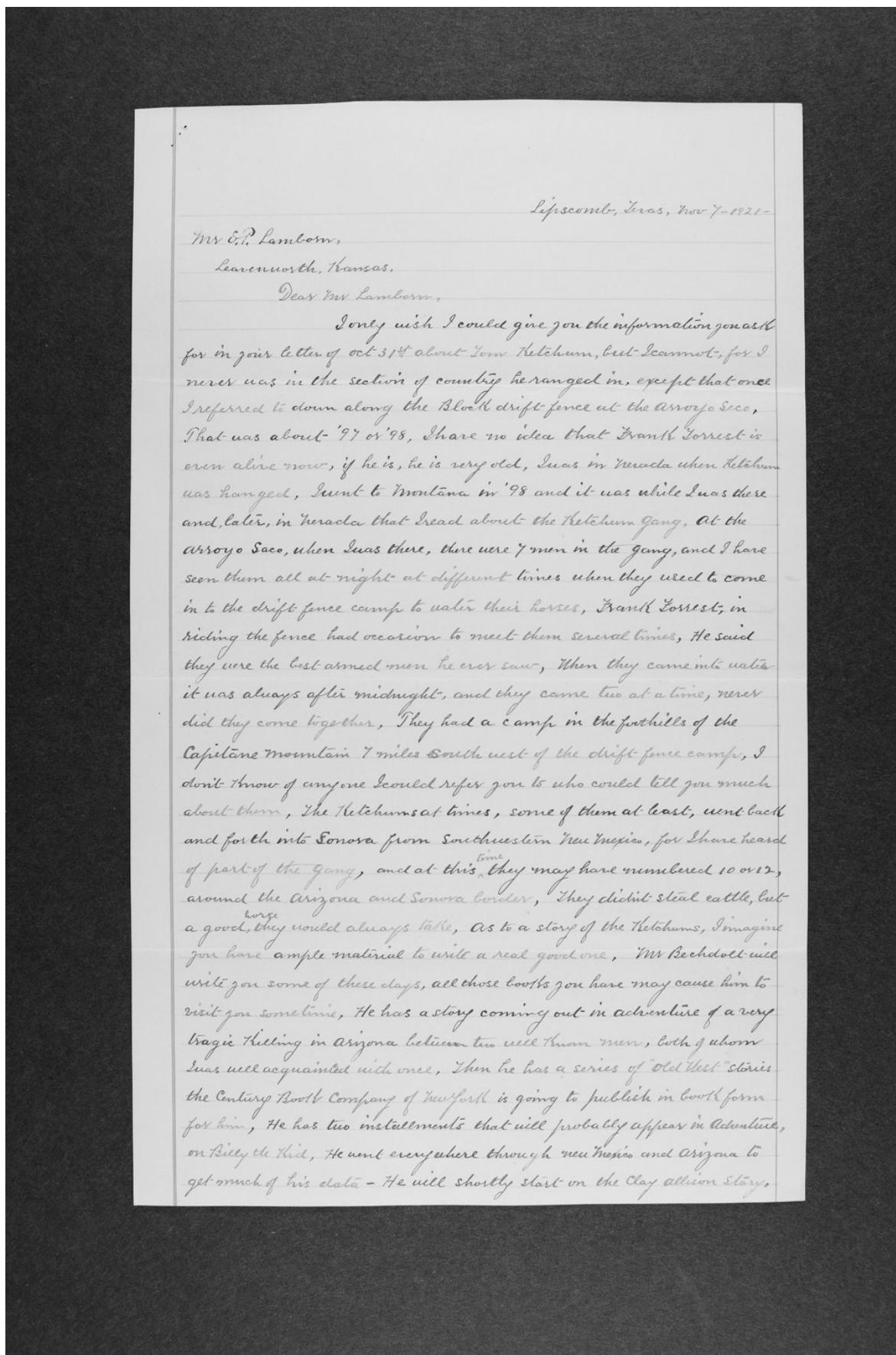
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I got Mr O.S. Clark's book for him on Clay allusion, The Gammels Book Store of Austin is running through a list of such books for him, the Ben Thompson book included, I recently wrote Mr Beechdell to see if he couldn't find the old California story of the most famous Mexican <sup>Bandit</sup> California Peter had - Joaquin Murrieta - who ranged through all the country from San Diego to San Francisco in the '60s and '70s, I don't know where you could find the book outside of some of big San Francisco or Sacramento publishers, The Bancrofts of San Francisco might know about it, Mr Beechdell may sometime ask you for some information, and there is no one who would appreciate the favor more than he, Yes, Bat Masterson is gone, I knew him fairly well, He used to be in Creede once - the mining camp Bob Ford took refuge in, and who was killed there with a load of buckshot at the hands of Ed Kelly - good and deserving retribution, I will always be glad to hear from at any time, and it will give me much pleasure to serve you on anything I may know of.

