

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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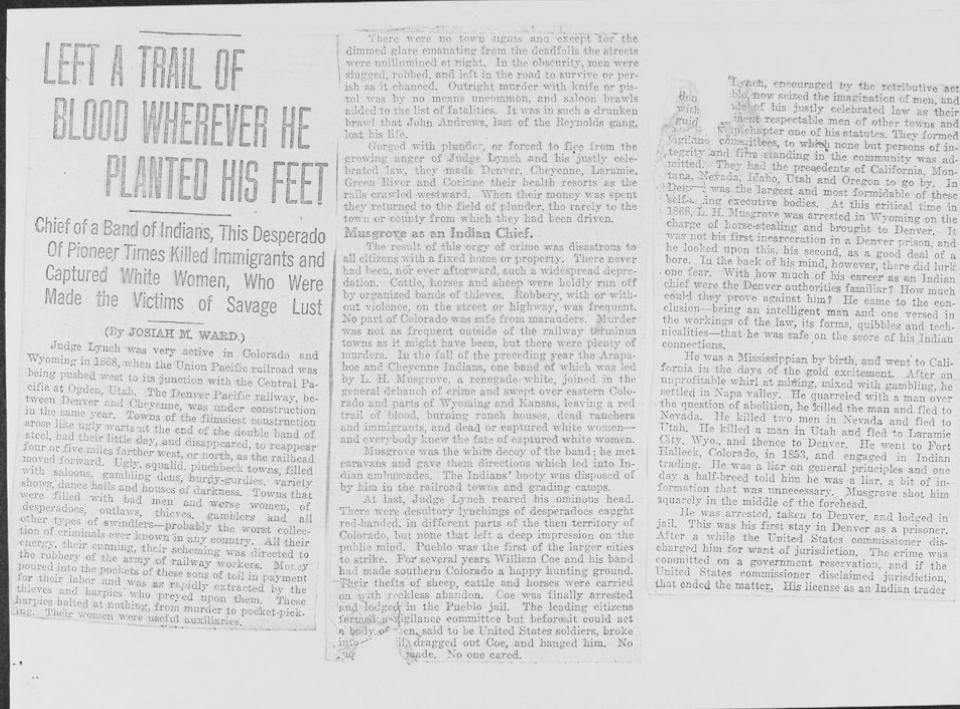
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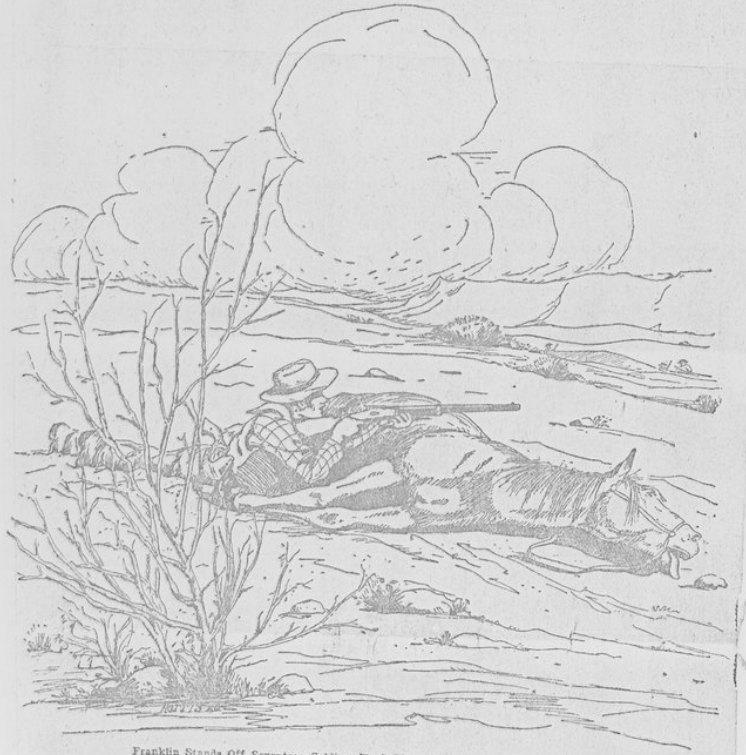
4 YEARS OF IMMUNITY MADE HIM DEFIANT OF LAW

was taken from him, and, perforce, he had to turn to other employment—employment which brought his marvelous but hitherto undeveloped organizing ability into full play.

Musgrove, once more free, took up his residence on Clear creek, near Baker's bridge, and soon had a band of stock thieves under his direction. He had operators not alone in Colorado, but also in Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas, Nebraska and Kansas, and carried on a systematic business of stealing stock, altering the brands, and selling the stock elsewhere. Two of his men were Ed Franklin and Sanford Dougan. Franklin was an uncouth and vicious desperado. Dougan came from Pennsylvania when he was 16 years old, killed a quartz hauler in Gilpin county when he was 18, and after a brief confinement in jail was allowed to escape. He went to Denver, beat up a woman when drunk, was arrested, and made his escape. He went to the Black Hills, near Laramie City, was arrested on suspicion of

at them to apprise them of the fact that it was occupied. They returned the fire, and for over an hour this novel engagement was kept up. It was ended by a bullet which disabled Franklin and he was captured and taken back to the fort.

