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Dear Walter:

Your and Mary Roberts Rinehart's letters came in the mail today; Mrs. Rinehart whom I knew in Wyoming forty years ago, she tells me she has a heart condition which keeps her on low altitudes, she was at the 41 on the Crazy Woman when we had that last big general round up in 1916 when cattle were getting to be a good price on account of Woodrow Wilson's shirt tail being in Lord Asquith's hands. You need never apologize to me about writing.

The man is the one and only inimitable Temple Houston, youngest son of old Sam. Never was interested in John Wesley Hardin accidently knew a very reliable New Orleans pal of his when Wes decided Irish Catholic soldiers in blue uniforms were not going to kick him around, Wm. Speck was an honest man, successful rancher freighter.

Temple was a sure enough gun fighter when he had to be, as I explained to you, he was a gentleman. It would cost you too much to look into it as I have attended to that. You never read a letter do you? Temple lived dangerously enough to suit anyone, he was a good 6 shot with self control.

Two people have all the information, one as I told you a very old man at Canadian, Texas, if you can do away with useless fanfare you can gather all the shootings in a few old long forgotten court-houses. After listening carefully to J. Evetts Haley and our friend, H. D. Bugbee, I would not want to be bothered by Oklahoma University or Texas University Press. Many liars and hypocrites still claim this is a free country even if the gestapo police system do control and operate it; if I wrote a book I would quietly go to that Idaho publisher. I have some fine items Temple Houston wrote and acted, if you never get loud and positive you arouse no envy. This biography would endear you to all Texans of the old established tribes, then by that time I can help you locate Adobe Walls and rebuild it and put up a monument to Kit Carson who was greater than George Armstrong Koster the half breed Prussians.

You told me where the Indians obtained their horses in New Mexico so we know that on May 25th, 1690, De Leon left nine of the Kings horses stallions and mares on the Neches river in Houston county, Texas, also 20 cows, bulls, and four open in a good grass country. Captain Alonso De Leon reports 40 more mares and stallions turned loose the next year, 40 more mares and stallions, in 1757 one Spanish officer counted 58,000 wild horses in the Trinity River-Neches River territory, Latitude 32°, Longitude 95°. This was Caddo Indian territory whose native Cadodacho Indians astonished Bienville and De Iberville by coming into New Orleans riding Spanish horses with buffalo robes and furs packed on Spanish horses and ridden by Caddo Indians. It was about this time the old Spanish fort across from Oscar in Jefferson county, Oklahoma, was established by the New Orleans French as a buffalo robe beaver skin and fur depot down river by Bullboat. It is more than likely this was the first station in Oklahoma to receive Indian or Spanish ponies probably by the Caddo Indians who were great traders.