Very truly yours

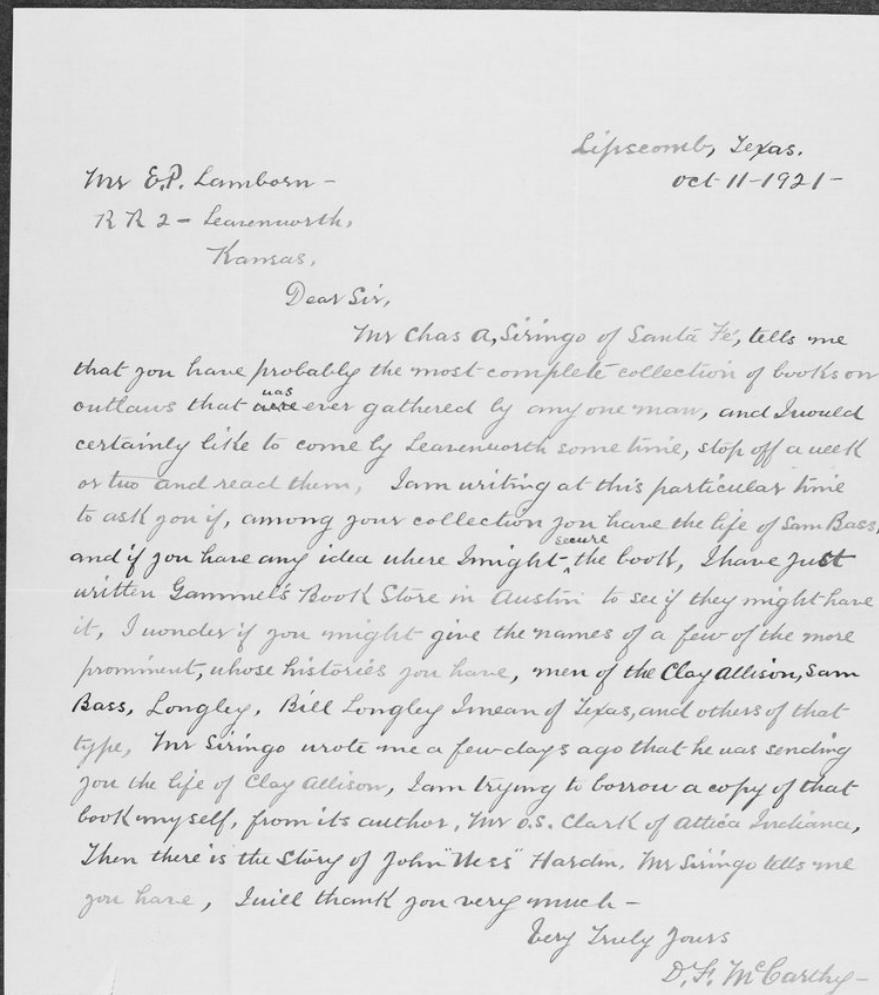
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Mr. E.P. Lamborn -  
R.R. 2 - Leavenworth,  
Kansas,

LipscOMB, Texas.  
Oct 11-1921-

Dear Sir,

Mr Chas A. Siringo of Santa Fe, tells me that you have probably the most complete collection of books on outlaws that <sup>was</sup> ever gathered by any one man, and I would certainly like to come by Leavenworth some time, stop off a week or two and read them. I am writing at this particular time to ask you if, among your collection you have the life of Sam Bass, and if you have any idea where I might <sup>secure</sup> the book, I have just written Gammel's Book Store in Austin to see if they might have it, I wonder if you might give the names of a few of the more prominent, whose histories you have, men of the Clay Allison, Sam Bass, Longley, Bill Longley I mean of Texas, and others of that type, Mr Siringo wrote me a few days ago that he was sending you the life of Clay Allison, I am trying to borrow a copy of that book myself, from its author, Mr O.S. Clark of Attica Indiana, Then there is the story of John "Wee" Hardin, Mr Siringo tells me you have, I will thank you very much -

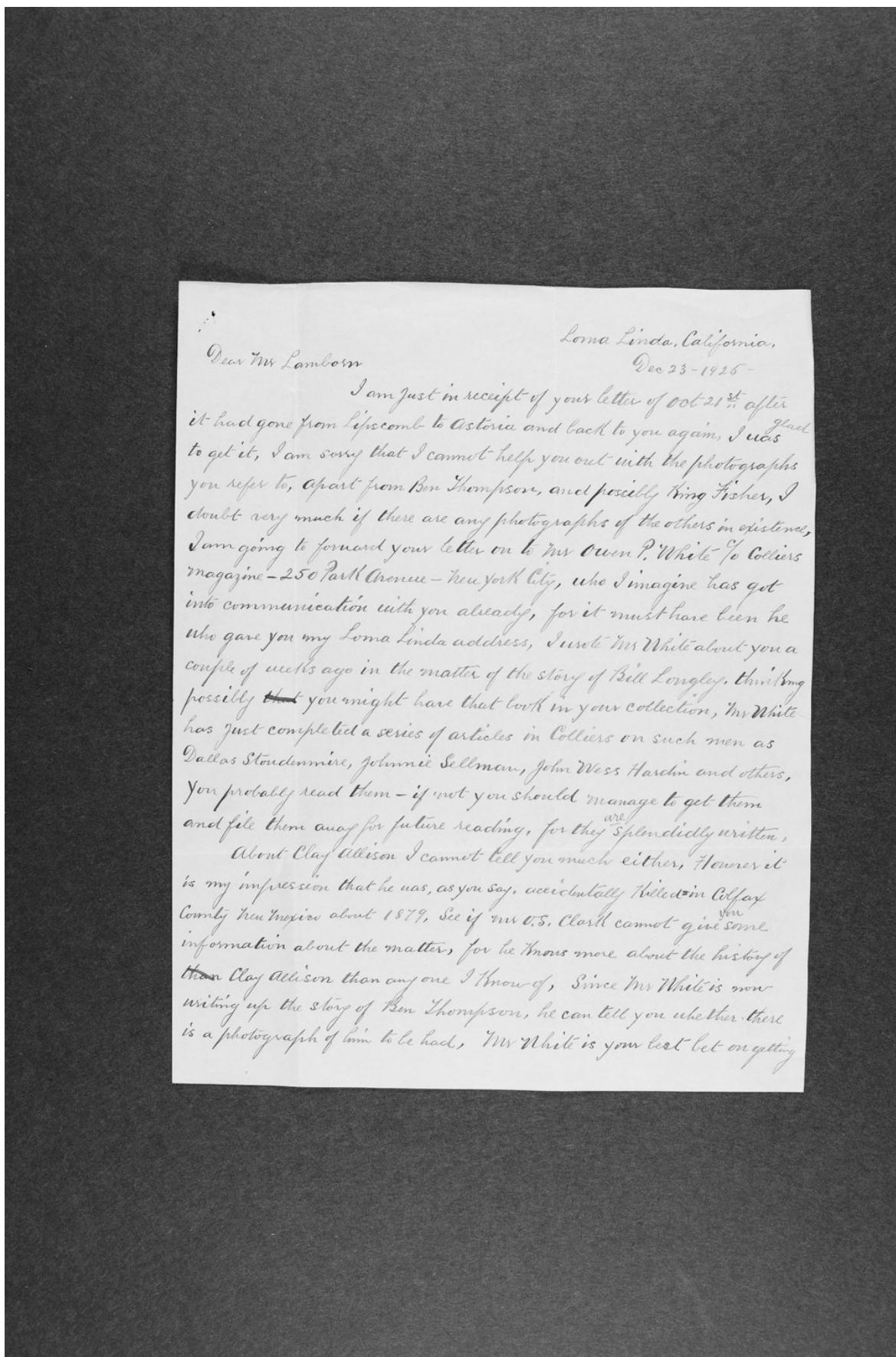
Very Truly Yours  
D. G. McCarthy -

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Some of the photographs you speak of, If you have not already secured it, you should get Captain Jim Gilette "Six years with the Texas Rangers" <sup>1876-1882</sup> It's the best book of that kind ~~that~~ I ever read, barring none.

