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Howdy, Amigos!

Here I am again. Thanks for returning the stamps. Have put another one on this letter. Am gradually getting the State Flag stamps back. Up to 21 now.

Have read a lot on the Big Bend Park but have never been there. That section seems to have had contact with some ancient visitors, also.

Have never tried the Hondas. Preferred the Jeep four wheel drives and then shanks mares for the hard going in late years. Years ago I went by horse and mule or burro train. Used my two old Apache Blood brothers, Jim and Frank, for explorations in Mexico. Used a Mexican burro boy for trips in this country.

You are so right on the guess part on the religious bit. I am in doubt as to his being kin to John D. Mitchell. Several reasons will appear later. Will look them up in the old directories one of these days. All of John D.'s kids spoke Spanish as their mother spoke very little english. What about Mitch?

John D. was born in MO. Graduated as a mining engineer at Rolla, MO. Then went to Mexico. He was part Spanish and spoke the language well. He has been dead for a number of years now. His wife is still around but will not talk to anyone. She lives in Chandler, AZ.

Encino sparked a memory. I received the son of John D. from the same person. He is ~~x~~ Tom Probert, a friend of mine. He is a Pegleg, Stone Maps, Tumacacori, and LDM fan. Tom got his notion from "Jack Black"-- Robert Ames-- who started Western Treasures. I talked to Ames but he is so far out I really did not believe he knew anything, altho he swore he had met Clarence. Could be.

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in N.M. as well. Peraltas say it has nothing to do with the Sups. Have letter out on this to recheck.

Mitch worked in Rialto so he would have known many people there. Carol would have known them also. It is then not strange that she bought the trailer there from someone she knew well.

I do not know how Mitch and the Carson City men got together. One of them is a lawyer. Thus Mitch would have kept in touch with him. That maybe a way to get some info. Will try same.

Lileen's death certificate can be obtained from Vital Statistics Dept. at State Capitol. Same is true for Travis in Oregon. Researching authors can obtain such for a small fee. Usually \$2. One must know approximate date of death, plus names, places, etc., or enough for them to identify the deceased. Survivor's names help.

You have my permission to send all the names, including Nevada men, to the Lady (Pam). State of Texas may have a death certificate on Travis as well since he was buried there. Why not contact Vital Statistics Dept. and find out? Give them the information and ask if they have the death certificates on them. If so then you can get them.

Letter from Pam mentions a "Nephew" of Mitch's whom the Hansons knew. Why not get his address, etc., from Pam. Or have Pam get in touch for you. The "Nephew" of Mitch must know a great deal. The Hansons must have found out there was something dishonest in "Mitch" and what he was up to. It also seems that Mitch became acquainted with Travis during the period the Hansons knew him. This is why Mitch got in touch with them.

It appears that Travis died in 1960 and not in an earlier year as some have reported. Even so, if Travis was a "young" man when he died he could have been around 20 in the 1930 to 40's. Pam may also know how old he was.

Please send me Copies of the material the Hansons sent you. I can then compare it with the Photos I have and am going to get.

There was one tape on the Priest map side of no. 1. It covers the heart below the word COAZON. There is another heart below cross in the Witch's hands and next to it 8-N-00. This last to the eye looks like a P. or an O. P. has a small circle in it. The Heart under the Tape has two 7's and a 2 (or what looks like such). Below the tape on the Witch side is 32.

One tape on the Horse side of No. 1 map covers DESANTAFE. This is under COBOLLO. The other tape in the upper left corner covers a 5.

The tapes on #2 stone cover 2=3 and 18 of 18=7.

On map # 3 the small tape in upper right hand corner covers an R. Big tape near point of heart covers 4. Tapes inside heart cover 10 @ an Δ.

The arrow on the heart that fits in the hole points to the 18th Place.

Designated thus 0. A church visita, not a Mission. There is a large 1 on the curving tale of the arrow. A 1 at the tale end of an arrow is very significant in symbols.