Franklin had a vigorous constitution, soon recovered, and as promptly escaped. He wound up at Cheyenne, when he received Musgrove's call for help, and met Dougan. The shadow of the Cheyenne Vigilance committee's noose hung over Dougan and he was glad to get out of town with his old pal Franklin. They went to Denver, which city they reached penniless and hungry, on an evening near the close of the eleventh month of the year 1868. It had been an eventful year for each of the three desperadoes. Much money had come into their hands and vanished. Musgrove was in jail—broke. Frank and Dougan were walking the streets—broke. Franklin did not know it, but twenty or more of Musgrove's men were in town wait-



Franklin Stands Off Seventeen Soldiers Until Wounded and Rendered Helpless

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...a man, and set free because the evidence was not strong enough to convict.

Franklin and Dougan became very intimate in Laramie. They were both hard drinkers, and started in to hold up citizens and terrorize the towns. Laramie had a newly formed Vigilance committee and it held a meeting to decide whether these two undesirable residents should be hung as a warning to the gang of robbers and thugs who had gathered there to pillage the railroad workers. The two worthies got wind of the meeting, separated and fled. Dougan stopped at Cheyenne.

Franklin had orders from Musgrove to steal a bunch of government mules at Fort Saunders to fill an order. Musgrove made it a consistent practice to steal government stock.

Meanwhile, with Franklin on the road to Fort Saunders, the train was laid which ended in the second arrest of his chief. A bunch of stolen horses, among them government stock, had been delivered at Musgrove's corral on Clear creek, their brands changed, and Musgrove with three men started to drive them north to the Union Pacific railroad, where there was an active demand for horses for use in grading. United States Marshal H. B. Haskell, accompanied by deputy Egbert Johnson, Detective David Cook, and several other men, set out from Denver to roundup thieves and horses. Musgrove took refuge in the Canon of the Cache La Poudre, barricaded the canon at a narrow point, secured the horses behind the barricade, and waited the turn of events.

When Haskell and his party showed up the bandit advanced under cover of a white rag, representing a flag of truce, and told the marshal he could come behind the barricade, identify the horses that he was after, take them and depart unmolested.

Haskell submitted to this proposition, and going beyond the barricade, beheld a bunch of horses, not one of which could he identify owing to the changes made in the brands. Musgrove showed him the arrangements made for the defense and sneeringly invited him to return to his companions and order a charge upon the position.

The marshal and his party departed, crestfallen, and Musgrove drove the horses to Wyoming, where he sold them to good advantage. He was arrested in Wyoming by another marshal, brought to Denver, and placed in jail. Of the law he had no fear; its officers he held in contempt, but he did have a lurking dread of the anger of the public should they learn the extent to which his connections with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes had led him. How much did they know, was a question that rose continuously in his mind.

From his prison he sent word to his followers that he must be rescued from duance. Ed. Franklin, whom he trusted as a friend, was deputized to take charge of the rescue.

Franklin, probably, did not receive this message before he succeeded in running off the bunch of mules from Fort Saunders. He was pursued by seventeen soldiers and in the running fight that ensued the mules became lost to him. His own capture seemed imminent, but Franklin determined to die, rather than surrender. Scrambling from his horse, he shot it dead and, using the body as a breastwork, he hastily scurried up a pile of sand, thus forming a rude trench, in which he crouched. The soldiers cautiously approached this novel line of defense, and Franklin fired

ing for him to arrive and take the initiative in the rescue of their imprisoned chief. Nor did they know that the Denver Vigilance committee had them under surveillance. Observe how Fate often works out these plots of human life. If Franklin had known that his friends, well supplied with money, were waiting just around the corner, figuratively speaking, he would not have done what he immediately proceeded to do. But Franklin was primitive. He was of cave-man clay. His stomach was empty. It called for food. He, with Dougan, of course, rushed upon the first man whose coming was opportune with the hour, held him up, and robbed him of \$135.

Again observe the working of Fate. They could have robbed any other man in Denver and the matter end with the usual brief report to the police and the customary investigation. Such was the fashion of the time. In this instance, however, the man was Judge Orson Brooks, a venerable and beloved police magistrate, the foundation of justice and the pillar of integrity.

It was interpreted as the challenge of the criminal class hurled at the law and the law's executives.

Denver boiled with indignation. The old pioneer spirit was aroused. David Cook was town marshal and he was told that the perpetrators of this outrage must be caught. Cook knew what this order meant.

Along with the money taken from Judge Brooks was a \$20 bill that had been accidentally torn into two parts and patched together by the judge with an easily identified slip of official paper. No robber in his sane mind would have attempted to pass the bill. But Franklin and Dougan, having fled to Golden, had given way to their passion for whisky. In the description of the clews to the robbers the \$20 bill had been made a particular item by Cook. He was informed by messenger that the men he wanted were on a boisterous drunk in Golden.

Two Desperadoes Killed in Golden.

