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Dauchy family data

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Bill:

Copy this if you wish, and please return it to me.
A.C.

March 11, 1960

Mrs. Otto Wirth
960 Shafer Lane
Medford, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Wirth:

Your letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been transferred to us for reply. We have located the following census record.

Federal Census Towns 5 and 6, Range 27 West, Frontier Co. Nebr.,
June 1, 1880.

Name	Race	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Birth place	Father's Birth place	Mother's Birth place
Dauchy, Jerome H	w	m	46		Stock grower	N.Y.	Conn.	Vt.
Dauchy, Lou	M	w	38	Wife	Keeps house	Penn.	Penn.	N.J.
Dauchy, Lee	w	m	16	Son	Herding	Nebr.	N.Y.	Penn.
Dauchy, Frank	w	m	14	Son		Nebr.	N.Y.	Penn.
Dauchy, Mary	w	f	11	Daughter		Nebr.	N.Y.	Penn.
Dauchy, Carrie	w	f	2	Daughter		Nebr.	N.Y.	Penn.
Worrall, Moriah	w	f	65	Mother-in-law		Penn.	Eng.	Penn.

This was the only Dauchy family listed in the census for Frontier County in 1880. If the Carrie listed is Caroline, your grandmother, it would appear that her mother was of the white race, born in Pennsylvania and that her maiden name was Worrall.

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May 14, 1960

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton,
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Dear Mr. Carmody:

We have talked about a field trip into the ~~the~~ Medicine Creek, Trenton, Stockville area several times. I believe that I can come out this summer and spend a week in the general area. I can bring a tape recorder and camera and of course be on the look out to acquire items of interest to the Society in the way of books, documents, pictures and museum items.

May I have your help and advice on this trip? As of now it seems that either the 3rd or 4th week of July would be the time that I would come out. Are these dates convenient? I plan to come out alone and have given up the idea of bringing the family.

In addition to photographing historic sites, interviewing persons with information to relate, etc., I hope to examine some county records. When the exact dates of the trip are set up I shall write to the county clerks of Hitchcock and perhaps adjacent counties. I am anxious to have your reaction and comments on this proposed field trip.

Mari Sandoz was at the Society this week. She was in town autographing copies of the book on Cozad.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

Well, we had an active week and I enjoyed it a good deal. I wish to thank you for the time you spent with me and for your generous hospitality. I am certainly better versed on the history of the area than I was before I came out. We also got some items of considerable interest. If the various county commissioners consent to the transfer of old records to the Society I will be back the last week in August.

Luther North stated "I never did see a man shoot from the hip, though I have seen such gunmen as Wild Bill, Jack Hays, Doc Middleton, Joe Hall and others." Can you help identify Jack Hays and Joe Hall?

We sampled Mrs. Carmody's honey in yesterday mornings pancakes. It was excellent.

Sincerely yours,

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JEROME H. DAUCHY

Jerome Dauchy was born in Rochester, New York, February 2, 1834. Some time during 1855 this twenty-one year old man came to Nebraska City where he worked as a carpenter. He was mentioned in the territorial census of October 1855 and he was recorded as voting in Nebraska City Precinct, November 6, 1855, his name, misread by the printer as Jerome Doty, being #112.¹ On September 15, 1856 he signed a paper criticizing J. Sterling Morton for certain statements he had made.² His residence in Nebraska City may not have been continuous. He might have gone temporarily to neighboring localities where work was more plentiful. In October 1858 Jerome Dauchy set out for the mines in Colorado expecting to be gone about two months.³ In October 1860 he was living in the vicinity of Fort Kearney, for in the election that fall he was candidate for coroner.⁴ By March 1862 he moved farther west and was keeping a ranche sixteen miles east of Alkali station, where according to his advertisement, there was a full supply of provisions and forage.⁵ On October 21, 1862, he was married to Miss Marie L. Worrall, of Worrallton in northern Nemaha County. At this time he was called a resident of Nebraska City.⁶

For more than two years there was no mention of him, but that may be because he spent much of his time on the plains. In August 1867 he was referred to as "an old plainsman", so it seems likely that he was earning the title during this period.⁷ In March 1865 he shot down a notorious desperado in Denver and as a result was placed under arrest.⁸ In June 1866 he was called a resident of Nebraska when he made an affidavit asking for a reduction in taxes.⁹ During the winter of 1866-67 he made a visit to his old home in New York state returning in February.¹⁰ In March 1867 he bought the freighting outfit of Fred White and immediately left for Julesburg, where he had a contract with Union Pacific. From there he made a trip to Fort Phil Kearney. In July he was back in Nebraska City and in November, 1867, it is mentioned that his wagon train had returned from Cheyenne.¹¹ In 1868 Mr. Dauchy removed to Johnson County and in 1874 he settled in Frontier County. There he developed an extensive ranch. He died at Stockville, March 9, 1897, sixty-three years of age. He was survived by his wife and five children.¹²

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Bennet-Chapman Contest. Congressional Report #65
Frontier County Republican (Stockville), 1897 Mar.18,
p.3(4) (The statement that he came in 1857 is an error)
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Frontier County Republican (Stockville), 1897 Mar.18, p.3(4)

Raymond E. Dale, June 29, 1954
Revised August 22, 1960

HUGO F. SRB,
Clerk
Lincoln, Nebraska



Nebraska
State Legislature

August 24, 1960

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Art:

I am enclosing herewith excerpts from the 1881 Nebraska Senate Journal regarding D. C. Ballentine and taken from the index with the exception of the record pertaining to absence and contested election.

I thought the Nebraska Historical Society might have more information, but you say you have already checked with them. I hope the enclosed material will give you some of the information you would like, and if you feel I can be of further help let me know. It is nice to hear from you.

With kindest personal regards to yourself and Grace, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hugo F. Srb
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Clerk of the Legislature

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INFORMATION REGARDING D. C. BALLENTINE

TAKEN FROM THE 1881 NEBRASKA SENATE JOURNAL

January 20, 1881

The president announced that the counsel for the contestee in the Ballentine vs. Snyder case was entitled to the floor.

The counsel for both contestee and contestant having presented their argument to the senate.

Mr. Myers moved that Mr. Snyder be declared entitled to his seat as senator from the 26th senatorial district.

Mr. Van Wyck moved an amendment that the name of Mr. Snyder be stricken out and Mr. Ballentine inserted.

The ayes and nays being demanded the roll was called.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

Burns, (of York), Cady, Coon, Daily, Dinsmore, Doane, Ervin, Graham, Howe, Pierce, Powers, Taylor, Tefft, Turk, Turner, Van Wyck, Wherry--17.

Those voting in the negative were:

Messrs. Baker, Burns, (of Dodge), Evans, Gere, Harrington, Morse, Myers, Perkins, Smith, Wells, White, Zehrunge-12.

A majority having voted in the affirmative the amendment was adopted.

The question recurring on the original motion as amended it was carried.

