

## 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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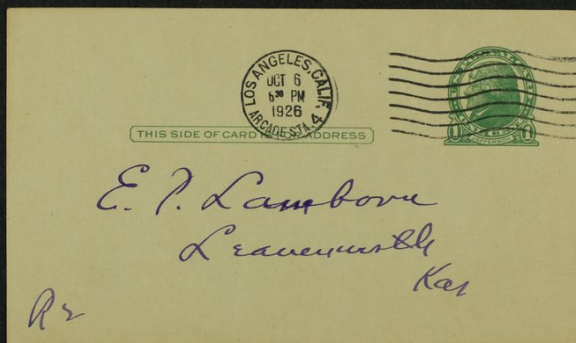
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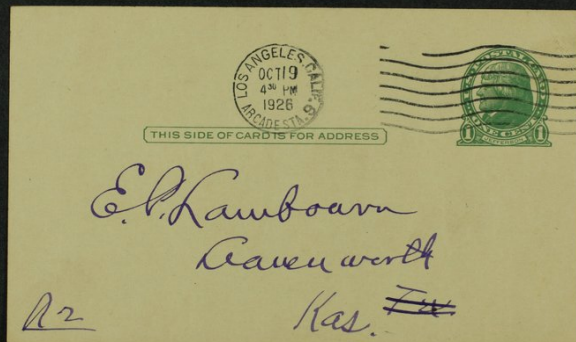




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Can you me a copy  
(in Spanish) of the "Life  
& Adventures of Tibarcio  
Vazquez," noted Calif.  
bandit who terrorized  
this city in 1874 & who  
was captured & hanged.  
I own his Bowie  
knife, with a sworn  
affidavit to its authen-  
ticity from the officer  
who shot & captured  
him. Would you like  
to buy it?  
Yours  
E. P. Lamborn  
LOS ANGELES, CAL.  
[C Oct 6, 1926]

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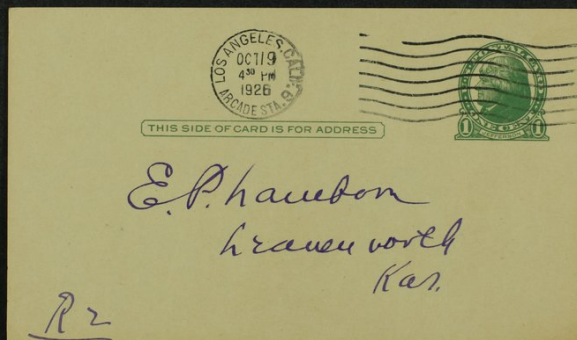
I quote you:  
 "Saddles & Harnes," the largest true story  
 the Pan. Circ. except, & a chain attempt  
 to take a big drive of long horns from Texas  
 to California in the days when the gold fever  
 raged. By Lewis B. Miller, 205 pp. Danc.  
 Estes Co. 1907-10 300

Lads & others, also  
 hundreds of photos of  
 Indians, horses, army men etc.

L. A. BRISTOL  
 Star C  
 LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Taken by the trail  
 Col. Henry G. Meyer  
 very rare, fine  
 copy, 500 / 100  
 was a part of  
 B. W. B. B.

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Have five copy "Professional  
Tactics & Detective" by Allen Pink-  
erton, autographed & given to me by  
my friend Wm A. Pinkerton, some  
years ago. (son of Allen P.). 575 pp. While  
I really don't care to part with it,  
coming direct from Pinkerton himself will  
sell it for \$10.00 I never saw another  
copy of it any where. Allen P. told "How  
I became a Detective".

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RESIDENCE:  
PHONE WHITNEY 0967  
330 No. POINSETTIA PLACE  
HOLLYWOOD

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

May 17, 1932.

E.P. Lambourn  
RR2, Leavenworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Your care received, and I quote you as follows, with prices, cash with order, expressage extra, at 8c lb:

Fifty Years on the Old Frontier; Cook; fine new autographed first edition; first edition long out of print; \$4.

A Frontier Doctor; Hoyt; fine new copy; \$3  
The Rise and Fall of Jesse James; fine new copy; has my name written inside by myself, with some review notices, and newspaper death notice of the author; \$3.50.

Law and Order; Crichton; \$2.50  
Six Years with the Texas Rangers; Gillett; new autographed copy; 2d edition; \$4.  
~~Texans; x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x~~

The ~~se~~ are all I have of those you ask for. I also quote you:

Indian Fights & Fighters; Brady; 2 vols; fine new copies; the set: \$5.50.