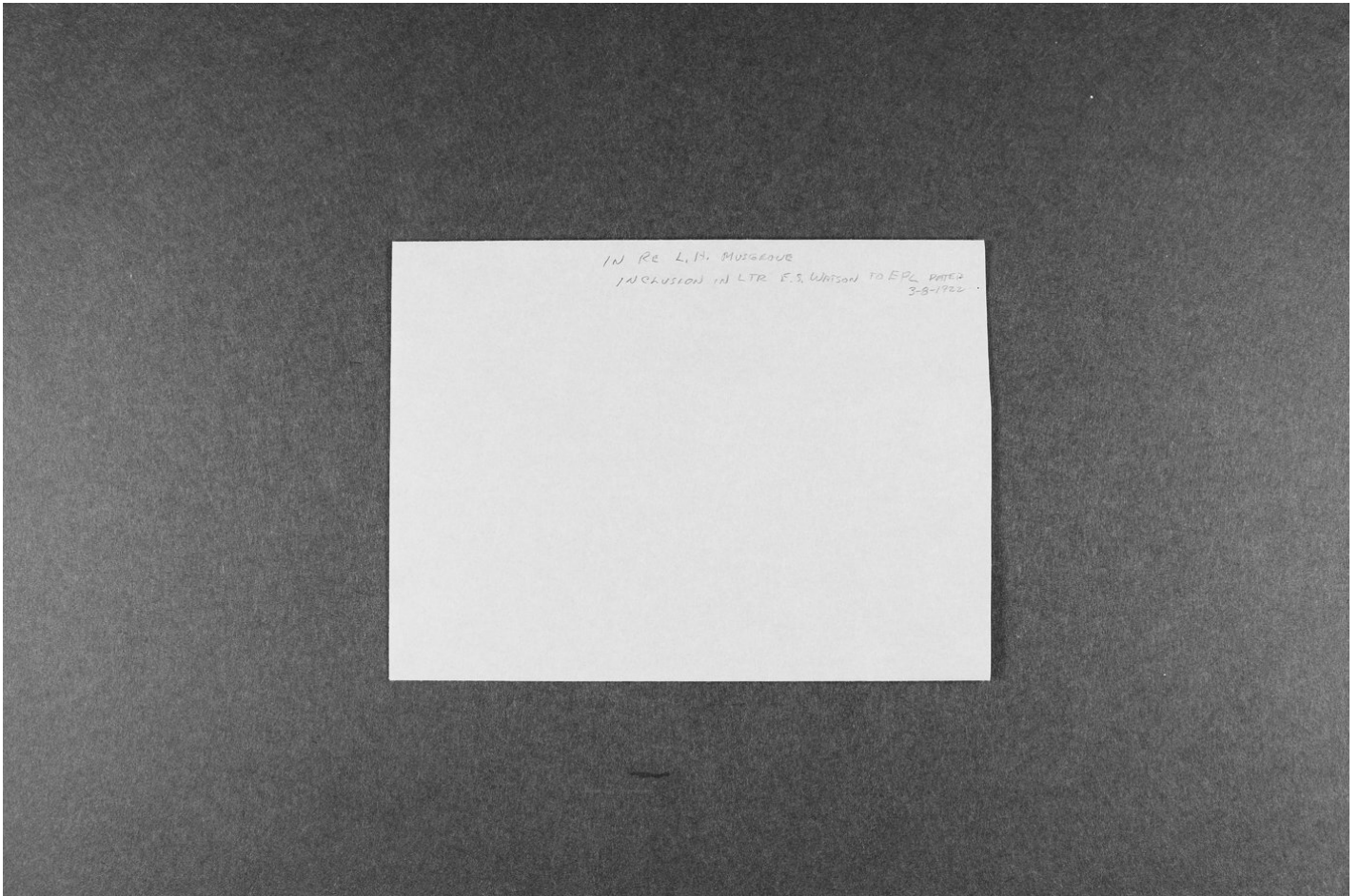
Gathering a posse composed of W. Frank Smith, D. W. Mays, Eugene Goff, H. B. Haskell and Andrew Allen, the party hurried to Golden. There they were joined by Sheriff Keith. They traced Dougan to a saloon kept by a man named Hill, whose brother, Miles Hill, had been Dougan's drinking companion. It was dark, and when they approached the saloon, Miles Hill emerged and began to shoot at the officers. Cook killed him. Dougan escaped by flight, firing as he fled.

Cook, Smith and Keith next went to the Overland house, where Franklin was known to be. He was found in bed, and on being aroused and told that he was under arrest, defied the officers and made a lunge for a cocked revolver lying on a convenient table. Cook shot him, thru the heart.

Dougan was captured at a point north of Greeley. He was riding a stolen horse at the time. He was taken to the Larimer street prison, a frail structure on the site of the present city hall. A mob speedily formed, determined to take him out and lynch him. In order to save Dougan from this fate, Cook endeavored to transfer him after dusk, to the new calaboose on Twelfth street, between Larimer and Market streets, a much stronger prison. The mob learned of this proposed transfer and the Vigilance committee secreted itself under the Larimer street bridge. When Cook drove up in a wagon with the prisoner he was stopped and told to get out. He did so and the wagon was driven off with Dougan in it, his hands securely tied.