The 1 is on your drawings in FT. Mitch only shows the 1,000,000 in his book. This is why I say the original stone had no cut out heart. This was done later. By whom is the question. Not why. Your HOAX article in FT told why. To make it fit the Florence quad.

"Cajon" means Box. There is no Box Canyon shown on maps nor in AZ Place names.

The equation is a big bit of nothing. Addition is wrong. K&K Length of Vara used is wrong. V. stands for Vara. If Travis did it, and I assume he did then he used the DATE 1847 times the 18 places equals 33,246 V(varas). He used 2.8 feet as a vara. He then changed a Mile English into a mile Spanish (There ain't so such), but he doxed it. The vara is 3 inches less than a yard so he deducted ~~199X~~ 149.4 Ft. from 5,280 Ft. which gives 5,103.6 Ft. Then he multiplied this by the 18 places and came up with 93,350.8. Bad multiplication as it comes to only 92,350.8 Ft. He then divided 5,280 into 93,350.8 and got 17.6 miles.

How is that for unraveling a large hunk of nothing? Who ever chisled that third stone must be laughing in his grave. So must the one who chisled the two original stones. Perhaps the laughter helps ease thier misery in HELL! (I hope you do not think I have a warped sense of humor!)

The Esta el Mapa and Esta el Coazon plus 3-n-P plus No Pedro and no Sonora, Mex., and no Miguel suggests there was another stone with Horse and Witch on them. I wonder what happened to it?

I doubt that all three have been copied. Since the other two are Grave stones then they would only have been altered. Thus the Original Horse Witch stone could be a denser stone than the New one. This brings up something I forgot to mention.

I mentioned that the Horse-Witch stone was lighter in color and weight than the other two. It also has grass roots and tree roots imbedded in it. THE TWO DENSER STONES DO NOT!

Doc tells me there is a lot of light colored sandstone near the Heart on the hill. May have to get some and compare with the Horse-Witch stone.

On the explanation of the stones. I mentioned De Santa Fe is under COBOLLO. But there is no 3-N-P, no 8-N-P, and no heart there.

Burbridge and Storm were great buddies. Storm did an interpretation of the Maps in the Treasure Hunter Mag. A lot of hogwash period!

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I am sure that the young Travis was called "Jack" by the older one so people could distinguish between them. Jack is also a common nickname applied years ago to young men by those who disremembered or couldn't remember a young man's name. It was also used to address a man whose name was unknown to the talker.

Some of my old friends still call me Jack or Frank and will swear that that is my real name. I answer to all such when so addressed.

I think the Tomlinson came because that is what it sounded like. Tomlinson is a rarer name than Tumlinson also. I have found a lot of names were different than what people told me they were. A lot of westerners sure hashed up names. Even the editors of newspapers did this.

The records for Waltz in Brown County, Miss. were filed under M for Maltz. In CA Census he was called Walls. His friends in Prescott called him Walty and that is the name used by the recorder on a claim on which his name appears.

Does that answer your question on the names? Even Mitch used "Jack" which I am sure he called Travis by.

The best laugh I had was of a Mexican, Spaniard, or what have you, sitting out in the wilderness with fine carving tools, carving the stones while the fierce Apaches were hunting him to give ~~him~~ ^{them} the business. Then burying the stones deep in the ground to be found by some fortunate Gringo many years in the future. (That has to be the tallest yarn of all time. That really blew the whole thing as far as I was concerned and TRAVIS was the inventor of that tall tale. The Hansons confirmed this plus the other yarn of finding them buried.

On the 1864 Arizona Map that whole area is called Masons Valley. I Maybe old man Mason carved them. Joking of course.

Never apologize for your letters. I have no trouble following you. Hope you have no trouble in following me. I am grateful that you are taking the time to give it all to me. I am getting a clearer picture all the time. This, Mitch found out as you apprised him of what you were going to do. He could see the end result and acted accordingly.

I will send the Records later as I must pack them so they will not warp in transit. A separate letter on them at same time. May have some other info by that time as well.