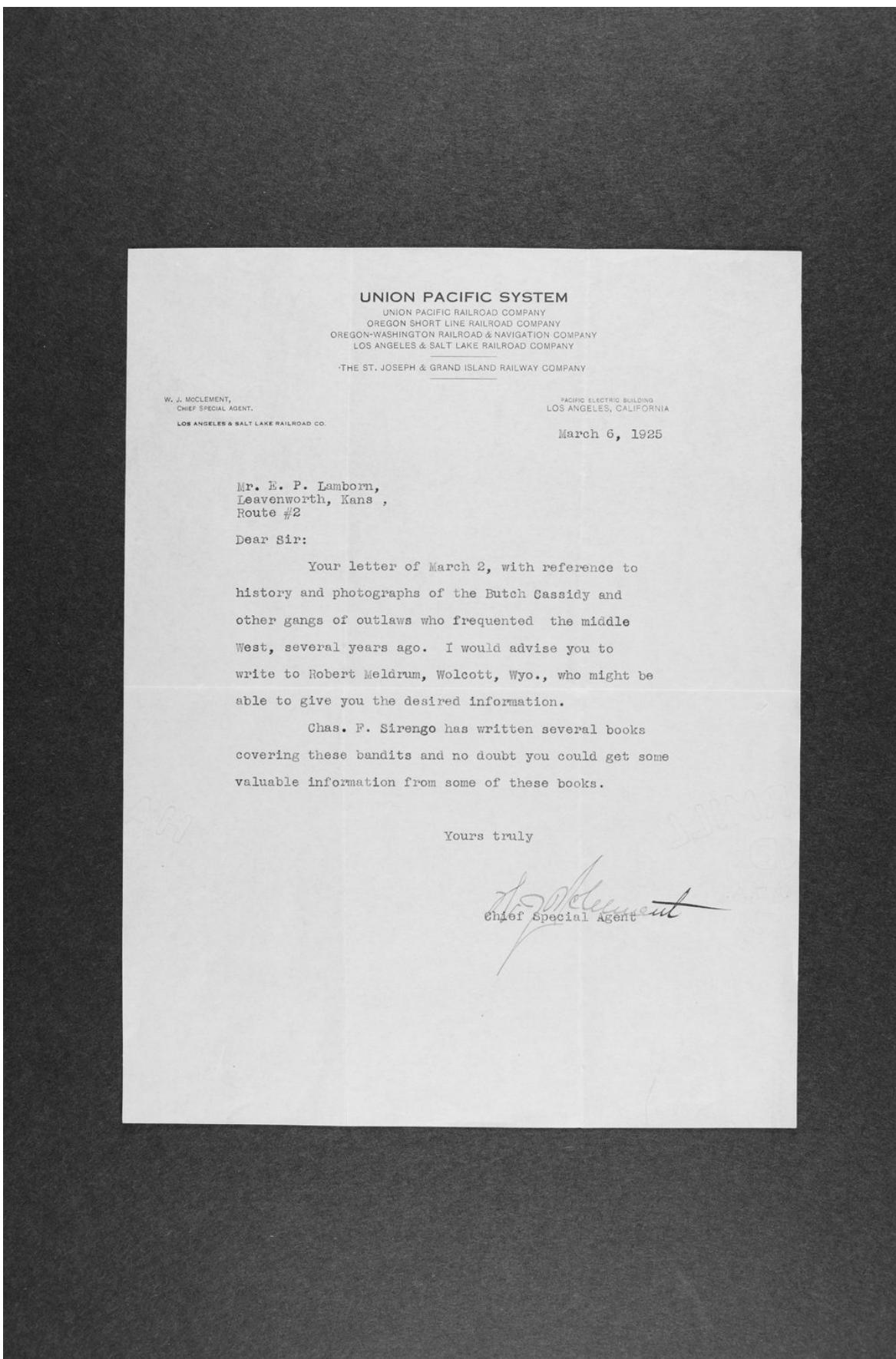
I hear from Charley Singo occasionally, and have often been to see him at his Eleanor address, He sent me a nice photograph of himself and Bill Hart - taken together <sup>about 1880</sup>. I am sorry that Mr. Dealey of the Dallas News will not accommodate you in the matter of those pictures, for he has a fine collection of them. He wrote up the Billy the Kid story two or three years ago in the Sunday edition of the "News" and illustrated it with a picture of Pat Garrett and John W. Doe and the adobe building in which the Kid was killed. I can send you that if you want ~~to~~ it, but I don't think you could reproduce the illustrations successfully - Yes, I know about Billy Dixon and his wife Oline, his book and also <sup>very</sup> familiar with the spot where the fight of the adobe walls took place. It's a wonderfully interesting story. So is the story of the Buffalo Wallow Fight, in which Billy Dixon was the prime factor. I meant to write you more than I have this time, but still <sup>as</sup> that go until some other time, I am here trying to lessen the aches and pains of rheumatism, with which I am filled. Mine is of the worst type, known as Arthritis - inflammation of the joints - and practically incurable, wishing you a happy New Year  
Yours - very truly yours  
D. F. McCarthy -  
of Sanitarium -