Mr. Ervin moved that the clerk of the supreme court be sent for to administer the oath of office to Mr. Ballentine,

Which was agreed to.

The clerk of the supreme court appeared and administered the following oath to Mr. Ballentine who subscribed to the same:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of state senator according to the best of my ability, and that at the election at which I was chosen to fill said office I have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector, and have not accepted, nor will I accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or valuable thing from any corporation, company, or person, or any promise of office for any official act or influence for any vote I may give or withhold on any bill, resolution, or appropriation.

D. C. BALLENTINE.

Subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1881.

GUY A. BROWN,
Clerk Supreme Court.

February 2, 1881

The president announced the following committee on judicial apportionment:

Messrs. Harrington, Powers, Tefft, Taylor, Ballentine, Burns, (of York,) Perkins, Dinsmore, Baker, Doane.

February 10, 1881

By consent,
Mr. Ballentine introduced
Senate File No. 103,

A bill for an act to limit the rate of charges for transportation on Pullman's palace, Wagner, or other sleeping cars, and to fix a penalty for over charges therefor.

Which was read the first time.

February 12, 1881

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Mr. Ballentine,
Senate File No. 107.

A bill for an act to amend sections 34 and 36 of an act entitled an act concerning counties and county officers. Approved March 1st, 1873.

By consent
Mr. Ballentine introduced
Senate File No. 109.
An act to provide for a license upon dogs.
Read the first time.

February 14, 1881

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Mr. Ballentine,
Senate File No. 117.

A bill for an act to amend section 317 of an act entitled an act to establish a code of civil procedure for the state of Nebraska.

February 15, 1881

Mr. Ballentine moved that the report of the committee be adopted and that so much of it as refers to appropriations be referred to committee on finance, ways and means.

Which was agreed to.

February 16, 1881

By Mr. Ballentine,
Senate File No. 135,

A bill for an act to amend section 39 of an act entitled "An act to amend chapter thirteen of the Revised Statutes of 1866, entitled 'courts,'" and to repeal section 40 of said act.

February 25, 1881

Mr. Van Wyck offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the itemized account hereto annexed of D. C. Ballantine, senator for the 26th district, for expenses and money paid out by him in the contest, which resulted in his securing his seat in the senate, be allowed and paid from the contingent expense of the legislature.

In the matters of contest of David D. Ballantine against Henry Snyder, for his seat in the state senate of Nebraska from the 26th senatorial district:

The State of Nebraska,

To David C. Ballantine, Dr.,		
Cash paid to county judge for taking depositions .	\$	15 00
" " " " " " issuing subpoenas . .		10 00
" " " " " " witness fees, attendance		
and mileage		42 00
Cash paid sheriff of Lincoln Co. for serving sub-		
poenas		23 50
Cash paid expenses for self and attorney taking de-		
positions		60 00
Cash paid obtaining mandamus from supreme		
court of Nebraska, serving notices, clerk's		
fees		55 00
		<u>\$205 50</u>

The rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Van Wyck gave notice that he would to-morrow move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution offered by him relative to the expenses in the Ballantine vs. Snyder contested election case was adopted.

February 26, 1881

House Roll No. 178,

A bill for an act for the relief of N. B. Larsh,
Was read the third time.

This bill having been read at large on three different days, and the same will all its amendments having been printed, the question being,

"Shall the bill pass?"

The roll was called, and those voting in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Ballantine, Burns (of York), Cady, Coon, Daily, Ervin, Evans, Gere, Graham, Harrington, Morse, Myers, Pierce, Powers, Taylor, Tefft, Turk, Van Wyck, Wells, Wherry, White and Zehrung
--22.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was passed and the title agreed to.

Mr. Ballantine offered the following explanation of his vote:

" I have seen George Ballentine, and he informs me that at the time the old asylum burned Dr. Larsh asked permission to put some furniture and bedding in a warehouse owned by G. R. Ballentine & Co. The furniture was only stored there a few days, and was then moved into a building known as the Waverly House, which was rented as a temporary asylum. I was at Council Bluffs at the time, and did not even know about the storing in the warehouse. George Ballentine did not buy any of said furniture from Dr. Larsh or any other person. I believe the claim of Dr. Larsh to be just, and should be paid. I therefore vote 'Aye.'

HUGO F. SRB,
Clerk of the Legislature
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W. P. Ballentine data



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September 2, 1960

Mr. Art Carmody
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Dear Art:

Your letter has been received. Enclosed is a biographical sketch of David C. Ballantine. Mr. Dale prepared it from his notes on Otoe County pioneers when he learned that we were interested.

I have had one reply from the counties--the Red Willow Commissioners have decided not to give their historical records to the Nebraska State Historical Society. I have written second letters to Trenton and Stockville but so far there are no replies. As soon as I hear from them I can schedule a trip. For economy reasons I hate to spend the Society's money for two trips when one can serve the purpose. If the replies from the other two counties are negative I will try to come out anyway as there is plenty more that one could do in your area. I should have taken pictures of the infant oil boom. Is there anyone there who I could interview concerning it? Perhaps I could persuade Mrs. George Norris to give us an interview.

If by any chance you should visit the old house before I get out, please do not hesitate to make the search yourself. I think that there is a chance that we got all the important material; however, as you know things were in a mess there and we may have overlooked something.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker

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Enclosure

DAVID COULTER BALLANTINE

David Coulter Ballantine, second son of John and Lucy (Cullum) Ballantine, was born in Boone County, Missouri, November 26, 1843, and grew up in town where he had the advantages of the common school. In 1863 he went to Montana where he was employed in mining and cattle raising. He came to Nebraska in December 1869 and lived ^{for a few months} in Nebraska City where he was employed in the family lumber yard. Soon afterwards he moved to Tecumseh where he opened a lumber yard. Later he moved to Lincoln where he was a partner of his brother George in the lumber business. After he sold out his interest in the business he managed the Tichenor Hotel for a year. In 1874 Mr. Ballantine moved to Frontier County to raise cattle making his home at Stockville. He was county treasurer for three years. By March 1876 he had married Mrs. Anna Eva Raymond, a native of Georgia, and a daughter of D.B. Palmer. She was a writer for eastern magazines and known in that part of the country as an expert markswoman. The census of 1880 gave D.C. Ballantine as 36 years of age and his wife Anna E as 28. They had one son, David Coulter, three years of age. In 1880 he was Republican candidate for the state senate. His opponent Mr. Snyder was declared elected and was seated when the legislature met. Mr. Ballantine contested the election and thus won the seat in the senate. For some time he had been an agent for a live stock commission house in Chicago. Returning from a business trip to Denver he was fatally injured at Benkleman when he tried to get aboard a moving train. He was taken to McCook where he died, October 3, 1882. He was survived by his wife and two children. Mr. Ballantine was buried at Lincoln. His wife married, thirdly, W.L. McClary. On returning from Stockville where they were married she was fatally injured in a runaway.

