

## 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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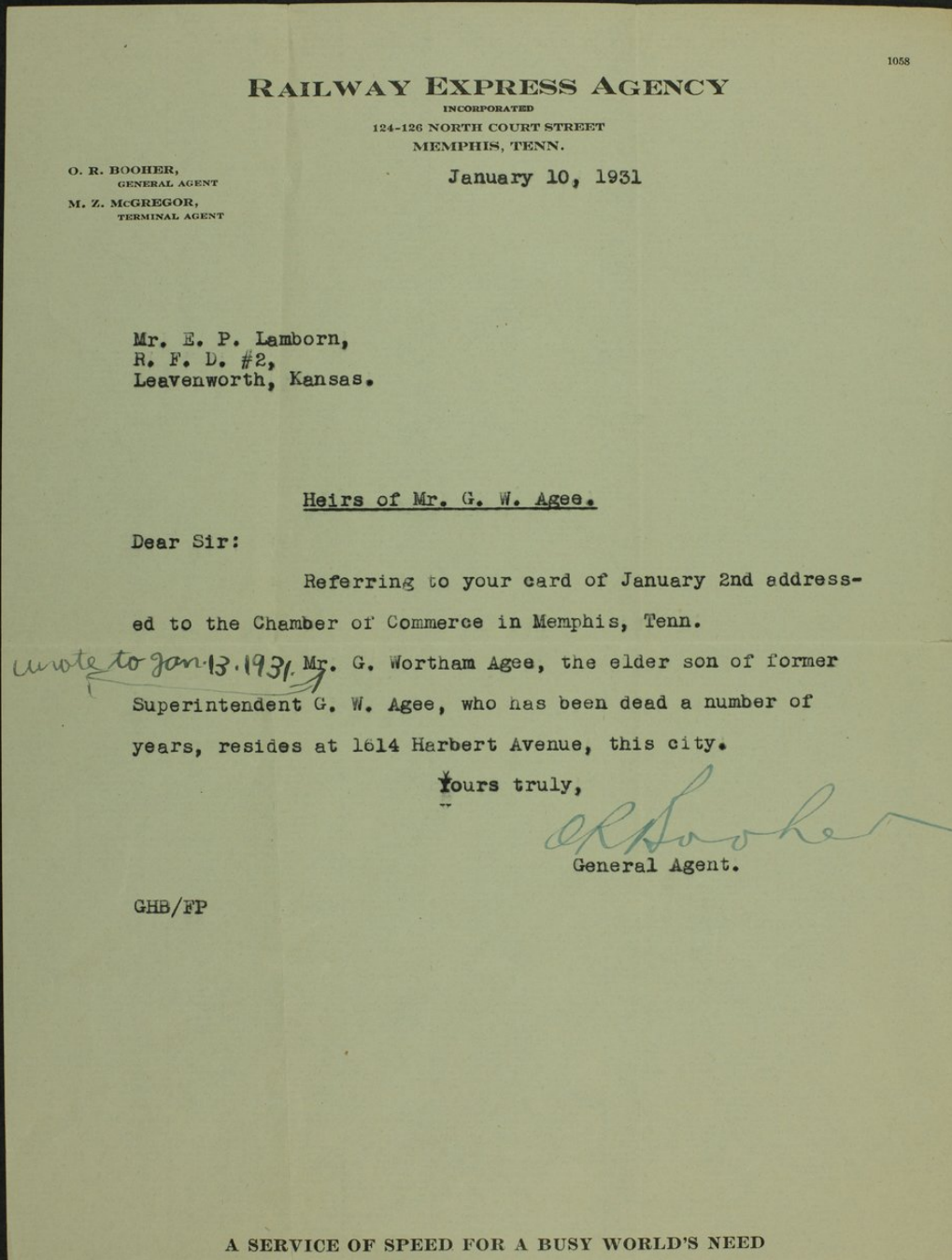
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In your card inquiring you doubtless refer to the three Rees brothers who with a man named Anderson were hanged in the corridor of the jail at New Albany by a mob supposed to have come from Seymour in the late fall of 1868—if I am right about the date. The names of the Rees boys as they ranged in age were Frank the eldest James & William while there were two more named John and Clinton. Don't think there was but one sister Laura who became Mrs Gowdy. I think all are gone now and lie buried in the Old Graves yard here except Mrs Gowdy who is living is at Washington Ind—wife of a loco. motion engineer. The father's name was Wilkerson but the old homestead where they were all raised just north of Seymour is now owned by one Hy Ahlent. John Rees once published a little pamphlet of his life while newspaper accounts of the whole matter come out even once in a while he had one I saw being in the Indianapolis Star where you might enquire for it. Sincerely—M. S. Blish