I have a soft spot for the area around St. John's. My old blind Pima Chief lived a short distance from there. We used to sit on the house porch in the cool shade and he would just talk or read from the "History Sticks" for me. He taught me many things as well as made me rich in white man's goods-in my case gold and silver. He told me about the Spaniards, not Peraltas, who had the mines in the area and where most of the mines were. He died when I was off to war. He was 126 years old when he died.

The old Chief told me about the ONE and ONLY Jesuit treasure and where it was. He even gave me an accurate list of the things it contained. How to get into the place to see it and to check his inventory of it. But I was not to remove even one little item of it as it belonged to the Pimas and not the Jesuits. The Pimas wish to salvage it and bring it to the Reservation and put it in their Museum. Last year while I was still in Salome a delegation of Pimas came to see me and to urge me to help them get it and bring it up here. It is in Sonora Mexico. They said the Pimas down there would help bring it up and smuggle it over the border. All I was to do was to oversee the operation. Afterward I was to get certain things worth a lot of money from the total.

I was quite interested in the story of Travis in Mexico and the part about him talking to a Priest and to a Mexican. The Mexicans know that the treasure belongs to the Pimas. That is the older ones do. These also know that it is bad to try and remove it.

The Priest on the other hand would like to get it for the Mexican government and so wanted it all. In spite of the fact that he told Travis he could unscramble the puzzle he could not do so.

I do not know what kind of a Priest Travis saw, but that would make no difference as no Priest I know of can unscramble the thing. Most Priest in Sonora are lay priest. None are Jesuits that I know of. Nor do I know of any Franciscans there either. No lay priest or any Franciscan or Jesuit can unscramble the thing.

There are two different things shown on the two original stone maps. One is at the 18th place and the other is at the 1st place. Thus the 1 on the end of the arrow on the Heart Stone or Stone called No. 3. This says from the 18th place follow the places back to the 1st place on Stone No. 2. To find the Jesuit or Pima Treasure. Or start from the 1st place to find the Mines near the 18th place. The mines are shown on the Heart Stone. The "Witch" was at the 1st place and is now at the 18th place.

There is a large "Witch" made of stones at Sacaton Village. There is also a "Witch" lying down on a Mountain above the 18th place. The "Witch" is there to mislead all who seek the big treasure. The treasure is at the birthplace of the "Witch" near the 1st place.

Thus one needs only the stones No. 2 and No. 3. Put No 3 above No. 2, and solve the puzzle. The other or third stone must have only had the "Witch" carved on it plus some other symbols. It also would be a dense stone and of the same color as stones No. 2 and No. 3. This is the stone I am looking for. What is depicted on the third stone that Mitch had has nothing to do with the treasure at all. It was carved to make it fit the Florence Quad as you so aptly found out.

The 18th place is the old Jesuit Vista where St. John's Mission now stands. Thus the two original map stones show the Gila and a river in Sonora, Mexico, only. *The Jesuit treasure was hidden in 1766 - one yr. before they were driven out. The mines depicted were worked during the Franciscan era - 1775 to 1820.*

If both Travis' had known this they might not have gone to all the trouble to carve a new stone. They and Mitch would flip a gusset if they knew what I have just told you.

The story I have just told to you was read from the "History Sticks" to me by my old Chief. Plus all the Gory details of the killing of the Spaniards and the Pimas who hid the Jesuit treasure that Father Burrus and Father Polzer are trying to find by use of the Jesuit Historical files from the Vatican which have just been brought to Tucson.

I have never met either Burrus or Polzer. Have corresponded with Polzer quite a bit. He hates me with a passion beyond belief because I gave him a list of the Jesuit treasure. The only other list of it is in the Historical Files which they now have in Tucson.

I will write a letter to the Emery's and see what they have to say, if they will talk.

Perhaps between Pam and the nephew of Mitch you might find out a lot of things now. You now know what I am trying to find.

Since your letter to Phil Leaseman never came back and was not answered I am sure he could tell you a good story if you could get to him. You might find that Travis has either a brother or sister as well some where there in Texas.

Sincerely,

Milton

Milton, or whatever.

Am enclosing latest from G. Repub. Very accurate Map. #2, with big F for Florence.

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