R.E. Dale
September 1960

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H. C. Ballentini Note

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Mr. Art Carmody

Trenton

Nebraska

Oakland, California

Sept. 16, 1960.

My dear Mrs. Carmody;

I was very pleasantly surprised to receive your letter.

Trenton hold many pleasant memories and friendly faces, even tho' I have forgotten their names.

I left Trenton in Aug. 1924 to take over the Post Office in Shaktville, and more important to be with my four children.

Time has slipped away at a fast pace and I will be 86 years old, ^{Sept 20} some says 86 years young, how silly people get sometimes, I want to look my age, I want my hands to show what they have earned my living and cared for others, I have forgotten so many things - can't spell as I once could - neither write. Can't use a pen as my right arm does not work well, Can't raise it to my head to brush my hair on the right side, sometimes in writing with a pen my arm drops down & makes an ink smudge - so I don't

use a pen (I don't have to use a pen do I?)
 I shall. I will start with Coultter - he was
 a very close friend of the "Bourbons" McCrary
 was an uncle of my husband, when he
 came from Ohio he lived at the ranch with
McC and his wife Mrs Ballantine. Mrs B -
 had the two children Coultter & his sister
Ema by Sen. B. "Now hear comes something
 else - there was a young girl came with Mrs B
 or Anna Palmer and was claimed to be a
cousin child, and who could deny it?"

After McC & Mrs B were married she had
 a cattle ranch & McC had horses, a number
 of them, he put them on the cattle ranch &
 after Mrs B's death the Ballantine Clan from
Nebr City (I think) came & took every thing
 & cleaned McC out. the ranch was given
 to C. & money given to Ema to be used as
 a musical education, she studied in
Europe, had a studio in London, Canada
 & the Islands.

Coultter said he was very un-puppy there,
 there was such a difference made between
 their children and him, so he earned
 enough money to buy a burro and rode away
 and drifted to Denver & on to Grand Junction

(Sept. 16, 1966)

where he married his wife, then came back to the ranch, Mrs C. sister came with them as it was said they wanted like men in the field or whenever needed,

My sister Ethel met the sister and became very good friends and that is where we got acquainted with them

I think Curtis lived a very unhappy life. At one time Mrs R went back to G. of Colo to care for her parents, both bad patients and was gone about a year, and she walked from Curtis to the ranch C. did not know she was coming. The next day he stopped at our home + said she was there when he got home from Mowels sale, he did not seem to be like himself, I did not ask any questions for there was none to ask that was any of my business. C said she was back to say - he got up quietly and went out of the back door, he stayed a long time + I wondered what might happen - so I went out to the coal house + he had been crying and could hardly control his voice, I asked him to come back to the house + he finally did. I knew he was in the kitchen + went in to

Have him come in the dining where we all
 were, he was standing in the corner behind
 the door just sobbing, he came in and I made
 some coffee & when he got hold of himself left.
 Something terrible had taken place or he
 would never have given an to his emotions
 (you don't know what that word is & neither do I)

Later in life he told me of all the years she
 had been difficult - (after she was taken to
 Hastings for a while - some one said C. had
 her come back, no doubt all of us would have
 with some one of our own there

Mrs C. was well educated and would
 write articles to the Omaha papers and
 would embrace C. & his sister.

One day Judge Sibley came over to the
 P.O. with a letter she had written to him, I said
 he was limping more than usual and gave
 me the letter to read. In it she had advised
 "him to do something about the 'Custard making
 men'". I think that has its own explanation.
 Louise Huetelman came also with me
 and the greeting on her letter was "Guarding
 Angel of the adobe". I told them to file them
 away & forget about them & do nothing.

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The last time I saw Coultis I was in Curtis
visiting my cousin Mr. Ed Veeland. Oh! Oh!
he was so dirty - face grimy - hair tangled
hands & clothing dirty - he was creeping
along with two canes, he had come in at the
street door and back where I was in dining
room, he was as courteous & gentlemanly
as if he had on a silk Hat & Prince Albert
suit, he got up ready to leave, our good-bys
said, I mentioned less steps from the dining
room door "He said I came in & that door
and I am going out at it" and laughed
That was the last time I saw Coultis

(Mrs John Gammill told me many years ago
some officers of the law from Fla, was up there
looking for William B. Palmer and all the
old times knew they were looking for Paddy,
but no one knew of any one by the name
of Palmer. The story was he had killed a
man - the lover of his sister and the father of
this girl - Cousins child) That has been my
secret & I never told any one before so
I in secret pass it on to you.)

You no doubt heard the story when he was
in Mc Cook - drank a little liquor and shot
a few times and landed in jail. He sent over

to go for Atty Janner to get him out.
 He told the judge Paddy had never been
 in jail before and the tears were many.
 Miles stood up & said "Your Honor Janner
 is a liars I have been in every jail from
 Fla to Butte Mont. I guess the judge gave up
 & sent them back to S—

I have quite a sheaf of letter paper written
 on both sides by Lewis Allen - he gave
 them to ^{me} not too long before he died and that
 was our "deep dark secret" he did not want any
 of his folks to have them. There were many
 things in I don't you could use, I have turned
 this place apart looking for them & can't
 find them. should they turn up I would be
 glad to send them to you should you like to
 have them and look them over

I at one time saw some clippings Mrs B had
 wrote to the New York Sun - much French was
 written in & of course I do not know French
 You just might find some of these clippings
 even now on the floor or in some little box
 just a little about my self - nothing
 important

My oldest daughter Martha Danna Brown-
 Rivers, passed away a few days before she

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was 65 yr old. ⁷ Richard Wayton Brown died 1948 in Norfolk Va. with a very sudden heart attack. Ethel Elizabeth Brown Hogoborn lives in Santa Rosa & will be 61 in Jan '69. Rex Brown B lives in Silver Spring Md & has been ⁱⁿ Civil Service 20 years and works in Washington D.C. all my children were married and only "Buddie" has two sons-in-law. I can be Great Grand Mother some day.

I live in a 3 room apt each apt. ~~apartment~~ 14 x 14 each. I have plenty of room to get around in. I have to have most of my work done. I can do my own cooking - wash dishes and once a month have my groceries delivered. I go to market & buy my own meat, chicken and other items. I don't have the grocery man deliver. I am very happy and contented. do lots of needle work and read every thing from Daily paper to Detective stories. Keep intouch with all the ball games & cheer when they are losing "San Francisco Giants" Boxing matches Wrestling matches Bowling Roller Derby and horse racing - no Western stories or old stale movies.

Have friends and neighbors and altogether I could not be better located. Now

I shall ask if you are married and if not, why not, I know why you dont all the women have taken the mens job + now crying for a husband, I could tell them to take that "pony tail" down + dress your² ^{can} like a woman, put on some clothes and discard the pants + put on a pretty dress and they can find a man also cover up their knees. They will have to learn like I did I was only 17 yrs old but I soon knew one had to get a meal with out opening a tin can.