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TUCSON, ARIZONA

November 18th, 1928.

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

My Dear Sir:

I have been away for the past week attending the fair and races in Phoenix, and on my return found your letter awaiting me. Many thanks for your kind mention of my indifferently written book.

In regard to the photograph's you inquire about, A Mr. L. D. Walters, night policeman, at 325 north 2nd, Avenue, Tucson., has made it a hobby to gather photograph's of all the old timers he could, and he has a lot of them, I got mine from him. If you write him I believe he can furnish you with some if not all of those you ask for, or he can tell you where you can get any that he has ~~not~~ on hand.

Again thanking you for your kind mention of my book.

Very Truly Yours.

*W.M. Breakenridge*



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4939 Mattis Road  
St. Louis, Mo. 63128  
Aug. 21, 1964

Friend Lamborn

Thank you for writing me, it was good to hear from you and I appreciate your kind words about my work.

I had an article about Bill Ryan with rare photo of him in a past issue of Westerns -True West or Frontier Times, cannot recall as my copy has become lost or stolen. It is the only photo that I know of Bill Ryan. Bill began hitting the bottle again soon after his release from prison and while riding a horse struck his head on a low tree limb and was killed.

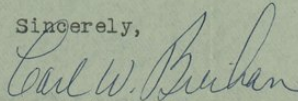
While I did write a short story about Butch Cassidy, and it contained some history of the Logans, I never did run across the death date of Robert E. Lee, cousin of the Logans. You could write to the County Clerk of Jackson Co. Mo. at Independence, Mo., think it is and they should be able to give you this information.

I know of no photos of the Hites, have been trying to locate some myself, also of Tucker Bassham. If I do will certainly let you know.

Have a manuscript about Billy the Kid with a publisher and have some excellent photos and documents and maps, much if it never published yet.

Again thanks for writing and sorry that I could not be of more help.

Sincerely,



Carl W. Bräiher

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J. D. SUGG  
RANCHING

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 12-16-22

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> regarding the capture of Will Carver. Unfortunately for me I was Sheriff of Sutton Co. in April 1901, and it became my duty, as such officer, to try to capture Will Carver.

In attempting to make the arrest Carver resisted and was shot. This incident, in my life, done in the line of duty as well as in self defence has always been regretted. Not that I have any compunction of conscience ~~but~~ for the act but the circumstances compelling me to act. I do not care to have my name connected with the matter in written book.

Yours Truly  
E. S. Bryant,  
San Angelo, Tex.



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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

March 22, 1924.

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

Dear Sir:-

I sent you this morning two copies of "Billy the Kid" for your dollar bill, as I did not have any stamps on hand, and thought you probably would be glad to get the two for a dollar--but this is the first time I have sold them for that money.

I notice you are a book collector of books on the West, and as I am also in that line and have a library of several hundred volumes, more or less, it occurred to me that perhaps we can do some business. I can give you some rare bargains in books on the old days in the west, and if you have any particular volumes in mind that you are after, let me know, and possibly I can supply you or get them for you.

I also have a large collection of Indian stuff, and some 200 very rare old photos of noted Indians, scouts, frontiersmen and army men of the Plains days. I can send you a list of my books if you can make use of it and care to buy anything.