Life of Yellowstone Kelly; fine new copy; \$4  
Twenty Years among Hostile Indians; Capt. Humfreyville; fine copy; hundreds of half tones; \$4; rare.  
The Truth about Geronimo; Lieut. Davis; fine new copy; \$4.

Thirty-one Years on the Plains; Drannan; back loose, needs tightning; 50c

Chief of Scouts Piloting Wagon Trains; Drannan; back loose; 50c

Dodge City the Cowboy Capital; the reprint, but an exact duplicate of the first edition; firsts are now worth \$25. Price, \$3.50. fine new copy.

Have plenty of others.

Yours truly,

*E. A. Brininstool*

Have you got any steel pipe-tomahawks to trade for books?



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E. A. BRININSTOOL  
Box 1072, Station C,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

April 4, 1934.

Dear Mr. Lambourn:-

Replying to yours of the 31st would state that I have none of the photos you mention, never having gotten interested in those gunfighters of that caliber. I have a photo of several of the Dodge City gun-men--Luke Short, Chas. Bassett, one of the Earps--I think there are five or six--in the group. Have had many letters from Bill Carlisle in the Rawlins penitentiary. Have nothing but newspaper cuts of the Cassidy gang and Kid Curry.

Yes, I will make and sell copies of my photos from any that I have negatives of--have around 200 of Indian chiefs, noted army officers, frontier scouts army posts, frontier towns. If you want to send on say \$5 and leave the selection to me, I will certainly see that you get your money's worth, and will only charge 25c each for 4x5 prints, or 35c for 5x7. I have no list of them, and it is a big job to make one. I have close to 1000 photos in my collection. Would sell all I have, negatives and all. I value the lot at not less than \$1500.

I am sure I can get you "Some Recollections of a Western Ranchman," by French. He used to live here in Hollywood not far from me. Died a few years ago. The price of the book is \$3.50 here or \$3.75 delivered.

Yes, I still take Frontier Times. Just paid a 10 year's subscription in advance a few weeks ago. Hunter is a great chap. It is a fine little magazine.

I never met Lake. Think he lives in San Diego. He has put out a lot of punk stuff in the Sat. Post. Echdolt used to be a police reporter on the same paper here that I was on for years.

I was one of the pall bearers at Sir-ingo's funeral. Knew him intimately for years. Don't know what became of his stuff but imagine his son has it.

Never met Sontag. He was making things whistle out here 40 years ago when I first got here.

Yes, Emmett Dalton is yet here. Know him well. He is a fine fellow NOW, and visits me quite often. Of course you have his book, "When the Daltons Rode." If not, I can get it for you.

One fine book I can offer you is "The Border and the Buffalo", by John Cook; written in 1907; have a fine new copy for \$3.50. He was an old hide hunter, and this is about the wiping out of the southern herd in the Panhandle in 1874. Advise you to get this book. Also have "Life of Yellowstone Kelly" and "The Truth About Geronimo". The same price, \$3.50--both new books.

Glad to fill your orders.

Sincerely,

*E. A. Brininstool*



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E. A. Brininstool

Box 1072, Station C  
Los Angeles, - - California

April 13, 1934.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:-

Here are some rare bargains in books:

"Trails, Rails and War", life story of Gen. Dodge  
builder of the Union Pacific Ry. Regular price is \$5. my price \$2.50

"The Truth about Geronimo" by Lieut. Britton Da-  
vis. Brand new copy; regular price \$4; my price \$3. About 20 old rare  
Apache pictures in it.

"Fifty Years on the Old Frontier" by Capt. J.H.  
Cook. Autographed copy; 1st edition very rare; this is a first edi-  
tion. \$3.50.

"The Frontier Trail" by Col. H.W. Wheeler, 5th  
Cavalry. Out of print and rare. \$3.50.

"Lone Cowboy". Life story of the author, Will  
James; brand new; \$3.

These are all fine cloth bound books, and all  
are rare bargains.

Prices do not include carriage of 15c.

Yours truly,

*E. A. Brininstool*



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RESIDENCE:  
330 NO. POINSETTIA PL.  
"THE DUGOUT"  
WH-0967  
HOLLYWOOD



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

Feb. 16, 1936.

