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Dear Bernice & Jack -

Are you planning on coming out in April? Letter sounds as if Stony is not much interested in history or Indians but enjoys your letters. So much so he said he wished you could make it March, it would be fun to bend elbows with you two all over town. As far as the "Bunnies" are concerned, Jack and Stony can do all the looking they wish - but "no toucha mit de hands!"

Since I that I had written this last fall, will go back to your May letter and answer the few questions you asked - even if you don't remember what they were.

Am enclosing two of my clippings about Mr. Coxen, but neither are very detailed and only what my appetite. Maybe next year when Sillican starts first grade I can make time to visit some of these people and do a little research at the Ariz Historical Foundation. (That's where the 1904-5 Smithsonian Report is. Was able to read for about an hour there one day.

Mr. Joseph -

There are ruins to west and up ridge from "The Mill" - Roger's Trough on map also across basin to east. ^{as well as those on mound mt (northern part of Snow mt)} Cliff dwellings you tried for are on south side of White Mt - so are those higher up you wrote about. Your recent letter stated you wanted to go above these cliff dwellings. Stony says afoot you may be able to reach the bench above, not horseback. Riding

Thank you for the
autographed copy!

You would have to go part way up trail ~~off~~ ^{on} west end of White Mt. I've been told there are ruins just under top on southside near an old red wood trough but these are best reached from Reavis and east side ^{over top of mt.}. Meanwhile, back to Mr. Joseph. - Campaign Creek heads between Mound & Pinto Mt., Pinto Creek is kinda southeast of this. Pine Creek heads on north side of Mound Mt, all drain into Salt. Xeroxed copy of map would be alright.

As to the burro shoe, alas - there is a reason no road into Reavis until ~~1946~~ ¹⁹⁴⁷ - remember? Because Clemens lived in Florence, most everything was packed in from southside. Even I helped push burros up and down Reavis divide loaded with apples one way, supplies the other way. in 1945. Just the burros were loaded, not me, attho along late in the evening a Jim Beam ^{anesthetic (one for getting sleeping)} ~~anesthetic~~ would have been mighty welcome.

Slight interruption coming up - out to dinner.

Feb. 15 -

If I didn't thank you for writing about the maps in 'life' - thank you. Have found them quite interesting, especially since a Mr. Reser from Calif gave me a picture of both sides of Stone with all the numbers on it. You should apply your inquisitive mind to either the house or priest carvings. ^{During and after Inquisition} ~~What they remain on~~, people (educated) became quite devious - the only thing I can remember was the anagram Copernicus published two years before releasing his theory that earth rotated around sun. and paintings developed during late 1600's (I think) looked like one scene then, upon inspection, ^{modern} became something else (you've seen these - one I saw had boy & girl meeting in doorway, but full picture was a grinning skull (don't all skulls grin?))

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Ruins - I assume we will see you, if you come in April; however, if you think we may fly the country or you may not make it, please say so and I will get a topo map and mark all the ruins I know about and some I don't.

Both girls are down with local 24 hour Virus - sick stomach and vegetable quick step. Only reason I mention this is - we had started to Bill Martin yesterday to ask about Tortilla, Peter Canyon ruins etc. and Susan got sick so we had to come home before we got there, Susan came home from school at noon.

Will you be with a party this time or by yourselves? If alone, you are welcome to stay with us if you don't mind being crammed in a corner and the confusion that sometimes erupts around here. Since you would be here for a purpose, you would not be expected to act like houseguests - only rule around here is no reading in bathroom and all messages, telephone & otherwise are written down. Until yearlings are sold, telephone conversations have to be limited to 5 minutes so buyers don't get discouraged - boy! You should listen to Susan, really grates her when some boy calls. We have the Davis back, if I haven't already told you, so you are welcome there also. If crew is working on mountain it won't matter since there is always room for more there - altho I should warn you in this case. If there is a woman around, cowboy will do cooking and dishwashing per usual but they sure do hint for desserts. April can also be quite chilly up there too - wet too, but you never know.

We really would be glad to have you unless it would be too inconvenient for you, which ~~if~~
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I can understand also.

Of course to go to Reavis you still have to go over same road - However, first time is the worst and since Texas is rather flat, the contrast is startling. Road is in good shape now tho' since just had it worked and, unless someone has gone ~~over~~ ^{over} it in the mud recently, is not near as rough, in fact, a car could go in now easily. Then consider, there are tranquilizers. I think I need these for the ^{Apache} trail. Always have sigh of relief when we can turn off on our road. Also needed them on California Freeways up around San Francisco. I like to drive these freeways, but four lanes of traffic, bumper to bumper in rain and fog at 65 miles per hour isn't conducive to relaxing - thank gosh I wasn't driving - we'd probably still be there - either dead or a quivering mass waiting for a plane out.