I know Charlie Siringo very well indeed. He calls at my house quite often, I see you have a couple of copies of Pat Garrett's life of Billy the Kid. I would like to buy one of these from you, or make an exchange for something I may have which you would like. Will you please let me know the price of one of these.

I would be pleased indeed to see your collection of old photos. Maybe we can exchange, as I have quite a bunch of them. Can you send me a list of the photos you have, and let me know what you will charge for a set of them.

I have all of Siringo's books. He is quite a live wire for a man of his years.

Have you got "The Life of Billy Dixon, Buffalo Hunter, Guide and Scout." I have an extra copy I can spare.

I think you would be pleased with a copy of my book of Cowboy Poems, "Trail Dust of a Maverick." I would be pleased to send you an autographed copy of this in exchange for your life of Billy the Kid by Pat Garrett. My book sells for \$2.50.

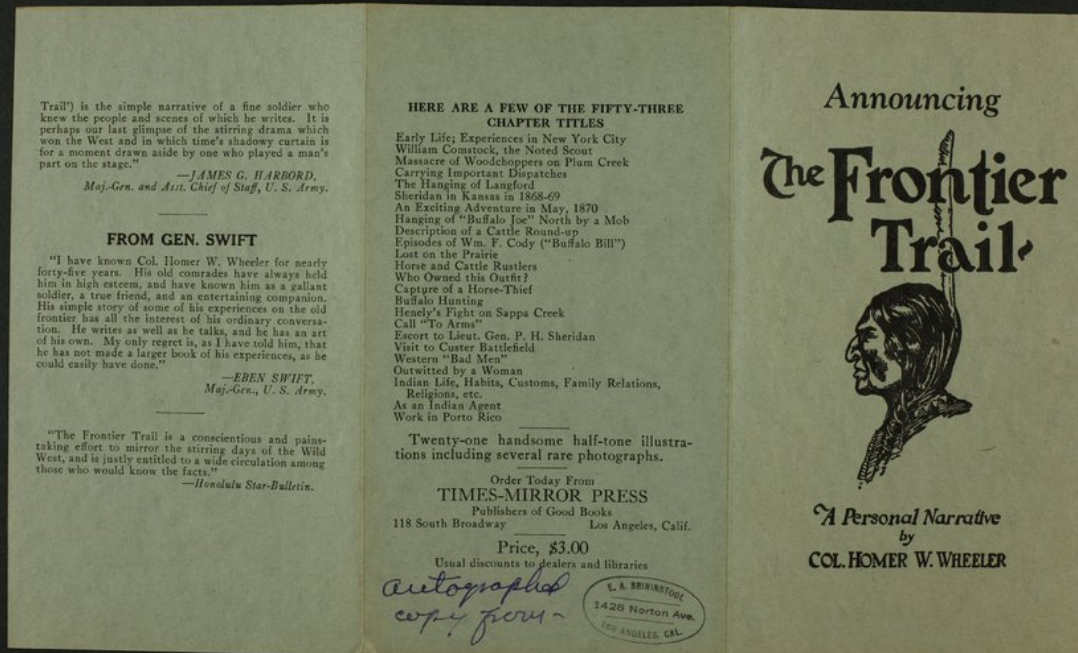
Trusting to hear again from you, and that we may be able to do some trading together, I am,

Yours very truly,

*E. A. Brininstool*

*Do you want to sell or trade any of your books  
& can you send me a list, with titles & prices.*

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Assistant Chief of Staff, U. S. Army.

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"He organized, in 1887, Company A, Indian Scouts, numbering 100 men. It was one of two experimental companies with the view of ascertaining whether or not the American Indian would adapt himself to military discipline. In this case the experiment was a success; Lieut. Wheeler succeeded in his efforts to make a good company of it, as few officers in the Army could have done, and was commended by the General of the Army (Gen. Schofield) for his success. I believe Col. Wheeler's book will take well with public libraries and historical societies. His reminiscences of early Western life and the habits and traditions of the Indian are highly entertaining and interesting."