Dear Mr. Lambourn:-

I have your postal card in regard to a collection of Western "bad men" which you state were owned by the late Charley Siringo. I knew him as well as anybody, but never heard him speak of having any such collection as you refer to.

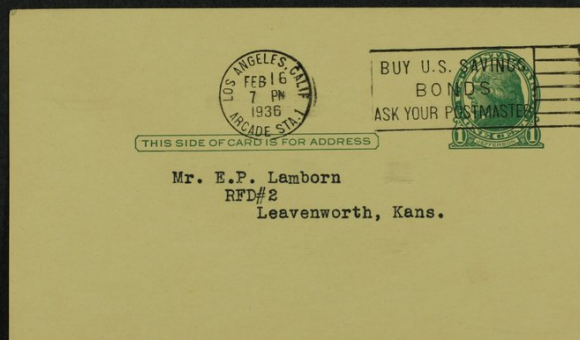
I think I can pick up the two books you mention--"Recollections of a Western Ranchman" by French and "Fifty Years on the old Frontier" by Jas. H. Cook. They will cost you about \$4 each.

I was one of the pall-bearers at Siringo's funeral. He never mentioned having any such lot of photos as you speak of. I haven't got any list of my books or photos--too darn many of them, and a big job to list them. Tell me what you want and I will then see if I have it or can get it.

Yours truly,

*E. A. Brininstool*

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2/15/36.

I have several good photos of Sir-  
ingo which I took myself some years ago,  
(4x5) in case you want a set of them. They  
are 25c each, and show him in characteris-  
tic poses with an old .45 Colt in his  
hand. *a dollar for the set.*

I knew old Charley as well as any  
man ever knew him. I have all his books  
autographed--even the old paper-covered  
"A Texas Cowboy", brought out years and  
years ago. He used to spend alot of time  
at my house. I believe he has a son liv-  
ing at Altadena, near Pasadena, at present.

Yours,  
*E. A. Brinnistool*

E. A. BRINNISTOOL  
330 No. Poinsettia Pl.  
Hollywood, Calif.



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F. L. BRITTON  
SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR  
GAINES COUNTY

SEMINOLE, TEXAS

November 11th, 1924.

Mr. E. P. Lamborn,  
Leavenworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the pictures of Tom Ross and Milt Goode, I don't have any of them, but you might get the pictures from either the Fort Worth Star Telegram or The Dallas News, as they both had pictures of them taken the morning they were removed from Seminole jail to the Lubbock jail. The two men were hand-cuffed together. So you write either of these papers one at Ft. Worth, Tex. the other at Dallas Texas, and very likely you will be able to get the pictures.

I think that Ross and Goode are still in jail at Dallas, Texas, and not in penitentiary yet.

Yours very truly,

*F. L. Britton*

Sheriff.

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MY DEAR COMRADE:

“We have fought many battles,  
Won victories---suffered defeat;  
But in the home-stretch for heaven  
May no comrade ever retreat.

May you and I stack arms together  
In that bright and blissful land,  
Where there'll be no surrenders;  
No defeats---no disband.



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K. C. Mo Dec 1st 1917

Mr E P Lamborn,  
Topeka Kans

My dear Sir  
your card of Dec 1st has been recd.