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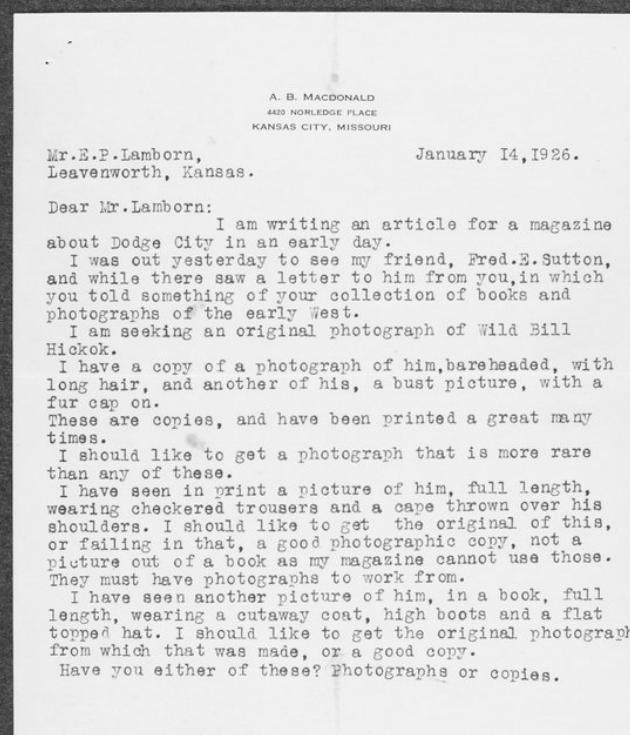


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A. B. MACDONALD  
4420 NORLEDGE PLACE  
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Mr. E.P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

January 14, 1926.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

I am writing an article for a magazine about Dodge City in an early day.

I was out yesterday to see my friend, Fred E. Sutton, and while there saw a letter to him from you, in which you told something of your collection of books and photographs of the early West.

I am seeking an original photograph of Wild Bill Hickok.

I have a copy of a photograph of him, bareheaded, with long hair, and another of his, a bust picture, with a fur cap on.

These are copies, and have been printed a great many times.

I should like to get a photograph that is more rare than any of these.

I have seen in print a picture of him, full length, wearing checkered trousers and a cape thrown over his shoulders. I should like to get the original of this, or failing in that, a good photographic copy, not a picture out of a book as my magazine cannot use those. They must have photographs to work from.

I have seen another picture of him, in a book, full length, wearing a cutaway coat, high boots and a flat topped hat. I should like to get the original photograph from which that was made, or a good copy.

Have you either of these? Photographs or copies.

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If you have I should like to buy them, if you do not charge too much. Or to borrow them. I would guarantee that they would be safely returned, as the magazine I am writing for is very particular to take good care of photographs loaned to it, and never mars or loses them, but always returns them in the same condition they were when borrowed.

If you havenot either of those, have you an original photograph, or a good photographic copy of any other picture of him?

I should also like to get a photograph of Bat Masterson in the days when he was at Dodge City.

Also a photograph of Dodge City in an early day.

If you have any or all of these and would lend them to me for a month or two, maybe I could trade you a book or two about the Wild West that is not in your collection, in return for the loan of the photographs.

I have a book, in good condition: "Seventy Years On The Frontier" by Alexander Majors, the man who, with Russell, the firm known as Russell & Majors, freighted over the plains on the old Santa Fe trail and started the Overland Stage Line and the Pony Express. It was this firm that little Bill Cody (Buffalo Bill) went to work for when a boy, after his father was killed. It is a pretty rare book now.

Another book I have is General George Custer's "Life On The Plains", published I think, in 1874. It is a very rare book now, a large book of several hundred pages. The front cover and a few of the first pages are gone, but , while it hurts the appearance of the book, it does not detract from its reading matter.

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Not long ago I tried to get a complete copy of this book but was unable to do so. I placed an order for it with two large second-hand book stores here, but they could not find a copy.

I have also, in fine condition, a book: "Last of the Great Scouts, the Life of William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) by his sister, Helen Cody Wetmore." This book is rare now, too, and I doubt if a copy could be had in any second hand book store.

Also I have: "The Land of Last Chance" by George Ogden, one of the best descriptions I have ever read of the opening of Oklahoma to settlement and the race for land. It is written in novel form but is a wonderful contribution to the Americana of the Wild West.

Please write to me at once and tell me what you have in the photographs I have outlined.

If it should be necessary for me to come to see you, tell me just where you live, if you will be home every day next week, and the best way for me to get there from Kansas City.

I have other books about the Wild West but have described the rarest.

I have "The Outlaws of Oklahoma" a pamphlet now out of print, with many pictures.

"The Life of Henry Starr, Outlaw," written by Henry Starr very rare and out of print.

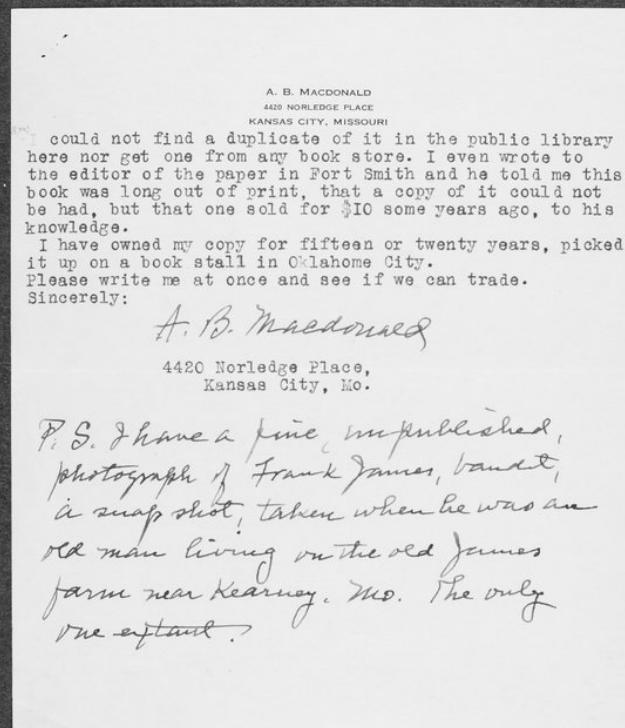
"Hell On the Border," a description of Judge Isaac Parker's court in Fort Smith, Arkansas, for 21 years when it had jurisdiction over the Indian Territory, giving a description of famous trials and hangings of outlaws, with many pictures. This book is so rare that