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Maj.-Gen., U. S. Army (retired).

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From the day when Col. Henry B. Carrington met Red Cloud at the Fort Laramie Peace Conference, June 1866, where the great Sioux leader refused all overtures of peace as long as his hunting country was invaded by the whites, and openly defied the United States troops by going immediately on the warpath, to the fall of 1868, when the government abandoned the forts and the Powder River country, the Bozeman Trail swarmed with Red Cloud's warriors. The rebuilding of Fort Reno and the erection of Forts Phil Kearney and C. F. Smith, at widely-separated points along the trail, threw the savages into ungovernable rage. Skirmishes and fights were of almost daily occurrence. Thrilling encounters with the red defenders of the Powder River country, and all along the Sweetwater and North Platte rivers, to the south, were numerous and bloody.

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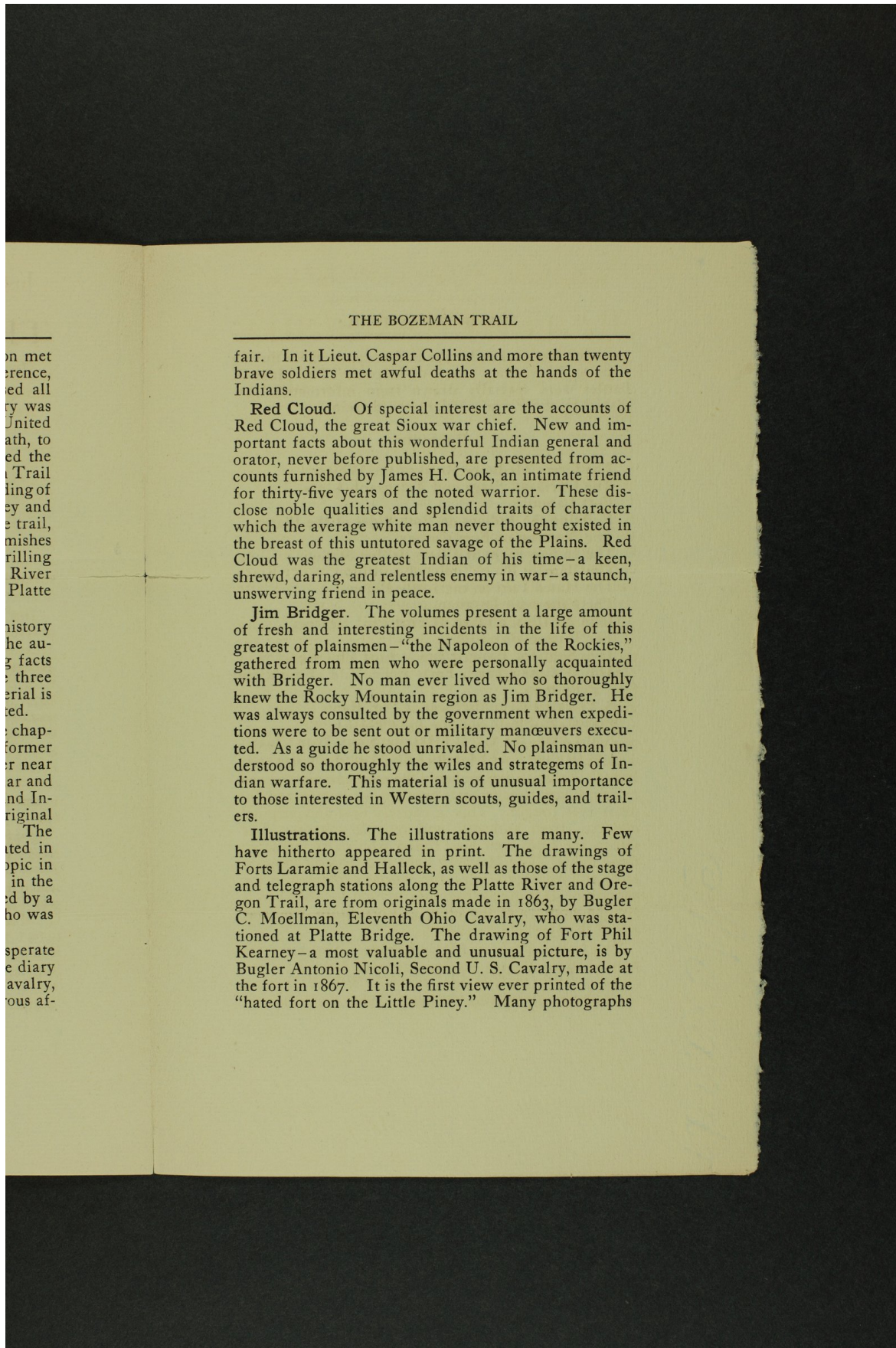
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1428 Norton Ave.