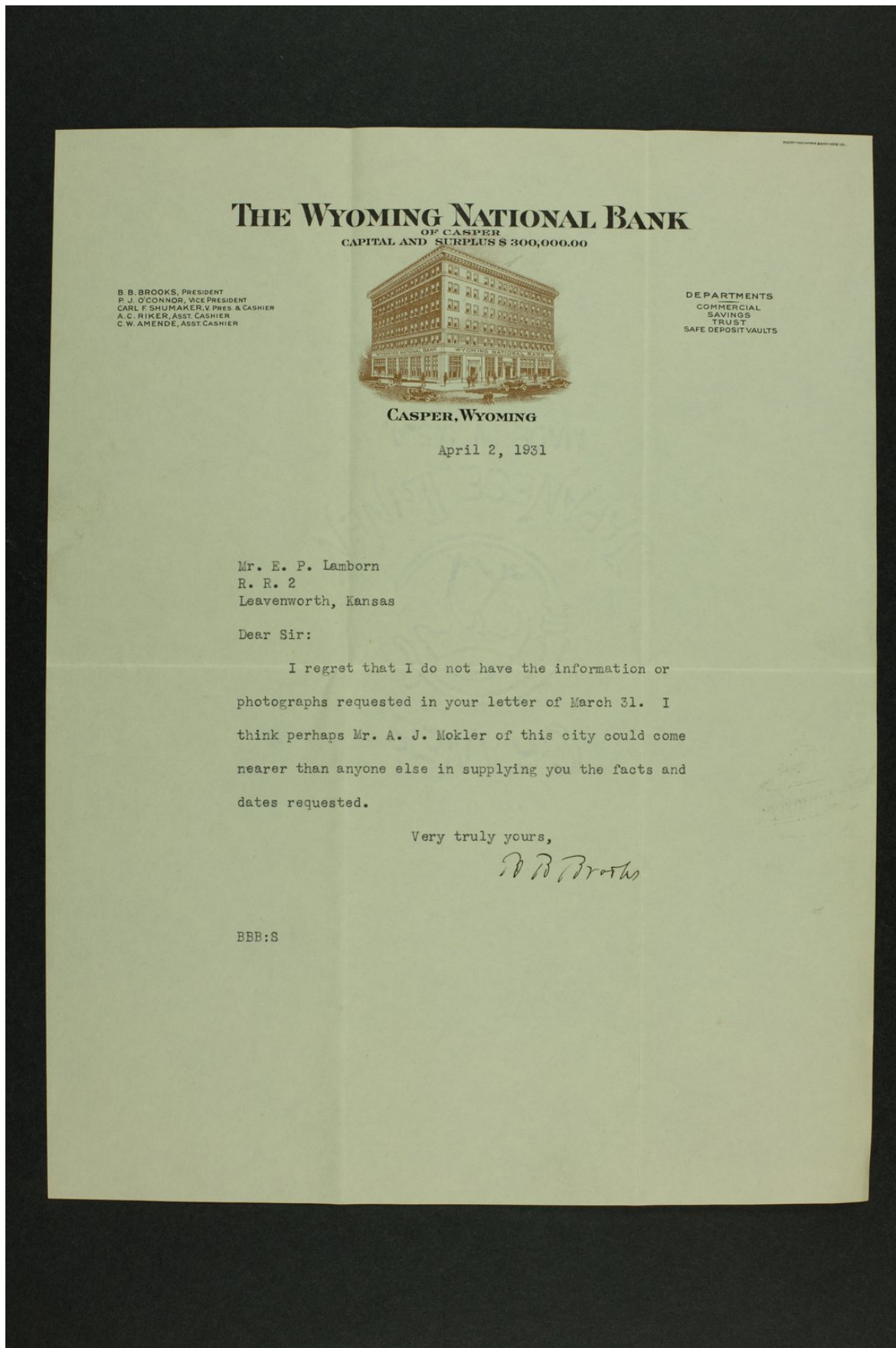
The price of my Book, your fight for freedom,  
is \$2.00 postage prepaid. Send me Post Office order for  
\$2.00. I will send to your address a copy of Book  
I hope you will enjoy reading it, if you want  
a book please give your Post Office address written  
plain so I will make no mistake in sending it.

Judge W. H. Wallace's address is K. C. Mo. Give a  
letter will reach <sup>him</sup> sent to Post Office  
Yours Very truly