DENVER, COLO., SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22, 19

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INCLUSION IN LTR ELMO SCOTT WATSON TO EPL DTD 3-8-22.

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Visalia, California
March 17, 1928

Mr. E. P. Lamborn
Leavenworth, Ka.

Dear Sir: I have your card with inquiry regarding old photos. Regret to say that I have no pictures of the old timers in either crime or office.

I was well acquainted with both Johnny Thacker and Will Smith but have no knowledge of what became of their possessions at their passing. Smith died nearly or quite twenty years ago of cancer of the stomach. Don't know just when Thacker went over. John Hume of Wells Fargo had a great collection of criminal mementos but I do not know of their whereabouts. He also died many years ago and his wife very recently. Of the men who took a part in the Evans and Sontag chase nearly all are gone. Kay, sheriff, is still living but I can, on the moment, recall among those that have gone on Hall, under-sheriff, Witty, Broder, Fudge, Ellis, Black, Smith, Thacker, Hume, Cunningham, Burns, Shine and many more.

I have no recollection of the two Gates nor Arnett as train robbers in 1904, though at that time I was very much occupied in other business. The last two I remember holding up a train in this state were the Johnson brothers who successfully held up a train about 1898/99/1900 or 99.

Yours very truly,

Alfred L. Weaver
[MORVE]WK

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

Mo. 21, 1928

In an old letter from a friend in Tucson I find the following paragraph: "Articles on Broncho Bill, Three Fingered Jack, Black Jack Ketchum, Black Jack Christie, Zwing Hunt, Billy Grounds, Booth Bros., the Gates Brothers who came here from California and were killed at Separ N.M. et seq."

This is the first and only reference to the Gates that I have found and as you will note lacks all dates. The reference is to a book on Tombstone that the friend is about to publish

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
AUSTIN

Feb. 22, 1926.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

The book you describe is evidently different from any that I have seen. The new edition is a bootleg proposition put out by some unknown person. You may procure a copy from the Texas Book Store, 2200 Guadalupe Street, Austin.

This book has 89 pages, printed at Dallas in 1878, copyrighted by W.L. Hall & Co, at that time.

The book sells at the outrageous price of \$3.00.

I am sorry that I can not tell you where you may procure photographs of the men you mention. They seem to be very scarce.

Yes, I subscribe to FRONTIER TIMES, and agree to all you say about it. Marvin Hunter is "me personal friend."

Thanks for your letter giving information about Sam Bass book.

I should like to have a list of what you have to sell.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Webb

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CHIEF SPECIAL AGENT

Oct. 29, 1940

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Oct. 28, 1940, which has reference to persons alleged to be involved in train holdups at Wagner and Malta, Mont., in the years of 1892 and 1901, and their subsequent arrest for the crimes.

Inasmuch as several years had passed since these occurrences, the records, if there were any, have been destroyed, and if any photographs were included in the record they no doubt were also destroyed.

However, in the years since these holdups were supposed to have occurred, the only photographs taken were by photographers as the police system of fingerprinting and photographing was not very general at the time.

Do you not think that the Montana State Prison have the photograph of one of the persons you mention, and it is possible that there may be a photograph of Harry Longbaugh somewhere if he was arrested. I was told a long time ago that Longbaugh was arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana, and got out of jail there but whether he broke out I do not know for sure.

Sorry I am unable to help you and trust that you will succeed in securing the photographs if there are any on hand elsewhere.

Yours truly,

M. J. Wegener
Chief Special Agent

MJW:R

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DUVAL WEST
JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas,
July 8, 1927.

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,
Rural Route No. 2,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

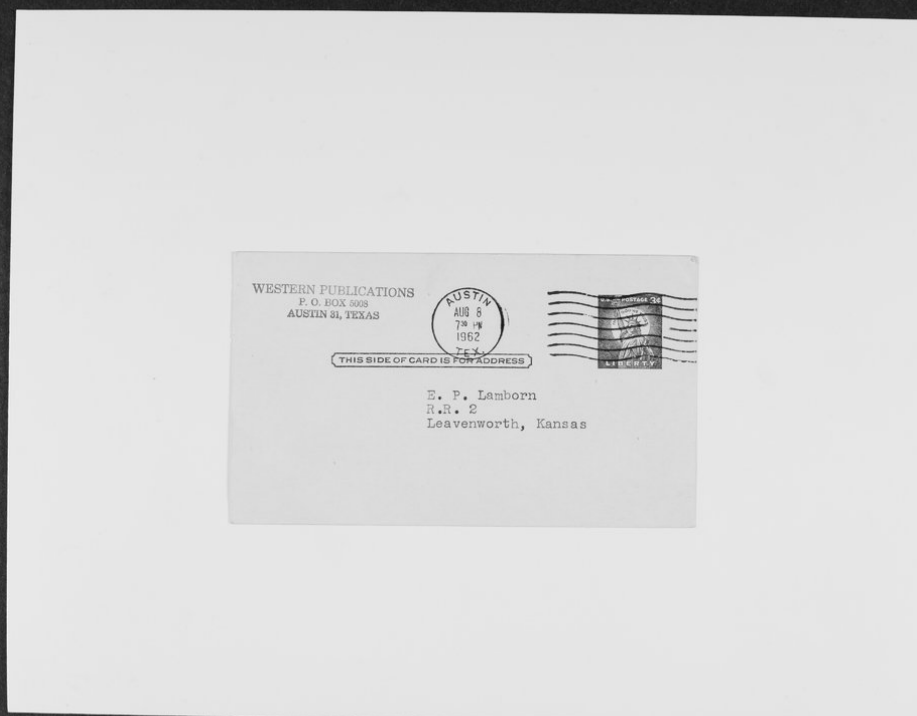
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 5th, addressed to Judge West. The Judge is away on a long vacation, but I am forwarding your letter to him, and he will probably let you hear from him some time during the summer.