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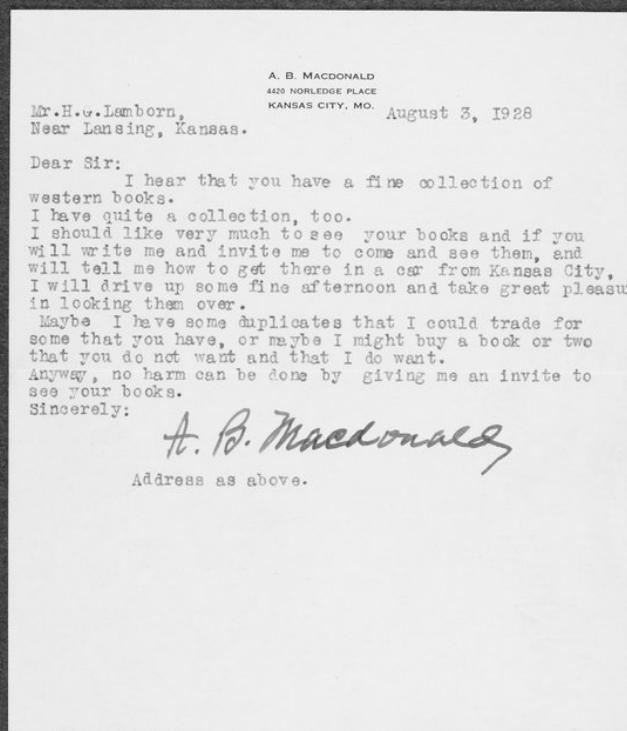


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A. B. MACDONALD  
4220 NORLEDGE PLACE  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Mr. H. G. Lamborn,  
Near Lansing, Kansas. August 3, 1928

Dear Sir:

I hear that you have a fine collection of western books.  
I have quite a collection, too.  
I should like very much to see your books and if you will write me and invite me to come and see them, and will tell me how to get there in a car from Kansas City, I will drive up some fine afternoon and take great pleasure in looking them over.  
Maybe I have some duplicates that I could trade for some that you have, or maybe I might buy a book or two that you do not want and that I do want.  
Anyway, no harm can be done by giving me an invite to see your books.  
Sincerely:

*A. B. Macdonald*

Address as above.

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K. C. Aug 28 - 1941  
Dear Mr Lamborn:  
I have been sick for three years  
and have lost track of things  
you ask about.  
Fred Sutton began selling his  
collection before he died. His widow  
continued it. I don't know how much  
of it they sold, or who got it. I  
don't know where she lives now,  
Write to:  
Frontier Magazine  
Menard, Texas  
and ask it where you can get  
photos of "Bad Men of West". A  
man in El Paso, who made a  
specialty of selling them, used to  
advertise in that magazine.  
The K. C. Star library and the  
K. C. police department should  
have pictures of Bill Ryan and  
Lonne Logan, call on them  
and see. They would let you  
have copies, I think.

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The Southwest <sup>2</sup> headquarters of the Associated Press is in the Star building, K. C.  
I did not know Alfred Henry Lewis. He tried law practice here and failed. His first writings were in the K. C. Star under heading "The Old Cattlemen" later put in his book "Wolfville".  
For incident that occurred in Texas in 1887, write to a newspaper in or near that place. See newspaper directory in any newspaper office, or consult old files of K. C. Times in Public Library here.  
For back numbers of Human Life Magazine write to:  
American Library Service  
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Back-Date Magazine Store  
22 So. 7<sup>th</sup> St. [wrote all 4] Reading, Pa. [Sent 3, 1941.]

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Edwin G. Burbaum  
Box 327, Swarthmore, Pa

Midtown Magazine & Bookshop  
1105 - 6th Ave. New York

Let me know how you come  
out on these suggestions.  
Sorry I cannot give you  
more definite information.  
If you are in this city any  
time come and see me.  
A heart ailment keeps me  
in bed most of time