Enough of this

I hope you can read

With all good wishes (the
Lulu C. Brown

PS

Come to California stop and see me.

L. C. Brown
1606 9th Ave

Oakland Calif.

Ballantine data



Arthur Carmody,
Granton,
Nebr

Ann E. Wells

Mar 1849 - 1854

Henry Palmer ¹⁸¹⁸ 1850

Ann Palmer 1817-1879

Laura Wells 1858-1880

Daddy Jan 6 - 1849

M. L. Ballou

1874-1933

1876-1939



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September 20, 1960

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Art:

We certainly had a good few days last week. I don't believe that I have ever taken a more profitable trip.

I write to pass along some information discovered in one of the letters we picked up in the basement of the old house. Both Coulter and his sister Eva seemed to have had a great curiosity about the Palmer family history in Georgia and wrote letters trying to unravel the riddles that we have puzzled over. We saw the letter where an aunt refused to tell Coulter the history. There is a copy of a letter to Eva, the sister of Coulter, from a cousin in Thomasville, Georgia. She told some family history but refrained from relating any scandal. She wrote:

"Aunt Ann married Dempsey Palmer when she was 28. Uncle Dempsey's father was an army man and died leaving a rather helpless family. Uncle Dempsey had to do the best he could. He took a position as 'over seer' on Uncle Stephen's plantation. In this way he met Aunt Ann... When your mother was 21 years of age your grandparents moved to Nebraska... Your Uncle William had preceded them, (he was named for his Uncle William Timmons), to go back to your mother's child hood. She was a beautiful child and the idol of her parents. She grew to be a beautiful girl--she was talented, being a fine musician and poetess and greatly admired by the whole country side... just at the flush of her young life the country was involved in the troubles of the Civil War, which made everything difficult... We have no trace of anything that belonged to the family... my mother lost sight of the family... The winter that I was twelve your mother came to Georgia visiting cousin Mamie first and then spending the latter part of the winter with us. Coulter was five and you were eleven months...

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Your mother was the younger of the two children ~~of the two children~~ of her parents Dempsey Palmer and Ann Timmons, the only other child being a son William Palmer, about two years older than your mother. Your mother's grand parents were Zacariah Timmons and Nancy Sutton both being of English extraction. They had five children Eliza, Stephen, Ann, William and Zacariah...

...It is all I know. It is sad for you to have to gather facts of the past so entirely by yourself. Yet none of us know from whence we came or whither we go...

Yours

Ola Mallette"

She left a lot unsaid: Who was Raymonde--Why was William Palmer known as Miles in Nebraska? I wonder if Coulter and his sister ever knew the answers.

We are all quite enthusiastic over the journals. However, so far I have not had time to examine them thoroughly.

Sincerely yours,



Donald F. Danker
Archivist

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September 26, 1960

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

Your interesting letter has been received. I think Mrs Brown is correct about Mamie. On February 22, 1873 Ena wrote in her journal.

"I can not bear this weary silence any longer. The wind is blowing a fierce storm and yet I'd rather brave its chilling fury than to remain in here--in here with this fire at my brain and pain at my heart-- O! Mamie! Mamie! I can not have rest or my little child. I can never do what you are expecting or waiting for."

I received a letter from Bill Shelley today. He passed on an anecdote about Paddy Miles being tried for drunkenness in McCook. Shelley says he may come to Lincoln for a visit and I hope that he does.

See you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Art Carmody

Trenton

Nebraska



October 6, 1960

Dear Mr. Carmody:

Just a note to tell you of the change of address from White Deer to Dumas.

The DAVE RUDABAUGH manuscript is completed and just as soon as my two typing fingers can get through with it --I type at night--I am sending it to press. 500 copies signed and numbered (\$5.00)

Also still available are:

CIVIL WAR IN NEW MEXICO \$7.50

THE ALMA N M STORY \$1.00

THE ANTONCHICO STORY \$1.00

THE SAN MARCIAL STORY \$1.00

All these were printed in lots of 500--Will not be reprinted when sold.

Trust this finds you well, and write anyway if none of these are of interest.

Sincerely,

F. Stanley

F Stanley

Box 503
Dumas, Texas



Love

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska



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October 25, 1960

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Art:

Under separate cover we are sending some programs to you as you request. I wonder if Hank Clifford ever heard of Long Man?

Today I received a reply from the Georgia archivist. She enclosed a lot of material, mostly genealogical, on the Timmons family. Dempsey Palmer's wife was Ann Timmons. The family was prominent in Camden County Georgia. The material contains little on the Palmers, only the following.

"Dempsey B. Palmer and Ann Timmons (married) by Alexander Palmer--Scranton J.P. Feb. 12, 1845."

She also states "my county archivist, Miss Bebe Long, in from Camden County and is quite familiar with the Waverly section. She will be in the field for the next several weeks, but as soon as she returns, I will take up your problem with her and see what else we can do for you."

Danny and I went hunting Monday. Heavy cover made the pheasant hunting poor. I got one bird, the only one I shot at. The hunt was not a complete loss however because Danny shot a coyote with his 20 gauge.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker

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Eva Raymond's date

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

November 16, 1960

Dear Mr. Carmody:

I was happy to receive your note and the interesting program. Harry and I were so glad you called on us Sunday. The back-trackers of old historical trails lead exciting and interesting lives. One never knows when an adventure such as the Raymonde journal is just around the next bend in the trail.

Thank you for the nice comment on our canyon. I love every seasonal phase of our life here, the hills are so beautiful the year around. If only Harry was well, we could ask no more. By the way, we have forgotten the name of the third gentleman who was with you. Harry would like to know, so he can send him a report on what he has done when he goes to the V.A. hospital in Lincoln. They have the same trouble and if Harry can be helped perhaps the other man can be, too.

Sincerely
Nellie Yost

MRS. HARRY YOST
Box Elder Canyon
Maxwell, Nebraska

*People often comment
on our address.*

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November 30, 1960

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

Enclosed is some more information from Georgia. It gets more interesting all the time. Ena may have been a good shot before she ever left the South.

Dr. Harley's confederate record contained nothing of special interest. I could not find that he was even a colonel. Remember the reference to the leering colonel.

I am glad that Mrs. Carmody is feeling better.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
Archivist

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Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Ben W. Fortson, Jr.
Secretary of State
Atlanta 3, Georgia

November 21, 1960

Dear Donald:

The enclosed letter from Mrs. Margaret Davis Cate, Box 800, Sea Island, Georgia, who is working with Bebe and me on the Nebraska matter, has sent me the enclosed letter under date of Nov. 20, 1960. The history grows more fascinating by the minute. These facts have been partially gathered from living descendants of the Timmons and Palmers living in Glynn and Camden Counties. None of us can accept tradition, but these are leads that will help us get to the core of the thing. It does seem that Herbert Palmer who became known as William Miles out in Nebraska was accused of the murder, which no doubt was done by the sister, Anna. What a love story this is! No longer in love with her Confederate surgeon, Dr. H. H. Harley, after the war, the trouble came about. I am enclosing the Confederate record of Dr. Harley who was murdered on night of Aug. 24, 1869. We are now trying to go back through Savannah newspapers for the murder; also Superior Court Minutes of Glynn... As say, hold the fort, and we will get it all documented presently. Then as Mrs. Cate says, how much of the true story do you dare use with living descendants! Who is left in Nebraska kin to Anna? Dr. Harley was from Savannah. Also Thomasville seems connected also, but all of this area is tied with the South Georgia counties lying near Florida.