Los Angeles, Cal.

March 31, 1924.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

I have your letter and note what you say. I have none of the books or photos mentioned in your letter and do not know where they might be had. I am all the time on the lookout at the book stores here for old books on the West, and will be pleased to let you know if I ever run onto any of them.

Have you got a book called "Hell on the Border" which is the complete history of the outlaw gangs in the Indian Territory up to 1896; also has the full life history of Belle Starr, famous female desperado, the Buck gang, Starr gang, Dalton gang, Cook gang, Cherokee Bill and forty-'leven others. It is a book of almost 800 pages, paper bound, and is one of the rarest books to be had. I happen to have an extra copy. The Henry Huntington Library here paid me \$20 for a copy of it a few weeks ago, and were tickled to death to get it. It never was published in any other form than paper covers. There are over 50 pictures in it of famous Indian Territory outlaws, and it is a mighty "growsome" volume; but is the straight, true history of that Territory and of Judge Parker's famous U.S. Criminal court, who had jurisdiction over Indian Territory until 1896. If you are getting up a book on famous outlaws you certainly cannot afford to pass this book up. The photos in it are alone valuable, to say nothing of the full history of all the "bad men" of that section.

What can you offer for a new copy of this book? At least it looks new to me. Was published in 1898, and has long been out of print.

I know Elmo Scott Watson very well indeed, and have had lots of correspondence with him. He came near buying a lot of my books, but his wife was taken sick, and he could not spare the money.

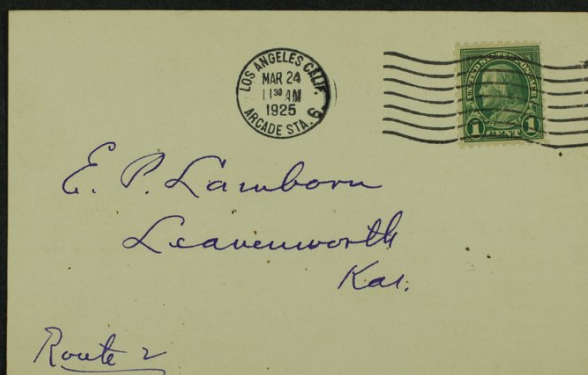
Will be pleased to hear from you.

Yours truly,

*F. A. Brininstool*



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E. A. BRININSTOOL  
BOX 1072, STATION C  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 25. 1926.

Mr. Lamborn,  
Dear Sir:-

I have a book called "Celebrated Criminal Cases of America" by Capt. Dukes of the Frisco Police Dept, but none by Byrnes. The Dukes book is some 800pp; many fine old photos of noted criminals. I may be able to dig you up a copy if you want it. I have only one--not for sale at any price. It will cost you about \$6 if I can get one. Do you want it?

I offered you "Sontag and Evans" some two or three years ago I remember, but do not recall that you wanted it then. I haven't it now, but may be able to fine you one.

"Reminiscences of a Ranger" (not Texas Ranger) is a book dealing on California Rangers- not Texas Rangers. It is by Major Horace Bell, and is worth not less than \$40 a copy if you can ever find one. I might possible locate one at \$35, but I doubt it. I know of many copies here but they can not be bought under the prices named.