Yours very truly,
R. L. Fairbank
Judge West's Secretary.

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Howdy! The four magazines you sent \$1.00 for² are on their way under separate cover.
But like podnuh, settle down a bit. After all 11 questions are quite a few for a man as busy (and underpaid!) as our friend Wolfe. Remember that he gets many requests a day -- perhaps yours was so great he set it aside until he could devote a longer time to it. Its very difficult and takes a lot of work (your claim to being a historian has probably already showed this to you) to ascertain such data as whether or not certain and various old-timers are still alive. Why dont you try him with one or two at a time? For the photos, you might try Ed Bartholomew, Toyahvale, Texas; he has a fine selection.
Author Melgren can be reached
in c/o Western Publications. Best Wishes
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Moab Utah
Jan 27 1926

Two Utah slayers escape jail.
Moab, Utah, Nov. 16.—(A.P.)—
R. H. Elliott and D. W. Pfoutz, slay-
ers of Deputy Sheriff R. D. West-
wood, escaped from the jail here to-
day, where they were held on a mur-
der charge.

Mr E. P. Lamborn
Levensworth Kan,

Dear Sir in regards to
your letter enquiring
about the picture of
flat based George and
Harvey Logan
I cant suply you with
pictures of either of them
I was in the Possey that
killed Curry which was
on April 21 1908 Jack
Fowler the Sheriff of Grand
Co, and Sam Jenkins
a deputy was killed one
month after by part of

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the hole in the wall
gang. But do not
connect Logan or Kid Curry
with the killing.
I think you can get from
the Pinkerton Detective
agency in Denver a
photograph of George
Curry. Also try the
American express Co.
Detectives. The agent in
the field's name was
Frank Murray.

Yours respectfully
R. D. Westwood
Sheriff of
Grand Co.

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Cell,
156:3.

SEE NEW GOODS AT
WHARTENBYS 5-10 & 15c STORE
CORNER HEWITT & MAPLE STREETS

Epworth Wash Feb 24

E P Lamborn Leavenworth Mo

My Dear Mr Lamborn your Rec
this I am so glad to hear and answer
your queries promptly
I do not know of a life of
Sam Bass I have never seen
one from my observation of
Bass I would say he was
about 5'7" a 8 in about 165 lb
Dark hair but not black he
was not what I would call
a Real Bad Man a bad
man went at that line I don't
think he even held up but
one train his long built
Country plow & tall Banker
Sam Bass Carren was a shot
one he had a little mare
called the Denton mare
He used to Race in North west
Tefar he was a hard west
Drinker his dying statement
at Round Rock Tefar was
that he had never killed
a man I think he told
the truth

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he would not have lasted
 a second against a man
 like Ben Thompson
 who could fire a deadly
 bullet in a split second
 he was the fastest gun slinger
 of them all. John West Hadden
 was a low dirty murderer
 but he met Al Hatterloo
 at Brownsville Texas in
 a mere boy I was within
 3 ft of Thompson & King
 Fisher when they went at
 Mel Conrad the only
 hood these men ever won
 in their life was when they
 killed each other
 All of these men were shot
 gun men & of course no other
 man had the least show with
 them I served in the U S
 Reg Service in Texas also
 in Ranger Service for 1 year
 I was some gun slinger my
 self but I have never taken
 human life to my knowledge
 for which I am thankful
 I was born in the 50's & was
 of an adventurous disposition
 so or born as old enough
 went South

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I've seen a great deal
of Rough Life
in Texas & Mexico
I am an old man
now but my heart is
as young as ever
and I'm sure
write me
with the best wishes
I am truly yours
H. P. Whartenby
Everett Wash
1921 Hewitt Ave

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OWEN P. WHITE

New York N.Y.
Dec 15 1925.

Mr E P Lamborn.
Rural Route 2.
Leavenworth, Kans.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

As I understand from Mr. D.F. McCarthy, who is now in a sanatorium at Loma Linda Calif. that you are interested in the careers of the "bad men" of the West and the Southwest it may be that you have heard of me. Not that I am a bad-man, I hasten to say that, but because I have been lately running a series of stories in Collier's in regard to the activities of that class of gentry which you may have read. I hope you have.

Mr. McCarthy with whom I have had some very pleasant correspondence tells me in a letter which I received today that you have quite a collection of books dealing with the lives of gun-men, killers, etc. etc. If such is the case would it be possible for me to either buy or borrow these books from you? Please let me know.