More later.

(Mary)
Mary G. Bryan

MARGARET DAVIS CATE

Nov. 20, 1960

My dear Mary Bryan,

(First four paragraphs omitted)

I have found the most interesting story about the woman who went to Nebraska. There was a murder. Her brother was thought to have drowned as his clothes were found near the river, but, later, he turned up in Nebraska and sent for his parents and sister. This ruse of planting his clothes near the river and disappearing threw suspicion on him as the murderer, but there was some talk that it was thought she did it herself.

The victim was Dr. H. H. Harley. The story -- so far -- is that he and she had been sweethearts before he went into Confederate service but that when he returned from war she found him changed and broke the engagement. He made some remark about her and the brother (or the girl, herself) shot him through the window of the house where he was paying off some workmen. It happened on the night of Aug. 24, 1869. They saw the tracks of the horse outside the house. However, it does not seem the man was ever arrested. Though the story Miss Ross gets from the Berrie girls is that he skipped bond and it took all the Timmons money to pay off the bond and that is why the Timmonses are **poor!** We do make up stories about the wealth of our family and how it was lost!

Somewhere I got hold of a clipping from a newspaper with no date, no source-- but I copied it and had it in my files. It says that the Grand Jury of Glynn County Oct. 9, 1869 offered \$250.00 reward for the conviction of the murderer of Dr. H. H. Harley killed on the night of Aug. 24, 1869. And a member of the family living here says the man was named Harley--so I am sure this is it.

Do you have anything from Savannah newspapers of that date? If not, I will write Walter Hartridge and ask him to look it up for me. Neither Brunswick nor any other place had a newspaper then, except Savannah--or do you know about Darien?

I will go to the Brunswick Court House and ask the girls in the Clerk's office to see if there are any old papers that might help. I like these girls and they like me. I have worked there so much that it is fun to go on any errands that take me there. One of the young girls takes time out to make a search if I can give her a lead and I will get her started on this. (She is the one who made me teach her the "double rule of three".)

Think of all the sides to this story! Oglethorpe's Regiment (the first British Regiment to come to our country); residence in Florida during the British era; plantation life; love affair with the man going off to war for the confederacy; a murder, with the suspected man fleeing to what was then the far West, etc. But what worries me is how much of this your Nebraska friend dares use. I think it would depend on the descendants of the woman who may now be living.

(Mrs. Margaret Davis Cate)

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Trenton

Nebraska

(March 1961)

ARTHUR CARMODY
LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER
TRENTON, NEBRASKA

P. O. BOX 217

PHONE 4412

Donald F. Danker
Nebr. State Historical Society
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Don:

Have you found a copy of Paddy Miles little booklet? I bought an extra copy from Glenn Anderson. If you still need one I'll send it in.

I was in Lincoln last week. Drove on on Tues. and back Wed. morning-had ice both days-in spots. Really slick Wed. a.m. west of Lincoln.

It looks like I will not be down now until May 6th- I plan to attend the Spring Meeting in Omaha.

I read the Buffalo Bill book that you were to review. I liked it. There may be some errors tho'-I noted one on page 83 or 84 about the killing of the Lt. Kidder party. He is 200 miles off on location. That took place near the head of the Beaver Creek in Thomas Co. Ks.--About 25 miles N.E. of the present Goodland. One of the old timers who helped take up Kidder's body was living in the Goodland area some 25 or 30 years ago.

Let me know if you need the booklet.--Any news of the Ena's "kin-folk"?

I found an extra copy of "Buckskin and Satin" that I gave to Bill Shelley. He got a lot out of it.

Sincerely,



Arthur Carmody

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March 21, 1961

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Art:

I was pleased to receive your letter. I have not got a copy of Pady Miles book. If you wish to send in the copy you have I will send it to the people in Georgia. However I hate to have you spend money on the project.

Russells, Buffalo Bill is probably the best documented and the best of the Cody books. However it seems to me that he has drawn some conclusions on Luther North which are not warranted.

Nothing new. I seem to be very busy most of the time. Right now we are struggling to complete a paper on the Pawnee Scouts for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Meeting in Detroit. I have found some interesting (to me at least) material in the War Department records which we have on microfilm.

We are certainly going to try to see Eva's daughter this summer.

Eva has been put on T.V. now. The program which the Historical Society and the University prepared entitled "The Faces of Courage" uses her picture and an excerpt from her description of the buffalo hunt. A gril with a southern accent reads the lines and it is the most effective part of the program.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
Archivist

DFD/aei

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July 13, 1961

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

I have just returned from attending the Norris Centennial at McCook. I had hoped to see you there. Had a visit with Judges Westermark and Cheney. Dr. Sellers and I went up together.

There is good news on the Ena Raymond business. The Georgia people sent some more material including a Palmer family history and genealogy dating back to Oglethorpe. I made a copy and sent it to Ena Adams along with the promise to send her some copies of the pictures of the tombstones in the family graveyard. In my letter I explained microfilming and again asked for the journal. I also wrote to my friend at Drury College. The result was that we received the journal on loan with permission to film it.

It is excellent. Ena describes a stay at Ft. McPherson; she knew and described Cody; she went on a buffalo hunt and she tells of meeting Carver. The Journal dates from June 7, 1872 to Jan. 30, 1873. It is the best of the lot.

We are all well and busy.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
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January 5, 1962

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

You might be interested in the enclosed letter.

If Ena was the widow of someone named Raymond she certainly made no reference to him in her diaries and the people in Georgia found nothing about the marriage. I doubt it.

Please return the letter when you are finished with it. I will let you know what is in the letters from the cousins if she sends copies.

Sincerely yours,



Donald F. Danker
Archivist

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Don

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Enclosure

Jan 10, 1962

Dear friends:

Ever since we got the word from you
I have been intending to write.
We have been busy at home when
Margaret's only sister died of a heart attack
on Dec 1st on a cold morning
at work. Had a pain because she was on her
way to work and about five blocks from home.
in Wayne and and it was about 45 minutes
before she was found.

But she died instantly. Her husband was in the
hospital very sick. Her husband & I were on our
way to N. P. to stay with him during the
period for her and a guy hit us from behind
and we were back up there two hours waiting
for a patrolman and a nurse.

We received a check for the damage but
have not got the car fixed yet.
another place and I found an old cypress wood
tree on the old Barry Road that had fallen
sometimes in the past. When the top hit the
ground it took root again and the roots
are alive too so it forms an arch about 6 ft
high and cattle use their backs on it.

