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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Muskogee, Okla.

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Mr. F. S. Bard,  
Guthrie, Okla.

My Dear Mr. Bard:-

Mr. Thornton handed me a letter you had written him, asking what would be done with manuscripts left by Mr. Posey.

I assure you every bit will be preserved, and at an early date I expect to compile & publish them.

I have found only a part of the river Journal, but hope to find the rest. I do so regret that he did not keep a journal of all his trips. Those he did keep are as interesting as Thoreau's.

I know you were a much loved friend of Mr. Posey's from him speaking of you & the times he would meet you. And any suggestions or help you can give

in getting the first volume into the hands of a proper publisher will be greatly appreciated.

If at any time you are in Muskogee I would be glad to have you call & look over some of the manuscripts.

Very Respectfully,

Mrs. Minnie Posey.

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Jan. 29, 1910.

Mr. F. S. Barde,  
Guthrie, Okla.

Dear Mr. Barde

A copy of the poems were sent to Houghton Mifflin, and to Scribners Sons. last week. I have not heard from either house yet. I also intend submitting a copy to the Chicago house through a friend who will go to Chicago soon.

I included one hundred & five -- Some having only four lines others covering three pages.

The title of the book is, "Song of The Oktahutchee, and other Poems." Oktahutchee is a name given the North Canadian River by the Indians. (Oktaha, sand - hutchee - river.)

As soon as this book is out I will take steps to get the "Fus Fixico Letters, out. There is also

many legends and stories - field notes & journals that would make an interesting volume.

I am having some pictures made which will be finished within a week I think, that I consider much better than the one I send you, or I can send you the cut which Sturm used in his magazine. I have a number of very good kodak pictures which show Mr. Posey at home, in the woods, on the river & in many poses that are interesting & would nicely illustrate an article if you would care to use them, I'd be glad to send them to you.

Very Respectfully.

Minnie H. Posey

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Eufaula, Okla.

Feb. 3, 1910.

Dear Mr. Barde:-

Your letter reached me to-day at Eufaula. I will go up to Muskogee Saturday Morning & mail you the pictures & poems.

I wish that you could have access to my scrap book in which I have always kept every clipping that I could get from newspapers and magazines about Mr. Posey & his works, or that I could talk to you of his life & works. The biography that I have prepared is not what I would like for it to be. I have so wished for some one to write a biographical sketch that I felt could do the subject justice. I will enclose this sketch & I shall appreciate your criticism & suggestions.

The Journal written during the trip down the Canadian was never published, only the first chapter I think, published in the Indian Journal & which you must have read. Mr. Posey intended publishing the whole but Mr. Thornton the friend who accompanied him on this delightful trip, objected to the publication, so Mr. Posey gave it up.

I still hope to build a home as he had planned in the beautiful Tulledega Hills along the Oktahulchee & call it Tulledega Lodge. (Tulledega is a Creek word, meaning, border line.) A name that Mr. Posey liked so much.

He never missed an opportunity to spend a day in the hills. Often times I have ridden horse back all day long with him over trails so narrow & rough for a buggy, and enjoyed every moment, for he could interpret nature in a way to interest any one. He had the Indians natural love of solitude. I nearly always accompanied him on his rambles, but there were times when he liked to walk alone. I always enjoyed so having him tell me the names of birds, flowers & trees in Creek.

Can you wonder that I would miss such a companion, and how much the children have lost beside

the material loss of a parent.

I appreciate very much that you intend writing an article I think to, just at this time it will help toward the sale of the book.

I have had no assistance in preparing or collecting the poems and I feel so incompetent, of course I have not attempted any changes or made any corrections. Mr. Posey was very modest & placed little value on any thing that he wrote. Many of the little verses that to me are very pretty -- I am sure he would not have consented to their being included in a volume.

I will send you the pictures not later than Friday & trust to you to return them safely. I treasure them very much as I took them myself when with him on rambles.

Very Respectfully

Minnie H. Posey.

Eufaula, Okla.

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Feb. 6th 1910.

Mr. F. S. Barde,  
Guthrie, Okla.

Dear Mr. Barde:-

I sent you under separate cover, several pictures of scenes associated with Mr. Posey. Of course I do not expect you to use all, or the half of them but sent them feeling that you would enjoy them, & select such as will suit your purpose best.

The photograph is not the one I spoke of having made. The Robinson photo Co. at Muskogee have some negatives among their files that I like more than any picture that I now have. They had promised me to look them up & finish some photos for me, but I found that they had not done so. I urged them to attend to the matter at once. You may keep either of the photos sent you.

I also sent a goodly number of poems - that you may get an idea of his style. You may keep them as long as you like, but return them all in the end, as I have them in five complete sets & wish to keep each set unbroken. The ones I sent, I have used for reference until they are somewhat soiled.

The page of notes I prepared for the volume, but I fear that I forgot to number the lines in the poems sent you, so that you may understand them readily.

I have met a disappointment in having a letter from Houghton Mifflin saying that they were returning the manuscript & could not consider publishing it now. I have not heard from Scribners nor McClurg yet.

If I fail to get either of these houses interested, I am sure of getting them published in Kansas City. Mr. Connelly of Topeka is quite anxious to assist me in having them published there.

Anything that you wish to write will be appreciated. I am always glad to know those that possess the qualities that enable them to understand and appreciate the genius of my late husband.

Sincerely

Minnie H. Posey.

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Ind. School, Phoenix, Ariz.

May 7, 1915.

My Dear Mr. Barde

Under separate cover I have mailed to you the, "River Journal," I fear that you will be a little disappointed in it, for I think that Mr. Posey added to it from memory when he wrote it for publication. You remember that he started publishing it weekly in the Eufaula Journal Mr. Thornton, who made the trip with him, objected, and he did not finish the articles. When you wrote me last year that certain articles about Mr. Posey & his work was to appear, I watched for them but missed them if published.

Hoping that you will be able to read and enjoy the River Journal.

I am yours truly

Minnie H. Posey.

F. S. Barde,  
Guthrie, Okla.

P. S. I did not mean to keep you waiting so long  
for the Journal, but I had it packed away, where  
I could not get at it sooner.

M. H. P.