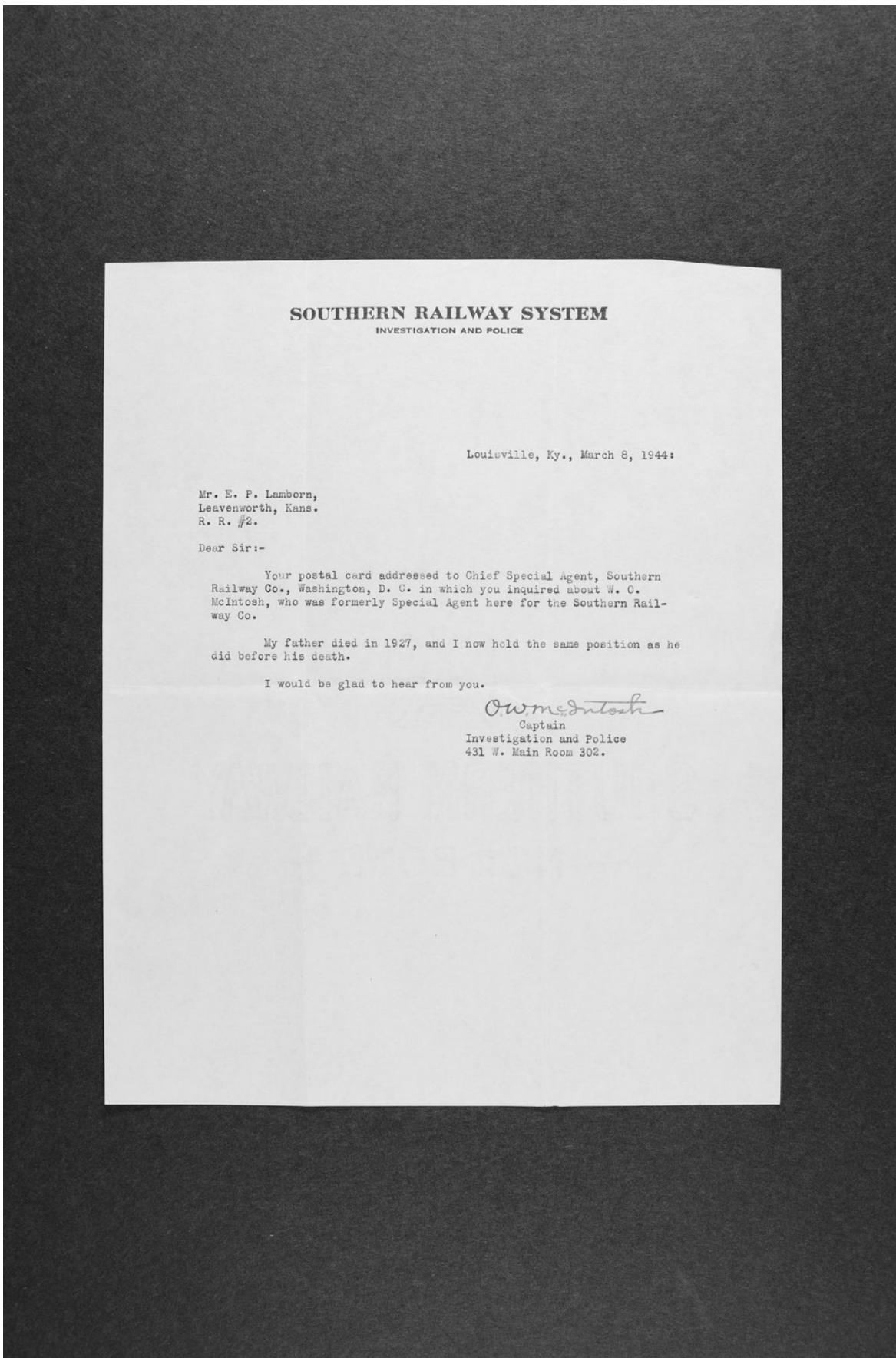
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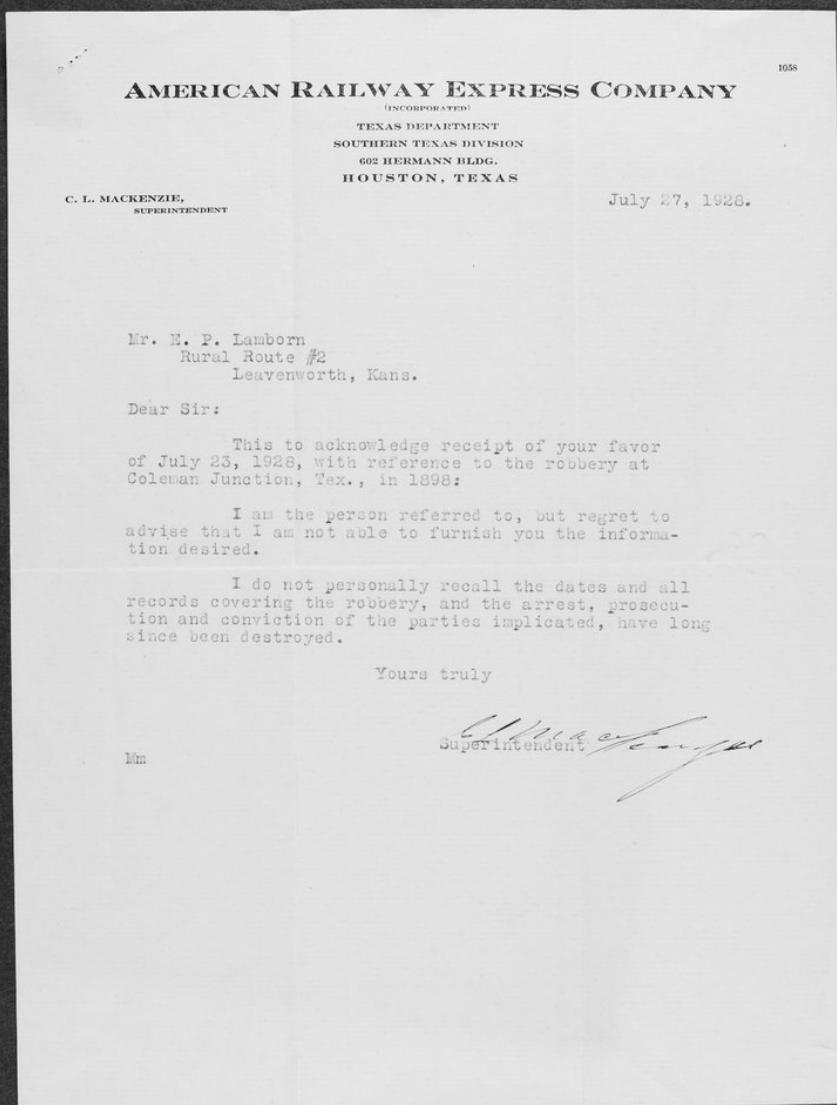
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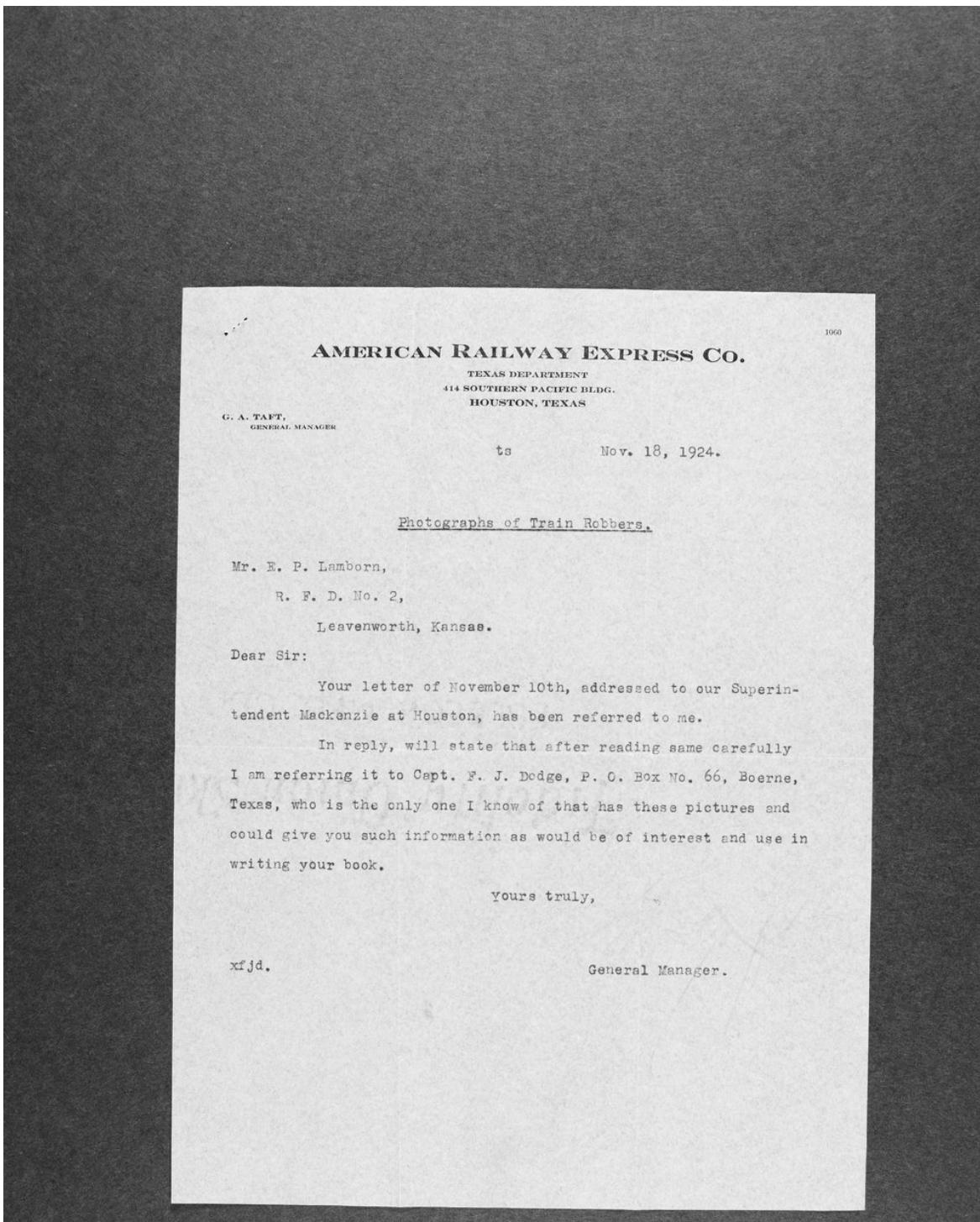