Just at present I am especially interested in getting as much stuff as I can on Wild Bill Hickok of Abilene; Bill Longley of Texas fame, Ben Thompson, also of Texas and King Fisher likewise from the Lone Star State. If you have anything on any of these celebrities, especially the first one, I would like very much indeed to have a look at it.

If you have read my stuff in Collier's you can easily understand what it is that I am trying to do. I am making an effort to tell stories about the West and the Southwest and the bellicose days thereof, without cluttering them all up with a lot of romantic rot. I am doing a straight-away job of story telling in connection with our good old time bad-men and am gratified to be able to say that the public is receiving the stuff very cordially and under the circumstances it is very probable that Collier's will soon begin to run a second series.

I will appreciate very much indeed any assistance that you may be able to render me.

Yours very truly

Owen P. White

Address.
care Collier's
250 Park Ave.
New York

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OWEN P. WHITE

Kew Gardens L.I. N.Y.
April 26 1927.

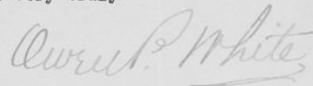
Mr E.P. Lamborn.
R R No 2.
Leavenworth, Ks.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

About a year ago Mr. McCarthy of Montrose California, told me that you had a large collection of books. manuscripts etc etc relating to such characters as Bill Hickok, Jesse James and other men of that *type*. Is that a fact, and if so have you anything interesting, newspaper clippings, old magazine articles or anything like that pertaining to Jesse James? If you have would it be possible for me to arrange with you in some way to look it over? Of course I will pay for the privelege.

Will you please let me know about this at your earliest conveneince.

Yours very traly



Address:
Owen P. White.
Apt 131. Forest Park Apts.
Kew Gardens, L.I. N.Y.

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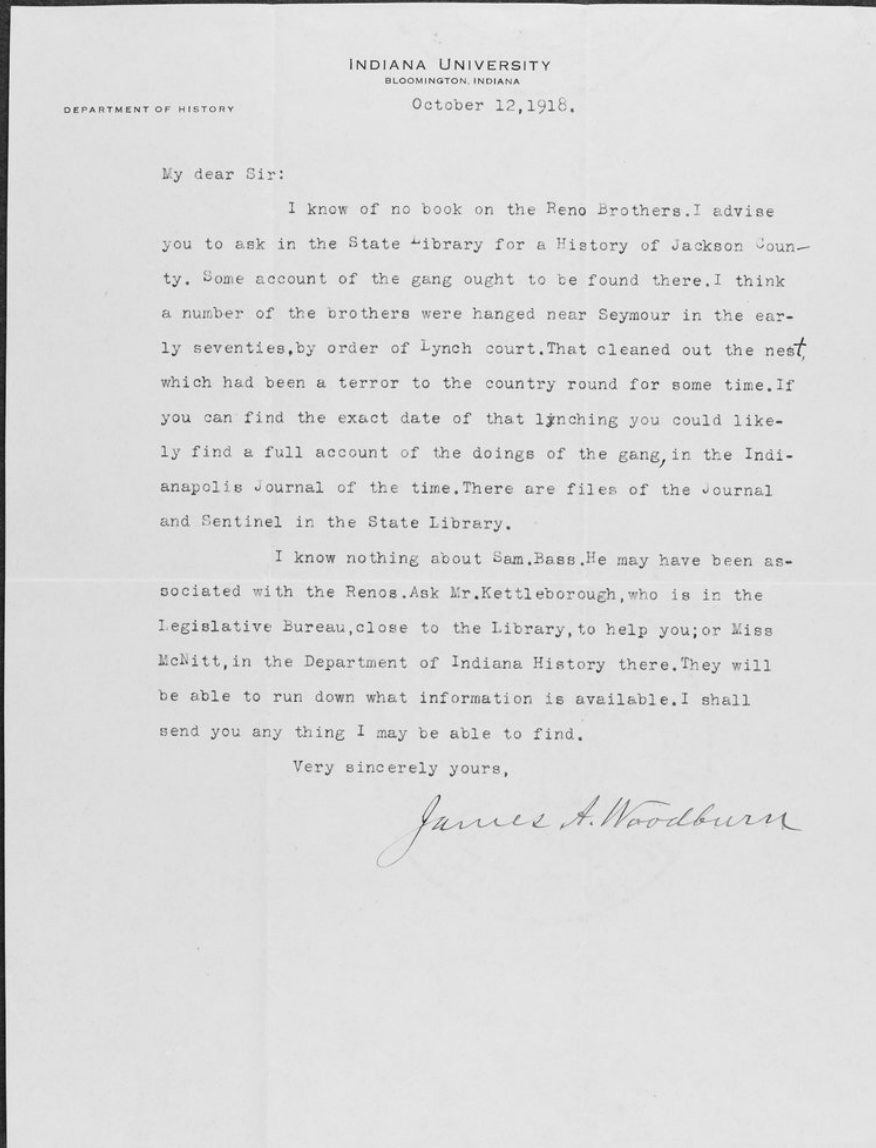
Apr. 26, 1882.