W. C. Bronaugh

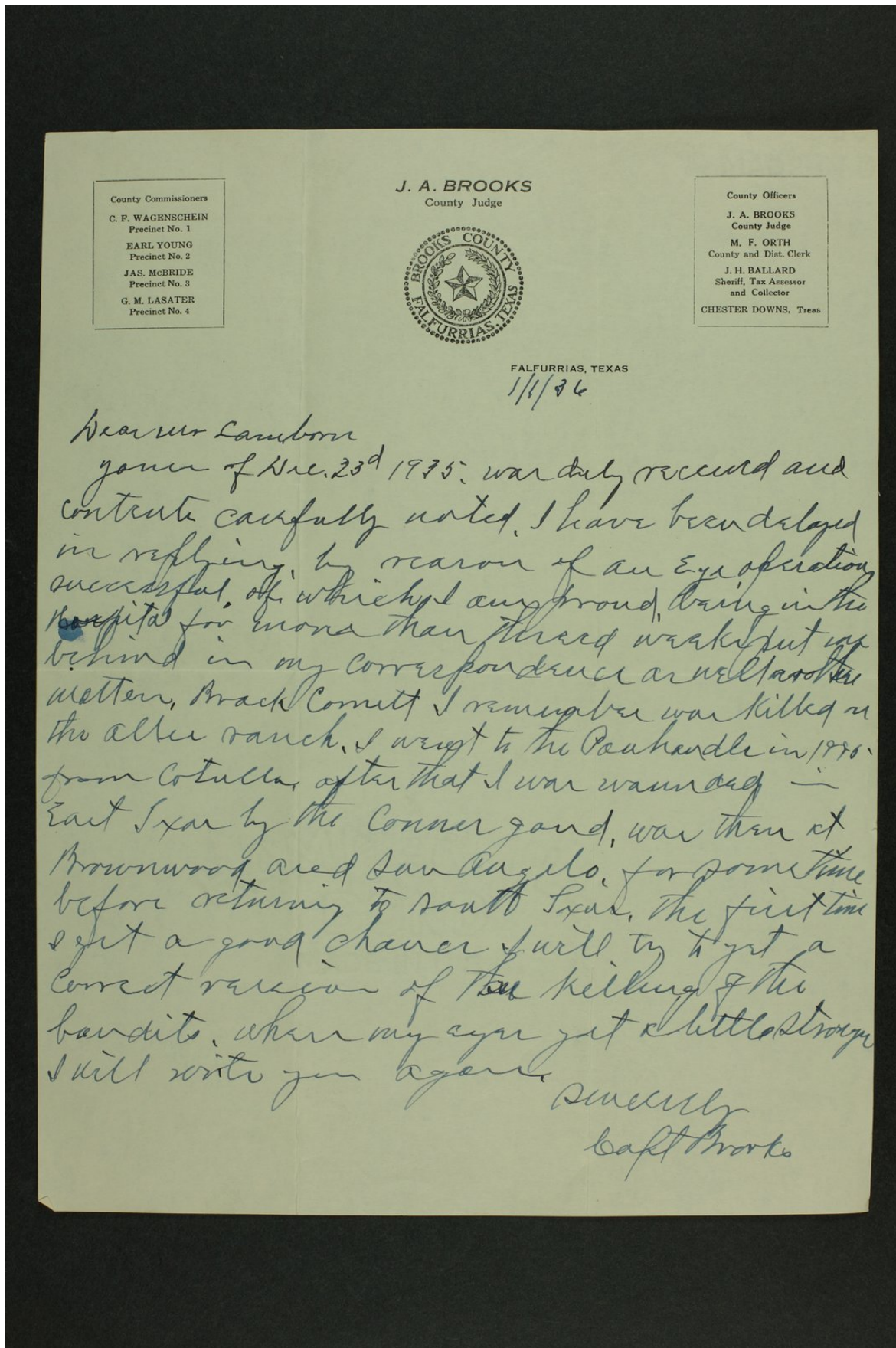
2501 E 37th  
K. C. Mo.

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Florence, Ariz, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1926

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
Seavenworth Kans.

Dear Sir

Yours came and  
noted. No! I have no  
pictures of the persons  
referred to nor have I  
ever seen any and in  
most of the cases I don't  
suppose there ever was  
any

Very Truly  
Geo. A. Brown

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### AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS Co.

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TRANS-MISSOURI DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
1308 FARNAM STREET  
OMAHA, NEBR.

February 17, 1925.

F. A. BURKE,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 13th, in which you inquire if I have photographs of Lonnie Logan and William Carlisle, will advise that this Department does not have these men's photographs on file.

I believe that there was a circular issued by various Police officers throughout the country relative to Carlisle, however I do not have one in my files at the present time.

Regret that I am unable to be of any assistance to you,

Yours truly,

  
Special Agent in Charge



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THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

J. F. ROSSITER

CHIEF SPECIAL OFFICER, FIRST DISTRICT  
DES MOINES, IOWA

J. H. BURNETT

CHIEF SPECIAL OFFICER, SECOND DISTRICT  
EL RENO, OKLAHOMA

El Reno, Oklahoma  
October 31, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Oct. 29th I beg to advise that I do not have photographs of the men you inquired about. In this connection will advise however, that photographs of some of them at least, might be secured from Mr. Criss Madison, Deputy U S Marshal at Guthrie, Oklahoma. This party helped make these arrests and might have photographs.

Or they might be secured from W O McIntosh, Special Agent Sou. Railway at Louisville, Ky. This man was Chief Special Agent for the Rock Island at that time and was very active in running down these criminals.