It is an odd thing and a big one too.
We were cutting out timber when our new
telephone line was when we found it.
We were home like done by Jan 1st.
The cold weather has stopped our work on it.
It keeps us busy just doing that house in our
the place in most of the day.

we got a card and letter from the Indians and one
of them wrote an article on old Ross and the old log
cabin. There and had it to a Rapid City paper for \$40.00.
I suppose you knew old Orlando died last Fall.
I have always been told that his son, Monty, was
one of the best of men. He went in here and had
tried to help him and got hurt himself.

Wank was alright too but he had more of a head
for business. Orlando was good too.

Did you know that I read the story of the Wyoming
County cattle war in a Wyoming woman's girl
by the name of Sutherland who lived a couple
of miles down the creek from our place?
Her mother took care of Geo. Grant when he
died in Stockville. She was buried here
on their land until a few years back
when her body was taken to Buffalo, Wyo.
by Earl Carterman for reburial.
(A daughter of Fred Kesse still owns the
land here.)

The chances are you know a lot more about
the Wyoming cattle war than I do because
you are a historian and have access to books.
However I remember one day about the time
Fred Kesse died that Belle Sutherland Kesse
was here and visited all one afternoon
with my mother, but I was in the field
and scarcely saw her I think there was
here to arrange for removal of her mother's
body at that time.)

(John Wagon, whose name appeared in Enid journal
came here in 1876 but went back to Wyoming and
was up there during the Johnson Co. affair and
to say that he knew Sam Horn well and he
was a good man. Wagon came back here
and was a good, well fixed man when he
died. His daughter died in Cambridge last
Fall too.)

(My opinion of Sam Horn was different.
John Wagon and Fred Kessie were both
rough fellows in Wyo. at that time &
were on the side of the ranchers.)

(But Wagon was straight as a string.
I don't know much about Kessie except that
andrishman by the name of Plunkett gave
him his first start as a journalist.
It is strange how events in S. Wyo, Nebraska
and Wyoming lie in with each other more or less.
I could include Georgia and Florida
some one in and I had me that a book store in
Berkeley had a copy of Pratt's book not in
too good shape for \$5.00. I'd have grabbed it. P
we went to a wrestling match Monday like because
Kerrin was on the center team and the four guy
was the only ^{or} other side to lose.

He got pinned in about 15 seconds.
But he drew a pretty tough opponent.
There is another to-woman like individual
to go but I'm going. This may well be him.
Wagon's stands at better than I do.
I hope he wins this time.

I took a great big drink when I got home
and I don't know how Dennis got along.

Probably he noticed it less than I did.
The other kid was stronger, just as fast and just
as well trained and probably had a dad who
helped him, which he did.

I'd better feel good that he'll ^{be} head out.
There may come a day after this cold snap when
you'll want to come up.

I have now been back to the old B. house.
I got a word and letter from a son of Joe
Douching who lives in Springfield Mo.
I wonder if Conter's sister would like to
look to him. He is the fellow who I saw
at is not likely they are aware of each other's
existence for I never mentioned her to him.
They might have a good visit. He is pretty
reticent and quiet. He married a Miss
girl.

We might find something new to you if here
it seems to me I have run down.

It is still early in the year and can wish
you a good New Year.

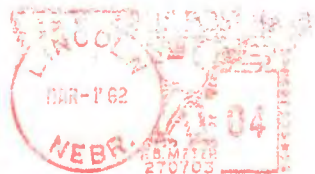
Sincerely
Bill

P.S. I tried to read this and correct mistakes
but I can't make it all out. Maybe you can.

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Shelley Letter

Fred Hesse

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

A

April 10, 1962

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

Thank you for the invitation to join the Denver Westerners. However, there is talk of an Omaha corral of Westerners being founded. Gus and Bill have both spoken of it. If so it will be much handier for me than the Denver group so I am going to wait to see what develops.

I contacted Ena Adams again and she replied wanting a definite financial offer. Bill wrote to her outlining what the Society can do and there the matter rests.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
Archivist

DFD:drh

Ford County Historical Society, Inc.

Ida Ellen Rath- President

1401 Ave. E



Headquarters in
DODGE CITY
KANSAS

September 4, 1962

Arthur Carmody
Trenton, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Carmody: When you are in town, give us a ring.

Thank you very kindly for speaking out your opinion of my book, *The Rath Trail*. And thanks for the order you had me send to Ray Owens.

Once when I was one of the visiting authors in Topeka Kansas at a book fair, Mari Sandoz was also. Learning my name was Rath she asked if I was doing a book on Charles Rath. When I said YES, she said she would let it alone. My husband, Charles Rath's son, and I visited all the places mentioned in the book. We were both thrilled at the sites he picked.

Rath City site is near Hamlin, Texas. Anyone there can direct you to the ranch owner. Lester B. Wood, who lives at Breckenridge, Texas, took us there. That man's car went places few men would drive and he is a jolly, historical-minded man to be traveling with, but a very busy one.

I weary of re=hashes and oftentimes deliberate inaccuracies included, hence direct quotes if I needed the material. I was fortunate in having information nobody else had; in being trusted to the loan of records and photographs. I am very happy with the results.

At present I am having research done in Germany about the Rath family. I find Charles Rath's real name was Carl Gottfried Rath. He Americanized Carl to Charles and dropped Gottfried, which means--Peace be unto you, and many German boys have the name.

Used this stationery, thinking you would like to know about our society.

Sincerely,

Ida Ellen Rath

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PHONE 4462

Sept. 23rd, 1962

Dr. Donald F. Danker
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Don:

What have you on California Joe? I think that his real name was Moses F. Milner. I seem to recall that he died at Ft. Robinson and was buried in the Military Cemetery.

Why don't you dig out what you have on him, and send it to me or hand it to me next Saturday at the Annual Meeting which I plan to attend.

Have I seen you since Sutton and I were in the Texas Panhandle? -we were at Old Tascosa, Old Mobeetie and the site of the Buffalo Wallow fight-had a very interesting week end.

Two weeks later we spent an interesting Sunday with an old timer on the Frenchman. Visited an old dugout that must have been occupied by a very early day trapper on the Frenchman-it was all caved in more than 80 years ago-the occupant used cap and ball fire arms-this could date him back to the Beaver days of the 1830's -he could have been one of those for whom the river was named.

The Saturday meeting is always a "rat race", but I hope that we can get together for a visit.

Sincerely,



Arthur Carmody

B

September 25, 1962

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

Your letter is at hand. I will have our material on California Joe ready for you on Saturday.