Dear Sir: Your letter received. I was but a small boy in 1870 when we came here and have but a small boys recollection of events of cattle day times. J. B. Edwards of this city has collected much data and photos of Wild Bill and other noted persons of those cattle days and will be glad to communicate with you. There is one thing certain no one ever covered Pickens here. He only killed two men while here - and one of these was killed thru misapprehension. I had my fathers paper published here in 1870-71-72. Which contains many notes of the early doings here. I believe Mr. Edwards can tell you most anything you want to know. Truly Dear Sir,

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Most Dear Sir
Dec 24th
Mrs. E. P. Lamborn
Kind Gaddy goes &
was well acquainted with
the Hetchums & went to
school with that family
& liked them very much
they were fine people as
far as I know whom
I was acquainted with
them & saw Tom's sister
about days ago
respectfully
Mrs. G. M. Wood

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Historical Department,
University of Wyoming,
Laramie, Wyoming

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is ~~copy~~ letter from E. P. Lamborn, Leavenworth, Kansas, asking for information concerning some of the old-time brand inspectors.

As our historical files are all in your keeping, I am writing to ask if you will be kind enough to check these files and reply to Mr. Lamborn's letter.

Very truly yours,
Myrna F. Agee
Myrna F. Agee,
Assistant Secretary

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cc-E. P. Lamborn, Leavenworth, Kansas

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E. P. Lamborn,
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

On receipt of your letter, I wrote the Historical Department, Laramie University, asking that they give you the information requested about the old-time brand inspectors, etc. A carbon copy of this letter was sent you.

I am today in receipt of a letter from the University advising that I did not include your letter with my letter to them. I have searched our files but cannot find your letter at this office.

I am writing to ask if, by mistake, this was returned to you with the carbon copy. If so, please return and I will forward same to the University. If not, I would suggest that you write me another letter, and this time I will see that it gets forwarded to the Historical Department.

I am sorry this happened and would appreciate hearing from you again.