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EAR MARK—CROP AND UPPER HALF CROP THE LEFT

RANGE AND STOCK IN RAILROAD PASS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

 The Monk Brothers Cattle Co.

BREEDERS OF  
HIGH GRADE CATTLE AND HORSES

MANAGER  
FOREMAN Joe T. McKinney  
ALSO RUN THIS BRAND

215 South Reno Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
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Ranch Office  
Wilcox, Cochise County, Arizona  
March 27th, 1887  
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ON LEFT HIP WITH BAR ACROSS RUMP

Mr. E. P. Lamborn  
Leavenworth, Kansas

My dear Sir:-

Yours of the 27th. came duly to hand. Glad to hear from you again and to give you the information desired. I like to think and to write of those olden times in Arizona.

I dont know why our friend Hunter of the Frontier times has not published my reminiscences of the Pleasant Valley unpleasantness. He wrote me asking permission to publish it. I too have been looking for it to come out in every issue.

In 1892 Mr. Dan R. Williamson and I bought the estate of Frank Story which consisted of a brand of cattle (about 500) branded FS. I established my hear quarters at old Ft. Thomas which had then been recently abandoned. A family by the name of Hinton lived near me. Not long after I came there a man by the name of Tom Ketchum and one by the name of Tom Ballard dropped in at Hinton's. Tom Ketchum got to working for Barney Norton at Cedar Springs about 30 miles distant and between Ft. Thomas and Ft. Grant. Tom later worked for Hocker at the Bonita Ranch.

I met him on many works and became well acquainted with him. Tom wanted to be mean. I never saw a good principle in him. Then he came in to camp his presence seemed to inspire a bad feeling among every one. I could mention many incidents but I am going to continue my reminiscences <sup>etc.</sup> and have'nt the time now to go into details.

Tom Ballard was killed later by young Joe Hinton and Tom Ketchum was hanged at Eddy, N.M. I have met and been acquainted with many outlaws, but I never met a man who was as totally devoid of good principles as Tom Ketchum. I knew him well. He murdered a merchant on the Verde and when I heard of the incident and the way the man acted I said at once, 'That was Tom Ketchum'.

Bert Alvord died in South America after serving a term in the Arizona State Prison at Yuma for High way robbery. I was his guard at the Prison while he served his term. Downing also served

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while I was guard there. Billy Stiles did not serve time in the State Prison. He left this country and was deputy Sheriff at Gold Fields, Nevada and was going by the name of William Larkin and was killed there. Stiles' name was William Larkin Stiles. He simply left off the Stiles. Stiles and I were friends. He got wrong, but he had good principles in him. I have loaned him money and he paid when he said he would. When I enlisted in the Rangers I told my captain that if he wanted me to go and talk to Stiles that I would do so. That if I sent Stiles word to meet me he would do it but I would allow no advantage taken of him.

Yes, Alvord was deputy Sheriff at Wilcox. He was a man of low ideals. He didn't have the principle of Stiles nor did he have the guts.

I met Billy Stiles once when he was hunting Black Jack's Gang. I don't think that he ever had a permanent job as Express messenger, but I am not sure. I know he was never express agent anywhere.

I remember well when Bill Downing killed Bill Trainer in Wilcox. Downing was acquitted of this killing.

After serving his term in prison for the Cochise hold up he came back to Wilcox and went into the saloon business and occasionally he would go on a tare. All realized he would have to be killed.

The Constable offered to turn his job over to me. I told him that I would not accept the job at that time because the first thing I would have to do would be to kill Downing and the public would think that I was anxious for the opportunity to kill a man. Speed came to me and we talked matters over and he and I went to the store of Soto Bros and picked out shells containing the largest shot they had and I told Speed they would kill him if he was close to Downing. I went away and expected to hear of a tragedy in Wilcox at once but Downing sobered up and it was at least two months before he was killed and when he was killed it was done with a 30-40 Winchester.

I did not come to the Wilcox country until the summer of '08. The hold up of the train out west of Wilcox was fresh in the memory of the people of Wilcox when I came here and I have heard them tell of the many dollars that were scattered over the country about where the hold up occurred.

I have never met Captain Fred Yornoff. I never did know who the men were that held up the train at Navajo Springs. Except one of them "Kid Swingle". He was killed at Pine Cienega, N.M. by Tom Hall over a poker game.

I knew all these hash knife boys that held up the train at Canon Diablo. They all worked around Winslow except Smith. He was a new comer. I was Under Sheriff of Gila County when Black Jack was raiding. I had his description.