Ena Adams and her cousin flew up to see us a couple of weeks ago. She spent Saturday with me going over the diaries. She brought a few more items including some letters of considerable interest. I made a long tape recorded interview with her. She is a fine old lady. Her cousin Charles Shepherd was with her and I liked him also. She is agreeable to publication of the diaries.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
Archivist

DFD:jas

October 2, 1962

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

I am sorry that we did not get together at the annual meeting. It was a busy day. Under separate cover I am sending the material on Milner.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
Archivist

DFD:jas

B

October 16, 1962

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

I received your letter and picked up the material at Lincoln General. Your notes are useful and interesting. I hope that I can find out more about Mr. Raymond, if he existed.

Enclosed is a letter from Bill Shelley, with a copy of one that he wrote to Ena Adams. Isn't it a wonderful letter? Shelley is about the best letter-writer and most humane man that I recall meeting for a long time. I wish that it were possible for me to know him better. Please return his letter to me.

I had a good trip to Denver and it was an interesting meeting. Although the man who gave a talk on the Brule Sioux didn't know a thing about Long Man or the cut-off band on the Medicine, to my disappointment.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
Archivist

DFD:jas
Enc.

B

November 19, 1962

Mr. Art Carmody
Trenton
Nebraska

Dear Art:

I have gotten on the mailing list of the editor of the enclosed. I recall that you have spoken with interest of Southwestern history and thought you might like to see this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Danker
Archivist

DFD:jas



April 9, 1963

Dear Art:

Thanks mucho for the clipping re Ladder. Art, that must have been clipped from the editorial columns, wasn't it? Or was the review "head" clipped from the story? I don't believe it was a "review."

I couldn't understand at first what it was, since it was written in editorial style. When I came to the nice compliment at the end, I realized it must have been an editorial by someone on the Journal—or was it the Lincoln Star, the latter, I believe.

Anyway, thanks a lot. I used your name and remarks in an ad in the Custer County Chief. It was along with others, so shouldn't have been embarrassing. Incidentally, after 57 years, I joined the Nebraska State Historical Society and am enjoying the late quarterly.

This week-end we are traveling to Pond Creek, Okla., there to meet with a lady and her husband. She is Mrs. Catherine Allen, and has written a book-length ms about her life as a child on wagon train trips into the Indian Territory and Cherokee Strip. It is rich in detail, a good story with a good theme, but atrociously written. It will require at least two complete re-writes. I will "edit and annotate" but will also share in the royalty, the latter of which is good. (Let's hope there is some to share in!)

Ladder is doing good, the critics are very rough on me for the manner in which I handled the story—some of the old school not liking the dialog, but generally they have been most fair. Some have been downright generous—like Wayne Gard, who wrote that the book is one that can set alongside biographies such as Shanghai Pierce and Col. Goodnight. I never thought Print Olive of the stature of those old boys who had lived to a ripe old age, but surely

AUTHOR
 Lost Trails of the Cimarron
 The Ladder of Rivers,
 The Story of I. P. (Print) Olive

at age 46 he had accomplished as much, or more than they had at that age. For pure interest of character, he makes both of them seem like "goody-goodies."

If you take Montana Magazine, (state hist society pub) watch for a contest between Dr. Sonnichsen and myself. I have a ^{rebuttal} rebuttal to his charge that I "gilded the Olive lily." I am also in contest with a reporter on the Hutchinson News who is writing a very critical review on Olive book. He, by his own admission, is "anti-Olive" and he regards Sandoz' words as the final truth on Olive. So I am having a hard time with him!

But it is all good fun. I have been getting many letters, from both sides of the Olive story. Also many new acquaintances from the Olive family. Where they all were when I was looking for them, I don't know. Funny, but when a thing's printed, everyone shows up, and usually with a sackful of facts you needed badly while researching and writing a thing.

Best wishes, hope all is well with you and yours,

Chris

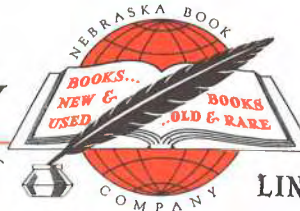


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June 27, 1963

Mr. Arthur Carmody
P.O. Box 217
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Art:

Your letter of May 26 was placed in our order file for Louie Holmes book, "Fort McPherson, Nebraska (Fort Cottonwood, N.T.)"

I was in Salt Lake City and Idaho for approximately three weeks and hence, my delay in replying. The publication date on the book was June 25. We are sending you the autographed edition which I am sure you will want. If, however, you want the ordinary copy please feel free to return the ones we have sent you. The centennial edition which was published mainly for the Fort McPherson Centennial carries a list price of \$4.75.

You are certainly right about Louie. It was a real shock to me when he passed away. I had spent the day with him exactly one week before at the Missouri Valley Historical Society meeting in Omaha.

In the way of a final note I want you to know that I was out buying books and not trap shooting. I even missed the Nebraska State Shoot for the fourth year in a row. However, I must confess that I did take in the Colorado State Shoot last week.

When you are in town please be sure to drop in.

Sincerely yours,

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Johnny Johnson

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February 25, 1964

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Carmody:

Your letter concerning the Utah Expedition has been referred to me.

I regret to say that actually little has been written about Johnston's army crossing Nebraska. It would make a good project for some graduate student or a person interested in history. Nonetheless, I hope some of the following information will be of some help to you. Perhaps as time goes on, something else will turn up.

The Utah Expedition of 1857-58 was one of the strange episodes of American history. In the spring of 1857, with Congress adjourned, the new president, James Buchanan, and Secretary of War, John B. Floyd, decided to name new officials for Utah Territory and to send a military escort to support their authority. The President chose not to make a public announcement of his plans, presuming that he could thus carry them into effect before the Mormons were aware of his intentions. The secrecy shrouding the administration's program led to unfortunate suppositions and interpretations by the Mormons and caused them to fear more danger and hostility than were intended. The United States troops chosen were companies of the Tenth Infantry and the Fifth Infantry, Phelps' Battery and Reno's Battery, and later, companies of the Second Dragoons. General William S. Harney, veteran western campaigner, was designated to head the expedition. The first contingents began their westward march on July 18, each under its respective officers, without unified command. Distraught conditions in "bloody Kansas" had caused General Harney's retention in that territory and necessitated selection of a new commanding officer for the Utah Expedition. In late August, Albert Sidney Johnston was appointed to take over the command of the expedition, now well on its way to Utah. He did not catch up with the troops until early November.

The diary of Captain John W. Phelps traces the route of march. On 30 July 1857, they reached Nebraska and a few days later encamped on the Big Sandy. From there the camp was moved to the Little Blue, which was

eventually followed. On Friday, August 7, his diary notes, "Made a long march of 25 miles and encamped a mile or more above Fort Kearny. Hence, the distance from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Kearny, as I make it is 275 miles--tho it is generally considered as nearly 300." From there his Battery followed the Platte river and on August 17 it camped on the South Branch of the Platte.

Meanwhile Colonel A.S. Johnston, who was following his army, wrote that he had arrived at Fort Kearny on September 24, 1857, and five days later he noted that he was on the "North Bank of the South fork of Platte." (Hafen, LeRoy R. and Hafen Ann W., *The Utah Expedition 1857-1858*, Glendale, California: The Arthur G. Clark Co., 1958. pp. 100-107, 144-145.)