I haven't the other books you mention.

I believe you buy only books on outlaws and bandits. I had a copy of the "Trial of Frank James" a few weeks ago, but it sold immediately. Also "Bank and Train Robbers of the West" also gone.

Can sell you a reprint of Sam Bass and his Gang.

Have autographed copy of "The Apache Kid" if you wish it. He was a bad hombre in Arizona. Price \$3.50, presented by the author to me. Limited edition on this book.

Have you got "Hell on the Border." This is all about th bad men and outlaws of the Indian Territory. Can get you a copy for about \$6.00.

Let me hear from you at once about above.

Yours truly,

*E. A. Brininstool*

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E. A. BRININSTOOL  
BOX 1072, STATION C  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 4, 1926

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

I have yours of the 1st, and note all you say.

I don't know where you will ever get another copy of "Bank and Train Robbers of the West." I picked it up in Denver in a second hand book store this summer, as well as "The Trial of Frank James." The latter was a paper covered book. The former was bound in cloth. Don't recall the author nor the date, but it was quite an old book, and not in very good shape.

I can send you "The Apache Kid" and it is going forward by express today to your address. You may have this book for \$3.50. It is an autographed presentation copy.

I will be glad to have a list of your books and thereby avoid repetition of quotations.

Of course you have got "The Saga of Billy the Kid." Have you Charlie Siringo's "Life of Billy the Kid." Charlie is an old friend of mine.

Sincerely yours,

*E. A. Brininstool*

*Only a few were printed.*



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E. A. BRININSTOOL  
BOX 1072, STATION C  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 19, 1926.

Dear Mr. Lambourn:-

I note one book you haven't on your list. It is "The Black Hills Trails," by Brown & Willard; 572pp; many photos. Much on bandits and high waymen, as per chapter 5 as follows:

The Killing of Stuttering Brown; The killing of Johnny Slaughter; Robbery of Union Pacific; Trail and capture the robbers; Killing of Frank Towle; the Web-May Holdup-The killing of Bob Castello; Wall & Blackburn holdup; Robbers Roose holdup; Canyon springs stage robbery; The death of Curley Grimes; Holdup of Homestake pay train; \$300,000 theft at Sidney, Nebr.

Necktie Parties, Formal & Informal  
Swift Justice; First hanging in the Black Hills;  
The Rapid City necktie party; Lame Johnny; Capture of Tom Price and his band of Roadagnts; Hanging of Fly-speck Billy; Th first LEGAL hanging; Hanging of Hicks; Hanging of Negro Chas. Brown; Brutal double murder.

Then it goes on with much about Wild Bill and Calamity Jane, Preacher Smith and others.

This is a wonderful book, and you should own a copy. It is pretty rare. Mine is an autographed copy; will sell for \$5.00--the regular retail price NOT autographed.

Yours truly,

*E. A. Brininstool*

Also have you "The Saga of Billy the Kid" by Walter Noble Burns. It's the best thing on The Kid ever in print. Have one copy for \$3.00

*I have 7 fine 8x10 photos  
of true Texas Rangers - taken 35 to 45 years  
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E. A. BRININSTOOL  
BOX 1072, STATION C  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 27th, 1926

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

Yours with \$5 bill received today and book goes forward tomorrow by express to Leavenworth. I wrote on book "Hold and notify him." So upon receipt of this letter, call at your express office and you will find the book there. It would cost three times as much to send it by parcel post as by express at such a distance from Los Angeles.

Yes, I can supply you with a copy of "Hard Knocks" by Harry Young. I have two copies in fact. One autographed copy I will sell for \$6.00 and the other just the same only not autographed, for \$5.00. This is a rare book. Yes, I know Charlie Siringo very well. He was over here to my house just the other evening. His health is not very good. He has just moved up to Sierra Madre where the air is better.