Very truly yours,
Myrna F. Agee
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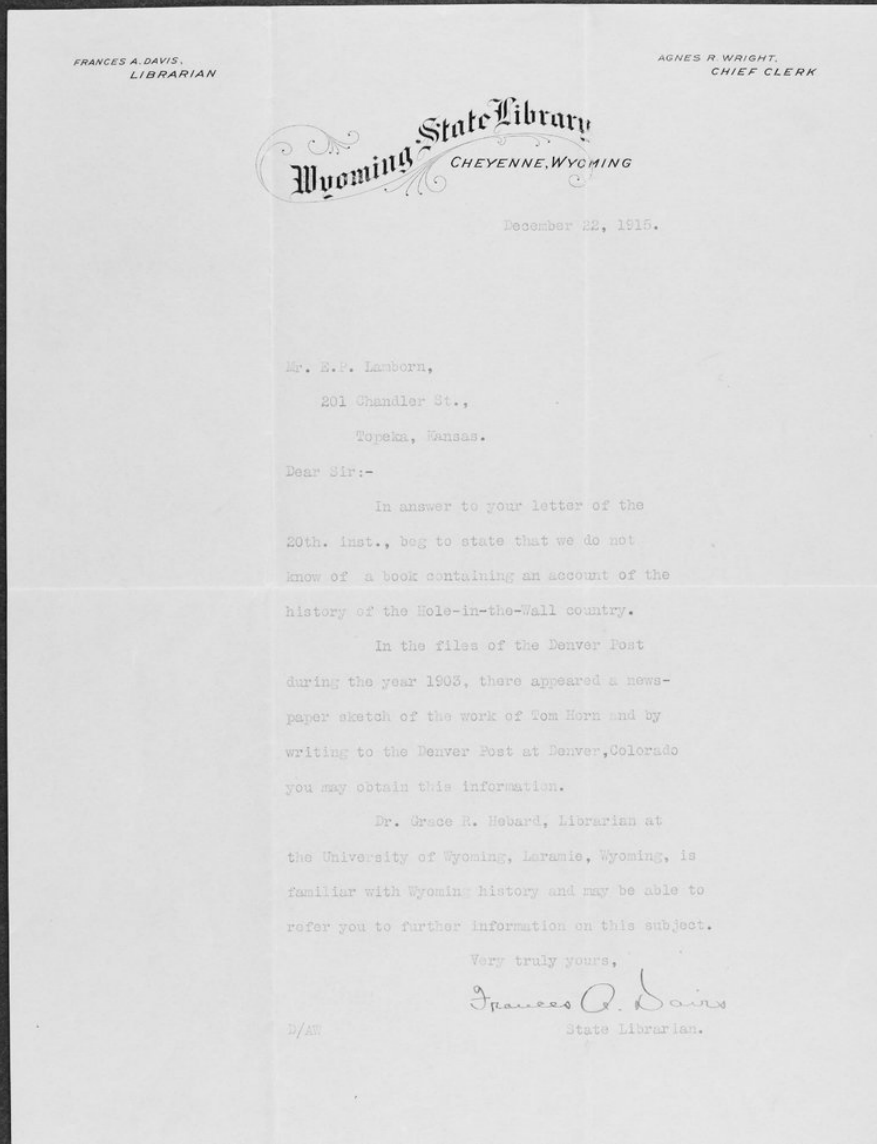
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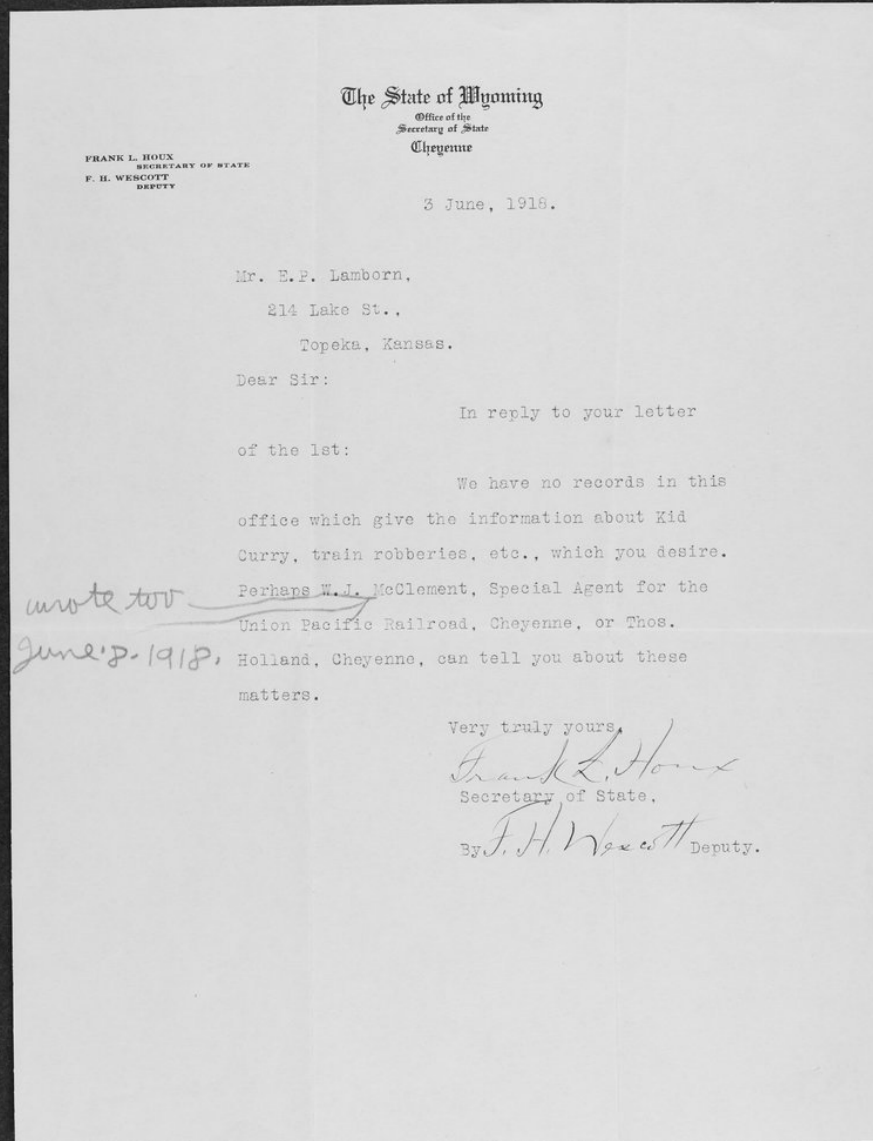
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31 July 1942

Mr. E. P. Lamborn
Leavenworth, Kansas
R.R. No.2

Dear Sir:-

Regarding the pictures for which you wrote, ~~some~~:
at one time we had a museum in the basement of the
library but two years ago it was dismantled and the
contents sent either to Fort Casper or the State Museum
in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The pictures seem not to be
at Fort Casper as I checked there yesterday so I am
sending your letter on to the State Museum and am
asking Mrs. Riley to give it her attention.

I realize how scarce they are, and how valuable to
you for the completion of your book. I am sorry I
can not supply you as you requested but we needed the
space in the library and remodeled two years ago
converting this room into a juvenile room. I trust
Mrs. Riley will be able to supply them for you.

Very truly yours,



Librarian

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COUNTY OF NATRONA
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CASPER, WYOMING

March 26th, 1931.

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

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of recent date, regarding photos of old time gangs, wish to advise that old time law enforcement officers are a pretty scarce article around here, most have passed away or moved, one of the old time sheriffs are still here but had a stroke some time back and it has effected his memory.

If you will write the editor of the Magazine of the Elks Lodge, I feel sure you can get some of the pictures of the Hole in The Wall gang as some time ago they had a story in their magazine on this gang, if you care to you can write the Natrona County Library at Casper, Wyoming., as they may be able to assist you on this.

I would suggest that you write Mr. B.E. Brooks at Casper, Wyoming., as he is one of the head men of the Pioneers Association, here in Casper., he should be able to advise or assist you in this.

Yours very truly,

G. O. Housley, Sheriff
Natrona County, Wyoming.,

By W. N. Norred
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