In another book, letters of Capt. Jesse Augustus, of the 10th Infantry relates that he followed the Little Blue and by the 5th of July 1857 was at Wallow Holes on prairie," which apparently is near Elm Creek. On the 6th of August his party had camped on the Platte River about 10 miles from Fort Kearny. By August 15 he encamped at Cottonwood Springs on the Platte. From there the letters relate that he followed the "Platte River So. Fork."

However, this same book reports on a "New Route to Utah:" Several attempts have been made to obtain a better route to Utah than the present one. Gen. Bryan and Col. Fremont have both, by direction of the Secretary of War, made extensive surveys to further that object. Gen. Johnston last winter sent some men to explore the route by Bridger's Pass, but they got off the track designated, and their mission failed. A company of men under Col. Andrew of the Sixth Infantry are now on their way from Fort Leavenworth to open the same route and join the Army. Gen. Johnston sends three guides in the morning to meet them and conduct them hither. The route by which they come will be found laid down on Stansbury's maps. It is two or three degrees south of the present route, runs along Bitter Creek, thence almost due east to Bridger's Pass, on the north fork of Platte River; it then crosses the upper waters of Medicine Bow Creek, crossed the Black Hills and goes down Lodge Pole Creek to the South Fork of Platte River. From that point it may follow the old route or before reaching it go south to the Republican Fork, thence *via* Fort Riley and Hard River to Missouri River. The advantages of the new route are that it is much shorter, lies through a better region of country, has more wood and better grass, and it is expected will be much less obstructed by snow during the winter. The route that will probably be finally adopted is *via* the Republican Fork, since that region of country for a long distance west is capacitated for habitation and cultivation."

In a short note describing the land there is this passage, "The land south on the Republican Fork, and Lieutenant Bryan's route to Utah is said to be much better." (Hammond, Otis G., *The Utah Expedition, 1857-58*, Concord, N.H., New Hampshire Historical Society, 1928. Volume 12, pp.268,236) (The record of Bryan's trek is found in Messages of the President of the United States, to the Two Houses of Congress at the Commencement of the First Session of the Thirty-fifth Congress, Vol. II, 1858, pp.455-481).

Still another note that is of some interest is a passage of one Lieut. Ebenezer Gay. He was sent to accompany a paymaster from Leavenworth

February 25, 1964

to Fort Kearny, and then to Fort Riley. After a few days at Kearny, his party started for Fort Riley, "following the trail of a surveying party which had been out that summer to find a more direct road than the one then in use. We were the first to make use of it, and in consequence saw a great abundance of game which had not been molested. The route followed the valley of the Republican River. The bottom was rich and covered with a tall growth of wild sunflower then in full bloom--a gorgeous sight. We saw hundreds of antelope and many elk, sometimes in large herds." (Collections of the Kansas State Historical Society, 1911- Vol. XII, General Samuel W. Ferguson, "With Albert Sidney Johnston's Expedition to Utah, 1857", p 307.)

As you can see from this neither the Phelps's Battery, the 10th Infantry, or Johnston used the Republican river. However, it appears that Col. Andrew of the Sixth Infantry may have taken that route, but I could find no reference here at the Society that shows his line of march. The only source that states that the Republican river was used is the Gay report.

If you have any suggestions in this matter, please feel free to call me.

Hoping that this will, in part, help with your research, I am

Very sincerely yours,

William F. Schmidt
Archivist

WFS:jas

Copy Bill
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William F. Schmidt, Archivist
Nebraska State Historical Society
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thanks for your very good letter containing information on the Utah Expedition.

I have read the Ferguson story in the Kansas Historical Society publication. Hafen says that they did not take the cutoff which would have placed them near the present site of Alma.

Judge Gaslin in a speech in Alma in 1880 tells of the early settlers (in 1870) finding the ground covered with articles lost and thrown away by Johnston's army in 1857. The site he gives is just at the southeast corner of Alma. Most of it now being covered by the lake. I have looked at an old early survey map which shows two military trails at this point. Lt. Bryan in 1856 must have travelled right thru that area when he laid out the road from Ft. Kearney to Ft. Riley.

I found in Morton's History of Nebr. where a Captain and 80 men had spent some time at the mouth of the Prairie Dog Creek in 1859. This would place them about five or six miles below the site of Alma. This might be the camp at present Alma, but it is doubtful if a small party would leave much to be found 8 years later.

Somewhere in the dim and distant past, I seem to remember of reading that the Johnston army "wintered" at the Republican location. It is quite evident that they did not, but I am wondering if by any chance, a wagon train of Russell, Majors and Wadell (who did the freighting for the Utah Expedition) might have been snowed in at that point. At the place where the camp was supposed to have been located, a small creek comes in from the north. This would have made an excellent place for a winter camp.

I think Judge Gaslin owned land, and possibly had taken a homestead near Alma. He must have had some concrete evidence regarding the site.

I hope that you can come up with something on this. Have you checked with the State Surveyor's office in the State House? They have the old survey records there. I have looked at them a number of times, but have never checked the Alma area. As I recall, the survey was made down there in 1869, and the old field notes might have mentioned a military camp.

I will drop in to see you the next time I get to Lincoln.

Sincerely,

~~not mentioned~~
mentions 'Military
Road' between
N.W. & S.E."
Field notebooks
book 422-
~~49~~

Township No. 2 North, Range 18 West
shows old Military Road, which ~~does~~
does not carry over to the other
section map for some reason -

Township No. 1 North
Range 18¹⁷ W - of the 6th

She entire ~~area~~
area was checked
in Township No. 2 North
Range No. 18 West
6th MERIDIAN
Nothing in regard
to a camp was
found.

March 18, 1964

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Carmody:

Your letter of March 5 is at hand. I must apologize for the delay in answering, but have been busy.

I plan to look over a collection of material at the State Capitol in the next few days. I will check to see what might be in the State Surveyor's office.

Sorry for this delay, but you will hear from me soon.

Very sincerely yours,

William F. Schmidt
Archivist

WFS:jas

March 25, 1964

Mr. Arthur Carmody
Trenton, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Carmody:

I am sorry for the delay in answering your question about the camp site near Alma.

As you suggested, I checked the maps and original surveyor's field notebook for any mention of a camp site, Prairie Dog Creek, the Republican River and the general Alma area, but unfortunately was unable to locate any notes that would be helpful. The only item I found that might be of some interest to you is the mention of an old military road, which bears N.W. and S.E. in Township No.2 North, Range 18 West. The only note on the mouth of the Prairie Dog was that the creek bed was excellent for crossing.

You might be interested in knowing that the Society is considering the microfilming of both the maps and field books in the near future. I am, at the present time, trying to determine if they are on file any place else besides the Surveyor's office.

I will keep looking. Perhaps something will turn up.

With every best wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

William F. Schmidt
Archivist

WFS:jas