I believe you can secure the photographs of all of these parties at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth Kansas as all of these train robbers were sent to that Institution.

Yours truly,

*J. H. Burnett*  
Chief Special Officer.

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Lubbock Texas  
Sep 10 1931

Mr E P Lamborn  
R R 2  
Leavensworth Kansas.;

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of September 8 referring to James B Miller who was a hired " Man Killer " in this section.

I have seen this miller various times here and had personal contact with him on several occasions. I also knew some of the men he killed and knew of many others he is supposed to have killed.

I could give you a good deal of information about him and his activities in this section of Texas and also his final death by hanging in the Indian Territory.

It will require considerable time to collect this data and to have confirmation on the several interesting killings together with statments from men living here and near here that came in contact with him and for this we would have to make a small charge to cover clerical work and postage as well as time spent.

I feel that I can get this for you in an interesting manner which will be authentic for \$10.00

I am compiling a book at this time myself which I hope to have published later, giving my experiences in the west Texas country and will have some very interesting matter from an historical standpoint as well as interesting reading based on actual facts.

I have been on this frontier since 1873.

Yours very Truly

*Rollie C Burns*  
Rollie C Burns

2405 14 st Lubbock Tex

P S Max Coleman is a personal friend of mine.



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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
FRANK H. BUSHICK  
COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

July 5, 1930

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

Dear Sir:

I am replying to your letter of May 31st asking for information about Billy Thompson and other early day characters. I can not tell you what happened to Billy Thompson. The "Life of Ben Thompson" was written by his attorney, Buck Walton of Austin, Texas, some years ago and this book was recently reprinted by J. Marvin Hunter, Editor of Frontier Times, Bandera, Texas. I think Hunter has this book for sale in pamphlet form and you might write him for it and also for the information you asked concerning the train robber, Brock Connett. Hunter's magazine is largely devoted to these frontier characters and he is the best posted man I know on such subjects in this part of the country. I knew Ben Thompson personally but I never met Billy Thompson. I also knew Alfred Allee.

Another well posted man about these fel-

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lows is Capt. J. B. Gillette who is Ranger Captain  
now ranching near Marfa, Texas.

Sorry I can not furnish you with any fur-  
ther details that you inquired about.

Very truly yours,

*Frank H. Bushick*  
Frank H. Bushick

FHB/ajw



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Dorcaso NM  
April 12 1933

Mr E. P. Lamborn  
P.R.O. Lammorth Kas

Dear Mr Lamborn

Your letter of apr. 10<sup>th</sup> received.

I was sheriff of Dorcaso Co - 1894 to 1898 including -  
Warden of the Pen at Santa Fe 1899 to Apr 6 1906 including  
I did not while sheriff have any encounter with Sam  
Kitchum and Spindel - with posse

I did trail Bronco Bill and  
Kid Johnson thro the Badland mountains - in 1898  
about June attempting to arrest them for Train Robbery  
committed at Bolen - a few hours ahead of me was  
another posse of the sheriff of Valencia Co - together  
with some Indian trailers - they met the hold ups  
on Alamoso Creek - a pitched battle took place  
results Deputy Sheriff Vigil and one Indian Trailer  
killed - horses of out laws killed - and Bronco Bill  
and Johnson struck out on foot - before we could  
overtake them - they secured fresh horses in the Badlands  
and made for Arizona - where the Arizona Rangers  
had another battle with them - killing Kid Johnson  
and wounding Bronco Bill - later on Bronco Bill  
went to the pen 4 second time while I was warden.  
Sam Kitchum died in the pen while I was warden  
from wounds received while attempting to Rob a  
train in northern New Mexico - Tom Kitchum his  
brother was also confined in the Santa Fe Pen for  
Safe Keeping and was later hanged by the sheriff  
of Union County for train robbery.



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I never knew Spindel - I did know Billy Dingle  
but he was a hard abiding citizen -

I think perhaps it was Sheriff  
C. F. Blackington who had the fight with the Spindel  
outfit - whether Sam Tateham was with them I  
do not know - I remember some one was killed  
in the fight with the Sheriffs posse & I think it  
might have been Spindel - I have no photos  
I don't know where you could obtain any -

You might write Pro. Cent. Socorro now  
and also go Smith Socorro - or perhaps

Law Baldwin might find some for you -

I have had no connection with peace officer  
activities since 1898 - and retained none of  
the Sheriffs Office records or pictures -  
perhaps the present Sheriff Mr Knobloch could  
get you some dopes.