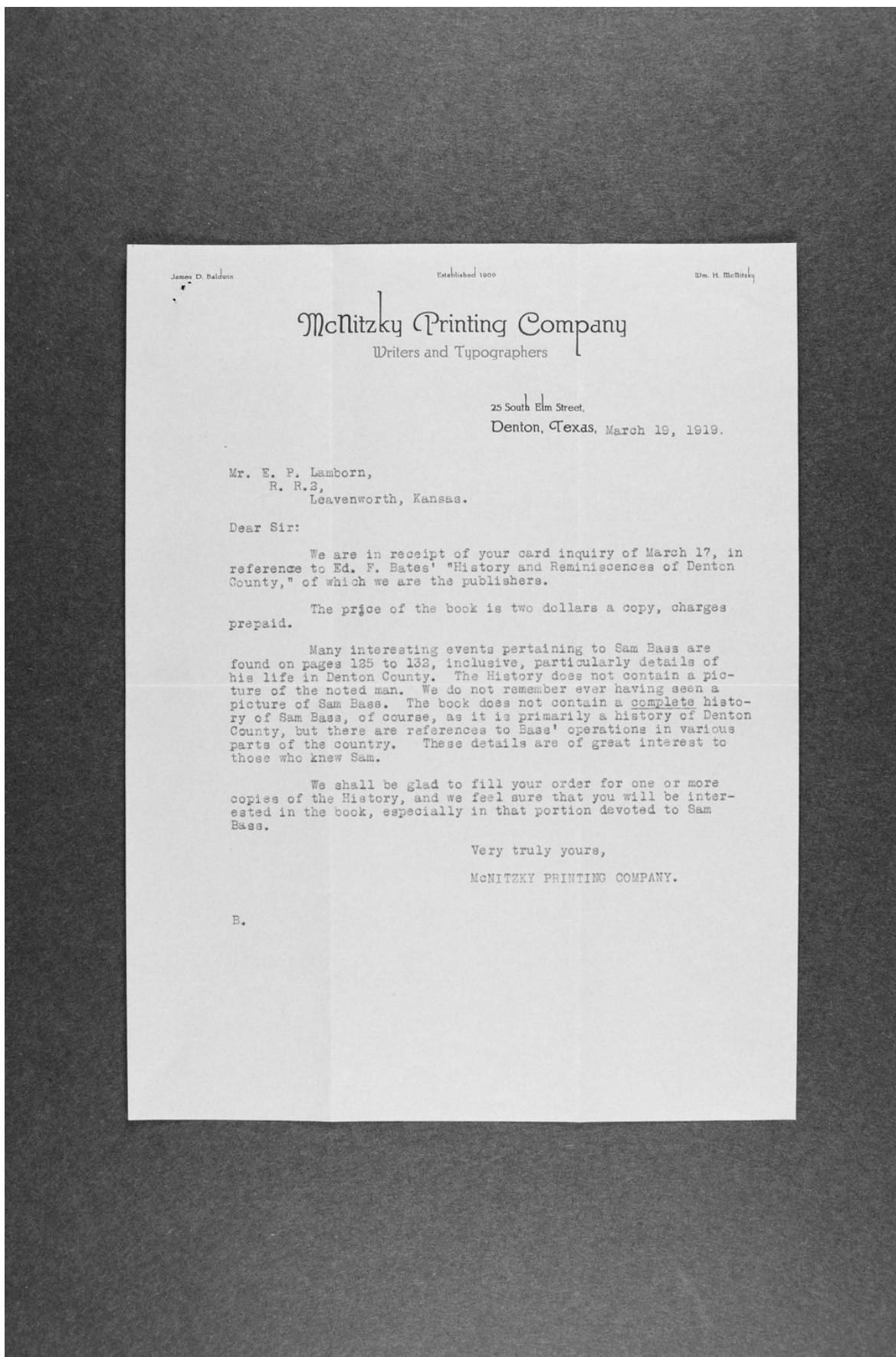
Sincerely yours,  
*James McKinney*

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Dear Reader:

On the inside of this folder we are showing a "life-size" illustration of the "HISTORY AND REMINISCENCES OF DENTON COUNTY," the work on which Secretary Ed. F. Bates, of the Old Settlers' and Veterans' Association of Denton County, has spent several years of earnest labor.

This is the first authoritative History of Denton County ever issued. Its 408 pages contain much data of value and of intense interest. There are ninety-six illustrations, consisting of portraits of pioneers of Denton County, interesting early-day views, pictures of buildings and activities of the College of Industrial Arts and the North Texas State Normal College.

A few noteworthy features of the History:

- Interesting facts regarding John B. Denton, in whose honor Denton County was named.
- Detailed account of the operations of Sam Bass.
- List of Denton County officers, from 1846 to 1916.
- Account of first political nominations for County office in Denton County.
- Fourteen pages devoted to the Indians in Denton County.
- Roll of old settlers who have attended one or more of the last five annual meetings of the Old Settlers' Association.
- Public Free Schools, North Texas State Normal College and College of Industrial Arts adequately covered by seventy-seven pages of text and illustrations.
- Muster Roll of Company M, Seventh Texas Infantry, and names of many other Denton County Patriots.
- 122 pages of Reminiscences by the following writers:  
James P. Bates F. J. Hawkins W. P. Bates  
T. R. Allen B. L. Rogers Judge I. D. Ferguson  
Peyton Orr Jesse F. Loving Col. Otis G. Welch  
Jim Waide Mrs. Rachel Eads C. W. Geers  
Jim Williams A. L. Lane, Sr. E. B. Keyte  
C. A. Williams C. C. Daugherty W. B. Brown  
--F. E. Piner's speech in memory of W. T. G. Weaver.  
--Speech of Judge Carroll, Chairman of Executive Committee of Fifth Congressional District  
--Excerpts from early-day letters from Denton County after the War.

In the fall of 1916, when we decided to undertake the publication of the "History and Reminiscences of Denton County," we had planned to issue a book of 300 pages. The book has grown to over 400 pages. The binding is of substantial imitation leather, gold stamped on side and back. The price, on the first edition of one thousand copies, will be the price originally announced--two dollars a copy. At this time we cannot determine whether a second edition will be issued at this low price, as there have been continued advances in the cost of all material and labor necessary to produce a work of this character.

May we not send you a copy of the History? This work should occupy an honored place in your library. For your convenience a subscription blank is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

McNITZKY PRINTING COMPANY.