Went up to the City for the East-West game from Merced, were gone ~~today~~ and rained everything of it. Returned home and rain came with us. Stoney had to work the King Nat'l livestock show and I was supposed to work a couple days handing out beef recipes but missed a sore tooth instead. Did make a party or two.

Stoney sure did laugh over your statement ^{about} ~~of~~ ^{Jack} funding bottles for exhibitors and the personality friction between you and horses. At Phoenix show, officials set up a private patio for workers and exhibitors - mostly to keep workers happy and motivating since cheap drinks and "thank you" are what they receive for 12 to 15 hours a ^{mo} day work for four or five days. This is sneaky.

thinking on the officials part - keeps those working happy, numb and thinking they're having a big time and they do!

Your story about the dimpled-kneed darling and the library leecher is the funniest thing I've read in a long time. Since I have an overactive imagination could just picture the quiet, then wham! laughed like a fool and read it to everyone who showed up. Have made three trips to the library since, but no excitement yet. Guess the dimples in my knees look too much like wrinkles. Ah, well, into every life there must come some disappointment.

Books

If you would like to read "Book of Hopi" or Mesa library's Bolton's Book on Southwest will check it out and send them to you - just drop a card. Also Merced library has almost all his volumes and they can be checked out at present by my sister. I particularly want the one from "Native Races" on indians in this area as well as History of North Mexican states. I agree it takes so long to read these things if I had to do it at library, never would.

I do know several indians well enough to ask ~~their~~ ^{their} opinions on your suggested program - but am not quite sure what I'm asking. Last one I talked to, conversation went off on tangent and ended with Leona deciding I should take a tape recorder out on reservation and talk to old people thru interpreter to record remembered history. If you will list questions and points and problems to be covered, will try again. Also, have contact with three college students from northern reservations - tribes represented I don't know. This is no trouble and will be glad to
just help!

follow up. Good friend of mine is head of AFS -
whether in Arizona or just Mesa, not sure -
name is Mrs. R.R. Evans.

Foreign food customs are not so strange
after living on a ranch. Hoolie (you were
right - my father, by adoption, - John A. Bacon)
put lots of sugar on plain jello and then
swims it in condensed milk. One old cowboy
fixed his plate in layers of whatever ^{passed} came by
and in that sequence and topped it all with
a handful of crushed chilitopines - every see
gravy spread over salad and beans? Couldn't
sit with arms on the table ~~at~~ spot where he
ate for two months - darned chili burnt the arms.

I'm getting writer's cramp or sitting seizure.

If you get Amer Museum of Natural History
mag - May 64 issue on "Bronzes of Turistan" (Asian
middle-east) one of bronzes is damn near identical
to a Gila Bend petroglyph or painting. These clippings
are only ones I saved so would like them returned
sometime. Will loan you magazines if you like -
my sister sent some subscription as gift - as you
say, can't buy them all. There is a mag.
from Falls Church, Virginia "The American West"
that is interesting too. Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass
has published a couple ^{old} maybe more Bureau of
Am Ethnology reports - haven't sent for pub. list
tho. - Mainly because I sit and write letters
like this to you and my sister - then I don't
wish to write anymore. Besides, have to do
what I should have done the past three
hours.

Since you received fan mail on pretty pink paper and I haven't any, just plan to ignore letter you forwarded - okay? We get mail addressed (not because of your article) to Mrs. Tortilla Ranch and Variations - also Reavis - best so far was to Mr. Superstition Stone, Tortilla Flat, Ariz. - wish I'd saved the envelope, but didn't care at that time.

Ghost: See me about them - never seen one and would so like to, same for a flying saucer. In meantime, will see if I can round up some ghost stories from old timers.

Tortilla Mt. Nope - no flat stones I've seen, but planned to ask Martin, will ask Barkley and Clemens same for map sketch you sent. Downright crowded down Peter's Canyon right now, for all those who may already be there, Mickey Clemmons (our cowboy) packed in 4 more - couple and their daughter & son-in-law. They ^{walked in} went to a large cave everybody knows about but me, also Mr. Riser (Calif) packed in - but he is serious gold hunter.