The old timers who were active  
those days have nearly all gone away.

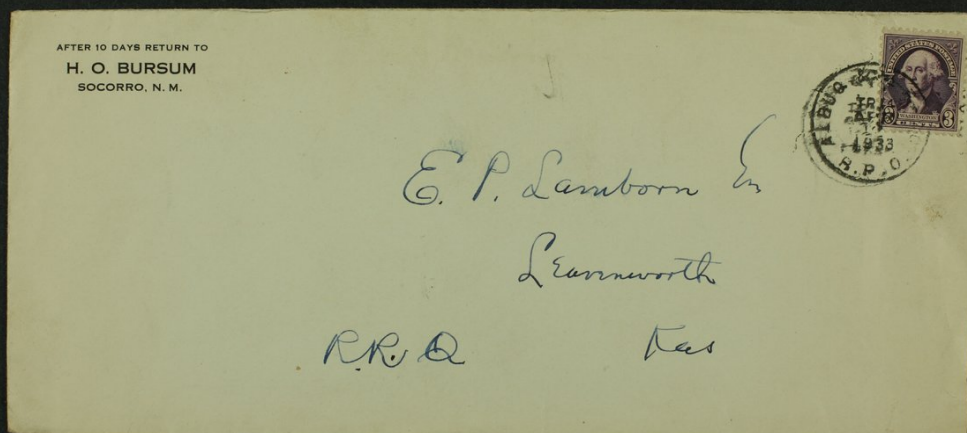
Blackington succeeded me as Sheriff - Jan 1st 1899  
the fight with Spindel must have been a few mos  
later - I was familiar with the Almas

gangs - McGinnis who worked at times for French  
at Alma also served time at Santa Fe for train robbery.  
I never had any shooting scrapes with any of  
these men while I was Sheriff -

Yours H. P. Lamborn



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Coll.  
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

April 2, 1932

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from you dated May 31st, 1930 which I overlooked at the time and which has turned up again, so after this delay of two years I am venturing to reply. What do you think of that for service?

You asked me about Bill Thompson -- where he was during the early days and what became of him. First I ever heard of Bill Thompson was that right after the Civil War, while gambling, he got into a row and killed a man at Rockport, Texas and made his escape by boarding a steamboat ~~and~~ loading cattle at the time for shipment to New Orleans. That was probably along in 1867 or '68. You are aware that shortly after this Ben and Bill Thompson went up and played the Kansas towns as gamblers.

I am enclosing you on separate sheets an extract from Lake's new book about Wyatt Earp. Don't want to criticise him, but he makes it appear that Earp had a master hand over the Thompsons and arrested Ben the day Billy killed Marshal Whitney at Ellsworth. I have always been told that Ben helped Billy to escape and then permitted Earp to arrest him and that there was no trouble after Bill safely rode out of town. The excerpt I enclose is copyrighted, but it may be of interest



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to you if you haven't seen the book and you may keep it for your files.

Can't furnish you at this time exact details of where Billy died. I presume you have the oft printed story of how Ben was killed in the variety theatre in San Antonio in company with King Fisher, March 11th, 1884. I can send you something about this if you haven't already got it.

In regards to your other query, Brock Connett, after the attempted train robbery at Harwood he refuged to the Altito pasture ranch of Alfred Allee in LaSalle county, where he was killed by Allee. Don't quote me as I know some of the people and don't want to offend them, but it was said at the time that Connett had eaten breakfast peacably with Allee and that Allee afterwards shot him, presumably for the reward on his head.

The Harwood robbery was frustrated by deputy United States marshals. They were guarding the express car and when the robbers attempted to open it, the officers opened fire and drove them off. One of these deputies was a young man named Duval West, who afterwards became United States Federal Judge.

Another of the robbers in the Harwood attempt was Ham White, wanted for a number of stage and express car robberies, who met death afterwards in a similar attempted robbery of a Southern Pacific train west of San Antonio.

Alfred Allee boarded a train one day at Pearsall and taking offense at the manner of the negro train porter, shot and killed him. Shortly afterward he was written up severely in a paper published at Cotulla, and sent word to the editor, W. J. Bowen, that he intended to kill him. Bowen was seated in a train at Pearsall on another day,