You better grab that copy of Allen Pinkerton's "Professional Thieves and Detectives" autographed by his son, Wm. Pinkerton. You'll never get a chance again as the Pinkerton's are all dead now.

I sold "Bank and Train Robbers of the West" to R.S. Ellison, Casper, Wyoming, vice-president of the Midwest Oil Co. and a large collector of Western books. Don't think you could buy it as he sells nothing.

I will be glad to get your list of names of buyers of western books. I have quite a bunch of books to sell, and a rare lot of old pamphlets also.

Yes, I know Hunter of Bandera, Texas. Have taken his magazine since the first issue and have a complete file. Every copy is worth a year's subscription.

You ought to have got in touch with me about 3 years ago. I had hundreds of rare books then--several on the James and Younger gang. I sold about \$5000 worth of books out of my collection that year. I have laid your list aside to refer to in future. I have Love's "Jesse James" book. I know him well. How would you like a set of "Deeds of Valor"--2 vols handsomely illustrated; devoted exclusively to men who won the Medal of Honor. Many wonderful illustrations in color and photos of the men. They are large books, finely issued. Will give you a bargain on them. One volume on the Indian war winners of the Medal of Honor.

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*E. A. Brininstool*



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This is perhaps the rarest thing to be had. A copy of it is worth not less than \$50. It is a complete "give-away" on the Johnson County cattle war of Wyoming. It covers 139 pages with a lot of old wood cuts in it. Printed in 1894, and all copies possible were bought up and burned by parties mentioned in the book--including the governor of the state. I don't suppose there are half a dozen copies in existence.

A friend of mine here owns one of the original few. Do not think he would sell it for its weight in gold, but am going to ask him. I have it now to read. It is bound in plain black cloth--no printing on covers at all.

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Sept. 1, 1928.

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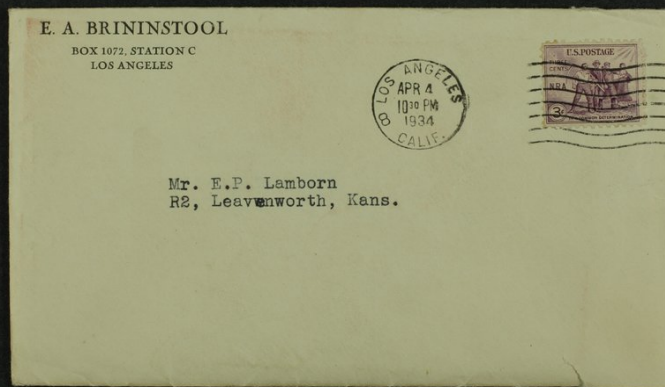
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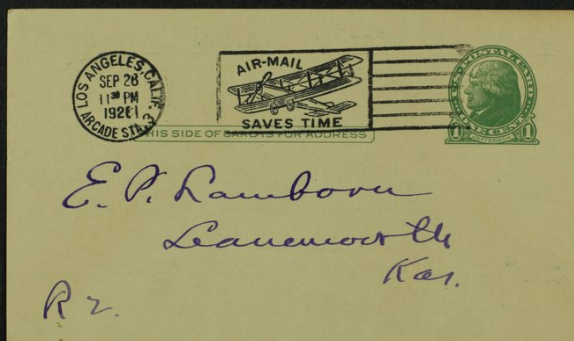
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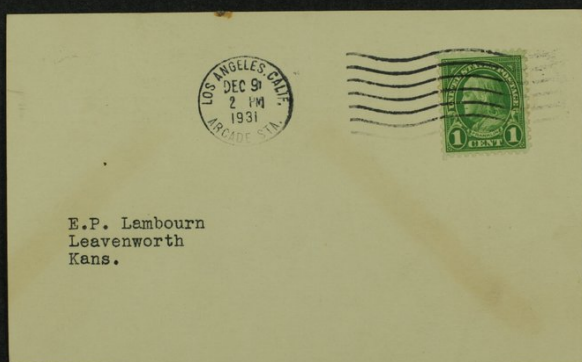
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