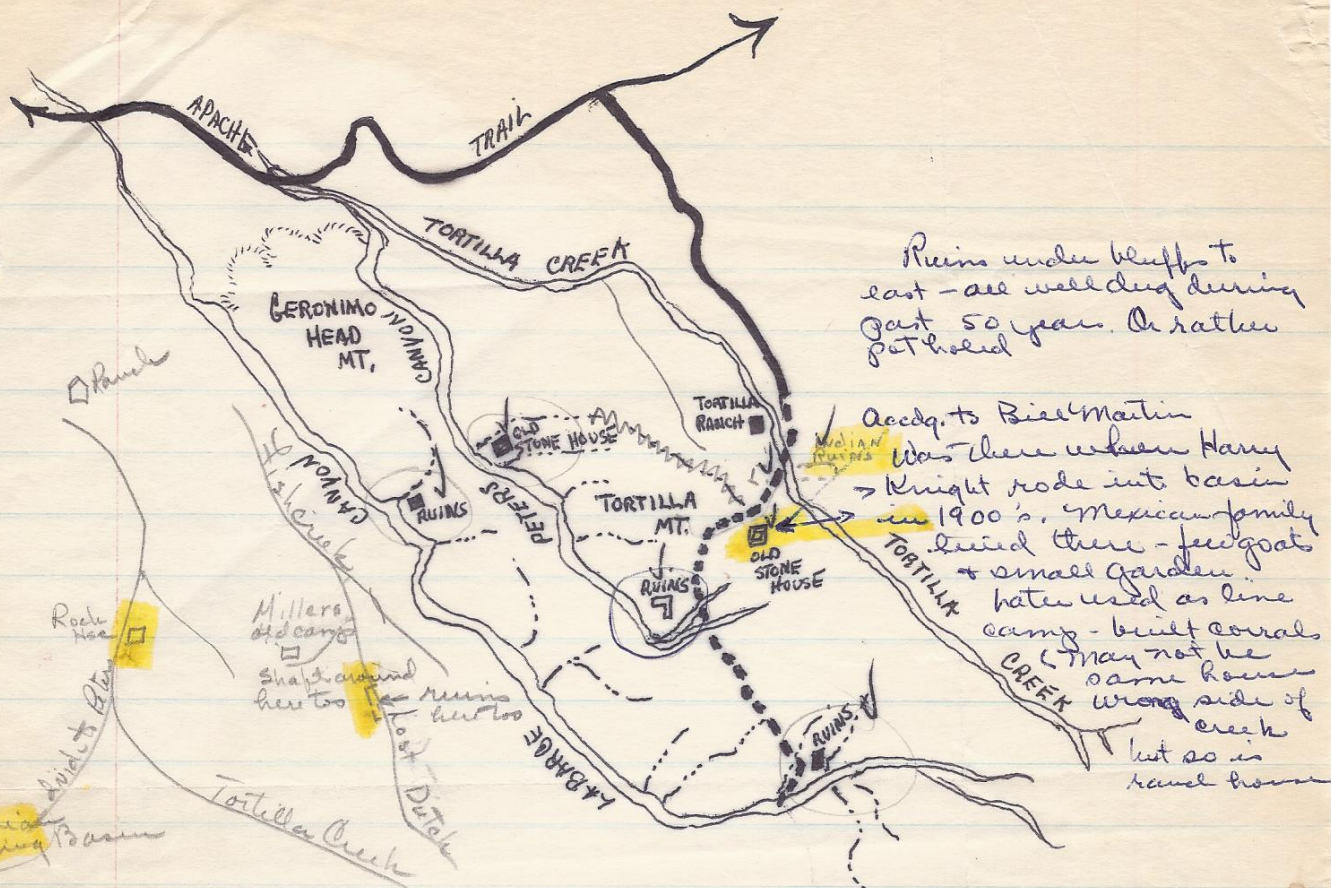
Ruins Checking those out too - Yes, you can go down Peter from Tortilla or from Lost Water on west side - don't know which is easiest since not acquainted with terrain but am asking.

Land sections - Don't remember, will have to ask again - it's in my file somewhere, but if I go to find it now, will not finish this letter.

Bought this Ariz Highway to send you at Christmas and you're going to receive it.

Well, on with my day altho it is pretty much shot. Give consideration to our ~~excitation~~ and will run down ^{some} answers for me as well as you -

Sincerely,
Lucille Stone



On all maps the trail crosses Peters Canyon.
The maps have proven unreliable in the past!!

Have put in the reported ruins - would be sort of hard to locate. They might have been someones pipe dream!!
If they ~~do~~ exist it is possible that they could coincide with the Pine Legends of the Mt. & Queen Lake?

Ruins east of head of Peters Canyon - don't know
Those in head of ha Barge could be ruins. Roy Bradford had nice cabin in this area too, which was burned down several years ago. Several shafts around there he dug also